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# GWRRA Georgia

May 2007

## Wing Fling - Coming Soon



### Your Georgia District Rally

For a year now, your Georgia District Staff have been getting things just right to make your District Rally a memorable event. With all the games, events designed for just having fun, food and contests, we guarantee you will find something that you will enjoy. As you know, the District Staff makes all the plans and schedules the events, but it is you, the members, that really put on your rally. Without the volunteers that work the games, work at the vendor gates, help with the hospitality room, sell tickets and all the other many tasks involved in putting on a rally, we would not be able to give the hundreds of members that attend your rally each year the experience of attending a District Rally, Georgia style. Your assistance and dedication are greatly appreciated by each and every member that you serve.

### Something for Everyone at Wing Fling

Do you want to come to Wing Fling just to relax? Then you can set by the pool and catch a few rays. Do you want to get in a cool room and play some games? Then Vicki has some real fun planned for you in the game room. Do you want to learn a little more about rider education, Motorist

Awareness, or just some fun stuff like remembering names? Then we have the right seminars for you. If you want to cut a rug (that's dancing for some of you younger members), then we have a sock hop on Thursday right after the barbeque dinner. If you want to bust a gut (that's laughing for you younger members), then we have a talent show that will surely fit the bill. If you are in need of safety chrome, tires, or that one special thing that you just can't live without, then the vendors is the place for you. Want to get out and see the historic areas of Rome or get out and ride the countryside? We have tours and rides you won't want to miss. Also, you don't want to miss visiting Howdy Doody's hospitality room to get a cold drink or enjoy the award winning goodies. No matter what you desire, we will have it all. So please come to Rome and check out all the fun and exciting things we have planned.

### Trike Training coming soon

Your District Trike Sig coordinators and the Georgia District Senior Ride Educators are working very hard to bring trike training to Georgia. A new GWRRA trike training course is being developed and in the near future, Georgia will be providing the much desired trike training. We will get the information out to all our members as soon as the courses become available.

# 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-I Page & Jeanne Davis  
 GA-J Jon & Peggy Lemon  
 GA-K Reggie & Fay Walters  
 GA-O John & Vivian Rountree  
 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*

Chapter Z of Newnan will be offering the Georgia District Traveler's Plaque for capture at the Westside Restaurant (87 W. Temple Ave.) on 28 April. They will eat at 5:30PM and meet at 6:30. For more information, contact Alan & Denise Head at 770-461-8360.

### *Region A Wanderer*

Chapter S of Winder will be offering the Region A Wanderer for capture at the Golden Corral Restaurant (163 E. May St.) on Sunday, 29 April. They will eat at 8:00AM and meet at 9:00. For more information, contact Ken & Traci Thrasher at 770-310-1041.

### Among Our Sick:

- Maud Verner, GA-H
- Patty Lingo (Hip Replacement), Region A

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



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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 12 - GA-T** – Spring Fling Street Party, Cycle World, Athens. For more information contact Randy Simpson at 706-546-5202.

**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 2 - GA-E** – Benefit ride for Britton Cauthen. Ride will be from Griffin to Barnesville. For more information, contact Bob Pastor at 404-402-8540.

**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

**Sept 13-15** – Region A Rally– 4H Center, Hwy 19S—Perry Florida. Catching Dreams on A Wing. For more information check out the Georgia District Web Site at <http://www.gwr-ra-ga.com>

### Heartfelt Sympathy To:

- John & Sheila Andrews on the loss of her Father
- Ruth Minton on the passing of Jerry Minton (GA-I2)
- Phillip & Pat Denning on the loss of her mother
- Don & Kris McGee on the loss of their son



## District Motorist Awareness Coordinators - Bob & Karla Greer

### “SHOW ME HOW”

#### Motorist Awareness Seminar

#### Georgia Wing Fling 2007

For the past three years, we have given a Motorist Awareness (MA) Seminar at the Georgia District Rally. We plan to do another one at this year's rally on Friday, June 15, 2007 from 10:00 – 11:00 AM in inside the Holiday Inn in Seminar Room A.

**One big difference from past years.** In the past, these seminars have been information type seminars telling our audience about the MA program and encouraging Chapter Directors to appoint a Chapter MA Coordinator in every GWRRA chapter.

In the last year, and after the appointment of 12 Chapter MA Coordinators, it was brought to our attention that as willing as these Chapter Coordinators were to assume the job title and duties as their Chapter MA Coordinator, some, if not many, of them wanted a **“SHOW ME HOW” workshop.** We have also found that many of our chapter members are very interested in MA and would volunteer as their Chapter MA Coordinator, if they were told more clearly and equipped for this job. You see, this comes easy for some and others need a little bigger nudge.

Karla and I first gave this same “SHOW ME HOW” seminar at our home on February 3, 2007. The eighteen attendees gave us very positive feedback. They left with the necessary knowledge, MA informational aids, and most of all, the confidence to promote this MA Program in their chapter areas. Hope to see you at our seminar.

Even if you can't make the seminar, stop by, say hi and ask any questions you might have about this MA program. You can probably find us in the Door Prize area of the Game Room during most of this year's rally.

Bob & Karla Greer - District MA Coordinators; robertbgreer@comcast.net; 770 473-1316 (home); 770 630-2328 (cell)

## District Membership Enhancement Coordinators - JJ & Macia Etzle

### COUPLE OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

We are proud to announce that we have 17 new Couples of the Year for 2007. We anxiously look forward to meeting those that we haven't yet met and getting to know all of you.

The Couple of the Year Program is a great experience for those that are chosen by the Chapter Directors to serve. This is not a contest; it is an honor that is bestowed on a couple that has served the Chapter well, whether it is through attendance at Chapter functions, participation in rides, holding an office, or making a difference in any way. Not only is there recognition for the couple (which none of us get enough of in our every day lives), but it is so much fun. It is an opportunity for the couple to go out and visit other Chapters and to help us promote the Member Enhancement part of our new duties. Riding, having fun and building new friendships are great rewards for the Couple of the Year.

Each couple has the opportunity to participate in the selection of District Couple of the Year and follow in the footsteps of Kelles and Laura Sue Fleming, our 2006 - 2007 District Couple of the Year. They can then take part in the Region Couple of the Year selection. These are fun processes and, if you are not selected, you receive the honor of being named Ambassador.

This is such an exciting program! We hope all of you will have fun with it.

See you on the road,

JJ and Marcia Etzle - COY/Membership Enhancement Coordinators

## District Leadership Trainers - Dave & Sharon Aikens

### May Leadership Training Input

We have finally gotten to the time of year when every day is a good day to go for a ride. It's the time when we can more easily justify letting some small chores go undone just so we can get out on the highways and enjoy a leisurely cruise through the countryside. When this time of year comes around it becomes more difficult to entice people to attend a training session; to sit in a classroom knowing they'd rather be riding. So, go ride! When August rolls around and the temps become unbearable, you might enjoy sitting in a nice air conditioned room with some of your friends sipping a cool beverage.

Now, it's my turn! What better time to present you with some new knowledge about your chapter and our great organization – GWRRA. This is the time, when the temperatures are soaring into the upper 90's, that is very well suited to conducting training classes. In case you haven't already had the opportunity to check out this year's training schedule,

every weekend in August I will be conducting training classes covering varying aspects of what makes our fine organization tick, and what makes it keep on ticking.

The first item on the list (August 4) is an Instructor Development and Certification Class. Think about it, you can't have training without training instructors. If you like to get up in front of a group of people and talk about your riding adventures, or sit with a group of friends and attempt to solve the world's many problems; perhaps you might enjoy being an instructor. It's a good feeling when you finish a class and some of the class participants come up to you and tell you what a great experience it was.

On August 11-12, we'll be conducting a Horizon Program. This program is open to any and all GWRRA members. The Horizon Program will give you your first taste of what it takes to make a successful chapter, regardless of your level of chapter involvement. This class begins promptly at 8:30 AM on both days, and will be completed by 2:00 PM Sunday. Participants must attend all seminars that are presented both days to receive credit for attending.

August 18 we will present a Knowledge Enhancement Program. This will be a full day of training beginning at 9:00 AM. This is a follow-on program to the Horizon Program. The Horizon classes teach you the "why" of how things are done, the Knowledge Enhancement is the first step in teaching the "how" in how things are done.

Finally, August 25 will be the day for learning Intermediate Leadership Skills. This program is pointed specifically at new (or relatively new) Chapter Directors and Assistant Chapter Directors who have completed the Horizon Program and the Knowledge Enhancement Program. Many of the topics from the first two programs will be readdressed, but in much greater depth. We will also have the opportunity to address some specific chapter problem areas and how to best resolve them. This class may be small due to having to complete the requisite programs, but should be very enlightening for all who can attend.

All classes except the Horizon Program will begin at 9:00 AM on the date specified. These classes will be conducted at Priester's Pecans, I-75 Southbound side, Exit 134 at South Perry Parkway and Highway 41, Perry, GA.

The Horizon Program will begin at 8:30 AM on both Saturday and Sunday, and will be conducted at the Comfort Inn, 1602 Sam Nunn Blvd, Perry, GA 31069.

Training participants will receive a program hanger bar for all programs they complete.

Registration forms for all of these programs are available on the GA Web Site, or ask your Assistant District Director to get you one. Remember, the more you know, the better it gets.

Dave & Sharon Aikens - District Leadership Trainers

## Senior District Educators - Chuck & Anne Reed

### SOME THOUGHTS FROM RIDER EDUCATION . . .

L.S.R. the Three Ups . . . . No, this is not a new Trike group or a new drug, but three motorcycle riding techniques that will help keep your shiny side up.

**LOOK UP** - Always look up, never letting your eyes drop below the horizon. This is one of the most important things you can do, to safely control your motorcycle. Your eyes take you where you are looking. Always look through the turn. If you look down, you are probably going to go down. Look ahead, keep your thoughts and your vision ahead. If you are riding at highway speeds for example, and you are looking, oh say, 50 yards in front of you, by the time you see any obstacle in your path, it is going to be too late to avoid it. Plan 12 seconds ahead.

**SQUARE UP** - Always square your handlebars when you stop and keep them square when you are starting forward. Even an emergency stop in a curve, you stop quicker and much more safely, if your **FIRST** square up your handlebars **BEFORE** applying the brakes. Ever stop at a stop sign with your handlebars turned a little right or left and you find yourself wrestling with the motorcycle to keep it from falling over, or even falling over? If this is a problem you have, chances are very high that the cause is, your handlebars are not square to the motorcycle. Square up those handlebars!!

**RIGHT FOOT UP** - Always stop and start your motorcycle with your right foot covering the rear brake and your left foot on the ground. In stopping, the most effective way to stop a motorcycle is with both brakes, by applying even pressure on both the front and rear brakes. When you stop, your left foot should touch the ground first. When you start, your right foot should be covering your rear brake pedal. When the vehicle in front of yours moves, you will begin to move. If that vehicle suddenly stops, you can quickly stop if you have your right foot covering the brake. It will take you at least 1 to 2 seconds to cover the front brake with your right hand. However, if your right foot was on the rear brake, you would already be applying the rear brake while you were trying to cover the front brake. When you start and stop your motorcycle in the same manner each time, you will find you can control your balance much easier.

So, remember, L.S.R., the Three Ups.    **LOOK UP . . . . SQUARE UP . . . . RIGHT FOOT UP**

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

RSHF, Chuck and Anne Reed - Senior District Educators