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Turkey Day Approaches

When the frozen turkeys start filling the freezers in the grocery stores, you know it's time for Wind Down. As we write this article, we are putting the finishing touches on the Wind Down event. We are looking forward to seeing everyone Saturday morning, Nov. 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Villa Rica High School. Remember, this is the last official District event of the year and is a great big THANK YOU to the members of Georgia for all the hard work you do all year. It is your dedication and hard work that makes GWRRA the great association that it is. The event is free, the food is free and the "entertainment" is free. We are looking forward to recognizing all the 2005 Chapter Couples of the Year with a certificate and to selecting the 2006 District Couple of the year. **Don't forget the desserts!!** We will also have a swap table available.

DIRECTIONS to WIND DOWN

Take Exit 24 off I-20 West. Turn north (right) on Hwy 61. Get in the left lane. Go west (left) at the main intersection of Hwy 61 and Hwy 78 (this would be the 2nd traffic signal). Just past the Exxon station on the left is an undeveloped lot. Go past this lot and turn left at the sign for Villa Rica High School at 600 Rocky Branch Road. The school is visible in front of you as soon as you turn. Please park double in the spaces and at an angle on the curb. If the front lot fills, there is an additional lot to the right of the front of the building where the trailers

are. Those of you in cars, please park on the gravel area in front and save the pavement for the bikes.

CHILLY WILLY

We have nailed down everything for Chilly Willy which will be Jan. 14. We will be hosting the first event again at the Garden Patch in Barnesville. It will be hard to be the weather we had last year, but Ross Reeves has promised to make us as welcome this year as we were last year.

OFFICERS MEETING '06

After Chilly Willy, the Chapter officers will make the short trip to Forsyth to the Holiday Inn for our annual Officers meeting. There is a lot coming from Phoenix, so we will have much to cover. Even though it will be a working meeting, we will try a few things to keep your attention and have a few laughs.

CHARTERING FEES

Speaking of business, Directors, please remember to send your Chartering fees as soon as possible. The District does not retain ANY of this money; we only pass it along to Phoenix.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

With the approach of the Holiday Season, Rhonda and I want to wish each of you safe travels over the Thanksgiving Holidays. Take time to really enjoy time with family and friends. They are all we really have.

It Is That Time Of Year, AGAIN . . .!!

And, just what time is that? Well, the little hob-goblins will be out and about in just a few days, all the turkeys (the bird ones!) will be looking for good hiding places so they can elude the dinner table, and of course good ol' Santa isn't too far off..

No, I am talking about it is time for all the Level II's, Level III's and Level IV's to renew their Rider Ed levels. As you are all aware, you must renew your level each year. It does not take any time at all and doing it before the first of January of every year, is a good time to do it. Fill out the Level form (dated March 2004) and send \$2.00. Get the form from your Chapter Educator and make sure it is the March 2004 form. The only thing you need to be careful about, is to make sure all your qualifications for your Level are current. All Rider courses are good for 3 years from the date of completion. You will have to check your First Aid and CPR cards to see how long they are good for. Not all First Aid or CPR cards have the same expiration date. Some are good for one year, some for 2 years and some for 3 years. Just depends on which one you may be currently holding. For the Co-Riders, the Co-Rider Seminar card is good for 3 years from the date of completion.



Perhaps you neglected to renew last year. No problem. Simply send an additional \$2.00 for each year you are renewing for, up to the original cost of that level. For example, Level III initial cost is \$4.00. If you have not renewed in the last 3 years, that would come to \$6.00. (3 years x \$2.00) But, since the original cost was \$4.00, you need only to remit \$4.00 for renewal, PLUS the current year at \$2.00, for a total of \$6.00. That cost would cover you for 4 years total. (3 years in arrears and the current year) If you haven't renewed in, say, the last 5 years, the cost for Level III renewal is still only \$4.00, plus this year.



And, one last item. The Level IV program was put on hold a few months ago, undergoing some revisions. The Level IV program is back on line and the revisions will be forthcoming. So, if you were holding your Level IV renewals, you can now forward them. All forms will go to the District Educator. (This includes new applications as well as the renewals) I will check each form for completeness. This saves a whole LOT of time if it went to National incorrect, and they have to send it back to you for corrections. I, in turn, forward them to National RE.

So, now is the time to get your renewal paperwork together, and get it in to me. You went to all the trouble to get to your Level, might as well keep it current.

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

RSHF Chuck and Anne Reed

Georgia District Educators

Membership Enhancement Division; More than the Couple of the Year

Even though the Couple Of the Year Program is the most recognized part of the Membership Enhancement Division, there are other programs with as much importance and interest to Chapter members. A detailed description of these programs can be located on the internet at the following GWRRA National website: <http://www.gwrro.org/regional/med/index.html>. From this website, you can download numerous guides and instructions that can help make 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. Some excellent tools to maintain the success of your Chapter are located on the Membership 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 live up to our motto of "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge". Other information available is a New Member Guide that you can give to new or prospective 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 Membership 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.



"Join Now, Pay Later" is NOT AN OPTION

Phoenix has announced the discontinuation of "Join Now, Pay Later" Option for Membership that GWRRA had tried as an experiment to show off who and what we are to potential Members for the Association. The Join Now and Pay later allowed a person to get the "flavor" or the association on a trial basis.

The issue that we experienced with this effort was that things that are given on a "Free Trial Offer" have a lesser value. If you have no investment, you have no loss in its passing. What we saw was that it sent the wrong message to a lot of potential Members. Our successes were within the Chapters. If a new Member was embraced by a Chapter and its Members, they tended to sign up (pay to be a Member). If not, the time ran out and no level of letters and office contact convinced them to stay.

So, Join Now, Pay Later has been ended. We will continue to go forward with what we do best. Members meeting new people, making new friends and bringing them into the greatest family in the World, GWRRA!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 5—Wind Down. Villa Rica High School, 600 Rocky Branch Rd, Villa Rica. Gathering begins at 10 a.m. Lunch is served at 11:00.

Jan. 14, 2006—Chilly Willy. Garden Patch Restaurant, Hwy. 341, Barnesville.

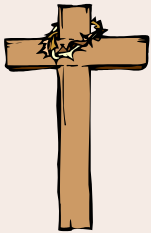
Jan. 14-15—Officer meeting and training, Forsyth Holiday Inn.

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.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the following families:



Rick & Faye Reece on the loss of her sister, Mary Sutton.

Bob & Linda Wakeham on the loss of his dad, Donald Wakeham.

Tom & Nancy Finley on the recent death of her father.

(These are the names we were aware of at press time.)

2005 GA CHAPTER COUPLES OF THE YEAR

Brian & Cindy Allen, GA-A

Al & Frances Starley, GA-A2

Walt & Bev Thayer, GA-B2

Ray & Kathy Potter, GA-C

Larry & Teresa Urban, GA-C2

Ken & Vicki Watkins, GA-E

Buddy & Liz Vars, GA-E2

Rich & Sally Curtis, GA-G

Kary & Pat Porter, GA-H

George & Jan Danner, GA-J

Jeremy Clay & Courteney Holcombe, GA-L

Robert & Anna Tillman, GA-O

Joe & Bonnie Durning, GA-P

Phillip & Pat Denning, GA-Q

Sid & Donna Cohen, GA-S

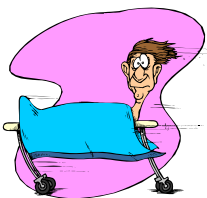
Tommy & Vicky Martin, GA-T

Wayne & Nina Carlton, GA-V

Buck & Dianne Harden, GA-X

What a great group of Chapter volunteers who are being honored this year by being selected as their Chapter's Couple of the Year. Thanks to all for participating in the Program.

The story goes.... now mind you, I'm only repeating what I was told, but it seems that among our sick is Asst. District Director, Gary Feaselman, who became ill while attending a family reunion in Alabama. According to close sources, Gary ate some sausage (which gave him food poisoning) and began suffering some of the effects of the tainted meat (or so he thought). The ensuing trip to the emergency room revealed that Gary had, in reality, had a heart attack (probably due to thinking he was going to die from a pork patty)...lucky for him that the bad meat may



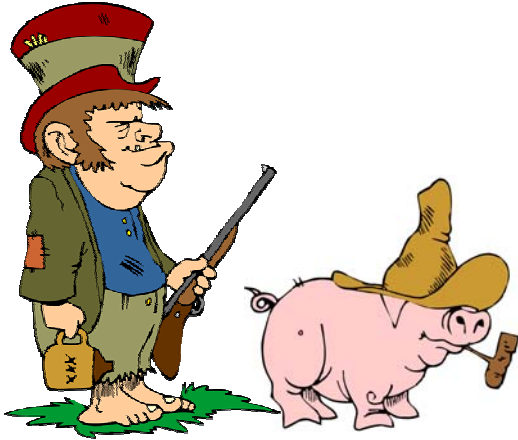
have actually saved him since the heart attack was diagnosed when he arrived at the ER. Get well soon, Gary.

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2006 Wing Fling Update

Yeeehaaaa! The registrations for 2006 Hill-billy Hoedown Wing Fling are really rolling in!!! Thanks, folks! We are looking forward to a wonderful time in good 'ole Rome. The host hotel, Holiday Inn Skytop, is already accepting reservations (with a registration number, of course)so climb on board the hay wagon! We look forward to great shindig!



RALLY PIN DESIGN CONTEST

If you wish to submit an entry for the design of the 2006 Rally pin, you must do so by December 15. The winner will receive \$100 and 2 rally registrations. So, get your pens and pencils and everything else you draw with and **START DRAWIN'!** Winner will be announced at Chilly Willy.