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GWRRRA Georgia

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Newly Appointed Region Directors

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Bob and Nancy Shrader have been appointed as the new Region A Directors. The change of Directors took place at the Region A Rally in Perry, Florida. Bob and Nancy joined GWRRRA in 1993 and in 1996 served in their first operations role, as Assistant Chapter Directors. Since that time, they have served as Chapter Directors, Chapter, District and Region Couple of the Year, and, in 2000, were appointed as the Florida District Directors. In 2003, they were appointed as Senior District Directors. I am sure they are well known throughout Georgia and we look forward to their leadership and support. As for Larry and Patti Lingo, even though they have stepped down as Region A Directors, they assured us they will be visiting Georgia events as often as they can. We thank them for their support and wish them well in their future endeavors.

A Special Invitation

The Georgia District Staff would like to invite all Georgia members to come to the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church Auditorium on 10 November and join in on the fun we have planned. We will start things around 10:00, and about 1:30 we will begin the process of selecting the 2008 Georgia District Couple Of the Year. We will provide the food and fun. All you have to do is come

join in. By now you know that your District Staff will have something special for you. Plus, we will have a prize for the oldest Georgia District Rally Shirt. Also, don't forget to bring a home-baked dessert or stop by your local grocery store and pick up something. We hope you will come out and cheer on your favorite Chapter Couple Of the Year while they go through the selection process.

Something Special for You at Wind Down

Well, the riding season is winding down and our final event of the year is just around the corner. "Wind Down" is an appropriate name for this event, don't you think? Of course, after Wind Down, we'll be in full swing planning for our "Rally of Mythological Proportions". I hope all of you are as excited about the 2008 Georgia Rally as your district staff is. And speaking of Wind Down and the Georgia District Rally, get your registration form filled out for the rally, be the first one to hand me your registration at Wind Down and I'll pay for the registration only (single or couple). You'll need to have the money for me on anything extra you mark on the form (such as tickets, shirts). I may be traveling incognito so you may have to look hard to find me! See you at Wind Down!

Vicki Watkins, Event Coordinator

GOOD THINGS TO KNOW

GA Traveler's Plaque

Chapter GA-A of McDonough will be offering the Georgia District Traveler's Plaque for capture at their Fall Harvest Fun Day held at High Falls State Park on September 29th. For more information, contact Bob and Bonnie McCroskey at 770-954-1924. Since the plaque will be given away at a location other than their regular meeting location, please bring a Mapquest report if you want to be eligible to capture the plaque.

Meeting Changes

GA-B2 has changed their meeting day to 29 September. They will meet at the Beaver Creek Biscuit Company at 1451 Six Flags Rd, Lithia Springs. Fourth Saturday, eat at 8:00AM, meet at 9:00AM

GA-H has moved their meeting location to the Golden Corral on Westover Road in Albany. Fourth Thursday, eat at 6:30PM, meet at 7:30PM.

Region A Wanderer

Chapter FL1-V of Jacksonville Beach, FL will be offering the Region Plaque for capture on Saturday, October 13th at the Golden Corral on 14035 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville. They will eat at 8:30am and meet at 9:30am. Don't forget your copy computer generated mileage printout to ensure proper credit for the distance you ride.

Among Our Sick:

- Franklin Waters - GA-H2
- Chuck & Karen Cook - GA-E2

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 29 - GA-A - Fall Harvest Fun Day: High Falls State Park, Jackson. For more information, contact Bob and Bonnie McCroskey at 770-954-1924

Oct 6 - GA-O - Picnic in the Park: Tift County Recreation Center, Tifton. For more information, contact Robert and Anna Tillman at 229-423-3971.

Oct 11-13 - Mississippi District Rally: Touring The Tropics, A Hawaiian Homecoming, Biloxi, MS. For more information, check the Georgia District web page at <http://gwr-ra-ga.com/>

Oct 20 - GA-L: Fun Day and fundraiser for Breast Cancer Research, Georgia Highland College. For more information, contact David and Denise Newby at 706-295-1714

Nov 3 - GA-V: Special 50/50 Drawing. For tickets or more information, contact Angie or Jeff Simpson at 478-934-0584.

Nov 10 - Wind Down: Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Macon. Festivities start at 10:00. For more information, check the Georgia District web page at <http://www.gwr-ra-ga.com>

Nov 17 - GA-H2 - Santa's Toy Run: Statesboro. For more information, contact Curtis and Jeanie Gay at 912-852-9035.

Jan 12, 2008 - Chilly Willy: Will be held at the Garden Patch Restaurant in Barnesville. Doors open at 9:30. There will be a general meeting at 10:00 and the Officer's meeting will begin at 12:30. For more information check out the Georgia District web page at www.gwr-ra-ga.com

Feb 9, 2008 - GA-S - Sweetheart Poker Run: Fort Yargo State Park, Winder, GA. For more information, contact Ken & Traci Thrasher at 706-310-1041

Heartfelt Sympathy To:

- Lee Handley on the passing of his mother



District MED/COY Coordinators - JJ & Marcia Etzle

Couple of the Year

Time passes so quickly. November 10th and *WIND DOWN* will be here before you know it.

Wind Down is our opportunity to recognize and honor the Couples of the Year. We are very proud of the folks who represent their Chapters and the job they have done this year to promote the Couple of the Year Program. This event is hosted by your GA District Staff. It is our chance to serve you and to say *Thank You* to all the Chapters, the members and the COYs for their participation at GA District events, Chapter meetings, events and gatherings.

What a pleasure it has been to know and work with Kelles and Laura Sue Fleming, Georgia's 2007 District Couple of the Year. They made it their mission to visit the Georgia Chapters and to explain and promote the COY Program, and we are pleased to say that they have done a wonderful job. If you haven't had a chance to meet this extraordinary couple, you have truly missed a treat. They set a wonderful example for GWRRA and show what the Couple of the Year Program is all about.

We hope that you took advantage of coming to the Region A Rally in Perry, Florida and cheering them on in their quest to become the next Region Couple of the Year. Even though they were not selected, we love them and we are very proud of their accomplishments as the Georgia's District Couple of the Year.

We had more Chapters participate in the Couple of the Year program this year than last, and we hope to see a further increase in 2008. Now is the time for the Chapter Directors select a new Couple of the Year. Remember, this is an appointed "Honor" not a position. The Couple of the Year should be a couple in the Chapter who are active members and participate in Chapter functions. It is lots of fun and everyone likes to be recognized for a job well done.

If, as a member of GWRRA, you are not taking advantage of what the Chapters and the District Staff have to offer, you are missing out! Come out, travel, visit other Chapters, partake in events and enjoy the FUN!!

Ride Safe, JJ and Marcia Etzle; Georgia Assistant District Directors & MED/COY Coordinators

2007 CHAPTER COUPLES OF THE YEAR

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

District Treasurer - John & Sheila Andrews

District Treasurer Notes

Greetings to all Chapter Treasurers; I need all Chapter Charter Fees paid to myself or Bill Livingston by Mid November. You may send them by mail or I will be accepting them at Wind Down on 10 November. Just a reminder; the annual financial reports are due to District no later than 30 January. A Complete financial report includes: 1. Financial Report signed by Treasurer and Chapter Director; 2. A Cover Sheet with appropriate initials; 3. A signed Equipment List, signed even if your chapter has no equipment; 4. A copy of the December bank statement, which is a change from last year when I needed all months. Please, if anyone has any questions or problems please feel free to email or call. If you have any comments or suggestions on improvements send them to me. My contact information is as follows. Email: andrewsj@mchsi.com; Phone: 229-889-8738; Mailing Address: 3201 Pinyon Dr, Albany GA 31721. Reminder: All Chapters need to ensure your signature cards are up to date. I will be giving a Treasurers Seminar at Chilly Willy and hope to see all Chapter Treasurers attend.

Senior District Educators - Chuck & Anne Reed

Do I Detect a Change in the Weather . . ?

I am preparing for a trip next week into the Maritime Provinces of Canada (New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia). Since we all know that it is normally cooler in that part of the country than down here in "HeatStroke, GA", we all know to pack the appropriate clothing for the North Country. But wait, the weather seems to be cooling off around here also.

Maybe it is time to take a look at what you are carrying in/on your motorcycle. Yes, the rain gear is already in the saddlebags and should probably remain there. But what about the "summer" stuff we all carry. Light weight jackets, light weight gloves and other items we wear during the summer months. Perhaps it is time to unload the saddlebags, travel trunk, trunk bag etc., and see just what the heck we are carrying! Might be surprised! "Oh, look Honey, I found those candy bars we were looking for in July. Kinda gooey now."

As all motorcyclists know, if you don't have it with you, you can't put it on. It is time to swap out summer wear for fall/winter wear. Layering is one of the better ways to dress for colder weather. A light weight shirt, with a long sleeve light weight sweater and a heavier riding jacket, is an example. Too warm? Stop and take off the sweater. Too cold? Stop and put on a heavier sweater/jacket that you have packed in the saddle bags. Same thing with gloves. Start taking your heavy weight winter gloves with you. If your hands get cold, stop and change gloves. Take wind pants with you. Too cold, put on the wind pants. Still too cold? Use your rain suit pants. Of course, there are those who have "electrics". Electric vests, jackets, pants, gloves, socks, etc. If you have them, use them. If not, layering is still a good way to ride. Then there is ALWAYS a Wal-Mart around where you can stop and buy a sweatshirt... Dress accordingly, and enjoy the ride.

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

RSHF, Chuck and Anne Reed; Georgia Senior District Educators

District Leadership Trainers - Dave & Sharon Aikens

Leadership Training Schedule For 2008

It's time to get your calendars and pencils ready to make note of the training being offered for 2008. Training is the way to a successful future for your chapter. Please take the opportunity to attend one (or several) of the training programs we're offering for the upcoming year.

Jan 26	Horizons Program
Feb 2	Instructor Development and Certification Program
Feb 16	Horizons Program
Feb 23	Knowledge Enhancement Program
Mar 8	Intermediate Leadership Skills Program *
Jun (GA Rally)	New Member Orientation How To Show Your Bike
Aug 9	Advanced Leadership Skills Program **
Aug 23	Instructor Development and Certification Program

* Horizons and Knowledge Enhancement Required ** Intermediate Leadership Skills Required

These training opportunities are for GWRRA Members only. Please be sure your membership is current when you register for any of these classes. Advance registration is required so we can be sure we have the correct number of training pins, hanger bars, and certificates. Hanger bars and certificates for each of the programs listed will be available to all members upon completion. A Registration Form will be available on the GA web page in the very near future. Emails to me with your name, member number, address and phone number are acceptable to register for any of these classes. The classes being offered at the GA Rally in Athens, GA, will not require pre-registration.

So, there it is. Now it is up to you to take advantage of these great training opportunities. Remember, ***The More You Know, The Better It Gets!***