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# GWRRA Georgia

March 2007

## It's Riding Time



### Let's Go For a Ride

The weather is starting to warm up and there are plenty of events coming up that will provide an excellent time to dust off the scooter and get out and enjoy a nice ride. Lots of Chapters are planning rides to some very entertaining and fun places and I know they would be delighted to have you join them. Just check out the Georgia web site and browse through the Chapter web pages and pick a ride of your choice and take a ride with your friends. Other events coming up in March are the Florida District Wing Gathering in Kissimmee, Florida and, we don't want to miss, the Irish Get-A-Way in Dublin on March 23rd and 24th. For more information on upcoming events, please check the Georgia website.

### Plaque Attack Rules

At the Sweetheart Poker Run in Winder, Chapter GA-S gave the Georgia Travelers Plaque and the Region A Wander plaque to Chapter GA-L in Rome. Several Chapters attended in attempt to capture the plaques, but only three had a Mapquest report required for being eligible to capture the plaque. The Mapquest report is designed to eliminate confusion in determining the mileage to be calculated for the plaque capture. The Mapquest report is only required when the Chapter

offering the plaque is holding their meeting at a location that is not their scheduled meeting location. The Chapter Director that will be giving the plaque away is responsible for notifying the District Web Master of the name and address of the location where the plaque will be given away. Any Chapter that chases the plaque must obtain a Mapquest report with a route of the shortest distance between their scheduled meeting place and the location the plaque will be given away. This procedure will ensure the Chapter(s) chasing the plaque receive the accurate amount of miles traveled. If you need a Mapquest report, please contact any member of the District Staff.

### Horizons

On February 10th and 11th, your District Trainers, Dave and Sharon Aikens presented the second Horizons class of the year. The 28 members that attended had a great time and learned a lot about the fundamentals of being an Officer in GWRRA. Dave and Sharon will be conducting additional Horizons classes in August as well as Instructor Development and Certification, Knowledge Enhancement and Intermediate Leadership Skills, so check out the article in this newsletter and sign up. If you are interested in getting in on this outstanding training, please call Dave and Sharon at (478) 953-4886.

# GOOD THINGS TO KNOW

## 2007 CHAPTER COUPLES OF THE YEAR

GA-A Don & Judy Severs  
 GA-A2 Wayne & Jewell Dennard  
 GA-B2 Jeff & Susan Poirer  
 GA-C2 Murl & Ruth Gwynn  
 GA-E Jimmy & Brenda Davis  
 GA-E2 Clarence & Pat Taylor  
 GA-G Dick & Fay Hargett  
 GA-H Tony & Sue Bracewell  
 GA-J Jon & Peggy Lemon  
 GA-P Leon Johnson & Julie Wynn  
 GA-Q Bill & Barbara Paul  
 GA-S Gary & Shirley Verhulst  
 GA-T Dave & Betty Andrade  
 GA-V Jeff & Angie Simpson  
 GA-X James & Virginia Holloway

## GA Traveler's Plaque

On 17 February, Chapter L captured the Georgia District Traveler's Plaque from Chapter S. Then on 24 February, Chapter P captured the plaque from Chapter L. Chapter P will offer the plaque on 10 March at the IHOP on North Jefferson Davis Drive in Fayetteville. They will eat at 6:00pm and meet at 7:00pm. For more information, please contact David & Wanda Privett at (404) 791-4326.

## Region A Wanderer

On 24 February, Chapter SC-T captured the 'Region A Wanderer' from Chapter L. Chapter SC-T will offer the plaque on 3 March at Ryan's on 1501 Poinsett in Greer, SC. They will eat at 1:00pm and meet at 2:00pm. Visit their website at [www.gwr-ra-sc-t.com](http://www.gwr-ra-sc-t.com) for more details.

## Among Our Sick:

- Susan Larsen, Georgia District Staff
- Shirley Waller, GA-O
- Marlene Campbell, GA-B2
- Gene Whiddon, GA-A2
- Jim Underwood, GA-F2
- Renee Stark, GA-B
- Maud Verner, GA-H

If you know of any member that is ill, had surgery, or lost a loved one, please contact Bill and Betty Livingston.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mar. 15-17**—Florida District Wing Gathering, Kissimmee, Fl. For more information check the Georgia District Web page at <http://www.gwr-ra-ga.com/>.

**Mar. 23-24**—GA-A2—Irish Get-A-Way, Civitan Club Fairgrounds, Dublin, GA. For more information contact Gene and Pat Whiddon, 478-986-5678.

**Mar 29-31**—Alabama District Rally, Mobile, AL. For more information check out the Georgia District Web page at <http://www.gwr-ra-ga.com>.

**Apr 21**—GA-K—Poker Run to support St Jude's Children's Hospital. Kings Bay Honda. For more information contact Danny and Allyson Hickey at 912-264-1736.

**May 3-5**—South Carolina District Rally, Spartanburg, SC. For more information check out the Georgia District Web page at <http://www.gwr-ra-ga.com>.

**May 19**—GA-H- Fun Day, Exchange Club Fair Grounds, Albany, GA. For more information contact Jeff and Maud Verner at 229-883-5598.

**June 14-16**—Georgia District Wing Fling, The Fabulous 50's and 60's, Rome, GA. For more information check out the Georgia District Web page at <http://www.gwr-ra-ga.com>

**July 4-7**—Wing Ding—Billings, Montana. For more information check out the Georgia District Web page at <http://www.gwr-ra-ga.com>

**Sept 8**—GA-Q—Dessert Auction and Burger Burn, Museum of Aviation, Warner Robins Air Force Base. For more information, contact Larry and Elease Chambers at 478-953-4533

## Heartfelt Sympathy To:

- Phil Piotrowski, GA-A on the loss of his cousin
- Mike Dumes, GA-I2 on the loss of his Father
- Paul & Sherri Barber, GA-A2 on the loss of their mother



## District Leadership Trainers

**Dave and Sharon Aikens**

### Let's Keep the Ball Rolling

We have really gotten off to a great start to our training year. So far this year we have had 61 members complete the Horizons Program. We have modified the training calendar to accommodate more opportunities to attend some follow-on training once you have completed the Horizons Program. This is my corrected/updated training schedule for 2007:

June 14-16	GA Wing Fling New Member Orientation Remembering Names
August 4	Instructor Development & Certification
August 11-12	Horizons Program
August 18	Knowledge Enhancement
August 25	Intermediate Leadership Skills* (*Must have completed Horizons and Knowledge Enhancement)

At our Chilly Willy gathering I briefly mentioned that anyone who has attended a past Horizons Program but didn't receive a Leadership Training Pin and Horizons Bar, to please send me a copy of their certificate and I will get you your pins and bars. So far I have received only 2 certificates for this purpose. I believe there were 2 classes that pins weren't available.

#### Team Training

Each of our Assistant District Directors has been assigned to specific chapters to provide guidance and answer questions. They are also responsible for coordinating with each of their assigned chapters to establish a training plan for your chapter officers and members.

Each Chapter Director should have been contacted by now by their respective Assistant District Director to set up a training day to receive their first session of Team Training. The reason for setting up these Team Training sessions is to bring this valuable training closer to you, the members. Once the training topics are identified and a location is selected, I will come to that location and provide the requested training. Hopefully, this will encourage more members to come out and learn more about GWRRA without having to travel great distances and use up valuable time.

***“The more you know, the better it gets”***

## District Motorist Awareness Coordinators

**Bob & Karla Greer**

### Why Motorist Awareness

#### When GWRRA Already Has Rider Education?

There seems to be some confusion within GWRRA concerning how Motorist Awareness (MA) and Rider Education (RE) differentiate and more specifically, why we need both.

When the Motorist Awareness Division of GWRRA was created in October 2003, it was part of the “Ride Aware!” Campaign with three goals:

I – To reduce death, disability and loss of property resulting from accidents in which a motorcyclist's right of way has been violated by another motorist.

II – To increase motorcyclist's awareness of the attitudes and lack of awareness that the majority of motorists have regarding motorcycles.

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III – To increase motorist's awareness of motorcycles through actively and aggressively conducting events, campaigns and presentations to audiences that are predominantly non-motorcycling.

On April 4, 2006, GWRRA announced that the MA Division would come under the operational control of the Rider Education Division. With this new structure, MA was to educate the non-riding public and RE was to educate motorcycle riders. So even though MA is no longer a separate division within GWRRA, the purpose and goals for MA program have not changed.

Both MA and RE are necessary. MA and RE compliment each other. MA and RE are different.

Every motorcycle rider needs to promote Motorist Awareness. By letting the non-riding public know about motorcycles, motorcycle habits, just looking out for motorcycles and being made aware that motorcycles are everywhere, the roads will be safer for all.

For more information about GWRRA's MA program, take a look at the Georgia District Motorist Awareness web page at <http://www.gwr-ra-ga.com/>, e-mail or call us.

We need more Chapter Motorist Awareness Coordinators throughout Georgia. Give us a call to see how you can do this.

Bob & Karla Greer

GWRRA Georgia Motorist Awareness Coordinators

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## Senior District Educators

### Chuck & Anne Reed

#### WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER TIRES . . . ?

OK, what about the other tires? A few days ago, I was addressing a Chapter meeting about tires. And I pointed out, that Old Man Winter still had a few days of winter left to throw at us. But, when he had thrown his last bit of not nice riding weather at us, are we going to be ready to roll?

We probably have not ridden as much as we would like to, but I would venture to say, we ride a whole lot more than our friend further North! But, with the cold weather here, and not riding quite as much, do we still need to check our tires? I think you all know the answer to that. And we need to check them before every ride. Well, you say, it is too cold to go out in the morning and check them. Besides the ground or the garage floor is too cold to lay on, to check the rear tire. (Not all of us have a nice motorcycle lift to use) So, I will check them when I get back. Wrong answer. That is too late. OK, OK, we all know we should check them before we ride. And most of us do and for those who forget or decide that it won't be necessary this time, you really need to make checking the tire pressure and condition of your tires a riding priority.

But, good riding will finally get here, and one of the first things we will do (besides checking the tires) is go for a ride. Over-nighter, to a Rally, weekend camping etc. So, what about the other tires? Yep! Your trailer tires. Just how many of us check our trailer tires every time we use it? And if not, why not? Those tires need checking just as much as the bike's tires. And don't stop there. What other tires do we need to check? When was the last time (and be honest with yourself) you checked the, gasp, Spare Tire?!? Think maybe it would be a really good idea to do that? I do.

Make checking all of your tires a priority. It takes less time, is less troublesome and less damaging and a whole lot more FUN, than having a tire problem while you are riding down the road. Think about it . . . !

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

RSHF,

Chuck and Anne Reed