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Chapter Couple Open Position These days, pursuing our passion for riding, it has an entirely different meaning. Motorcycle Awareness Month is May",...."MAMM" "Motorcycle Awareness Month" Gee, isn't that nice, it certainly has a comforting ring to it. And it's in May when the weather is nice, and everyone will be thinking about driving safely around motorcycles. Truck drivers, soccer Moms, route salesmen, teenagers, and just about everyone on the road will be watching out to ensure that you and I have a safe and enjoyable ride on our bikes. Yep, and if you believe that

who was female, and so much as three weeks older than me was to be addressed as "Mamm".

Later, in the military, I was taught that all female officers (both older and younger than I) were to be

one,....well, the glass slipper fit and they all lived happily ever after too.

addressed either by their rank, or the respectively generic term of "Mamm".

We all wish it was that easy. Proclaim a month, and it shall be so! "Mad", now there's a term, and with so many different connotations. Meaning very angry, frantic, wildly excited, markedly aggressive, even as an acronym for "mutually assured destruction" which managed to move us beyond the cold war. Once again, I have to depart from any of these common definitions and expound on the "Motorist Awareness Division",...."MAD".

Motorist Awareness Division" An ambitious effort on the part of GWRRA to promote a better understanding amongst all motorists and motorcyclists on how to better share the road safely. Not just a matter of telling the driving public to "Start Seeing Motorcyclists", but also a matter of educating motorcyclists on how to be better seen and avoid accidents. And, as noble an effort that the GWRRA program MAD may be, it is doomed to failure if motorcyclists don't realize that they and their motorcycles are, indeed, part of the equation.

As your Chapter MAD Coordinator, I will be working closely with the Chapter Educator, and ask each and every one of you to help me in May, and every month of the year, in our endeavor to make the roads a safer place for everyone.

<u>Work at being seen!</u> Make a conscious effort to dress in bright eye catching colors. Highly reflective trim is more than just a "stylish" touch for night riding.

Dress to ride! More and more Goldwingers are wearing motorcycle specific protective clothing and boots such as "Joe Rocket" or "TourMaster", to name a couple. You don't have to spend upward of a thousand on an AeroStitch suit or racing leathers. Be sensible, but be safe.

<u>Ride Defensively!</u> Yes, it may legally be your "right-of-way", but you could certainly die trying to defend it! Be prepared, and willing, to graciously yield the right-of-way! Each ride has a beginning and an end. Certainly not all the time, but to the largest degree, it is the rider who influences and determines how the ride will end. Steve & Robin Deane





Just What Do All Those Levels Mean?

During our last planning meeting a lot of questions came up about what the various levels mean and what do you actually get out of progressing through the different levels.

GWRRA has always promoted motorcycle safety through education. However, it wasn't until January 1988 the Rider Education Program began to gain momentum.

<u>Safety By Commitment -</u> Level I simply says you will bring the commitment to make riding safer for yourself and those with whom you ride.

<u>Safety By Education -</u> To progress to Level II, you must have signed on at Level I, achieved at least 5,000 safe riding miles since becoming a GWRRA member and have taken an approved riding training course or an approved co-rider training course within the past two years.

We have easy access to all the seminars offered by GWRRA. Our district trainers can be scheduled to give any training that we need as a group. Plus, we have a complete set of video seminars that can be used on an individual basis.

<u>Safety By Preparedness -</u> Level III allows you to be a "Certified Tour Rider/Co-Rider". To qualify for this level you must be a current Level II, have CPR or First Aid training certification and carry a First Aid kit on your bike.

<u>Safety By Enhanced Preparedness and Experience -</u> Those at Level IV are "Master Tour Riders/Co-Riders". You must be a current and have a full year at Level III, have ridden at least 25,000 safe miles since joining GWRRA, have completed an approved Rider Training course within the past year and must be certified in both CPR and First Aid. Co-riders must meet the same requirements with the substitution of a Co-Rider seminar or 2-Up riding course.

Being a Master Tour Rider has a perk too. During each Wing Ding, GWRRA has a luncheon for all the attending Level IV folks.

Beginning in 2002, the *Master Recognition Program* provides recognition for dedicated members who have maintained their commitment to the Rider Education Program through their continued renewal as a Master Tour Rider.

<u>Senior Master -</u> Master Tour Riders who have maintained their active status by renewing for at least 5 consecutive years are eligible to be recognized as Senior Master.

<u>Grand Master -</u> Master Tour Riders who have maintained their active status by renewing for at least 10 consecutive years are eligible to be recognized as Grand Master.

<u>Life Grand Master -</u> Master Tour Riders who have maintained their active status by renewing for at least 15 consecutive years are eligible to be recognized as Life Grand Master.

So, what do you get out of progressing from one level to the next? For one thing you get a nifty patch for your vest. And wearing the patch tells the word that you have taken the time and effort to better yourself as a responsible, safe motorcyclist. And if everyone in the chapter participates in the Rider Education program, we tell the world that, as a chapter, we are committed to rider safety as a group.

We as a chapter ride a lot of miles each year. And being educated makes us a safer more enjoyable group as we go down the road.

-Randy

"Safety is for life"

Peggy Grotberg will be putting in one more order for T-Shirts on Tuesday, May 23rd, 2006 If you want to get a shirt, please let her know before then.

| The shirts come in: | You might want to get one because |
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| 1- Short Sleeve Tee | They are decent quality and wash well |
| 2-Long Sleeve Tee | A good way to show your pride in your chapter |
| 3- Sweatshirt | Lets people know where you're from |
| 4- Hooded Sweatshirt | Any profits (approximately \$1 per shirt) go to the Chapter Rider Education Fund. |
| 5- Royal Blue with White letters | Chapter The Education and. |
| 6- White with Royal Blue letters | They are nice shirts |

They have your name, and "Chapter A-2" on the front left side, and a picture of a Gold Wing with a rider and co-rider on the back with "Piedmont Goldwings II" above it and "Lexington, N. C." below it

The prices are as follows:

| Туре | Size | Price |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| Short Sleeve Tee | (Small, Medium Large) | \$10.00 |
| Short Sleeve Tee | (XL, XXL, XXXL) | \$12.00 |
| Long Sleeve Tee | (Small, Medium Large) | \$12.00 |
| Long Sleeve Tee | (XL, XXL, XXXL) | \$13.00 |
| Sweat Shirt | (Small, Medium Large) | \$15.00 |
| Sweat Shirt | (XL, XXL, XXXL) | \$16.00 |
| Hooded Zip Up Sweat | (Small, Medium Large) | \$26.00 |
| Hooded Zip Up Sweat | (XL, XXL, XXXL) | \$27.00 |

To place your order Peggy needs to know:

The type you want The size you want The color you want How many you want What Name you want on the front and How to spell it

Peggy's Contact Information: Phone: 336-492-6664 Please leave a message on the machine E-mail: peggyg@mocksville.com



Payment will be required on delivery!



Our First Motorcycle Trip

We purchased our Gold Wing trike in May 2003 and decided to take a trip to the north- western part of the country in August. As we were new to riding, we decided to take the trike in a trailer and not ride all the way. Our first stop was Lexington, Kentucky where we rode for 2 days, enjoying the many sights of "horse country". After an enjoyable stay we headed west to Missouri, where we visited several towns, one of them being St.Joseph, Missouri, home of the outlaw, Jesse James and the Pony Express Museum. On thru Iowa, we drove through miles and miles of corn and grain fields stopping along the way to ride the bike thru the country side.

Our destination was Rapid City SD, where we really started to enjoy the bike. Have you every heard of Wall Drug "the worlds largest drug store" Wall, the town, was built around one mans idea to give everyone who past thru "free" ice water. They give away an estimated 5,000 glasses of ice water ever day during the summer, (and you need it, it's very HOT during the day) Wall is located next to the White River Badlands of South Dakota, where you can find fossils, wildlife and of course lots of fellow motorcyclist. Riding from our "home base" we visited Mount Rushmore, something that is a true work of art. Just to set in the front of the huge sculpture makes you be glad to be an American. One of the unexpected stops we made was a "1880 Town" where they made the movie "Dances With Wolves", complete with props from the movie, and one of the horses that was used in the movie. Since we are not Harley riders we didn't realize that the rally in Sturgis was in process but of course we couldn't miss an opportunity to ride thru the town taken over completed by motorcycles. We visited the Crazy Horse Memorial., to be known as the world's largest mountain carving. The project was started in 1948 and only the face of Crazy Horse is complete, which is 87' high. The Indians have refused help from the government, so it may be a long time to completion. Since it's not far to Sturgis the parking lot was full of bikes of every color and description. It was nice to talk to riders from all over the country.

Westward to Wyoming! Our next extended stop was Cody, Wyoming. From there we rode to Yellowstone National Park, where we saw moose eating in a meadow, buffalo roaming the fields, stopping traffic as they crossed the highway, as to say, this is our home you'll have to wait your turn (which most of us did) The week before a motorcyclist had been thrown into the air by an unhappy buffalo. Old Faithful erupted on time and the hot spring pools were awesome with their depth and clear blue color. Cody is the home of Buffalo Bill and there is a huge museum dedicated to him and to the frontiers of the west. The hotel he built for his daughter is still a hotel and restaurant and we enjoyed the food as well as the atmosphere of the old west. We rode Chief Joseph Scenic Highway, awesome scenery and curves, and a great ride.

Billings, Montana was next. The temperature was hot (only to get hotter, 110 degrees before days end) as we rode to Little Big Horn Battleground, where General George Custer was defeated. The areas where his men and the Indians fought their last battle were marked as memorials to their bravery. We went to the state fair and attended a Wild West Rodeo, featuring the Budweiser Wagon and Horses. We also attended an Indian Fair which had a parade, featuring several tribes in full traditional Indian dress.

We started back east stopping at Theodore Roosevelt National Park, the Badlands of ND, in the town of Medora. We saw lots prairie dogs, coyotes, buffalo and deer. A fellow biker in Billings had told us of an outdoor drama in Medora, a must to see. He was right, the drama about the life of Teddy Roosevelt was a unique with actors not only on stage but on the hills behind the stage, with a great light show. We continued to travel thru ND seeing fields of sunflower (always facing east), and farm homes situated miles apart. We traveled to Lake Michigan, on thru Chicago, (at a high rate of speed) in noontime traffic. We stopped to see other interest along the way in Illinois, Ohio and West Virginia, and Virginia. We had 4 great weeks to enjoy our bike and our country. There were many things we would have liked to have seen, the Grand Teton Nat'l Park , The Snake River, The Glacier Nat'l Park and more of Yellowstone Nat'l Park, but unfortunately that was the summer of the forest fires and these areas were closed. We met so many nice people, saw things we had only read about, took lots of pictures, and have many great memories. We are looking forward to traveling many more miles on our Gold Wing Trike.



Freedom Is Not Free





I watched the flag pass by one day, It fluttered in the breeze;
 A young Marine saluted it, And then he stood at ease.
 I looked at him in uniform, So young, so tall, so proud;
 With hair cut square and eyes alert, He'd stand out in any crowd.

I thought ... how many men like him had fallen through the years? How many died on foreign soil? How many mothers' tears? How many pilot's planes shot down? How many died at sea? How many foxholes were soldiers graves? No ... Freedom is not Free.



I heard the sound of Taps one night, when everything was still;
I listened to the bugler play, and felt a sudden chill;
I wondered just how many times that Taps had meant "Amen," When a flag had draped a coffin of a brother or a friend;
I thought of all the children, Of the mothers and the wives, Of fathers, sons and husbands ... With interrupted lives.





I thought about a graveyard at the bottom of the sea, Of unmarked graves in Arlington ... No ... Freedom is not Free!





Remember and HONOR those that served to Preserve Freedom For ALL



Many Gave Some, Some Gave All

Freedom Is Not Free



May 12 Military Spouse Appreciation Day

May 20 Armed Forces Day







May 29 Memorial Day

From Your District Educators



GWRRA Trailering Course atWOS 2006.



This Course is similar to an ERC but you have your trailer connected to your motorcycle. Since most of us that ride Gold Wings also pull a trailer, this should prove to be beneficial as we strive to be as safe as we can be. This course counts as an Approved Rider Course for your levels and will be limited to one-up. So that you can make your plans, there will be a classroom session on Thursday afternoonfrom 1-4 and then your choice of available range times Friday morning 8-12 or Friday afternoon from1-5.

The cost for this course will be \$35.00 per bike; it will be offered at the WOS site and will be limited to the first 24 registered. If you plan to be at WOS, you pull a trailer and you plan to take a riding course, then the GWRRA Trailering Course is waiting for you.

Sticking with riding courses, again for 2006 there will be the **Trike Course** that has been offered at previous WOS. The classroom session will be Thursday afternoon from 4-6 with choice of range times on Friday 8-10 or 12-2. This will be offered as one-up with a cost of \$35.00 or two-up at \$50.00. This will be offered on site and limited in number of trikes that will be on the range at one time. Also... we promise to have the range swept. Last year the range had some unexpected sand and gravel that added to the training of the Trike Course.

Faye King, the Medic First Aid Coordinator for NC and Chapter Educator for NC-D will be arranging Facilitators to conduct two FA/CPR classes. These will be offered on Friday morning 8-12 and then again on Saturday morning 8-12. The number will be limited. The cost will be \$20.00 per person (preregistered).

For the Co-Riders there will be two Co-Rider Seminars. For those that are new to riding in a group or those that wish to refresh their memory, there will be a Team Riding Seminar. There is no cost or preregistration for these seminars. Just check the schedule and show up!

Again this year there will be a Rider Education Raffle. First prize is \$1,000.00 cash or \$2,000.00 off the purchase of a Bushtec trailer. If you choose the Bushtec trailer it will be your choice of model, color and accessories. When the paperwork is done \$2,000.00 will be taken off of the bottom line. We are pleased to have Bushtec Mfg. supporting NC Rider Education again for 2006. Second prize will be \$200.00 and 3rd prize will be three drawings for \$100.00 each.

Chapter Educators are reminded to please bring something for the Rider Education table to be used as a door prize. We will be looking for volunteers to work an hour or two either at the Rider Education table or the First Aid Station. As you can see the planning is in full swing. Come join in the FUN! Take care and ride safe, Nathan & Rhonda

From NATIONAL Wing Ding 28 Registrations Deadline!

Wing Ding 28 early registration deadline is quickly approaching. Be sure to send your Wing Ding 28 registration in by May 15th to receive the discounted price. Early registrations must be postmarked before May 15, 2006



May 11-13 Region "N" Rally Make plans now to come join the fun! In Maggie Valley September 21-23, 2006 The North Carolina District Rally Western Agricultural Center in Fletcher, NC





| DATE | EVENT | DEPARTURE POINT | |
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| | МАҮ | | |
| May 6 | NC-F2 Open House | Team Powersports - Garner, NC | |
| May 7 | Curley's Wall Ride | ТВА | |
| May 7 | NC-E Ride for Kids | Cary, NC | |
| May 11 - 13 | Region N Rally | Maggie Valley, NC | |
| May 19 | Friday Night Dinner Ride - Fat Boy's | Chars @ 6:45 | |
| May 20 | Roan Mountain Steak -Out | ТВА | |
| May 25 - 27 | NC-U Chicken Rally | Lumberton, NC | |
| May 27 | Blue Ridge Motorcycle Campground | ТВА | |
| May 28 | "Matthew's Ride for the Children," Lexington NC | ТВА | |
| | JUNE | | |
| June 3 | A2 Care Bear Ride | 10:00 LSB Hwy 64 Lexington | |
| June 5-10 | AMA Road Riding National Convention Americacade | Lake George, New York | |
| June 10 | NC-W Hot Dog Rally Edon, NC | 9:00 LSB | |
| June 10 | Randys House (Birthday) | TBA | |
| June 16 | Friday Night Dinner Ride - Battlebranch | Chars @ 6:45 | |
| June 17 | Big Daddy Feast -Baptist Childrens Home Thomasville | TBA | |
| June 17 | NC-Q2 Fun Fest | Newton Grove, NC | |
| June 24 | NC-C2 Poker Run | ТВА | |
| June 24 | A2 Care Bear Rain Date | 10:00 LSB RAIN DATE | |
| | JULY | | |
| 3 - 6 | WING DING XXVIII | Opryland Hotel - Nashville, TN | |
| July 4 | A2's Regular Chapter Meeting is Canceled Due to Wing Ding | Rescheduled for July 15 th | |
| July 8 | NC-R Care Bear Ride | Thomasville, NC | |
| July 15 | NC-N Fun Day | Boys Club - Burlington, NC | |
| JULY 15 | A2 Chapter Meeting for July | Same Place & Time | |
| July 21 | Dinner Ride –DJ's Salisbury | Chars @ 6:45 | |
| July 29 | Willville Camp Ground Picnic | LSB 10:00 AM | |
| July 29 | Couples Mountain Ride | West Jefferson/Boone, NC | |
| | AUGUST | | |
| August 5 | WOS Planning Meeting | Holiday Inn - Fletcher, NC | |
| AUGUST 5 | Greenfields Restaurant | LSB 11:00 | |
| August 10 – 12 | W. VA District Rally | Cedar Lake, W. VA | |
| August 18 | Dinner Ride – Diary-O (Stanleyville) | Chars @ 6:45 | |
| August 19 | Shirley's Restaurant (Tennessee) | LSB 11:00 | |
| August 19 | NC-G Bike Show | ТВА | |
| August 20 | NC Couples Picnic | Lake Macintosh - Burlington, NC | |
| August 25-26 | KY District Rally | ТВА | |
| August 26 | NC-B2 Care Bear Ride Winston-Salem, NC | TBA | |
| | SEPTEMBER | | |
| September 9 | NC-A Poker Run | ТВА | |
| September 15 | Dinner Ride Venezia (Advance) | Chars @ 6:45 | |
| September 21 - 23 | NC DISTRICT RALLY WINGS OVER THE SMOKIES | Western NC Agricultural Center Fletcher, NC | |
| | OCTOBER | | |
| October 5-8 | VA District Rally | Salem, VA | |
| October 7 | Ride Planning Meeting (Venezia) Advnce | | |
| October 14 | Spook Trail RideWalkertown | v ··· ··· | |
| 500001 17 | DECEMBER | | |
| December 2 | Gifts On Cycles | Butner, Goldsboro, & Morganton, NC | |



A2 Prayer List

Tim Becks Mother ----- Pat Simmons Mother Norma Freedles Mother----- Sue Stalters Mother Ruby Pennington will have Surgery on May 5th Gene Elliotts Cancer has came back Full Blown Benny Vickrey is home and Doctors think he may have pulled some chest Muscles and is improving . No Blockages Found in Heart Scan.

| May Birth Marshall Lanning Guy Hanes | days May 29 May 30 | GWRRA RENEW Tim ,Cathy & Cara Beck Dottie Wilkes Darrell & Karen Freedle Kyle Freedle Guy Hanes Ron & Sue Stalter Al & Robin Watkins Steve & Robin Deane Joe Higgins | ALS 04-2006 04-2006 06-2006 06-2006 06-2006 06-2006 06-2006 07-2006 07-2006 | GWRRA ANN Joe Higgins Sue Stalter Dottie Wilkes | NIVERSARIES 05- 2001 05- 2004 05-2005 |
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| | | Note : Please Let Bernie Motley know your New Expiration date so we may enter you correctly in the newsletter since we do not have a Membership R&R Staff Member / We apologize for any incorrect entries and your help will make a difference . | | | |

NC-A, Greensboro, will CHANGE their meeting DATE for the month of May **ONLY** to May 18th due to the Region N Rally. Same time and place

NC-F2, Garner, will CHANGE their meeting LOCATION & DATE for the month of **May** to be at their Open House at Team Powersports in Garner. (See the <u>District Events page</u>)

NC-J2, Washington, will CHANGE their meeting LOCATION to Hog Heaven, Hwy 264 West, beginning in May. Same day and time.

NC-L2, Denver, will CHANGE their meeting DATE & TIME for the month of May **ONLY** to May 9th due to the Region N Rally. Eat at 6:30 PM, Meet at 7:30 PM.

NC-M2, Hendersonville, will CANCEL their meeting for the month of June.

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

NC-A2, Lexington, will CHANGE their meeting DATE for the month of **July Only** to the 15th due to Wing Ding and Independence Day. Same time and place.

From Region "N" UPCOMING EVENT AT THE APPALACHIAN ADVENTURE RALLY MAY 11 TO 13, 2006 It's A Meet and Greet!



In conjunction with the Maggie Valley Civic Association, the Maggie Valley Chamber of Commerce is hosting a two hour "Meet and Greet the Goldwingers" at the Town Hall Pavilion on Saturday, May 13, 2006 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. This is our chance to shine and do what we do best, talk about our motorcycles, about GWRRA, and more importantly, talk about Motorist Awareness and Rider Education.

What a great opportunity to educate non-Goldwingers about how our organization emphasizes . Ice cream and refreshments will be provided by the Chamber of Commerce, and we will be advertising this event in flyers to the citizens of Maggie Valley.



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Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge" – CHAPTER NC-A2 Lexington, NC

Chapter Meetings: 1st Tuesday of Every Month Cap'n Steven's Seafood Hwy 150 & Friendship Church Rd Eating at 6:30 – Meeting at 7:30

> NEXT MEETING : May 2, 2006

Piedmont Gold Wings Two 781 Waitman Rd. Lexington, NC 27295