

Home of
WING FLING
2011

Clown'n Around
Gold Wing Style

GWRRA - Georgia

December 2010

Seasons Greetings



DISTRICT TEAM

Georgia District Directors
Carlos & Dee Lozano
georgiadd@cmlozano.com
(770) 932-4007
Cell: (864) 908-8199

Assistant District Directors
District Webmasters
Marvin & Vicki Seritt
mseritt@bellsouth.net
(770) 547-2091

Assistant District Directors
COY Coordinators
Dave & Betty Andrade
dsa91539@juno.com
(706) 342-3087

District Rider Educators
Tommy & Vicky Martin
martintv@bellsouth.net
(770) 342-7279

Asst. Dist. Rider Educators
Roy & Julie Degler
degler224@charter.net
(678) 289-1627

Leadership Trainers
Rally Vendor Coordinators
Alan & Denise Head
alanhead@bellsouth.com
(770) 257-7721

Membership Enhancement
Coordinators
Sid & Donna Cohen
cateringbycohen@bellsouth.net
(706) 340-5737

Event Coordinators
Phillip & Terri Kozlowski
terrirk@bellsouth.net
(770) 530-0161

District Treasurers
Traci & Ken Thrasher
wdis@bellsouth.net
(706) 310-1041

2011 District Couple of the Year
Bob & Dianne Hickly
roberthickly@comcast.net
(770) 922-5564

Region A Directors
Bob & Nan Shrader
RegionDirector@gwr-ra-
regiona.org

District Website:
www.gwr-ra-ga.com

Wind Down...

A Moment of Reflection

By Dave & Betty Andrade

The reaction from many is, "They're all the same. Been there, done that". If that is how you felt after Wind Down this year, you must have attended another event. The District of Georgia outdid themselves and Betty and I are glad to have participated.

Betty and I concentrated on the Couple of the Year presentation. Seventeen Chapter couples stood on stage and were presented a Certificate of Appreciation for what they had done and continue to do for their Chapters. We need to perpetuate the feeling each couple had as they stood before the audience and received your applause.

Two outstanding couples who were introduced by their Chapter Directors, vied for the scores from the judges. I am glad that I was not one of the judges!

Bob and Dianne Hickly of Chapter A in McDonough, were the first couple to take the stage. Although Bob questioned his nerves, both he and Dianne presented themselves as if they had done it before. Larry and Elise Chambers of Chapter Q in Warner Robins followed and you

could see they were both very comfortable. Both presentations were outstanding but only one would become District Couple of the Year.

Wind Down's Couple Selection attracted a multitude of honored guests. They were the International Couple of the Year Coordinators, Steve and Tammy Hollingsworth, Region A Couple of the Year Coordinators, Lynn and Lyn Edwards, and Region A's new Couple of the Year for 2011, Ron and Becky Lees. You think that I wasn't nervous?

There are no losers in this program, but someone takes home the honors and Bob and Dianne Hickly were named our new District Couple of the Year. When you see them, greet them with open arms for I know they will represent Georgia well.

We want to take this opportunity to thank Philip and Terri Kozlowski for the outstanding job they did representing the District this past year. Thank you for all that you did as you proudly represented the Georgia District.

Congratulations to Bob and Dianne. Enjoy your year as being the 'special' couple that you are, as the year will fly by. We are proud to have you represent the District.

GOOD THINGS TO KNOW

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 29 - Officer Conference: All Chapter Directors, Assistant Chapter Directors, Rider Educators, Treasurers, and Membership Enhancement Coordinators are requested to attend this year's Officer Conference. 9:00am to 4:30pm; Central Georgia Conference Complex, Ramada Hotel, 480 Holiday Circle, Forsyth, GA 31029. More information will be distributed directly to all Chapter Directors for further distribution.

February 12 - 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 17-19 - Florida District Convention: "Old Fashion Rendezvous"; Kissimmee, FL.

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

March 31 - April 2 - Alabama District Convention: "Tribute to American Heroes"; Huntsville, AL.

April 28-30 - South Carolina District Convention: "Fiesta of Wings"; North Charleston, SC.

June 16-18 - Georgia District Convention & Rally: "Clown'n Around Gold Wing Style"; Marriott Hotel, Duluth, GA. Ask any District Team Member for more information or visit the District website at www.gwr-ra-ga.com.

July 6-9 - Wing Ding: Knoxville, TN.

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	I - Bill & Gayle Smith
J - Roger & Dorethea LeRoy	K - Jesse & Brenda Tuten	L - Jerome & Jen Poole
Q - Larry & Eleese Chambers	S - Eric & Donna Wolbach	T - Ray & Nell Hemphill
W - Johnny & Angie Henson	X - Kelvin & Rhonda Harris	Z - John & Sue Stevens

Region A Wanderer

Chapter GA-L will offer the Wanderer on Saturday, December 11, 2010, at GA-R's gathering location; Dunn's, 2101 Waleska Hwy., Jasper, GA.

GA Traveler's Plaque

Chapter GA-L is in possession of the Traveler's Plaque. This plaque is out of service until January 2011. The date, time, and location of its next offering will be available soon.

Meeting Changes

Chapters A2, P, and R have announced that they will not be having December gatherings, in lieu of their Holiday Parties. Many other Chapters may also forgo their normal gatherings this month. 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:

- Harrison family on the passing of Brenda



Among Our Sick:

- Tommy Waller
- Tim Weaver
- Mike Sheldon





From your District Rider Educators *Tommy & Vicky Martin*



Vicky and I would like to Thank Everyone for their support of the Rider Education Program throughout 2010. It is only through Member participation at every level that the Rider Education Program can grow and improve.

We really enjoyed visiting with everyone at Wind Down. There was a house full and it appeared that everyone was having a good time. We also want to Congratulate Bob & Dianne Hickly for being selected as the 2011 Georgia District Couple of the Year. We hope everyone enjoyed a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

We Wish Everyone a SAFE - MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Tommy & Vicky

Season's Greetings!

Julie and I would like to take a moment and wish all of you the very best that this holiday season can bring!

The year has seemed to have flown by and looking back, we can see that Georgia Motorist Awareness has a lot to be proud of! Thank you for all of the time and commitment you have made to the MA program. It could not be done without you.

Once again let us wish you and your families all the best and maybe we'll be the first to say to you: "See you next year!"

Roy and Julie Degler

Assistant District Educators & Motorist Awareness Coordinators

The Chapter of the Year Program

By Phillip & Terri Kozlowski - District Event Coordinators

The Chapter of the Year program was created to encourage chapters to strive for excellence within their District. It is a fabulous way to show GWRRA what a wonderful job your chapter is doing for its members...and there is still time for your chapter to participate! All the information you need about the 2010 Chapter of the Year program can be found at www.med.gwrro.org/choy/choy, including the score sheet as well as a presentation and guidebook.

Your chapter gets points for what it is already doing: meeting each month, sending out a newsletter each month, and being fully staffed. The major scoring areas include the key areas that GWRRA emphasizes: FUN chapter activities, membership enhancement, rider education, and leadership training.

So, what do you have to do to participate? It's easy. Prepare the Chapter of the Year package which includes the score sheet, the written retention plan and proof of the leadership training classes the Chapter Director and Assistant Chapter Director have taken. Send 1 hard copy (sorry no e-mails) to Sid Cohen, the Georgia District Membership Enhancement Coordinator at 575 Forest Heights Drive, Athens, GA 30606 by February 1, 2011. It is that easy. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact a District Team member. We are very excited to have each chapter in the Georgia District take advantage of and participate in the 2010 Chapter of the Year program.

Membership Enhancement

YOU HAD ME AT 'HELLO'

By Dee Lozano

Membership Enhancement ... it CAN be that simple! I cannot tell you how many times I have heard the statement, "I just didn't feel welcome when I visited that Chapter." I can also tell you that I have experienced it first-hand myself on numerous occasions when we began our Chapter visitations upon joining GWRRA.

On your Chapter visitations, how many times do you see the same members sitting at the same tables every time you visit? How many members ask you to join them at their table? How many members come over to greet you and express their gratitude for taking the time to visit their Chapter? Does anyone from your Chapter call a new prospective member to invite them on your next Chapter ride? If they do join in on your Chapter ride for the first time, how many members make the effort to greet them and express to them how excited you are that they decided to join your Chapter on that ride? How many times on that ride, do you make the effort to talk to them and include them in your conversations? And don't forget to show them how much **FUN** you have, as that is why people join a GWRRA Chapter ... To find **FRIENDS** who share their passion for riding motorcycle and to have **FUN** sharing in that passion with people who know first-hand the **SAFETY** and **KNOWLEDGE** gained from being a part of the GWRRA family.

It's just that simple!

Greet Them,

Make Them Feel Welcome,

Make Them Feel Special, and

Thank Them for Coming as They Leave.

Trust me ... if you use those simple steps, they will want to come back.

But don't stop there; you are on a roll now! Give them a call a few days after the Chapter Gathering and express to them how much you enjoyed meeting them. Thank them once again for visiting your Chapter Gathering and express to them your hope that they will choose to come to the next Chapter Gathering. Also, let them know that you will call to inform them of any upcoming Chapter rides or events that you and/or your Chapter will be attending. Make sure to give them your contact information so they can call you if they have questions.

Remember, it's a personal choice to join a Chapter. **Will your Chapter be their first choice?**

