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# GWRRA Georgia

November 2007



# Wind Down 2007

## Come Join Us

It's going to be chili on the 10th of November at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church auditorium in Macon. At least that is what your Georgia District Staff have planned to serve for lunch, along with some melt-in-your-mouth goodies, at Wind Down. There will be more than food, fun and games going on. Two Chapter Couples Of the Year have made the commitment to pursue the distinguished title of Georgia District Couple Of the Year. This is not only a commitment to be ambassadors of GWRRA on the District level, but also to show their Chapter pride by representing their Chapters. This year, we have tried to make the selection process less stressful for the couples by adjusting the guidelines to make the process more fun. Couples will not present themselves before a panel of judges, which can be a real tense situation, and they don't have to dress like they are going to the prom. If they choose, they can wear their Chapter shirts, as long as they wear a vest. We want to put more fun in what may scare a lot of Chapter couples away from going through the process. We hope to see you there rooting for your favorite couple. Ladies, please don't forget to bring your favorite dessert.

## Chartering Fees

Each year, we must pay the required \$50.00 chartering fee. This fee is used to pay for the two million dollar insurance policy for third party insurance for Officers. The chartering fees are due by 1 December and the District must write one check to send to the home office. So, when you come to Wind Down, that would be the perfect time to bring along a check and take care of this requirement.

## \$500 Cash Prize Tickets

Also at Wind Down, we will be accepting your requests for Chapter \$500 cash prize tickets. This is the easiest way for your Chapter to generating operating funds with very little effort. The Chapter will retain ninety cents on every ticket sold. The only expense to the Chapter is the cost of printing the tickets.

## Officer Changes

Along with the end of the year, also comes the end of the tenure of some Chapter Officers that decide to pass along leadership of the Chapter. If there will be officer changes within your Chapter, please let us know as soon as possible in order to complete the required paperwork. Your District Staff will have the paperwork available at Wind Down and will be glad to assist in preparing the required paperwork or answer any questions.

# GOOD THINGS TO KNOW

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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](http://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

**Feb 16-17 - Horizons:** Comfort Inn, Perry, GA. For more information, contact Dave and Sharon Aikens at [aikensdl@cox.net](mailto:aikensdl@cox.net)

## 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-O John & Vivian Rountree

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 GA-A2 of Dublin captured the District Traveler's Plaque from Chapter L in Rome on the 20th of October, so they will bring the plaque to Wind Down. Gene and Pat Whiddon will announce the time and date the plaque will be available for capture at Wind Down.

## Among Our Sick:

- Chuck and Anne Reed; recovering from an accident - District Staff
- Carolyn Gary; recovering from hip replacement
- Jeff Simpson; recovering from heart surgery - GA-V
- Frank Snodgrass (son of Ron & Susan Larsen)
- Lamar Harrison - GA-S

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



## Region A Wanderer

Chapter FL1-R of Dunnellon, FL will be offering the Region Plaque for capture on Sunday, November 11th at 11:00 at the Sonic Drive-In on 11351 North Williams St, in Dunnellon. Don't forget your copy computer generated mileage printout to ensure proper credit for the distance you ride.

## Meeting Changes

**GA-B2** - November meeting will be on November 7, at the Beaver Creek Biscuit Co. Eat at 8:00PM and meet at 9:00PM

**GA-H** - November meeting will be on November 15 at the Golden Corral. Eat at 6:30PM and meet at 7:30PM

## Heartfelt Sympathy To:

- Rowell Family on the loss of Jerry and Kathy
- Keys Family on the loss of Ray's mother
- Callihan Family on the loss of Inman's mother
- Greer Family on the loss of Karla's stepfather
- Blackmon Family on the passing of Lamar



**Happy Thanksgiving !!!**



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



Due to Chuck and Anne's recent mishap, they are not yet up to writing an article, so with their permission, here is an article they wrote last November.

### CAN YOU STOP IN A CURVE . . . ?

A lot of folks would be riding in the mountains to observe one of Mother Nature's wonders, the changing of the leaves into their "Fall Colors". It is easy to look at the fall colors and forget you are in the mountains. And in the mountains, there are more than the fall colors, such as . . . . CURVES!! We probably don't practice stopping in curves enough, although it is covered in Experienced Rider Courses and in Parking Lot Practice exercises. So, as a quick refresher, let's see what we can do to safely stop in curves. (I am talking about moderate speeds, not zooming around a curve at 75-80 miles an hour)

Portions of the following are from the Rider Ed National Newsletter and a bit from the latest Wing World.

Sometimes it is necessary to stop in a curve. This procedure incorporates all of the principles of stopping or braking in a straight line, BUT incorporates 3 additional principles needed to stop in a curve. (We are talking about normal highway curves)

1. Straighten up the motorcycle: Reduce the lean angle of the motorcycle, i.e. bring the motorcycle up as straight as possible. And be aware of where you are. You do not need to be riding over curbs or onto the shoulder of the road.
2. Square the motorcycle: Square the handlebars, i.e. push the handgrip on the side opposite the direction of the turn.
3. Squeeze: Firmly and progressively apply the front brakes with decreasing pressure on the rear brake pedal. NEVER brake and swerve at the same time.

Simply put, you need to have your motorcycle in an upright, straight ahead position, BEFORE you apply the brakes. Attempting to stop in a curve with your front wheel turned and your motorcycle leaning, is going to cause your pride and joy to acquire unwanted scratches and dings. Occasionally it is a good idea to find a large, empty parking lot, and practice this. Keep your speed in the 10-20 mile an hour range.

And, speaking of curves, I have seen riders that brake in the curve (that is a no-no), and I have seen others who, although they brake before the curve, tend to "coast" through the curve. If you are riding with a group, and you "coast" through curves, you are creating a problem for the riders behind you, that increase their speed through curves. This may cause them to have to apply brakes IN the curve, thereby putting them in possible danger of either running into you, having to "lay it down" to miss you or worse yet, losing control and going over the edge. You must pay attention to countersteering. While riding through the turn, it will be important for the rider to INCREASE their speed by rolling-on the throttle. This gradual roll-on is necessary to stabilize the motorcycles' suspension. I am sure you have heard the term, "Power through the curve". By increasing the throttle, gently, going through the curve, you increase your motorcycles stability. In the mountains, some of the curves are often the tight "S" type turns, where rolling on the throttle may not be possible. In situations such as that, use your common sense and riding skills and slow down to safely ride through the "twisties".

Curves are fun to ride, but to ride them safely, it is important that you practice the "How To" part of stopping safely in curves.

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

Chuck and Anne Reed, Georgia Senior District Educators