



GWRRA - Georgia

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What a District!

The Georgia District is Numero Uno!

Georgia is not only a great place to live, work and play, but it is also the greatest place to be part of the GWRRA Chapter life. Why you say? Because we have the best Chapters comprised of best people who are so passionate about GWRRA, riding safe, and having **FUN** with their fellow 'family' of GWRRA members. One of the biggest distinctions that ranks Georgia above the rest in the Region is how the Chapters in Georgia support their fellow Chapters. Since the first of the year, we have attended several Chapter meetings where the attendance has been phenomenal. This is only due to the efforts of the Chapters within the State to support a new Chapter Director and his/her Chapter participants or as in one case, to help a Chapter secure the Travelers Plaque for their special event. That camaraderie shared between Chapters is hands-down, the one characteristic that makes the Georgia Chapters the best in the Region. As long as we continue to support each other, our Chapters will continue to grow stronger and as a result, we will all have more **FUN**. And if we continue to support one another, we will all benefit, because we will all gain the best friends that we could ever ask for. Friends that quickly become 'family' and life doesn't get any better than that!

Personally, I can tell you, coming from South Carolina, even though we only lived there for 2 ½ years, we were so impressed with the way that the Georgia Chapters and the people within those Chapters were always so supportive of each other. We were also so impressed with the Georgia District Staff, as they were always so visible in their support of the Chapters. We can only hope that now, as we are in that position of District Staff, that we live up to what we witnessed upon moving to Georgia. I can only say how very proud we are, to be a part of such a terrific District and together, we will continue to hold the top spot, which is the 'Best District in Region A'!

Dee & Carlos Lozano

"Dream Like You'll Live Forever, Live Like You'll Die Tomorrow" ~ James Dean

GOOD THINGS TO KNOW

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 or call Dave Aikens at (478) 953-4886.

February 27-28 - OCP (Officer Certification Program): Heritage Bank; 440 N. Jeff Davis Dr., Fayetteville, GA. For more information, visit the Georgia District website at 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 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 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: 10am to 2pm, Tuckston United Methodist Church, 4175 Lexington Rd., Athens, GA. Contact Ken Yuill at (706) 621-0565 for more information.

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

May 15 - GA-H Fun Day: Details to be available soon.

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 for current information and/or for a registration form.

Among Our Sick:

- Phillip Kozlowski - Gallbladder & Pneumonia



Heartfelt Sympathy To:

- Joe Kruse and family on the passing of Joe's brother, Brette



Meeting Changes

- No reported changes this month

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.

Congratulations to all 2010 Chapter Couples of the Year!!!

Chapter Directors: Please be sure to send us information relative to your Chapter's Couple of the Year, so that we can recognize them appropriately.

GA Traveler's Plaque

Chapter GA-S will offer the Traveler's Plaque at their Sweetheart Poker Run on February 13, 2010. Be sure to checkout the new 2010 rules on the District website!

Region A Wanderer

MS-E will offer the Region A Wanderer on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at Shoney's Restaurant; 3316 Pemberton Square Blvd, Vicksburg, MS at 10:00AM.



From your District Rider Educators
Tommy & Vicky Martin



Here we are off and running in a Brand New Year. The Officer Conference on January, 9th was without a doubt, a success. In the Rider Education breakout, we had good representation from the Chapters Educators for the District. There were several ideas shared and enthusiasm was up as we talked about the plans and goals of each Chapter Educator as well as the District Educators for the upcoming year. With the help of the Chapter Educators and the Team of Instructors we have throughout the District, the opportunities are wide open for the Members of Georgia.

We have been working with the Chapters around the Savannah, GA area, and have secured a location to hold a Rider Education **Fun Day**. This **Fun Day** will include PLP's, Rider Ed Seminars and more. So, mark your calendars and plan to come and enjoy the day along with your Gold Wing friends. Detailed flyers and registration sheets will be out soon.

Safety is for Life, Please Ride Safe!
Tommy & Vicky Martin

From your District Leadership Trainers
Dave & Sharon Aikens

The 'Officer Certification Program' is Not Just Another Leadership Training Class.
The OCP is Training for Our Leaders.

OCP Training is for all Operations Officers; Directors and Assistant Directors at all levels (Chapter, District, and Region) throughout GWRRA. If you signed a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU), then there is a need for you to attend. Rider Educators may attend if they so desire. Spouses of officers are not required to attend this training. This training is FREE of charge and is open to all GWRRA participants.

The first OCP Class to be held in Georgia will take place on February 27th & 28th, at the Heritage Bank, located at 440 North Jeff Davis Drive in Fayetteville, GA. This is a 1 ½-day class. All officers and those members attending will need to register. Please use the Training Registration Form found on the Georgia District Website under Leadership Training. On the line indicating the Class Desired, write "OCP, 27-28 Feb" and then complete the rest of the information that is requested and send it (or email the information) to Sharon and me. The class will start promptly at 8:30 AM on both Saturday & Sunday. We should finish around 4-5:00 PM on Saturday, and finish around noon on Sunday. This bank is located just down the street from the I-Hop restaurant where GA-P meets. If you are planning to attend, please register promptly as there are workbooks to be ordered and handouts that need to be copied, as well as names to be entered on the completion certificates.

Dates and locations for additional OCP Training will be identified at a later date. All class dates and locations for all Regions and Districts will be posted on the National GWRRA Website. You may attend any OCP class at any location identified as all materials used are identical, and all District and Region Trainers have been certified to teach this program. Should you plan to attend this training in another District, please contact their District Trainer to obtain their specific registration requirements.

This training program falls under the auspices of the National Director, Leadership Training Division. All questions, comments, and concerns should be directed to your District/Region Trainers.

Dave & Sharon Aikens

From your Asst. District Directors / Couple of the Year Coordinators
Dave & Betty Andrade

OUR CHANCE TO HELP THE COUPLE OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

Ladies and Gentlemen ... we have some exiting news! While visiting other District Rallies, we always try to keep our eyes and ears open, gathering ideas that we could bring home to Georgia to make our Rally better. Well this past year, we came upon an idea that we believe would be of great benefit to Georgia. You know what they say, "Stealing an idea from another Chapter and/or District is the best form of flattery." In walking around the event center at the Mississippi Rally this past October, we noticed a couple of tables filled with very large, beautiful gift baskets, all with a different theme. It was exciting to see what each basket contained. After making a few inquiries, we learned that these baskets were made and donated by Chapters in that District and tickets were being sold, providing the purchaser the opportunity to win one or more of these beautiful baskets. The proceeds from the ticket sales were dedicated to their District Couple of the Year program.

To be a District Couple of the Year is such an HONOR but there can be some costs associated with representing your District and to visit different Chapters and/or Rallies can be a strain on the wallet. Therefore, we are asking each Chapter that can, to prepare a basket that will be raffled off at our District Rally. The proceeds from this event will help defray the cost for the District Couple of the Year. Make it a fun! Decide on a theme and work toward making a basket that entices people to buy tickets to win YOUR Chapter basket.

How your Chapter goes about organizing the basket is dependent on your Chapter. My suggestion is once a theme has been decided on, that Chapter participants bring one item for the basket as this would help reduce the cost for the Chapter. A tag should be made that will affix to your basket which should include the theme of your basket and your Chapter name and location for recognition of your Chapter.

Let's all come together to help support our District Couple of the Year. This program will assist this honored couple as they attend meetings and rallies, representing the Great District of Georgia! We are hopeful that this program might also influence more couples to participate in the program and accept this HONOR.

We are so proud of our Chapter Couples. They are Very Special Chapter Participants. Congratulations to all the new Chapter Couples of the Year. We hope to see you at the Selection Process in November as we continue to keep Georgia at the top in the Region!

Dave and Betty Andrade

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We know that we have talented people hiding out in our Georgia Chapters, so we are asking you to come forward and help us out. We are looking for people to assist with the Georgia Wing Fling in the decorations department. We are also asking all those people who shop at Second Hand Stores, Flea Markets, and Garage Sales to keep their eyes peeled for 50's-style items that we could use at the Rally. We are especially looking for cheap 45 records to use as decoration. Can you help us make our Rally great? Please contact Dee at 770-932-4007 if you would like to help.