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Region A Rally Time

Come To Dothan...

'The Peanut Capital of the World'

From murals to peanuts, Dothan, Alabama has several unique attractions to offer the GWRAA members as we gather for the Region 'A' Rally on September 10th-12th. The people of Dothan are excited to have us back and are ready to make us feel welcome.

Dothan, Alabama is considered Alabama's Mural City. You will find a series of 14 mural paintings adorning the walls of the historic buildings in downtown Dothan. As you take this pictorial stroll, these murals, painted both by nationally and internationally known muralists, depict the history of Dothan and the Wiregrass Region. All are located within walking distance of each other.

Dothan also holds the title of 'Peanut Capital of the World'. Did you know that sixty-five percent of all of the peanuts produced in the United States come from Dothan, Alabama and the surrounding area? Each year, since its inception in 1938, they celebrate their heritage with the National Peanut Festival in November, which is the largest celebration of its kind in the nation, attracting more than 163,000 visitors.

Dothan also has a bit of a quirky side. It is famous for the world's smallest city block. Located between North Appletree, Museum, and Troy streets is a concrete slab that marks the world's smallest city block. There's not much to it but it's worth a visit just to say you've been there. Will you find it?

So come join in on the Region 'A' Rally fun and if you have the time, take in the history that Dothan has to offer. See you there!

Wind Down

We've committed to a date and location for Wind Down. Wind Down will be held on November 14, at the Tuckston United Methodist Church, 4175 Lexington Road, Athens, GA.

Normally, we try to have Wind Down at a location more central within the State (Macon - Warner Robins area). However, this year, we were not able to secure a venue in this area at a reasonable rate. In spite of the distance involved for many of you, we hope you will make your best effort to attend.

Wind Down has two primary purposes. Firstly, it is an opportunity for the District to say thank you to the members in Georgia. One of the ways we do this is to provide a meal to you, free of charge. While members of the District staff are finalizing the menu, I can promise you that it will not be Filet Mignon, but it will be edible.

The second reason is to select a 2010 District Couple of the Year. This year we hope to have several couples vying for this prestigious title. Please come and support these deserving couples in their endeavor.

GOOD THINGS TO KNOW

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

November 14 - Wind Down: 10am to 3pm; District Couple of the Year Selection, free meal, fun and games. Tuckston United Methodist Church, 4175 Lexington Road, Athens, GA. For more information, contact Carlos or Dee Lozano at 770-932-4007, or any District staff member.

November 21 - GA-H2 Santa Toy Run: 11am; meet at Po-Jo's Truck Stop (just North of I-16 on Hwy 301S). Contact Curtis Gay at 912.582.9035 for more information.

2009 Chapter Couples of the Year

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

Meeting Changes

- GA-B - Beginning in August GA-B will meet at the Golden Corral at 700 Barrett Pkwy, Kennesaw, GA; 2nd Saturday of each month; eat at 8:00am, meet at 8:30am; ride afterwards.
- GA-I - Beginning in August, GA-I will meet at Ye Olde Colonial Restaurant at 108 E. Washington St. in Madison, GA; 1st Thursday of each month; eat at 6:30pm, meet at 7:30pm.
- GA-D - In September, they will hold their meeting at the Region A Rally

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.

GA Traveler's Plaque

Chapter GA-Q will offer the Traveler's Plaque on Saturday, September 5, 2009 at GA-V's 10 Year Birthday Party; 1:00 - 4:30pm in Hawkinsville. The plaque will be given away at closing.

Among Our Sick:

- Jeannie Davis - Difficulties after surgery
- JC Sidwell - Stepping on a nail, complications due to diabetes
- Eric Ramirez - Stroke
- Wanda Kato - Surgery
- Mike Sheldon (Traci Thrasher's brother) - Cancer



Heartfelt Sympathy To:

- Heieren family on the passing of Selma
- Burnette family on the loss of Audie
- Kyser family on the passing of Donna's mother, Sue Parker



Region A Wanderer

MS-F is in possession of the Region A Wanderer. The current plaque will be retired at the Region A Rally. The time, date and location for the offering of the new plaque will be announced after the rally.

From your District Leadership Trainers
Dave & Sharon Aikens

Region A Rally

I think we (the whole GA Staff) just about have everything ready for the Region A Rally in Dothan, AL, on September 10-12. It should prove to be even better than last year's rally, and that was the best one that Region A has put on for quite a while. I know the rally schedule for this year is pretty well jam-packed with all kinds of activities and fun things to do. We hope to see you there.

One of the scheduled rally activities is the LTD Trivia Challenge. Last year's challenge was great fun! Everyone thought it was really super from the participants to all those who took the time to sit in as a spectators. Each District has to select a team of five members, one of which has to be a District staff member, but none can be current or past Region or District Trainers. Our GA Team members this year will be Ken & Traci Thrasher (GA-S), Phil & Terry Kozlowski (GA-D), and our district staff member is Denise Head (staff alternate is Sid Cohen). Mississippi won the challenge last year, but I think our Georgia Team will shine this year. All the winning team gets is "bragging rights", but whichever team wins, it has the right to brag a bit (all the time – 'til next year's challenge). Whatever you choose to do at the rally, there will be something for you, so come join us in Dothan.

We also need to give our District Couple of the Year (and District Directors), Carlos & Dee, our support in their run at the Region A Couple of the Year selection which will be held on Friday, September 11, at 11:00 AM. Come on out and show your support.

Dave & Sharon Aikens
GA District Trainers

From your Assistant District Directors / Event Coordinators
John & Linda Zimmer

Planning for FUN!

Hello Everybody! Wing Fling 2010 may be nine months away; but, it will be here before you know it. As a team, your District Staff is already hard at work, doing our best to provide you with ample opportunities to have fun. As your District Event Coordinators, Linda and I are preparing some new fun events for 2010. One of these new events will be a Chapter Director's Challenge. Ah... I've got your curiosity up, don't I? For the details of the challenge, you'll have to just wait. But, start making plans now to come and support your Chapter Director... and be ready to laugh and have some fun!

A new 'Rally Page' will be posted on our District website later this month. Check it out often and be on the lookout for other fun events. Make plans to participate... and encourage others in your Chapter to participate. Plain and simple; participation is the key to having FUN.

Do you have an idea for an activity for a District event? Give us a call. We'd love to hear about your ideas.

John & Linda Zimmer
Assistant District Directors / Event - Rally Coordinators



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



Well another month has come and gone. My how time fly's when you're having fun. Vicky and I had the opportunity to visit Chapter C2 (Hinesville, GA). We enjoyed our time visiting with the members of Chapter C2 and other visiting chapters CH-L (Rome, GA) and CH E2 (Pooler, GA).

While visiting C2, I had the honor of presenting Larry Urban, Chapter Director of C2 with his level IV Patch. Level IV is the most prestigious level within the Rider Education Levels Program and is referred to as Master Tour Rider/Co-Rider. It represents the highest level of commitment by the Rider and/or Co-Rider toward safe riding and preparedness; which Larry has demonstrated with a history of safe miles, continuing education and current certification in **both** First Aid **and** CPR.

Chapter GA- T (Athens, GA) hosted a 2 wheel PLP on Aug. 15th. There were members from GA-A, GA-I & GA-T with a total of 11 bikes participating in the exercise. All participants stated that the exercises were fun and helped to improve their riding skills. Thanks, Chapter T, for hosting this PLP!

**COMING SOON
RIDER EDUCATION FUN DAY**

We are excited about the upcoming Rider Education Fun Day hosted by Chapter L in Rome, GA. Murry Cail (GA-L RE) called me sometime around the first of July and said that GA-L would like to host a PLP and make it open to other GWRRA Chapter Members. I thought, wow, this is a great idea, as Murry talked about using the Rome Braves Stadium parking lot and holding a Motorcycle & Trike PLP at the same time. The more we talked, the more excited I got. Then we got to talking about adding a seminar or two in the mix. After our phone conversation ended that morning, I got to thinking how much this could benefit the GWRRA Members; being able to offer Bike and Trike PLP's, Seminars and A Medic First Aid class at one location and all in one day.

If you have never participated in a PLP, it is actually a lot of FUN and Educational. You get together with other GWRRA members and ride your motorcycle through an exercise course. Between each exercise you can socialize and talk about the exercise you just completed.

Both the Co-Rider and Team Riding Seminars are very informative for both the Rider and Co-Rider.

The Medic First Aid class teaches CPR and First Aid. These are great tools to have, **SO DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT!**

I have participated in each of these classes a number of times and I always learn something every time. Even though it may be very small and insignificant to some, it may mean a great deal to you in a critical situation. I hope that you will be able to take some new or refreshed information home with you when you leave the RIDER EDUCATION FUN DAY.

The response has been very good and registrations are starting to come in daily. There are several spots open in all areas at this time, so send you're registration in soon. We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the RIDER EDUCATION FUN DAY in Rome.

I want to thank Chapter L for securing the facility and hosting this event. They have also taken on the task of providing lunch. The outstanding generosity of the members of Chapter L is greatly appreciated.