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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR GOLD WING FAMILY

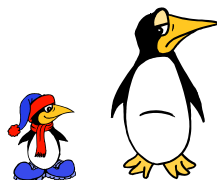
As 2004 is ending, I was talking with some friends about how great the year has been for me personally and for GWRRA, but now that 2005 is here, I have a feeling that it is going to be better than last year. I am excited about all the fun our Chapters are talking about having this year. I am hearing about mall shows, weekend trips, dinner rides, sunset rides, and doing things just for the "fun" of it! We already have a lot of things planned for the year as you will see in the events section of this newsletter. No doubt 2005 will be a banner year.

OFFICERS TRAINING

The annual CD meeting will begin at 1:30, immediately following the Chilly Willy ride and meal. It will be held at the Holiday Inn in Forsyth and will end on Sunday. Chapter Educators and Chapter Treasurers will have their portion of the meeting on Saturday and will be released to go home. Chapter Directors and their Assistants will hold over through Sunday. If your Chapter treasuries are in good shape, the cost of the hotel room can be covered by the Chapter. Be sure to identify yourselves as part of the Gold Wing group to receive the special price. Call 1-478-994-5691 to make reservations.

CHILLY WILLY

We are looking forward to kicking off 2005 with our annual Chilly Willy Ride on January 15. There is no better way to start the year than to



meet and eat with old and new friends while talking about all the good times we have had and all the fun we are going to have. Don't forget that our location for Chilly Willy has changed to the Garden Patch Restaurant on Southland Drive in Barnesville. Those coming from the south can follow US Hwy 341 from Perry for a beautiful ride or come to Barnesville via Hwy 36 from I-75. Lunch will be served starting at 10:45 a.m. The first 36 riders on a motorcycle will receive a "special" prize, and the Chapter that has the most people there on 2,3, or 4 wheels will win the privilege of carrying Willy home with them for the year. Ross Reeves and the Garden Patch Restaurant, in appreciation for our business, has donated a television to be given away. As usual, there will be NO FUND-RAISING at Chilly Willy. The door prize tickets are given to you free of charge from the District Staff. So even if the weather is not what you want to ride your bike in, jump in the cage and come on down.

COUPLES OF THE YEAR



It's time to choose your Chapter's Couple of the Year. Remember, this is a chance to honor a couple who have shown the spirit of GWRRA and who have volunteered tirelessly for your Chapter. Please don't select a couple who are new to GWRRA just to have a Chapter Couple...that is not what this program is all about. Couples are NOT required to do go through the District Selection Process, but they are asked to represent their Chapter at Wind Down. As soon as your Chapter has named their Couple of the Year, notify Bill and Betty Livingston, our District MED/COY Coordinators.

2005 GA WING FLING

Okay, for those of you who like to stay at the Lake Chatuge Lodge, now is the time for you to get your registrations in for the 2005 Wing Fling. Before the District staff starts passing all the flyers out at the other District Rallies in Region A and those folks start gobbling up the rooms, we'd like to see some of our own GA members get registered. Send 'em in, folks! This will be a GREAT Pirate Adventure.



LET'S SEE NOW, HMMMMM, AH HA!! NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS . . .

I, like most everyone else, sometimes have to think of New Year Resolutions I actually have a shot at keeping. So, if I may, let me suggest one for you to think about.

- Safety By Commitment -

Safety is a state of mind which can only be attained through total commitment. Normally, the first thing someone asks is, "What do I get?". Well, as stated above, safety is a state of mind. It is something I believe every Rider should care about. I know that when I go for a ride with people I don't know real well, i.e. visiting a Chapter and going for ice cream afterwards, I look to see who is in Rider Education at, at least, Level I, and try to fall in line next to them. I like knowing that this Rider is committed to safety. It bothers me to have a Rider ahead or behind me who, suddenly at 60 miles an hour, raises both hands above his head for several seconds! Sorry, I don't like to think of what could happen in those few split seconds, to them, OR, to me! Think of your Co-Rider. I know you care for them, as they care for you. Be concerned about their safety. I know you aren't going to ride at 70 MPH on icy roads. I know you aren't going to close your eyes and see how long you ride in a straight line. So, let everyone you ride with know that! Become a Level I Rider and Co-Rider. Let them know that, yes by golly, you do care about your safety as well as theirs. Once you are a Level I, you never have to "renew" to remain at that level.

So, as you think of New Year Resolutions, think of Safety By Commitment, for you and for your Co-Rider. I think the inner knowledge and self-satisfaction you get for letting people know you are committed to safety is well worth the effort.

And, as always, always be watchful for the unwatchful

RSHF, Chuck and Anne Reed
Georgia District Educators

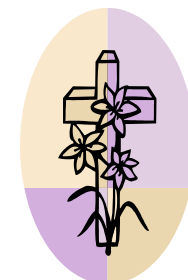
Tis the Season for Mall Shows!

It's cold, it's blustery, but still you want to do something with that great Gold Wing of yours. Well how about taking it down to the Mall and meeting some new potential GWRRA members! That's right, Winter is the perfect time to polish up the Wings and setup in your local Mall. Many people think that you have to have a "Bike Show" and take votes or raise money when you do a Mall Show. That's always one way to do it, but there are lots of other ways to show off your Wings too. Like set up a large map showing all the places you have ridden your wing, with pictures of the places you've been and the fun you've had. What a great ice breaker for the passers by when they see a picture of your Wing with a beautiful backdrop behind it. They'll be just bursting full of questions about your trips.

For more information and ideas on how you can hold

your own "Mall Show", check out this article: "Mall Shows: The 'Up-Close and Personal' Form of Communication" available at <http://www.gwrra.org/regional/med/mallshow.pdf>. What better way to show off our motto, Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge.

Christian Sympathy is extended to...



David & Wanda Privett on the death of David's mother, Georgia Privett.

Ken & Vicki Watkins, GA-E, on the sudden death of her father, Richard Sewell.

UPCOMING EVENTS



January 15—Chilly Willy to be held at the Garden Patch Restaurant, 100 Southland Dr. off US Hwy. 341 in Barnesville. Serving begins at 10:45 a.m.

January 15-16 - 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—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.

March 11-12—Irish Get-a-way in Dublin. For more info contact CD Melody Watson at (478) 984-4869.

March 17-19—Florida District Rally, Kissimmee, Florida.

March 26—A Cherry Blossom Event, GA-X, no fee. For more info contact CD John Zimmer at (478) 953-2529.

March 31—April 2—Alabama District Rally, Mobile, AL

April 2—GA-E Poker Run for American Diabetes. For more info contact CD JJ Ezzell at (912) 826-0912.

April 8-9—GA-V Fun Day, Blue Grass Park, Cochran. For more info contact CD Angie Parkerson at (478)934-0584.

May 7—GA-D2 Fun Day, North Georgia Fairgrounds, Dalton. For more info contact CD Frank Cronan at (706) 277-1298.

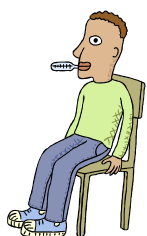
May 5-7—South Carolina District Rally, Myrtle Beach, SC.

Oct. 8—GA-A Fall Harvest Fun Day, Indian Springs State Park, \$8 per person. For more info contact CD Bob Greer at (770) 473-1316.

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 even has happened before requesting a second date.



AMONG OUR SICK:
GA-X's CD John Zimmer



**2005 Georgia Wing Fling
A Pirate's Adventure
Set your sails for Hiawassee
for June 16—18
And bring your wenches and maties!**

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