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OB BALLY EVENTS

Yeee-haw! Yup, time's drawin' nigh for the 2006 Georgia Wing Fling – a Hillbilly HoeDown!



We sure do hope you plan to be there or you'll miss some downright good times. Git your fiddles out, tune up your voices and plan to enter the talent show on Thursday night. If you always wanted to sing like Kenny Rogers or tell jokes like Minnie Pearl, this here's your chance. Friday night we'll have a real live band to keep us entertained, so make sure you come in your best hillbilly duds.

Saturday will give you a chance to see who has the *fastest outhouse* – yep, that's what I said – OUTHOUSE! Instead of having our "Hiawassee Downs" motorcycle race, we're gonna' let the chapters race their outhouses. Sounds doggoned interesting, now don't it?



During the day Saturday there'll be a couple of those cute little open air trolley cars to pick up those who'd like to see a little more of the historic areas of Rome. Saturday night we'll have a little pickin' and a grinnin' karaoke after the closing ceremonies. Of course, we'll have our outdoor games on Friday and Saturday out by the cement pond. And every day, you can look for Uncle Jed's money clips, which will be all around the hotel and the vendor area. Collect the most clips and you kin win yourself a right nice prize.



Now with all this goin' on, we don't want anyone to fergit all the seminars we'll be havin'. A person kin git educated real good with things like "Co-Rider seminar", "Motorcycle Maintenance Tips seminar", "Treasurers – It

Just Makes Cents seminar", just to name a few. You kin' also ketch the Best/wackiest dressed events on Saturday, the lighted bike show on Friday night, play the indoor games for some great door prizes – why, this here event's just chocked full of things to keep a body busy!! So what are ya' waitin' fer? Git that registration sent in and come join us in beeeeutiful Rome, GA. If'n you need more info, jist be sure to go to our web site at www.gwrraga.com.

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GETTING' READY FOR THE RALLY (CONTINUED)

Chapter Newsletter Competition



Chapters submit newletters to District Trainers (Linda & Gary Feaselman) via mail (**not e-mail**) using the same format that is distributed to chapter members (color or black & white).

Newsletters considered for judging will be from the months of February through May.

Before the District Rally, a month (Feb - May) will be chosen at random. All newsletters from the selected month will be judged at the District Rally by non-Georgia District Staff using the score sheet in the Officer's Guide Book.

Two categories will be judged, color and black & white. A first and second place winner will be chosen in each category.



GA Traveler's Plaque is up for grabs on April 15 by GA-B2 in Douglasville at the Bankhead Diner,5848 Bankhead Hwy, Douglasville. We will eat at 9 am and meet at 10 am. Ride Safe! See you then!

More Hillbilly Medical terms:

Enema—Not a Friend

Fester—Quicker than someone else

Fibula—A small lie

G.I. Series—World Series of military baseball

2006 Georgia Wing Fling Chapter Collage Competition

ALL Chapters from sea to shining sea are invited to enter their own special display of chapter pride in Georgia's Chapter Collage Competition. Chapters entering the contest will bring their Collages to the Hospitality Room no later than 9:30 am Saturday, June 17, 2006. Early entries are welcome and will be displayed around the Hospitality Area.

Required Specifications:

Dimensions: Maximum 36" tall by 36" wide (no minimum size)

Mounting: Must have mounting wire or hanging mechanism on back

Designation: Must show Chapter, District AND Region designation

GWRRA Name or Logo: Must have GWRRA or Gold Wing Road Riders Association

Judging Criteria & Point Structure:

0 to 10 Points Originality, Creativity 0 to 10 Points General Appearance

0 to 10 Points How well it depicts the GWRRA motto -

Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge

0 to 5 Points Conforms to Required Specifications 0 to 5 Points Chapter, District & Region designation

displayed

Maximum Score = 40 points

Create a Chapter Collage





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NEW CHANGES FOR RIDER EDUCATION

National Rider Education continues to make improvement in the Rider Ed Level Program. And, they have revised the Level forms to reflect this.

As you all know by now, the requirement for the Annual Renewal Fees has been eliminated. All renewals are now FREE. The latest change to renewals just came out. It is no longer necessary to renew yearly! Effective immedi-

ately, the requirement for ANNUAL renewal for Levels II-IV is discontinued! Going forward, the focus will be solely on assisting members in updating and maintaining their certifications and training. The ONLY update to be submitted will be training certification renewals and only submitted when the current certifications expire or the certification has been refreshed. For example, Joe Member has an ERC (MSF, PLP) completion card dated 9-15-05. He will not need to submit any paperwork until 9-15-08, to update this requirement. Likewise, updates for CPR and First Aid only need to be submitted when the current completion card expires. Members wishing to purchase the annual participation pins (formerly known as Renewal Bars or Pins) can do so at any time by purchasing these thru the District Educator. (Cost, \$2.00 each) The Masters "Renewal" pin will remain until such time as inventory is depleted and we can reorder new "Participation Pins".

In support of this process change, the Level I-III and Level IV applications will no longer contain renewal information. Updates for course completions and certifications will be submitted on the newly revised form "Update" Form. Since the elimination of the renewal fee and the annual renewal process for any level, there is no cost to "catch up" any expired requirements, simply have the member submit their current completion and certification cards with a completed form to be come active in the program and current in their certifications.

And, always be watchful for the unwatchful! RHSF. Chuck and Anne Reed

Georgia District Educators



Congratulations to our own District Educator, Chuck Reed, who has received the honor of Senior District Educator from National. You know what this means....he "gits to keep edumacating the rest of us in motorciclin". Yup, that's what he gits to do!

What's in Rome? At the corner of East Second St. & East Fifth Ave. situated on one of the seven hills of Rome, is the old City Clock. It stands in the center of the city, atop the town's first water reservoir. The clock was shipped to Rome on October 7, 1872, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It now houses a museum depicting Rome's history.

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MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT DIVISION

It seems that every Chapter gathering we attend has their own ideas about having fun. Now that is not necessarily a bad thing. I mean after all, how boring would that be if every Chapter did exactly the same thing at their gatherings? We really

enjoy attending various monthly gatherings because they are different and we just love to steal ideas and share them with other Chapters.

Each Chapter is unique in its own way simply because of the personalities of the members. What may be fun and exciting to members that may have not been participating with the Chapter very long may be boring or mundane to someone that has been with the Chapter for

a long time. With the diversity of the membership, it can sometimes be difficult for a Chapter Director and their staff to come up with fun things to do that will fit the needs of every Chapter member.

There is a very helpful guide available to provide a variety of fun ideas to make Chapter gatherings, rides and events even more fun and exciting. That is the Fun Activities Guide that you can find on the GWRRA Georgia web site at http://www.gwrraga.com/ or at the GWRRA National web site at http://gwrra.org/. This guide has a variety of ways to get acquainted with your Chapter members including giving out hug coupons and games.

There is a section that has 29 different types of rides. And, as if we needed any help in finding a place to eat, there is a section on suggested rides that adds variety in the customary dinner rides. If you are having trouble trying to find some type of game to play at your gatherings, there is a section titled "Let's Play Games". Do you

like to party? There is a section of the Guide that has party ideas for a variety of holidays as well as parties

that are just fun. If you would like to find a way to raise funds for your favorite charity, and to take the opportunity to meet potential members, this guide has 22 great ideas to choose from.

Don't forget, you may need an Activity Request Form approved before you have your fundraiser. One of our favorites in the Guide is the Chapter Spirit section. If you are looking for some way to display your pride in GWRRA and your Chapter, you need to take a look at this section.

As your Georgia District Membership Enhancement and Couple Of the Year Coordinators, we are always looking for ways to put fun in your Chapter activities. Please let us know if you would like to know more about the Fun Activities Guide or any other aspect of the Membership Enhancement Programs.

Bill & Betty Livingston
MED/COY Coordinators

What's in Rome?

At 210 Broad Street is one of Rome's oldest examples of the post Civil War architecture found in the buildings that line Broad Street. This particular building was built prior to 1890. Check it out on the tour.



CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to:

Cody & Jeanne Dawley and family on the death of their son.

Tony & Kim Payne on the death of their daughter.

Juanita Phinney on the passing of her husband, Warren.

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MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT



2006 CHAPTER COUPLES OF THE YEAR



GA-A Phil & Joyce Piotrowski GA-A2 Kenny & Lynn Register GA-B2 Pete Hefele & Debra Ogle GA-C Buddy & Brenda Jones GA-C2 Larry & Teresa Urban GA-E Kelly & Laura Fleming GA-E2 Clarence & Pat Taylor GA-H John & Lynn Hyde GA-H2 Ray & Betty Kennedy GA-O John & Vivian Rountree GA-P Randy & Cindy McCaslin GA-Q Frank & Margie Ricigliano GA-S Ken & Traci Thrasher GA-T Mike & Linda Fields GA-V Charles & Loraine Holmes GA-X Mike & Jan Manley

MOTORIST AWARENESS UPDATE

On April 6, National announced new coordinators for the Motorist Awareness Division. They are Ron and Kathy Jackson out of Florida. With this same announcement, changes were announced regarding the MAD...it will now come under the administration of the Rider Education program. Seems logical as both deal with education people about making the roads safer for all motorcycle riders. If you have any questions regarding the changes, you may direct them to the District MAD Coordinators, Bob and Karla Greer at robertgreer@bellsouth.net.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr. 22— GA-T Spring Fling, Sandy Creek State Park, Athens. Contact Randy Simpson, 706-546-5202

May 4-6—South Carolina District Rally, Spartanburg, SC. Check gwrra-ga.com for a link to the SC webpage.

May 13—GA-D2 Fun Day, North GA Fairgrounds, Dalton. Contact Frank Cronan, 706-275-6560.

June 15-17—GA District Wing Fling, Rome, GA. Check gwrra-ga.com for rally events and flyers. Contact Rick & Rhonda Stephens at 770-562-3277.

July 2-6—Wing Ding, Nashville. For info on this national rally, visit gwrra.org

Aug. 19-20—GA-C Buccaneer Beach Bash, Jekyll Island. Contact Ray Potter, 912 267 1536.

Aug. 31—Sept. 2—Region A Rally, Perry, FL. Check gwrra-ga.com for a link to the Region A website and info on this rally.

Sept. 9—GA-Q 3rd Annual Dessert Auction & Beach Bash, Warner Robins. Contact Dave Aiken, 478-953-4886

Sept. 30—GA-A Fall Harvest Fun Day. High Falls State Park. Contact Bob Greer, 770.473.1316.

Oct. 7—GA-V Fun Day. Oak Grove Community House, Contact Angie Parkerson, 478-934-0584

Nov. 11—GA-H2 Toy Run, PoJo's Truck Stop, Hwy 301S, Statesboro. Contact Curtis Gay, 912-687-1877

Wind Down will be held in November. Plans will be announced.

Don't Forget.....you <u>MUST HAVE</u> a registration number for the Rally to book a room in the host hotel. Get those registrations in!

Hillbilly Medical Journal

Terminology that you might need to know at the Rally.

Hangnail—what you hang your coat on

Impotent—distinguished, well known

Labour Pain—getting hurt at work

Morbid—a higher offer than I bid

Nitrates—cheaper than day rates

Node—I knew it

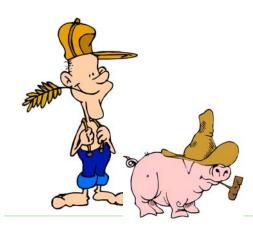
Outpatient—a person who has fainted

Pelvis—second cousin to Elvis

Recovery room—place to do upholstery

Tablet—a small table to change babies on

Seizure—Roman emperor who lived in the Caesarean Section



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