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## WHAT A WAY TO START THE NEW YEAR!

The new year is off to a great start! Rhonda and I, like many others, took our annual New Year's Day ride under warm, clear blue skies. Then came Chilly Willy! We had a large number of folks to ride in on their motorcycles. We had about 375 people to show up for lunch according to the count at the restaurant. We tried a new restaurant, The Garden Patch, in Barnesville and were pleased to be able to get everyone inside at one time. The Garden Patch was also very generous and furnished us with a color TV to be given away as a door prize.



When we finished lunch, the Chapter Officers and District Staff took a leisurely ride to the Holiday Inn in Forsyth for our Officers Conference. The Holiday Inn was remodeling the main conference center and we had to make some adjustments in our meeting rooms, but things went GREAT. With a packed house, we discussed the changes in the Officers Handbook along with a variety of other topics that we hope will help the Chapter officers...but it was not all work! We gave away a lot of door prizes and on Saturday night, the District had Pizza and fellowship followed by the football game, singing, and dancing for all who wanted to participate.



As we are looking forward, we already have many Chapters with activities on the calendar. It look like there will be something going on almost every weekend this year. One weekend we are really looking forward to is June 16-18, Wing Fling 2005.



As you know, we will have all the usual rally "stuff", but we will also have tons of new and different things to do. We are going to have some "special" entertainment again Thursday night...so bring your lawn chairs. (I promise we will NOT show CAVEMAN again!) Friday night we will have live entertainment in the Music Hall that everyone is sure to enjoy. And a weekend of seminars on various topics. If you have a seminar that you are particularly interested in, or if you have an area of expertise that you would like to share by hosting a seminar, let us know.

Your District Staff are getting excited about all the GRAND things planned for our rally. And speaking of GRAND, Ron Larsen and I just picked up the GRAND PRIZE...a beautiful 2005 BUSHTEC "TURBO + 2" TRAILER. And it's not a stripped down model...it has the Spoiler Style lid, third brake light in the spoiler lid, stone protector bra, full interior carpet upgrade, cooler package, chrome chassis neck, and retractable tongue stand. A \$2660 retail value for one lucky winner!!! We want to thank Bushtec for their help with this year's grand prize!



Please register soon if you have not done so already. We have not even started promoting Wing Fling in our neighboring states yet and the registrations are flooding in and the Lodge is filling up. Come play with us in Hiawassee! CU on the road!

## ARE YOU (BRRRRR) COLD YET!!



I don't know about you, but this weather lately, is NOT my idea of ideal riding weather! So, how do we help ourselves? Well, electric heated clothing does help. But, what about those of you who do not have electric clothing? Well, I was going through the Chapter Educator newsletters I get from each chapter and I came across a rather nice article. I am going to "re-print" it for you. The originator of the article is Tom LeMay, Chapter Educator, Chapter W, Woodstock, Ga.

"Some of the best riding weather is now upon us. Of course, when the sun goes down, Youzer, it gets chilly quick. Dressing for the fickle weather presents some challenges that typically only our better halves experience. The "what do I wear" syndrome. I'm sure that everyone knows that the best way to dress for success is to dress in layers. I read an interesting article lately in MCN regarding "layer fundamentals" that I'd like to share with you. Growing up in the frozen tundra of Northern Minnesota, standard gear in the top dresser drawer were the Munsingwear long underwear. Thick, heavy cotton shirt and long handles with kind of a corrugated texture. The cats meow, right? WRONG! This is the most common mistake in layering. These long handles are typically 100% cotton and because cotton is such an absorbent material, it will keep you chilly. Moisture next to the skin is great in the summer as it helps to dissipate heat from the body, however, this is not what we want when there isn't much red on the thermometer. According to the article, the layer closest to the skin needs to be of a material that will not hold moisture of any kind and will in fact, wick the moisture away. Some materials that will accomplish this are silk, 100% nylon and other polyester-non cotton garments. These materials will wick away the moisture from your skin and help to keep it dry. REI, Galyans and other quality sporting goods stores sell high tech long underwear these days, but there are some budget ways to get your wicking layer too. A nylon turtle neck for the upper torso is great and ladies nylon stockings for your legs. Yes guys, this could even work for you. Don't look at me though as if, "I ain't wearin' no hose or if I do, I'll never let you know it!" So, that's the first layer, the Wicking Layer.



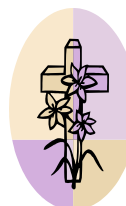
Next comes the Insulating Layer. Fluffy materials like wool and fleece work well as they too are non-absorbent and won't trap moisture. Multiple insulating materials work better than one, big, thick heavy garment. It is best to keep away from cotton insulation. The final layer, is the Shell. The purpose of the "shell" is to keep the warmth in and Mother Nature out. The shell can be relatively thin but the shell alone won't keep you warm. Leather is a very good shell material, if it is dry. It does a great job at blocking the wind and it is breathable. All bets are off if it gets wet though. Ergo, the plethora of high tech textiles, Codura and numbers types and brand of gear. Much of this gear was once extremely pricey but it is getting to be more reasonable."

A nice article and it gives us all something to think about. My apologies to Tom. I edited the format somewhat trying to keep it to one page. As you can see, I didn't quite make it. Anyway, thanks to Tom LeMay for a nice article.

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

RSHF,  
Chuck and Anne Reed  
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### Christian Sympathy is extended to...



Misty Miller, GA-V, on the sudden loss of her husband, Rick, in December. Our prayers of support go out to Misty and the members of GA-V.

## HORIZONS PROGRAM SET FOR MARCH 5-6

The GWRRA "Horizons" Program is a two-day learning experience designed for new, currently serving, or prospective GWRRA leaders and their spouses. It consists of a series of classroom presentations and workgroup sessions. Our next Horizons will be held Saturday, March 5th and Sunday, March 6th, 2005 at the Jameson Inn in Thomaston, Georgia, just west of Macon on US Hwy. 74.

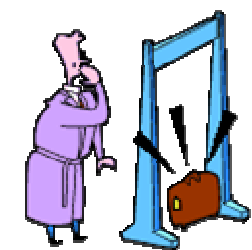
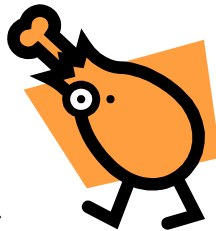
The program includes such topics as GWRRA Organization and Philosophies; Officer Expectations, Realities, and Responsibilities; Individual Personal Profiles; Communications Skills and Techniques; Planning, Organizing, and Conducting Effective Chapter Meetings, Gatherings, and Events; the Officer/Spouse Relationship and Partnership; and several other important topics. We hope you will be able to join us. If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact Gary and Linda Feaselman at [Wingrider@gbronline.com](mailto:Wingrider@gbronline.com) or 770 474-6834.



Come prepared to have some FUN, 'cause we don't do "NOTHING BORING" at our Horizons!

### AMONG OUR SICK: Two Riders injured by Chicken Crossing Road.

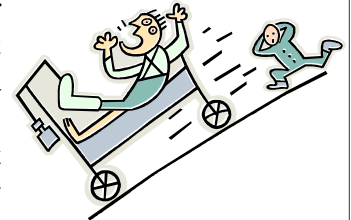
Buck & Dianne Harden Assistant Chapter Directors for Chapter X in Macon Ga. were injured Friday Jan. 21, When an SUV driver attempted a u-turn without checking traffic or signaling their intentions and pulled in front of their motorcycle. The driver stated that they had just picked up their fried chicken order and realized they had gotten the wrong piece of chicken, so they were going back to rectify the situation. Buck was lucky in that all he got was bruises and a scuffed up helmet and jacket. Protective gear works!



Dianne was not so lucky. She has a broken femur just below the hip joint. Broken in several places. She came through surgery OK, Except she will now drive the Airport metal Detectors crazy what with all the Rods, Pins, and

plates they used to put her leg back together. Hopefully she will make a full and complete recovery. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. She is scheduled for several more weeks in the Coliseum Hospital in Macon Ga. for re-hab.

Chapter X has had its share of members on the injured reserve list lately. John Zimmer the CD is recuperating from major surgery. Appears he is well on the way to a full recovery, and Alan Welch a member and former CD is out of commission for a while due to back surgery. The DR.'s just took him off the happy juice called morphine and put him on oral painkillers, suffice to say, coupled with making him get up and walk, he is not a happy camper. We all wish him a full and speedy recovery. Also keep his partner and wife Rita in your thoughts; she is going to need a lot of strength to nurse Alan back to health.



## UPCOMING EVENTS



**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. Civitan Club Fairgrounds on Hwy 257. No registration fee & no camping fee. For more info contact CD Melody Watson at (478) 984-4869 or jmwatson@nlamerica.com.

**March 19—GA-H2's Poker Run for Relay for Life.** For more info. Contact CD Linwood McNure at (912) 587.9794.

**March 19—GA-K's Second Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Poker Run** in Kingsland. Registration at 10 a.m., \$10 per person, includes lunch. Kings Bay Honda, Hwy 40 Kingsland. Contact CD Joe Yother 912.729.6379 or Danny Hickey 912.264.6379

**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 8-9—GA-V's First Annual Wings Over Gum Swamp Extravaganza,** Cochran/Bleckley Recreation Dept., Why 26W, Cochran. For more info contact CD Angie Parkerson at (478) 934-0584.

**April 16—GA-T's Spring Fling.** Contact CD Randy Simpson at (706) 546-5202.

**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.

**August 20—GA-C Fun Day,** on Jekyll Island. Meal, grand prize, treasure hunt, and games. For more info. Contact CD Buddy Jones at 912.264.0001

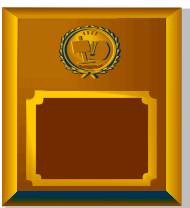
**Sept. 17—GA-Q Dessert Auction and Burger Burn** at the Museum of Aviation, Warner Robins. Proceeds from the Dessert Auction to benefit the Houston County Meals on Wheels. 11 a.m. For more info contact CD Dave Aikens at 478.953.4886

**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.**



**GA Traveler's Plaque** will be up for grabs at GA-S's Sweetheart Poker Run . See info in Upcoming Events. This thing has been moving so quickly that no chance of moss growing on it! Since it's release, it has moved to FOUR Chapters! Keep it moving!

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**Friends for Fun, Safety, and  
Knowledge**



## **2005 Georgia Wing Fling A Pirate's Adventure**

**Set your sails for Hiawassee  
for June 16—18**

**And bring your wenches and maties!  
(parrots not welcomed!)**



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