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TIME FLIES WHEN YOU'RE HAVIN' FUN!

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It is hard to believe that a year has passed since Rhonda and I were asked to be the District Director for Georgia. The year has flown by. We have made many new friends and have lost a few. We, as a District, have seen some good times and a few bad. All-in-all, we have had a great year in Georgia and are definitely headed in the right direction.



Even though we are in our peak riding season, Mother Nature has not wanted to cooperate. With all the hurricanes and tropical storms, we have had a very wet September. The weather definitely had an effect on the Region rally in Helen. With many of our south Georgia and Alabama and most of our Florida members cleaning up from one of the most horrible hurricane seasons and preparing for more, the attendance and vendor show suffered.



Larry and Patti Lingo, our Region Directors, did a wonderful job in spite of problems of their own. They live just east of Tampa and as you know, they have had more than their share of storms this year. While they were trying to put the finishing touches to the rally, and cleaning up from previous storms, they found themselves in the direct path of hurricane Francis. Francis came on up through Georgia and caused heavy rains all the way to the Tennessee/Carolina line.



The weather did clear up for the weekend and the previously bad weather and low attendance did not dampen the spirits of those hardy souls that ventured into the mountains. We had a great time with all the shananigans that went

on, which was a reminder that a rally is much more than vendors.

We had a number of Georgia members to win different competitions, but one we are especially proud of is Chapter A's 1st place in the "color newsletter" competition. From the hundreds of newsletters that were entered at the District Rallies and then on to the Region Rally, Georgia Chapter A was the shining star.

Bob and Karla Greer have done a GREAT job representing Georgia as our Couple of the Year, and did themselves and Georgia proud during the Region selection process. The Couples from around the Region were among the best I have ever seen. This made judging one of the hardest things Rhonda and I have ever done. Although we were disappointed that they were not selected, we know that Bob and Juanee Barrington from Mississippi will do a good job representing Region A, and we wish them well.



WIND DOWN.

Wind Down is just around the corner. We are looking forward to November 13th to have the opportunity to, once again, meet and greet old and new friends alike.

To be able to sit back, relax, socialize and say to everyone "thank you" for making Georgia the great state that it is. For more information on Wind Down, see page 4 for a list of place of interest in the Albany area and a listing of hotels and campgrounds.



Whas' uuuuuup in Georgia?

The Travelers Plaque is really traveling. It has already moved twice in the month of Sept. First, Chapter C2 took it away from Chapter Q at their Social and Burger burn in Warner Robins and carried it back to Hinesville, where it was put up for grabs at their regular monthly meeting on the 18th of Sept. Well, the members up at GA-A heard about it being available and arrived en-masse to carry it back to their Hideout. According to CD Brian, it will be available at their Fall Fun Day at Indian Springs State Park on Oct. 9, 2004. Contact Brian or one of his gang for further info.



One attaboy to Chapter Q's Director and Educator for promoting Safety and Rider Ed. The Educator, Jack Fredrick, was certified by District Educator Chuck Reed to hold the PLP for Chapter Q. They also held a Road Captains Course on the 18th of this month. Way to go guys! Keep all of us safe by taking Rider Ed courses.



Well, the Region A Rally managed to get sandwiched in-between two Hurricanes. Not the Miami versions, but real Hurricanes. Even though everyone was keeping one eye on the Weather Channel, they still had a great time. The Duck race didn't take as long this year due to the abundance of water in the river. Those little feathered guys really zipped right along. In fact, some were so fast that the catchers at the finish line couldn't grab them. They are probably somewhere off the South American coast by now. The District Directors gave new meaning to "pie in the face" at the pie-eating contest on the last day of the rally. They not only had it in their face, but everywhere else also. Just check out the Ga. Web Page. Even innocent bystanders were wearing pie. Thanks to all the Ga. Members who helped out so much at the Region Rally. You really lived up to what GWRRA is all about.



Where Oh Where is the Hot Potato? That little rascal is moving so fast no one can keep up with where he is. I guess that we will have to put out an APB to see if we can track him down.

Congratulations go to Cindy Allen, editor-in-chief of the GA-A newsletter. Chapter A's newsletter took first place at the Georgia District Rally in June and went forward for competition with other Region A district newsletters in Helen. Of all the Region A districts competing, Chapter A took 1st Place. This newsletter will now go on to national competition at Wing Ding 2005. Way to go, Cindy!



Need some umphhh put back into your Chapter? Has it gotten blah?.....Please remember that the District Trainers are available to present short seminars/exercises at your meetings or events. They can help you with ideas to put FUN back into the gatherings. Or if you have a topic you are interested in, (or would like to know what is available), please call Gary and Linda Feaselman (GA-ADD/Trainers) at (770) 474-6834.

Safety Comes in Many Forms

As all Safety Educators, Chapter, District, Region and National, always do, we talk about various types of safety issues. There is one safety issue we normally do not mention and I would like for all GWRRA members to take a moment out of their busy schedule and give some thought to this issue.

And what safety issue is that, you ask? The safety of all our GWRRA family from the wrath of Mother Nature. As everyone knows, Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne have wrecked havoc on the Southeast. Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia have really been pounded. I do not know how many thousands of people have been impacted by these storms, but I do know, that many, many of them are our GWRRA family. We all know and have GWRRA friends in all of these states. I do not mean to ignore other states that have suffered from these storms, but I am including them in this.

I, as all of you do, know people in each state and in some of the areas hardest hit. I have friends in Tampa, Crestview and Milton, Fl., Gulf Shores, Ala., Biloxi, Ms., Greenville and Pickens, SC to mention a few and in all of Georgia. I worry about these friends. How bad is it? How hard were they hit? Are they hurt or are they OK? Their homes, cars, Wings and other possessions can be replaced, but at a great cost to be sure. I know of no "family member" that suffered personal injury during all of this. I am sure there were. I just want them to know that our thoughts and heartfelt prayers are with them.

So, with that in mind, take a moment and send your GWRRA family a prayer for them and their families' safety. When you next see them, give a BIG hug from the rest of their "family" and let them know, we love them, miss them, and wish them well.

And as always, always be watchful for the unwatchful . . .
RSHF, Chuck and Anne Reed
Georgia District Educators



District Trike SIG

Hi All,

When we got the most recent list of Trike SIG members for the Georgia District, we were amazed that there were only 47 members registered. After sending out our first information e-mail, we were really amazed that 19 of the 47 e-mail addresses had errors, and were not delivered. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE.....Chapter Directors and staffs encourage your membership who ride trikes to register with the SIG. For those folks who did not receive correspondence from us, please contact us with your correct information.

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 never try to sell you anything, just keep you informed of the good stuff. Our e-mail address is sdjawjariders@bellsouth.net. Our snail mail address is 705 Alston St., Richland, Ga. 31825, and our phone number is 229-887-0163. You can also register on-line thru the GWRRA website.

The subject of correct tire pressure for a trike keeps arising in discussions. I've heard all kinds of neat numbers. I've gotten from a reliable source that 24-25 psi is as close to being correct as you could want in your rear tires. Any more and you're subjecting yourself to a rough ride and uneven wear; less than that and you're looking at excessive cupping and tire wear. How often to you want to replace those shoes? Check your pressure often. We kept 37 in the front and 41 in the rear when the Wing only had two wheels, and got about 25,000 miles between tire changes. Some of us tend to ignore tires, now that there's less danger of falling down if one goes, but we think they are still a big consideration.

Hope those of you who attended the recent Region "A" rally all enjoyed yourselves. Although we weren't able to join you there, we did have a fun two weeks vacation. Maybe we can all meet at Wind Down, November 13th, at the Albany Civic Center. Please don't be shy, stop us and say hello.

Ride Safe,
Sandy Gray

Visitation Header Pin Contest

Time is short! Those interested in submitting a design, please have it to us by the deadline or it will not be considered.

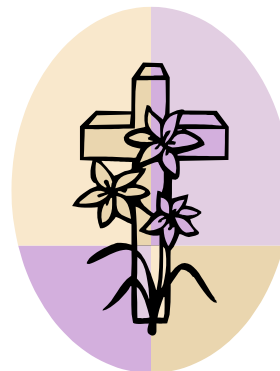


Here are the requirements:

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. Good luck!

Christian Sympathy is extended to...



Jim and Judy Chaffin, GA-B, Smyrna, on the passing of her mother, Jane Frances De-Grasse.

the family and friends of Jimmy and Carol House, members of GA-D, Gainesville, who were tragically killed in a motorcycle wreck

Among Our Sick:

Wally Harrison, GA-D
Jim Brock, GA-D
Rick Stephens, District Director



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

In 1903,

- the average US wage was .22/hour.
- The average US worker made between \$200—\$400/year.
- The average US life expectancy was 47.
- There were only 8,000 cars in the US & 144 miles of paved roads
- The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph

Member Enhancement Division

Since Wind Down is the last event of the season, why not make a weekend of it? Come on down to Southwest Georgia and enjoy some of the local sights and visit some of the local tourist attractions.



The Parks at Chehaw features camping, bike, nature and hiking trails, fishing, and the Chehaw Wild Animal Park.

Veterans Park, located directly adjacent the Albany Civic Center, has a Vietnam War Memorial dedicated to the men from the local area who died in that conflict. Located just blocks from the Civic Center is the newly opened SeaQuarium that features various types of sea life, museum, and botanical garden. The Thronateeska Heritage Center also located just blocks from the Civic Center is listed on the National Register of Historic Places includes 1912 brick streets, an 1857 train depot, the Thronateeska Heritage Museum, the Wetherbee Planetarium and a model railroad museum. If you feel like venturing a little further from Albany, Providence Canyon, Georgia's "Little Grand Canyon" is located just west



of Lumpkin, Georgia about 70 Miles from Albany. The home of former President Jimmy Carter located in Plains is just 40 miles from Albany. Just 50 miles from Albany is the Kolomoki Mounds State Park. It has seven earthen mounds built in the 12th and 13th centuries by the Swift Creek and Weeden Island Indians. Also located in the park is Georgia's oldest great temple mound, two burial mounds and four ceremonial mounds. The park museum is partially situated inside an excavated mound where you can see artifacts and a film. So make a fall vacation out of it and come spend the weekend with us and enjoy Southwest Georgia. If you would like directions to any of these locations, please contact



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Hotels

Best Western
2729 Pointe North Blvd (Across from Albany Mall)
Albany, GA 31707
229-446-2001
King/Doubles \$55.00 (No Discount)
Must give a credit card number to hold rooms
POC: Luciana Jones

Wingate Inn
2735 Dawson Road (Across from Albany Mall)
Albany, GA 31707
229-883-9800
King/Doubles \$65.00 (No Discount)
POC: Cindy Montgomery

Hampton Inn
806 North Westover Blvd (Near Albany Mall)
Albany, GA 31707
229-883-3300
King/Doubles \$57.00 (Internet price \$56.70/No Discount)
POC: Kelli Halstead

Holiday Inn
2701 Dawson Road (Across from Albany Mall)
Albany, GA 31707
229-883-8100
King/Doubles \$55.00 Rates good until 25 Oct
POC: Julie Adams

Camping

Parks At Chehaw
Philema Road
Albany, GA 31701
229-430-5275
50 Sites water and electricity only/comfort stations/50 and 30 amp service \$15.00 per night (\$13.00 seniors over 62)/tent camp sites \$10.00 (the manager said the motorcycle campers may be considered tents – he would have to look at them to determine. Very nice camp grounds.
POC: Ben Kirkland

Albany RV Resort
1202 Liberty Expressway (US 19 South of Albany)
Albany, GA 31705
800-282-4291 or 229-435-5852
74 Sites, Water, sewage, electric, cable. Register at RV Specialties next to camp grounds.
No specific POC



UPCOMING EVENTS

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.gwrra-gaa.com

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

October 30— GA-W's 1st Fall "Fall Out", a "Just for Fun" ride. Staging area Wal-Mart parking lot, Exit 20, I-575, Canton, to ride to Amicalola Falls State Park, Group Shelter's 2 & 3. Chili & Cornbread Cook-off, Bike Decorating contest. Contact Bob Johnston at 770.975.0485 or john316@aol.com.

November 13 - **Wind Down**, Civic Center, Albany. Take I-75S to Exit 99 (Hwy. 300) to Albany. Right on Business 82 until you see the Civic Center on your left. Contact Rick Stephens at 770.562.3277 or stephensrick@bellsouth.net or Bill Livingston at 229.889.1705.

November 20— GA-H2 Santa's Toy Run. Meet @ Po-Jos's Truck Stop, North of I-16 on Hwy. 301S between Statesboro and Claxton. Bring a \$10 unwrapped toy or monetary donation and join the escorting of Santa to the Statesboro Mall. Contact Linwood McNure at 912.587.9794 or linsara@bulloch.net

January, 2005—Chilly Willy to be announced.

PLACES OF INTEREST FOR AN OCTOBER DAY RIDE....

Harlem, GA, for the annual Oliver Hardy Festival. Call 706.556.3448 or www.harlemga.org

Mule Day in Washington, GA. Call 706.678.2013 or www.washingtonwilkes.com

To Doorprize or not to Doorprize...

Most chapters try to have some fun and exciting door prizes to give away and earn a little bit for the kitty at every meeting. But how do you get your members excited about your door prizes? Well, here's some ideas we've picked up from the different chapter meetings we've attended.



Give your members an incentive - for every door prize they bring in, give them an extra door prize ticket. Some chapters actually have a special drawing for those folks that bring in a door prize for a free dinner that night.

Mix up when you give out the door prizes to make the meeting more exciting. We seen some chapters that will give out two door prizes just after they introduce all the guests, then again after about 15 minutes, and then again, and so on and so on. This keeps the guests excited because there are items given away throughout the entire meeting. Some chapters limit the number of door prizes they will give out each meeting and hold the extras for the next meeting. That way they are never caught short for door prizes.



Get the restaurant your meeting is held at to donate a dinner. You can ask your local Honda dealer to donate something that can be used on a bike, like a can of cleaner. Or, even ask some of your members to bake something homemade. Members love that!



If you keep it mixed up, make the prizes more personal, and give rewards, you'll find that your chapter's door prizes will add a tremendous value to your meeting. The amount of fun and excitement will be ten-fold when you try these Door prize ideas.

Do you have any other ideas that have worked well for you and your Chapter? If so, e-mail us at stephensrick@bellsouth.net

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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
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