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# GWRRA Georgia

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## Wing Fling Is Here

### Are you ready for a rally of Mythological Proportions?

It is hard to believe that in just a couple of weeks Wing Fling will be in full swing. The planning began almost a year and a half ago. It is like planning for a historic event that will stay in your memories for years to come. We have worked long and hard to bring you a rally you will always remember. There are some special things we are doing this year that we hope you will enjoy. Dave and Sharon Aikens, your District Leadership Trainers, have a Zumo 550 GPS made specifically for motorcycles to raffle off. Ron and Susan Larsen, ADDs have made arrangements with the vendors to offer some special prizes for a silent auction. Vicki Watkins, your District Event Coordinator has come up with some Olympic games and a Chapter Challenge that will be a lot of fun for those that decide to participate as well as spectators. She also has developed a couple of games that will give you a chance to win some cash. You won't want to miss the indoor games this year. We have some new games and a new Wheel Of Fortune to allow you to win lots of tickets to try your luck at winning some of our great door prizes. Chuck and Anne Reed, your Senior District Ride Educators will also raffle off a set of tires to support the Rider Education programs. Tommy and Vicky Martin, CDs of Chapter T have mapped out some great rides to take

you through some of the most beautiful areas of Northeast Georgia. When you buy your Grand Prize tickets, you will be eligible to win prizes on Thursday night at the dance and costume contest and on Friday night at the talent show. Some of the prizes you could win with your Grand Prize tickets are two sets of tires, a blackberry, a mythological statue or even some cash. Of course the Grand Prize tickets drawn on Thursday and Friday night will go back into the tumbler for the \$1500 Grand Prize and \$500 Second Grand Prize to be given away on Saturday night at closing ceremonies. Of course it wouldn't be a Georgia Wing Fling Rally without the Bar-B-Que dinner on Thursday night right before the dance lessons by our favorite entertainer, ADD, JJ Etzle. The District Staff have some special entertainment planned for the Talent Show that you don't want to miss. There will be something free to offer at the Registration Tables during the rally so go by and see what we have to offer. If you go by the Recruitment and Retention table, show your membership card and get a chance to win a free membership renewal and get a free poker hand coupon. There will be a special announcement made at the Talent Show concerning Wing Fling 2009, so make sure you are there to get the news. We couldn't possibly tell you about all the great things to do at Wing Fling, so please come out and see what a District Rally should be. We are sure you will find something that you will enjoy.

# GOOD THINGS TO KNOW

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 12-14 - Georgia Wing Fling 2008:** A Rally of Mythological Proportions - Holiday Inn, 197 E. Broad St., Athens, GA. For more information, contact any District Staff Member.

**June 21 - KCI & Bikers BBQ:** Sponsored by GA-B2, 4pm-8pm, Earl Duncan Park, 724 Paulding Meadows Dr., Dallas, GA

**July 3-5 - Wing Ding 30:** Carolina First Center, One Exposition Drive, Greenville, SC. For more information check the Georgia District web site at <http://gwr-ra-ga.com>

**August 17 - GA-Z Bowling Challenge:** Festivities begin at Noon at the Fayetteville Bowling Center in Fayetteville. Contact Alan Head at [alanhead@bellsouth.net](mailto:alanhead@bellsouth.net) for more information.

**September 6 - GA-Q 5th Annual Desert Auction & Burger Burn:** Festivities begin at 11:00am at the Museum of Aviation in Warner Robbins, GA

**October 16-18 - MS District Rally:** Stars on the Coast, Gulf Coast Convention Center, Biloxi, MS.

**October 25 - GA-A Halloween Fun Day:** 10am to 3pm at High Falls State Park, Jackson, GA. For more information, contact Bob & Bonnie McCroskey at 770-954-1924

## Region A Wanderer

Chapter FL1-A of Tampa, FL is offering the Region A Wanderer for capture on Saturday, June 7, at the Frontier Steakhouse, 8602 East Sligh Ave., Tampa, FL. Activities begin at 5:30pm.

## GA Traveler's Plaque

Chapter GA-B2 captured the Traveler's Plaque from GA-J. They will be offering it for capture on Saturday, June 21, at Ryan's Steakhouse in Douglasville, GA. They will eat at 11:00am and meet at 12:00 noon.

## 2008 Chapter Couples of the Year

GA-A	Steve & Dottie Fagan
GA-A2	Ben & Martha Maddox
GA-B	Barney & Joan Olson
GA-B2	Mark & Cindy Nettke
GA-C2	John & Joann Seward
GA-E	Rick & Faye Reece
GA-E2	Chuck & Karen Cook
GA-H	John & Sheila Andrews
GA-I	Paul & Connie Jackson
GA-J	Terry & Annie Kintz
GA-L	Al & Peggy Rogers
GA-P	John & Peggy Osse
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

## Meeting Changes

- **GA-B;** June Only - Meeting will be on the 1st Saturday, June 7. They will meet at Peccadillo Carrier at 536 Cobb Parkway. They will eat at 8:00am and meet at 8:30am.
- **GA-V:** June 7 meeting change; eat at 8:00am and meet at 9:00am.
- **GA-L:** June meeting will be at Fuddruckers; normal time.
- **GA-P:** June meeting is cancelled. Next scheduled meeting is July 12.

## Heartfelt Sympathy To:

- Paul & Madonna Holko on the passing of Madonna's mother
- Stegan family on the passing of Bobbye



## Among Our Sick:

- Betty Dodd (Bill Dodd's mother) - recovering from a stroke.



**From your District Leadership Trainers**  
*Dave & Sharon Aikens*

## Leadership Training Update

For those that haven't heard, we have a new National Leadership Training Division (LTD) Director. They are David & Kathy Orr from North Carolina. I am hopeful they will be able to attend our rally in June. Stop and say "hi" to them and make them feel welcome.

There has been a change in my August training schedule; the Instructor Development and Certification Program that was previously scheduled for August 23 has been cancelled. That training session has been replaced with a second Advanced Leadership Skills Program. The first one will be held on August 9 at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Winder, GA. The second will be held at Priester's Pecans in Perry, GA. Both classes will start at 9:00 am and should conclude around 3:00 pm. All GWRRA members who have completed the Horizon, Knowledge Enhancement, and Intermediate Leadership Skills Programs are eligible, and highly encouraged, to sign up for the Advanced Leadership Skills Program.

If all the other districts in Region A follow their current schedule, Georgia will be the first to conduct the Advanced Leadership Skills Program in our Region.

I have had many questions concerning when the next Horizon Program will be presented. As it stands right now I'm planning to conduct only one Horizon Program to be held at an unidentified location during the month of January, 2009. If there is sufficient interest I will schedule a second class, probably in February, 2009. My 2009 schedule will also include the Knowledge Enhancement, Intermediate Skills, and the Advanced Skills Programs. My 2009 schedule will be published by Wind Down. Looking forward to seeing some new, smiley faces in my training sessions next year. Remember, **the more you know, the better it gets.**

**From your District Trike Representatives**  
*Bill & Sandy Hatfield*

## Trike Life

### TRIKE PLP (Parking Lot Practice)

I would like to thank Chuck Reed for the constant effort he has put forth on behalf of Georgia Trike Riders. Chuck has worked over the years trying to get Trike Training and a Trike PLP established. At last his efforts have been partially successful. He has been certified as a Facilitator for Trike PLP's and is presently putting forth a continuing effort to get our National Leadership to finalize the requirements for him to train other facilitators in Georgia.

There are, at present, two Trike PLP's scheduled. The first one is being hosted by Chapter V, Hawkinsville on 7 June and the second is being hosted by Chapter X, Macon on 28 June. Contact the CD's Angie Simpson Ch-V at [chaptervrats@yahoo.com](mailto:chaptervrats@yahoo.com) or John Zimmer Ch-X at [zimmwing94@aol.com](mailto:zimmwing94@aol.com) for time and place.

Folks, I need your help. I need input from you on what you would like for me and Sandy to write articles about concerning Trikes. Sandy and I have been riding a Trike long enough that most concerns about Trikes have become second nature to us. But, there are, I am sure, some new Trike riders that have questions that we could possibly answer. Please e-mail/call us with those questions/concerns and let us get the answers for you. One person did call with a question about insurance but the number they left me was a non-working number so I could not get back to them.

STEER don't LEAN  
Bill & Sandy Hatfield



**From your 2008 District Couple of the Year**  
***Dave & Betty Andrade***

## WINNERS

Betty told me when we joined the Chapter that we were going to participate; well little did I know just how much we were going to participate. Oh well, it was fun and we did have a ball along the way. An elbow in my side brought me back to the job at hand which, by the response of the audience, I thought we did quite well. Waiting to hear the results of the competition in the hall were other competitors, who had this warmth and an unspoken welcome to the fraternal order of Couple Of the Year.

That was our initiation into the world of competition and commitment to our Chapter and GWRRA. Since 1995 Betty and I have experienced many Chapter staff assignments and continued to help in all manner of service from Goodie Sales to Assistant Chapter Director.

Déjà vu, and again we stand waiting for the decision of the judges as to our fate in the Georgia Chapter Couple Of the Year. After moving to Georgia, welcome hands led us to Chapter GA-T in Athens, where again we held many staff positions and, then, Couple Of the Year. Now with a previous competition under our belts, when it came to the District competition, nerves did not come into play and in 2008 the District is ours.

I've heard that "three's the charm" and there is the Region to face, but that's getting ahead of myself. "Why do you do this?" "I don't have the time or money to participate in all that is required." "I can't face people." These are the questions we're asked and we don't have a set answer. The only requirement as a Chapter Couple Of the Year is to accept the recognition and thanks for all you have done in the Chapter. It is an honor bestowed on a deserving couple who has shown dedication and commitment to their Chapter. Just remember if you are asked to represent your Chapter as Couple of the Year, don't turn down the honor. Your only requirement is to represent your Chapter; you do not have to compete in anything that you are not comfortable with. In other words, HAVE FUN and BE YOURSELF.

As I said, with advances in the program comes more and more commitments, which we happily accepted. This responsibility is rewarded with the friendships made throughout the state, as we visited other Chapters. More advantages of being District Couple Of the Year, is that your registration to the District rallies in Region A is complimentary. which helps with expenses. We have furthered our education in the inside workings of other Chapters and now the District Staff. These benefits outweigh the work, or I should say enjoyable energy.

We are now a member of an elite group of members that will always have a common bond. Closeness develops while standing in line with other couples. We both recommend that if the opportunity ever presents itself, go for it. For at that moment of acceptance, you're a winner. And, since you'll be looking sharp, all dressed up and all, compete in the best-dressed competitions too.

If this sounds repetitious, it is. It is to underline that everything in life is what you make of it. So, make it an experience you will never forget. Betty and I are very grateful that Georgia has given us this honor. We will carry memories from this year that will last a lifetime. Let's sit down together and talk. See you in Athens.

Dave & Betty Andrade  
2008 Georgia District Couple of the Year