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# GWRRRA - Georgia

September 2010

## Eufaula Bound



### Region A Convention/Rally

This year, the Region A Convention/Rally is being held at the Lake Point Lodge in Eufaula, Alabama. Having visited this facility last December, I can tell you that it has been remodeled and in an absolutely wonderful site for this event. Plus, as the heat of the summer is beginning to retreat, what a great opportunity to support the Region and catch up with all sorts of friends from throughout the Region.

### Supporting Phillip & Terri Kozlowski

As is always the case, one big feature of the Region Convention/Rally is the selection of our new Region A Couple of the Year. Phillip and Terri Kozlowski, our 2010 Georgia District Couple, have represented our District admirably throughout this year and have an excellent chance to be selected as our next Region Couple. From experience, Dee and I can tell you how special it is to see the audience filled with supporters from our District. Please consider helping make this event extra special for Phillip and Terri by coming and cheering them on.

### Wind Down 2010

As most of you know, Wind Down is our final event of the calendar

year. It is also an event where your District Team takes the opportunity to say THANK YOU! One of the ways we do this is by providing and serving you a meal at no charge. Sorry, we aren't serving Filet Mignon... in fact, the menu is still under consideration. But, it will be tasty... and will be served with love and appreciation.

So, when and where you ask: We are in final negotiations with a new location. With any luck, we will be able to announce the location within a week. As far as the date; that too depends on the location. At this point, we are hopeful that it will be Saturday, November 6.

In addition to the meal, remember that we will also select our 2011 Georgia District Couple of the Year at Wind Down. We hope you will come to support all the fine Georgia couples involved.

Lastly, we will retire our 2010 Georgia Traveler's Plaque and issue a new 2011 plaque; which will begin it's journey in January.

We sure hope you will come to Wind Down and allow us to say Thank You!

### Horizons Opportunity

A special 'Halloween Horizons' class has been scheduled for October 30-31. Check out the Georgia District website for a flyer and the online registration form. Or, call Alan Head at 770.289.1341 for more information.

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# GOOD THINGS TO KNOW

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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](http://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 [kevin-henkle@yahoo.com](mailto:kevin-henkle@yahoo.com)

**October 14-16 - Mississippi District Convention:** Tupelo, MS

**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](mailto:cd1@gwr-ra-gaa.com).

**October 30-31 - Horizons Program:** Heritage Bank, 440 North Jeff Davis Drive, Fayetteville, GA. An online registration form is available on the District website at [www.gwr-ra-ga.com](http://www.gwr-ra-ga.com). Or, call Alan Head at 770.891.1341. For those interested, Rider Education will present a Co-Riders seminar and a Team (Group) Riding seminar immediately after the Horizons.

**November ?? - Wind Down:** Final details regarding date and location are being negotiated. Information will be distributed soon.

### Among Our Sick:

- Cheyenne Hayes
- Jim Cater
- Madonna Holko
- Tom Hagan
- Marlene Campbell
- Don Yearwood
- Dick Cross
- Jo Whitlock
- Sandy Hatfield
- Donna Williams



### Heartfelt Sympathy To:

- Paul & Madonna Holko on the passing of Madonna's father
- Jerry and Barbara Taylor on the passing of Barbara's father



### Region A Wanderer

Chapter FL2-L is in possession of the Region plaque. It has been removed from service until after the Region Convention.

### GA Traveler's Plaque

Chapter GA-Q will offer the Traveler's Plaque on September 11, 2010 at their Burger Burn and Desert Auction; Museum of Aviation, Warner Robins, GA.

### Meeting Changes

- For this month's changes, please visit the Chapter Info page of the District website.

## From your District Couple of the Year - *Phillip and Terri Kozlowski*

### COY= Couple of the Year and So Much More

Some of the reasons you were chosen to represent your Chapter as the Couple of the Year (COY) can be found in those simple letters, **C O Y**.

- ❖ **C** – You are a **Caring** couple who are concerned about your fellow Chapter members. You are a **Cheerful** couple whom others think of and smile. You are a **Creative** couple, coming up with new ideas and new ways to look at an issue.
- ❖ **O** - You are an **Outgoing** couple, who welcome others into the Chapter. You are an **Optimistic** couple, shining a positive light on any situation. You are an **Open-minded** couple, who are willing to listen to all sides of any topic.
- ❖ **Y** – You are a couple who is **Young-at-Heart**. You are a couple who **Yearn** to ride every chance you get. You are a couple who say “**YEAH**” when people talk about GWRRA, as you are excited about the organization.

These are the same reasons why you would represent the Georgia District as the 2011 District Couple of the Year!

The time is approaching for each of the wonderful 19 Chapter couples to make your Chapter proud by being a part of the selection process at Wind Down in November. If you are honored by being selected, there is only one requirement; represent the Georgia District at the Region selection process. You will continue to support your Chapter and GWRRA if you were not selected...so that is a given.

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

A - Bob & Dianne Hickly  
 C2 - Murl & Ruth Gwynn  
 E2 - Roy & Irene Bridges  
 I - Bill & Gayle Smith  
 L - Jerome & Jen Poole  
 T - Ray & Nell Hemphill

A2 - Mike & Melba Thigpen  
 D - Ian & Anna Nesbit  
 F2 - Marshall & Sandra Skinner  
 J - Roger & Dorethea LeRoy  
 Q - Larry & Eleise Chambers  
 W - Johnny & Angie Henson  
 Z - John & Sue Stevens

B2 - Norman & Wendy Morton  
 E - Raleigh & Patty Henry  
 H - Green & Lou Streater  
 K - Jesse & Brenda Tuten  
 S - Eric & Donna Wolbach  
 X - Kelvin & Rhonda Harris



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



### How About Something Positive (For a Change)

We don't know about you, but sometimes we seem to become fixated on the negatives. You know; always remembering the car that failed to see us and turned right in front of us or the vehicle that rides so close on your bumper that you can't even see the front of the vehicle in the side mirrors. The list could go on and on, but that would just fall into the negative area that we promised to avoid!

What does this have to do with Motorist Awareness you ask? Well, we are glad you asked! Allow us to pose a few more questions and then a little story. Do you ever wonder if we can truly make a difference? If we are just spinning our wheels and wasting our time? That nobody is listening? Frustrated? Believe it or not, we feel your pain, but we are hopefully going to share some pain relief!

I use my Goldwing to commute to work and I would like to share an extraordinary commute that happened not that long ago. I set out in the early morning around 7AM and have the pleasure of mingling with the school buses. I was on a two lane road and came out of a slight "S" curve onto a straight away and approximately ¼-mile away, I saw a school bus, on my right, getting ready to pull out into my lane. So, in anticipation, I began to slow down mumbling something like; "gosh" or "darn". (That's my story and I'm sticking to it. J) The funny thing was that the school bus never made a move. The driver sat and waited until I passed before pulling out. Can you believe it? She extended respect and courtesy to me, a motorcyclist. I acknowledged the driver and felt very good about my encounter. You would think that this would be enough for one day, but believe it or not, my good fortune was only beginning.

It wasn't more than five or six miles later, that I came out of a sweeping left hand turn and saw a car on my left getting ready to pull out into my lane. Once again, maybe a ¼ of a mile in front of me, the car never moved. (Honestly, if I had been driving that car, there is no doubt in my mind, I would have pulled out.) For the second time that day, the lady behind the wheel had seen me and extended respect and courtesy by waiting for me to pass. Once again, I acknowledged her kindness and thought to myself; twice in one day, what are the odds? When I arrived at work, I was in a fantastic mood!

My story doesn't end here because on the commute home I had encounter number three. I was on a two lane road and needed to make a left-hand turn. There were a line of cars behind me and a line of on-coming cars as far as I could see. I figured I would be there for some time. As I approached the turn, a vehicle stopped and flashed its lights signaling me to make my left-hand turn. I never even had to stop! As safely as I could, I extended a wave of thanks as I executed the left-hand turn. My head was spinning!

In one day, during a total commute of 24 miles, I had encountered three special people who went above and beyond with their display of respect and courtesy! These drivers really understand the meaning of *Sharing the Road!* When you stop and think about it; this is why we work so hard at Motorist Awareness. It reaffirmed my faith in humanity and made me believe that we can make a difference.

I'll be honest with you, I still cannot wipe the smile off of my face. Yes, I know I will undoubtedly encounter some of those negatives we talked about earlier; but, they will be tempered by the memory of that unbelievable commute to work.

Let us close by saying that Julie and I appreciate everything that you do for Motorist Awareness! We kind of like this statement and use it as our own little motto: *Some days you eat the bear and some days the bear eats you!* It seems to fit how our lives go. Ultimately, through the ups and downs, we believe that by working together, we can all make a tremendous difference! We just have to remember the positives! (You know, the days we eat the bear!)

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



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



Finally, the High Temperatures and Humidity have backed off just a little bit. It has been an extremely HOT summer, but hopefully cooler riding weather is just ahead. As the fall riding season arrives and our riding becomes a little more frequent, maybe we should take a closer look at our Safe Riding Skills. GWRRA Rider Education Program has several Seminars and Rider Courses that are available for you. Most Seminars and Riding courses may be requested by your Chapter Educator, through your District Educators and also are available at all GWRRA District, Region and National Conventions.

**Level I - Safety by Commitment** = Level I of the Rider Education Levels Program represents the **commitment** of the Rider and/or the Co-Rider to practice and encourage safe motorcycle operation whenever they operate their motorcycle. Safety begins as a state of mind that can only be attained through total commitment. Every successful accomplishment begins with a commitment to reach the intended objective. This is true of the Rider Education Levels Program and includes a promise to learn for the benefit of Rider, Co-Rider, friends and family, and others on the road.

**Level II - Safety by Education** = Level II of the REP is also referred to as Tour Rider. It represents the commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to be safer motorcycle riders by taking approved motorcycle riding courses at regular intervals. GWRRA has chosen several educational training programs for the Riders and Co-Riders such as GWRRA Rider Courses and Sanctioned PLP programs, the MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) programs, the CSC (Canadian Safety Council) programs, and other approved programs.

Completing these courses provides the foundation and skills for your quest to be a safer motorcycle rider. All recognized programs are taught by qualified and certified instructors. For the Co-Rider, we have provided an excellent seminar program and many areas (including GWRRA) offer participation in "Two Up" rider course programs to assist in their role in the safety aspect of motorcycle riding.

Motorcycle education goes "hand in hand" with commitment. The "on bike" education by MSF, ESC, CSC and GWRRA for the Rider and Co-Rider and the "off bike" education (seminars) designed specifically for the Co-Rider; provide a very effective approach to motorcycle safety. This is when a Rider Education Levels Program participant truly begins to understand what the Level I commitment means and realizes the value in the program.

**Level III - Safety by Preparedness** = Level III of the Rider Education Levels Program represents the commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to be prepared in the event of an accident to give aid and possibly save lives. This is achieved by becoming knowledgeable in First Aid or CPR through training and by carrying a first aid kit on their motorcycle at all times.

It would be wonderful if we could achieve the coveted goal of zero accidents; however, we know realistically, accidents will happen. Because of this, it is important to be fully prepared to lend aid to unfortunate accident victims. It is important to always be prepared to save a life. Level III of the Rider Education Levels Program was developed to deal with such circumstances by recognizing and encouraging proper First Aid or CPR training. CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation) has been used to save many lives. Being trained to render CPR or First Aid is a tremendous asset to those who, the Rider Education Levels Program participant will come in contact with daily.

**Level IV - Safety by Enhanced Commitment and Preparedness** = Level IV is the most prestigious level within the Rider Education Levels Program and is referred to as Master Tour Rider/Co-Rider. It represents the highest level of commitment by the Rider and/or Co-Rider toward safe riding and preparedness. This commitment is shown by a demonstrated history of safe miles, continuing education and current certification in **both** First Aid **and** CPR. These, Master Tour Riders/Co-Riders are the finest example to everyone of the highest level of commitment to safe motorcycle operation and preparedness.

Level IV of the Rider Education Levels Program, the Master Tour Rider, was designed for those special caring individuals who desire to "be all they can be" with regards to motorcycle safety. The requirements are more stringent than Level III and require a greater commitment. These individuals are caring, trained and prepared with the experience to back them up. It is realized Level IV is not for everyone, but for those who desire to be of greater service to their fellow man, it is the correct prescription. Why desire to be a Level IV Master Tour Rider? It's a worthy goal. Being prepared to save a life is a high calling indeed! These individuals are shining examples to the rest of the GWRRA membership. Others aspire to practice the same commitment as displayed by those who have attained Level IV. For that reason, because these individuals are ambassadors to the members at all levels, GWRRA provides a special gathering to celebrate the Master Tour Rider commitment each year at Wing Ding.

We hope to see everyone at the Region "A" Convention.

Ride safe, Tommy & Vicky