



# GWRRR - Georgia

January 2010



## Happy New Year!

### Looking Toward 2010

First, we would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. We hope the new year brings a lot of good things, fabulous rides to new destinations as well as reminiscing while traveling down some of your favorite old roads. We wish for you great camaraderie with old friends and a year that brings many new friends into your midst. Cherish each moment and add each new memory to your life's little picture book. We are all so lucky to be a part of such a great organization that brings the most wonderful people together in one place so many times a year who enjoy the same things that you and I do ... Riding our Gold Wings. Be safe as you bring in the new year and continue to ride safe. See you down the road at your next chapter gathering or event.

*"Something worth pondering as we begin this new year ... 2010 ... Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us."*

~Hal Borland

### Important Reminder

As I mentioned last month, we will be conducting our annual Officer's and Treasurer's Meeting on January 9, 2010. In a significant departure from recent years, this year's meeting will not be held in conjunction with Chilly Willy. Instead, we will be dedicating a full day to topic and information that is critical to building and maintaining a successful and stable Chapter. I sincerely hope all of you Chapter Officers and Treasurers are planning to attend.

### Chilly Willy? - We're Working On It

Chilly Willy has been a very popular event for the last several years. As many Chapters have come to realize, over the last couple of years it has become increasingly difficult to find affordable and suitable venues to hold various events. Such has been the case for Chilly Willy. But, we're still working on it. Unfortunately, advance notice of the event may be short. But, as soon as we can get something arranged, we'll do our best to get the word out as quickly and efficiently as possible. January 16 is still our tentative target date. If you can, you might want to keep the date open... just in case things work out. We hope to see you then!

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# GOOD THINGS TO KNOW

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 9 - District Officer's and Treasurer's Meeting):** 9:00AM to 5:00PM at the Ramada Conference Center (formerly Holiday Inn) in Forsyth, GA.

**January 16 - Possible Chilly Willy Date:** Watch the District website for last minute information.

**January 23-24 - Horizons:** Fairfield Inn and Suites; Cartersville, GA. For more information, visit the Georgia District website at [www.gwr-ra-ga.com](http://www.gwr-ra-ga.com) or call Dave Aikens at (478) 953-4886.

**January 30-31 - Horizons:** La Quinta Inn Warner Robins, GA. For more information, visit the Georgia District website at [www.gwr-ra-ga.com](http://www.gwr-ra-ga.com) or call Dave Aikens at (478) 953-4886.

**February 13 - GA-S Sweetheart Poker Run:** Activities begin at 10am; Closing at 2pm; Midway Christian Church, 1406 Hog Mountain Rd., Winder, GA 30680. Contact Ken or Traci Thrasher at 706-310-1041 for more information.

**February 20 - Chapter Leadership Skills:** Ryan's Grill; Dawsonville, GA. For more information, visit the Georgia District website at [www.gwr-ra-ga.com](http://www.gwr-ra-ga.com) or call Dave Aikens at (478) 953-4886.

**March 6 - Chapter Leadership Skills:** Ryan's; Cartersville, GA. For more information, visit the Georgia District website at [www.gwr-ra-ga.com](http://www.gwr-ra-ga.com) or call Dave Aikens at (478) 953-4886.

**March 11-13 - Florida District Rally:** "Believe in Wing Magic", Kissimmee, FL.

**March 18-20 - GA-A2 Irish Get-Away:** Sportsman Club, Dublin, GA. Contact Chuck or BJ Hohman at 478-279-1678.

**March 27 - Chapter Leadership Skills:** Location TBD; Warner Robins, GA. For more information, visit the Georgia District website at [www.gwr-ra-ga.com](http://www.gwr-ra-ga.com) or call Dave Aikens at (478) 953-4886

**April 1-3, Alabama District Rally:** "2010 - A Wing Odyssey", Huntsville, AL.

**April 10, GA-T Spring Fling:** Time, location, menu, and other details will be announced soon.

**April 28-May 1, South Carolina District Rally:** "Doin' Charleston - Southern Style", Charleston, SC.

**June 17-19 - Georgia District Rally - Wing Fling 2010:** "American Gold Wing Bandstand", Hiawassee, GA. Check out the District website at [www.gwr-ra-ga.com](http://www.gwr-ra-ga.com) for current information and/or for a registration form.

## Among Our Sick:

- No reported illnesses this month



## Heartfelt Sympathy To:

- Leslie Kleist and family on the passing of David
- Osborne family on the passing of Julian



## GA Traveler's Plaque

**Chapter GA-E2** will offer the new 2010 Traveler's Plaque at their regularly scheduled gathering on January 23, 2010. Be sure to checkout the new 2010 rules on the District website!

## Region A Wanderer

**MS-F** will offer the Region A Wanderer on Saturday, January 16, 2010 at Mugshots Restaurant; 4245 Lakeland Dr., Flowood, MS ... Time TBD.

## Meeting Changes

- GA-A, McDonough; Beginning in January 16, their meeting location and time is changing. They will now meet at the Golden Corral, just off of I-75 at exit 221. They will eat at 9am and meet at 10am.
- GA-I2: This Chapter is being moved to Lavonia. Their first meeting will be Saturday, January 30 at Shoney's in Lavonia. They will eat at 11am and meet at 12pm.
- GA-D, Dawsonville; In January, they will meet on January 16 to allow their officers to attend the Officer's and Treasures Conference on January 9. They will eat at 9am and meet at 10am at Ryan's in Dawsonville.

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

## From your District Leadership Trainers *Dave & Sharon Aikens*

Happy New Year! Sharon and I wish you all the very best in the coming year. We also hope that Santa was good to you, or at least as good as could be expected.

The 2010 training schedule is pretty well complete, at least for the near term. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to receive some good training. I'm sure you all remember me telling you about the Training Challenge that the Home Office levied on us. As a result of this challenge we have provided what we think is ample opportunity for everyone, especially our officers, to receive the Chapter Skills Program.

Jan 23-24	Horizon Program	Fairfield Inn & Suites, Cartersville, GA
Jan 30-31	Horizon Program	LaQuinta Inn, Warner Robins, GA
Feb 20	Chapter Skills Program	Ryan's Grill, Dawsonville, GA
Mar 6	Chapter Skills Program	Ryan's, Cartersville, GA
Mar 27	Chapter Skills Program	TBD, Warner Robins, GA
Aug ?	Intermediate Skills Program	TBD
Aug ?	Advanced Skills Program	TBD

These classes are available to EVERYONE, not just the chapter officers.

A 2010 Training Registration Form is available on the Georgia District Website at [www.gwr-ra.com](http://www.gwr-ra.com). Please print it, fill it out and send it to us. We only need the front side sent to us. You may also email the information to us at [aikensdl@cox.net](mailto:aikensdl@cox.net). The First Horizon class is coming up quickly, so don't hesitate too long before registering.

Dave & Sharon



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



Once again another year has come and gone. It was a busy year for us, but we had a lot of FUN visiting, training and riding with everyone this past year. Now that 2009 has come to an end, it is time to gear up for 2010. Vicky and I would like for everyone to join us in welcoming Roy and Julie Degler as Assistant District Rider Educators. Roy and Julie are both teachers at heart and have a true desire to help others. They are dedicated to GWRRA and the Rider Education Program. Please continue to give us your support as together we continue moving forward.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!  
Tommy & Vicky Martin  
District Educators



## 2010 Georgia Traveler Plaque Rules

The purpose of the Georgia District Traveler's Plaque is to promote visitation among Chapters, to provide an incentive to get as many Chapter members as possible to participate, to instill a fun competition between Chapters, and to provide a method of having fun for all Georgia GWRRA members.

- The 2010 Georgia Traveler's Plaque will begin its journey with the Chapter that surrenders the 2009 Georgia Traveler's Plaque at Wind Down 2009.
- The initial offering must be made within the month of January 2010.
- The plaque will be available for capture by attending the "captive" Chapter's **announced time and place**.
- The plaque may not be "stolen" prior to the announced offering.
- To allow as many members to participate as possible, the plaque must be offered on a Saturday or Sunday.
- If the plaque will be given away at a location other than the regular meeting place, the Chapter offering the plaque, must provide the name, street address and city where the plaque will be offered, which will be posted on the Georgia District website.
- Qualified participants include all **current** GWRRA members, with the exception of District Officers (District Director, Assistant District Directors, and District Rider Educator). (Spouses/significant others of District Officers and all other District Staff are qualified participants.)
- No minimum number of members is required to attempt a capture.
- All participants signing in under a Chapter's designation must depart from within a 10-mile radius of that Chapter's regular monthly meeting place. (Please be honest!)
- A "Mileage Chart" will be used to calculate points. In situations where the location of the plaque offering is more than ten miles from the normal meeting location, the District will provide an updated mileage chart for the offering.
- The Chapter that captures the plaque will be determined in the following manner:
  - ◇ The number of qualified participants traveling by motorcycle, trike, or sidecar (including Riders and Co-Riders) will be multiplied by 1.5 times the corresponding mileage from the mileage chart. This result will be referred to as the "MC Score".
  - ◇ The number of qualified participants traveling by car, truck, or other means will be multiplied by the corresponding mileage from the mileage chart. This result will be referred to as the "Car Score".
  - ◇ The "MC Score" and the "Car Score" will be added together to produce a "Total Score". The Chapter with the highest "Total Score" will capture the plaque.
- The Chapter that captures the plaque must announce within 48 hours where and when the plaque will be offered, which shall not be more than 30 days from the date of capture (unless approved by the District Director).
- It is the responsibility of the capturing Chapter to notify Carlos & Dee Lozano ([georgiadd@cmlozano.com](mailto:georgiadd@cmlozano.com) or 770-932-4007) as soon as possible.
- The plaque must change Chapters at least once before the surrendering Chapter may capture the plaque again. i.e., B captures the plaque from A; the plaque must be captured by C before A is eligible to capture the plaque again.
- The 2010 Georgia Traveler's Plaque will be retired at Wind Down 2010. The Chapter in possession of the plaque prior to Wind Down will bring the plaque to that event and exchange it for the new 2011 Georgia Traveler's Plaque.
- The Chapter that has captured the 2010 Georgia Traveler's Plaque the most times during the year will receive the retiring plaque and the District will pay the 2011 chartering fee for that Chapter. In the event of a tie, the Chapter with the highest sum of total points will win the award.