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Gold Wing Style

GWRRA - Georgia

April 2011

Supporting Each Other



Georgia's On Top

On top of what, you ask? Georgia has always been the best in the Region when it comes to supporting our fellow Chapters. Support, according to Webster, is *'to promote the interests or cause of'*. That is what we do so well when it comes to our fellow Wingers. Georgia has 26 Chapters, some healthy and some that are still struggling. What each Chapter has done and continues to do to help each other is to be commended. How can we improve on this positive movement? When your Chapter takes a ride, include in your route, a visit to another Chapter that might be meeting that day. Make an effort to support a 'Chapter Fun Day' that has been scheduled. Take a look within a Chapter; is there a specific program they are working on that you could assist with? Take, for instance, Chapter E's efforts to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House. Faye Reece (Chapter E's Tab Queen) leads the effort to collect tabs from drink cans. When turned in, these tabs are turned into a cash donation. Each year, Chapter E has been responsible for the 2nd largest donation of tabs; beat out only by the Harley Group. How about we all collect those tabs and help Chapter E be the winner this year. Can you help? Start saving those tabs... and get them to Chapter E. Also, Rick (Faye's sidekick) is the 'Penny Pincher' for the same drive. When you see a penny on the ground on your rides, pick it up, start your collection and then take a ride to E and present them with your finds.

Chapter A also has a great activity that is easy to help support. It is the 'Hero Box Program'. This program supports our troops. Go to their website and check out what items you might be able to help out with and look to see when they will put those boxes together next. It is great fun and so rewarding ... and did I say 'FUN' too!

Another way of supporting a fellow Chapter has been the sharing of District Plaque. One Chapter will bring it to another Chapter's event to help in their efforts. This has not only created great camaraderie between Chapters but may also help to boost a struggling Chapter's efforts. Thank you to those Chapters who have made these gestures in kind, such as was done by GA-E2, GA-L, GA-S, GA-Q and several others.

This is part of what makes our Georgia Chapters so great! We support our fellow Chapters by showing up and being a part of their events and creating more FUN for our participants within our home Chapters. We are proud of the Georgia Chapters and we are also proud that they not only support their fellow Chapters, but they support their District as well. The District needs your support and you always come through. THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO! It does not go unnoticed!

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GOOD THINGS TO KNOW

Heartfelt Sympathy To:

- Bill & Dolly Dodd on the passing of Bill's mother
- Don Boren and family on the passing of Dealinda
- Deborah Davidson and family on the passing of Jerry
- Buddy & Brenda Jones on the passing of Buddy's mother
- Debbie & Larry Michen on the passing of Debbie's mother
- Becky & Randy Sinard on the passing of Becky's aunt



Among Our Sick:

- Tim Banks
- Dottie Leroy
- Don Milleman
- Ron Poole
- Lonnie Parham



Congratulations to *Georgia Chapter D* (Gainesville / Cumming) *Georgia's 2010 CHAPTER of the YEAR*

GA Traveler's Plaque

Chapter GA-E2 captured the plaque from GA-S. They will offer the plaque at their April 23rd gathering at Western Sizzlin in Pooler. They will eat at 3pm and meet at 4pm.

Region A Wanderer

Chapter FL2-A will offer the Wanderer on Saturday, April 17, 2011, at the Target Parking Lot at 5900 Lake Worth Rd., West Palm Beach, FL. Between 11:00am and 11:30am.

2011 Chapter Couples of the Year

GA-A Dick & Peg Hopkins	GA-A2 Butch & Bonnie Jeskey	
GA-B2 Ed Badarzyinski & Mary Catherine Koscinski		GA-C2 Alan & Jane Moore
GA-D Charlie & Kathy Stevens	GA-E John & Peg Wildes	GA-E2 Don & Bea Boren
GA-F2 John & Alice Keeley	GA-H Floyd & Janie Weaver	GA-I2 Ronnie & Karen Lewis
GA-J Bob & Kathy Hill	GA-K Jesse & Brenda Tuten	GA-L Dave & Bennie Cole
GA-Q Bill & Barbara Schleicher	GA-S George & Donna Roman	GA-T Willie & Phyllis Barnett
GA-X Kelvin & Rhonda Harris		

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

May 21 - GA-A Fun Day: At Steve and Dottie's place! Visit the District website for a flyer or call Steve or Dottie Fagan at 770-957-4322.

May 21 - GA-D Motorist Awareness Event: Cumming, GA. Contact Ron Ciccarone at 678-316-0473

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.

September 10 - GA-Q Burger Burn: Activities start at 11:00am. Museum of Aviation, 100 Hwy 247 South, Warner Robins, GA. Visit the District website for a flyer or call Frank or Margie Ricigliano at 478-953-3886.

September 15 - 17 - Region A Convention: Lakepoint Resort Lodge, Eufaula, AL.

October 1 - GA-E2 Fun Day: Pooler, GA. More information will be available soon.

October 13 - 15 - Mississippi District Convention: "Wings Over Tupelo - Hillbilly Style", Tupelo, MS

From your District Membership Enhancement Coordinators *Sid & Donna Cohen*

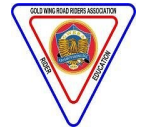
Passport Season Is Upon Us

Well, have you checked outside? The weather is on again off again. That means the riding season is here. Spring is in the air. What an opportunity to go places. GWRRA has a new program called the Passport Program. Everyone should have received their passport with their new Gold Book. This is another great opportunity to promote camaraderie and visitation's. Remember our motto, Friends for Fun Safety and Knowledge. Whenever you go out riding, carry this passport with you. You never know when an opportunity will be there to get a stamp or signature. The date for turning the passport in is July 2012. Any event counts, Chapter Gathering, Chapter Event, District Event in and out of our Region etc.. I can go on and on, but you get the drift. You will be surprised on how many places you actually visit. Most of us do it anyway. Why not see if you can win something out of it. Along with carrying your passport, remember to carry some GWRRA Applications, Handlebar Hangars, an old Wing World Magazine, Business Cards about you and your Chapter (if you have them). How many times do you meet someone with a Goldwing or any other kind of motorcycle? Remember, you do not have to own a Goldwing to join GWRRA and start receiving the benefits. We do have Associate Memberships. Make sure you put your membership number on each application so you can get the credit you deserve.

Your District convention is just around the corner. I encourage you to register if you haven't. Your District Team has been working very hard to put on a great convention for you. We are planning some seminars that you haven't had before. Remember, District conventions are not just about the vendors. Membership Enhancement will be giving away a one-year membership for GWRRA. Just come by the Membership Enhancement table and show your GWRRA membership card. We will give you a ticket for the drawing at closing ceremonies. You do not have to be present to win the membership. You can show your card as many times as you want during the convention. Check out the web site www.gwr-ra-ga.com for a flyer and the calendar of events.



From your District Educators *Tommy & Vicky Martin*

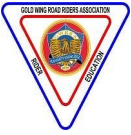


Vicky and I attended the Florida District Rally/Convention, and the Florida Team put on an excellent event as usual and the participation was very good. The Florida Rider Education Team offered several Rider Ed Seminars and all seemed to be well attended.

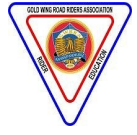
We attended Chapter A2's Irish Get-A-Way on Saturday March 26th and there was a good turnout, especially since the weather forecast wasn't sounding too favorable. The food was good as always and there were an abundance of door prizes. Richard Morgan was presented with his Certificate of Appointment and Patches as Chapter Educator for Chapter H of Albany, GA.

Now, in just 2 ½ short months the Georgia District "Wing Fling" Rally/Convention will be in full swing and we hope that you are there to be Clown'n Around with us. Rider Education will be offering several Seminars and Medic First Aid. We need the support of all Chapter members, so please share this information with your friends and make your plans to come and enjoy the activities at the Georgia District Rally/Convention.

DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR TICKETS!! Georgia Rider Education is raffling off an Escapade Trailer that will be given away June 18th at Wing Fling closing Ceremony. The funds raised from this raffle will go to help reduce the cost of Rider Education for the members in Georgia. We also need your help in selling these tickets and remember that the seller of the winning ticket will receive \$50.00.



From your District Motorist Awareness Coordinators
Roy & Julie Degler



Thank You Georgia For Getting MAD!

Already the first quarter of 2011 is in the books and what a **quarter** it was! During the first week-end in March, GWRRA held their annual Safety Breaks in Rest Areas all across the state. The numbers below speak for themselves!

<u>LOCATION</u>	#35 Gordon County		#22 Monroe County		#6 Cook County	#105 Glynn County	TOTALS
	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Sat. & Sun.	Saturday Only	
CHAPTER	B & L	D2	A	E & P	O, H, M	E2, K	11
GUESTS	101	26	397	531	151	416	1622
STATES	15	Not reported	23	25	14	21	20 Avg.
FOREIGN COUNTRIES	2	Not reported	3	2	1	3	3 Avg.
GWRRA PARTICIPANTS	24	Not reported	26	15	13	24	102

Table and information courtesy of Dick Hopkins

11 Georgia Chapters and 102 GWRRA participants, WOW! (We know there were more than those reported that stopped by, but lines and weather sometimes made signing in a difficult task.) Thank you to each and every one of you for your sacrifice, dedication and hard work! Motorist Awareness makes a difference and it is all because of you!

Yes, the weather was better suited for being a duck, but still you all came through and delivered. We know the many motorcyclists and motorists that you interacted with and future motorcyclists/motorists, walked away with a better understanding about **Sharing The Road** and looking out for each other.

On top of that, dare we say it? Didn't we all have some FUN doing it?

We would be remiss if we did not extend a very special and hearty **THANK YOU** to **Dick and Peg Hopkins**, the Motorist Awareness Coordinators for Chapter A. (and we should also say The Chapter A 2011 Couple of the Year!) They took the task of coordinating the entire operation with GDOT and all of the above Chapters. No small undertaking to say the least!

If you missed being a part of the fun, fear not! 2011 has only just begun and there is so much we can do to make a difference. Contact your Chapter MA Coordinator or Julie and I, and let's work together in educating our fellow motorists!

Georgia, from the bottom of our hearts, Julie and I Thank You for Getting MAD!