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GEORGIA DISTRICT COUPLE OF THE YEAR, 2005

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The District Staff and membership of Georgia wishes to congratulate Chris and Shannon Adams, GA-E, on their selection as the new District Couple of the Year for 2005.

Chris and Shannon have three children, Jenna, Austin, and Tyler. Like the other participating 2004 Chapter Couples, Chris and Shannon were selected for their active role in Chapter life. We look forward to their participation on the District Staff for the next year and know that they will represent us well at the 2005 Region selection process in Helen in September.

The selection process took place at Wind Down in Albany and also had Ray and Kathy Potter, GA-C, and Bob and Bonnie McCroskey, GA-A, representing their Chapters. We wish to thank all the Chapter Couples who represent their Chapters each year as a Couple of the Year.

'Tis the Season for....

Making others happy.
Eating too much.
Regretting eating that last bite.
Racing around department stores.
Yuletide caroling.



Capturing that moment on film when a child sees what Santa brought.
Hoping you haven't spent more than you can afford.
Remembering holidays past and the loved ones who are no longer with us.
Instilling the real reason for the season in the hearts of the young.
Sharing with others less fortunate.
Telling family that you love them.
Making home-made gifts and goodies...because those are the most special ones
Accepting that another year is almost over and...
Someone has watched over all of us and loves us in spite of ourselves.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL . . .



Ahh, the smell of roasting turkey and pumpkin pies baking!! And, I do believe I have heard a “noel” or two in the air.

The Georgia District Educator Staff, Danny, Janet, Anne and I would like to take this time to wish each and everyone a very safe and happy holiday season. To our Chapter Educators (and Educators, past and present everywhere), we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for the work you do for Rider Education. You are what makes the program work. We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the Chilly Willy Officers meeting January 15, 2005. Please plan on being there, if at all possible, as there are some interesting items to be discussed.

The Eighth Edition of the Rider Educators Handbook should have been delivered by now. As I stated previously, **destroy all old forms and use the new ones**, especially the new Level Application Forms. National RE will not accept any other form.

But, enough of that. There are some really serious problems that need to be addressed. Like, how much turkey and dressing one can eat, and still have room for the above mentioned baking pies. So, to all of our Georgia family, we wish you all a very, very SAFE and Happy Holiday Season



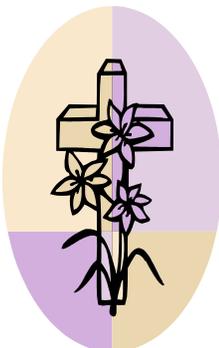
And as always, always be watchful for the unwatchful . . .

RSHF,
Chuck and Anne Reed
Georgia District Educators



A surprise gift will be given to the first 36 people who arrive at Chilly Willy in January ON A MOTORCYCLE!

Christian Sympathy is extended to...



Larry & Debbie McMichen, GA-B2, on the death of his sister.

Greg & Mickey Bailey, District Treasurer, on the death of his aunt.

Garry & Debbie Fournier, GA-T, on the death of her father.

“OUT WITH THE OLD AND IN WITH THE NEW”

Karla and I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support as we represented Georgia in 2004 as your District Couple of the Year. We have been so many places and met so many wonderful people in Georgia, Region A and GWRRA in general. We will never forget the memories of 2004 as your Couple of the Year. Thank you very much. We congratulate Chris and Shannan Adams and welcome them as Georgia’s new District Couple of the Year for 2005. Good luck and have fun.

Bob & Karla Greer
2004 GA District COY

Reflections for the End of the Year

The end of the year represents the end of a riding season, but also welcomes the beginning of another. We can now slow the pace of going from one Chapter event to another and celebrate the holiday season with friends and family, attending Chapter Christmas parties and of course, installing all the cool chrome and electronic gifts we receive for our bikes. We can now sit back and recall all the new friends we met this year, all the different places we went, and that magnificent sunset on that memorable ride to someplace we would love to visit again.



Also, for some of us, it is a time to reflect on what we have accomplished this past year, and what we can do to make GWRRA more fun and safe in the upcoming year. Accomplishments can be as small as getting that set of chrome highway boards or something as large as giving the Georgia GWRRA members the very best programs there are to offer. Whether at the District or Chapter level, we always strive to do the very best we can to make sure our members have as much fun as possible, and we encourage participation to the greatest extent.

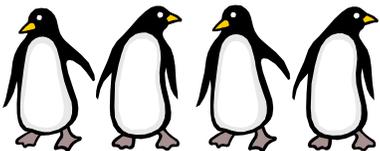


As the Member Enhancement Coordinators, we would like to encourage each of you to reflect on this past year and think of all the Chapter meetings, Fun Days, and rallies you might have missed, or those that you attended that you would like to attend again. So in your plans for the upcoming year, encourage a group of friends to get out and enjoy the fun and friendship offered by other Chapters and the District in the events they put on for you. Supporting the District, your Chapter and other Chapters by attending these events is a very important part of fun and friendship in GWRRA. A good starting point of planning rides for next year would be to go ahead and register for the Georgia District Rally. Make your arrangements now to bring a group of friends up to Hiawassee and bring along those newest members that may have never attended a District Rally and show them what a District Rally should be. We guarantee you will find something to do that you will always remember.

Have a happy and safe holiday season,

Bill and Betty Livingston

Membership Enhancement Coordinators



GET READY FOR CHILLY WILLY

This year we will be going to a new location for Chilly Willy...the Garden Patch in Barnesville. The restaurant is conveniently located on Hwy 41/341 in Barnesville, just north of Hwy. 18. Those coming via I-75 can take GA Hwy 36 South to Barnesville. Turn south on Hwy 41/341, go through one red light, and you will see the restaurant on the left. For those of you with GPS, the address is 100 Southland Drive, Barnesville. The cost of the meal will be \$7.25 + tax; this includes a selection of 4 meats, 7 or 8 vegetables, and 2 or 3 desserts along with a salad bar and drink.

After the meal, the Officers Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn in Forsyth. If your Chapter treasury is strong enough, Chapter funds can be used to help offset expenses. You can call 1-478-994-5691 to make reservations at the Holiday Inn...let them know you are with the Georgia GWRRA. The room rate is \$65 + tax and include 2 full breakfasts. Rider Ed. And Chapter Treasurers will meet Sat. only. CDs will finish on Sunday.

RIDE AWARE!

Motorist Awareness

On Saturday, October 16, 2004, Rick Stephens, got the GREEN LIGHT to move forward with Georgia's Motorist Awareness program. As Georgia's District Motorist Awareness (MA) Coordinator, I must admit that I am quite excited about this announcement.

The GWRRA's Motorist Awareness Division and its' "Ride Aware!" campaign seek to reduce the number of crashes and near-misses occurring between motorcyclists and other highway users through a program of awareness education for motorcyclists and motorists.

The Motorist Awareness program will be conducted by the Motorist Awareness Coordinators and Liaisons spreading the gospel of Motorist Awareness through public speaking, distribution of printed materials and by being highly visible at events and rallies world-wide. Coordinators and Liaisons will also:

- Pass out brochures to relatives, co-workers and friends.

- Leave handouts and materials with retailers, waitresses, doctors, banks, and others you encounter on an ongoing basis.

- Encourage your motorcycle organization to hold a Motorist Awareness Bike Show.

- Distribute Motorist Awareness documentation and information at shopping centers, auto parts and grocery stores et al.

- Speak on Motorist Awareness at high schools, community clubs e.g. Elk's Club, Lion's Club, Masons and other social groups with motorists and/or motorcyclists in attendance.

Several Georgia Chapters have voiced an interest in the MA program and I hope other chapters will soon follow. I would encourage all Chapter Directors to familiarize themselves with this new GWRRA division. The only requirement for a CD to add an MA Coordinator to their staff is to: 1) Create A Chapter MA staff position; 2) Appoint a Chapter MA Coordinator; and 3) Notify me, the District MA Coordinator. The Chapter MA Coordinator should commit to a minimum of two briefings/presentations/events per year. CDs should have a clear understanding of the MA objectives and program. They should know the difference between an MA Coordinator and an MA Liaison.

The MA Playbook is full of presentation and other ideas. This "Playbook" can be downloaded from the GWRRA Home Page (Officers Section – MAD PLAYBOOK). The only hard fast rule is: **STAY WITHIN THE GUIDELINES OF THE PLAYBOOK**". The playbook has sufficient information to talk to a variety of audiences. You can tailor your presentation type and time to your audience. There are three MA brochures which target the motorcyclist and non-cyclists which are a part of and can be downloaded from the PLAYBOOK. These brochures and also be ordered free of charge by calling GWRRA National HQ.

I am looking forward to hearing from you soon.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



During the month of December, most Chapters have canceled their regular meetings in lieu of Chapter Christmas parties. Make certain that you call the Chapter Director to confirm whether a meeting will take place or not!!

January 15, 2005—Chilly Willy to be held at the Garden Patch Restaurant, 100 Southland Dr. off US Hwy. 341 in Barnesville.

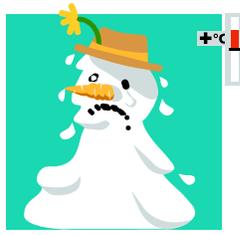
January 15-16, 2005 - Chapter Officers Meeting will be held following the Chilly Willy at the Holiday Inn in Forsyth. Call 1-478-994-5691 to make reservations.

February 12, 2005—GA-S Sweetheart Poker Run at Fort Yargo State Park, Will-a-Way Recreation Area, Winder. Park Day Pass required. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Come on 2, 3, or 4 wheels! Lunch served from 11 to 1. GW Couples \$10, GW singles \$5, Non-members Couples \$12, Singles \$6. Contact Bill Hatfield at 706.423.9675.

Your Chapter event is not sanctioned by GWRRA without District approval. To confirm a date for your event, call Rick and Rhonda for verbal approval.

Once your date is approved, send your activity request form and event flyer to the District Director. If there are any changes or revisions, these requests should also be directed to the District Director.

A Chapter may not appear on the annual event schedule more than once at any one time. Chapters desiring to host more than one event in a year must wait until the first event has happened before requesting a second date.



Officer's End-of-the-Year Checklist

1. Use updated forms from the Officer's CD given out in January.
2. Chartering fees of \$50 are past due. If you haven't paid yours, get it in.
3. Copies of all bank statements for the year must be turned in with your financial reports with a cover sheet.
4. Chapter Directors must sign a Chapter inventory sheet and financial statement.

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Happy Holidays!

