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GWRRA Georgia

November 2008



Wind Down - This Saturday

Couple Of the Year Selection

On the 1st of November, at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church auditorium in Macon, there will be more than food, fun and games going on. Three Chapter Couples Of the Year have made the commitment to pursue the distinguished title of Georgia District Couple Of the Year. This is not only a commitment to be ambassadors of GWRRA on the District level, but also to show their Chapter pride by representing their Chapters. Couples will present themselves before a panel of judges that is composed of Chapter Directors that strongly support the Couple Of the Year program. The proud couples representing their Chapters are Pat and Beverly Schell of Chapter Q in Warner Robins; Carlos and Dee Lozano of Chapter S in Winder; and James Cochran and Mary Christopher of Chapter V in Hawkinsville. All three couples are very active in Chapter life in their respective Chapters and we are sure they will make the job of judging very challenging. We wish each of the couples the best of luck and will be proud to have which ever couple is selected on the District Team. We hope to see you there cheering for your favorite couple. The District will feed you lunch for free and we ask that you please don't forget to bring your favorite dessert.

Chartering Fees are Due

Each year we must pay the required \$50.00 chartering fee. This fee is what is used to pay for the third party insurance for Officers. This insurance covers scheduled Chapter events such as fun days and fundraisers you may have throughout the year. This year the chartering fees are due at the Home Office by 1 December. The District must write one check to send to the home office. So, when you come to Wind Down, that would be the perfect time to bring along a check and take care of this requirement. Please make the check payable to Georgia GWRRA.

Order Your \$500 Cash Prize Tickets

While at Wind Down, you can order your \$500 cash prize tickets. We will have a limited number of tickets available at Wind Down, so if you would like to get a jump on selling the tickets, you can pick them up on Saturday. You can order your tickets at Wind Down and pick them up at Chilly Willy. We will be glad to take your order and payment or you can pay for your tickets when you pick them up at Chilly Willy. This is an easy and efficient way to generate Chapter operating funds. The Chapter gets a net return of 90 cents on every ticket sold.

GOOD THINGS TO KNOW

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 1 - Wind Down: 10am to 2pm; Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, 5455 Mt. Pleasant Church Road, Macon, GA, 31216

November 22 - GA-H2 Toy Run: 11:00am at PoJo's Truck Stop, located just North of I-16 on Hwy 301S between Statesboro and Claxton. Visit the Georgia website to see a flyer.

January 10 - Chilly Willy: Details relative to time and location to be announced shortly.

February 14 - GA-S Sweetheart Poker Run: 10am to 2pm; Midway Christian Church, 1406 Hog Mountain Road (Hwy 53), Winder, GA, 30680. For more information, contact Ken & Traci Thrasher at 706-310-1041. ***** Updated Location *****

March 12-14 - Florida District Rally: "Under the Sea"; Kissimmee, FL

March 20-21 - GA-A2 Irish Getaway: Civitan Club Fairgrounds, 2503 Hwy 257, Dublin, GA, 310210. For more information, contact Gene & Pat Whiddon at 478-986-5678.

March 26-28 - Alabama District Rally: "Southern Hospitality Alabama Style"; Pelham, AL

April 30 - May 2 - South Carolina District Rally: "Masquerade"; Myrtle Beach, SC

June 11-13 - Georgia Wing Fling: A Journey Thru Time to the Old West - "Goldwing Style"; Hiawassee, GA. Visit the Georgia website at www.gwr-ra-ga.com for more information, or, ask any member of the Georgia District Staff.

Heartfelt Sympathy To:

- Frank & Linda Owens on the loss of Frank's brother, Earl Owens



Among Our Sick:

- Woody Davis - Knee Replacement Surgery



GA Traveler's Plaque

Chapter GA-B2 captured the Traveler's Plaque from GA-A. The date of the plaque offering is yet to be announced. Be sure to check the District website at www.gwr-ra-ga.com for updates.

Region A Wanderer

AL-B is in possession of the Region A Wanderer. The plaque will be available for capture on Saturday, November 1, 12 PM to 2 PM at Greenbrier Bar-B-Que, 15050 Hwy. 20 Madison, AL (Next to I-565).

Meeting Changes

- GA-F2:** November meeting will be on November 8 (instead of November 1) so that they may attend Wind Down
- GA-H:** November meeting will be on November 20 (3rd Thursday instead of 4th Thursday). Also, December meeting will be canceled due to the Holiday Season.
- GA-W:** November meeting is canceled so that they may attend Wind Down

Trike Talk - From your District Trike Representatives
Bill & Sandy Hatfield

BRAINSTORMING

How many of you know what Brainstorming is? Over the past few months we have talked about many things. But I need your help in Brainstorming what items YOU would like me to investigate/research and report on to YOU. This TRIKE TALK is for YOU. Sandy and I have ridden trikes enough that most of what we do and feel about triking is second nature. It can be really hard to decide what to talk about. In previous articles, we have talked about things from the passenger's perspective, maintenance, trike safety, Parking Lot Practice, and a couple of other items. Put your thinking caps on and drop me an e-mail with whatever comes to mind. It does not have to be specifically about trikes but can be about almost anything that I can get some information on. HELP, PLEASE!!

Be Safe ---

Sandy and Bill Hatfield

Georgia Trike Representatives

A Final Thanks to our ***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 James Cochran & Mary Christopher
- GA-X Jerry & Melody Watson



From your Senior District Ride Educators *Chuck and Anne Reed*



Dressing for Cold Weather Riding . . .

Some of the best riding weather is now upon us. Of course, when the sun goes down, it gets chilly quick. Dressing for the fickle weather presents some challenges. This is where the “what do I wear” syndrome comes in. I’m sure that everyone knows, or at least has heard, that the best way to dress for cold weather, is to dress in “layers”.

So, what are the layers? To begin with, you do not want 100% cotton next to your skin. Why? Cotton is an absorbent material, and it will keep moisture next to your skin. Moisture next to your skin is great in the summer as it helps to dissipate heat from the body, however, this is not what we want when there isn’t much warmth in the air. The material closest to the skin needs to be of a material that will not hold moisture of any kind and will, in fact, wick the moisture away. Material such as silk, nylon and other polyester (non cotton) clothing. These materials wick the moisture away from your skin and help keep it dry. So, that’s the first layer, the “wicking layer”.

Next comes the “insulating layer“. Fluffy materials like wool and fleece work well as they, too, are non-absorbent and won’t trap moisture. Multiple insulating materials work better than one big, thick heavy garment; and it is best to keep away from cotton insulation also.

The final layer, is the “shell”. The purpose of the shell is to keep the warmth in and Mother Nature out. The shell can be relatively thin but the shell alone won’t keep you warm. Leather is a good shell material, if it is dry. It does a great job at blocking the wind and it is breathable. All bets are off if it gets wet though. There are, of course, other materials that make very good “shells”. Check around and find yourself a suitable shell.

Layering is an easy and effective way to stay warm during the cooler and colder riding weather. It is not expensive, since most of us already have the necessary clothing in the closets and drawers. All we have to do is get it out and wear it in the proper layers, “wicking, insulating and shell”. Sounds easy enough, doesn’t it, and you know what; it is. Three easy steps to stay warmer and enjoy the ride more. I hope to see you on the road. But I must admit, I will not be out there if there is frost on the pumpkins in the morning!

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

RSHF, Chuck and Anne Reed
Georgia Senior District Educators