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GWRRA Georgia

March 2008



Chapter of the Year

Chapter Of The Year Winners

The Chapter Of the Year Award and Honorable Mention Awards were created to recognize the extraordinary efforts by Chapters that actively participate in a variety of activities that promote fun and growth in their Chapters. At first glance, the criteria seems a little overwhelming, but after learning the criteria for submitting and getting an understanding of the scoring process, it is really very simple. Two outstanding Chapters provided submissions for the program and Chapter E-2 of Savannah came out the victor. Congratulations to Chapter Directors Roy and Irene Bridges, their staff and members of Chapter E-2. Honorable Mention goes to Bob and Bonnie McCroskey, Chapter Directors and the staff and members of Chapter A in McDonough. We thank these outstanding Chapters for their contributions to the success of GWRRA in Georgia. This year, only two Chapters have submitted the required ride/event plan for 2008 by the deadline of 29 February to qualify for competition in the program. If you are interested in getting in on the competition, check out the Georgia District web page at <http://gwrro-ga.com/> or contact the Membership Enhancement Coordinators, Sid and Donna Cohen at randrga@yahoo.com. We will accept emailed ride/event schedules until 29 February.

Wing Fling Is Just Around The Corner

When you stop and realize that it is already March, that means that it is not that long until Wing Fling. As you know, we have moved to Athens to provide you a rally of mythological proportions. In other words a great big toga party. In addition to some of the normally scheduled events like the barbeque dinner; we have a Dance and Costume Contest on Thursday night, a Talent Show Georgia style, Ice Cream Sundaes, and lighted bike show on Friday. We also have lots of new games and a Chapter Challenge Chariot Race. The staff at the Holiday Inn has assured us they have plans to roll out the red carpet for our Gold Wing members to provide you the very best in hospitality. They have agreed to include a breakfast buffet for every guest registered for the rally that stay at the host hotel. There are plenty of pet friendly rooms as well as luxury suites available. This is a first class hotel with indoor pool, exercise room, as well as a fantastic restaurant. You will need to register for the rally to book your room. The Convention and Visitors Bureau has agreed to provide welcome packets with information about local restaurants and sites of interest. They will also provide routes to ride in the local area. If you haven't registered yet, please see any of your District Staff or get your registration from the Georgia District Web site.

GOOD THINGS TO KNOW

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 8 - Intermediate Leadership Skills: Verhulst Trikes-N-Bikes, Maysville, GA. For more information, contact Dave and Sharon Aikens at aikensdl@cox.net

Mar 13-15 - Florida District Rally: Old Time Rock and Roll Wing Gathering. For more information, check the Georgia District web site at <http://gwr-ra-ga.com/>

Mar 29 - Irish Get-A-Way: GA-A2: National Guard Armory, Dublin, GA. 905 Telfair St, Dublin. For more information, contact Gene and Pat Whid-don at 478-731-4223.

Apr 3-5 - Alabama District Rally: Mobile, Al. For more information, check the Georgia District web site at <http://gwr-ra-ga.com/>

Apr 5 - GA-X: Cherry Blossom Pedal, Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Macon. For more information, contact John and Linda Zimmer at 478-474-8821

Apr 12 - GA-T: Spring Fling Street Party, Cycle World of Athens, 4225 Atlanta Hwy, Bogart, GA. For more information, contact Tommy and Vicky Martin at 706-342-7279.

Among Our Sick:

- Lamar Harrison; GA-S
- Pete Hefele; GA-B2
- Ron Thomas; GA-P
- Beverly Schell; GA-Q

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



GA Traveler's Plaque

Chapter GA-E of Thomaston captured the District Traveler's Plaque from Chapter S. Chapter E will give the plaque away on Saturday, March 1 at The Garden Patch, 100 Southland Drive, Barnesville, GA 30204. They will eat at 4pm and meet at 5pm. For more information, contact Billy & Robin Peoples at 706-646-3814.

Region A Wanderer

Chapter FL1-R of Dunnellon, FL is offering the Region A Wanderer for capture on Saturday, March 22, at the Sonic Drive-In at 11351 N. Williams St (Rt. 41). Activities begin at 12pm.

Meeting Changes

- **GA-B;** March 8th meeting will be held at the Piccadilly Restaurant on Rt. 41 in Marietta. Eat at 7:45am; meeting to follow.
- **GA-H2;** Beginning in March, H2 will meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at RJ's Steakery on Hwy. 301 South, eating at 6pm and meeting at 7pm
- **GA-V;** For their April 5 meeting, they will eat at 7pm and meet at 8pm

Heartfelt Sympathy To:

- Agee family on the loss of June Agee (National MED Director)
- Nancy & Michael Jackson on the loss of Nancy's mother
- Jeff Puckett on the loss of his father



GA-A Steve & Dottie Fagan
 GA-A2 Ben & Martha Maddox
 GA-B Barney & Joan Olson
 GA-B2 Mark & Cindy Nettek
 GA-C2 John & Joann Seward
 GA-E Rick & Faye Reece
 GA-E2 Chuck & Karen Cook
 GA-I Paul & Connie Jackson

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 the Year

GA-J Terry & Annie Kintz
 GA-L Al & Peggy Rogers
 GA-Q Pat & Beverly Schell
 GA-S Carlos & Dee Lozano
 GA-T Ronnie & Margaret Vaughn
 GA-V Jame Cochran & Mary Christopher
 GA-X Jerry & Melody Watson



From your Senior District Ride Educators
Chuck and Anne Reed



A Small Item On Your Tires, Could Become A Large (and unwelcome) Item On the Highways . . .

I know we have talked about tread depth and wear and tear on our tires. We have also discussed (many times) front and rear tire pressures and the necessity for replacing the valve core stem when installing new tires. But the one thing we have not really talked about, is the valve core stem holder. What's that? "That" is the little plastic holder that keeps the valve core stem from whipping back and forth from centrifugal forces when the tire is rotating.

Without the plastic holder, the valve core stem will flex until it leaks and, worst of all, breaks. That is not a pleasant feeling at any highway speed, especially 55 mph or better! When you check your tire pressure, check and make sure the stem holder is there, and not broken or missing. If it is, the Honda part number for the plastic stem holder is 42754-MNS-000. Your local Honda dealers should have them on hand and if not, they can order one if you wish. So, ride, be safe and above all, have fun.

And, as usual, always be watchful for the unwatchful

RSHF,

Chuck and Anne Reed
Georgia Senior District Educators

From your District Treasurers
John and Sheila Andrews

Chapter Directors and Treasurers

If your Chapter has received an Annual Electronic Filing Requirement for Small Exempt Organizations — Form 990-N (e-Postcard), please use the link

<http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=169250,00.html>, follow the instructions on the site, and file the report prior to the required filing date of 15 May of each year. The person doing the filing will need the official Chapter information such as the Name and Address the EIN is registered to, which should be the CD. (Please do not change this information.) I believe this is going to be a required event to be accomplished each year. I recommend this be done after logging onto the site and getting familiar with the site before starting. The site has many different links for frequently asked questions and help menus. If you have a problem, please let me know and I will try and assist. But remember, this is a new requirement for all of us and it will take some getting use to.

From your District Trike Representatives
Bill & Sandy Hatfield

Hi Fellow Georgia Trikers,

Bill and Betty Livingston have asked us to be Trike Representatives for the GWRRA Georgia members.

We have been Wingers for 30 years (6 Goldwings) with the last 8 years as GWRRA members and Trikers for 7 of those years. We had a California Side Car kit (self-installed (with help)) on our 1999 GL1500 and presently have a 2005 GL1800 with a 2005 Champion Trike kit. Between the two trikes, we have accumulated about 130K fun and satisfying miles.

Our primary purpose as YOUR Representatives is to provide information to you via the District Newsletter and the District Web-page. I will be contacting people and organizations to secure up-to-date Trike information that you will hopefully find useful. If you have any particular questions that you would like me to endeavor to find the answer to, please e-mail me at smsgte8@windstream.net and I will do my best to get an answer and publish it in the newsletter/web-page.

We are looking forward to being of service to the trikers in Georgia.

Bill & Sandy Hatfield
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(706)-423-9675

From your District Webmasters
Dolly & Bill Dodd

Georgia is pleased to offer free web space to its chapters. No pop-up ads, no hidden fees. Just plain old web space! And its available upon request. Your space will be created as a sub-domain to the Georgia site, so your website's address would be something like <http://ChapterL.gwrra-ga.com>.

Another free service Georgia will provide to its chapters is free email accounts using the gwrra-ga.com domain name. This is beneficial if you would rather not use your personal email account to receive emails related to GWRRA. As an example, a chapter director for GA-L could get an email account like GA-L_CD@gwrra-ga.com or ChapterL_CD@gwrra-ga.com. Really, any variation can be used in front of the @ symbol.

Your district staff will also assist with questions on how to set up your site, access your web space, or use a new email account.

Don't wait, get your free web space and email accounts today!

Plus, whatever your needs, make it a habit to visit the Georgia District website on a regular basis at:

www.gwrra-ga.com