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WINDING DOWN TO WIND DOWN

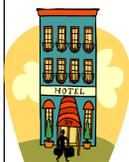
What a great summer!!! With some of the best riding many of us have had in years, we can only look forward to an awesome fall. In addition to looking forward to the fall riding season, now is the time to start planning for Wind Down. This November 13th, we will be going to the Albany Civic Center for our annual "end-of-the-year party".



As many of you know, this is a laid back event that is the last official district event of the year. A time to kick back, relax, socialize, eat, play a few games and select our district couple of the year. We will also be sending the Travelers Plaque to its permanent home, announce the winners of the traveling poker hand, and announcing the winner of the Visitation Header Pin Contest. Ken Stutley, the Chapter Director of Chapter H, has made arrangements for us to enjoy the wonderful facilities of the Civic Center while dining on some delicious BBQ chicken.



There are many things to see and do in the area, so you may want to plan to make it a week-ender. For those of us that will be staying overnight, Bill and Betty Livingston are negotiating with some local hotels for a discounted price. We will let you know all the final details next month.



Now is also time to start planning for next year's Wind Down. Here is what you need to do if your Chapter would like to host the 2005 Wind Down: 1) Locate a facility that will accommodate 500 people. Because of the uncertainty of the weather in November, the facility needs to be enclosed and have heat and AC. A kitchen to prepare the food would be a big plus; 2) Arrange for a meal to feed 400-500 people. You can cater the meal or prepare it yourself; 3) The Chapter Director or his designate meet with the District Staff immediately following the COY selection to enter their Chapter into the drawing.



Wind Down does not have a registration fee and is the District's opportunity to give back to the members of Georgia. For this reason, there is a limit on what can be spent for the facilities and food. If you are interested, the Chapter Director can contact Rick Stephens to discuss the details.

HORIZONS PROGRAM



We had another successful Horizons class on August 7-8. Saturday was a perfect day to ride, and I think some people that had planned to come decided to ride instead. Anyway, the class was attended by 15 people. We all had fun and left Sunday with a little more useful information than we came with.

Thomaston, Chapter E, was giving the Travelers plaque away Saturday night, so as a side benefit, several of us rode over for the meeting in which over 160 attended.

Whas' uuuuuup in Georgia?

Congratulations to Chapter H Albany on their Fun day. Ken and Co. is to be commended for a well-organized event. Every one of the 100+ folks in attendance seem to really enjoy themselves. The group from Warner Robins Chapter Q was serious about a Plaque Attack. They arrived with 41 members in the group to help carry the Plaque back to Warner Robins. They plan on giving it away at their Burger Burn and Social to be held at the Museum of Aviation on Sept. 4.



We haven't heard much from the Ga. Coast lately, but a visit to Chapter C2 in Hinesville confirmed that they are alive and kicking. Despite a severe thunderstorm warning, eighteen people showed up for their monthly meeting. "Bear" and his group really have a lively meeting.

After being gone for such a long period time the V Rat from Hawkinsville finally found his way home. Guess he finally got tired of all the wild parties and cavorting with certain Rabbits of questionable character. Maybe he just needs to rest for a while.



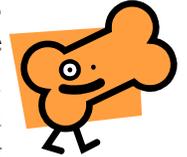
Where's the Hot Potato? The little Rascal is moving so fast no one can keep up with his whereabouts. The last confirmed sighting was Chapter B, but by the time you read this there is no telling where that little Vagabond will be.

CHAPTER CHANGES

Chapter T's September meeting scheduled for Sept. 6, 2004 **has been canceled**. As you know Labor Day is on the same day and many of our members are out of town that extended weekend.

October meeting will be held as usual on Monday, October 4, 2004. See you then and have a safe and happy holiday.

In case someone has not visited the Ga. Web Page lately you might be interested in knowing that John Zimmer the Chapter Director for Chapter X in Macon is trying to make the Guinness Book of World Records. He has the dubious honor of getting the Goofy, Bonehead, Turkey or whatever you call it award from three different Chapters in the same month, The Boner Award from X, The Goofy from A2, and the Turkey from Q. These are for three different miss-steps not the same one. And he wears them so well.



And while on the subject of Bone-head Awards ask a member of Chapter E, Thomaston, about the Recipient of their Award, and what she did to get it. It's a story you can really sink your teeth into.



Congratulations to Paul and Sherri Barber, the Chapter Educator for A2 in Dublin, on a successful P.L.P held at the Dodge Co. Rec Center. Paul was certified to hold the Parking Lot Program by Chuck Reed the Ga District Rider Educator, and Sherri to hold the Co-Rider Seminar by Ann Reed, the other half of the Ga. District Educator.

The Region A Wanderer Plaque will end its journey at the Region A Rally in Helen Ga. next month, being escorted to Helen by Fl-H from Daytona Beach.

MEMBER TIP OF THE MONTH



Lynn Neri of GA-J has found an easy way to book camping reservations at the State parks in Georgia. Go to <http://gastateparks.org/net/go/parks.aspx?s=0.0.1.5>. Lynn says it's an easy process.

Who can resist the wonderful fall weather in a beautiful Georgia State park? Check it out and give us some feedback.



District Trike SIG

Hi All,

I have recently, along with my lovely husband, Doug, assumed the responsibility of District Trike SIG Representative. I am looking forward to meeting a lot of fellow trikers, and both Doug & I really hope that you will help us get the word out about the Trike SIG here in Georgia.

Trike SIG should not be confused with any other Trike organization, as **we are part of GWRRA**. We act in conjunction with GWRRA. Our goal is to unite trikers with other trikers (with whom we have something in common). We hope to be able to provide at least one gathering during the year, as well as some type of activity at our District rally. As well, we will try to provide a monthly safety or maintenance tip, and generally keep our members current on triking activities.

Since we are already GWRRA members, Trike SIG costs nothing to join; members simply fill out the registration, forward it to us, and you're in. Kind of like being on an e-mail or mailing list, but we'll not try to sell you anything, just keep you informed of the good stuff. Your Chapter Directors should have a membership application, but if they don't, please feel free to send me an email, and I will be glad to send one to you! My email address is sdjawjariders@bellsouth.net. Our snail mail address is 705 Alston St., Richland, Ga. 31825, and our phone number is 229-887-0163.

We are going to be out of the area from the 5th of September through approximately the 17th. We are riding our bikes to New York, and will be in the Adirondack Mountains enjoying the Cascades, and the great riding weather! My folks are celebrating their 60th Anniversary, and so we are headed up there for a wonderful time with family. Please don't get upset if you can't reach me during that time, as I probably won't have computer access. I will answer all of your mail when I return! Until then, Ride Safe,

Sandy Gray

Visitation Header Pin Contest

The contest is going strong! We have some entries. Anyone else who is interested in designing the new District Visitation Header pin get your pens and pencils out and start working. The pin must have the words "Georgia", be in good taste, and reflect the spirit of the District and GWRRA. This pin will be the header pin for Chapter visitation hanger bars.



The design should have distinct lines and be submitted in color and in black and white drawings. Art work **must be submitted by October 15, 2004**. The selection committee will reveal the new design at Wind Down. In addition to the TWO FREE 2005 Wing Fling registrations, the winner will have bragging rights.

Let Rick and Rhonda know via e-mail at stephensrick@bellsouth.net or by phone (770.562.3277) if you are entering the contest.



GEORGIA TRAVELER'S

PLAQUE is up for grabs at GA-Q's Burger Burn and Social, Saturday, September 4 at the Museum of Aviation, Warner Robins. Starting time is 11 a.m. until? Contact Dave Aikens at 478.953.4886 or aikensdl@cox.net.

Among Our Sick:



**Jim Jackson
Eric Ramirez
Brenda Williams**

Something to ponder: If quitters never win, and winners never quit, then who is the fool who said, "Quit while you're ahead?"



Member Enhancement Division More than the Couple of the Year Program

Even though the Couple Of the Year Program is the most recognized part of the Member Enhancement Division, there are other programs with as much importance and interest to Chapter Directors. A detailed description of these programs can be located on the internet at the following

G W R R A N a t i o n a l w e b s i t e :

<http://www.gwrro.org/regional/med/index.html>.



From this website, you can download numerous guides and instructions that can help in making Chapter gatherings fun and exciting. You can learn new ways to retain those members that may be slipping away from the Chapter as well as ways to attract those Wingers (and other motorcyclists) in your area that are just waiting to be asked to join our family.

The success of a Chapter requires maintenance. The tools to maintain the success of your Chapter are located on Member Enhancement Division website. One of the tools in this chest of information is a Fun and Friendship guide with 72 pages of ideas on how to make your Chapter exemplify our moto of "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge". Other information available is a New Member Guide that you can give to new members. It provides information about GWRRA and explains a variety of terms we use and events we have that us "Old Hats" have become accustomed to. Other tools available are guides on Public Relations, Recruiting, Retention, having a Mall Show, Best Dressed competition guidelines, The Proactive Approach to Chapter Formation, and of course, the Couple Of the Year Guide.



We know that everyone may not have the time or availability to get all this information, so your District Member Enhancement Coordinators are here to help. If you would like to get any of those tools for Chapter maintenance or would like suggestions on putting on "Fun Days" or events, or just want to have more fun and excitement at your Chapter gatherings, please contact your MED/COY Coordinators, Bill and Betty Livingston.



REGION A RALLY - HELEN, GA - SEPTEMBER 9-11

Great fun and socializing, Support Bob & Karla for Region COY,
Be a Volunteer to fill Georgia's duties on Thursday at Vendor Gate &
On Saturday with the Poker Run and the Bike Show.

PLEASE contact Rick at stephensrick@bellsouth.net if you are willing to help!
Show the other Districts that GEORGIA SUPPORTS OUR REGION RALLY!

Autumn, and it is Riding Time

When a group of Wingers get together, someone will usually suggest going somewhere to eat. (Imagine that!) The fun, pleasure and the enjoyment of riding your Gold Wing in a group with other GWRRA friends is an important part of what GWRRA is all about. It's also fun! If you have never ridden with a group before, you don't know what you're missing. However, any kind of group riding is as different from individual riding, as night is from day. Whether you ride as in individual or in a group, in order to survive on the open road, your motorcycle riding habits and techniques must be constantly thought of as "defensive". Therefore, it is important to recognize and remember that group riding is a Team effort.

There are basically 3 types of riding styles. One is called "Mass Riding". Mass riding is a group going down the road, each pretty much doing their own thing, with no one paying any attention to the group as a whole. (Think about that for just a minute!) Another is "Leisure Riding" This is a group of people you know and sometimes ride with. There has been some ground rules set and most of the riders will abide by them. Most, I said. It is generally considered a little more safer than Mass Riding, because the bikes travel down the road and usually maintain 2 seconds between each other. But, and this is an import "but", the individuals are primarily responsible for themselves. There is no "formation" or "team" techniques to Leisure Riding. No one is really in charge. The third is, of course, what most of us are familiar with, and that is Team Riding, as instructed in the Road Captains Course. This, by no means, suggests that Team Riding is absolutely safe, but by and large, it is safer than other manners of group riding.

Which style do you ride? What style do you want to ride? That is strictly up to each rider. No matter which style you prefer to ride, remember, you and only you can ride your motorcycle. If you are uncomfortable riding with a particular individual or group, then it is up to you to determine if you want to continue riding with them. Most Wingers are open to suggestions and will listen to your concerns. Those

Wingers that have completed the Road Captain Course understand the concept of Team riding and adjust their riding to meet the needs of all in the group. Riding is supposed to be fun. Not worrying about if someone is going to cut in front of you, or pass you on the right or other equally bad riding habits. The decision is yours to make

And, as always, always be watchful for the unwatchful!

R.S.H.F. Chuck and Anne Reed
Georgia District Educators

UPCOMING EVENTS



September 4— GA-Q Saturday Social and "Burger Burn", Museum of Aviation, Warner Robins. 11 a.m. until? Contact Dave Aikens at 478.953.4886 or aikensdl@cox.net.

September 6— GA-K Catfish Festival Poker Run, Kingsland. Contact Joe Yother at 912.729.6397



September 9-11 - Region A Rally in Helen, GA. For info visit www.GWRRA-RegionA.org



October 2 - GA-E2 Poker Run, Savannah. Contact Julian Osborne at 912.920.2700 or julianred1500@juno.com

October 9 - GA-A Fall Harvest Fun Day, Indian Springs State Park, Flovilla. 10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Contact Brian Allen at 770.954.9320 or visit www.gwr-ra-gaa.com

October 14-16 / Mississippi District Rally, Biloxi. contact KZ Kleinheitz at 228.392.3185 or kz@cablone.net

November 13 - **Wind Down**, Civic Center, Albany. Specifics forthcoming. Contact Rick Stephens at 770.562.3277 or stephensrick@bellsouth.net.

January, 2005—Chilly Willy to be announced.

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GA-B2	Bob & Marlene Campbell
GA-C	Ray & Kathy Potter
GA-D	Richard Blackwell & Luz Calero
GA-D2	James & Lynda Quarles
GA-E	Chris & Shannon Adams
GA-E2	JJ & Marcia Ezzell
GA-G	Rich & Sallie Curtis
GA-H	John & Sheila Andrews
GA-J	Jack & June Gottlieb
GA-L	Eddie & Judy Graham
GA-O	Barry Owens & Barbara Dixon
GA-P	Keith & Sharon Burkingstock
GA-S	Jim & Laura Courtney
GA-T	Ronnie & Joy Ogletree
GA-V	James Cochran & Mary Christopher
GA-W	Dennis Gapinski & Donna Nealey

