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GWRRA - Georgia

February 2011

We're Off and Running



District Officer's Conference

On Saturday, January 29, we held our 2011 Officer's Conference in Forsyth. Volunteer leaders from all around the State demonstrated their commitment by attending. With approximately 150 in attendance, all but one Georgia Chapter were represented.

Joining the Georgia members were Bob and Nan Shrader, Region A Directors, plus seven other members of the Region A Team. Also in attendance were Roy and Anita Fosnight, Alabama District Directors, plus four other members of the Alabama District Team. As I stated at the conference, either they came to Georgia to ensure we adequately communicated all of the updates this year... or they came to see how to put on a successful conference. I hope most felt that we did the latter.

Newly Appointed Chapter Directors

At our conference, we were able to introduce seven new (or recently) appointed Chapter Directors. They are: Norman & Wendy Morton, GA-B2; Rick & Faye Reece, GA-E; Sam & Pat Fugatt, GA-G; Barry & Barbara Owens, GA-O; Linda Ruddy, GA-P; Pat and Craig Whitehouse, GA-S; and Karen & Tom Powell, GA-W. I hope you will all find an opportunity to show them your support by attending one of their Chapter's gatherings.

New Officer Positions

As those that were in attendance learned, Treasurer and Membership Enhancement positions now carry the title of "Officer". There are two primary reasons for this change; Treasurers are responsible for handling Chapter, District, or Region funds and MECs possess and deal with member information. We were able to complete most of the required paperwork at the conference. For those that were not in attendance, it is our objective to have all of the forms completed and turned in by March 1. While recommended, OCP Training is not required for Treasurers and MECs.

OCP Training

Alan Head, District Leadership Trainer, has scheduled an OCP session for February 26-27 at the Heritage Bank at 440 N. Jeff Davis Drive in Fayetteville. This training is free and is open to all members. You can find an online registration form on the Leadership Training page of the District website at www.gwr-ra-ga.com.

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GOOD THINGS TO KNOW

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 5-6 - Horizons Program: Cumming, GA. Online registration and flyer available on the District website at www.gwr-ra-ga.com

February 12 - 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.

February 26-27 - OCP: Fayetteville, GA. Online registration is available on the District website at www.gwr-ra-ga.com

March 17-19 - Florida District Convention: "Old Fashion Rendezvous"; Kissimmee, FL.

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

March 31 - April 2 - Alabama District Convention: "Tribute to American Heroes"; Huntsville, AL.

April 28-30 - South Carolina District Convention: "Fiesta of Wings"; North Charleston, SC.

May 21 - GA-A Fun Day: At Steve and Dottie's place! Visit the District website for a flyer or call Steve or Dottie Fagan at 770-957-4322.

May 21 - GA-D Motorist Awareness Event: Cumming, GA. Contact Ron Ciccarone at 678-316-0473

June 16-18 - Georgia District Convention & Rally: "Clown'n Around Gold Wing Style"; Marriott Hotel, Duluth, GA. Ask any District Team Member for more information or visit the District website at www.gwr-ra-ga.com.

July 6-9 - Wing Ding: Knoxville, TN.

2011 Chapter Couples of the Year

GA-A Dick & Peg Hopkins

GA-D Charlie & Kathy Stevens

GA-F2 John & Alice Keeley

GA-J Bob & Kathy Hill

GA-S George & Donna Roman

GA-B2 Ed Badarzyinski & Mary Catherine Koscinski

GA-E John & Peg Wildes

GA-H Floyd & Janie Weaver

GA-K Jesse & Brenda Tuten

GA-T Willie & Phyllis Barnett

GA-E2 Don & Bea Boren

GA-I2 Ronnie & Karen Lewis

GA-L Dave & Bennie Cole

Region A Wanderer

Chapter GA-B2 will offer the Wanderer on Saturday, February 26, 2011, at Golden Corral in Douglasville. Eat at 9:00am, meet at 10:00am.

GA Traveler's Plaque

Chapter GA-S will offer the plaque Saturday, February 12, 2011 at Midway Christian Church, 1406 Hog Mountain Rd., Winder, GA 30680. Plaque given away at 2:00pm.

Meeting Changes

Please visit the Chapter Info page of the District website to check for changes. Also, remember, it is always a good idea to call the Chapter Director to confirm their gathering particulars.

Heartfelt Sympathy To:

- Any members that have lost a loved one



Among Our Sick:

- Vicki Seritt's mother





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



Come On Georgia, Let's Get MAD!

We are certainly hoping that we grabbed your attention! Now if you would indulge us for a few moments, we would be much obliged.

Winter time is here and I am sure that most of you have your baby (motorcycle or trike) hooked up to a battery tender and are dreaming of a warm spring day when you can finally saddle up and ride once again with the wind in your face. Some of us (me included) have been riding all winter, at least when Mother Nature has kept the roads free of snow and ice. We bring this up because Safety never takes a break and neither does Motorist Awareness.

How many of you have been getting cabin fever? Itching to get out and do something, anything? We thought so and we have the perfect solution! The weekend of March 5th and 6th is the beginning of the great motorcycle migration to Daytona Beach, FL. Four Chapters in our state set up and run Motorcycle Safety Breaks at various Interstate Rest Areas. They provide coffee and snacks and a chance for the traveling motorcyclist to get off their trusty steed and stretch their legs.

There is an interesting side effect to this. Almost like a gravitational force, it draws traveling motorists to the break area to see what is going on. Can you say: "Perfect opportunity to promote Motorist Awareness?" Last year, these safety breaks, over a two day weekend, had the ability to

interact with a couple of thousand people! There is absolutely no better way than to interact with the traveling public and ask them to "Share the Road" with us.

An interesting fact that may only interest me: 1 out of 5 registered cars in the US passes through Atlanta, on Interstate 75, every year! That just boggles my mind!

So here is my case GWRRA. Come on out and volunteer a few hours at one of these Safety breaks. It is a chance to get out of the house, get some fresh air, meet some interesting people and I know what else is going to happen, you are going to have fun! I'll bet you end up staying more than a couple of hours. Can you think of a better way to promote our hobby and help make it safer for all of us? Let us show that in Georgia, we care about Motorcycle Safety and Motorist Awareness. (Besides, wasn't that one of your New Year's Resolutions?)

Dick Hopkins, the MAD Coordinator for GA-A ram35@bellsouth.net has taken on the responsibility for setting up and staffing these Safety Breaks all across Georgia. I am sure that he could use your support. Any wrapped snacks or water bottles; etc that you could contribute would be fantastic! But most of all, just by coming out and supporting our fellow motorcyclist and educating the public about Sharing the Road will make the biggest difference of all!

Come on Georgia, Let's Get MAD!



From your District Educators *Tommy & Vicky Martin*



Be on the Lookout for Road Hazards

WOW, I thought the snow & ice was never going to melt. Ok, maybe it didn't last that long, but I wouldn't like it living up North where they have a lot of the snow and ice. I don't mind the cool temperatures, but don't care for the frozen stuff.

I have noticed that after the snow and ice had melted, that there was sand and gravel in several areas on the roads. The sand is hard to see sometimes, especially in low light areas and at dawn or dusk.

As motorcyclists, we need to keep a keen eye out for road hazards of all kinds, regardless of the season. Whether it is sand, gravel, tar snakes, debris, pot holes, leaves, dogs, deer, or something else. Your best chance to avoid a potentially dangerous situation is to detect hazards early enough to allow you to avoid them.

Ride Safe and Remember to Always Expect the Unexpected!!

Tommy & Vicky

From your District Event Coordinators
Phillip & Terri Kozlowski

Wing Fling is only a 135 days away which means you need to prepare of all the FUN competitions we will have for you. This year we have 3 ways for your chapter to show its chapter spirit in the following contests: the chapter collage, chapter shirt, and scrapbook competitions.

The Chapter Collage: A collage is a work of art, primarily in the visual arts, made from an assemblage of different forms, thus creating a new whole. A collage (not a diorama which is a 3-D model) may include newspaper clippings, ribbons, bits of colored or hand-made papers, portions of other artwork, photographs and other found objects, glued to a piece of paper or canvas. Rules are simple; the collage maximum dimensions would be 36" tall by 36" wide by 1" deep with no minimum size and must have a mounting wire or hanging mechanism on the back. Judging will be based on having the following in each category: GWRRA, Chapter, District and Region designation, how well it depicts the GWRRA motto of "Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge", creativity, conforms to the required specifications, originality and general appearance. Be sure to have FUN with your design.

The Chapter Shirt: Does your Chapter have a Chapter Shirt? Then come out and show your Chapter Pride! We will be having our Chapter Shirt Contest with the Best Dressed competitions. Shirts must be worn by a minimum of 4 participants. Judging criteria is based on showing the GWRRA, Region, District and Chapter designation, comfort level of the minimum of 4 participants, smiling faces, neatness, uniformity of the shirts and rally registration armbands.

The Chapter Scrapbook: Show off all that your chapter does by entering and displaying your chapter scrapbook. Judging will be based on having the following in each category: GWRRA designation, logo and motto; Chapter, District and Region designation; overall appeal of the cover, presentation, description of events and overall content.

All 15 different and FUN competitions and their associated rules that will be held at the 2011 Georgia Wing Fling on June 16-18th are on the District Website for you to download and review. So be certain to look it up so you don't miss out on any of the FUN!

From your District Membership Enhancement Coordinators
Sid & Donna Cohen

Passport Program

GWRRA has announced a new program, called the "Passport Program." The program is intended to encourage the Members of GWRRA to ride more, primarily to GWRRA Chapter gatherings, events, rallies, their Honda Dealers, vendors, etc. The program will officially begin in March.

Passport books will be distributed to Members with the new Gold Book. The passports will have 64 pages, with 4 spaces on each page. Members can get Chapter Directors, District Directors, or Region Directors to "Stamp (or initial) their passport for each place/event they visit (attend).

This program is intended to encourage more riding, visitation, and participation by Members. It is also a vehicle for more camaraderie by having Members and providers get together to sign and/or stamp their passports and compare their travels.

Be on the lookout for your Passport and Gold Book in the near future. Then, when you receive it, join in on the FUN. See how many "Stamps" you can collect. Once completed, they can be sent to the Home Office to be entered into a drawing for chance to win a prize. More information will be forthcoming.