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## GWRRA GEORGIA

December 2006

# Happy Holidays

### Holiday Wishes

With Thanksgiving behind us and the few extra helpings of turkey, dressing and pecan pie in the front of us, we now look forward to the hustle and bustle of holiday shopping and family gatherings. We want to wish everyone a very Happy Holidays and to remind you this is the busiest travel period of the year so be careful and be safe while traveling.

## 2007 Couple Of the Year Selection

If you weren't able to make to Wind Down, you missed a fabulous event. With the hard work and cooking by John and Linda Zimmer and the entire Chapter X membership as well as other friends and District Staff, we had a blast. Kelles and Laura Sue Flemming have been selected as the 2007 District Couple of the Year. Frank and Margie Ricigliano of Chapter Q and Clarence and Pat Taylor from Chapter E-2 made sure the selection process was not an easy job for the judges. We congratulate all the Chapter Couples going through the process for participating.

### Chartering Fees are Due

There are still some Chapters that have not mailed their chartering fees. For those that have not already done so, please send them as soon as you can to John and Sheila Andrews, the District Treasurers.

#### Bank Signature Cards

There are still a lot of Chapters that have not made arrangements to have the bank account signature cards changed. Please take care of this important requirement.

#### Financial Reports

Financial reports are due to the District Treasurers no later than 30 January 2007. If you have any questions concerning the categories or preparing the report, please contact John and Sheila Andrews at 229-889-8738. With the most recent change, the Chapter Director will keep the bank statements, so they do not have to be sent to the District. Also, please submit your Chapter property lists and financial report cover sheet with your financial report.

#### Officer Changes

If there will be a change of officers in your Chapter, please let us know as soon as possible in order to complete the required paperwork. If you have any questions about the paperwork, please contact Bill and Betty Livingston at 229-889-1705.

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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 6 January, Chapter C will offer the Georgia District Travelers Plaque up for the taking at Kings Buffet in Brunswick. They will meet at 5:00 PM and eat at 6:00 PM. For more information, please contact Ray and Kathy Potter at (912)876-5527.

#### Among Our Sick:

Gary Verhulst's (GA-S) Mother recovering from surgery.

Jack Farabaugh (GA-S) recovering from surgery.

Roy & Irene Bridges (GA-E2) grandson recovering from an accident.



Jim Underwood (GA-F-2) recovering from surgery.

Jim Gunter (GA-H) recovering from surgery

Jerry Watson (GA-X) Heart Tests

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Jan. 13— Chilly Willy, Garden Patch Restaurant, Barnesville. New CDs and ACDs come at 9:00, all others come around 11:00. There will be a short officer's meeting after lunch. CDs, ACDs, Treasurers, and Ride Educators to attend. Contact Bill and Betty Livingston (229)889-1705.

Jan. 20-21—Horizons class. Comfort Inn in exit 136 in Perry. \$10 per person. Offered to any officer or any member that desires to hold an officer position. Contact Dave Aikens (478)953-4886.

**Feb. 10**—Horizons class if participation warrants.

**Feb. 17-** Sweetheart Poker Run, Fort Yargo State Park, Winder, GA. For more information contact Ken and Traci Thrasher, (706)310-1041

#### December meeting Changes

The following Chapters will not have a December meeting:

GA-A, GA-B2, GA-C, GA-D2, GA-E, GA-F2, GA-H, GA-I2, GA-J, GA-R, GA-X

GA-C2 in Hinesville has changed the date of their December meeting to 9 December.

#### Christian Sympathy is extended to....

John and Peggy Osse (GA-P) on the loss of Peggy's brother.

Ken Stutely (GA-H) on the loss of his grand-mother.

Merv & Jan Goulette (GA-E-2) on the loss of Merv's mother.

Evelyn Brock (GA-D) on the loss of her brother.

Bob and Marilyn Pastor on the loss of Marilyn's mother.

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

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### From your 2007 Georgia District Couple Of the Year Kelles and Laura Sue Flemming

Dear Georgia Chapter Directors,

We are so honored to be representing you as the Georgia District Couple of the Year for 2007. A part of our role is to promote and encourage participation in the Couple of the Year program. We are eager to increase awareness and participation of this great program for the District of Georgia.

The Chapter COY is often selected and announced at Christmas parties and we want to encourage all of you to participate. Last year we had 16 Chapters who selected couples and this year we would like to see that number increase to include every Chapter in the District. Having 33 Couples of the Year at the Chapter level for 2007 in the District of Georgia; WOW, now that is exciting!

We strongly believe in the Couple of the Year program and see it as an opportunity to recognize a couple in your Chapter that has exhibited dedication, involvement and enthusiasm about GWRRA and "Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge." We believe that every Chapter has a couple that fits this description and it is up to you to see that they are recognized.

Being a Chapter Couple of the Year is an honor and it is a lot of FUN! The couple needs to know that all you expect of them is to represent your Chapter with pride and to have FUN! Leave it up to the couple as to how involved they want to become in this role; however, please let them know that involvement = FUN!

If we can be of any assistance as you make your decisions, please do not hesitate to call upon us or JJ and Marcia. We are happy to help in anyway that we can. We challenge each of you to make your selection and give that special couple in your Chapter this great honor. We look forward to seeing you soon and hearing about your new Couple of the Year for your Chapter.

Sincerely,

Kelly and Laura Sue Fleming

Georgia District Couple of the Year 2007

## From Your Georgia District Directors Bill and Betty Livingston

#### Chilly Willy....Why is it always so cold?

As everyone knows, Chilly Willy is the Georgia GWRRA kick-off ride of the new year. It is the first GWRRA event to allow the members to get together after the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year holidays. As tradition goes, it is usually cold, sometimes really cold. Thus, the name "Chilly Willy" is appropriate. This is a Georgia tradition, so please come visit with us and if you are a real hard core rider, ride your bike, if you can't quite handle the cold weather, come in a four wheeler. Either way, we would love to see you. This year, as in the past couple of years, we will be going to the Garden Patch Restaurant in Barnesville. We would like for the newly appointed Chapter officers come about 9:30 and spend an hour or so with Dave and Sharon Aikens to learn some very important things about your new position. Ross Reeves and the Staff at the Garden Patch will start serving some of their great home style food at 11:00 and after we eat, we will pass along some general information for everyone and to answer questions anyone may have. We may even give away a few door prizes. Around 12:30, we will have the Chapter Directors, Assistants, Ride Educators and Treasurers get together and discuss some very important information that will help them put fun and excitement in the Chapters. We look forward to seeing everyone so until then, we wish all of you a safe and joyous Christmas and New Year holiday. Thank each of you for your support and we look forward to serving you.