

Fall Is Just Around the Corner

The summer has flown by as usual, leaving us all thinking, “Mingle Jingle” can’t be just around the corner. Is Mississippi really having a rally? How great is that? Where did I put that pirate costume?

Yes, we have much to look forward to, but let’s not forget to look back. Many of us are unpacking from the Region A Rally and thinking what a great time we had. Over 700 people attended, and in spite of the heat, there were smiles all around, especially when Jake and Joann won Region Couple of the Year. Congratulations you two, you certainly deserve it. Registration at next year’s Wing Ding in Billings, Montana just soared. Get your reservations now, because many places are already fully booked. We all want to be there to support Jake and Joann Jacob in the competition for International COY.

There were so many fun activities at the Perry rally. Eighty seven people attended seminars. We enjoyed the “Mature Rider” seminar given by Doug Gray. At times we have difficulty considering ourselves mature, but we know we are old. And we old dogs need to learn new tricks constantly. No matter how many seminars we attend, we always pick up tips and also have an enjoyable time. A lively group took part in the line dancing Friday evening, and all the competitions were awesome as usual. The “Pink Pedalpushers” of

Fl 1-T, Inverness and the “Flaming Assets” from the Lakeland Fireballs were amazing on those tricycles. Congratulations to all who worked so hard at so many activities which made the rally a success.

Sadly, as many of us now know, there was a tragic accident Sunday, the 3rd of September. A

group of four of our members who had left Perry were riding to a favorite restaurant when a drunk driver appeared on the scene. Our friend, Sherry Reid, of Fl 1-T was hit head on and killed instantly. Pam Lafoe was also hit and lost a leg and has a seriously injured arm. Kitty Dolan lost her foot and part of her leg. The fourth rider, C.J. Reid (No relation to Sherry) was fortunately not injured.

If any of you did not receive the addresses and wish to send cards, e-mail us and we’ll get them out to you. At a time like this, we must truly stand strong as a Gold Wing Family. In this awful situation, there was nothing the riders could have done to avoid the accident.

As we ride into the fall months and cooler weather, C.E. Don Danbury of the Lakeland Fireballs has some good reminders for us. It’s time to put a jacket or two in the bike, because evenings will soon be cool. He also mentions in his article that Gold Wingers need to take advantage of free classes at the Rider Ed Fair, Nov.4, 2006. See him or e-mail us if you need a flyer. And last, although the district Rally is not until March, don’t forget to buy and/or sell the raffle tickets for the 2007 Gold Wing. Good advice, Don, keep up those informative articles.

Stay safe, dear friends,
Joe and Gracie Mazza
District Educators