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GWRRA GEORGIA

September, 2006



Region A Rally

We have been telling you about it for several months now and it's here, the Region A Rally. Your Region Directors, Larry and Patti Lingo have really put together an event you sure don't want to miss. The Region A rally has moved to Perry, Florida and Larry and Patti have convinced the Perry folks that we are coming to have lots of fun. The town has gone all out to ensure we do just that. To start with a barbecue and barn dance on Thursday night, a downtown street party and dance on Friday night and don't forget the games, seminars, bike show, bon fires every night and a goodie contest. Also, you definitely want to come support your Georgia District Couple Of the Year show their stuff Georgia style at the Region A Couple Of the Year selection. Larry and Patti are also having a canned food drive to support the people in the Perry area. We also don't want to forget the vendors. So come on down to Perry, Florida, not Georgia to see some friends you don't get to visit with very often.

Where is Wind Down Going to be held?

Well after a long search, John and Linda Zimmer and the members of

Chapter X in Macon found the ideal location. Wind Down will be held at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church gymnasium. It is an ideal location with all the amenities needed to have an event. We will start around 10:00 on Saturday the 4th of November and begin with a Couple Of the Year reception then eat lunch around 11:30 then at 1:30 you will have the opportunity to watch your Chapter Couples Of the Year go through the selection process to determine which couple will become the next Georgia District Couple Of the Year. Of course we will have a few games and give away some money. Also the Chapter that brings the Georgia Travelers Plaque to Wind Down will start the adventure of the 2007 plaque. We also want to remind everyone to bring a desert to put the finishing touch on the gourmet meal we have planned.

Chapter Couples don't forget . . .

For those ambitious Chapter Couples of the Year with a desire to be the next Georgia district Couple Of the Year, don't forget, you will need to have all your paperwork sent to Bill and Betty Livingston by the 18th of October. If you have any questions, please give them a call.

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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

GA Traveler's Plaque

On August 5th, Chapter S, Winder, walked away from Thomaston's Chapter E meeting with the Georgia Traveler's Plaque. Chapter S will have the plaque up for grabs at their regular meeting held at 7:00 PM on 5 September at the Golden Coral in Winder. For more information call Bill and Sandy Hatfield at (706) 423-9675

Among Our Sick:

Jeane Stegemiller Anne Reed– GA District Staff Kelles Flemming GA-E Jimmy Davis GA-E Dan Duffy

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 & Burger Burn, Warner Robins. Contact Dave Aiken, 478-953-4886

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

Oct. 12-14—Mississippi District Rally, Biloxi, for more information check gwrra.ga.com for a link to the Mississippi Rally information

Nov 4—Wind Down—Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Macon. Contact Bill and Betty Livingston

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

Christian Sympathy is extended to....

John and Sheila Andrews on the loss of their great-granddaughter

Dave and Sharon Aikens on the loss of Sharon's sister



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



NOTHING . . . ZERO . . . NIL . . . ZILCH . . . NADA . . . NOT A THING . .

.... that is what it will COST you to renew your Rider Ed Levels!!

So, what is the catch? Well, actually, there is no catch. Your Chapter Educator has all the necessary paperwork that you need to renew your Rider Ed Level. "Well, I haven't renewed in 3 years (or any number of years) so it is going to cost me for those years, so that will be a problem, right?" Nope! No problem. No cost.

So, how does this work, you ask? National Rider Education no longer requires yearly renewal fees for Level 2, 3 or 4. So, all you have to do is make sure all of your qualifications are current and fill out the new "Level Update Form". Give it to your Chapter Educator, who in turn, will forward it to the District Educator.

What are the qualifications needed? There are explained on the Update Form, but briefly, Riders (Drivers) have the Motorcycle endorsement on their Drivers License, have completed an Approved Riding Course within the last 3 years, have a current CPR or First Aid Course (for Level 3) and both a current CPR and First Aid Course for Level 4. Co-Riders must have an Approved Rider Course (2 Up ERC for example) or a Co-Rider Seminar with in the last three years, and have a current CPR or First Aid Course (for Level 3) and both a current CPR and First Aid Course for Level 4. And you do not have to wait until the first of the year to renew. As soon as you get current on all your qualifications, send in your Renewal Update Forms.

If you wish Renewal pins/bars, those may be purchased for \$2.00 each.

So, you went to all the trouble to get to your current Rider Ed Level in the first place, why not show your continued commitment to safety and take the steps necessary to renew those commitments and possibly move up to the next Level? Get with your Chapter Educator and lets' get it done!!

And as always, always be watchful for the unwatchful

RSHF, Chuck and Anne Reed

Georgia Senior District Educators



Georgia District Event Coordinators *Ken and Vicki Watkins*



HOW EARLY DO I NEED TO SEND IN MY RALLY REGISTRATION????

It's never too early to send your registration for the Georgia Wing Fling 2007. This year's theme "The Fabulous 50's and 60's" seems to have generated a lot of excitement – guess that means that most of us are plenty old enough to remember the 50's and 60's (or maybe the excitement stems from the possibility of some "Elvis" sightings)! We can't divulge all of our secrets yet, but I can tell you that we already have lots of **groovy** things lined up and now is the time to be honing up on those hula-hoop skills. If any of you have any swingin' ideas for the rally that you'd like to throw in, let one of the District Staff members know - we would dig any suggestions you might have to add to the fun. "Till we meet on the road, ride safe and be "Cool".

From Your District Webmaster Dolly Chatel Dodd

Chapters Supporting Chapters

Does your Chapter have a sister Chapter? Do you regularly go to more than one Chapter meeting every month? If your answer is "NO", then we ask "Why Not?" We are frequently reminded that our membership in GWRRA means we are members of ALL Chapters. But what does that really mean? It means that the welcome mat is out for all across the country. In every state, at EVERY Chapter. What a great way to meet other GWRRA members, And, what better way to support other Chapters than to visit and actively participate in their fun activities. Some of Georgia's most successful Chapters can point to these members that participate in multiple Chapters as a big reason for their success.

When you hear of a neighboring Chapter that's struggling, the attendance is low or they just need more support, rally up your members to come to those Chapters aid. Bring as many members as you can and actively join in their fun. Participate in the dinner rides, go to the meetings and do what you can to help their attendance improve and bring more fun to their Chapter. In return, you will find many members who will discover that your Chapter is fun too and will begin visiting multiple Chapters and participating in lots of Chapter events. It's contagious! Bring fun to other Chapters, and you will bring fun to your Chapter in return.

From Your District Motorist Awareness Coordinators Bob and Karla Greer



Lynn & Ray Roberts, Motorist Awareness (MA) Coordinators for Georgia Chapter Z in Newnan, GA have joined the Georgia MA team for their chapter and have already jumped on the band wagon by designing the MA bumper sticker shown above.

Lynn's theory for the bumper sticker was to start the thinking process and get drivers to focus on the answer. To stimulate the thinking process for motorists and get them wondering how many motorcycles there are on the road, she believes they will start looking for them. The print is large enough to read and the thought is short and brief for motorists to read.

On Saturday, August 12, Lynn & Ray, along with many other Members from GA – Z were invited to promote Motorist Awareness and GWRRA at Cycle City's open house in Newnan, GA. This event had an estimated 300 visitors.

Lynn and Ray are selling the adhesive bumper stickers for \$1.00 each and the magnetic ones for \$2.00. All proceeds will be used to promote MA and make the roads safer for all of us that ride motorcycles. In the first weekend alone, over 65 of these bumper stickers had been distributed. Can you imagine how may people have already read Lynn's signs?

So let's get those drivers counting. <u>How many MOTORCYCLES</u> Have you seen today?

