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Mid-Summer News

Wing Ding Fun

Wing Ding has past, and all that attended were certainly treated to a great time. Oh, yes, it was hot; but, the event itself was filled with activities of all types. From a fantastic production of 'Oklahoma', to a pavilion full of vendors, to a BBQ feast, to rider courses, to an ultra-funny hypnotist show, there was more than you could possibly fit into your schedule.

Next year, Wing Ding will be held in Des Moines, IA. Hopefully the economy will be in better shape by then and more Georgia members will be able to attend.

Region A Wanderer

So far this year, three Georgia Chapters (GA-T, GA-B2, and GA-L) have ventured to Florida to retrieve the 'Region A Wanderer', prying the vise-like grip Florida has previously maintained on the plaque. GA-H has also been able to capture the 'Region A Wanderer' once this year.

Looking at some of the photos, it is easy to see the pride and camaraderie in the faces of the those who traveled so far to bring the coveted plaque home to Georgia.

At it's last offering at GA-L, it was captured by AL-D. How long will it be before the 'Region A Wander' is back home in Georgia? My guess is not long. Go Georgia, go!

Leadership Training

August is filled with Leadership Training opportunities. As they have done in past years, Dave and Sharon are offering you an opportunity to stay cool with an indoor activity; Leadership Training. Check out their article on page 3 to see what programs will be available in August.

Region A Rally

In just over a month, it will be time for the Region A Rally in Dothan, AL. Last year, many from Georgia supported the rally and I have heard many stories about how much fun everyone had. This year, I hope even more from Georgia will show up for the fun at the "Region A Hoedown".

It may be a bit "Self-Serving"; but, if you need another reason to attend, how about coming to support Dee and Carlos Lozano, your District Couple of the Year, as they participate in the Region Couple of the Year selection process. This year, there are four fantastic couples from other Districts participating. Your support would mean so much... and could make a difference.

Wind Down

A tentative date has been set for Wind Down; November 14, 2009. Final details relative to the location are still being arranged. But, be sure to mark the date on your calendar.

GOOD THINGS TO KNOW

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 1 - Leadership Training: Intermediate Leadership Skills; Dawsonville, GA. Visit the Georgia District website for more information.

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.

August 22 - Leadership Training: Chapter Life Program; Newnan, GA. Visit the Georgia District website for more information.

August 29 - Leadership Training: Advanced Leadership Skills; Dawsonville, GA. Visit the Georgia District website for more information.

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 Malayne, her granddaughter
- Jeff Puckett and family on the passing of Donna



GA Traveler's Plaque

Chapter GA-B2 will offer the Traveler's Plaque on Saturday, August 22, 2009 at the Golden Corral in Douglasville. They will eat at 9am and meet at 10am.

Region A Wanderer

AL-D will offer the Region A Wanderer on Saturday, August 15, 2009 at Western Sizzlin, 200 Hamric Dr., Oxford, AL; 12:00 - 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-D	Phillip & Terri Kozlowski
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

Among Our Sick:

- Donna Feigenbaum - GA-L;
- Jack Engler - GA-B2; Severe Diabetes, Kidney Failure, Heart Attack
- Marcia Engler - GA-B2; Kidney Stone, Sever Infection, Stroke
- Paul Holko - GA-B2; Back Surgery
- Tom Fuchs - GA-A; Pneumonia & Possible Leukemia



Meeting Changes

- No meeting changes have been reported for August.

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

From your District Leadership Trainers

Dave & Sharon Aikens

Training Updates

Now that Wing Ding is over for another year, and a grand year it has been, we can get back into our old routines. My routine includes teaching LTD classes and programs in the hot summer month of August. So, without burdening you all with a lot of nondescript rhetoric, I'll get right to the point; our August training schedule.

Aug 1	Intermediate Leadership Skills	Ryan's Steakhouse, Dawsonville, GA
Aug 15	Intermediate Leadership Skills	Cancelled
Aug 22	Chapter Life Program	Westside Restaurant, Newnan, GA
Aug 29	Advanced Leadership Program	Ryan's Steakhouse, Dawsonville, GA

All classes listed will begin at 9:00 am and will be finished by 4:00 pm.

Please download a class registration form from the District Web Page, fill it out and send it to me (my address is on the registration form), or you can e-mail the information to me. We'd like to know who will be there so we can have the appropriate certificates made up ahead of time. We also need to know how many class hanger bars to bring.

We're currently working on next year's training schedule. If you know of a good location to use for our training classes, please let us know. Chapter Directors, get a group of your folks together, pick a date and place, and we'll bring training to you...just coordinate dates with us to de-conflict with other GWRRA events. And remember, the more you know, the better it gets!

Dave & Sharon Aikens
Georgia District Trainers

From your District Couple of the Year Coordinators

Dave & Betty Andrade

A NEW DAY --- A NEW STRATEGY

When Betty and I were asked to be the District Couple of the Year Coordinators, there was a lot of apprehension, due to the fact that we had some huge shoes to fill. We would like to thank our predecessors, Marcia and J.J., for their constant support and help throughout our term as 2008 DISTRICT COUPLE OF THE YEAR. Over the past few years, they have taken the Couple of the Year program to new heights.

As your new District Couple of the Year Coordinators, we have taken advantage of the knowledge and experience of former District and Regional Couples of the Year to come up with a strategy that we are now setting into place to help make Chapter Couples of the Year term more enjoyable.

We have designed a three step program in order to help mentor and Support Couples of the Year. **FIRST**, we shall create a dialog with each Chapter Couple of the Year. **SECOND**, we will provide all information and directions needed to go through the District selection process. **THIRD**, we will make ourselves available to review resumes and to help couples prepare for the District selection process.

Our ultimate goal is to have a one on one relationship with each Chapter Couple of the Year. We want them all to realize that, when they were honored by being named Couple of the Year, they joined a unique fraternity of friends for life.

Our door is always open. So, give us a call and let's talk.



From your District Rider Educators *Tommy & Vicky Martin*



District Rider Education

We have been working hard to get the Medic First Aid (MFA), PLP Facilitators and Seminar Presenters Programs up and running for Rider Education in the Georgia District. With the help of some very willing volunteers, we are well on the way.

CONGRATULATIONS to Rich Morgan of Chapter H (Albany), who was certified as a MFA Trainer at Wing Ding 2009, in Tulsa, OK. Rich is the first member in the Georgia District to receive this certification. With this certification, Rich will be able to train certified MFA instructors. We appreciate the time, effort and dedication Rich put forth to achieve this goal.

GWRRA Rider Education has traditionally encouraged members to obtain and maintain certifications in First Aid and CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation). These basic skills are easily learned and may make the difference between life and death in the critical minutes before professional help can arrive. **YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

We have five certified MFA Instructors within our District (Bill Livingston, Rich Morgan, Lorraine Burt, Tommy Martin and Vicky Martin) and since Rich has been certified as a MFA Trainer, he will be acting as the MFA Coordinator for the Georgia District. GWRRA is a recognized corporate provider of the Medic First Aid Program. With the help of our certified instructors, we will do our best to meet the CPR and First Aid Training needs of our fellow members.

The PLP Facilitator is coming along well. Chapters GA-D and GA-L have hosted a Sanctioned PLP during the second quarter this year, where the use of Facilitators was required. The feedback has been very good and positive in nature. During the times surrounding these two events there has been a significant number of new level I, II and III applications. The participants at both of these events stated that the PLP was fun and very helpful to sharpen their riding skills. Riding slow in a parking lot may not seem like it would help much; however, it is the slow ride and turns that usually give riders the most trouble.

There was a small group of members that recently attended the SPDP (Seminar Presenters Development Program) in preparation to become Seminar Presenters. This will offer us more resources to work with and enable us to better serve the members in our District. There is some valuable information shared in the presentation of these seminars. Available seminars include Co-Rider, Road Captain, Team Riding, Motorcycle Crash Scene Response and more.

These programs are designed for you, the member, to help you prepare yourself through education and skills practice for a safe riding future. Vicky and I, as your District Educators, want to encourage the Chapter Educators and members alike to take advantage of these programs. If a chapter would like to plan a PLP, Seminar, or MFA Course, have your Chapter Educator contact us. Programs are open to all members (class size limits may apply) and will be posted on the District website when scheduled. Don't hesitate to contact us if you would like to participate. We are here to serve you!

Ride Safely,
Tommy & Vicky Martin
Georgia District Educators