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GWRRA Georgia



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Wing Ding 2007

Thank you for your help and support

It was really great to see so many Georgia GWRRA members at Wing Ding in Billings, Montana. Several of your Georgia District Staff also took the opportunity to venture out west to see the sights and to enjoy the festivities of Wing Ding. Region A was assigned ticket sales and Georgia did their part on Friday. We had a great turn out and your help and support was commendable. Without your help at events like Wing Ding and Wing Fling, it would not have been a success. Thank all of you so very much that took the time to come and help with the ticket sales. It was announced that Wing Ding 30 will be held in Greenville, SC July 3rd through the 6th 2008. Lodging information is available on the GWRRA National web site at <http://www.wing-ding.org/>.

Hotel Reservations for Wing Fling 2008

The host hotel for Wing Fling 2007, Holiday Inn in Athens, is now accepting reservations. All you need to do is send in a rally registration and you will receive a registration number to provide to the hotel when making your reservations. There are 145 rooms of varying types at the Holiday Inn and 55 rooms at the Holiday Inn Express just a few blocks

away. We are very pleased to have found such a luxurious hotel with affordable rooms to hold our annual Wing Fling. The Holiday Inn and Holiday Inn Express are in the heart of Athens which has over a hundred restaurants and fast food venues within walking distance. If you have the chance, please take a ride to Athens and check out the facilities. We are sure you will be pleased with what they have to offer. The rally flyer has been posted on the Georgia District web site at <http://gwr-ra.com/Rally/rally2008/2008GaRallyFlyer.pdf> so print one out or see any of your Georgia District Staff and send in your registrations.

One Last Reminder about Training in August

Just a reminder that Dave and Sharon Aikens have an entire month of training scheduled for August. Courses offered are Instructor Development and Certification on August 4th; Horizons on August 11th and 12th Knowledge Enhancement on August 18th, and on August 25th Intermediate Leadership Skills. The Horizons will be held at the Comfort Inn and the other courses will be held at Preisters Pecans in Perry, Georgia. To take advantage of these courses, contact Dave and Sharon at aikensdl@cox.net or give them a call at 478-953-4886. Remember, the more you know, the better it gets.

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 GA-L of Rome will be offering the Georgia District Traveler's Plaque for capture at the Western Sizzlin at 801 Martha Berry Boulevard, in Rome on 25 August. They will eat at 12:00PM and meet at 1:00PM. For more information, contact David & Denise Newby at 706-295-1714.

Meeting Change Information

- Chapter D: Now meeting at Ryan's Steakhouse on Jesse Jewel Parkway in Gainesville; 2nd Sat.; 10a to eat, 11a to meet.
- Chapter B-2: Now meeting at Beaver Biscuit Company in Lithia Springs; 4th Sat.; 8a to eat, 9a to meet.

Among Our Sick:

- Lenny Tuneburg (brother of Joyce Piotrowski; GA-A)
- Susan Larsen; GA District - Broken foot

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 1-2- 30th Anniversary Members Party, Nashville, TN, Opryland Resort and Convention Center. For more information, go to <http://www.gwrro.org/nashville/>

Sept 8 - GA-Q - Dessert Auction and Burger Burn, Museum of Aviation, Warner Robins Air Force Base. For more information, contact Larry and Eleese 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 Website at <http://www.gwrro-ga.com>

Sept 29- GA-A Fall Harvest Fun Day- High Falls State Park, Jackson. For more information, contact Bob and Bonnie McCroskey at 770-954-1924

Oct 6- GA-O- Picnic in the Park. Tift County Recreation Center, Tifton. For more information, contact Robert and Anna Tillman at 229-423-3971.

Oct 11-13- Mississippi District Rally, Touring The Tropics, A Hawaiian Homecoming, Biloxi, MS. For more information, check the Georgia District web page at <http://gwrro-ga.com/>

Oct 20 - GA-L- Fun Day and fundraiser for Breast Cancer Research, Georgia Highland College. For more information, contact David and Denise Newby at 706-295-1714

Nov 3- GA-V- Special 50/50 Drawing. For tickets for more information, contact Angie or Jeff Simpson at 478-934-0584.

Nov 10 - Wind Down—Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Macon. Festivities start at 10:00. For more information, check the Georgia District web page at <http://www.gwrro-ga.com>

Nov 17- GA-H2- Santa's Toy Run. Statesboro. For more information, contact Curtis and Jeanie Gay at 912-852-9035.

Heartfelt Sympathy To:

- Linda & Mike Dumes on loss of Linda's father
- Pat & Beverly Schell on the loss of Pat's grandmother
- Chrys & Maynard Watson on the loss of Chrys' father
- Jackie Lewis on the loss of Alvin



District Leadership Trainers - Dave & Sharon Aikens

More Training Stuff

Wing Ding was a blast! Sure, there were the occasional glitches, but all-in-all, it was a very worthwhile event. Of course, Sharon and I had to take the long way home; taking in the sights at Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks. After 4,600 miles, it's good to be home. I'm sure our trike feels the same way. We pushed it pretty hard at times going through some high mountain passes, but it held up very well.

Now it's time to put the training cap back on and let you know what's going on in that arena. At the Trainer's Meeting at Wing Ding, we discussed many items of interest, one of which is the name "Leadership Training." It seems that a large number of people feel if they sign up for any of the training programs, it somehow obligates them to become more involved in their chapter's leadership. Actually, the only obligation a person has that has signed up for one of the seminars, or even a Horizon Program or the Knowledge Enhancement Program, is that they show up on the date and time the classes are given. There is nothing either implied or expected of anyone wishing to attend any of the training programs available. We, in the Training world, want to make this training available to any and all GWRRA members to enhance their knowledge about GWRRA and how it works. After all, the more you know the better it gets.

Another area we discussed was who can attend what training programs. Any member can attend the following programs: Horizons, Knowledge Enhancement, and Member Orientation. The Horizons Program **should** be taken before the Knowledge Enhancement Program. The Member Orientation Program can be attended at any-time. Officers wishing to take the Intermediate Skills Program **must** have taken both the Horizon Program and the Knowledge Enhancement Program. Officers attending the Advanced Leadership Skills Program **must** have taken the Intermediate Skills Program.

Now, for the home front challenge: We need members to hurry and sign up for the Horizons Program on August 11-12, 2007, in Perry GA. The numbers are a little slim at the present time and I don't want to disappoint anyone by canceling the class. The minimum number to have a successful and meaningful learning experience is 20 people. Please put the word out to your chapter participants.

There will be a new schedule of classes and programs available beginning in January, 2008. All classes, dates and times will be posted right here in the newsletter.

Senior District Educators - Chuck & Anne Reed**A SNEAK PREVIEW OF WHAT IS COMING**

For our Georgia family of trikers, the following information should come as GREAT and welcome news.

At Wing Ding this year, I attended the National Rider Education meeting. Of the many things that were discussed, there is one really exciting item that I would like to pass along to all of you Trikers: There **IS** an approved Trike Parking Lot Practice Guide ready to use! Yes, finally! No more of the same response of “in a few weeks”. It is out and I have in my hands!!!

So, you ask, “What happens next?” I have been in contact with the Georgia Trike SIG Coordinator, Charles Vaughn, who in turn, has been in contact with the Region Trike SIG Coordinator. It is our plan to have 5-6 trikers take a class on the proper way in which to conduct and present a Trike PLP Course. I will also be in attendance to observe this training. This training will be presented by the Region Trike SIG Coordinator.

After this initial training has been conducted, Charles Vaughn, who will be responsible for running our ongoing Trike PLP program in Georgia, will set up a schedule of “When and Where”. At this point, we are unsure as to the length of time it will take to lay out a Trike PLP Course, how long it will take to conduct the sessions, or how many will be able to attend each training session. We will learn the answers to these and other questions as we get the overall Trike PLP Program up and running. As we become better organized, more complete information will be made available to all of you who are anxiously awaiting this new course.

As a reminder, completion of the Trike PLP Course, will allow you to enter, advance or update rider qualifications in the Rider Ed Levels! However, taking the Trike PLP course will **NOT** give you your drivers license endorsement. You are encouraged to take a certified Trike Course at your earliest opportunity for that specific reason.

I just wanted to give you an idea of what is coming. It is my hope that we can train the 5-6 people that have already been selected (they will be called “Facilitators”) and have them ready to go to work as soon as possible.

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

RSHF,
Chuck and Anne Reed
Georgia Senior District Educators