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GWRRA - Georgia

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2008 Chapter Of the Year Selected

Georgia's 2008 Chapter Of the Year

The Chapter Of the Year Program is designed to recognize Chapters that excel in areas important to the success of Chapters and that show success in member recruitment and retention. This year, five of Georgia's most active Chapters submitted the required documents to compete for the Georgia District Chapter Of the Year. Chapters GA-A, GA-B, GA-D, GA-E2, and GA-L were scored in categories such as membership growth, leadership and rider education training and significant events held during the year to promote fun and participation. After many weeks of scoring, the Chapter that scored the most number of points was Chapter L of Rome. We congratulate David and Denise Newby, Chapter Directors, and the other Chapter Directors for their dedication to provide fun and excitement for their members and for participating in this very successful program. If you would like to learn more, please visit the Membership Enhancement page of the Georgia District web site at <http://gwrra-ga.com>.

Let's Go For a Ride

The weather is starting to warm up and there are plenty of events coming up that will provide an excellent excuse to dust off the scooter and get

out and enjoy a nice ride. Lots of Chapters are planning rides to some very entertaining and fun places and I know they would be delighted to have you join them. Just check out the Georgia web site and browse through the Chapter web pages and pick a ride of your choice and take a ride with your friends. Other events coming up are the Florida District Wing Gathering in Kissimmee, Florida on March 12, 13 and 14; and we don't want to miss the Irish Get-A-Way in Dublin on March 20th and 21st, which will be back at the Civitan Fair Grounds. On March 26th, 27th and 28th, the Alabama District Rally will be held in Pelham, Alabama, and, on March 28th, Chapter X will hold their annual Cherry Blossom Pedal in Macon. For more information on upcoming events, please check the Georgia website at gwrra-ga.com.

IRS Form 990N Filing Requirement

Beginning in 2009, all Chapters are required to file a form 990N with the IRS. This can be accomplished via the internet at <http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=169250,00.html>. Just go to the site and follow the instructions. Please contact your District Treasurer John Andrews at Andrewsj@mchsi.com when you file or if your EIN is not recognized or if you cannot file for any other reason, Each Chapter must file by 15 May 2009.

GOOD THINGS TO KNOW

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 28 - Chapter Skills Training Program: Dawsonville, GA; Visit the District Website at www.gwr-ra-ga.com for more information or contact Dave Aikens at 478-953-4886.

March 12-14 - Florida District Rally: "Under the Sea"; Kissimmee, FL

March 20-21 - GA-A2 Irish Getaway: Civitan Club Fairgrounds, 2503 Hwy 257, Dublin, GA, 310210. For more information, contact Gene & Pat Whiddon at 478-986-5678.

March 26-28 - Alabama District Rally: "Southern Hospitality Alabama Style"; Pelham, AL

March 28 - GA-X Cherry Blossom Pedal: Doors open at 10am, Tours start at 1pm. Howard Community Club, 5645 Forsyth Rd., Macon, GA 31210. For more information call John Zimmer at 478-474-8821.

April 4 - GA-T Spring Fling: Tuckston United Methodist Church, 4175 Lexington Road, Athens, GA; 10am - 2pm. For more information, contact Tommy Martin at 678-725-1632.

April 25 - Chapter Skills Training Program: Golden Corral in Dublin, GA; Visit the District Website at www.gwr-ra-ga.com for more information or contact Dave Aikens at 478-953-4886.

April 30 - May 2 - South Carolina District Rally: "Masquerade"; Myrtle Beach, SC

May 16 - GA-H Fun Day: Albany Exchange Club Fairgrounds, 810 S. Westover Blvd., Albany, GA. 11am - 2pm. For more information, contact Jeff Verner at 229-883-5598

June 11-13 - Georgia Wing Fling: A Journey Thru Time to the Old West - "Goldwing Style"; Hiwassee, GA. Visit the Georgia website at www.gwr-ra-ga.com for more information, or, ask any member of the Georgia District Staff.

July 2-5 - Wing Ding 31: Tulsa Expo Square, Tulsa, OK

August 16 - GA-Z Bowling Challenge: Fayette Fun Bowl, 124 N. Highway 85 in Fayetteville, GA. Festivities begin at 12pm. More information to be coming soon.

September 26 - GA-Q Burger Burn & Dessert Auction: Museum of Aviation; Warner Robins, GA. More information contact Frank Ricigliano at 478-953-3886.

October 17 - GA-L Fun Day: Proceeds go to Breast Cancer Research. Dykes Creek Baptist Church Activities Center, 46 Dykes Creek Church Road, Rome, GA; 10am to 2pm. More information contact David Newby at 706-295-1714.

October 24 - GA-A Halloween Fun Day: 10am to 3pm, High Falls State Park, Jackson, GA. Awards and closing ceremonies begin at 2pm. For more information, contact Bob McCroskey at 770-954-1924.

Region A Wanderer

FL2-G will offer the Region A Wanderer on Saturday, March 7, 2009 at Sun Sports Cycle, 3441 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33912. 11am to 2pm.

Heartfelt Sympathy To:

- Jimmy & Brenda Davis on the passing of Jimmy's sister, Jean (Sissy) Baughcum
- Steve & Dottie Fagan on the passing of Dottie's brother, James



Meeting Changes

- GA-I - New meeting location and date; Chop House Grill, 203 South Main St., Madison, GA, on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Eat at 6:30pm; meet at 7:30pm.
- GA-E2 - New meeting time: Eat at 3:00pm; meet at 4:00pm. Date remains the same.

GA Traveler's Plaque

Chapter GA-L will offer the Traveler's Plaque on Saturday, March 7, 2009 at Western Sizzlin, 801 Martha Berry Blvd., Rome, GA. Eat at 12pm, Plaque festivities begin at 1pm.

Among Our Sick:

- Roger McGaha - Head Injury from Fall
- Judy Ciccarone - Back Surgery
- Mary Jane Kennedy - Hip Replacement
- Leon Swain - Knee Replacement
- BJ Hohman - Surgery
- James Kitchen - Pneumonia
- Cheryl Lambert (Carey Hancock's mother) - Cancer
- Pete Woodruff - Broken Ankle



From your 2009 District Couple of the Year *Carlos & Dee Lozano*

Our Magical Journey

A year ago when we were selected as the Couple of the Year for Chapter 'S', we were so surprised and so honored! In our estimation, there were so many couples who deserved this most treasured recognition.

Our 'special' year as the Chapter Couple of the Year flew by. We really enjoyed being part of this special group of Gold Wingers. Nothing really changed for us because we continued to do what we had always done. We rode a lot, we had fun, we visited a lot of chapters and we had more fun with one exception; we were treated like royalty. Most chapters offer Couples of the Year free admission to their fun days or special events. Some chapters pay for your meal, while others give you special prizes for attending their meetings/events. Being announced as one of the Chapter Couples of the Year at these meetings/fun days is also very special. It makes you feel so proud to be part of such a terrific chapter and GWRRA as a whole.

When it came time to make a decision as to whether we would participate in the District Couple of the Year selection, there was no hesitation. Our Chapter honored us so we, in turn, wanted to honor them by participating in this process. We put all of our information together for submission, talked out what we would say and practiced our turns (ha! ha!). Before you knew it, the selection process was upon us. We were so shocked and really so excited to see all the support that we had at this event. It was as always, great fun! When our names were called out as the new Georgia District Couple of the Year, we were just so extremely proud and happy. It truly is an honor to represent all of our friends and it has also allowed us to make even more friends doing what we love to do. We ride a lot, we have fun, we meet new friends, and we have more fun. We attend all the meetings and fun days that time allows, just as we had always done with one exception; we attend them as your Georgia District Couple of the Year! So you see, our life really didn't change, it just got better! We are enjoying this year so much and we want to thank all of you, our friends, for making our life so much more special!

We plan to make you all proud at the Region Couple of the Year selection process in September, because we want to be the next 'Region Couple of the Year'. Thank you for always welcoming us as we visit your meeting/event. We are proud to have such wonderful friends! Look for us... we hope to visit you soon!

2009 Chapter Couples of the Year

GA-A Roy & Julie Degler	GA-J Ron & Beverly McDonald
GA-A2 Gene & Pat Whiddon	GA-L Marvin & Vicki Seritt
GA-B2 Bill & Shirley Morris	GA-Q Maynard & Chrys Watson
GA-C2 Charles & Joyce Shedd	GA-S Bob Hayes & Faith Gann
GA-E Billy & Robin Peoples	GA-T Alan & Jeanna Phillips
GA-E2 Robert & Trish Payne	GA-W Paul & Carey Hancock
GA-H Rich & Marilyn Morgan	GA-Z Paul & Lorraine Burt



From your Region A Rider Educators
Chuck and Anne Reed



Moving On. . .

As most of you know, Anne and I have been appointed as the new Region A Rider Educators. Which means that we are no longer the Georgia Senior Educators. We leave with a degree of sadness, yet with a degree of anticipation as we look forward to continuing all the Rider Education programs in Region A. It will be a challenge to follow Ron and Pam Lantz (who moved up to be National Assistant Rider Educators) and to continue and further the work they have accomplished.

But we will miss seeing everyone as much as we did, while we visited with the Chapters throughout the District. Everyone has been so supportive of our endeavors and so understanding of our booboos. But because of you, Georgia has made tremendous strides in the Rider Education fields, and we sincerely hope this will continue with your new District Educator. Georgia Rider Education has improved in every single category and with your continued support, Georgia will continue to improve. Anne and I ask that you give your full support to the new District Educators, Tommy and Vicky Martin, as they take over the Rider Ed programs. Fresh faces and fresh ideas will be taking place and Georgia will continue to move forward.

To all our Georgia GWRRA friends and family, we will miss all the fun, cutting up and mischief we have gotten into. But, as I said, we are not leaving, so don't be surprised when we drop in to your Chapter meetings. The nice thing about this will be, when you see us, we are not there for "business", we are there just because we want to see you. And again, our deep, heartfelt appreciation for what you have done for Anne and I and more importantly, for Georgia Rider Education.

So, just one more time... Always be watchful for the unwatchful...

RSHF,
Chuck and Anne Reed
Region A Rider Educators

From your District Leadership Trainers

Dave & Sharon Aikens

Spring is almost here along with some good riding opportunities. We have also had some good training activities that a good number of you have participated in. Please continue to encourage our members to participate; it will make your chapters stronger and more successful.

We have had to change one of our training events; the March 7 class (Chapter Leadership Skills), originally scheduled to be held at Priester's in Perry, GA, has been rescheduled for April 25, at the Golden Corral in Dublin, GA. It seems that most of our registered class attendees for the March 7 class decided they would rather participate in some crazy plaque attack thing. To top that off, Priester's has decided that, since they no longer serve meals, they needed to charge us for the training room we were to use. When it rains, it pours! Actually, that works out okay because this change will give some of our members over toward Savannah an opportunity to participate in this great class.

Remember, the more you know, the better it gets.

Dave & Sharon
District Leadership Trainers