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# GWRRRA - Georgia

October 2010

## October Tid Bits



### Temperature Relief

This September, we saw the temperature reach into the 90's more times than in any September had been for many years. For me, that impacted my riding schedule quite a bit. Though I tend to ride all year; when it is that hot, I tend to get out less frequently... and for shorter rides. Thankfully, the temperature has moderated over this past week and it is becoming much more comfortable for getting out and going for a ride. If the cooler weather has you anxious to get out for a ride, I hope you won't forget to give your bike a thorough inspection... including checking your tire pressure.

### Region A Convention

In September, the Region A Convention was held at the Lake Point Lodge in Eufaula, AL. Though Dee and I have always enjoyed this event, some changes and additions helped make the convention even more fun. More on this event on pages 3 & 4.

### October Happenings

October will be a busy month indeed. On October 2, GA-E2 is having their annual Fun Day in Pooler. GA-K currently possesses the Georgia Traveler's plaque and they will be offering it for capture at GA-E2's event.

On October 9, GA-L is having their annual Fun Day in Rome. As most

folks know, GA-L uses this event to raise money for breast cancer awareness.

The Mississippi District Convention is being held October 14 - 16, in Tupelo, MS. Last year was their first year in Tupelo and Dee and I were very impressed with how welcoming the locals were to all of their motorcycling guests.

### Wind Down 2010

If you didn't hear, Wind Down will be held on November 13. We will be back at the Tuckston United Methodist Church in Athens.

Please make plans to attend. This is the final event of the year and your District Team would like to show our appreciation for everything you do!

### Remembering Friends

One of the very best aspects of GWRRRA is the friends we all make. I have never been associated with any other organization that creates such strong and long lasting friendships between so many people.

September was a very difficult month, due to the loss of so many of our friends within our GWRRRA family. We will remember their friendship, their beautiful smiles and their wonderful hugs which have left a lasting imprint on our hearts and lives. We thank them for the memories ... They are and will be sorely missed!

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# GOOD THINGS TO KNOW

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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 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.

**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. Or, call Alan Head at 770.289.1341. For those interested, Rider Education will present a Co-Riders seminar and a Team (Group) Riding seminar immediately after the Horizons.

**November 13 - Wind Down:** Tuckston United Methodist Church, 4175 Lexington Road, Athens, GA. 10am to 2pm; no registration fee, free lunch, games, District Couple of the Year Selection, and more.

**January ?? - Chilly Willy:** Date and location to be determined.

**February 12, 2011 - GA-S Sweetheart Poker Run:** Midway Christian Church, 1406 Hog Mountain Rd., Winder, GA; 10am - 2:00pm. For more information contact Ken or Traci Thrasher at 706-310-1041.

**March 24-26, 2011 - GA-A2 Irish Get Away:** Sportsman Club, Dublin, GA. For more information, contact Chuck or BJ Hohman at 478-279-1678.

## Make A Happy List

When we get overwhelmed by how hard we think life is, that's when it's even more important to remind ourselves to think positively. Research has found that happier people are significantly less likely to develop heart problems. They found that

every extra point of happiness corresponded with a 22% lower chance of heart problems. So the next time you get upset with someone or something, remember to look on the positive side and find something to be happy about as it could prolong your life.

**Remember .... Don't Worry .... Be Happy!**

## Among Our Sick:

- Cheyenne Hayes
- Troy Crosby



## Heartfelt Sympathy To:

- Charlie Colman and family on the passing of Kathy
- Tommy Moon and family on the passing of Sandra
- Russell family on the passing of Ron
- Williams family on the passing of Gladell



## Region A Wanderer

**Chapter FL1-H** will offer the Wanderer on Saturday, October 2, 2010 at their Charity Poker Run; 348 Destination Daytona Lane, Ormond Beach, FL.

## GA Traveler's Plaque

**Chapter GA-K** will offer the Traveler's Plaque on October 2, 2010 at GA-E2's Fun Day at 955 Plantation Drive, Pooler, GA.

## Meeting Changes

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

## 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 Asst. District Directors & Couple of the Year Coordinators**  
***Dave & Betty Andrade***

### A Trip to Eufaula

Every year, all five Region Districts meet and have a rally called the Region A Rally/Convention. Here is where five of the best District Couples of the Year, vie for the title of Region Couple of the Year. Here is where my story begins ....

One of the prettiest venues is the Lakepoint Resort Lodge, where our Georgia Couple of the Year was to strut their stuff and come back with the Region 'A' Medallion.

The stage was set, posters of our good looking couple were hung on every window and door, picture fans were made available, and noisemakers were ready for the moment when our couple would take the stage.

There was a joyful atmosphere swirling around that permeated throughout the room in anticipation of the announcement of the new Region Couple. The order of appearance was picked and was led by Florida, followed by Alabama, Mississippi, South Carolina and Georgia. Each couple had five minuets for their presentation and each couple made the best of it. Trying not to show any prejudices, I could not help but marvel at the way Terri and Phillip represented our state. At that moment, I assumed that this would be enough to put them over the top.

What was I thinking? I knew the system; the oral presentation consisted of only 30%. There was GWRRA involvement 36%, interview 30%, and appearance 4%. It was presumptuous of me, not familiar with the other Couples resumes, to assume that Georgia had won. There were no losers; each couple represented their state with honor and dignity and entered into a fellowship that will last a lifetime. Terri and Phillip are winners in the State of Georgia and we are very proud to call them 2010 Georgia District Couple of the Year.

I urge each Chapter Couple of the Year to go forward with the process and enjoy the year that will enhance your relationship with your Chapter, other Chapters and your life. **Try it, you'll like it.**

Dave and Betty Andrade  
 Georgia Assistant District Directors  
 Couple of the Year Coordinators

Make plans to attend

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



**Wow, What a Great Weekend!!**

Vicky and I were without our Gold Wing for a couple of months while it was undergoing some repairs. However, I was able to get it all back together in time to ride to the Region "A" Rally. The weather riding down to Eufaula was perfect. We took the back roads and surprisingly, found some curvy roads in Southwest Georgia. Yeehah!! It felt so good to be back in the curves! The Region "A" Rally was held at the Lake Point Resort Lodge in Eufaula, AL; an outstanding facility for a rally. It was the best Region "A" Rally we have attended in a very long time. As always, we enjoyed visiting with old friends and making new ones. One thing new this year, Region "A" Rider Ed offered a TRC Riding Course. As a matter of fact, one of our own Chapter Educators "Don Boren" of GA-E2 was one of the instructors for the TRC course. This was one of the classes Don needed be evaluated on to complete his certification as a TRC Riding Course Instructor. We appreciate Don's dedication and desire to help his fellow members through Rider Education.

We realize that many of you need an Advanced Riding Course (ARC) to keep your levels current as well as advance in the levels program. The task of finding a location, instructors, and a date that will work is sometimes difficult. However, we are getting very close to tying up the loose ends (if they don't move one) and it is our hopes to have information for an upcoming ARC class out to you very soon.

Until then Ride Safe  
 Tommy & Vicky

**\*\*\*ATTENTION CHAPTER COUPLES OF THE YEAR \*\*\***

To all of our 2010 Chapter Couples of the Year; we would like to invite you to a RECEPTION being held in your honor on November 13, 2010 at Wind Down. This event will be held at Tuckston United Methodist Church at 10 o'clock. All of our Couples will be honored whether they will be participating in the selection process or not.

After lunch, during the Selection Process which will decide our 2011 District Couple of the Year, each Chapter Couple will be recognized.

It is our sincere hope that you will be able to attend this function being held in your honor. Please let us know if you will be able to share in this special time with the other Chapter couples by calling the number listed below. It is such an honor to be chosen as Couple of the Year for your Chapter and we would like to recognize you and your Chapter at this year's event.

706-342-3087

DAVE & BETTY ANDRADE

GEORGIA ASSISTANT DISTRICT DIRECTORS

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