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# GWRRA GEORGIA

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## Wing Ding Celebration

### THANK YOU!

We would like to thank everyone that came to help with Georgia's on site registration assignment. It was not expected that we would only need just a few workers on Thursday. Lots of you got up early to help, but we only opened two booths to handle the few visitors that came to enjoy the vendors. We are truly sorry for the inconvenience but we could not have known business was going to be so slow. Region A received a compliment for how smooth the on site registration was handled. Georgia managed to take away a couple of plaques from the bike show thanks to Tom and Connie Smith of Chapter W. Tom won first place in the open class and Connie was awarded second place in the Trike stock category. Congratulations Tom and Connie.

### Where is Wind Down Going to be held?

That is a very good question. We have been searching frantically trying to find a location that will accommodate our needs. We will let everyone know just as soon as we find a location. The date has been set for 4 November 2006.

### Would you like to be the next District COY?

By now the Chapter Couples Of the Year should have received the information they will need to go through the District Couple Of the Year process. We have made the process easier and less intimidating this year. The resume has been replaced with a "survey" and Couples that decide to go through the selection process will be able to wear their Chapter shirts if that is what they desire. We decided to make the experience fun and relaxed, so come to Wind Down on 4 November and support your Chapter Couple.

### Officer and Staff Changes

If you haven't heard yet, there have been some District and Chapter Officer and Staff changes. Check out the Georgia web site to see the new Georgia District Staff.

### Yes, I will???

Those are the words heard on stage at closing entertainment at Wing Ding when Jeff Simpson proposed to Angie Parkerson. The date is set for 14 October at Angel City on stage with Black Oak Arkansas.

# 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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Aug. 18-19**—GA-C Buccaneer Beach Bash, Jekyll Island. Contact Ray Potter, 912 267 1536.

**Aug. 31**—Sept. 2—Region A Rally, Perry, FL. Check [gwr-ra-ga.com](http://gwr-ra-ga.com) for a link to the Region A website and info on this rally.

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

**Sept. 16** —GA-W Yard Sale. Southern Antiques, Woodstock. Contact Tom Finley, 770-974-7533.

**Sept. 23**—GA-O Fun Day. Tift County Recreation Pavilion, Tifton. Contact Barry Owens, 229-263-7906

**Sept. 30**—GA-A Fall Harvest Fun Day. High Falls State Park. Contact Bob or Bonnie McCroskey, 770.954.1924.

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

**Nov 4**—Wind Down—location yet to be determined.

**Nov. 18**—GA-H2 Toy Run, PoJo's Truck Stop, Hwy 301S, Statesboro. Contact Curtis Gay, 912-687-1877

## GA Traveler's Plaque

July 22nd Chapter E (Thomaston) captured the Georgia Traveler's Plaque from GA-F2 (Martinez).

Chapter FL2-E (Miami) captured the Region A Wanderer Plaque. The Georgia Traveler's plaque will be available 5 August at the Garden Patch in Barnesville, eat at 4:00, meet at 5:00. Contact Billy and Robin Peoples at (706) 646-3814

## Among Our Sick:



Shirley Waller, GA O  
 Jeanne Stegemiller, GA-H  
 Ronnie Vaughn, GA T  
 Fred Hickey GA-W  
 Howie Abramson GA-W

## Christian Sympathy is extended to....

Dave and Wanda Privet on the death of Wanda's brother.

Dan Tillirson on the death of his father.

Rosa Ward on the death of her mother.

Penny Boucher on the death of her husband, Pete who was the Ride Educator for Chapter E-2.

Dave and Brenda DeWinter on the death of Dave's father.



If you know of anyone that is ill, had surgery, or lost a loved one, please contact Bill and Betty Livingston.



## From your District Senior Ride Educators *Chuck and Anne Reed*



### KEEP YOUR COOL, DON'T BLOW YOUR TOP, FIND SOME SHADE AND REST AND STOP

(Yeah, I know, don't quit my day job) But in case you haven't noticed, it is hot AND humid out there. And with the humidity and temperatures rising, the heat index is in triple figures. Which means, we need to be alert and aware of the problems associated with that and outside activities. Even riding our motorcycles, the heat can, and will, get to you. I know that all of you are aware of the problems associated with this type of weather, but, it will not hurt to refresh our memories.

What doctors call heat exhaustion is actually just one in a series of problems that can be prompted by excessive heat. When you have heat exhaustion, you experience excessive thirst, clammy skin, headaches, nausea, weakness, dizziness or even fainting. But, according to doctors, other things may also be happening. Some people have mild rashes and cramping. And if the exhaustion gets out of hand on a hot, muggy day, you have to watch out for the more dangerous condition, heat stroke. This dangerous condition causes your body's temperature control mechanisms to malfunction. When your body can't cool itself, its' temperature rises uncontrollably, which can lead to brain damage or even death.

Since we are not in the middle of the Sahara Desert, there are reasonable and fairly easy ways to prevent heat-related health problems. Here are a few ways you can minimize your risk of heat exhaustion. **QUENCH YOUR THIRST!** Keep your fluids up. It is your best defense against heat-related illness. Keep a drink of cool water handy. There are several ways to carry water on our motorcycles. One way is the Butler drink cup. Keep it full of ice water. Stop every 100-125 miles or 1 to 1 1/2 hours and take a break. (Sooner if necessary) Get in the shade, or better yet, in an air-conditioned building. Avoid drinking soda or caffeinated drinks, like coffee, because they act as diuretics, pulling liquids out of your body instead of adding them in. And also avoid using salt tablets! They were once believed to speed fluid replacement on hot days. Doctors now know that taking these tablets can actually worsen your reaction to intense heat. In reality, salt tablets actually impeded fluids from entering your bloodstream and prevent those fluids from being quickly distributed throughout your body. There are other ways to try to stay cool. Cool vests, cool ties, water sprayers etc, all help, but drinking plenty of water works best.

Heat is just another risk we take riding our motorcycles, but it is a risk we can easily manage. Do what you can to stay cool and drink lots and lots of water. But that makes you have to use the restroom more frequently you say. Well, can that be all bad, since most restrooms are in an air-conditioned building! Stay cool, stay hydrated and enjoy the ride.

And as always, always be watchful for the unwatchful . . . .

RSHF,

Chuck and Anne Reed, GA Sr. District Educators



## Georgia District Membership Enhancement



### So what do I need to do to go through the District Couple Of the Year Process?

This year, the Georgia District Staff made things a lot easier for Chapter Couples to go through the process of becoming the next Georgia District Couple Of the Year. We have developed a survey to take the place of the dreaded resume. The survey simply asks a series of questions that describes your involvement in GWRRA events, participation and rider education. It is meant to take away the intimidation of preparing a resume. You will still have to submit a photograph, but the survey is very easy to fill out. We would like to see every Chapter Couple Of the Year represent their Chapter and go through the process.

You will need the following forms which can be found in the Couple Of the Year Program Guidelines

- COY Resume Cover Sheet (Form #8)
- Candidates Information Form (Form #9)
- Nominator's Comments (pg I-28)

- GWRRA Affiliation Form (Form #10)
- Nominator's Comments (Form #11)

The Georgia District Couple Of the Year Candidate Survey will be sent to each Chapter Couple Of the Year via email or by snail mail.



## From your District Treasurers John and Sheila Andrews



Greetings to all Chapter Treasurers. Shelia and I are the new District Treasurers. We are glad to have the chance to serve in this position and are looking forward to meeting all of you and to help you in any way we can. In the interest of making things as easy as possible, we will be making a few minor adjustments to the financial requirements. If each Chapter Treasurer would submit a year-to-date financial report, it would allow us to ensure at the end of the year we have a smooth accounting of all the chapters' financial reports and help identify any potential problems early. Please if anyone has any question or problems please feel free to send us an email or give us a call or if you see me at any event talk to me and I will help you in any way possible. If you have any comments or suggestions on anything I can help with please feel free to send them to me or call. Just a few reminders are: 1) The annual reports are due no later than 30 January each year; and 2) Chapter Chartering Fees are due no later than 1 December each year. This all allows me time to complete the required reports. Also, don't forget, new signature cards are required with the change of the District Director.



# We want to know what you want

### A few words from your District Directors

We have been given an opportunity of a lifetime. The opportunity to serve the members of GWRRR Georgia in a manner that you deserve. Having come up from the ranks you might say, we have been on both sides of the team. From the member looking for an organization to fulfill our needs and desires to make our lives more exciting and fun which just happens to fall in line with our love for meeting people and riding our Gold Wing. To the District Staff position of Membership Enhancement/ Couple Of the Year Coordinators, and eventually to our current position, your GWRRR Georgia District Directors. We have taken the opportunity to attend every Wing Fling since we joined GWRRR. We have never been to a Wing Fling and said that we did not have a great time. Each have been different and each have very special memories of meeting new friends and having lots of fun. Also having been on both sides of the team, it didn't take us long to realize that there is a lot of planning and hard work, very hard work, to provide the members with the best Wing Fling ever. Being the member side, we had no idea of the level of intensity and the ingenuity that goes into putting on a District Rally, just as we are sure most guest at the District do not realize. Being on the District Staff side, we also realize how important it is to have the ideas and desires of the members to give you what you want in a District Rally. Basically, we come up with the theme and location and you provide us with the ideas and the suggestions to make it a truly memorable event. The goal of the entire District Staff is to listen to you and do our very best to make GWRRR Georgia what you want in an organization that satisfies your needs and desires in a social group. We all work very hard at putting on the best rally in the Region and we certainly couldn't do it without the help of all of you who volunteer your time and effort. Every chance we get, we will be visiting you at your monthly Chapter gatherings or special event so when you see one of us, you know we are pretty hard to miss, please let us know what you would like to see in your Wing Fling or let us know if there is something we can do to put lots of fun in GWRRR Georgia. We are new at this, so please be patient and please understand we learn things about GWRRR every day. We want your membership in GWRRR Georgia to be fun, exciting, and most of all, fulfilling. We are all here to make GWRRR Georgia the best it can be. Please call us or send us an email if we can help you in any way.

Bill and Betty Livingston  
GWRRR Georgia District Directors