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Wing Fling 2008 - WOW!!

Some 2008 Wing Fling Memories

Wing Fling 2008 is now in the history books. And what a memorable Wing Fling it was. There are so many things that went on that will be remembered for years to come. It may be the great variety of vendors that had that special item of safety chrome that we just had to have, or that one item you have been waiting to buy but couldn't because your significant other may not have felt it was necessary, so you had to wait until they went to visit the shops downtown so you could break out the "mad money" you've been saving. It could have been the fantastic barbeque the Holiday Inn provided. What about the dance contest or costume contest? I have heard from several of our guests that said it was the largest number of people in togas they had ever seen. And what about the talent show? There were definitely some things that went on there that I wish I could erase from my memory. I will never feel the same way about hearing the song "YMCA" after that performance. But what a great talent show. There were a lot of guests that suffered from sore jaws the following day from laughing so much. The chariot race was a real hoot. There were some very impressive chariots that wound their way through the obstacle course. It was obvious that you spent a lot of time and effort on them and it was without a doubt the chariot race of the century. We had some great door prizes and some new

games that were a lot of fun. The entire District Staff hopes that you had a wonderful time and have some memories that will last a lifetime. If you had a great time, please tell everyone. If there was something you didn't like, aside from the minor issues with the hotel that we cannot control, please let someone on your District Staff know so we can make it better next year.

Where are we going for Wing Fling 2009?

After a lot of searching, begging and negotiating, we are pleased to give you what you have been asking for. We are having our Wild Wild West rally at the Ramada at Lake Chatuge in Hiawassee. That's right, back to the North Georgia mountains. The management at the Ramada at Lake Chatuge are thrilled to have us back and look forward to meeting our every need. For those that recall past rallies in Hiawassee, we will have the vendors in the fairgrounds parking lot and will have transportation to the vendors from the hotel. We will have our BBQ dinner and dance at the hotel and the talent show, ice cream social lighted bike show and closing ceremonies in the newly air conditioned Anderson Music Hall. We are getting information on local hotels and camping that will be on the Georgia District website soon. If you haven't been to our District Wing Fling lately, come to Hiawassee and have some fun with us.

GOOD THINGS TO KNOW

2008 Chapter *Couples of the Year*

GA-A	Steve & Dottie Fagan
GA-A2	Ben & Martha Maddox
GA-B	Barney & Joan Olson
GA-B2	Mark & Cindy Nettke
GA-C2	John & Joann Seward
GA-E	Rick & Faye Reece
GA-E2	Chuck & Karen Cook
GA-H	John & Sheila Andrews
GA-I	Paul & Connie Jackson
GA-J	Terry & Annie Kintz
GA-L	Al & Peggy Rogers
GA-P	John & Peggy Osse
GA-Q	Pat & Beverly Schell
GA-S	Carlos & Dee Lozano
GA-T	Ronnie & Margaret Vaughn
GA-V	James Cochran & Mary Christopher
GA-X	Jerry & Melody Watson

Meeting Changes

- **GA-E**; July meeting is cancelled because of Wing Ding.
- **GA-V**: July's meeting will be held on the 12th (instead of the 5th); same time and place.

Heartfelt Sympathy To:

- Barry & Barbara Owens on the passing of Barry's mother
- Howard & Diana Kyser on the passing of Howard's stepfather, Kelsey Kelly
- Kelles & Laura Sue Fleming on the passing of Laura Sue's aunt



Among Our Sick:

- Son of Larry & Debbie McMichen - accident.
- Bonnie McCroskey - Knee Surgery



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 3-5 - Wing Ding 30: Carolina First Center, One Exposition Drive, Greenville, SC. For more information, check the Georgia District web site at <http://gwr-ra-ga.com>

August 17 - GA-Z Bowling Challenge: Festivities begin at Noon at the Fayetteville Bowling Center in Fayetteville. Contact Alan Head at alanhead@bellsouth.net for more information.

September 6 - GA-Q 5th Annual Desert Auction & Burger Burn: Festivities begin at 11:00am at the Museum of Aviation in Warner Robbins, GA

September 11-13 - Region A Rally: It's a *LUAU* in Dothan, AL. Check out the Region A website at www.gwr-ra-regiona.org for more information.

October 16-18 - MS District Rally: Stars on the Coast, Gulf Coast Convention Center, Biloxi, MS.

October 25 - GA-A Halloween Fun Day: 10am to 3pm at High Falls State Park, Jackson, GA. For more information, contact Bob & Bonnie McCroskey at 770-954-1924

Region A Wanderer

Chapter FL2-E of Miami, FL is offering the Region A Wanderer for capture on Saturday, July 12, 1-4pm at Rick Case Honda, 15701 Rick Case Honda Way, Davie, FL, 33331.

GA Traveler's Plaque

Chapter GA-L captured the Traveler's Plaque from GA-Z. A date for its availability has not yet been announced. Be sure to check out the District website at www.gwr-ra-ga.com for updates.

From your District Trike Representatives
Bill & Sandy Hatfield

ARE YOU SAFER ON A TRIKE???

I'll bet your first inclination is to say "Yes." But stop and think about it.

A Trike is bigger than a two-wheeler, so it should be easier to see. However, I have had as many cagers start to pull out in front of me when on a Trike as I had on a two-wheeler. It just seems that people do not see motorcycles, 2 or 3 wheels. To increase visibility (2 wheels or 3), many utilize head-light modulators. Though a lot of controversy is bantered around about their use (see <http://users.snip.net/~WCLAMB/MODULATOR.HTM> for Federal Statute and etiquette), I personally run with mine on when situations and traffic warrant it.

OK, a second thing: One might think that a Trike will not fall over and will not high-side. Partially right. However, under CERTAIN circumstances, a Trike will flip. They will also hydro-plane worse than a two-wheeler. In addition, the rear wheels on the Trike will still slip in the sand and gravel on the curves, just not as readily as a two-wheeler. It will not fall over but the rear end can swing around and bite you where you don't want to be bit.

One potetial problem with being on a Trike is over-confidence. You are riding a bigger and wider machine, so the tendency is to relax your vigilance and really enjoy the ride. You can relax and enjoy the ride; BUT, do not relax your vigilance to your surroundings and those BIGGER machines around you. PAY ATTENTION!!!!

BE SAFE PEOPLE!
Bill & Sandy

From your Senior District Educators
Chuck & Anne Reed

IT WAS GOOD TO SEE EVERYONE . . .

Well, it WAS good to see everyone at Wing Fling. Got to say "Hi" to a lot of folks I haven't seen in awhile. Too bad I can't figure out some way to use one of those neat chariots some of the Chapters made, to get around to visit with everyone! What with gas prices being what they are... and are going to be, it would sure be a money saver. (Wonder what a bag of horse feed costs now?)

The District Rider Education Staff really, really appreciated all the help we received from the Chapter Educators, not only in helping in selling tire tickets during the past 6 months, but assisting at the RE table during the Rally. Anne and I had the opportunity to have nice chats with a lot of the Chapter Educators, which was very nice. Anne stated that it was the most help she and Janet have had in a long time. It gave Anne and Janet the time to take a break, grab a bite to eat, or just kick back and take a breather. Thanks to all who helped. And thanks to everyone that stopped by and chatted a few minutes.

With the nice weather we are having (even if it is hot weather), riding will be on the upswing. With that in mind, I want to offer a quick reminder. Stay HYDRATED!!! Of course, the best thing to drink is water. Try not to drink colas or coffee, as it does not have the desired results. There will be more on this subject next month.

And, as always, always be watchful for the unwatchful

RSHF,
Chuck and Anne Reed
Georgia Senior District Educators