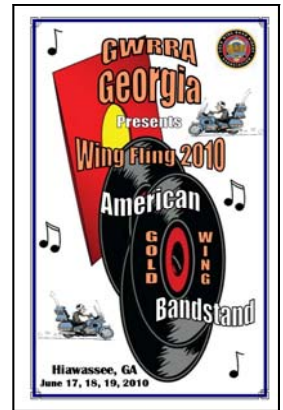




# GWRRR - Georgia

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## Racin' Towards Wing Fling!

### Fun at the South Carolina Rally

For Dee and I, the final activity for April was the South Carolina District Convention and Rally. In fact, it is still ongoing. For Charles and Kathy Coleman and their District Team, this is their first rally. I must say that we are thoroughly impressed. The South Carolina District team has worked hard to provide an environment packed with fun activities. The level of participation in the events and seminars has also been very impressive. Support has been wonderful; not just from the South Carolina Chapters, but from all of the other Districts within Region A. As we race towards Wing Fling in June, we certainly hope we will have similar levels of support and participation. Have you sent in your Georgia Convention/Rally Registration yet?

### A Change in Schedule

One item worth mentioning is that after multiple reviews of our plan, it has been decided that it is in the best interest of our members to change the night that we offer the meal at Wing Fling from Thursday to Friday. We will also be moving the location of the meal from the host hotel to the Music Hall. Doing this will provide multiple benefits: 1) It will allow your District team to serve our fantastic recipe for Sloppy Joes to more members, 2) It will reduce the congestion in the host hotel, 3) It will ensure that everyone has a place to sit while they eat, 4) Attendees will already be in place to enjoy what we hope will be a memorable talent show, and, 5) Attendees will also be in place to view the Lighted Bike Show.

### Game Prizes

We'd like to remind all Chapters that your District needs your help. As is usually done, we are asking all Chapters to provide a prize valued at approximately \$25 (or \$25 cash) so that we can offer exciting and desirable game prizes at Wing Fling. Participation is optional; but, we could really use your help!

### IRS 990N

Chapter Directors and Chapter Treasures: Please do not forget the deadline for submittal of the IRS 990N is May 15! If you need any help, please contact John Andrews, your District Treasurer.

# GOOD THINGS TO KNOW

## *GA Traveler's Plaque*

**Chapter GA-L** will offer the Traveler's Plaque on May 8, 2010 at Western Sizzlin, 801 Martha Berry Blvd., Rome, GA.. The plaque will be given away at 2PM.

## *Region A Wanderer*

**Chapter GA-B2** will offer the Region A Wanderer on May 22, 2010 at Golden Corral, 6975 Douglas Blvd., Douglasville, GA.. They will eat at 9AM and meet at 10AM

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**May 8 - Rider Ed Fun Day:** Savannah, GA. Details and Registration Form are available on the District website at [www.gwr-ra-ga.com](http://www.gwr-ra-ga.com)

**May 15 - GA-H Fun Day:** 11AM - 2PM; Georgia Fraternal Order of Police Lodge, Dunbar Lane, Albany, GA. Visit the Georgia District website to download an event Flyer at [www.gwr-ra-ga.com](http://www.gwr-ra-ga.com).

**May 22-23 - OCP:** Savannah, GA; Online registration is available on the Leadership Training Page of the Georgia District website at [www.gwr-ra-ga.com](http://www.gwr-ra-ga.com),

**June 5-6 - OCP:** Rome, GA; Online registration is available on the Leadership Training Page of the Georgia District website at [www.gwr-ra-ga.com](http://www.gwr-ra-ga.com),

**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.

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

**July 31-Aug 1 - OCP:** Fayetteville, GA; Online registration is available on the Leadership Training Page of the Georgia District website at [www.gwr-ra-ga.com](http://www.gwr-ra-ga.com),

**August 21 - GA-D Fun Day:** Amicalola State Park; 11AM - 3PM; For more information, call Phillip or Terri at 770-530-0161 or visit the Georgia District website to download an event Flyer at [www.gwr-ra-ga.com](http://www.gwr-ra-ga.com).

**August 22 - GA-Z Bowling Challenge:** Junction Lanes in Newnan; starting at noon; For more information, call Ray Roberts at 770-251-2460

**September 11 - GA-Q Burger Burn:** Museum of Aviation, Robins AFB, Warner Robins, GA; Starting at 11AM; Contact Frank or Margi Ricigliano at 478-953-3886 for more information or visit the Georgia District website to download an event Flyer at [www.gwr-ra-ga.com](http://www.gwr-ra-ga.com).

**September 16-18 - Region A Rally:** All American Homecoming; Lakepoint Lodge, Eufaula, AL

## **Heartfelt Sympathy To:**

- Linda and Terry McConnell on the passing of Linda's mother
- Karen Moore and family on the passing of Fred
- Mike Whitlock and family on the passing of Mike's father
- Joe and Merrie Colvard on the passing of Joe's father
- Sandy and Sonny Owenby on the passing of Sandy's mother
- Sandra and George Parker on the passing of Sandra's sister



## **Among Our Sick:**

- Nu Cates
- Marsha Hancock
- Ed Badarzynski - Hernia Surgery



## **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](mailto:georgiadd@cmlozano.com); or by telephone at 770.932.4007.

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

A - Bob & Dianne Hickly	B2 - Norman & Wendy Morton	C2 - Murl & Ruth Gwynn
D - Ian & Anna Nesbit	E - Raleigh & Patty Henry	E2 - Roy & Irene Bridges
F2 - Marshall & Sandra Skinner	J - Roger & Dorethea LeRoy	L - Jerome & Jen Poole
Q - Larry & Eleese Chambers	S - Eric & Donna Wolbach	T - Ray & Nell Hemphill

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 Leadership Trainers**  
***Dave and Sharon Aikens***

**More Training Opportunities**

We have added some additional training dates for the **Officer Certification Program**;

May 22-23	Western Sizzlin	Rome
June 5-6	Riley Building	Savannah
July 31-Aug 1	Heritage Bank	Fayetteville

To register for any of these classes, you will find an On-Line OCP Registration Form on the Leadership Training Page of the Georgia District website. Yes, you must register for these classes so we know how many students we need to prepare for. Printing costs are going up, so we don't make many extra copies of the student materials needed.

These classes are open to ALL GWRRA members.

Dave & Sharon Aikens  
 Georgia District Trainers

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

WOW...We have to say we were pleasantly surprised by the Officer Certification Program we attended. It certainly was time well spent. We have a passion for training. We believe that the more you know, the better you can serve the membership. That is why we have attended as many training classes as possible. So when we heard that National had created a program for all officers to be certified, we were intrigued.

Isn't it exciting that all Officers at every level of GWRRA will be taught the same information? This way the District Director in Texas and the Chapter Director here in Georgia can give a consistent answer to their members...we will all be on the same page. By having the ability for all officers to be consistent, we eliminate confusion among the membership during chapter visitation. Officers across the nation will all know what the position entails, what resources are available to them by GWRRA and will understand how much support surrounds each and every officer, so we can all do the best for the membership of this great Association.

The new Officer Certification Program does a fabulous job in achieving its objectives. It is communicating to us what GWRRA is, what it stands for, and why it is structured and operated the way it is. It is providing the membership trained and knowledgeable officers to lead the Association. It is achieving continuity throughout GWRRA. And it is providing the officers with the tools and information for us to be successful in serving our Chapters.

A fellow Chapter Director who took the class with us commented on how much easier it will be for him to serve his Chapter now that he knows he is not alone and that there are tools and support for him to do his best for his Chapter.

We encourage all officers to immediately take advantage of this training opportunity given to us by GWRRA. The members- *your Gold Wing friends*- want and deserve qualified officers who can lead them and make all of our GWRRA experience the best it can be.

**From your District Motorist Awareness Coordinators**  
**Roy & Julie Degler**

**May is: Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month....**

Are you aware that **May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month**? What's that you ask? Great question!

It is the one month out of the year where Federal, State and Local Governments, in conjunction with other organizations such as GWRRA, AMA and MSF to name a few, promote sharing the road with motorcycles. While we all agree that this is something that needs to go on twelve months out of the year, May is the month where everyone really tries to work together, promoting the idea that we can all exist on the same roads, safely and focus on getting the message out to the motoring public. That message again: **Share the Road!**

It does make sense when you think about it. May is the month where a lot of motorcycles and motorcyclist come out of hibernation and begin to take to the highways, byways and all the other ways we can think of riding on.

We feel that **Motorist Awareness** should be near and dear to the heart of any motorcyclist or trikeist that swings a leg over the seat. Certainly anyone who has taken to the roads has a story or two to tell about a very unpleasant encounter with a motorist, trucker or even a fellow motorcyclist!

Whether it is dodging someone who is talking on a cell phone or worse yet, texting (DWD - driving while distracted) and cuts right in front of you (failure to yield the right of way) or our all time favorite; eating cereal with milk while holding the bowl and driving with their knees (Negligence?). How can you make something like that up? Can you imagine the number of trees we would have to cut down to produce the paper we would need just to complete this list!

OK, you agree we might have a point, but you ask; what can I do about it? Another great question!

This is where you decide to take action and join our grassroots campaign that we talked about in our last newsletter article.

Whenever we are out on our magnificent machines, we are ambassadors for our sport. When we are in a parking lot or gas station and someone approaches, welcome them and answer their questions. When you have a chance, slip in a little conversational piece about how even with all this safety chrome, sometimes it seems like nobody can see us. Quote Rodney Dangerfield with his; *"I can't get any respect"* line. Sometimes humor goes a long way in making a point.

All we are doing is planting a seed, a thought, so that the next time they are on the road, they might remember the conversation (or the bad joke) they had with you and begin to notice the motorcycles/trikes that are sharing the road with them. We were there all along, they just did not see us.

It depends on how much you ride, but the potential exist to encounter quite a few motorists. Now multiply that by how many other motorcyclist/trikeist you know. We have the opportunity to make a major contribution to Motorist Awareness.

All we are doing is: **Building Motorist Awareness One Motorist at a Time!**

Better yet, can you think of a better time to start than the month of May? Which, coincidentally, just happens to be: **Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month!**

We love it when a plan comes together!

**Be Safe – We'll See You On The Road!**