

# 2007 Georgia Traveler Plaque Rules

The purpose of the Georgia District Traveler's Plaque is to promote visitation among Chapters, to provide an incentive to get as many Chapter members as possible to participate, to instill a fun competition between Chapters, and to provide a method of having fun for all Georgia GWRRA members. While allowing participants to "chase" the plaque in a car during the specified period is not a popular option among some members, it allows those of us who cannot handle the severe cold to participate and allows us to visit other Chapters when we would opt not to visit if the only option was to travel on a motorcycle or trike.

You must be a current GWRRA member or an associate. Participants must be on a motorcycle, sidecar or trike to qualify as a participant between 16 March and 14 November. Qualified participants may travel in a four wheeled vehicle to participate in the capture between 15 November and 15 March. These rules follow the same rules as the Region A Wanderer Plaque to minimize confusion as to when a qualified participant may travel in a four wheeled vehicle in the event that a Chapter has both plaques.

The Chapter that captures the plaque must announce within 48 hours where and when the plaque will be offered, which shall not be more than 30 days from the date of capture. If the capturing Chapter will not have a scheduled meeting in December, the plaque must be offered no later than the first regularly scheduled meeting in January. The plaque may be captured by attending the "captive" Chapter's **announced time and place**. The plaque may not be "stolen" prior to the announced time and place. It is the responsibility of the capturing Chapter to notify Bill and Betty Livingston ([livingstonb@earthlink.net](mailto:livingstonb@earthlink.net) or 229-889-1705) as soon as possible.

The Chapter that captures the plaque will be determined by combining the sum total of the number of qualified participants times (x) the number of miles driven. The mileage must be computed from Chapter meeting place to Chapter meeting place. If the plaque will be given away at a location other than the regular meeting place, the Chapter offering the plaque must provide the name, street address and city where the plaque will be offered which will be posted on the Georgia web site. The Chapter that "chases" the plaque must obtain a MapQuest print out of the mileage using the **fastest route** from their original meeting place to the location where the plaque will be offered. If a Chapter needs a MapQuest print out, please contact any of the District Staff prior to the date of the attempted capture. Any questions regarding miles traveled or qualification of participants must be answered before the plaque leaves the meeting. The Chapter with the largest sum total of miles becomes the new "captive" Chapter.

Since we are members of a chapter by participation, a guest who rides with a challenging chapter must leave the original starting point with the group which shall be within a 10 mile radius of the Chapter's regular monthly meeting place. No minimum number of members is required to attempt a capture.

Remember, the determining factor is not the number of motorcycles, but rather the number of members (rider & co-rider) times the number of miles driven. If a concern or question arises as to the mileage, please refer to the mileage chart provided by the District which is compiled using MapQuest and based on the fastest route available. The chart will be updated when there is a change of the regular meeting place.

The plaque must change Chapters at least once before the surrendering Chapter may attempt to capture the plaque again, i.e., B captures the plaque from A; the plaque must be captured by C before A is eligible to capture the plaque again.

The last Chapter to capture the plaque for the year shall deliver it to Wind Down and will start out the new Travelers Plaque for the next year!! The Chapter that has captured the plaque the most times during the year will receive the retiring plaque and the District will pay the annual chartering fee for that Chapter.

If you have any questions regarding the Traveler's Plaque rules, please contact Bill and Betty Livingston or any of your District Staff.

