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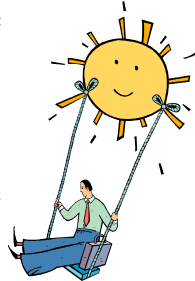
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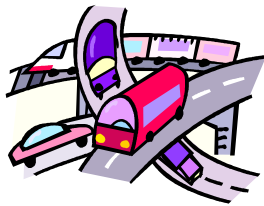
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2006 is off to a fantastic start!! With the weather cooperating, many of you started the year off with your annual New Years Day ride. Then we had the first District event of the year, Chilly Willy in Barnesville. We had an excellent turnout and like last year, the Garden Patch went out of their way to accommodate our group. Afterwards, the Operations Staff, the District Staff and the Chapter Officers, headed off to Forsyth for our annual Officers Meeting.



Although the Conference center we were scheduled for had been shut down, with some quick modifications, the meeting went on with a great exchange of information and ideas. It was invigorating to listen to all the different *NEW* ideas the Chapters have for 2006. One radical idea came from Chapter Q. Knowing that January has very unpredictable weather, Dave scheduled a "field trip" to Kennesaw, GA. The unusual thing about this field trip is that, rather than going by motorcycle or car, the Chapter chartered a bus. What an idea!! And most Chapters said they plan to get back to the basics of what we own motorcycles for, riding!!! How's that for a radical idea. Several said they were going to replace many of the restaurant raids with picnics. Listening to everyone talking about their plans for 2006 has renewed my excitement about GWRRA Georgia.

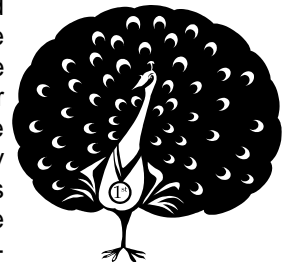


During the last few months, Rhonda and I have accompanied our son as he searches for a home to buy. We have

toured homes from downtown Atlanta to the far-flung suburbs. It has been interesting to see all the different communities. We have seen mansions and modest condominiums. I have noticed that it is more than brick and mortar that makes the home, it is the people. I have seen \$700,000.00 houses that were just that, houses. There was no "pride" there, nothing but brick and mortar to attract people. Then, I have seen \$100,000.00 homes where the people took extreme pride in their community. They went the extra mile to make their streets warm and inviting, had block parties, and community picnics. These are communities that attracted the "right kind of people".



Then, I realized this is exactly like our Chapters. We have some larger Chapters and we have some very small ones, but it is not the size of the Chapters that attracts people, it is the PRIDE we exhibit. That pride shows in many ways from wearing Chapter Colors to riding in groups for a weekend outing. From a Chapter get-together to our involvement in the community. From supporting other GWRRA events to supporting a charity. Presenting a fun environment for all to enjoy and making everyone feel welcome attracts the "right kind of people".



With the pride that I am seeing in the Chapters, I really expect the best year Georgia has ever seen. And, as Chuck says, RIDE SAFE AND RIDE OFTEN.

## ... A Little Clarification is in Order

There seems to be a bit of confusion concerning Level Renewal Fees. And I probably caused most of it. So please accept my sincere apologies for that and let's try to set this straight.

When the announcement came from National Rider Ed stating there were NO longer any Renewal fees for Levels 2-4, there was nothing mentioned about "arrearages". I jumped the gun (again I apologize for that) and said in a newsletter that the member was still responsible for arrearages, if any. I no sooner had the newsletter article in to District to be included with the District Newsletter and in to the Webmistress to be put on the District Web Page when I got the word, there were NO arrearages either. I contacted the District Director about the change, which was made to the newsletter. But, it had already been sent out. A change was sent, but some Chapters did not get the correct information until it was too late. And, there also seems to be question as to whether or not the initial entry into a Level is free.

So, let's try this again. Folks, ONLY the RENEWAL is free . . . . If you wish a renewal pin or bar (am not sure which we will be getting), include a \$2.00 fee for each renewal pin/bar needed. There are no arrearage fees. The entry fee into the Levels is still in effect. Level 1 is \$6.00, Level 2 is \$5.00, Level 3 is \$4.00 and Level 4 is \$35.00. (Level 1-3 black/gold patches are \$1.00 extra). ALL Level forms, including Level 4 come to the District Educator.

If the Chapter Educators and Chapter Directors would please address this at your next meeting, we can get correct any misunderstandings. And please make sure that your qualifications are current for the Level you are re-newing at. I can not accept renewal forms if the qualifications are not up to date.

Again, please accept my apologies for any confusion. And as always, always be watchful for the unwatchful . . . . .

RHSF, Chuck and Anne Reed  
Georgia District Educators

### Among our Sick:

Jeanne Dawley—GA-T

Sid Cohen—District COY

Please keep these in your prayers as they recuperate.



### GA Traveler's Plaque & the Region A Wanderer

are up for grabs on Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. in Thomaston. GA-E has the honor of giving both plaques away. It should be crowded! So get there to get a seat. Remember, during January and February, you may travel on 4 wheels to capture the District and the Region plaques.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

(This is NOT a full listing)

**Feb. 11**—GA-S Sweetheart Poker Run, Ft. Yargo State Park. Contact Bill Hatfield @ 706.531.2994.

**Feb. 23-25**—Florida District Rally, Kissimmee, FL. Check gwrra-ga.com for a link to FL webpage.

**Mar. 17-18**—GA-A2 Irish Getaway, Dublin Civitan Club. Contact Gene Whiddon @ 478.731.4223

**Mar. 25**—GA-X Cherry Blossom Pedal, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Macon. Contact John Zimmer @ 478.474.8821

**Mar. 30—Apr. 1**—Alabama District Rally, Mobile, AL. Check gwrra-ga.com for a link to AL webpage

## WING FLING, WING DING, & COUPLES OF THE YEAR...

Wing Fling is only months away and registration is phenomenal. With a new location, we will have everything in one location. However, as with any event this size, it requires a lot of help. At the Officers meeting in January, Chapter Directors had the opportunity to volunteer their Chapters to help at different times during the weekend. If you as an individual would like to help in some way, please let us know. We can always use the extra help.



and involvement. They realized that even though there may be several couples in the Chapter who contributed time and energy resulting in the success of the Chapter, there is one couple that stands out. A couple that always volunteers and is willing to help the Chapter in any way they can. A couple who Chapter Directors know they can always call on to help with Chapter gatherings, rides or special events. Those couples that stand out, the ones that the Chapter can always depend on to help support the Chapter are the couples that should be recognized.

Sometimes the Chapter participants have recognized and selected their Chapter Directors as their Couple of the Year. Those who have been selected as a Chapter Couple of the Year can attest to the honor and pride they felt by being recognized for their involvement and will gladly share their experiences of meeting other Chapter COYs and making new friends. Once thought to be a dying program, in the last two years, the Georgia GWRRA Chapter Directors have shown by the large number of Georgia Chapter COYs that the program is definitely going strong in Georgia.



Shortly after our Rally, we will have Wing Ding right in our back door. Wing Ding brings people from around the world. Some of these people speak little or no English. Try to imagine what it would be like if you were in a foreign country and did not know the

language. The home office is looking for anyone that is fluent in another language that would like to serve as an interrupter. If you have this talent and a little time to meet people from some very interesting places, please contact the home office or me.

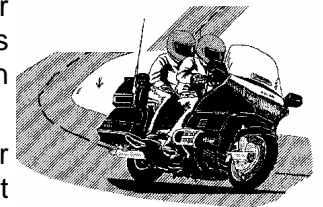
Speaking of Wing Ding, the Home Office always asks for help from the Members. This year Region A has been ask to work Registrations. I have talked with Larry Lingo and he has agreed to let Georgia work July 6. I am looking forward to this duty. It will give us the unique opportunity to meet a wide variety of people. If you have a little time on the sixth to help, please contact the District Staff to let us know what time you would like to work.

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### COY Program Going Strong!

For the past two years GWRRA Georgia had record breaking numbers of Chapter Couples of the Year. We would like to congratulate those Chapter Directors for recognizing those couples who are deserving of the honor and for supporting the Couple Of the Year Program. The Chapter Directors, in some instances, were once Chapter Couples of the Year themselves or maybe a District Couple Of the Year. They have seen the rewards of recognizing a couple within their Chapter who have shown commitment

If you don't have a Chapter Couple of the Year, it's not too late. Recognize that deserving couple by selecting them as your Chapter Couple of the Year. Chapter COYs are not required to participate in the Georgia District Couple Of the Year selection process, but we encourage each Chapter Couple to represent your Chapter in the selection process at Wind Down. Wouldn't it be great to have bragging rights that the District Couple of the Year came from your Chapter? The only requirements are that the Couple be one male, one female, have a full membership in GWRRA and it is recommended they be a member of GWRRA for at least one year.



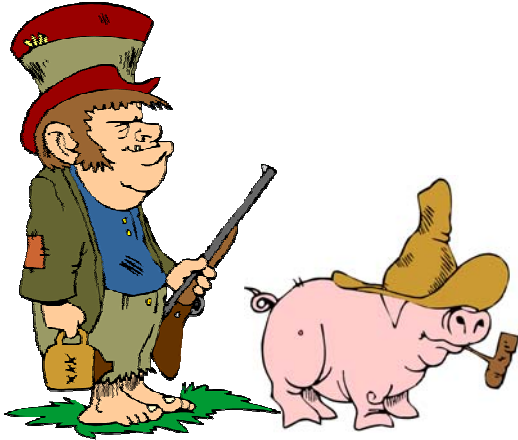
If you have any questions concerning selecting a Chapter Couple of the Year, or if you have already selected a couple and have not let us know who they are, please contact Bill and Betty Livingston, your Membership Enhancement/COY Coordinators.

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## 2006 Wing Fling Update

**Yeeehaaaa!** The registrations for 2006

Hillbilly 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!

