

"GOLD NOTES"

Next Meeting: January 2, 2007

**"Lexington Style"
Chapter Directors Corner**

**Piedmont Goldwings Two
JANUARY 2007**

This month we would like to take a moment to thank those who help us so much every month of the year. We are grateful for Chapter Staff – to everyone – for doing the necessary tasks that keep the Chapter running. It's a cooperative effort to keep any Chapter functioning, and our Chapter Staff have done a great job. First, we want to say a big THANK YOU to those who have served and are stepping down from a staff position.

AC Pennington has been stalwart in his duties, leading us down the road in sun and rain, wind, warm weather, cold weather and frigid weather. He kept us on track and gave us plenty of pit stops and ice cream breaks. And we didn't get lost along the way.

Bill Plyler has graciously agreed to serve as Ride Coordinator in 2007. We look forward to many good rides with Wild Bill.

Cathy Beck, always caring and compassionate-- Cathy was ready on a moment's notice to send a card or flowers to someone who was in the hospital. She sent birthday cards to each of us and made our lives more pleasant with each card she sent.

Debbie Everhart will become Sunshine Lady in January. With her sunny personality, Debbie is a natural for Sunshine Lady.

Bernie Motley has been our Telephone Tree Captain, alerting telephone tree callers when we needed to get information circulated quickly. Bernie kept our calling list up to date (no small task) and kept it all together for us.

AC Pennington will step up as Telephone Tree Captain. AC already knows everybody, and he probably even knows what's going to be happening everywhere (just like Bernie did), so AC is the right man for the job.

THANK YOU to each and every one of you! Without your help our Chapter could not have functioned smoothly.

We also want to say **THANK YOU** to everyone who continues in a Chapter Staff position.

Assistant Chapter Director/Rider Educator/Webmaster - **Randy Dezarn** (somewhat of a multiple personality situation, but he seems pretty sane in spite of it)

Member Enhancement Division Coordinator (formerly known as Special Events Coordinator) – **Ruby Pennington** (who is always ready to have fun, and she'll organize it for us!)

Newsletter Editor and Assistant Editor – **Bernie Motley** and **Betty Dye**, respectively (who spend countless hours gathering information and producing a top-notch – and award-winning – newsletter)

Technical Advisor – **Tim Pennington** (who keeps us aware of the techie stuff that may mean the difference between happiness and heartbreak when it comes to our motorcycles)

Treasurer and Goodie Guy – **Gary Everhart** (who makes sure we mind the financial Ps and Qs)

This year we've also had some special helpers that don't quite fit into a staff position.

Peggy Grotberg handled our Chapter shirts and sweatshirts, and **Sonny and Betty Dye** volunteered to be greeters for our Chapter meetings and make everyone feel welcome as they arrive.



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU everyone. We are blessed to have an active, friendly, wonderful group of people in this Chapter and want you to know how much you're appreciated. We look forward to the year ahead and the adventures we'll have with you.
Robin and Steve Deane

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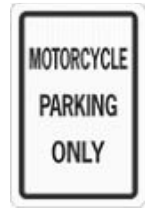
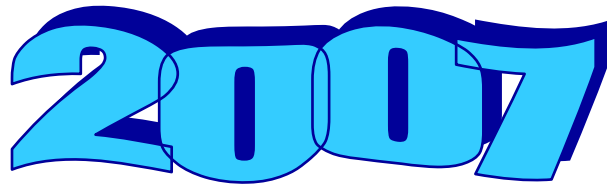
Here we are at the beginning of a new year. And being this is a new year and everything we have to have some new things to do and new ways to do them. So, here's what's new in 2007.

Bill Plyler is our Ride Coordinator.
AC. Pennington is in charge of the Phone Tree.
Debbie Everhart is the Sunshine Lady.
We have a Couple of the Year for 2007 – Sonny and Betty Dye.

We have an opening for the Membership Recruitment and Retention position. If you're interested we would be happy to discuss it with you.

We have our first planning meeting of the new year coming up on January 13th. If you have an idea for a ride be sure to mention it. I have an idea for one later in the year. Can't wait to float that one!

Happy New Year! Randy



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Ride Coordinator

Well here I am, **Ride Coordinator**. Hun wonder how that happened? I will try to do the best and safest job I can.

I look forward to the annual Polar Bear ride to Lake Norman on New Years Day. We will meet at Cracker Barrel, in Clemmons at 9:00 depart 10:30.

I will see you at the ride planning meeting Saturday 13 January at 1:00 pm for lunch and planning. I have a few ride ideas to toss up to the Chapter.

So have a Good New Years Eve and will see you on the Polar Bear Ride..



All the Best Riding

Bill



IN THE SPOT LIGHT !!!

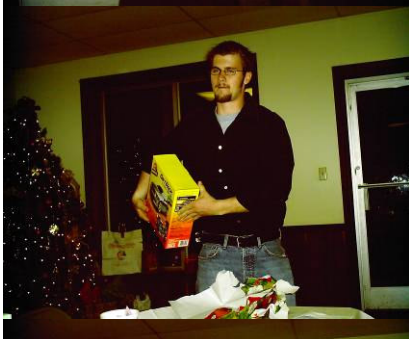


Barry Swing Receives his Chapter patch at the Christmas Party



AC Pennington accepts the position of Phone Tree Coordinator

A2 Plays Dirty Santa



Guess the baby Pictures ????????



GWRRA-NC Notes of Interest

• NC Leadership Training classes for the month of January, 2007 are cancelled. Further information re: February classes will be sent out later.

- **NC Operations Meeting**—January 20, 2007 at Ramada Inn in Burlington, NC.
- **FINANCIAL REPORTS** ... Don't forget that reports are due **NO LATER THAN** January 15, 2007.

Gifts On Cycles Recap

A2 had the largest turnout for our chapter that we have ever had . It was 34* when we all departed for Butner and warmed up into the 50's. Thanks to all that attended.



Billy Plyler had the warm ride in Robins Side car due to a Knee Operation and really enjoyed his Blanket

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**HELP WANTED:**

**Recruitment & Retention**

Person Needed mostly keeping a record of members and updating their information periodically. No public speaking, sales, outside work, or unsafe working environment. Just talking to people you already know and keeping track of GWRRA information about membership. Works with a great team of Chapter Staff. Exceptional pay and benefits – identical to that of Chapter Director and Assistant Director.

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**Tim's Tech Tip**

If any one is needing new headsets soon, if you have not already heard , J&M is reportedly coming out with a "wireless head set" with sound quality comparable with the hardwired models!!

Also, as of December 22<sup>nd</sup> the strike at Goodyear/Dunlop is reported to be settled! Dunlop is saying best case scenario is 6 months until the supply of motorcycle tires are readily available. One vendor stated that he would be surprised if Dunlop's supply will meet demand by next year this time.

Well it should be winter weather, but as I scribble this for the newsletter we have not had any as of yet. If and when it does turn cold , some of our bikes may be sitting for long periods of time. Just as I suggested last year do not ignore your bikes. Again, be sure to top off the fuel and maybe use a stabilizer, a fresh oil change , and check the water in the battery and keep it charged , just to name a few things!

Have a Happy and Safe New Year  
 Tim Pennington

**REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS**

Tim Beck's Mother  
 Sue Stalter's Mother



**Remember Our Sick**

Don Pennington  
 Marshall Lanning  
 Edna Pennington  
 Dottie Motley



Mary Ann Clemans of Chapter A was admitted into Forsyth Hospital Wednesday afternoon. She under went an endoscopy examination Thursday and a mass was found in her stomach. The Dr. took biopsies of the mass to be tested. The results will not be back before Friday. Treatment has not yet been decided but it appears that surgery will be necessary. She is currently in room 2211. Keep her in your prayers.

## To Speed or Not to Speed - It's Your Decision

*Resources for this article were the U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Kyle T. Craig.*

Exceeding the posted limit or driving too fast for conditions is one of the most prevalent factors contributing to traffic (Motorcycles & Cars) crashes. Speed is a factor in nearly one-third of all fatal crashes. Speed-related crashes cost society more than \$23 billion a year (1994 Dollars). Too few riders/drivers view speeding as an immediate risk to their personal safety or the safety of others. Yet, speeding reduces a rider's/driver's ability to steer safely around curves or objects in the roadway, and it extends the distance required to stop a motorcycle or vehicle in an emergency situations.

Crash severity increases with the speed of the motorcycle or vehicle at impact. Inversely, the effectiveness of restraint' devices like air bags and safety belts, and vehicular construction features such as crumple zones and side member beams decline as impact speed increases. One has none of these on a motorcycle. The exception is the 2007, GL1800 Honda, Gold Wing with the airbag option

The probability of death, disfigurement, or debilitating injury grows with higher speed at impact. Such consequences double for every 10 mph over 50 mph that a motorcycle/vehicle travels. Many riders/drivers don't consider this. They slow their speed in residential areas, or when the weather turns bad. To them, a few miles an hour over the posted speed limit are an acceptable risk. Their excuse -- other drivers do it. They believe the worst that can happen to them is to receive a speeding ticket. Riders/drivers like this are wrong. Maybe even dead wrong, because riding/driving too fast for conditions or exceeding the posted speed limit **can kill you.**

**Consider These Speed-Related Facts:** Rural roads account for over 60 percent of all speed related fatal crashes. Sixty six percent of speed-related crashes involved a single motorcycle or vehicle. Sixty percent of all speed-related fatal crashes occurred at night (6 pm to 6 am). Riders/drivers involved in speed-related fatal crashes are more likely to have a history of traffic violations. On average, 1,000 Americans are killed every month in speed-related crashes.

**Youth and Speeding:** Of all drivers aged 15-24 years of age involved in fatal crashes, 32 percent were speeding. Of riders/drivers under age 21 involved in fatal crashes, 38 percent of the male and 24 percent of the female drivers were speeding.

**Economic and Environmental Costs of Speeding:** Fuel consumption increases steadily above 45 mph with passenger cars and light trucks using approximately 50 percent more fuel traveling at 75 mph than they do at 55 mph.

**Comment:** Most motorcycle accidents in this area in North Carolina involve young riders, using excessive speed for the road conditions or the road and their failure to properly maneuver their motorcycle. Generally, it's too much speed (Rocket Power). Imagine a 325 lb Motorcycle carrying a 185 lb rider colliding with a 5,000 lb SUV (Broadside) and knocking over this SUV and killing the driver. Don't think about the young rider, it will only give you bad dreams.

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Several members need to renew their CPR/First Aid certification (me included!). I have contacted Tony Ramsey at Davidson County Community College about scheduling a class. For a minimum of 10 people we can take the class for just \$20. At the January 13<sup>th</sup> planning meeting we can pick a day, perhaps in February.

So, check you cards. If you are about to expire, help is on the way!

Ride Safe!  
Randy

# Ride Calendar

| January 2007 |                                                                  |                  |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |           |                                                                            |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SUNDAY       | MONDAY                                                           | TUESDAY          | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | FRIDAY    | SATURDAY                                                                   |
|              | 1 <b>A-2<br/>New Years<br/>Day Ride<br/>Lake Norman<br/>NC-F</b> | 2<br>A-2, C-2    | 3         | 4<br>D, G, J, V                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 5         | 6<br>G-2, J-2, Y-2                                                         |
| 7<br>P       | 8<br>C                                                           | 9<br>B-2, P-2, Z | 10        | 11<br>A, B, T-2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 12        | 13 <b>A-2<br/>Ride Planning<br/>Meeting<br/>Venezia 1:30<br/>L-2, M, U</b> |
| 14<br>Q-2    | 15<br>D-2, W                                                     | 16<br>E, L, X-2  | 17        | 18<br>F-2, H-2, W-2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 19        | 20<br><b>Operations<br/>Meeting<br/>Burlington<br/>M-2, Q</b>              |
| 21<br>O-2    | 22                                                               | 23<br>R          | 24        | 25<br>E-2, I, N, S                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 26<br>S-2 | 27<br>U-2, Y                                                               |
| 28<br>K-2    | 29                                                               | 30               | 31        | <b>Ride Notes:</b><br><b>A-2 January 1<sup>st</sup> Lake Norman Polar Bear Ride</b><br>Meet at Cracker Barrel in Clemmons at 9:00 for<br>Breakfast ---Depart for lake at 10:30<br>~~~~~<br>~<br>NC-F will NOT hold their regular meeting in<br>January since they are having their New Years<br>Resolution Ride on January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2007 |           |                                                                            |





**Wedding Anniversaries**

**Tim & Cathy Beck ..... January 26th**

**January Birthdays**

**Cathy Beck .....January 3rd**  
**Pam Loveless .....January 10th**  
**Gary Everhart..... January 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**Bernie Motley..... January 26th**

**GWRRR Anniversary**

**Bill Plyler..... January 2004**



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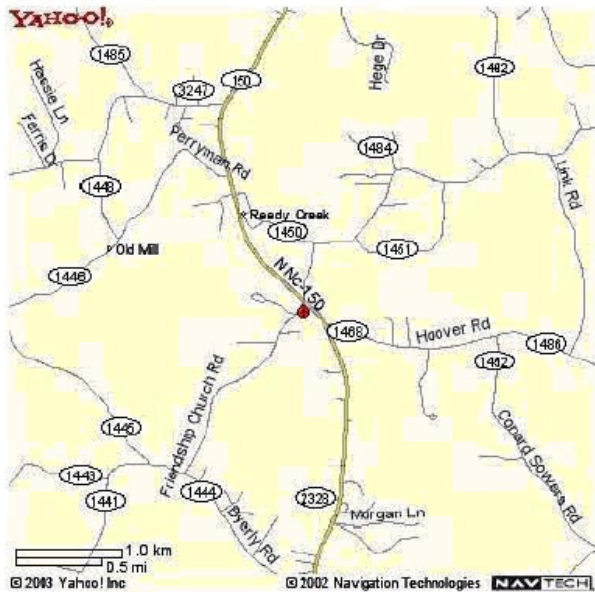
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**NEXT MEETING :**  
**January 2, 2007**

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