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GWRRA - Georgia

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Changing of the Guard

What a Rally

If you missed Wing Fling this year, you missed out on one heck of a rally. In spite of the poor economic climate, record numbers turned out (997 at last count) to take "A Journey Thru Time to the Old West... Gold Wing Style".

The vendors were plentiful too; thirty-four of them in total.

Big Shoes to Fill

Tireless effort, dedication, and a deep commitment to serve the members of GWRRA in Georgia. That is the best way I can summarize the leadership of Bill and Betty Livingston during their tenure as District Directors. However, after three dedicated years of service as our District Directors, Bill and Betty decided it was time to let someone else take a turn at leading the District to its future successes.

So... please allow me to introduce ourselves. We are Carlos and Dee Lozano; shoe sizes 9.5 and 7 respectively. Hmmm, those size 22s have a lot of room. But, while we know we will encounter a few obstacles, we also know that we will have the support of our staff and the support of the general membership to help guide us through any difficult decisions we encounter. Please feel welcome to reach out to us via telephone or email at any time. In advance, we'd like to thank you for your advise and support.

Please know we are just like most of you folks out there. We are working for a living and trying to do our best to make ends meet. Of course, at the same time, we also are doing our best to enjoy life. For us, our Gold Wing plays a major part of enjoying life. So, as your District Directors, we'll try to do the very best job that we can.

Wing Ding

We are off to Wing Ding in Tulsa; and we hope to see several of you there. If you make the trip on a motorcycle (like we will be doing) please be safe... and take precautions to deal with the heat; such as taking regular breaks and drinking plenty of water. Also, if you will be there on Saturday, be sure to stop by and help us with 'Ticket Sales' and earn a fantastic premium to wear proudly on your vest.

Wing Fling 2010

If you didn't hear, next year we'll be headed back to Hiawassee. The dates are June 17, 18, and 19, 2010 and we hope to set record attendance again. The rally theme is "American Gold Wing Bandstand". A '2010 Rally Page' will be active on the District website within a couple of weeks and you can download a copy of the Rally Flyer (or you can ask any member of the District staff for a copy). Registering early helps us plan and allows us to provide you with a more enjoyable rally experience. Please register early.

GOOD THINGS TO KNOW

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 2-5 - Wing Ding 31: Tulsa Expo Square, Tulsa, OK

August 16 - GA-Z Bowling Challenge: Fayette Fun Bowl, 124 N. Highway 85 in Fayetteville, GA. Festivities begin at 12pm. More information to be coming soon.

September 5 - GA-V 10 Year Birthday Party: 1:00 - 4:30pm, Hawkinsville, GA. For more information, call 478-230-1893 or 478-892-2564.

September 10, 11, 12 - Region A Rally: "Region A Hoedown" in Dothan, AL. Download a rally flyer from the District Website at www.gwr-ra-ga.com.

September 26 - GA-Q Burger Burn & Dessert Auction: Museum of Aviation; Warner Robins, GA. More information contact Frank Ricigliano at 478-953-3886.

October 10 - GA-E2 2nd Annual Fun Day: At the "PONDEROSA", 14120 Mud Road, Brooklet, GA; 11:30am to 2:30pm. For more information, contact Roy Bridges at 912-823-2743.

October 15, 16, 17 - Mississippi District Rally: Tupelo, MS. Download a rally flyer from the District Website at www.gwr-ra-ga.com

October 17 - GA-L Fun Day: Proceeds go to Breast Cancer Research. Dykes Creek Baptist Church Activities Center, 46 Dykes Creek Church Road, Rome, GA; 10am to 2pm. For more information, contact David Newby at 706-295-1714.

October 24 - GA-A Halloween Fun Day: 10am to 3pm, High Falls State Park, Jackson, GA. Awards and closing ceremonies begin at 2pm. For more information, contact Bob McCroskey at 770-954-1924.

Heartfelt Sympathy To:

- Jackie Villani and family on the passing of Michael



Among Our Sick:

- Larry Clemmer - GA-A; Back Surgery
- Bill Hatfield - GA-S; Knee Surgery
- Margaret Vaughn - GA-T; Lung Infection



GA Traveler's Plaque

Chapter GA-I2 will offer the Traveler's Plaque on Saturday, July 18, 2009. Details relative to the time and place are not yet available. Check the District website at www.gwr-ra-ga.com for updates.

Region A Wanderer

GA-L will offer the Region A Wanderer on Saturday, July 18, 2009 at Western Sizzlin, 801 Martha Berry Blvd., Rome, GA They will eat at 12:00pm and give the plaque away at 1:00pm.

2009 Chapter Couples of the Year

GA-A	Roy & Julie Degler
GA-A2	Gene & Pat Whiddon
GA-B2	Bill & Shirley Morris
GA-C2	Charles & Joyce Shedd
GA-E	Billy & Robin Peoples
GA-E2	Robert & Trish Payne
GA-H	Rich & Marilyn Morgan
GA-J	Ron & Beverly McDonald
GA-L	Marvin & Vicki Seritt
GA-Q	Maynard & Chrys Watson
GA-S	Bob Hayes & Faith Gann
GA-T	Alan & Jeanna Phillips
GA-V	Buck & Dianne Harden
GA-W	Paul & Carey Hancock
GA-Z	Paul & Lorraine Burt

Meeting Changes

- GA-E; No meeting in July. They will resume their normal meeting schedule in August

If you have a change in your meeting time or location, please notify Carlos & Dee Lozano by email at georgiadd@cmlozano.com; or by telephone at 770.932.4007

From your District Leadership Trainers

Dave & Sharon Aikens

Training Opportunities

August is rapidly approaching, along with a full month of training opportunities for our GWRRA members. Please fill out a registration form (found on the Georgia District website) and forward it to me, if you are planning to attend any of the classes/programs being offered. You will need to enter your name as you wish it to appear on your completion certificate. All classes will begin at 9:00 am.

Aug 1	Intermediate Leadership Skills	Ryan's, Dawsonville, GA
Aug 15	Intermediate Leadership Skills	Golden Corral, Warner Robins, GA
Aug 22	Chapter Life Program	Westside Restaurant, Newnan, GA
Aug 29	Advanced Leadership Skills	Ryan's, Dawsonville, GA

You can either mail us the registration form, or you can email the information; the address information is on the form.

Sharon and I will be touring around the west following Wing Ding, but we'll have the trusty laptop to keep up with emails. Should you have a burning question that can't wait, I have a new cell phone number: [478-365-0841](tel:478-365-0841). We'll be on the road 'til we either burn out or burn up, whichever comes first! In any case, we should be home the last week in July.

Dave & Sharon Aikens
Georgia District Trainers

From your District Motorist Awareness Coordinators

Dave & Betty Andrade

Why Didn't I See That Motorcycle? / Why Didn't That Driver See Me?

Motorcyclists should not assume that they are visible to a driver, even in broad daylight. The fact is: Most motorcycle crashes occur during daylight hours; so, how can you become more visible?

Clothing: As a motorcyclist, you can help to make your presence known to the driver. Select and wear an appropriate helmet with retro-reflective materials. Wear bright, contrasting, protective clothing. If you choose darker clothing, wear a fluorescent vest.

Lane Position: Proper lane position is also important to help you be seen; and for protecting your riding space. Remember, if you can't see the driver in the side-view mirror, the driver can't see you. Don't "hide" in the driver's blind spot! There is no one absolute safe place to ride on the road; but, you can improve your visibility by adjusting your position in a lane when appropriate.

Communication: Don't assume that a driver will know what you intend to do. Clearly communicate your intentions by signaling appropriately for all turns and lane changes. Proper use of your turn signals will help drivers know your intentions.

Motorist Awareness: Remember, drivers tend to look for other cars, not motorcycles. Because of its smaller profile, a motorcycle is harder to see, and the car drivers may find it more difficult to estimate the motorcycle's speed. Traffic, weather, and road conditions also require a motorcyclist to react differently than a driver; thus, it is more difficult for the driver to judge and predict cues that may require the motorcyclist to take evasive action. Again, we can help by promoting motorist awareness. The tone of this article may echo a safety seminar and perhaps it should. We as motorcyclist have the tools to help educate the motorist. By promoting Motorist Awareness, hopefully the remark "honestly officer, I didn't see him" will become a thing of the past.

DAVE & BETTY ANDRADE
Motorist Awareness Coordinators



**From your District Rider Educators
Tommy & Vicky Martin**



Rider Education Shines at Wing Fling

Wow, what a time we had at the Georgia Wing Fling!! Vicky and I had the opportunity to see the Rally from a much different perspective than ever before, as District Educators. We were very busy carrying out the duties of our position; however, we had the opportunity to meet several new friends, as well as chat with some old friends. There were several members who stepped in and helped Vicky and I at the Bike Shows (Lighted and Judged), Rider Ed Table, the Sunset Ride and at other times during the rally. Your help was greatly appreciated; THANK YOU for your time, effort and support.

We are very excited about the number of participants who attended the Rider Ed Seminars. We had 16 members attend the Co-Rider Seminar and 19 members attend the Medic First Aid Course. There were 36 applications received at the Rider Ed table for Level I of the Rider Ed Program. I'm not really sure but this may have broken some kind of record. In any event, we are sure happy that more GWRRA Members are committing to RIDE SAFE! It is the start of a foundation to build upon through Rider Education, for a lifetime of safe and enjoyable riding.

If you were unable to participate in the Sunset Ride on Thursday evening at the Georgia Wing Fling, you missed out. Jack & June Gottlieb, of Chapter J (Hiawassee), were very instrumental in setting up this ride. There were 32 motorcycles that were escorted by Chris Clinton (Towns County Sheriff) on a scenic ride through the back roads of Towns and neighboring counties. His Deputies blocked the intersections for us to ride through non-stop, from start to finish. The timing was perfect; the sun was setting over the mountains behind the beautiful landscapes, the temperature was just right and Sheriff Clinton could not have set a better pace for the ride. We would like to say thank-you to Sheriff Clinton and his Deputies for a job well done.

There is a little bit of special information about this escort team that I would like to share with you: Sheriff Clinton and his Deputies were a little late to escort the ride, as there was a little confusion in the scheduling. When Sheriff Clinton's office was contacted to schedule the ride, the person taking the information marked Saturday instead of Thursday night for the ride. This being the case, on Thursday evening approaching time for the ride to begin, there was no one there to escort the ride. June Gottlieb called the Sheriff's office. The sheriff was contacted by radio and he immediately returned June's call. Sheriff Clinton apologized for the mix-up and advised June that he would arrive within fifteen minutes to guide the ride. Sheriff Clinton advised me upon his arrival that he and his Deputies were at a funeral home paying there respects to a fellow Deputy's family member that had past, whom also was a long-time friend of the Sheriff and Deputies. This says a lot for these men. At that time, the Sheriff could have canceled due to the incorrect date and it being bad timing, but he didn't. He stood true to his job and his commitment to serve and I have to admire a person that will do that. My hat is off to Sheriff Chris Clinton and his Deputies. Thanks again to all of you for being a part of the Georgia Wing Fling and for making it such a success this year!

Tommy & Vicky Martin
District Educators