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2011

Clownin' Around
Gold Wing Style

GWRRA - Georgia

August 2010

Summer Heat



Family Time

For many of us, the heat of summer is a time we take a break from riding. Not only is the weather extremely hot; but we also have children and grandchildren that are out of school on summer break. It is a great opportunity to spend some time with your family and let them all know how much you love them. Children grow so quickly; don't miss out on an opportunity to spend some quality time with them.

August Happenings

In this month of August, it seems that we have a lot of activities going on. On August 14-15 is the 5th and final OCP that will be presented in Georgia this year. I am very pleased to have received many positive comments about this program. Remember, OCP is open to all members. If you are interested in learning more about GWRRA, there is still time to register. An on-line registration form is available on the Leadership Training page of the Georgia District Website at gwrra-ga.com.

August 21st, Chapter D is having their 25th Anniversary Celebration. This event will be

held at Amicalola State Park. Information can be found on Chapter D's website and on the Coming Events page of the Georgia District Website. We sure hope to see you there.

August 22nd is Chapter Z's Annual Bowling Challenge. This year, the Bowling Challenge is being held at Junction Lanes in Newnan. Information for this event can be found on Chapter Z's website and on the Coming Events page of the Georgia District Website.

Another Team Change

John and Linda Zimmer informed me a few days ago that due to work, family, and household commitments, that they would be stepping down from their position of Assistant District Director effective September 1, 2010. John and Linda have been an extremely valuable members of the District team and I cannot thank them enough for their support and contributions. They will be very sorely missed. Happily, they will remain actively involved with GWRRA at the Chapter level.

Should you see John and Linda, please take the opportunity to thank them for all of their hard work supporting you, the general membership of GWRRA.

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GOOD THINGS TO KNOW

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

A - Bob & Dianne Hickly	A2 - Mike & Melba Thigpen	B2 - Norman & Wendy Morton
C2 - Murl & Ruth Gwynn	D - Ian & Anna Nesbit	E - Raleigh & Patty Henry
E2 - Roy & Irene Bridges	F2 - Marshall & Sandra Skinner	H - Green & Lou Streater
I - Bill & Gayle Smith	J - Roger & Dorethea LeRoy	K - Jesse & Brenda Tuten
L - Jerome & Jen Poole	Q - Larry & Elease Chambers	S - Eric & Donna Wolbach
T - Ray & Nell Hemphill	W - Johnny & Angie Henson	X - Kelvin & Rhonda Harris
	Z - John & Sue Stevens	

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 have done and continue to do for your Chapter and GWRRA.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 14-15 - OCP: Warner Robins, GA; Online registration is available on the Leadership Training Page of the Georgia District website at 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.

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.

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

October 2 - GA-E2 Fun Fest: Sangrena Woods, 955 Plantation Dr., Pooler, GA 31322. Starts at 10AM; Prize drawings at 2PM. For more information contact Robert Payne at 912-658-6463.

October 9 - GA-L Fun Day: 46 Dykes Creek Church Rd., Rome, GA. Registration 10AM-2PM; For more information contact Kevin Henkle at 678-315-2791 or kevinhenkle@yahoo.com

October 23 - GA-A Poker Run: 2200 Keys Ferry Court, McDonough, GA. Registration 9-11AM; First bike out at 9:30. For more information contact Steve or Dottie Fagan at cd1@gwr-ra-gaa.com.

GA Traveler's Plaque

Chapter GA-T will offer the Traveler's Plaque on August 21, 2010 at GA-D's Fun Day at Amicalola State Park. They will give away the plaque at 2:00PM.

Region A Wanderer

Chapter FL1-V captured the Region A Wanderer on August 7, 2010, from GA-L. The time and location of the next offering will be announced shortly.

Meeting Changes

- GA-E - New gathering location: Georgia Ave. Café, 102 Georgia Ave., Thomaston, GA. Eat at 6:00PM; Meet at 7:00PM; first Saturday of each month.
- GA-W - New gathering location: Folks, 180 Parkway 575, Woodstock, GA.

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.

Among Our Sick:

- Sandy Hatfield - Surgery



Heartfelt Sympathy To:

- Wendy and Norman Morton on the passing of Wendy's mother



From your District Couple of the Year
Phillip and Terri Kozlowski

Life Changing Experience

When we picked up the 1997 Pearl White 1500 Gold Wing and brought it home, we never realized how much our lives were about to change. Two weeks later, we were attending the "last" Gathering for Chapter D as they did not have anyone willing to step up and become the Directors; guess what...we became the Chapter Directors that day as the Assistant District Director was taking our check to pay for membership into GWRRA. That was the beginning of a world-wind of FUN activities with GWRRA...a life changing experience.

Our brief time as GWRRA members, just 2 years, has forever changed our lives. We plan our free time around rides, fun days, trainings and rallies...where are we going and which wonderful friends will we get to spend time with? Currently, we have four Saturdays where we have no GWRRA plans thru the end of the year...but that may change - where do you want to ride to? We eat out a lot more...and it seems our ice cream consumption has increased too. But the biggest change for us is that we are a lot more social because we have a group of shared friends who have become our family; you never would have thought that we were wall flowers would you? We want to be with our GWRRA family as much as possible because we all have a common passion for riding our Gold Wing and it is a lot of FUN!

We love this FUN organization ...and the Georgia District honored us last November by choosing us to represent the District as the 2010 Couple of the Year. Next month, September 16-18th, we will be going to the Region A Rally and Convention in Eufaula, Alabama to do our best to represent the Georgia District in the Region A Couple of the Year Selection process. We hope that as we look out into the audience during our presentation, that we see dozens of smiling faces from our home district there to encourage and support us through the process. If we are selected as the 2010-2011 Region A Couple of the Year, we will be extremely honored and would continue to do our best to represent this great association- all while having loads of FUN!

We look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces at the Region A Rally and Convention in Eufaula ... you will not regret going because we bring the Fun with us and FUN is always contagious!

Thoughts for Wing Fling 2011

This year, we will hold the 2011 Georgia Wing Fling Rally/Convention at the Marriott Gwinnett Place in Duluth, Georgia. This is an awesome facility with ample space for all attending. The facility is one of the best in the State of Georgia with amenities such as air conditioning, six working elevators, beautiful, reasonably priced rooms, large meeting rooms to accommodate our seminars, covered parking for our motorcycles, a large vendor area just a few steps outside the back door, just to name a few. There are many restaurants within walking distance of the hotel along with the ones within the hotel. There are many details yet to be worked out but that is where each of you come in. We have so much talent and expertise that lies hidden within our many chapters. We are asking for your help in coming up with seminars and games and other activities that will make this event one of the best. We, as members of the Georgia District have the opportunity to put on one of the best Wing Fling Events ever but in order to do that, we need your help. Let's think outside the box and bring something different to this event. It is a fun theme, Clownin Around Goldwing Style, so give us your ideas and suggestions and together, let's make this the best event ever. Plan to come and spend the weekend with your friends and family.



From your District Rider Educators *Tommy & Vicky Martin*



From your District Educators

As you may recall in my final note of the July article, we were preparing to make the trip to Des Moines, Iowa for Wing Ding 32. Vicky and I had made plans to head out early on Saturday morning to beat the traffic through Atlanta, so with the Bike and trailer loaded we pulled out about 7am. About an hour into the ride unfortunately, we had a minor incident. There was moderate damage to the bike and Vicky sustained some bruises and pulled muscles. With the help of our son Joseph, we were able to get the bike back home by mid afternoon. Vicky and I thought about canceling the trip, but we decided to get a good night sleep and see how we felt in the morning. The next morning Vicky was sore but wanted to continue with the trip, so we loaded the truck and headed to Iowa.

We arrived in Des Moines, Iowa on Tuesday and the weather was perfect with highs in the low-mid 80's. The city is beautifully placed next to the Des Moines River. There was a good selection of very nice and reasonably priced restaurants within walking distance of the Wing Ding Venue. We attended the Welcome Party held at Prairie Meadows, a local Casino and Horse Track. They had hot buttered corn on the cob, soft drinks and Ice cream for the members. We really enjoyed watching the horse races; it was a first for Vicky and me. We attended Rider Ed Seminars, the Couple of the year selection, visited the vendors "OH Yeah, had to do it!" we helped Region "A" with the tickets sales, attended the Dinner and entertainment, the Talent show, Etc. We could go on and on as there is so much to do at Wing Ding.

GWRRA Rider Education recognizes and honors outstanding Educators who have distinguished themselves through performance and dedication above their peers. These awards were announced and presented during the Masters Breakfast at Wing Ding. We have an Educator in our District that was chosen by National to be recognized and receive the Educators Merit Award.

We are proud to announce that Roy Degler is the recipient of the Educators Merit Award for 2009 as Chapter Educator of GA-A. Roy was unable to attend Wing Ding, therefore Chuck Reed accepted his award for him at the Masters Breakfast. Roy was quite surprised when he received the Merit Award at the Chapter "A" July Monthly Gathering.

Back to our trip, Vicky and I had a BLAST at Wing Ding 32 visiting with old friends and of course making new ones. We hope to see you on our next trip to a GWRRA Event. Until then, please Ride Safe and here is a little something to think about.

The true value of a Helmet is a direct reflection of the head it will be protecting!!

A Final OCP Opportunity

At Flint Energies, 900 Hwy 96, Warner Robins, GA 31088, we will feature our final OCP of the season on August 14 & 15, 2010. Remember, OCP is free and is open to any interested member. To register, use the on-line registration form on the Leadership Training page of the Georgia District Website at www.gwr-ra-ga.com. Alternatively, you may register by calling Dave Aikens, Region A Leadership Trainer, at 478.953.4886. You might be surprised at how much you will learn... and how it could help your Chapter!