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2011
Clown'n Around
Gold Wing Style

GWRRA

Georgia District

May 2011



Economic Struggles

Many have lost their jobs and are struggling to find another. Some are retired and are concerned about their ability to make ends meet with their fixed income. With the cost of gasoline approaching \$4.00 a gallon, some find it difficult to enjoy a ride on their Gold Wing, when they factor in the cost of fuel. It stands to reason that many of us will do what we have to do; we cut back... and we cut back where we can... we cut back on non-essential aspects of life. We cut back on the pleasures of life; including going out to movies, going out to eat, and riding our motorcycles.

Thankfully, most of us are not forced to cut out our motorcycling completely, we are just cutting back. We are shortening the length of our rides, we are reducing our visitation to Chapters (and their events) that require an additional fuel stop... or an additional meal stop. We are reducing the number of our overnight travels, eliminating the cost of hotel rooms or campgrounds. The reality is, we are doing the things that we as individuals think we need to do.

We must be careful, however.

Though it may be necessary to cut back, we must be careful not to completely withdraw. Most of us have found great joy, pleasure, and friendships in our Chapter life with GWRRA. For many of us, our very best friends were met through our Chapters. These friends have come to count on us as much as we have come to count on them. Please make sure that you are there for them when they need you the most. Let's use the analogy of...

The District Chain

Have you ever thought about a chain? A Chain is just a series of links; the strength of that chain is only as strong as the weakest link. Every link is important. In our District, we have 26 Chapters - 26 links that make up our District Chain. Chapter Directors work hard to keep their respective links well oiled, keeping them from rusting and possibly becoming a link (Chapter) that is not appealing to members new and old. Chapter Directors do this by leading and guiding their participants; working hard to bring fun into Chapter life. The strength, health, and happiness

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GOOD THINGS TO KNOW

Heartfelt Sympathy To:

- All that are dealing with the loss of a loved one



Among Our Sick:

- Ed Badarzynski
- Marsha Hancock



Congratulations to *Georgia Chapter D* (Gainesville / Cumming) *Georgia's 2010 CHAPTER of the YEAR*

GA Traveler's Plaque

Chapter GA-L captured the plaque from GA-E2. They will offer the plaque at a picnic hosted by GA-W on May 14, 2011. Dallas Road Landing, 5120 Allaona Dr., Acworth, GA. 11am to 2pm.

Region A Wanderer

Chapter FL2-G will offer the Wanderer on Saturday, May 14, 2011, at Sun Sports Cycle & Watercraft, 3441 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL. 12pm to 2pm.

2011 Chapter Couples of the Year

GA-A Dick & Peg Hopkins	GA-A2 Butch & Bonnie Jeskey	
GA-B2 Ed Badarzynski & Mary Catherine Koscinski		GA-C2 Alan & Jane Moore
GA-D Charlie & Kathy Stevens	GA-E John & Peg Wildes	GA-E2 Don & Bea Boren
GA-F2 John & Alice Keeley	GA-H Floyd & Janie Weaver	GA-I2 Ronnie & Karen Lewis
GA-J Bob & Kathy Hill	GA-K Jesse & Brenda Tuten	GA-L Dave & Bennie Cole
GA-Q Bill & Barbara Schleicher	GA-S George & Donna Roman	GA-T Willie & Phyllis Barnett
GA-X Kelvin & Rhonda Harris		

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

September 10 - GA-Q Burger Burn: Activities start at 11:00am. Museum of Aviation,

100 Hwy 247 South, Warner Robins, GA. Visit the District website for a flyer or call Frank or Margie Ricigliano at 478-953-3886.

September 15 - 17 - Region A Convention: Lakepoint Resort Lodge, Eufaula, AL.

October 1 - GA-E2 Fun Day: Pooler, GA. Sangrena Woods Picnic Area, 955 Plantation Drive, Pooler, GA. Contact Robert Payne at 912-658-6463 for more information.

October 13 - 15 - Mississippi District Convention: "Wings Over Tupelo - Hillbilly Style", Tupelo, MS

October 22 - GA-O Picnic in the Park: Tifton, GA. Details and flyer to be available soon.

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of the Chapter is however, ultimately determined by the participation and support of each Chapter participant. The more you as members participate, the more fun you will have and the stronger your Chapter will become. The 'key' is FUN. Make it 'fun' and they will come.

Part of the fun we have is in the support of our fellow Chapters. We do this by visiting and supporting their meetings and events. This results in each member having more FUN by riding, meeting up with old friends, as well as making new friends; who like us, share our passion for riding and for GWRRA. This in turn, helps to make each Chapter stronger.

Just as the strength of the Chapter is determined by the support and participation of each member, the strength of the District is determined by the support and participation of the Chapters. The District needs the support of each Chapter. Without your support, we the District find it difficult to be a strong link in the chain. Support your District Team and help them help you. Your District Team thanks you for the support you provide and we look forward to seeing you at 'Wing Fling' in June.

From your District Event Coordinators *Phillip & Terri Kozlowski*

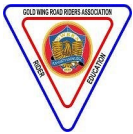
Wing Fling is only a 47 days away, which means you need to prepare for all the FUN competitions we will have for you. We have three competitions where you can show off your creativity with the mascot, goodie and talent competitions.

The Mascot Competition: Do you have a mascot that travels on the bike with you where ever you go? Well then show it off by participating in this contest. Judging will be based on having the following in each category: GWRRA patch or pin with the GWRRA name or logo, Chapter and Region designation, proper riding apparel (helmet, eye protection, gloves, boots, long sleeves, long pants) appropriate theme to the bike or rally, creativity and overall appeal. Please note that this year, we will NOT be displaying the mascots on the bike.

The Talent Show: We will have six categories for the Big Top Talent & Variety Show this year: Chapter Comedy, Individual Comedy, Chapter Serious, Individual Serious, Youth (under 18) Serious and Youth Comedy. Acts should be 5 minutes or less in duration. Points will be deducted from scoring for acts over 5 minutes. Acts will be truncated at 7 minutes. All entries will be given extra points for following the theme of the rally. The judging criteria are based on the following: Performance (how good/funny), Enthusiasm (enjoyment of performers), Poise (relaxed), Audience Reaction, and Appearance (dress fit act). So every Chapter can put together an act for the talent show – even the District Team has something special ...just for you!

The Goodie Competition: This competition is in the true spirit of GWRRA's unofficial motto of *Ride to Eat and Eat to Ride* by showing off your tasty treats. Judging criteria are based on texture, appearance and, of course, taste.

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 Motorist Awareness Coordinators
Roy & Julie Degler



May is: Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month....

Are you aware that **May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month**? What's that you ask? Great question!

It is the one month out of the year where Federal, State and Local Governments in conjunction with other organizations such as GWRRA, AMA, and MSF to name a few, promote sharing the road with motorcycles. While we all agree that this is something that needs to go on twelve months out of the year, May is the month where everyone really tries to work together, promoting the idea that we can all exist safely on the same roads and focus on getting the message out to the motoring public. That message again: **Share the Road!**

It does make sense when you think about it. May is the month where a lot of motorcycles and motorcyclists come out of hibernation and begin to take to the highways, byways and all the other ways we can think of riding on.

We feel that **Motorist Awareness** should be near and dear to the heart of any motorcyclist or trikeist that swings a leg over the seat. Certainly anyone who has taken to the roads has a story or two to tell about a very unpleasant encounter with a motorist, trucker, or even a fellow motorcyclist!

Whether it is dodging someone who is talking on a cell phone or worse yet, texting (DWD - driving while distracted) and cuts right in front of you (failure to yield the right of way) or our all-time favorite; eating cereal with milk while holding the bowl and driving with their knees (Negligence?). How can you make something like that up? Can you imagine the number of trees we would have to cut down to produce the paper we would need just to complete this list!

OK, you agree we might have a point, but you ask; what can I do about it? Another great question!

This is where you decide to take action and join our grassroots campaign that we talked about in previous newsletter articles.

Whenever we are out on our magnificent machines, we are ambassadors for our sport. When we are in a parking lot or gas station and someone approaches us, welcome them and answer their questions. When you have a chance, slip in a little conversational piece about how even with all this safety chrome, sometimes it seems like nobody can see us. Quote Rodney Dangerfield with his; *"I can't get any respect"* line. Sometimes humor goes a long way in making a point.

All we are doing is planting a seed, a thought, so that the next time they are on the road they might remember the conversation (or the bad joke) they had with you and begin to notice the motorcycles/trikes that are sharing the road with them. We were there all along, they just didn't see us.

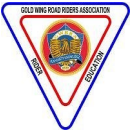
It depends on how much you ride, but the potential exists to encounter quite a few motorists. Now multiply that by how many other motorcyclist/trikeist you know. We have the opportunity to make a major contribution to Motorist Awareness.

All we are doing is: **Building Motorist Awareness One Motorist at a Time!**

Better yet, can you think of a better time to start than the month of May? Which, coincidentally, just happens to be: **Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month!**

We love it when a plan comes together!

Be Safe – We'll See You On The Road!



From your District Educators *Tommy & Vicky Martin*



Well the weather has been really nice for riding the last few weeks. We had a very nice ride to and from the Alabama District Rally/Convention. Roy, Anita and their entire District Team did an outstanding job with there event. We were able to attend a few Chapter gatherings and go on a dinner ride with our home Chapter GA-T. As you know, it is always FUN to visit and ride with GW friends and family.

We have a couple of Rider Education Days coming up soon. This is a lot of fun and is a great way to refresh some of those rusty riding skills. Yes, that's right, RUSTY Riding skills; we all get to that point every now and then. It sure doesn't hurt to have a little structured practice to help refresh them and what better way to do that than with GWRRA Friends; and it's **FREE**. If you would like to participate in one of these events, the contact person is listed for each event below.

May 7th, 2011 Chapter B2 will be hosting their Rider Ed Fun Day at Crossroads Church 5960 Stewart Parkway Douglasville, Ga. 30135

- ◆ Two 2-Wheeled PLP's (9:00 am and 12:00 pm) – 12 slots are available for each time slot.
- ◆ Two Trike PLP's (9:00 am and 12:00pm) – 12 slots are available for each time slot.
- ◆ (Times listed for the PLP's are registration times – the event will begin at 9:45am and 12:45pm respectively)
- ◆ Co-Rider Seminar (9:00 am) – 24 slots are available for this seminar.
- ◆ Trailing Seminar (1:00 pm) – 24 slots are available for this seminar.
- ◆ **Contact:** Ga. B-2 Rider Educator Paul Johnson to register on a first come first serve basis by sending an email to mailto: paul.johnson@nscorp.com or call 678 491-8977.

May14th, 2011 Chapter I-2 will be hosting their Rider Ed Fun Day at Lavonia First Baptist Church, 95 Bowman Street, Lavonia, GA 30553-1861

- ◆ Sign-in starts at 8:30am,
- ◆ Morning PLPs and Seminars start at 9:00am
- ◆ Afternoon PLPs and Seminars start at approx. 1:00pm
- ◆ 12 riders will be allowed to participate in each PLP.
- ◆ Co-Rider and Team Riding Seminars will also be available.
- ◆ **Contact:** Frank Brothers 706-491-5205, E-mail: gachapteri2@gumlog.net

Both of these events are GWRRA Sanctioned Events and will count toward the Levels Program ! PLP REQUIREMENTS: PLP participants must be current members of GWRRA. They must also wear proper riding gear; including a DOT approved helmet, eye protection, full-fingered gloves, over the ankle foot protection (boots preferred), with the balance of the body fully covered (leather or abrasion-resistant attire preferred; denim accepted). Jackets or shirts should be a single piece of apparel and not be modular (i.e., no "riding sleeves"). All Riders must hold a valid operator's license with motorcycle endorsement.

Ride Safe and Remember, **(Riding Gear is only as important as the body it is protecting. If you like it and want to keep it, Cover it up!!)**