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GWRRRA - Georgia

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Thank You All



Wing Fling 2010

Wing fling is over for 2010 and there are plenty of folks that Dee and I need to thank. First of all, we'd like to thank the entire District Team. They worked extremely hard to provide you with an educational and fun experience. We'd also like to thank the vendors that traveled to Hiawassee to offer their wares. Thanks must also be given to the Host Hotels and the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds for their gracious hospitality.

Foremost however, we would like to thank each and every member that came to support Wing Fling. Wing Fling is put on for all of you. We hope you enjoyed yourselves this year. For those of you who volunteered, this year we provided 'Volunteer Pins'. We hope you will wear those with pride.

Wing Ding 32

By the time this newsletter is distributed, Wing Ding will be in full swing. We know that Des Moines, Iowa is a long haul from Georgia. Still, we hope that several of you were able to make the trip north and enjoy all that Wing Ding has to offer. Friday, Georgia is responsible for ticket sales. To those that volunteer to help, thanks!

Wing Fling 2011

By now, you've likely heard that Wing Fling 2011 will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Duluth, GA.

To those whom have already registered, we thank you so much.

Our new host hotel has over 300 lovely guest rooms, superb meeting and activity rooms, a wonderful spot, right outside of the hotel, for our vendors, two restaurants, a huge lobby area, lots of parking (including a four-tier parking garage), and much, much more. Plus, the room rates at this fantastic property are just \$84 per night.

Unlike every other District within Region A, full registration for Wing Fling is still just \$25 for GWRRRA members. Additionally, this year we are offering an "Early Bird" registration special. All registrations received before August 31, 2011 will receive "Double Tickets" (50/25/25 and Grand Prize).

Departing & New Team Members

Thanks to John & Sheila Andrews and Dave & Sharon Aikens. For the past four years, as District Treasurers and District Trainers, they have given generously of their time to serve the members of Georgia. Also, thanks to Traci & Ken Thrasher and Marvin & Vicki Seritt. Traci is taking over as District Treasurer and Marvin is our new District Webmaster.

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GOOD THINGS TO KNOW

Congratulations to all 2010 Chapter Couples of the Year!!!

A - Bob & Dianne Hickly	A2 - Mike & Melba Thigpen	B2 - Norman & Wendy Morton
C2 - Murl & Ruth Gwynn	D - Ian & Anna Nesbit	E - Raleigh & Patty Henry
E2 - Roy & Irene Bridges	F2 - Marshall & Sandra Skinner	H - Green & Lou Streater
I - Bill & Gayle Smith	J - Roger & Dorethea LeRoy	K - Jesse & Brenda Tuten
L - Jerome & Jen Poole	Q - Larry & Elease Chambers	S - Eric & Donna Wolbach
T - Ray & Nell Hemphill	W - Johnny & Angie Henson	X - Kelvin & Rhonda Harris
	Z - John & Sue Stevens	

Chapter Directors: We want to be able to recognize all Chapter Couples of the Year. If you have not yet informed us of your Chapter's honored couple, please let us know. We want to recognize them for all that they have done and continue to do for your Chapter and GWRRA.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 30-July 3 - Wing Ding 32: Iowa Events Center, Des Moines. IA

July 31-Aug 1 - OCP: Fayetteville, GA; Online registration is available on the Leadership Training Page of the Georgia District website at www.gwr-ra-ga.com,

August 21 - GA-D Fun Day: Amicalola State Park; 11AM - 3PM; For more information, call Phillip or Terri at 770-530-0161 or visit the Georgia District website to download an Event Flyer at www.gwr-ra-ga.com.

August 22 - GA-Z Bowling Challenge: Junction Lanes in Newnan; starting at noon; For more information, call Ray Roberts at 770-251-2460

September 11 - GA-Q Burger Burn: Museum of Aviation, Robins AFB, Warner Robins, GA; Starting at 11AM; Contact Frank or Margi Ricigliano at 478-953-3886 for more information or visit the Georgia District website to download an event Flyer at www.gwr-ra-ga.com.

September 16-18 - Region A Rally: All American Homecoming; Lakepoint Lodge, Eufaula, AL

October 2 - GA-E2 Fun Fest: Sangrena Woods, 955 Plantation Dr., Pooler, GA 31322. Starts at 10AM; Prize drawings at 2PM. For more information contact Robert Payne at 912-658-6463.

October 9 - GA-L Fun Day: 46 Dykes Creek Church Rd., Rome, GA. Registration 10AM-2PM; For more information contact Kevin Henkle at 678-315-2791 or kevinhenkle@yahoo.com

October 23 - GA-A Poker Run: 2200 Keys Ferry Court, McDonough, GA. Registration 9-11AM; First bike out at 9:30. For more information contact Steve or Dottie Fagan at cd1@gwr-ra-gaa.com.

GA Traveler's Plaque

Chapter GA-L will offer the Traveler's Plaque on July 10, 2010 at Western Sizzlin, 801 Martha Berry Parkway, Rome, GA. They will eat at 12PM, meet at 1:00PM, and give away the plaque by 1:30PM.

Region A Wanderer

Chapter FL1-A will offer the Region A Wanderer on July 17, 2010, at Frontier Steakhouse, 8602 E. Sligh Ave., Tampa, FL. They will eat at 5:30PM and meet at 7:00PM.

Meeting Changes

- GA-B & GA-D- They will be having a joint gathering on Saturday, July 10 at the Thompson Creek Park Pavilion. Activities will start at 11:00AM.

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.

Among Our Sick:

- Melanie Crosby's father
- George VanKrieken



Heartfelt Sympathy To:

- Harold & Sandra Bryan on the loss of Harold's mother, Ella Mae



From your ADDs and Couple of the Year Coordinators
Dave and Betty Andrade

Thank You

Now that we have had a chance to rest and reflect on the District Wing Fling, we would like to extend a big thank you to the many Chapters that supported us with their time in the Hospitality Room. Without their help, it would never have reached the level of hospitality that Georgia is noted for. A special THANK YOU to Richard who seemed to be everywhere and was our iceman. We would be remiss if we did not mention and thank the members that stood over their stoves baked the goodies that graced the snack table.

To the Chapters who put together those wonderful baskets for our Couple of the Year, we would like to say Thank You. They were great and we hope it will be the beginning of a tradition that will stay with the District. To those who participated in the Best Dressed Competition, our first endeavor as host, we would like to express a big thanks to the judges and the competitors who made our job a joy.

Until next year when we meet again, may your days be blessed with many safe miles.

From your District Couple of the Year
Phillip and Terri Kozlowski

Couples of the Year are special and you find out how special others feel you are by visiting chapters and attending events. In the 7 months we have been the Georgia District Couple of the Year, we have been having a lot of fun with visitation and events. We started the year with some training by attending the Officer Certification Program; we have visited Georgia Chapters G2, I2, L, P, J, R and South Carolina Chapter F. We have attended Fun Days hosted by Georgia Chapters S, T, and A2 and went on a Plaque Attack. Then, of course, the rally and convention season started and we were off to Huntsville, Alabama then to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee then to Charleston, South Carolina, and then to Greensburg, Indiana.

Everywhere we go, we feel welcome by our GWRRA extended family. In Indiana, the District staff and the Couples of the Year from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Region D and former International couple of the Year Ken & Rita Moffit were especially welcoming. The red carpet was out for all the Couples of the Year at the Indiana rally; each couple received a special rally themed pin made with love, had a special social in their honor, and were encouraged to ask questions about the Couple of the Year Program. Many chapter couples were surprised to learn that the only expectations of moving to the next level in the program is to continue what they were already doing. The Couple of the Year program is designed to honor your accomplishments in GWRRA and to encourage you to continue in those endeavors.



From your District Rider Educators
Tommy & Vicky Martin



Vicky and I would like to thank all who attended the Georgia Wing Fling 2010. We enjoyed visiting with our old friends and meeting new ones. We also want to thank the Volunteers that helped us out at the Rider Education Table, M/A Table, Moving of equipment, Pit Stop Challenge and Bike Show. The only way we can pull off an event like this is with volunteers like you.

We had 29 in attendance at the Rider Educators breakfast, where Chapter Educator Certificate and Patches were presented to Butch Jeskey GA-A2 and Kenneth Roberts GA-J. PLP Facilitator Certification Cards were presented to Cail Murry, Don Boren and Kevin Henkle. We appreciate the sincere desire and dedication to rider's safety, which the GWRRA Rider Educators, Seminar Presenters, MFA Instructors and PLP Facilitator have demonstrated here in Georgia. We also introduced the Georgia Chapter Educator of the Year Award. The first Georgia Chapter Educator of the Year Award will be presented to the selected candidate at Wing Fling 2011. More information on the Georgia Chapter Educator of the Year Award will be posted on Georgia District Rider Education web page soon.

Some of you were probably unaware that there was a Motorists Awareness table set up at the Dill's Local grocery store in downtown Hiawassee. Again it was staffed with ADE/ MA Coordinator Roy Degler and volunteers. They were several flyers handed out in an effort to educate the local public. I was told that one guy who stopped by the

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MA table was given a bumper sticker and went straight to his truck and put it on the back bumper while in the parking lot. Now that's helping to spread the word. Help us keep spreading the word "Share the Road".

While at the Wing Fling Rally/ Convention, 85 members attended the Rider Ed Seminars; 7 members were certified in CPR/FA and 3 Couples competed in the Pit Stop Challenge. We are so happy to see that the members are taking advantage of the Rider Ed Classes and events at our District Rally.

We are now looking forward to another Great Wing Fling in 2011!!!



From your District Motorist Awareness Coordinators *Roy & Julie Degler*



Looking Back and Looking Ahead.....

Now that June is behind us, we have passed the half way point of the year. Julie and I joined the Motorist Awareness team a little bit after the New Year started and we have been on a very steep learning curve. The very first thing we would like to say is: Thank You Georgia GWRRA members for all of your help, hard work and support! There is no way that anything gets accomplished without you! As a matter of fact; It is safe to say that "Motorist Awareness is alive and well in Georgia!"

With this in mind, we would like to reflect back and give some special recognition to some Chapters and their members for some great Motorist Awareness events during the last six months.

Back in late February and early March the members of Chapter K in the southeastern portion of our state and Chapters A and P in the middle, set up and ran Motorcycle Safety breaks along Interstates 95 and 75 in conjunction with Bike Week in Daytona. Not only did they provide refreshments and a snack for the weary motorcyclists, they also talked to a very large number of motorists about "Sharing the Road" with us. In addition; bumper stickers and brochures were passed out, ultimately helping to make the roads we ride, safer.

April found Chapter A setting up an MA display at the Woodland High School Car and Bike show in Stockbridge. Once again, interacting with show goers and passing out brochures and bumper stickers. Chapter T in Athens also held their annual Spring Fling event in April and had an 18 wheeler onsite so that attendees could climb into the cab and see for themselves the blind spots that exist. Those that made the climb came away with a better understanding on where to position their bike/trike in order to be seen.

May was Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month and the Motorist Awareness Coordinator for Chapter D, Ron Ciccarone along with Terri and Phillip Kozlowski and the entire Chapter D team put on their 2nd Annual Motorist Awareness Event in Cumming, GA on May 15th. It was a super event supported by city, county and state agencies. Check out the June addition of Full Throttle magazine for an article about the event.

June found many of us at the Georgia District Convention in Hiawassee. A great time was had seeing old friends and making many new ones as well! We held a Motorist Awareness seminar that was attended by 28 members! After the seminar, Dick Hopkins from Chapter A, Grady Riner of Chapter S along with my wife and I held a Motorist Awareness event in front of Dill's Food City off of Main Street in Hiawassee. In the intense sun and heat, we spoke to shoppers as they came in and out of the store. One shopper after talking to us, took a bumper sticker and placed it on his bumper before he even left the parking lot.

Looking ahead, we see even more opportunities to get out our message of "Sharing the Road". We have our on-going grass roots campaign of "Building Motorist Awareness One Motorist at a Time!" Additionally, we are sure you and your Chapters have other ideas and events planned. Please let us know what we can do to help. If you have a story to share, an idea for an event or even a suggestion, please send it to us. Motorist Awareness month does not just happen in May, it happens every month! There is an acronym we were taught many years ago: TEAM (T^ogether E^veryone A^ccomplishes M^ore!)

We would like to apologize if we failed to mention your event and Chapter. As we get better with the reporting process, we will do another of these articles to showcase your Chapters and members. You can and do make a difference not only to GWRRA, but the entire motorcycling community! Keep up the excellent work!

Until next time: Be Safe – We'll See You On The Road!