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GWRRRA - Georgia

November 2010

Wind Down 2010



Free Food

Hey, we all like to eat. So, what is better than a meal out? How about a **Free Meal**? Yup, as the District Team's 'Thank You' to all of our Georgia members, we are preparing a meal especially for you. What's the menu, you ask? This year, we're serving up a hearty beef stew. Plus, we'll have some cornbread, rolls, and other sides. Then, we'll also show off our baking talents by providing you with some homemade desserts.

2011 District Couple of the Year Selection

As usual, at Wind Down, we will also be selecting our next District Couple of the Year. So, join in and support those Chapter Couples of the Year that have decided to vie for the title. Each one of them deserves all of the warm support that we can offer them.

We will also be recognizing all of the 2010 Chapter Couples of the Year; whether or not they are participating in the 2011 selection process. They, too, deserve your recognition and support.

Rumor has it that we may have some dignitaries attending this year. So, come on down and see who comes to visit.

Lastly, but worthy of your support, please come to say thank you to Phillip and Terri Kozlowski for the outstanding manner in which they

represented Georgia this year. They really were outstanding and deserve our congratulations.

2011 Georgia Traveler's Plaque

Which Chapter will be bringing the 2010 Traveler's Plaque to Wind Down for its retirement? At this point, we don't know. Why? Because, on November 6th, Chapter F2 will be offering the 2010 plaque for capture at their regularly scheduled gathering. Will your Chapter be bringing it to Wind Down? We'll see!

Our 2010 plaque rules have worked real well for us. So, we will be keeping these same rules for 2011. But, if you have some ideas for the future, we'd love to hear them.

Games, Goodies, 50/25/25

As usual, we'll have games, goodies and, of course, 50/25/25! So, come collect some awesome prizes... or take a chance at winning some cash for the holiday season. Just, please come!

Where / When

We will be at the Tuckston United Methodist Church at 4174 Lexington Rd., Athens, Georgia. Activities are from 10am to 2pm (ish)! We're doing it all for you; so again, please come!

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GOOD THINGS TO KNOW

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 30-31 - Horizons Program: Heritage Bank, 440 North Jeff Davis Drive, Fayetteville, GA. An online registration form is available on the District website at www.gwr-ra.com. Or, call Alan Head at 770.289.1341. For those interested, Rider Education will present a Co-Riders seminar and a Team (Group) Riding seminar immediately after the Horizons.

November 13 - Wind Down: Tuckston United Methodist Church, 4175 Lexington Road, Athens, GA. 10am to 2pm; no registration fee, free lunch, games, District Couple of the Year Selection, and more.

January ?? - Officer's Conference: We are working to finish negotiations with a location and date for our 2011 Officer's Conference. Currently, we are looking at January 15 or January 29. We expect to announce the date and location within a few days.

February 12, 2011 - GA-S Sweetheart Poker Run: Midway Christian Church, 1406 Hog Mountain Rd., Winder, GA; 10am - 2:00pm. For more information contact Ken or Traci Thrasher at 706-310-1041.

March 24-26, 2011 - GA-A2 Irish Get Away: Sportsman Club, Dublin, GA. For more information, contact Chuck or BJ Hohman at 478-279-1678.

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

A - Bob & Dianne Hickly

C2 - Murl & Ruth Gwynn

E2 - Roy & Irene Bridges

J - Roger & Dorethea LeRoy

Q - Larry & Eleese Chambers

W - Johnny & Angie Henson

A2 - Mike & Melba Thigpen

D - Ian & Anna Nesbit

F2 - Marshall & Sandra Skinner

K - Jesse & Brenda Tuten

S - Eric & Donna Wolbach

X - Kelvin & Rhonda Harris

B2 - Norman & Wendy Morton

E - Raleigh & Patty Henry

I - Bill & Gayle Smith

L - Jerome & Jen Poole

T - Ray & Nell Hemphill

Z - John & Sue Stevens

Region A Wanderer

Chapter FL1-R will offer the Wanderer on Sunday, November 14, 2010, at Sonic Drive Inn, 310 SE Hwy. 19, Crystal River, FL.

GA Traveler's Plaque

Chapter GA-F2 will offer the Traveler's Plaque on November 6, 2010, at Ryan's, 208 Bobby Jones Expressway, Martinez, GA.

Meeting Changes

As we approach the holiday season, many Chapters alter their regular gathering schedule. Please visit the Chapter Info page of the District website to check for changes. Also, remember, it is always a good idea to call the Chapter Director to confirm their gathering particulars.

Heartfelt Sympathy To:

- Loraine Cerna and family on the passing of Carlos
- Cissy Austin on the passing of Steve



Among Our Sick:

- Sean Mendres





From your District Rider Educators
Tommy & Vicky Martin



Fall Riding

It has been great riding weather this past month. From Chapter E2's Fun Fest - Chapter L's Fun Day, - the MS District Convention, - Chapter A's Poker Run. The temperatures have dropped with some very cool nights and warm days, which make for great riding weather. On a couple of our rides, we were reminded of how important it is to prepare for weather changes while riding in the fall. The cooler temperatures in the morning required dressing in layers or with heated gear, if available. However, as the day goes on and the temperatures rise, it may require lighter or less layers of clothing. Then again, as the evening comes around, the temperature can drop quite rapidly. Checking the weather forecast before heading out can help you to plan for these temperature changes and other adverse weather conditions. Planning ahead makes for a more pleasurable and safer ride. It is easier to remove a layer that you have on, than it is to add a layer you don't have. It is a good idea to keep an extra layer of clothing in the bike.

Also, keep in mind that as the leaves are changing colors, they are also starting to fall from the trees. They will accumulate on the roads, in the curves, and in low areas along with other debris and create a slippery hazard. So, plan ahead, stay alert, and enjoy the beautiful riding weather.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT WIND DOWN!!!!
 Tommy & Vicky

From Your 2010 District Couple of the Year

Phillip & Terri Kozlowski

Wow, time flies when you are having FUN. A year ago, we were honored to be selected to represent the Georgia District as the 2010 Couple of the Year. During the last 12 months, we have made numerous new GWRRA friends, visited with many of you across the Georgia District and Region A, and did our best in the Region A Couple of the Year selection process. Although we were disappointed that we were not selected, it just means we are destined to do something better in this great organization.

We trust that we represented the Couple of the Year program in such a way that encourages all Georgia Chapters to honor a special couple each and every year. We also hope that each of these wonderful chapter couples will proudly represent their chapter in the District selection process. It is FUN, it is rewarding, and it is a privilege.

We want to thank each and every one of you who supported us throughout the year with encouraging words, registration to your events, and cheering us on at the Region A convention. It really meant a great deal to both of us to be supported by all of you throughout the year. We greatly enjoyed our time representing the Georgia District as the 2010 Couple of the Year. Thank You!

Always Moving Forward!

A Slice of Chapter Life

Over the last couple of years, District responsibilities, along with an extremely high paced work schedule, we have found that we have only been able to participate in a limited number of activities with our 'Home Chapter'. So, when our Chapter announced that their annual 'Leaf Ride' would be a two-day ride on the 5th weekend in October, we committed to ride with the group. How many would participate? How many would ride? Would the weather cooperate? Only time would tell.

We pulled into the appointed meeting spot and were elated to see the number of motorcycles already assembled. The skies were clear and great weather was forecasted. We hopped off of our bike and greeted each and every person. Everyone was smiling and happy. We were off to a great start.

Before we left, we gathered together and the Ride Organizer (and ride leader) gave us the particulars of the ride. This was another good sign; we had a well planned ride, complete with comfort, fuel, and food stops all planned out. Being organized really helps! We also had fifteen bikes and trikes; so we had to be able and prepared to break into smaller riding groups if needed. We were ready... and we hit the road.

We had a collection of very experienced riders and relatively new riders. Still, with the proper preparation, we looked like we were a trained drill team as we maneuvered with precision through our designated route. I was so proud to be riding in this group.

In total, we covered about 530 miles in two days. We had a couple of wonderful meals. We saw some absolutely gorgeous colors. We experienced temperatures as low as 38°, and as high as 78°. But, most importantly, we thoroughly and completely enjoyed each others company and friendship.

Great friends really are the best thing that we have gained as members of GWRRA. This brings me to my next point. Two of the riders were guests... and have never ridden with us before. At one of the stops, one of these invited guests asked me: "Do you always go on this great of rides and have this much fun?" When I responded "Yes, we do.", he then replied, "I'll be joining then!"

What a weekend! We were with great friends and enjoyed great food. We rode safely, feasted on nature's beauty and had a great time.

Hey, there is nothing better than a "Slice of Chapter Life"!

Don't Forget

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