



GWRRA - Georgia

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It Just Takes A Minute!

Recently I was speaking with a fellow member of the District staff. As we spoke about all of the things we needed to do, he mentioned the phrase "It just takes a minute" and then proceeded to tell me an interesting story.

Many of us tend to underestimate the amount of time or effort required to perform a task, even a simple one. Often times, a task that we think will only take a minute, really takes five, ten, fifteen, or even thirty minutes. The result when considering a single task, may not be that extreme. However, when multiplied by five, ten, or even more tasks, we can easily find ourselves hopelessly behind... always trying to "Catch Up". Even worse than being behind can be dealing with the resulting stress and feeling of pressure.

Most of us strive to lead a balanced life. We spend time at work, we spend time with family, we spend time with friends, we spend time tinkering with our hobbies, we spend time relaxing, and we spend time sleeping. Most of us openly state that "Family is the most important". Further, because our GWRRA friends become so close, they essentially become family too. This can create quite a demand on your time.

Regardless of how you spend your time, we are all bound by the same limit of time. After all, there are only Twenty-Four hours in a day. Try as we wish, we can't create any more.

So, what is the solution? There might be several. But, here are a few suggestions:

- 1) Do What You Can - Your GWRRA friends are exactly that, friends. They will appreciate you and your participation at any level; whether you can participate a lot... or if you can only participate a little. Don't feel pressured or guilty because you use your time for another "Priority" task.
- 2) Start Early - Avoid waiting to the last minute to begin working on a project or preparing for an event. (Oops, I'm guilty too.)
- 3) Ask for Help - Sometimes those around you (family, friends) don't realize that you could use a hand. If they just knew, they might be willing and able to assist you in knocking off a couple of those "It just takes a minute" tasks.
- 4) Focus on the Important Tasks - Some things are important, others are not. Recognizing what needs to be done... and why, may shorten your list.

Why am I bringing this all up? Well, I hope that I will see you at Wing Fling this year. I'm hoping that you and others in your Chapter will be actively participating and having fun. But, if you can't make it, I understand... it's OK. We'll look forward to seeing you at another event in the future!

GOOD THINGS TO KNOW

GA Traveler's Plaque

Chapter GA-L will offer the Traveler's Plaque on March 13, 2010 at Western Sizzlin, 801 Martha Berry Parkway, Rome, GA. They will eat at 12PM and give the plaque away at 1PM.

Region A Wanderer

Chapter GA-L will offer the Region A Wanderer on March 13, 2010 at Western Sizzlin, 801 Martha Berry Parkway, Rome, GA. They will eat at 12PM and give the plaque away at 1PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

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.

June 30-July 3 - Wing Ding 32: Iowa Events Venter, Des Moines. IA

August 21 - GA-D Fun Day: Details to be available soon.

September 11 - GA-Q Burger Burn: Contact Frank or Margi Ricigliano at 478-953-3886 for more information.

Among Our Sick:

- Marsha Hancock - Heart Surgery
- Mike Whitlock - Injured Ribs & Knee in Accident



Heartfelt Sympathy To:

- Mike McElhannon and family on the passing of Mike's grandmother
- Eileen Cater and family on the passing of Eileen's mother



Meeting Changes

- GA-X - Now meeting at Ryans, on Presidential Parkway in Macon

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!!!

A - Bob & Dianne Hickly

D - Ian & Anna Nesbit

J - Roger & Dorethea LeRoy

S - Eric & Donna Wolbach

B2 - Norman & Wendy Morton

E2 - Roy & Irene Bridges

L - Jerome & Jen Poole

T - Ray & Nell Hemphill

C2 - Murl & Ruth Gwynn

F2 - Marshall & Sandra Skinner

Q - Larry & Eleese Chambers

Chapter Directors: We want to be able to recognize all Chapter Couples of the Year. If you have not yet informed us of your Chapter's honored couple, please let us know. We want to recognize them for all that they do for your Chapter and GWRRA.



From your District Rider Educators *Tommy & Vicky Martin*



Returning Home Safe!!

I believe as motorcycle riders, we all have the same unconscious goal when we climb on our motorcycle to go for a ride. What I mean by that is, we all plan to go for a nice ride and **return home safe**. You will notice that the emphasis is on **returning home safe**. The reason I call it an unconscious goal is because it is asleep in the back of the riders mind, not really present or active. **Returning home safe** is something that is taken for granted a lot of times. When we plan for a job, we always make sure to obtain the proper tools and materials to complete the task. The same should apply when we straddle our motorcycles. We should have the proper tools and material to reach the goal of getting us home safe. The best way I know that we can do this is by preparing ourselves with safe riding knowledge and to correctly practice our safe riding skills. We sometimes get to a point where we feel that we have been riding for so long and taken so many riding courses that we don't need to attend another Riding Seminar or Rider Safety Course. This is so far from the truth; there is always room for improvement no matter who you are or how long you have been riding. In fact, the longer we have been riding just means that we have been blessed to grow older. This being the case, our reactions are not as quick as they once were; which in turn creates another reason for us to practice and sharpen our riding skills. Through your Commitment, Education and Preparedness for safe riding, may every ride you take end safely at home.

Tommy

The Chapter Educator position is perhaps one of the most important in GWRRA. The desire to reduce injuries and fatalities for the motorcycle community is a high calling indeed. As the words *safety* and *knowledge* account for two thirds of the GWRRA motto, "FRIENDS FOR FUN SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE"!

As Georgia District Educators we are happy to report that Rider Education is growing in Georgia. In the last few months we have several newly appointed Educators that have joined us at the Chapter Level. We would like to take this time to recognize the Georgia Chapter Educators. We appreciate their commitment and dedication to the Members of GWRRA and Rider Education

Educator - Chapter

Bryan Douglas - A
Paul Johnson - B2
Jackie Ford - E
Chuck Fowler - G2
Phil Howard - I2
Murry Cail - L
Grady Riner - S
Gene Krattli - X

Educator - Chapter

Butch Jeskey - A2
Alan Moore - C2
Don Boren - E2
Kary Porter - H
Kenneth Roberts - J
Margie Riciglino - Q
Mike McElhannon - T
Paul Burt - Z

Educator - Chapter

Ken Cook - B
Ian Nesbit - D
Ray Boman - F2
Jim Phillips - I
Sam Kallal - K
Danny Mackey - R
Johnny Henson - W

WOW, February has been a busy month! The snow didn't slow things down too much either. There was an outstanding turn out at the Sweetheart Poker Run, even though there was snow and freezing temperatures. This is one time that I am glad to report there were no motorcycles in the parking lot.

Riding Safe in GEORGIA...

Tommy & Vicky Martin
Georgia District Educators

Roy & Julie Degler
Assistant Georgia District Educators

From your Asst. District Educators / Motorist Awareness Coordinators *Roy & Julie Degler*

Motorist Awareness

Motorist Awareness is an often overlooked part of GWRRA, but it involves each and every one of us who ride. It has to do with one of the cornerstones of the GWRRA motto, **Safety**. With this in mind, we would like to invite everyone to join us in a grass-roots campaign starting today. We propose the following:

Building Motorist Awareness One Motorist at a Time!

Crazy you say....Let us explain. We are sure you have noticed the magnetic attraction our magnificent machines possess. You know, when you stop for fuel, park on a city street or in a restaurant parking lot (must be a GWRRA thing) how people tend to come take a look and ask questions. Believe it or not, whether you want to be or not, you are ambassadors for our sport.

So, what if during the conversation you were to work in a statement like: "Would you believe that with all this safety chrome and lighting we are invisible to many motorists?" Depending on their response you could talk about: Motorist Awareness slogans or programs like; "How many motorcyclist have you seen today?" or "Share the road". If they do not acknowledge the statement, let it go. We believe you have planted a seed.

Hopefully that seed will germinate and begin to grow so the next time they are in their vehicle, they may suddenly begin to see a motorcycle there and there and.....there, when they may not have seen them before.

How many people, fellow motorists, have you encountered during your many rides? How much impact could each of us have if we mentioned it to everyone that admires our machines? It is time to bring the message to the motorists we share the road with. There is only one way to find out if this will work.

How? By **Building Motorist Awareness One Motorist at a Time!**

Be Safe - We'll See You on the Road!

Roy and Julie Degler

From your District Couple of the Year *Phillip & Terri Kozlowski*

Did you read the fabulous article in the January 2010 issue (page 51) of Wing World magazine about "Building Your Team"? It was a great wealth of sage wisdom which has great timing to start the New Year!

Team Building is all the rage in the business world as well as in volunteer organizations like GWRRA (have you been to a Leadership Training Course?). There are numerous articles, books, seminars and websites out there to tell you how to build your team. They talk about trust, communication, goals, delegating, attitude, and appreciation; but the reality is teambuilding is about building a relationship based on mutual trust and a shared vision. In GWRRA this relationship is with your fellow Chapter members... your friends...your family....so this should not be a difficult thing to do.

As the New Year begins and many Chapters have new officers and staff that are stepping into new leadership roles, let's remember that we all have the same goal, the same vision...*Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge*. We are all committed to this motto, the purpose, for our organization and our Chapters. We all enjoy the camaraderie we gain by participating with our Chapters, this is the fun! We all care about the safety of our Chapter members. We all want our Chapter to grow, so we will do all that we can to gain the necessary knowledge needed to be the best team member we can for our Chapter.

Remember to be positive and set a good example for your Chapter members; you are at the helm of your Chapter... you are the cheerleader...you are the one to motivate the team to achieve the best for your Chapter. Share information...if you don't, how will the members know how they can participate in all the fun you are planning? Actively listen to your members; they have ideas, information, and knowledge you may not know; utilize what is already there for you. Show your appreciation for all your team does, not only for you, but for the Chapter and GWRRA.

Utilizing these simple steps, your team will be a great success in 2010! Happy New Year!