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## GWRRA Georgia



January 2008

# **Chilly Willy is Coming Soon**

### Chilly Willy—January 12th

and innovative ideas to put fun into the tickets you ordered. Chapters. We will begin the new year with Chilly Willy which will be held at the Garden Patch Restaurant in Barnesville on January 12th. The new Chapter officers are invited to arrive around 9:30 to give you the opportunity to set down with Dave Aikens, your District Trainer, to go over some of the important aspects of being a Chapter officer. The general session will begin at 10:00 with members of your District Staff providing information about various programs available to all members. Lunch will be served at 11:00 and around 12:30 the Chapter Educators and Treasurers will meet with the District Educator and District Treasurer while the Chapter Directors and Assistant Chapter Directors meet with the rest of the District Staff. These sessions will provide updates to paperwork and programs put out by the home office. All Chapter Directors, Assistant Chapter Directors, Educators

and Treasurers are highly encouraged to attend. If your Chapter Director cannot attend, please ensure representative is present to pass along With the hustle and bustle of the the information provided. During the holidays behind us, we now begin to officer's meeting, all Chapter Directors, look to the upcoming year. For some Assistant Chapter Directors and Chapters, there are new officers in Chapter Ride Educators will need to fill place that we are sure will bring fun out the new Officer's Memorandum of and new and exciting ideas into the Understanding. We will have the new Chapters. The efforts put forth by the forms available at the meeting or you outgoing officers are greatly can fill out and download the form appreciated and we thank them for from the GWRRA National web site at their hard work and dedication to our http://www.gwrra.org/oconnect/ members. We now look to the future for documents/newMOU1107.pdf. We will our new volunteer officers to add new also hand out the \$500 cash prize

#### Officer Changes

If your Chapter has new officers appointed, there will be paperwork that will need to completed and forwarded to the GWRRA National Office. We will have all required paperwork at Chilly Willy and will assist in preparing the paperwork or answer any questions.

#### Chapter Financial Reports

Just a reminder that Chapter financial reports are due in January. We are asking that the financial report, cover sheet and property inventory be mailed to John Andrews, your Distict Treasurer in time to arrive no later than January 24th. If you have any questions regarding the financial report please contact John andrewsi@mchsi.com.

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## GOOD THINGS TO KNOW

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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.gwrra-ga.com

Jan 26-27 - Horizons: Comfort Inn, Perry GA. For more information, contact Dave and Sharon Aikens at aikensdl@cox.net

**Feb 2 - Instructor Development & Certification**: Verhuslt Trikes-N-Bikes, 7875 Maysville Road, Maysville. For more information, please contact Dave and Sharon Aikens at aikensdl@cox.net

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

**Feb 23 - Knowledge Enhancement**: Verhulst Trikes-N-Bikes, Maysville, GA. For more information, contact Dave and Sharon Aikens at aikensdl@cox.net

March 13-15 - Florida District Rally; Kissimmee, FL

March 29 - GA-A2 - Irish Get-A-Way; Dublin, GA

#### A Final Thanks to our 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 will be offering the District Traveler's Plaque for capture on January 19 at the Golden Corral at 2113 Veterans Blvd in Dublin. Eat at 12:00pm meet at 1:00pm.

#### Among Our Sick:

- Frank Snodgrass (Susan Larsen's son); recovering from surgery
- 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 FL2-E of Miami, FL will be offering the Region Plaque for capture on Sunday, January 20th at 9:00am at the Golden Corral in Florida City. Don't forget your copy computer generated mileage printout to ensure proper credit for the distance you ride.

#### **Meeting Changes**

**GA-S** - January Meeting will be on January 9 at the Golden Corral in Winder. 6:00pm to eat, 7:00pm to meet.

**GA-Q** - Beginning in January, they will meet at the China Buffet at 608 Russell Parkway in Warner Robbins.



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# From your Senior District Ride Educators Chuck and Anne Reed



#### This MAY be of interest to some of you out there $\dots$

The Trike Parking Lot Practice program is now "up and running". WHAT? HOW? Well, let me explain.

National Rider Education has appointed me as the Georgia Trike Facilitator, and with that comes the approval to conduct Trike PLP's. I have just completed my "trial by fire", so to speak, by conducting my first Trike PLP this past month. It was fun, it was exciting and it was a learning experience. Fortunately, there is not all that much difference between a 2 wheel and a 3 wheel PLP and I want to thank my "guinea pigs", ooops, I mean the Chapter members of the "trial" Chapter for assisting me in laying out the PLP exercises and working with me in completing the first Trike PLP. Listening to them and watching them, I think it was an exciting and fun time for them also. (Even if it was cool, overcast, windy and starting to rain just as we finished)

This leads us to "what's next?" Well, I will conduct Trike PLP's on the same basis as the 2 wheel PLP's have been conducted in the past, "First Come, First Served". The same criteria will be followed as with the 2 wheel PLP. Activity Request sent to the District Educator, Release Forms must be signed, all must be current GWRRA members, parking lot of approximately 100' x 200', clear of obstructions, etc. and, yes, best of all, completing the exercises will allow you to advance and/or up date your qualifications at your current level in the Rider Ed Level program. This should really assist all the Georgia Trikers to get back into and updated in the Rider Ed program. Completion of this course will NOT enable you to get your Drivers License endorsement.

Sometime in the near future, I will be able to train 3-4 more people to assist in conducting the Trike PLP's. At this point in time, the guidelines for this are still not available, but should be soon. As you all know, I am a 2 wheeler, so, after the first of the year, I will be going to Florida to work with the Region A Educator on Trike riding. When he is finished with me, I may not be a MSF Trike Instructor, but, knowing the Region A Educator, I will sure have a whole lot better feel for, and understanding of, Trike riding.

So, there you have it. This has been a long time in coming and I know that all you Trikers out there have been waiting for this to happen. I will do my very best in accommodating your requests to hold a PLP, but please, do not be upset if you don't get your first choice of dates. I expect (I hope) there to be a lot of interest in Trike PLP's early on, and everyone will be trying to get their Chapter scheduled. Talk with your Chapter and have an alternative date, if your first choice is not available. And, as an available extra attraction, Co-Rider Seminars will be available for the Co-Riders, if your Chapter wishes. This is going to be an interesting and fun time for all concerned, let's enjoy it!

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

Chuck and Anne Reed Georgia Senior District Educators