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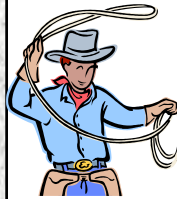
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Congratulations Carlos and Dee

New District Couple Of the Year Selected

On the 1st of November, at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church auditorium in Macon, three Chapter Couples Of the Year made the commitment to go through the District Couple Of the Year selection process. The couples representing their Chapters were 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 represented their Chapters in true GWRRA fashion which gave the judges a challenge to select just one couple. After the difficult job of judging was finished, Carlos and Dee Lozano were selected as the 2009 Georgia District Couple Of the Year. Our sincere congratulations to all the couples and we look forward to Carlos and Dee representing Georgia in the Region A Couple Of the Year competition in September 2009 at the Region A Rally in Dothan, Alabama.

Chilly Willy Information

The location for Chilly Willy is the Warner Robins Conference Center and Office Suites located at 308 North Davis Drive in Warner Robins. To get to the Conference Center from I-75 take exit 146 (Watson Blvd/Hwy 247C)

and go East to North Davis Drive. Turn left and the Conference Center will be on your right. We plan to offer all the chili and Fritos you can eat, with tea and dessert for \$4.00 per person. We are asking all newly appointed Officers to arrive at 9:00AM so they can have the opportunity to receive some valuable information from Dave and Sharon Aikens. The general meeting will begin at 10:00 and we will break for lunch at 11:30AM. At 12:30PM we will have a breakout session with the Chapter Directors and their Assistants, Chapter Ride Educators and Chapter Treasurers. We should conclude the meeting at 3:30PM. As most of you know, Chilly Willy is the annual Officers' meeting held for the purpose of passing along important information received from the Home Office and the Regional Director. Chapter Directors are expected to attend. Assistant Chapter Directors, Chapter Ride Educators and Chapter Treasurers are encouraged to attend. Depending on the status of the Chapter treasury, expenses incurred by Chapter Officers is a legitimate Chapter expense. All members are welcome to attend the general session and have lunch. We will also have the Chapter \$500 Cash Prize tickets you ordered. If you have not sent your annual chartering fees, please bring them with you.

GOOD THINGS TO KNOW

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 10 - Chilly Willy: Warner Robins Conference Center, 308 N. Davis Drive, Warner Robins, GA 31093. Activities begin at 10:00am. For more information, contact any District staff member or visit the Georgia District Website at www.gwrro-ga.com. ***** NEW Location *****

January 17-18 - Horizon Leadership Training Program: Commerce, GA; Visit the District Website at www.gwrro-ga.com for more information or contact Dave Aikens at 478-953-4886.

February 7-8 - Horizon Leadership Training Program: Pooler, GA; Visit the District Website at www.gwrro-ga.com for more information or contact Dave Aikens at 478-953-4886.

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 *****

February 28 - Chapter Skills Training Program: Dawsonville, GA; Visit the District Website at www.gwrro-ga.com for more information or contact Dave Aikens at 478-953-4886.

March 7 - Chapter Skills Training Program: Perry, GA; Visit the District Website at www.gwrro-ga.com for more information or contact Dave Aikens at 478-953-4886

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

March 28 - GA-X Cherry Blossom Pedal: Doors open at 10am, Tours start at 1pm. Howard Community Club, 5645 Forsyth Rd., Macon, GA 31210. For more information call John Zimmer at 478-474-8821.

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"; Hiawasse, GA. Visit the Georgia website at www.gwrro-ga.com for more information, or, ask any member of the Georgia District Staff.

Heartfelt Sympathy To:

- Bennie Rushing family on the loss of Bennie



Among Our Sick:

- Marshall Skinner - Knee Surgery
- Colton Gage Fields (Grandson of Mike & Linda Fields) - Burns



GA Traveler's Plaque

Chapter GA-B2 will offer the Traveler's Plaque on January 24, 2009 at the Golden Corral on Douglas Blvd. in Douglasville. They will eat at 9:00am and meet at 10:00am.

Region A Wanderer

FL1-R is in possession of the Region A Wanderer. The plaque will be available for capture on Saturday, December 13, at 12 PM, at the Sonic Drive In, 11351 N. Williams St., Dunnellon, FL 34432.

Meeting Changes

- GA-O:** (a) New meeting location is Pit Stop BBQ, 1112 W. 8th St., Tifton, GA; (b) No meeting in December
- GA-D2:** No meeting in December or January
- GA-F2:** No meeting in December
- GA-I:** New meeting location is Pach'O Mexican Grill, 1650 Eatonton Road, Madison, GA 30650
- GA-A2:** No meeting in December
- GA-E2:** No meeting in December
- GA-B2:** (a) New meeting location is Golden Corral on Douglas Blvd.; (b) No meeting in December
- GA-H:** No meeting in December
- GA-E:** No meeting in December
- GA-X:** No meeting in December

From your District Motorist Awareness Coordinators

Dave & Betty Andrade

Are We Being Seen?

We have witnessed a strange rise and fall in the financial market. With this uncertainty came the oil crises that drove us to panic at the thought that four to five dollars per gallon would bankrupt us, and for a few, it did.

In order to compensate for the rising prices, our driving perspective of the roads has changed. There are more cycles of all sizes, makes and models, weaving in and out of traffic with little regard to their surroundings. We GWRRA members, and members of other motorcycle associations, must take responsibility and inform cyclists and motorists about the need for safety and the awareness of motorcycles. We have all but exhausted all avenues possible to become conspicuous to others. We wrap ourselves with loud colored clothing and install more lights than our bikes were designed to display. How do we accomplish this. As I become more in-tuned to Motorist Awareness, I see the need and the opportunity to spread the word through seminars, associations, clubs, and one on one conversations. You too can make a difference by taking advantage of such opportunities to talk Motorist Awareness.

As an example, at one such event/opportunity, a Dancing Bear test was given to a sample of drivers. In this test, a screen was filled with flashing stars and the drivers were asked to concentrate on the stars. After a few minutes, a dancing bear flashed on the screen. No one tested saw the bear. Are we guilty of this in our everyday driving? We must educate the public to watch out for us. Only through education can we make Motorists more aware.

A newspaper was given to me recently which contained an article describing an unfortunate meeting between a motorcycle rider and a car. The motorcycle rider stated that he was stopped at a red light at the top of an exit ramp and was rear-ended. He also said that he was tossed off the bike, but was not hurt thanks to the helmet, armored riding jacket, gloves and boots he was wearing. The bike sustained \$3,200 in damage. The young lady that hit him stated to both the investigating officer and the motorcyclist, that she didn't see him. This is hard to believe since his bike was lit up like a Christmas tree.

Why do I relay his story? Because it brought back memories of a similar sequence of events that I experienced. It was 2:30 in the morning and I was heading home from work after some late overtime hours. I was stopped at a red light with no other car on the road; and then, off in the distance, I could see headlights in my mirror. Fixed, like a deer in the headlights, I watched as the lights grew larger and larger until I watched my bike slide down the road emitting sparks like fireworks, as I tumbled through the air.

Let's examine this situation to see if we can determine how I might have been able to avoid this situation (and perhaps similar situations that have happened to others). **FIRST**, I was riding a Z450 with only one rear light, and a small one at that. **SECOND**, I was not conscious of my surroundings and should have moved as soon as I saw the lights approaching. This was back in '83 when I was unaware that GWRRA existed and did not have the benefit of the great training associated with this organization. Oh by the way, the driver did not say that he didn't see me because... he never stopped.

The lesson here... take advantage of the training that is offered to you through GWRRA and share that motorcyclist awareness information often as opportunities present themselves.

Dave & Betty Andrade

**Georgia District Motorist Awareness Coordinators
Georgia District Assistant Safety Educators**



From your Senior District Ride Educators
Chuck and Anne Reed



TO EACH AND ALL . . .

The Georgia District Educator Staff would like to take this time to wish you and your family the merriest Christmas and happiest New Year and we are looking forward to seeing all of you this coming year.

The Rider Education Program has grown this past year, to the point, that we now have 1,088 Georgia GWRRA members enrolled in the Levels Program. That is absolutely fantastic! This is a tribute to your commitment to safety, not only to yourself and your co-rider, but to those that you ride with. With the new Rider Ed programs that are coming, 2009 should not only be exciting, but rewarding as well. In the January newsletter, I will explain the changes in the PLP program and an additional riding program that will challenge your riding abilities. Betty, Dave, Anne and I, are looking forward to seeing everyone again next year, beginning with Chilly Willy on January 10, 2009, in Warner Robins. Until then, ride safe, have fun and enjoy the day.

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

Your Georgia District
Rider Education Staff

From your District Leadership Trainers
Dave and Sharon Aikens

'Tis the Season...

...to start marking your calendars for some great training opportunities. Our 2009 training schedule is set and ready to go. All we need are a bunch of folks to come and take advantage of some super learning experiences.

Horizon Program	Commerce, GA	Jan 17-18
Horizon Program	Pooler (Savannah), GA	Feb 7-8
Chapter Skills Program	Dawsonville, GA	Feb 28
Chapter Skills Program	Perry, GA	Mar 7
Intermediate Skills Program	Dawsonville, GA	Aug 1
Intermediate Skills Program	Perry, GA	Aug 15
Advanced Leadership Skills	TBD	Aug 29

All hotel addresses and lodging information is on the 2009 Training Registration Form. Registration Forms are available on the District Website, or ask a member of the GA District Staff.

If you are a new (or relatively new) chapter officer and you haven't attended a Horizon Program, you are highly encouraged to do so. Also, any member having a desire to learn more about our great organization should plan to attend. Programs and classes are open to all GWRRA members regardless of position or status in their chapter. The more you know, the better it gets!

Dave & Sharon Aikens
GA District Trainers