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"Lexington Style"

February 2006

GOLD NOTES

Happy Valentines Day

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Tuning Up!

January and February. A new year, looking back and looking forward. For many motorcyclists this period represents "down time".

For others,....well, we just keep going. Although we're not riding nearly as much as we might in May or June, we get out there and hang our knees in the breeze simply because we love it!

The holidays are over. All the Christmas decorations are back in the attic, and it's time to "tune up".

Now, "tuning up" often involves more than changing the spark plugs and such. We make so many other adjustments in our lives as we prepare for the busier part of the coming year.

We had a Chapter Planning Meeting earlier in January. Robin and I went to Hickory and attended a District Training Seminar this past month. We've got the District Operations Meeting in Burlington coming up in a couple weeks. All of it geared toward "tuning up" our GWRRA lives for the coming year.

There's "tuning up" we need to tend to in other areas of our lives also. Tax time is upon us. What can or should we do to minimize our burden next year. A little more savings in the IRA or 401k? An extra mortgage payment this year for a higher interest deduction next year? Robin and I just reviewed our auto and motorcycle insurance coverage and found greater savings with a new carrier, not that we had any complaints over the past four years with our old carrier. We just took the steps required to "tune up".

I could probably go on and elaborate for a couple of pages on all the areas where one could look at those aspects of their lives that might seem to be running fine, but with little effort could hum pretty as you please. Take a few minutes to look past the spark plugs.

We look forward to seeing everyone, "tuned up" and anxious to go on the road and at the meeting.

By Steve and Robin Deane

NEW and IMPROVED

It's not exactly new but it is **improved**. It's bigger, better, and busting at the seams with lots of information!

What is it, you wonder? It's the **NC-A2 website!**

The site now is ad-free. No more of those annoying pop-ups on the sides that misdirect your attention from the website. It's bigger so we can include the newsletter – both the current issue and a couple of previous ones. It contains our ride calendar. Now anyone in the world can see where and when we are riding.

Give it a try at www.geocities.com/gwrranca2 and let me know how you like it. If you have a suggestion please pass it along.

By the time you read this, maybe the weather has finally gotten serious about getting cold. I'm ready to get it over and done with myself. We've got a good ride schedule for this year so far and I'm ready to get started.

Randy Dezarn
ACD – Web Guy



Winter Riding – Part II

Last month we discussed what you should do to combat frostbite and hypothermia. This month will cover what to do to the to the bike to make sure it's up to the task of winter riding.

Get a windshield

We that are fortunate to ride Gold Wings don't have to worry with this one. But, there are others brands and models that have the windshield as optional equipment. Many think a windshield spoils the beauty of the bike and gets in the way of enjoying the wind in your face. However, riding in 20 degree temperatures with severe wind chill factors may make you change your mind about getting that windshield. Take some advice and get a windshield.

Make sure your battery is up to the task

Many motorcycle batteries won't last more than two years. Winter riding puts even more strain on a battery. Use a product like Battery Tender to keep it charged.

Use proper oil : *Usually 10W - 40 weight oil designed for motorcycles is sufficient.*

Check your coolant : *Be sure that the reading on the anti-freeze is sufficient for the temperatures you expect.*

Inspect your bike mechanically

Make sure the bike has been thoroughly inspected for any mechanical problems. There is nothing more frustrating than being stranded in the middle of nowhere in 20 degree temperatures because of a breakdown.



For those of you who decide to winterize your bike

Here are a few tips for you!

- Check over you motorcycle for any mechanical problems and take care of them pronto.
- Change the oil and filter.
- Fill the gas tank, add stabilizer according to the instructions on the can, and run the engine for a few minutes.
- Check the battery, clean the terminals, and connect to a trickle-charger.
- Check the tire pressure
- Clean and wax the bike.
- Cover the bike. If possible, keep it in a warm garage.
- Make sure the bike is locked up and the registration and other papers are removed in case the bike is stolen.

Ride Safe (or, wait for warm weather!)
Randy ,Rider Educator



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RIDE & EVENT CALENDAR

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|--------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| February 3-4 | Wingless Weekend | Williamsburg, Va. | |
| February 3 | Dinner Ride | Leave Chars @ 6:45 | |
| February 10 | Dinner Ride | Leave Chars @ 6:45 | |
| February 17 | Dinner Ride | Leave Chars @ 6:45 | Lexington Golden Corral |
| February 24 | Dinner Ride | Leave Chars @ 6:45 | |
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| March 3 | Dinner Ride | Leave Chars @ 6:45 | |
| March 6-10 | Daytona Bike Week | | |
| March 10 | Dinner Ride | Leave Chars @ 6:45 | |
| March 17 | Dinner Ride | Eat at Chars @ 6:45 | Chars |
| March 18 | H-2 Swap Meet | Departure TBA | Mebane |
| March 19 | Barn Dinner Theater | Dress Code (NO Jeans) | TBA |
| March 25 | Y-2 Chapter Kick -Off | Departure TBA | Monroe |
| March 26 | Oak Hollow Mall Show | Departure TBA | Chapter G (High Point) |

NC-U, Lumberton, will **CANCEL** their meeting for the month of February.

NC-X2, Mount Airy, will **CANCEL** their meeting for the month of February

NC-R, Thomasville, will **CHANGE** their meeting **location** to Loflin's Restaurant, 103 Sedgehill Drive beginning in February.
Same day and time.

NC-Y2, Monroe, will have their **Kick-off Meeting** on March 25th at the Golden Corral, 2507 W.Roosevelt Blvd. Eat at 1pm, meet at 2pm.

SICK LIST

Tim Beck's Mother
Pat Simmon's Mother
Edna Pennington
Don Pennington
Charles Pennington



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| Feb. 4 | Travis Templeton |
| Feb. 6 | Willie Hunt |
| Feb. 13 | Peggy Grotberg |
| Feb. 15 | Sonny Dye |
| Feb. 17 | Cara Beck |
| Feb. 28 | Debbie Everhart |

GWRRA ANNIVERSARIES :

Bill Plyler 01 - 2004
Sorry we missed you last month Bill

Ruby Pennington – 02 - 1995

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| Junior Freedle | 03 - 1983 |
| Norma Freedle | 03 - 1983 |
| Tim Pennington | 03 - 1987 |
| Guy Hanes | 03 - 1990 |
| Tim Beck | 03 - 2000 |
| Cathy Beck | 03 - 2000 |
| Cara Beck | 03 - 2000 |
| Gerry Grotberg | 03 - 2003 |
| Peggy Grotberg | 03 - 2003 |
| Travis Templeton | 03 - 2004 |
| Amanda Templeton | 03 - 2004 |

Recovering From Surgery: Bernie Motley
Dottie and I would Like To THANK EVERYONE for
All your Cards , Telephone Calls , Food , And Visits
You are All Appreciated more than you can know.

Sincerely, Bernie Motley

UP COMING GWRRA RENEWALS

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| Bill Plyler | 02 | 2006 |
| Travis Templeton | 02 | 2006 |
| Amanda Templeton | 02 | 2006 |
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| Tim Beck | 04 | 2006 |
| Cathy Beck | 04 | 2006 |
| Cara Beck | 04 | 2006 |
| Dottie Wilkes | 04 | 2006 |

TIM- THE TECH GUY

As I write this we are still having temperatures in the 50's and 60's. The "winterizing" article last month may have been premature! With that said, this is still a good time to take care of some preventive maintenance on our bikes.

Some of our members have taken advantage of slow times at their dealers service department. Two guys have taken their Wings in to have the frames welded and had the air filter elements changed at this time to save on the labor charge! Both stated they dropped their bikes off on Monday and could pick it up on Friday.

This is still a good time to just go over your bike and check it out front to rear. Tighten bolts and nuts and any fasteners. Look at trailer hitch bolts closely, if equipped. Take some time to give your Wing some TLC that you may not care to do in warmer times. Give it a good cleaning and waxing. Use some elbow grease on those neglected wheels. A good aluminum polish will do wonders if you do not mind the time and effort.

Tim Pennington



GWRRA NATIONAL NEWS !

CJ Karcanes Accepts Post As International Director of Leadership Training

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to announce that CJ Karcanes has accepted the position as International Director for Leadership Training for GWRRA effective immediately.

CJ and I have had several discussions as to how he envisions the Leadership Training department would best serve the Members and Leaders within the Association. Those discussions covered formal training as well as direct and indirect support for the leadership, departments and our Members at all levels. As we all know and accept, our Chapters are the heart and soul of this association. If the Chapters are healthy and happy, then we as an association are healthy.

CJ has committed to support the departments with development expertise in lesson creation and deployment of training to the Chapters. He will provide support for syllabus design for formal training as well as outline support for informal presentations within the Chapters. Our goal for the coming years is to conduct as much formal and informal training as possible at the Chapter levels.

CJ brings years of experience and an indomitable spirit for providing training to the Members. Please welcome him as your new International Director for Leadership Training. CJ and his staff stand poised to assist you in providing education and training to your participants.

CJ can be reached at: 336-xxx-xxxx 543 Green Meadow Lane karcanes@surry.net Ararat, NC 27007

Warm Regards, Don Brock



Discontinuation of "Join Now, Pay Later" Option for Membership

GWRRA had tried an experiment to show off who and what we are to potential Members for the Association. The Join Now and Pay later allowed a person to get the "flavor" or the association on a trial basis.

The issue that we experienced with this effort was that things that are given on a "Free Trial Offer" have a lesser value. If you have no investment, you have no loss in its passing. What we saw was that it sent the wrong message to a lot of potential Members. Our successes were within the Chapters. If a new Member was embraced by a Chapter and its Members, they tended to sign up (pay to be a Member). If not, the time ran out and no level of letters and office contact convinced them to stay.

So, Join Now, Pay Later has been ended. We will continue to go forward with what we do best. Members meeting new people, making new friends and bringing them into the greatest family in the World, GWRRA!

Region N News

Appalachian Adventure Rally 2006

Maggie Valley May 11,12,&13

Suggested Maggie Valley Lodging

Here are just a few nice places that still have rooms available as of 12/9/05, there are many others but these have agreed to the special Rally price negotiated by the region staff.

Quality Inn and Conference Center

70 Soco Road, 877-424-6423, 2.7 miles from the Eaglenest

Smoky Mountain Lodge

3946 Soco Road, 866-926-1570, 1.2 miles from the Eaglenest

Jonathan Creek Inn and Villas

4224 Soco Road, 800-577-7812, 1.6 miles from Eaglenest

Meadowlark Hotel

2878 Soco Rd • 1-888-326-1717, Maggie Valley, NC 28751

Camping:

Happy Vallley RV Park,
Hill Billy RV Campground,
Stonebridge Campground,
Waters Edge Motor Court/RV Park,

813 Soco Road, 828-926-0327, 1.9 miles
4115 Soco Road, 828-926-3353, 1.4 miles
1786 Soco Road, 828-926-1904, 0.9 miles
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GWRRRA - NC DISTRICT NEWS

FROM the DISTRICT DIRECTORS & SUNSHINE LADY Willie & Judy Hunt

We, along with the NC District Staff, would like to take a moment and say :

“Welcome” to the **New Chapter Directors**.

Stepping forward this year are:

NC-B Samuel & Peggy Patterson

NC-B2- David & Cindy Hester

NC-C Carl & Kay Switzer

NC-C2 Joe & Joyce Straughan

NC-D2 Steven & Cecile Kowa

NC-E2 Pat & MC Boyce

NC-G Andrew & Vickie Butche

NC-H2 Chris & Pam Staley

NC-I Cliff & Rita Wisor

NC-K2 Jerry & Martha Suggs

NC-L Eddie & Ann Allen

NC-N William & Jerri Walls

NC-O2 Tony & Rita White

NC-P Roy & Helen Poore

NC-Q2 Ken Pierce

NC-V Roy & Joyce Little

NC-W Darrell & Kay Hopper

NC-Z Roy & Cindy Bryant

We want each of you to know that we, along with the entire North Carolina District Staff stand ready to help you any way we can. As of this printing, as you can see, we have no less than 18 Chapters changing leadership. With the 18 for 2006, along with the 13 from 2005, we are certain there will be a lot of new ideas, new ways of doing things, and most of all new ways to have fun.

NC OPERATIONS MEETING: Once again, and especially since we have so many new Chapter Directors - Please mark your calendar for February 11, 2006 for our 2006 Operations Meeting. This meeting is open to all Chapter Directors, Asst Chapter Directors, Chapter Educators and the current 2006 Couple of the Year. There are some changes for the upcoming year and we ask that you encourage these officers to attend this meeting. We will begin promptly at 8 am with the hopes of finishing by 3pm. A block of rooms have been reserved under GWRRRA/Judy Hunt at the Ramada Inn in Burlington, N. C. The contact person is Gayle Wilson and the phone number is (336) 227-5541. Lastly, **notify your ADD** with the number that will be attending from your chapter. Oh, I almost forgot an important fact, lunch will be provided!

Coming Soon; We hope to have a new chapter opening soon in Monroe, NC. Leading the way in **NC Y2** will be David & Kathy Orr, otherwise known as “Dynamite Dave” at Wings Over the Smokies!

David & Kathy are not new to GWRRRA and we look forward to them bringing a lot to this new chapter. They have served in many positions within GWRRRA; most recently as Chapter Educators and served on the previous District Staff as NC Leadership Trainers. As soon as we have a date secured for their “Kick-Off” meeting, you will be notified. In advance, we ask that you to make plans to attend and welcome our newest sister chapter. **Willie & Judy**

Notice to All members and readers : The District Newsletter articles are back dated due to the fact Chapter A2's Newsletter comes out before the District Newsletter is available but contains valuable information to our members.
(A2 Newsletter staff)

FEBRUARY LEADERSHIP TRAINING SEMINARS

By the time this Newsletter reaches the first round of Leadership Training Seminars will only be a few weeks away., Saturday January 21 in Hickory & January 28th in Goldsboro. I hope that the Chapter Directors and the Assistant Chapter Directors are already making plans to attend the January Seminars. The second round of Seminars will be February 18th in Hickory and February 25th in Goldsboro. The following is a synopsis of the classes that will be taught in February:

“Chapter Communications Plans”

Instructors: Randy & Linda Jackson –Hickory Frank Albert –Goldsboro

Effective officers must be effective communicators. This class will focus on the methods and advantages of establishing positive communications in your chapter.

“Coaching And Mentoring”

Instructors: David and Kathy Orr

This class is designed to train GWRRA Officers to become more effective leaders by (1) understanding the importance of coaching (2) by learning good coaching techniques and (3) recognizing the characteristics of an adult learner.

“Problem Solving”

Instructors: John Williams--Hickory Alice Manning—Goldsboro

A challenge for the Chapter Director is to maintain harmony within the chapter while providing a fun filled social environment . This class will deal with problems that can bring dis-harmony and methods to solve them.

“Leadership—A Self Portrait”

Instructor: Paul Granger—Hickory

The goal for this class will be to increase the level of one’s self awareness with respect to leadership characteristics by asking the question: “How well do I know myself ?”

Looking forward to seeing you there . **Paul**

Our Central Assistant District Directors...

Here we are doing the first article for the newsletter of the year. .

The best thing that happened since the last newsletter was our yearly trip to the Murdoch Center in Butner, NC. We were happy to see the support that we had. There were 148 GWRRA members from nine out of the twelve chapters in the Central District. There were fifty-five motorcycles in the parade out of the sixty-five that rode to the center. We had sixteen individuals along with eight staff members from the center. We really enjoy the fellowship that we all share with each other and these folks that are not as fortunate as we are. We know that the folks at the Murdoch Center love doing their Christmas Program for us and appreciate all we do for them. We would like to thank everyone for all the gifts they brought along with several cash donations. The lunch was catered by Marg Cobb of Sonny’s Catering and as usual she out did herself. We have seven chapters that are having changes to their CD and/or ACD positions. So we will have the pleasure of handing out the new and former patches. **Don’t forget** the Operations Meeting on February 11 at the Ramada Inn in Burlington. We also have several Leadership Training Seminars coming up in January and February for those of you that are in an officers position or would like to be, this is the time to take advantage of these worth while programs. Check the District Web Site for more information. **By the** time you receive this newsletter Christmas and New Year’s Day will have come and gone for another year. We also hope you all have a great and prosperous New Year in 2006.

Riding the Roads of Life Together... **Tom & Bev**



MY First Motorcycle Trip By: Dottie Motley

Bernie & I met Gary Everhart in 1981. Gary had a 1100 Goldwing, and Bernie had sold his 1974 550-4 Honda. and didn't have a Bike at the time . He found a 1984 V-65 Magna and got back into riding again.

Gary and Bernie were kidding about taking a trip to New York and I thought that's a long way to go on a Motorcycle! Little to my surprise, They were NOT kidding. This was a new adventure for me, and I wasn't to sure about it.

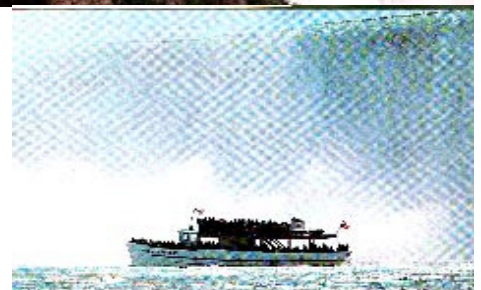
On June 29th 1986 we left for a week's trip to NY, coming across NY and down through PA, and VA. There were 6 of us. We spent the 1st night in Pittsburgh, PA. We arrived at Whirlpool Park, NY in the early afternoon. Here we saw the Niagara River, where there was a whirlpool. Just above the whirlpool was a Gondola going across the gorge. We found rooms, then rode to the Falls. They were beautiful. It sounds like a train. Pictures just don't do it justice. Everyone should go to see it in person.

We rode the "Maid of the Mist", and went over to Goat Island. Here you can walk right beside of the falls. (See the picture) We rode 13 miles up into Canada to the Welland Canal locks to see the large Cargo Ships come down through the Locks. They shut the gates, pump in the water, and then open the gate and the Ship goes on through to the next level of the river. Gary fell in love with some sweetie passing through the locks on her yacht. We took a bus tour to a park where a clock was made of Flowers. It was really pretty. Coming back through Customs, there was a guy on a bike pulling a trailer that was made from a Coffin. The Customs Guys really had a Field Day with him getting back into the States. We left Niagara Falls across the beautiful countryside and dodging the Pot Holes along the way. We stopped beside Lake Ontario and got our feet wet. We spent Wednesday night in Syracuse NY. We rode Thursday from Syracuse NY to Harrisburg ,Pa. where we spent Thursday night. On Friday, we went to Hershey Park where we toured the Candy Factory. We went to a Amish Farm in Lancaster, PA.

As we were coming down through Maryland on a 8 lane highway , we were running 80 mph to keep from getting run over by all the other traffic , I had my hands over my eyes hoping Bernie would get us through this section of Heavy traffic .A Van tried to cut us off and Bernie popped down into another gear and beat him from cutting us off and I was really holding on.

Then we came on down and spent Friday night in Harrisonburg, VA. We rode down through Skyland Drive and the Shenandoan Valley. We saw several deer grazing in the fields. We arrived home on Saturday, July 5th very tired. But with memories of a wonderful trip to NY .

This was my 1st trip on a motorcycle and we traveled 2,000 miles on that old V-65 that week and enjoyed every minute of it. Looking forward to doing it again someday on our Gold Wing. Dottie



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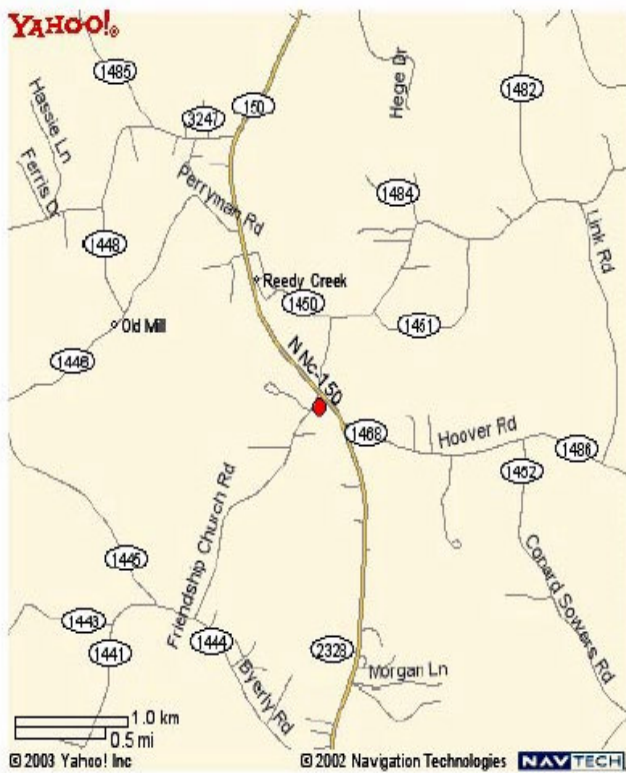
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Chapter Meetings: 1st Tuesday of
Every Month
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Eating at 6:30 – Meeting at 7:30

**NEXT MEETING :
FEBRUARY 7, 2006**

Directions: US 52 to exit 100. Go west on Hickory Tree Road to first stoplight. Turn left on Highway 150. Cap'n Stevens is 7.5 miles on the right.

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