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# GWRRRA - Georgia

April 2009



## Plaque Attack Time

### Let's Go Get the Plaque

### Georgia District Rally

On the 14th of March, Tommy and Vicky Martin, as Chapter Directors for Chapter T in Athens, took a large group of dedicated long distance riders to Florida with the quest of bringing the Region A Wanderer back to Georgia. When the dust settled, the riders counted and mileage tallied, they brought the Region A Wanderer back to Georgia. As many of us know, this is not an easy task and there have been many attempts from several Georgia Chapters to capture the coveted Wanderer only to be disappointed by coming up short due to a huge display of members from a Florida Chapter chasing the plaque. This can be the year that Georgia holds claim to the plaque that four other Districts want so desperately. The Region Wanderer will be offered at Chapter's GA-T's Spring Fling at Tuckston United Methodist Church at 4175 Lexington Road in Athens on April 4th. For more information about the Spring Fling, check the Georgia District web page at <http://gwrra-ga.com>. If you would like to gather a group of riders and take the opportunity to get the Georgia District Travelers Plaque, it will also be available on April 4, 2009 at GA-T's Spring Fling in Athens. What a great opportunity to capture both plaques! Join the fun. Get a group of riders together and ride to Athens. We hope to see you there!

Your Georgia District Staff continue to work very hard to give you a rally experience that you will never forget. Our Thursday Night dinner will be prepared by famous GWRRRA Chefs Sid and Donna Cohen who will prepare a succulent barbeque meal that will please your pallet. A sunset ride through the North Georgia mountains will be right after dinner. We also have a boot scootin dance and costume contest on Thursday. On Friday, we will provide for you the most sought after talent in the business. I am sure the Georgia District Staff will also provide some of their limited talent. On Saturday, we will have our Chapter Challenge race and lots of fun and games. The host hotel is full, but the Holiday Inn Express still has rooms available.

### IRS Form 990N Filing Requirement

This is a last reminder that 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](mailto:Andrewsj@mchsi.com) when you file. You must file by April 15th.

# GOOD THINGS TO KNOW

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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 11 - Leadership Training - Chapter Life Program:** Horseshoe Restaurant, Hawkinsville, GA; Visit the District Website at [www.gwr-ra-ga.com](http://www.gwr-ra-ga.com) for more information or contact Dave Aikens at 478-953-4886.

**April 18 - Leadership Training - Instructor Development:** UAB Hospital, Bessemer, AL; Visit the District Website at [www.gwr-ra-ga.com](http://www.gwr-ra-ga.com) for more information or contact Dave Aikens at 478-953-4886.

**April 25 - Leadership Training - Chapter Skills Training Program:** Golden Corral in Dublin, GA; Visit the District Website at [www.gwr-ra-ga.com](http://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

**May 30 - Leadership Training - Life Skills Program:** Uncle Sam's, McDonough, GA; Visit the District Website at [www.gwr-ra-ga.com](http://www.gwr-ra-ga.com) for more information or contact Dave Aikens at 478-953-4886

**June 11-13 - Georgia Wing Fling:** A Journey Thru Time to the Old West - "Goldwing Style"; Hiawassee, GA. Visit the Georgia website at [www.gwr-ra-ga.com](http://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 5 - GA-V 10 Year Birthday Party:** 1:00 - 4:30pm, Hawkinsville, GA. For more information, call 478-230-1893 or 478-892-2564.

**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

GA-T will offer the Region A Wanderer on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at their Annual Spring Fling; Tuckston United Methodist Church, 4175 Lexington Rd., Athens, GA 33912. 10am to 2pm.

## Heartfelt Sympathy To:

- Frank & Linda Owens on the loss of Frank's mother, Ila
- Pam & Larry Clemmer on the loss of Pam's brother, Jeffery Bouldin



## Meeting Changes

- GA-G - Columbus: Now meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month; they eat at 6pm and meet at 7pm at Cooks Restaurant in Columbus.

## GA Traveler's Plaque

Chapter GA-T will offer the Traveler's Plaque on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at their Annual Spring Fling; Tuckston United Methodist Church, 4175 Lexington Rd., Athens, GA 33912. 10am to 2pm.

## Among Our Sick:

- Julie Degler - Blood Clot
- MJ Kennedy - Hip Replacement
- Art Kennedy - Stint Blockage
- Bob Greer - Knee Replacement
- Nelson Ault & Donna Feigenbaum - Injuries from auto accident
- DeaLinda Boren - Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia



## From your District Webmasters & Newsletter Editors

### *Carlos & Dee Lozano*

### Your District Website - A Great Source for Information

How often do you visit your Georgia District website? If you are like me, you visit it frequently. Why? There are lots of reasons.

Verifying Chapter Meeting Times and Locations: For numerous reasons, meeting times and locations frequently change. On the *Chapter Info* page of your District website you can find a current listing of 'Meeting Times and Locations'. This list also contains the names, phone numbers, and email addresses of each Chapter Director, which can be real handy. Also on the *Chapter Info* page, you can find direct links to each Chapter's websites (for those that have websites).

Verifying Chapter, District, and Regional Events: A list of Chapter, District and Region events is maintained on the *Coming Events* page of your District website. Here, you can verify dates, times, and locations of events that you are interested in. Usually, you will find a direct link to an event flyer, a contact email, and/or the event sponsor's website.

Verifying Leadership Training Schedule: Maintained on the *Leadership Training* page of your District website is an updated listing of all scheduled Leadership Training Programs. The importance of this training can not be overstated and, here, you can locate a program that fits your availability, a copy of the registration form, and contact information for our District Trainers. As a bonus, you can find photos of recent training programs (if they have been submitted).

Check Latest Plaque Information: On the *Traveler Plaque Info* page, you can find current information relative to both the 'Georgia Travelers Plaque' and the 'Region A Wanderer'. Who's got them? Where and when are they being offered? You'll find the information you're looking for here. As a bonus, you can also find photos of all recent plaque capture (again, if they have been submitted).

Obtaining a Copy of the District Newsletter: Whether you want a copy of the current month's District newsletter... or an issue dating back a full year, you'll be able to download it from the *Newsletters* page of your District website.

Contact Information for District Staff: Do you need to contact a member of your District staff? If so, you can quickly find their phone numbers and direct links to their email on the *GA's Staff* page.

Well, it is not my goal to write a book, so, I'll condense the rest. Rider Education, Motorist Awareness, Membership Enhancement, Recruitment & Retention, Couple of the Year Information, Classifieds and more. There is a wealth of information that is easy to find.

Oh, you don't want to search through all the pages looking for something new? Click on the 'What's New on Georgia's Website' link on the *Home* page to view a summary of recent changes.

Lastly, the Georgia District website is yours. If you have suggestions or see deficiencies, please let me know. I'll do my best to make improvements.

### 2009 Chapter Couples of the Year

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



**From your District Rider Educators**  
***Tommy & Vicky Martin***



Vicky and I are honored to have been asked by District Directors Bill and Betty Livingston, to be your new District Educators. We know that it will not be an easy task to fill the spot of Chuck and Anne Reed. However, we will give it our best and with your support, we feel that Georgia Rider Education will continue to move forward.

Vicky and I have been members of GWRRA since 1999. We will have been married 33 years as of June, 2009. We have three children and six granddaughters. We have served in many GWRRA positions at the chapter level, with the most recent being Chapter Director of GA-T for a second term.

We are excited about our new position and are looking forward to working with the Chapter Educators throughout the District. It is our goal for every member to be prepared, enjoy every ride and return safely home. We encourage all members to get involved in the Levels Program and sincerely appreciate the efforts of all the Educators in this Association.

Tommy & Vicky Martin  
District Educators

**From your District Leadership Trainers**  
***Dave & Sharon Aikens***

Here is some great news for all of you who are looking for training opportunities. We have added several more classes to our training calendar for your learning pleasure. Just to keep it simple, I'm going to list everything on our calendar so you won't have to look elsewhere for the information. Here goes:

April 11	Chapter Life Program	Horseshoe Restaurant	Hawkinsville	8:30 am
April 18	Instructor Development	UAB Hospital	Bessemer, AL	8:30 am
April 25	Chapter Leadership Skills	Golden Corral	Dublin	8:30 am
May 30	Life Skills Program	Uncle Sam's	McDonough	8:30 am
Aug 1	Intermediate Skills	Ryan's Steakhouse	Dawsonville	8:30 am
Aug 15	Intermediate Skills	TBD	TBD	8:30 am
Aug 22	Chapter Life Program	Westside Restaurant	Newnan	8:30 am
Aug 29	Advanced Leadership	TBD	TBD	8:30 am

If you wish to register for any of the above programs, download the Training Registration Form from the Georgia District Website, write in the appropriate date and name of the class you wish to attend, add in the additional info as requested, and forward to me at aikensdl@cox.net.

As you can see, we have two classes that don't have a home as yet. If you know of a location that can accommodate about 20-25 folks for a full day training session, let us know.

Dave & Sharon Aikens