

" Lexington Style"

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What A Pleasure!

As most of you know, we rode to Daytona Beach, Florida to attend Bike Week for the first time. Our trip down to Florida was enjoyable, and the experience at Bike Week is truly unique. The trip has reinforced for us why we participate in GWRRA and its programs. Of course, Florida is a "no helmet required state", so most of those riding motorcycles during the week were riding without a helmet. Unfortunately, during the course of the week, 18 people lost their lives in motorcycle-related accidents.

We can only guess that perhaps some of those fatalities can be directly linked to those individuals exercising the option to ride without a helmet. Those 18 fatalities unfortunately, do not include the number of serious injuries that occurred or the number of permanent disabilities that resulted from motorcycle-related accidents. Our trip to Daytona was fun, but it was educational as well. Early in the week we were passed almost simultaneously by a couple of

cruisers - ne on the left (we saw him coming) - and one on the right on the shoulder of the road (that one was a surprise). After that experience we were much more wary of bikes approaching from the rear. We saw many other people riding their motorcycles in a manner that some day may cause them serious injury or death or may harm others around them.

After observing thousands of motorcyclists during the week, we came home with a new appreciation for the riding habits we see within our GWRRA chapters. We now value even more the ongoing training that is provided through our Chapter Educators who are supported by our district, regional and national organizations. We appreciate even more the wealth of information made available through meetings, websites, and printed materials. We will be more aware of the value of group riding practice each time we go on a dinner ride or to another event with our GWRRA friends.

It is truly a <u>pleasure</u> for us to ride with you, Chapter A-2. It is comforting to know that you are committed to safety and to the well-being of your fellow riders, whether it's someone in your own group or another motorcyclist you meet on the road. As GWRRA members we are not just people who happen to show up at the same time and place, each with his or her own agenda, riding for himself or herself alone. We ride with a basic set of principles focused on safety for everyone on the road. We are proud to be part of GWRRA and proud of our members. You're truly a PLEASURE to have along on Robin and Steve a ride!

2006 WINGS OVER THE **SMOKIES LOGO CONTEST**

Who will be the designer for the 06 Rally logo? The logo selected will be used for the Rally Shirt and Rally Pin. Remember, you cannot win if you don't participate!!!

WHAT ARE THE **GUIDELINES** FOR SUBMITTING AN ENTRY?

- 1. Limit of 6 colors;
- 2. Colors should be clearly identified:
- 3. Logo does not have to be professionally designed or to perfect scale;
- 4. The name "Wings Over the Smokies" has to be part of the design:
- 5. A GoldWing motorcycle has to be part of the design;
- 6. As a reminder, this is the 23rd WOS and should be a part of the design. Hard copy entries are preferred.

WHO CAN ENTER? All NC GWRRA Members (including NC District Staff Members) WHAT DOES THE WINNER RECEIVE?

- 1. Winner will be recognized at the 2006 WOS Closing Ceremonies with: Registration numbers 1 & 2 for the 2007 WOS Rally;
- 2. \$100 cash prize;
- 3. Preferred seating on stage @ Closing Ceremonies and:
- 4. The logo winner will draw for the Grand Prize @

Closing Ceremonies. All entries have to mailed no later than April 15, 2006

Mail to: Willie & Judy Hunt 100 Peacock Lane Lumberton, NC 28358

CENTRAL TRAVELER PLAQUE

The Central Traveler is with NC-G, High Point, and will be available for capture at their April 6th meeting.

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Chapter Couple Open Position







This month I'm going to discuss miscellaneous road hazards. As the weather starts warming up and you do more riding it may take a trip or two before you get back in peak defensive riding mode. Here are a few hazards to keep in mind as you travel down the road.

Road Hazards

Rain: When rain falls after a dry spell, <u>oil and grease build-up</u> on the roads can make the surface very slick. If you get caught in the rain, ride in one of the wheel tracks made by a car ahead of you, preferably the left track.

Other areas of the road surface become slick during wet weather. <u>Painted lines and letters</u> in the road are particularly hazardous when wet. The glossy, industrial-strength paint is made to resist the weather thus preventing tire traction.

Wind: Windy conditions can be treacherous, particularly in <u>big gusts</u>. If you get caught on the road during high winds, the first thing to do is <u>SLOW DOWN</u>. Your goal is to stay as upright as possible and that is harder at high speeds When making a turn during high winds, lean into the wind. This will prevent a gust of wind from upsetting your balance and pushing you over. While riding, ride on the same side of the lane that the wind is coming from.

<u>For example:</u> if the wind is blowing from west to east, stay on the west side of your lane. If a strong gust blows you a few feet to the east, you only get pushed to the other side of your lane. If you start on the east side, you <u>will</u> get pushed into the other lane or off the road.

Obstacles: Occasionally you will come face to face with <u>foreign objects</u> in the road. Of course the best thing to do is <u>swerve</u> to avoid the object(s). But that is not always possible. Most times you are forced to go over the hazard.

First thing – SLOW DOWN. (Sound familiar?) Approach the object as close to a 90 degree angle as possible. This will help prevent the front tire from glancing off it. <u>Keep your eyes looking ahead</u>. If you become fixated on the obstacle, you may become an obstacle to the riders behind you.

Next, rise off the seat. Maintain a relaxed upper body and a neutral throttle. Just before contacting the obstacle, <u>shift your body weight to the rear of the bike and roll on the throttle to lighten your front wheel.</u> Keep your body relaxed and let the bike move underneath you. If you <u>encounter an obstacle in a turn</u>, <u>stand the bike up as much as possible</u> and follow the same steps you would for riding in a straight line.

Animals: We all know to watch out for deer and very large cows. But the <u>little critters</u> can be a big hazard also. Running over a small animal is not like running over a 2x4. They are not solid objects and will give under the weight of the bike. I ran over a cat one time and was surprised at the reaction my bike had. The same technique is used here as was discussed above for obstacles.

For some reason dogs love motorcycles. And sooner of later you are going to run across one or a bunch that love to chase motorcycles. <u>Slow down</u> as you approach the dog(s). <u>As you get a few feet from them speed up and get past them</u>. Resist the urge to kick out at a dog. He may get lucky.

As you ride down the highway, try practicing some of these techniques. You can dodge pot-holes or maybe run over some road kill. Forget that last one. Get a 2x4 and find an empty parking lot. Make several laps until you get comfortable gliding over the obstacle.

Ride Safe! Randy



E.R.C. Course Scheduled Remember: April 8 at D.C. (Davidson Community College Campus at Mocksville)

Experienced Riders Course is Scheduled. You may call the Registration Office (336) 249-8186 Cost is \$60



Tim - The Tech Guy



GL-1800 Tips : Unusual GL1800 Battery Charging Problem On The GL-1800's If the Battery goes Dead, and the Alternator is putting out Full and the Regulator checks out OK, Check the Cruise Control Fuse. When this fuse goes bad, the Battery will NOT Charge.

Spare Keys For GL1800. The Honda Accord key blank is the same and can be used as a backup key for emergencies. This only applies to US GL1800's





IronButt ERC ! by Steve Dean It is reported that the Motorcycle Safety Foundation and the International IronButt Association are planning a cooperative effort towards developing an "IronButt Experienced Riders' Course". The proposed 1,000 mile course would be a full weekend of weaving cones and swerving around obstacles primarily while riding through road construction sites on Interstate Highways. "Why complain about riding through constant highway construction when you can get a neat pin and a nifty patch out of the deal" one of the promoters of the effort was heard to say. Check with your local Chapter Educator to see when this course will be offered in your area.

Dihydrogen Monoxide: Unrecognized Killer

The chemical compound dihydrogen monoxide (or DHMO) has been implicated in the deaths of thousands of Americans every year, mainly through accidental ingestion. In gaseous form, it can cause severe burns. And, according to a new report, "the dangers of this chemical do not end there." The chemical is so caustic that it "accelerates the corrosion and rusting of many metals,..it is a major cause of acid rain, and has been found in excised tumors of terminal cancer patients." Symptoms of ingestion include "excessive sweating and urination," and "for those who have developed a dependency on DHMO, complete withdrawal means certain death." Yet the presence of this chemical has been confirmed in every river, stream, lake, well, and reservoir in America. Judging from these facts, 86 % of Americans who have read the facts above as you have just done,... have "voted to ban dihydrogen monoxide because it has caused too many deaths."

Sounds like an open-and-shut case - - until you realize that this chemical compound is : (<u>%#\$#\$#%%\$\$\$^^^%*%</u>) plain old water, two hydrogen molecules bonded to one oxygen molecule, or H 2 O, which can drown you, scald you, or make you go to the bathroom.

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APRIL FOOLS <u><u>M</u> from Steve Deane</u>

Chapter Visitation Is the LIFE BLOOD of ALL Chapters

If you ever wondered where all the chapters where , take a look at the map below and you can plan a visit to a chapter and maybe soon you will see them at your chapter meeting.



Last Month, Members of Chapter A2 Visited Chapters P in Asheboro trying to obtain the Central Traveler Plaque since the Rules had changed to benefit all chapters for this particular plaque. It was amazing to see how much difference it made in the amount of visitors that were at Chapter P's meeting after the plaque. 8 out of 12 Central Chapter were there but the draw of the hat had Lady Luck shinning on Chapter "G" from High Point. (Congratulations)

Chapter P was over run by the turnout of around 113 GWRRA members and had to move the meeting Outside to the parking lot to accommodate all the Visitors that came after the plaque. Chapter A2 had 7 members present, Sonny & Betty Dye, Randy Dezarn, Gerry Grotberg, Ron Stalter, AC Pennington & Bernie Motley.We didn't get the plaque but had a Good Time getting to see and visit with all our friends from the other chapters.

Tim & Ruby Pennington and others visited Chapter R and Darrell & Karen Freedle and others visited Chapter G last month and had a good time visiting.

If you go visit other chapters, they will visit your chapter in return. Lets Go Visiting

Note: Map By Bernie ----When viewing this map in the PDF Reader , you can change the view size in the upper right toolbar and blow the map up to a larger size.







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NC TRAVELING PLAQUES

As was discussed at the Ops Meeting, the Tarheel Traveler Plaque has not changed for the upcoming year. But, there are changes with the Section Plagues -Central, Eastern and Western. In addition to those changes, after returning home and considering your many ideas and input, we altered those rules once again.

This was sent out earlier via email, but we wanted to be sure everyone received the same information. "Hard as we may try, our plaque visitation program will never be right for everyone What we now have in place is meant to be fair for all chapters regardless of location. Also a chapter that is very near should not be at an unfair disadvantage due to their location. We also realize that some chapters will need to travel a great distance to visit a chapter or to try and capture the plaque. The following is an addition to what is now in place:

The Chapter that has traveled the longest distance will be awarded one (1) extra ticket. The distance will be determined by the Chapter Director who is awarding the plaque. This extra ticket can only be obtained

with four (4) members or more. If you have two (2) district members to meet your minimum, you are still awarded the extra ticket. This new rule becomes effective Feb. 16, 2006 and applies only to the Eastern, Central, and Western visitation plaques only."

WING DING 2006

As you are well aware, for the first time Wing Ding will be held within Region N. NC will be expected to work at Wing Ding and we will be calling upon you for assistance if you are planning to attend. We will keep you posted on this later on. Ride Safe, Ride Often Willie & Judy

Our Central Assistant District Directors



Hello to all you Gold Wingers.

Since we are involved with the plaques we would like to go over a few new rules of the (Western, Central, Eastern) Plagues. First: The winner of the plague is determined by a drawing. You will receive one chance per member for the drawing. The more members you have, the better your chances are of winning! The Chapter traveling the longest distant will receive one extra ticket. Second: Once a Chapter has captured the plaque, that Chapter is not eligible to capture it at the next meeting or calendar event; however if no other chapter is present to get the plague, then it becomes fair game for everyone, including the previous chapter that held the plaque. This will hopefully eliminate the plaque sitting idle for more than a month.

From what we have seen so far, there is a lot of interest in chasing the plaques this year. Please do not forget to let us know when you capture a plaque so we can get it out to all the other chapters and Bill Stevenson, so he can get it on the Website. If you are planning to go after a plaque you better be there early, because everywhere we have been this year they have had a full house. Let's go get'em and keep them moving around. Hope to see all of you soon!!!

Riding the Roads of Life Together, Tom & Bev





News from Region N: NOW is the time to register for the Appalachian Adventure Rally? YOU don't want to miss it. Mark your calendar for May 11-13, 2006. Get ready to see your FRIENDS, have some FUN, practice SAFETY as you travel, and you will receive KNOWLEDGE from others (just listen)... Mike and Angie Mitchell

Region N Directors

News for National: July 3-6, 2006 Wing Ding

For the first time in GWRRA's history, the world's largest Gold Wing party and trade show, will ride into Music City, USA



celebrating its 28th anniversary in Nashville, Tennessee WING DING 28 Opryland Hotel - Nashville, TN July 3—6, 2006 "Hope to see you there" Register TODAY

July 27, 28, and 29 HONDA HOMECOMING 2006

Marysville, Ohio Make plans now to come join the fun!





Bring On the Show



September 21-23, 2006 The North Carolina District Rally Western Agricultural Center in Fletcher, NC

CHANGE YOUR CALENDARS !!!!! March Chapter Meeting Changes

NC-E, Cary, has CHANGED their meeting LOCATION to The Original Italian Pie, 800 W. Williams Street #176 (Hwy 55), Apex beginning in March. Same day and time.

NC-L2, Denver, has CHANGED their meeting DATE, TIME, & LOCATION beginning in March to the 2nd Saturday, 10am, at Ryan's Steakhouse, 357 N. Generals Blvd in Lincolnton.

NC-Q2, Dunn/Benson, has CHANGED their meeting DATE to the 2nd Sunday beginning in March. Same place and time. NC-S2, Sanford, has CHANGED their meeting DATE, TIME, & LOCATION beginning in March to the 4th Friday, 7:30pm, at Ron's Barn Barbeque & Seafood, 3122 S. Horner Blvd, (intersection of Hwy 87 & 421).

APRIL CHAPTER MEETING CHANGES

NC-E2, Elizabeth City, will CHANGE their meeting LOCATION & DATE for the month of April to be at their Poker Run. (See the <u>District Events page</u>)

NC-G2, Waynesville, will CHANGE their meeting LOCATION to Quality Inn - Hwy 19 South, Maggie Valley, beginning in April. Same day and time.

NC-O2, Hickory, will CANCEL their meeting for the month of April.

NC-Y2, Monroe, will CHANGE their meeting for the month of April to be on March 25th, their Kick-off Meeting, at the Golden Corral, 2507 W. Roosevelt Blvd (Hwy 74). Eat at 1pm, meet at 2pm. (See the <u>District Events page</u>

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"RIDE CALENDAR"

Road kill grill



Fresh Meat

Apr 1	April Fool Ride	LSB @ 10:00	
Apr 8	A2 Planning Meeting	Venezia @ 1:30	
Apr 21	Friday Night Diner Ride - Fire Mtn	Chars @ 6:45	
Apr 22	Saturday Day Ride : Old School Fresh House	LSB @ 1:00	
May 7	Curley's Wall Ride	ТВА	
May 19	Friday Night Dinner Ride - Fat Boy's	Chars @ 6:45	
May 28	"Matthew's Ride for the Children," Lexington NC	ТВА	
June 3	A2 Care Bear Ride	10:30 LSB Hwy 64 Lexington	
June 5-10	AMA Road Riding National ConventionAmericacade	Lake George, New York	
June 16	Friday Night Dinner Ride - Battlebranch	Char's @ 6:45	
June 17	Big Daddy Feast -Baptist Childrens Home Thomasville	ТВА	
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ALL ROAD KILL is Seasoned with Fine Herbs and Cooked Until WELL DONE and Served with GRITS



JIFFY EASTER NEST

Makes approx. 1 Dozen Nest 4Cups Chow Mein Noodles ½ Cup Light Corn Syrup ¾ Cup Jiffy Creamy or Crunchy Peanut Butter Smucker's Jelly Beans or other Egg shaped candies

In a large mixing bowl ,use your hands to break noodles into smaller pieces. In Large Saucepan, combine Sugar and Syrup.Cook over Medium Heat until Sugar is melted and edges begin to bubble. Add Jiffy Peanut Butter and stir until smooth. Pour mixture over noodles and toss to coat.

Carefully test for tempature. With slightly Buttered hands , form mixture into tight balls using approx. 1/4 cup of mixture per ball. Make indention in center of each ball to resemble a bird nest. Place on Waxed paper and allow to cool completely.

Place two or three Smucker's Jelly Beans or other egg shaped candies into each nest

My First Motorcycle Trip By: Peggy Grotberg

The first real motorcycle trip that I ever took was to Scotland from England in July of 1990. I was in the Air Force at the time, stationed at a Royal Air Force Base in Alconbury, England (it's about 2 hours north of London). I was at the Non Commissioned Officers club one Friday night in April, when I first met Gerry. The Gold Wing was the only vehicle that he owned during the three years that he was stationed there, so he took it everywhere he went. He was very proud of it and kept it clean and polished back then – I believe he used it to get girls, but that's another story.

Anyway, as we sat at the club and talked, just getting to know each other, he asked me to take this trip with him to Scotland. There was some alcohol involved, and I figured he was just trying to impress me and that it wasn't likely to ever actually happen, so I told him sure, I would go. (By the way, he was walking that night – he did not then, nor does he now, drink and drive (Safety first!) Imagine my surprise when July came around and he told me that he had been serious!

Our trip lasted 10 days, and it was wonderful. The first day we drove along the coast of England to Scotland. We drove by the St. Andrews golf course, where they hold the British Open. I think Gerry appreciated that more than I did. It was cold, grey, dreary, and wet – just like you've always heard that England is supposed to be. The wind was brisk and blew the cold ocean water across the road and onto us most of the day. Gerry worked hard that day, just to hold us upright. By the time we got to Edinburgh, Scotland I was chilled through to the bone and soaking wet. I wondered if I hadn't made a serious mistake.

We had intended to camp the entire trip, but we stayed that night in a hotel. It was my first experience with European hotels, where you don't have a bathroom in your own room, but you share one down the hall with all of the other rooms in your hallway. That was interesting. Even with the strange bathroom arrangement, I was very thankful to be inside and warm. It turned out to be a great place to stay, and when we found out that a huge breakfast was included in the deal, that made it even better.

The next morning when we headed out, the sun was shining and it was dry and warm. It stayed that way for the rest of the trip, which was very unusual for Scotland that time of year, but it sure made me happy. We stayed gone for 9 more nights and camped at a different place every night. I don't remember all of the details of the trip, we've taken so many more since then, but I do remember that we got up each morning around sunup, showered, ate breakfast and packed our things. We were on the road by around 7:30 each day and didn't drive past noon. Then we would find a new campground, set up our tent, and still have plenty of daylight to go sightseeing in the area. The places that do stand out in my memory are:

Edinburgh – where we stayed at the hotel and visited the Edinburgh Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh and is a very interesting place to visit. a Viking museum there. It was very cool. You sat in renovated whiskey the museum to view the displays.



castle. It still belongs to the We also took a tour through barrels, and rode through

Whiskey Trail – This is about a 75 mile trail that takes you through twisty winding back roads to several scotch whiskey distilleries that you can take tours of. Gerry's favorite was the Glen Fiddich Distillery. Great fun riding, with excellent scenery.

Mount Ben Nevis – We camped at the foot of the mountain, and rode a gondola to the top. We walked barefoot across a stream that was so cold it made your toes curl under and your feet cramp so that you could barely walk, only to find that there was a foot bridge about 20 feet past where we crossed.

Inverness – Where we visited the castle ruins on Loch Ness, sat and listened to a bagpipe player for a while, and saw all of

the tourist attraction signs for the Loch Ness Monster was cheesy). While we were driving there, people because they had never seen an American Gold Ness, sat an

I listened to a bagpipe player for a while, and saw all of (Gerry wouldn't go to the museum because he thought it who were driving in the car next to us were filming us, Wing before and were fascinated by it.

Glasgow – This is where they make crystal and lace.

It stands out in my mind because they had little bugs there

called Midgies. They come out of the mustard fields by the thousands when the mustard is being harvested. They are tiny, but their bite is particularly painful. We didn't see any the day that we arrived, but the next morning, when we got up, they were out in full force. They attacked so bad that we didn't even bother to shower. We just packed everything up as fast as we could and got out of there. It was the last day of our trip, and it made it very memorable.

Everywhere we went we had fun. The countryside was beautiful. There were about 100 different shades of green broken up by rock fences that outlined the fields. There were huge purple fields of heather that blew in the wind and shined in the sunlight. The Gold Wing was an instant attention getter, and people always came by as we were setting up the tent to check it out and talk about it. It was a little difficult to understand the thick Scottish accents, but motorcycles seem to be a universal language. They would just point, and grunt, and ooh, and aah, Gerry understood every word. It was the first of many great trips that Gerry and I have taken together, and I would do it again in a heartbeat. If you are ever in Scotland, I highly recommend it



RJ & Jan McLamb 3/11/2006

On Saturday afternoon, after leaving the Chapter U Meeting in Lumberton, RJ & Jan McLamb, NC Asst DD's for the East went down on their bike on I-95, Exit 73. A vehicle approaching the interstate from the entrance ramp came over on them and traffic was extremely heavy and they basically had nowhere to go. They were both thrown from the motorcycle. RJ suffered severe road rash and was released from the hospital yesterday. He is awfully sore, but is doing OK.

Jan, on the other hand has much more serious injuries. She was sent to Wake Medical Hospital in Raleigh and has damage to her left elbow and left shoulder. Surgery was done on the elbow on Sunday and plates, screws, etc. were installed. Her shoulder is broken and part of the shoulder is in fragments, so she is scheduled to go into surgery this morning around 11:00. They are unsure about what will have to be done until they begin surgery and see exactly what damage is done. RJ is doing OK. Jan is still in quite a bit of pain, but her spirits are phenomenal. (Willie Hunt)

3/13/2006

They did surgery on her elbow today and the doctors said with time she should be able to use it again. They are going to x-ray her neck and shoulder, the shoulder they think is cracked or broke. Her right foot is swollen quite a bit also. We were told the doctor asked her some questions today and she did really good with the answers so therefore they think there was no damage to the head. They were doing a x-ray from the head to the chest tomorrow. She was in a lot of pain today today, with her shoulder. RJ, is supposed to come home tomorrow. he has both arms bandaged up from road rash. It really looked bad.

3/17/2006

RJ is doing very well. Still sore somewhat and healing from the road rash, but feeling well enough to drive and is now staying with Jan at the hospital. Jan is doing better. She has now underwent 2 surgeries, one for the damaged elbow and one for the broken shoulder. Her right foot is cracked, but they do not plan surgery on it, but it is in a 'boot' so it can mend. She is now off the morphine drip and is taking pain medication by mouth every 4 hours. She is working with the physical therapists some and sitting up in the recliner, daily for a couple of hours. Yesterday was a pretty tough day for her,Today has been much better. The Dr. said she will probably be moved to a Rehab room the first of the week. Jan and RJ are so appreciative of your thoughts, especially your prayers. The cards they have received are phoenomenal; and your calls and visits are very much appreciated. Their home address is 9703 Strickland XRds Road, Benson, NC 27504

3/19/2006

Willie & I went by to visit Jan today and was so excited when we went in. She was sitting in the recliner and looked absolutely wonderful. She is now walking some on her own and is feeling much better. She still has a long way to go, but she is certainly on the road to recovery. For those at the H2 Swap Meet today, thank you all so much for participating in the card signing, Jan was so excited about that and was very touched. She did ask that we convey her love and appreciation to all of her GWRRA Family for your continual love and support and she still asks for your prayers. Judy Hunt : NC Care Bear

3/25/2006

At Chapter Y2 Kick-Off Meeting it was reported that Jan was now at home and her recovery is going well. Keep RJ & Jan is your prayers for a Full Recovery



Used once for Bike Week 2006 in Daytona Beach. Leonard 'Spirit', Black, 5x8 enclosed trailer. 2000 lb. load rating, 4' door, stainless steel wheel chock to hold motorcycle in place, 4 stainless steel eye bolts mounted in floor for tie down straps, 13" tires. \$1,400. Will include tri-fold aluminum ramp 45" W x 69"L, 1500 lb. load capacity for \$50 more. Contact Allen at 336-749-5621.

Y-2 Kick-Off Meeting Report IT'S OFFICAL ----Chapter Y-2 is now in operation

281 Gwrra Members from all over NC Filled the restaurant in Monroe making all of Y-2's Hard work a Big Success. Chapters from Virginia and South Carolina were also there welcoming their Sister Chapter On-board. Chapter A2 was part of the celebration and had a good ride. Steve Deane rode his Wing and Robin Deane Piloted her Side Car Rig like a Pro, Randy Dezarn, Tim Pennington, Bill Plyler rode their wings and 84 yr. young Mr Guy Hanes rode his newly acquired (2 Wheel) 1981 GL-1100 Interstate to the meeting. Sonny & Betty Dye rode their QUAD-Trike with Gerry Grotberg, Bernie and Dottie Motley as Co-Riders admiring the heater and the scenery. Not to mention any names But Someone really enjoyed the Buffet.







Kuryakyn & Dairy Queen Join Forces!

by Steve Deane

While in Daytona for Bike Week, we heard from someone at Kuryakyn that they had formed a Research & Development Team with Dairy Queen to offer a line of accessories for the Goldwing riding community. Chief among these initiatives is a "Handle-Bar mounted Ice-Cream Sunday Holder", so that the rider can enjoy his ice cream on the go,....much the same as many currently enjoy those "big gulp" drinks. They are also designing an Ice-Cream Sunday Holder that would attach to the passenger armrest, much like the drink holder. These items should be available through vendors by late spring or early summer 2006. Initially, these items will only be offered in a chrome finish, but we expect a wide range of matching Honda Goldwing colors to be available soon.

Also in the planning stages is an "EZ-Pass" system to facilitate paying for your Dairy Queen purchases right there at the drive-thru window without having to dig through your pockets for change.Initial testing of both the Handle-Bar Ice-Cream Sunday Holder and EZ-Pass Purchase system have been welcomed with positive comments and results. "Not nearly as many Goldwing riders drop their ice cream or change now at the drive-thru window" one of the statistical researchers was heard to say.



April Birthdays :			Gwrra Renewals Coming up soon:		
Karen Freedle April 24 Darrell Freedle April 25			Tim Beck	04/2006	
			Cathy Beck	04/2006	
			Cara Beck	04/2006	
			Darrell Freedle	06/2006	
			Karen Freedle	06/2006	
			Guy Hanes	06/2006	
April Gwrra Anniversaries:			Ron Stalter	06/2006	
None			Sue Stalter	06/2006	
			AL Watkins	06/2006	
Wedding Anniversaries: None			Robin Watkins	06/2006	
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DisClaimer --- This is the April Issue of our newsletter and NOT all Articles may be true : Beware the April Fools Rabbit .







There's a whole new level of luxury touring—and that's the 2006 Honda Gold Wing. It's now available with a selection of new Feature Packages, including Honda Satellite-Linked navigation System,TM Premium Audio, the comfort of electrically heated grips and seat, plus toe vents and ABS.* It's a wealth of features you've got to see for yourself—and you can at your Honda Dealer.

*Not all features available independently. See your dealer or log on to www.honda.com for details.

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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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