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GWRRA Georgia

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Where Can I Ride To Have Fun

Upcoming Events

To start off, Chapter Q is having their Annual Burger Burn and Dessert Auction. The event will be held at the Museum of Aviation at Robins Air Force Base in Warner Robins. The Burger Burn and Dessert Auction is becoming well known for its fantastic homemade desserts that are auctioned off to the highest bidder. If you have a special dessert that you are famous for, donate it to be auctioned off for a worthy cause. All proceeds from the auction are donated to support the local Meals on Wheels program. The next event in September will be the Region A Rally. This year the rally will be held at the Holiday Inn, Dothan South on September 11th through the 13th. The theme is luau so break out that flowered shirt and grass skirt you've been saving for a special occasion and come over to Dothan for some great food, fun, and friendship. If you would like to visit other Chapters, we have a Chapter Meeting list on the Georgia website that provides meeting dates, times, locations, names, telephone numbers and email addresses of Chapter Directors. While you are browsing the District website, you may want to check out the Chapter Info page to look at Chapter websites for rides and events. I know they would love to have you and it can be lots of fun. You can find all upcoming events for the next few months inside this newsletter.

More information on events in Georgia and Region A can be found on the Georgia District website at <http://gwrri-ga.com/>.

Wind Down 2008

Just a reminder that your Georgia District Staff will be hosting Wind Down at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Macon again this year. John and Linda Zimmer, Chapter Directors of Chapter X, have graciously offered their assistance in preparing the menu of exquisitely prepared hot dogs and hamburgers, chips and drinks. We will begin the festivities at 10:00AM, have lunch around 11:30AM and begin the District Couple Of the Year selection at 12:30PM. Make sure to come and support your Chapter Couple as they take the next step to becoming the next Georgia District Couple Of the Year.

Our Thanks For Many Years of Service

After 14 years of serving the members of GWRRA in a variety of Staff positions, Dolly Dodd has decided to take a break and pass the Georgia District Website on to Carlos and Dee Lozano. Dolly and Bill will remain active in GWRRA but in a more relaxed position. When you see Dolly and Bill, please pass along your thanks for all their help and welcome Carlos and Dee as the new Georgia District Webmasters as well as your District newsletter editors.

GOOD THINGS TO KNOW

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 6 - GA-Q 5th Annual Dessert Auction & Burger Burn: Festivities begin at 11:00am at the Museum of Aviation in Warner Robins, 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 11 - GA-L's Fund Raiser for Breast Cancer: Details to be made available shortly.

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

October 4 - GA-E2 Fun Day: 11:30am to 3:30pm at "The Ponderosa", 14120 Mud Road, Brooklet, GA. For more information, contact Roy Bridges at 912-823-2743

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

November 1 - Wind Down: 10am to 2pm; Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, 5455 Mt. Pleasant Church Road, Macon, GA, 31216

November 22 - GA-H2 Toy Run: Details to be made available shortly.

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

Heartfelt Sympathy To:

- Ray O'Conner and family on the loss of Elsie
- Carmen & George McCall on the loss of Carmen's sister, Amy Williams



Among Our Sick:

- Clarence Gregory - GA-B2, Surgery
- Grandpa Bob Campbell - GA-B2, Surgery
- Mike Sheldon; brother of Traci Thrasher - GA-S, Leukemia
- Bill Hatfield - GA-S, Kidney Surgery
- Gene Shephard - GA-Q, Kidney
- Lynn Register - GA-A2, In hospital



Meeting Changes

- GA-G2 - September meeting date change; 14th (2nd Saturday instead of normal 3rd Saturday)
- GA-V - September 6 meeting time change; eat at 8:00am meet at 9:00am

GA Traveler's Plaque

Chapter GA-Q captured the Traveler's Plaque from GA-D. The plaque will once again be available on Saturday, September 6, at the 'Burger Burn' at Robins AFB Museum of Aviation. Festivities begin at 11:00 AM.

Region A Wanderer

The current Region A Wanderer has been removed from service and will be awarded at the Region A Rally this month. A new plaque will be placed in service after the rally. **Chapter FL2-E** of Miami, FL will be offering the new plaque for capture at a date to be announced after the rally.

From your District Membership Enhancement Coordinators

Sid & Donna Cohen

In August Donna and I were invited to ride with Chapter B-2 to Bowling Green Ky. We had a wonderful time. Not only was it a safe organized ride, but they kept everyone's comfort zone in mind. They even found time to enjoy a little trivia game by playing 'Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader'. While in Bowling Green, we visited the Corvette Museum, where Donna had no problem with souvenirs. Chapter B-2 arranged the motel for the overnight stay, the impassable ice cream parlor and a great place for dinner. The whole trip was just fantastic. While on the trip, Donna and I were able to pass out GWRRA membership applications. When we visit chapters, the most important item I like to mention is carrying applications for GWRRA, The Gold Book and a Wing World or two. They are so important. You never know when someone will walk over to you and want to talk about your bike, or theirs. It is a simple way to ask if they are members of GWRRA. We actually met one person who has owned a Goldwing for quite a while. He said he knew nothing about GWRRA or a Chapter in the area. Donna and I were so happy to help him with everything. That is why it is so important to always carry applications with you. Put your GWRRA membership number and name on the bottom of each application so when you are talking about GWRRA and Chapter life you are ready to give the application to your new friend. Remember, when they submit their application, you will receive credit for recruiting a new member and receive a 'Find A Friend' pin from the home office to wear on your vest. Donna and I look forward to visiting your Chapter in the near future.

Ride safe and often,

Sid and Donna Cohen; Membership Enhancement Coordinators

From your Assist. District Directors & Public Relations Coordinators

Sherrel & Kay Davis

Importance of Chapter Websites

It seems that most everyone is using the internet for everything from entertainment to information. You may have read that newspaper publishers are losing readers at a rapid pace and this is credited to the increased use of the internet.

How does this relate to GWRRA Chapter websites, you ask. Simple! When a person gets a Gold Wing and joins GWRRA they are likely to start looking for groups that share the same interest. If your Chapter has a website, you more than likely will get a call or an email from the new Winger looking for more information about your "club." Or, as just happened at one North Georgia Chapter, the new Winger just might wander in to your gathering looking to be on staff. We like it when this happens!

If your Chapter does not have a website, your District is ready to help you. First of all, the District has made space available on their server to host your site. There is no charge for this hosting service. Plus, the support doesn't stop there. The Public Relations folks in Georgia will build a website for your Chapter and upload it to the District server. There is no charge for this service. PR will do monthly updates to your site, with information supplied by your Chapter for a reasonable period of time, while you look for a webmaster. How can you or your Chapter lose?

If you are interested in this offer, contact Bill & Betty Livingston, Carlos & Dee Lozano or Sherrel & Kay Davis. We will tell you what we need from your Chapter to get started.



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



Do You Have an Action Plan?

Action plan? Action plan for what? Well, for those “Out-Of-Nowhere” hazards we all encounter at one time or another while riding our motorcycles. Pot holes, road kill, trash in your lane, things falling (or flying) off vehicles in front of you and those ever present sudden swerving 4-wheelers that apparently want your lane, even though you are still in it! These and so many other things that come at you out of nowhere. Missing these sudden hazards is a combination of luck and your riding skills.

Some riders tend to look 20-25 feet in front of their front tire. That just does not give you any reaction time at all. All Rider Courses stress for the rider to look further ahead. I know if you have taken a certified riding course, one of the things that you continually hear stressed is: If you look down, that is probably where you are going to go. And looking ahead is especially true during cornering exercises. “Look where you want to go” is pretty good advice! If you are looking a few feet ahead of your front tire, you will move past what you see before you have time to think about it. If you are looking just 20-25 feet in front of you and see a pot hole while traveling at 50MPH, you will not have sufficient reaction time to avoid that obstacle. So, try to plan ahead. Look as far in front as you can clearly see. The sooner you know where the problem is, the more time you have to react to the potential hazard. So, now you can react to that hazard; BUT, can you?

What is around you? Which way do you go to avoid the problem? Try to know what is next to you, behind you and in front of you. You’ve got to react. You are either going to the right, left or brake. You do not have much time to figure out what you have to do. Know your surroundings. Left lane clear of vehicles? Right lane? Anyone tailgating you, to where you can’t apply brakes? Be aware of what is around you. Don’t tailgate! Give yourself room to move to an escape route if the rider/driver in front of you has a sudden change of travel or if an out-of-nowhere hazard confronts you. If someone wants to pass you, let them. Try to maintain your spacing when traveling with a group. It is safer for the entire group. With road debris, most people see it, stare at it and then hit it! Program your mind to think of what to do to NOT hit something. Your goal is to ride safely around the hazard. Alertness and reaction time go hand-in-hand. And choose wisely. If two or more potential hazards are facing you, a ladder in the road, a 4-wheeler next to you in the left lane, a pickup riding on your license plate, and the right lane open to a small ditch, which one are you going to choose? Not many options here and not much time to make a decision and react to that decision. The ditch may not be absolutely safe, but it is better than your other options.

Plan ahead, choose wisely and ride safely.

And as always, always be watchful for the unwatchful.

RSHF,

Chuck and Anne Reed; Georgia Senior District Educators