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Wing Fling - Coming Soon



Come Enjoy Your Rally

GET INVOLVED! To get the most out of your Georgia Wing Fling rally experience, make sure you check your rally schedule. Find out all of the exciting things there will be for you to do. From our Thursday night sock hop to the Friday night talent show to yo-yo's, hula hoops and seminars, there's bound to be something for everyone. If you're a history buff, make sure you take in the historic Rome Trolley Tour. This year we will be having two tours – one on Friday afternoon at 1:00 and one on Saturday morning at 9:00. If you want to stay on 2 wheels, then make sure you check out the surrounding countryside by going on one of the rides that have been mapped out by our local Chapter L members. So what are you waiting for? Get those registrations in and get involved!

Vicki Watkins, Event Coordinator

Hotel Information for Wing Fling

Due to the wonderful response of Wing Fling registrations, The Holiday Inn Skytop Hotel has informed us that all rooms for Wing Fling are full. The co-host hotel, the Hampton Inn, directly across the street from the Holiday Inn is now accepting registrations. After receiving your registration number,

you can make your reservations by calling the Hampton Inn at 706-232-9551. The room rates are \$75.00 per night, with a 3 night minimum to receive this special Rally rate. The Hampton Inn is located at 21 Chateau Drive. A hot breakfast bar is included in the price of the room. Remember, you must have a Rally registration number to make your hotel reservations.

Team Training

Did you know there are over 80 seminars available in the Leadership Training curriculum? Did you also know that these seminars are not just for volunteer leaders, but for every GWRRA member? Your District Leadership Trainers, Dave and Sharon Aikens, will give you the opportunity to take advantage of these outstanding seminars at a location that is convenient for you. During March, Dave and Sharon held two training sessions for members in the central and south Chapters. In April, Chapters in the northern portion of the District will have to chance to take advantage of this training. Every member has the opportunity to receive information about GWRRA or information that is very useful in our everyday lives. Your Chapter Directors can select the subjects of interest and schedule the time and date and Dave and Sharon will gladly come to your area to present the information.

GOOD THINGS TO KNOW

2007 CHAPTER COUPLES OF THE YEAR

GA-A Don & Judy Severs
 GA-A2 Wayne & Jewell Dennard
 GA-B2 Jeff & Susan Poirer
 GA-C2 Murl & Ruth Gwynn
 GA-E Jimmy & Brenda Davis
 GA-E2 Clarence & Pat Taylor
 GA-G Dick & Fay Hargett
 GA-H Tony & Sue Bracewell
 GA-I Page & Jeanne Davis
 GA-J Jon & Peggy Lemon
 GA-K Reggie & Fay Walters
 GA-P Leon Johnson & Julie Wynn
 GA-Q Bill & Barbara Paul
 GA-S Gary & Shirley Verhulst
 GA-T Dave & Betty Andrade
 GA-V Jeff & Angie Simpson
 GA-X James & Virginia Holloway

GA Traveler's Plaque

Chapter B-2 of Douglasville will be offering the Georgia District Traveler's Plaque for capture at the Bankhead Diner in Douglasville on 31 March. They will eat at 8:00AM and meet at 9:00. For more information, contact Bob and Marlene Campbell at 770-222-6018.

Among Our Sick:

- Jerry Minton, GA-I2
- Tommy Waller, GA-O
- Sidney McWhorter, GA-O
- Maud Verner, GA-H

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 21 - GA-K – Poker Run to support St Jude's Children's Hospital. Kings Bay Honda. For more information contact Danny and Allyson Hickey at 912-264-1736.

May 3-5 – South Carolina District Rally, Spartanburg, SC. For more information check out the Georgia District Web page at <http://www.gwr-ra.com>.

May 12 - GA-T – Spring Fling Street Party, Cycle World, Athens. For more information contact Randy Simpson at 706-546-5202.

May 19 - GA-H – Fun Day, Exchange Club Fair Grounds, Albany, GA. For more information contact Jeff and Maud Verner at 229-883-5598.

June 2 - GA-E – Benefit ride for Britton Cauthen. Ride will be from Griffin to Barnesville. For more information, contact Bob Pastor at 404-402-8540.

June 14-16 – Georgia District Wing Fling, The Fabulous 50's and 60's, Rome, GA. For more information check out the Georgia District Web page at <http://www.gwr-ra.com>

July 4-7 – Wing Ding– Billings, Montana. For more information check out the Georgia District Web page at <http://www.gwr-ra.com>

Sept 8 - GA-Q – Dessert Auction and Burger Burn, Museum of Aviation, Warner Robins Air Force Base. For more information, contact Larry and Eleese Chambers at 478-953-4533

Sept 13-15 – Region A Rally– 4H Center, Hwy 19S—Perry Florida. Catching Dreams on A Wing. For more information check out the Georgia District Web Site at <http://www.gwr-ra.com>

Heartfelt Sympathy To:

- Curtis and Jeanne Gay on the loss of her Father



District Trainers and International Training Curriculum Coordinators Dave and Sharon Aikens

The Ball Keeps Rolling

In last month's newsletter article I provided an updated schedule of training that will be provided during the months of June and August. In this issue we will make clarification about what that training is about and what it will entail.

At the GA Wing Fling in Rome, GA, we will offer two training classes. The first will be a New Member Orientation. Actually, this seminar will provide information that everyone, not just new members, will gain knowledge from. It will cover the basic GWRRA structure as well as providing help and guidance in getting oriented into a GWRRA chapter. If time permits, we will also present a short, more in-depth, seminar on GWRRA Structure. This is very valuable in helping to understand and use the GWRRA chain of communications.

The second offering at Wing Fling will be the Remembering Names Seminar. This class will focus on different methods people can use to help them remember people's names. It is very informative and helpful for use in our daily lives.

On August 4th we will be providing a GWRRA Instructor Development and Certification program. This will be a full day of training focused on providing the tools and information needed to be a good GWRRA instructor. To complete the certification process, each student will be asked to teach a seminar at a future training session; either a Horizons seminar or one of the other training sessions to be scheduled for next year (2008). The only additional requirement is that, in order to instruct a specific seminar or training class, you must first go through it as a student. The Instructor Development and Certification Program is open to any GWRRA member who would like to be a Leadership Training Instructor. A Certified Instructor hanger bar will be provided once certification is completed. There is also an instructor program available for Rider Education Instructors, but none has been scheduled at this time.

A Horizons Program will be provided August 11-12. This is a fun filled, two-day learning experience for any and all GWRRA members – not just officers. You will learn what really goes on behind the scenes of running a chapter. Almost all of the information received can be applied to your daily lives, both at work and at home. You will be shown how to properly plan activities and learn some good communication techniques. The best part of all is that you will have a fun time. For more information about this, just contact any member who has already attended the Horizons Program. Once completed, you'll wonder why you waited so long to take it. When you have completed the Horizons Program you will receive a graduation certificate, a Training Pin and a Horizons hanger bar.

On August 18 there will be a Knowledge Enhancement Program presented. Here again, this is for any and all GWRRA members. It is a full day of intensive training that provides the next step up from where the Horizons Program left off. Members can attend this program even though they haven't attended a Horizons Program. But, it will help to have the knowledge from the Horizons Program to build on. There are eight modules in this program and when completed you will receive a Knowledge Enhancement hanger bar.

On Saturday, August 25, we will offer an Intermediate Leadership Skills Program. This program is for all officers and would be (or soon to be) officers. All ACDs should plan to attend this program at some point prior to assuming the position of Chapter Director. The only other requirement for attending this program is that you must first have completed both a Horizons Program and a Knowledge Enhancement Program. This training program is highly encouraged for all members prior to becoming a GWRRA officer.

Registration forms for all of these programs will be available on the Georgia web page in the near future, or ask your Assistant District Director for a copy of the form. The only training sessions not requiring pre-registration are the ones being offered at GA Wing Fling in June. Just come to the class and sign in.

Feel free to contact us with any question or comment you have regarding this information, or any other training topic.

District Couple of the Year Kelly & Laura Sue Fleming

We are having a GREAT time as your Georgia District Couple of the Year and we have been really busy so far. Since Wind Down, we have attended 33 events and traveled 2,320 miles. We really appreciate the warm welcome that we have received as we have traveled about the state and the hospitality that has been extended to us. We are very pleased that so many of you have selected a Couple of the Year from your Chapters. Also, we have talked with many more of you who are making plans to recognize other special couples deserving of this honor. We urge you to select your couples early so they will have to greatest amount of time available to enjoy their special title and to give them the best chance possible of being selected District Couple of the Year. We also know of at least one Chapter who has selected a Couple of the Year for the first time and this is FANTASTIC! We strongly believe in the Couple of the Year program and consider it an honor and privilege to be the Georgia Couple of the Year. One of our goals for this year is to get around to all the chapters. We look forward to seeing many of you in the near future.

Senior District Educators Chuck & Anne Reed

What Have You Forgotten About Your Battery?

As I read through the newsletter articles the Chapter Educators write, I find myself getting absorbed in some of them. One such article this past month caught my attention. With the permission of the Chapter Educator of F2 in Augusta, Ray Bowman, I am using it for this months newsletter article, because I believe it is a timely piece of advice.

- - - To avoid the disappointment of your battery laying down on the job right when you need it, it takes proper battery maintenance. Proper battery maintenance includes, but is not limited to:

1. Cleaning the battery terminals and cable lugs
2. Cleaning the top of the battery
3. Checking the fluid levels (unless you have a maintenance free battery)
4. Refilling the liquid in each cell to the correct height (unless it is maintenance free)
5. Recharging the battery

A special caution needs to be given for those with lead-acid batteries. The liquid in the battery is sulfuric acid that can hurt you. It can burn your skin and if it gets in your eyes, can cause blindness. When working on/near batteries, the way to best keep safe is:

1. Have a safety attitude. Realize the potential health hazards and take the necessary precautions
2. Realize that when you charge your lead-acid battery, Hydrogen Gas is produced
3. If you have a lead-acid battery, check the sulfuric acid level BEFORE charging. To avoid creating an internal spark, the acid level needs to be at above the low mark on the battery, and should be at the full mark. As a natural by-product of the chemical reaction in a battery, hydrogen gas is produced inside the battery. You do not want a spark around Hydrogen gas!
4. If your battery charger has a "boost" setting, do not use this setting with your Wing. A boost setting delivers 50 amps of electrical current to your battery and your battery's charging system. That can cause damage to your alternator.
5. If the acid gets on your skin you should wash the area of exposure with plenty of water. If the acid gets into your eyes, flush the eyes immediately with water, several times, and then seek immediate medical help. One way to reduce your chances of skin and eye contact is to wear gloves and safety glasses anytime you are working with/on lead-acid batteries - -

Perhaps some of the above information may help you somewhere along your ride. I know from experience, as do most of you, that a dead battery on the side of a road, in the middle of nowhere, is not exactly my idea of a quiet Sunday afternoon ride

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

RSHF, Chuck and Anne Reed