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GWRRA - Georgia

November 2009



Counting Down 2009 Means...

Preparing for Cool Weather Riding

Coming from Montana, I can definitely tell you that there are some advantages to living in this part of the country. One advantage is that you can enjoy riding your motorcycle all twelve months of the year, if you are so inclined. Dee and I do; and I know many of you do too.

Oh, I know that you know to dress in layers and to check weather forecasts; but, I want to ask all of you riders to be mindful of what your co-rider experiences on a cool ride. Remember, they are more greatly impacted by the cold air, that is mostly deflected around you by your windshield. The same amount or type of clothing that you wear may not be sufficient to keep your co-rider warm. If your co-rider is cold, they won't enjoy the ride... And if they don't enjoy the ride, they'll be less likely to join you on some of your cool weather rides.

Wind Down - November 14

Where did 2009 go? Just a few weeks ago, Dee and I were selected as the 2009 District Couple of the Year... Wait a minute, that was a full year ago! Well, as difficult as it is to believe, 2009 is nearly over. Soon, we will be preparing for the holiday season. So, it really is time to make preparations for the end of 2009; it is time for 'Wind Down'.

This year, Wind Down will be held at the Tuckston United Methodist Church in Athens. Make plans to attend and let us treat you to lunch and dessert and then show your chapter pride by supporting the chapter couples as they honor their respective Chapters by participating in the District Couple of the Year selection process. We are so proud of each and every one of these special couples. It is truly an honor to make this day special for them. They are all deserving. Come join the fun!

I know you often struggle to find a free weekend and I know, for many of you, Athens is a pretty fair distance; but still, I want to ask all of you GWRRA members throughout Georgia to consider attending. Your District staff wants an opportunity to thank you for everything you've done this year. Make the trip and we will make it worth your while. Let us wait on you. This day is for you! The Georgia District is the best and it is the best because of you, the members. Thank you for all you do!

GOOD THINGS TO KNOW

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 14 - Wind Down: 10am to 3pm; District Couple of the Year Selection, free meal, fun and games. Tuckston United Methodist Church, 4175 Lexington Road, Athens, GA. For more information, contact Carlos or Dee Lozano at 770-932-4007, or any District staff member.

November 21 - GA-H2 Santa Toy Run: 11am; meet at Po-Jo's Truck Stop (just North of I-16 on Hwy 301S). Contact Curtis Gay at 912-582-9035 for more information.

January 16, 2010 - Chilly Willy (and officer's meeting): The date is tentative... and we're still working on securing the location. Check out the Events Page of the District website at www.gwr-ra-ga.com for the most current status.

February 13 - GA-S Sweetheart Poker Run: Activities begin at 10am; Closing at 2pm; Midway Christian Church, 1406 Hog Mountain Rd., Winder, GA 30680. Contact Ken or Traci

Thrasher at 706-310-1041 for more information.

March 11-13 - Florida District Rally: "Believe in Wing Magic", Kissimmee, FL.

March 18-20 - GA-A2 Irish Get-Away: Sportsman Club, Dublin, GA. Contact Chuck or BJ Hohman at 478-279-1678.

April 1-3, Alabama District Rally: "2010 - A Wing Odyssey", Huntsville, AL.

April 10, GA-T Spring Fling: Get ready to kick off 2010. Time, location, menu, and other details will be announced soon.

April 28-May 1, South Carolina District Rally: "Doin' Charleston - Southern Style", Charleston, SC.

June 17-19 - Georgia District Rally - Wing Fling 2010: "American Gold Wing Bandstand", Hiawassee, GA. Check out the District website at www.gwr-ra-ga.com for current information and/or for a registration form.

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-D	Phillip & Terri Kozlowski	GA-T	Alan & Jeanna Phillips
GA-E	Billy & Robin Peoples	GA-V	Buck & Dianne Harden
GA-E2	Robert & Trish Payne	GA-W	Paul & Carey Hancock
GA-H	Rich & Marilyn Morgan	GA-Z	Paul & Lorraine Burt

GA Traveler's Plaque

Chapter GA-E2 captured the Traveler's Plaque. The 2009 Traveler's Plaque will be retired at Wind Down. A new 2010 Traveler's Plaque, along with new rules, will be issued at Wind Down.

Region A Wanderer

GA-L will offer the Region A Wanderer on Saturday, November 21, 2009 at Western Sizzlin; 801 Martha Berry Parkway, Rome, GA. They will eat at 4:00PM and meet at 5:00PM.

Meeting Changes

- No reported changes this month.
- If you have a change in your meeting time or location, please notify Carlos & Dee Lozano by e-mail at georgiadd@cmlozano.com; or by telephone at 770.932.4007.

Heartfelt Sympathy To:

- Sharon and Dave Aikens on the passing of Sharon's sister, Patty
- LaJuana (Cheyenne) Hayes on the passing of her sister



From your District Leadership Trainers *Dave & Sharon Aikens*

Chapter Directors – We need your help! We're setting up the training schedule for next year and we need to know if any of you would like to have a Horizon Program scheduled for your area. Please check with your members to get an idea of how many we could expect to attend one of the two Horizon Programs we want to schedule. This would be a good time to get any of your new members in-the-know about how everything in GWRRA works. We also need ideas for good training locations. Restaurants don't work well for the Horizon classes due to the large crowds most restaurants get on Sunday mornings. A good hotel/motel with a training area (conference room or meeting room) that will seat 30-35 people classroom-style is the best. If you know of a location that might work, please let us know so we can make the necessary arrangements.

The initial plan is to conduct a Horizon Program on 30-31 Jan, and 20-21 Feb, 2010. These dates will remain flexible until we lock in specific locations. We will also be conducting all the other one-day programs as in the past. Locations and dates for these classes have not been locked in at this time. We should have some firm dates/locations/classes by Wind Down.

Our main emphasis this coming year is to have as many CDs and ACDs as possible attend the Chapter Leadership Skills Program. This is the program that follows behind the Horizon Program. We hope to see all of you at one of these classes. After all, the more you know the better it gets.

Dave & Sharon Aikens

Late Addition:

On Nov 7, we will be presenting an LTD Instructor Development class. The class will be conducted at Ryan's in Dawsonville, starting at 9:00 am and finishing around 4:00 pm (depending on number of students). If you know of anyone that would be interested in becoming an Instructor – please let them know; then let us know so we have an idea of how many students to expect and can prepare enough class materials. Any current instructor that would like to sit in on the class for a refresher – feel free to come join us.

A Recruitment Challenge *From the Home Office*

The Chapter that recruits the most new members by December 15th of 2009 will have their 2010 charter fee paid by the Home Office and each chapter member attending Wing Ding in Des Moines will get \$10.00 off their registration.

The chapter that recruits the most new members by November 1st of 2010 will have their charter fee for 2011 paid by the Home Office and each member will receive 50% off their Wing Ding registration for 2011. The winning chapter will also receive a handsome trophy with their name inscribed which will rotate each year to the next winning chapter.

The Chapter that gets the most former (fully expired) members to re-join by December 15th of 2009 will have their 2010 charter fee paid by the Home Office and each member will get \$10.00 off their Wing Ding registration for Des Moines in 2010.

From your District Treasurers
John & Sheila Andrews

Second reminder to all Chapter Treasurers: I must have all Charter Fees paid to National by December 1, 2009. Please help me by ensuring that I have your fees by November 16, 2009. You may send them at anytime to me or Carlos Lozano. Please, if anyone has any questions or problems, feel free to email or call. If you have any comments or suggestions on improvements, send them to me as well. Also Remember: 1) The annual Financial Reports are due no later than January 30, 2010. This allows me

time to do my reports required by Region. My email is andrewsj@mchsi.com or phone 229-889-8738. My mailing address is 3201 Pinyon Dr, Albany GA 31721. 2) All Chapters need New Signature cards with the District Director change. A complete Financial package includes a Cover Sheet, Financial report signed by both Chapter Director and Treasurer, Inventory sheet(s), and the December Bank statement. Any questions, please call or email.



From your District Rider Educators
Tommy & Vicky Martin



COMING TOGETHER for RIDER EDUCATION

Vicky and I are really excited about the Rider Education Fun Day held in Rome, GA on October 3rd. We feel that the event was a wonderful success. We had outstanding support shown by the members. The weather was absolutely wonderful. It started off a little cool & foggy, but the fog lifted about 9:30 and we had a sunny day with mild temperatures. There were a total of 72 members in attendance for the event and Chapter L provided lunch for everyone.

The participation was very good. Everyone came with a positive attitude and eager to sharpen their skills or learn something new about safe riding. Below are some of the statistics from the event:

- 24 members participated in the PLP's
- 16 members participated in the Co-Rider seminar
- 10 members participated in the Team Riding Seminar
- 12 members were certified in Medic First Aid (CPR & First-Aid)

By completing one or more of the courses at this event, several of the participants were able to move up in the Rider Ed Levels Program. Below is a summary of Levels changes:

- New to Level I = 2
- Level I to Level II = 10
- Level II to Level III = 4

This was our first time (Trial Run) for this type of Rider Education Event. We have only received positive feed back about the event. Everyone seemed to like the fact that several courses were offered at one location on the same day. We look forward to having more of these events in the future.

Tommy & Vicky Martin
Georgia District Educators