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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



I am honored to be President of the GTDR. Thanks Rob Miller for two years of outstanding leadership. I hope we can keep the momentum going and with the help of our dedicated Board of Directors I know we can.

I hope everyone is having a prosperous and safe summer. Our convention in Panama City was fun and informative. Thanks to all our members that attended and a special thanks to all our sponsors, without your support our conventions would not be possible.

Thanks Stacy for putting everything together. For our members that could not attend, we missed you. What can we do to entice more of you to come? David already has a venue chosen for 2012. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our 2012 convention. You will see what you have been missing. These conventions are for the benefit of you, our members. The educational sessions are great and our fellowship is priceless. Remember it is your association, make use of it.

Our scholarship foundation has a golf tournament lined up for September. Everyone polish your clubs and clean your balls and let's have a great turnout to support this worthy cause. I have attended two other state conventions and they are amazed at how well our scholarship foundation is doing.

I went to the Tennessee convention recently and talked with them about a joint trade show for 2013. They were very receptive to that idea. We will keep you informed.

I extend a heartfelt welcome to all our new members this year. Everyone talk up your association when you can and let's increase our membership even more. Any ideas for benefits for GTDR would be very helpful. Please pass any ideas along. We hope to have other events throughout the year. We will keep you informed. Feel free to call me anytime with questions, concerns or ideas. I hope to see all of you at an event soon.

Sincerely,

Lowell

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## GOLF TOURNAMENT

### *Meadows Course*

Teams played on Friday afternoon in the hot Panama City Beach weather. Winners were announced at the Friday night reception and were given gift cards to the Bay Point Golf Pro Shop.



#### **1st Place**

Barry Reese; Jerry Morgan; Barry Morgan



#### **2nd Place**

Steve Shanks; Mike Helms;  
Mike Wilkinson; Steve Ellison



#### **3rd Place**

Morris Moses; Steve Fulton;  
David Polhill; Sean Plumstead



#### **4th Place**

Jonathan Bush; Larry Bush;  
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**FRIDAY NIGHT RECEPTION**

***Palms Court Terrace***

Hors d'oeuvres and beverages were enjoyed on the outside terrace.



**SATURDAY EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS**

Saturday morning educational sessions were informative and enjoyed during a Continental Breakfast.

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## SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

### St. Andrews Ballroom

The St. Andrews Seafood Buffet was served during the dinner hour. After dinner, the 2011 Scholarship winners and Hall of Fame Inductees were recognized. Rob Miller presented a Presidential Keystone Award to Larry Bush of Larry Bush's Riverside Tire and John and Sean Plumstead of Tire Distributors of Georgia for their organization and planning of the March Area Meeting in Macon, GA. Also, a plaque was presented to Richard Dulaney of Kauffman Tire for completing his three year term on the Board of Directors. Scott Beasley then initiated a scholarship pledge drive first by asking all children to stand. He recognized these children as potential future GTDRA Scholarship winners and great reasons to donate money to the Scholarship Foundation. A total of **\$3,800** was raised! A DJ provided great music for guests of all ages to dance the evening away.



## SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET



## SUNDAY BOARD MEETING & ANNUAL MEETING

A quarterly Board of Directors meeting as well as the Annual Meeting took place. New board members were elected. Rob Miller presented Lowell Tench with the Presidential oath of office and his gavel. Lowell then presented Rob Miller with a plaque and gift for his two year Presidential term.



**2011 GTDRA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**



**JONATHAN BUSH**  
**Tom Snow Memorial Scholarship**  
**\$5,000**  
*Georgia Southern University*



**MAEGAN RYLES**  
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Buck Kelly started working for Snow Tire in Athens, GA in 1966. Three years later Buck purchased Snow Tire and continued to manage and operate the business until he passed away in 1991. Buck was heavily involved in the National Tire Dealers & Retreaders Association and the Georgia Tire Dealers & Retreaders Association. He served terms as the President and on the Board of Directors. Buck was also one of the founders of the GTDRA Scholarship Foundation which continues to thrive today. Buck volunteered in the Athens community and was always willing to help someone in need.

Bob Rogers worked in the tire industry for over 30 years. He started working in the Atlanta area as an Assistant Manager of a Goodyear store and in 1980 Bob bought Mableton Car Care Center. Bob was a committed member of both the Metro Atlanta Tire Dealers Association as well as the Georgia Tire Dealer Association. He served for many years as either President, Director, or Treasurer of Georgia Tire Dealers, always filling in when an opening occurred. Bob was also active in other organizations such as the Mableton Business Association and the Mason's.



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### 1ST ANNUAL GTDRA FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

**When:** Wednesday, September 28, 2011

**Where:** Healy Point Golf Club, Macon, GA

Please join all GTDRA members for this Scholarship Fund Raiser golf tournament in Macon, GA. Details regarding this event will be mailed out soon!

### 2012 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**When:** July 20 - 22, 2012

**Where:** One Ocean Resort Hotel & SPA, One Ocean Blvd., Atlantic Beach, FL, 32233

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