

Georgia District

NEWSLETTER

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ARE YOU READY FOR HOLLYWOOD?

The Georgia District Team is hard at work gearing up for the Georgia District “WING FLING” Rally. We are excited that we will be back at the Dillard House Convention Center for “WING FLING” 2013. It is our goal for everyone attending to have an enjoyable experience that will create memories to last a lifetime. As most of you know, the theme for the Georgia Rally this year is “HOLLYWOOD” and we will be rolling out the Red Carpet for YOU—the Starz of our event! We have a Gold Winger’s Feast planned for Thursday evening, along with Live Entertainment and Costume Party. So, come dressed as your favorite Hollywood character and join in the fun.

There will be numerous educational seminars, games, challenges and contest available for the Members to participate throughout the Rally. Friday night we will be hosting our Talent Show; this is always a fun and exciting part of the Rally. We look forward to seeing a lot of participation. We also have a good list of quality vendors lined up for Wing Fling—where you can find that special accessory or souvenir you have been looking for. Oh, did I mention that we are going to have some very nice prizes that we will be given away, 1st Grand Prize, 2nd Grand Prize and more. But, you must be present to win!

We attended the Alabama District Rally and had a great time there. Robert and Gail Brown, and their entire team, put on a Great Rally. Vicky and I had the honor of being judges of the Talent Show, and what a show it was. The MC could have been a show by himself; and the acts were enjoyed by all. Everyone

was having fun either by participating as a performer or spectator. There was also a non-judged tribute to Elvis Presley by Frank Teasley. All we can say is you should have been there!

We just returned from the South Carolina District Rally where Senior District Directors Charlie & Betty Coleman stepped down and turned over the Directorship to Phillip & Judy Stone. Charles, Betty and the South Carolina District Team did an outstanding job with this year’s Rally. We had the honor of being judges for the South Carolina Couple of the Year selection, where four wonderful couples competed in the selection. Congratulations to Buddy and Kim Summers for being selected as the South Carolina District Couple. We wish Phillip and Judy Stone the best in their new endeavor; we are sure that they will do a great job as South Carolina District Directors.

The Georgia District Traveler’s Plaque has been on the move. Chapter T now has possession of the plaque and will be giving it away at their Chapter Fun Day on May 11th, 2013. See the details in the Plaque section of this newsletter or on the District Website. Then get your Chapter Members together and go get it!

Just a reminder, Wing Ding is coming up in July at Greenville, SC and the Georgia District is responsible for ticket sales on Thursday July 4th from 8 am until 5 pm. If you are going to be attending Wing Ding this year, please contact us if you would be willing to help out at the ticket booth for a couple of hours.

Tommy & Vicky

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND MOTORIST AWARENESS MONTH

The reality is that EVERY month is Motorcycle Safety and Motorist Awareness month. Don't get us wrong, we are very appreciative of the fact that Federal, State and Local Governments set aside a month each year to get the message out to the public that not only do we exist, but realize it, accept it and above all; "Share the Road" with us. For us who ride, it is a part of our everyday reality

Each of us has a vested interest in Motorcycle Safety and Motorist Awareness because it directly affects us; the Motorcycling and Triking enthusiast.

We also believe that every one of us has a story to tell of an incident, close call or, heaven forbid, something even worse that makes this very personal. Because of this we are all a part of the story, we need to take it further and make each and every one of us a part of the solution. GWRRA is (borrowing a term from Chef Emeril Lagasse) "Kicking it Up a Notch" when it comes to Motorist Awareness (MA). Sure there has been an excellent MA program in place for years, but the emphasis is being brought a little bit more into focus. As for the Motorcycle Safety, GWRRA has been a leader for many years with its World Class Rider Education program.

There were changes put in place within the Rider

Education Levels program that became effective January 1st of this year. Attending an approved Motorist Awareness seminar has become part of the requirements before advancing to Level III for both Riders and Co-Riders. Anyone who is already a Level III or higher now needs to attend an MA seminar in order to remain current in their Level. Attendance of an MA seminar is a one-time only requirement, but we believe you will return again and maybe again in your efforts to help us spread this most important message. After all, who better to take this message to the public than the folks that it affects the most. Take a look in the mirror, because it is you!

It would not be fair to put all of the blame on the Motorists, as we too are being judged by them. If we perform unsafe acts, violate laws and generally exhibit unsafe handling and maneuvering of our machines—what kind of message does that send? How will we be perceived? In other words; If a motorist observes any motorcyclist or trikeist behaving badly, it gives them the perception that we are all the same and unfortunately perceptions are hard to overcome.

We have talked before about "Building Motorist Awareness One Motorist at a Time" and still believe that to be a viable tool in Motorist Awareness edu-

cation. Your one-on-one interactions at gas stations, restaurants, etc. can be used to educate the motorist public that we too are on the road and that even with all of this Safety Chrome you would not believe how many still do not see us.

Maybe you could arrange for a Motorist Awareness seminar to be presented at your child or grandchild's school, Driver's Education Class, Church Group, Rotary Club or anything else you can think of—Car Shows, Shopping Mall booths, what can you come up with?

The Interstate Safety Breaks that various Chapters perform are an excellent way to spread the word. Thank you to all of the Chapters that participated in March! Georgia Chapters A, P, E, H, K, L, M, and O (we apologize if we missed any others) that were involved. GA-12 will be holding a Motorist Awareness/Safety Break (2nd Annual) in the southbound Welcome Center off Interstate 85 Saturday May 25th. If you are in the area stop by and show your support—we know it would be appreciated.

What about a large event in a busy neighborhood shopping center? As a matter of fact, GA-D is holding just such an event Their 5th Annual Motorist Awareness Event in Cumming, GA on Saturday May 18th from 10am to 2pm. (Flyer

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**Julie & Roy
Degler
Ride Educator**

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MAY 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 5	May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month 6	7 GA-S	1 8	2 9 GA-K,M	3 10	4 GA-E, F2,G C.O.Y. Rendezvous Wanderer 11 GA-B, D, P GA-T Fun Day Traveler 18 GA-A, C2, I2, J GA-D MAD Event 25 GA-B2, E2
12 	13 GA-Q, T	14	15	16 GA-D2	17	
19	20 GA-O	21	22	23 GA-H, L	24	
26	 Memorial Day 27	28 GA-R	29	30	31	

See website for times and locations of Chapter Gatherings. Please call before you visit to confirm date, time and location.

Georgia Traveler's Plaque: Chapter GA-T, captured the plaque from GA-A. The plaque will be given away at GA-T's Fun Day on May 11th at Blacks Creek Baptist Church, 3754 Blacks Creek Church Road, Commerce, GA 30530. Sign in from 10:00 AM—1:00 PM

Region A Wanderer: Chapter GA-F2 captured the Wanderer from GA-A. It will be given away on May 4th at Ryan's Family Restaurant, 3034 Peach Orchard Road, Augusta, GA. Sign in 12:00 —1:00 PM. Plaque to be given away at 1:00 PM.

Schedule of Events

- May 4, 2013—GA-R Spring Picnic, Acworth [POSTPONED]
- May 4, 2013—C.O.Y. Rendezvous, Spring Creek Part Resort, Lake Seminole, GA
- May 11, 2013—GA-T "Country Fare" Fun Day, Commerce
- May 18, 2013—GA-D MAD Event, Cumming
- June 13-15, 2013—Wing Fling, Dillard, GA
- July 3-6, 2013—Wing Ding, Greenville, SC
- September 28, 2013—GA-A's 'Teerific' Fun Day, Forsyth
- October 5, 2013—GA-Q's Desert Auction, Warner Robins

CORNER OF HOLLYWOOD AND KUDZU VINE

Did you know that our District Convention/Rally is less than 2 months away? Your Georgia District Team is putting on the final touches which will make this an event to remember!

There will be games and door prizes, vendors, a first class Bar-B-Q dinner, entertainment and a cos-

tume party—And that is just the first day!

Need to hone up on your skills and learn something new about motorcycling and motorcycle maintenance? We have seminars for that. Want to know more about GWRRA and being an Officer? There will be seminars for that too.

We have Chapter contest galore, bike shows and

talent show, all lined up so that you can get the most out of your time in Dillard.

Mentioning vendors, we are already ahead of last year's number and more are coming

So don't delay, register today and join us in Dillard, where you are the Starz!





**Sid and Donna
Cohen**
**Assistant District
Director/
Couple of the Year
Coordinator**

A CALL FOR BAKERS

Well GWRRA Members, April is over and both the Alabama and South Carolina conventions have concluded. The next convention is ours. If you have not made plans to head to Dillard on June 13th, 14th and 15th, what are you waiting for? There is a lot planned for your enjoyment, including some of the best riding in the south. Chapter Directors, please remind those famous and want to be famous bakers in your chapter that we are having a goodie contest on Saturday morning in the

Rock House, so please bring those tasty baked goods.

Before the convention, there is still the Couple of the Year Rendezvous May 4th at Lake Seminole, Ga. near Bainbridge. We hope to see as many Georgia Couples as possible. This is truly a different kind of fun.

We would like to congratulate Clarence and Pat Taylor from Chapter E2. They were a late selection for chapter Couple of the Year for Chap-

ter E2. Clarence and Pat were also Chapter Couple in 2005 the same year Donna and I were Chapter S Couple of the Year. That was a great year; we met a bunch of new friends that we still see to this day. We certainly hope all the current couples of the year are having a fun time representing their chapters this year. We hope to see them in Dillard also.

Ride safe and often,

Sid & Donna

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is on the District website) Come out and support not only Chapter D, but all of us who swing a leg over the seat and ride the great highways and byways of this country.

Together we can make a difference. All it takes is for you to get involved. Take that first step and help us spread the word about "Sharing the Road!" Finally, Thank You to all who have been involved through the years and for those that are about to

become involved. It could not happen without you!

Until next time: Be Safe— We'll See You On The Road!

Roy & Julie

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Congratulations to Our 2013 Couples of the Year!

International —Greg & Renee Dempsey

GA-B2—Dean & Candace Watts

GA-J—Nick George & Sandy Smith

Region A—Dana & Joe Voight

GA-D—Buddy & Debbie Bertram

GA-L—Scott & Jackie Whitener

Georgia District—Larry & Pamela Clemmer

GA-E2 Clarence and Pat Taylor

GA-S—Vance & Fern Oakes

GA-A—Bryan & Nina Douglas

GA-H—John & Lynn Hyde

GA-T—Ralph & Debbie Stewart

GA-I2—Ronnie & Margaret Vaughn

Among our sick

Carlton Phillips, GA-A
Marcia Etzle, GA-E2
Coleen Taylor, GA-D

Jared, Grandson of Dave & Bennie Cole, GA-L
Barry Owens, GA-O
Betty Andrade, GA-T

In Memory

Marsha Hancock, GA-B & W
Jim Tharp, GA-B

