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FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS:

It seems that every week over the past month, we have heard in the news that another motorcyclist has died in an accident. Every time we hear the sad news, it brings to mind the number of people affected by such a loss--not only a spouse, children, and other family members, but co-workers, friends, neighbors, and other motorcyclists the victim never even met but who feel a sense of loss among the motorcycling community. The unique bond of brotherhood and sisterhood we have among motorcycle riders makes it personal for us each time we hear of a motorcycle fatality.

And every time a serious motorcycle accident or fatality occurs, we hear about it from our friends and coworkers. These folks feel compelled to recite the risks involved in our sport, even though we don't literally hear, "Told you so." It's not clear if they want to change our minds about riding or just caution us to be careful.

Whatever the reason they bring up these accidents, we should not "turn off the sound" when they begin telling another motorcycle fatality story. We need to listen closely and try to find something in the tale that will make us safer in our own riding. We can Ride Aware. For instance, we can learn about being more visible from the story of an accident that was the fault of the driver who didn't see the motorcyclist. We can modify our riding habits by wearing brighter, more reflective clothing or making sure our motorcycles are well-lit from the front and rear. We can learn to be more aware of where a driver is looking, the direction of a car's front wheels at a stop sign, and be more willing to use our horns to alert drivers of our presence. We need to practice our "what if" strategies around each bend. We can learn something from every unfortunate story.

So as the month of June begins, and we spend more time on our motorcycles, ride safer than before and use the knowledge you can gain from such a bad beginning this spring.

Looking forward to seeing you on the highways, the byways, and around town!

Robin and Steve Deane



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Tim's Tech Tips

A post on the GWRRA's message board showed a rear tire that the thread had separated from the carcass. The tire looks worn out many miles ago. The mechanic stated the rest of the tire had 3/32 of an inch of thread remaining on it!

The original front Dunlop on my 85' GL1200 separated much the same way, but my tire had plenty of thread left on it. I was lucky it happened where and when it did! So we all should raise the tire off the ground and LOOK closely at the entire thread. Rotate the tire and check the thread and sidewalls for any cuts, cracks or objects embedded in the thread .



Tim Pennington

Can You Make the Grade?

by Robert Vaughan (www.wheels-in-motion.com)

While searching for something to write about this month I came across an interesting article. Most of the time we talk about motorcycles and cars or motorcycles and other motorcycles. This article deals with motorcycles and trains. *Guess who wins?*

Can you judge how long it will take a train to get to the grade crossing? Will the gates come down on time, or do they give you time to ride around them and still make it safely?

Cars often have trouble judging a motorcycle's distance and speed because we are smaller than cars. A train's distance and speed are hard to judge for the opposite reason—trains are so large. Large objects appear to be moving slower than they are. When a jet is coming in for a landing, it appears to be moving very slowly, though it is really doing about 150 miles an hour.

Viewing the train almost head-on gives it little apparent motion and makes it seem even slower. The parallel lines of the tracks going toward the train make it look further away than it really is. The combined effect of the train's looking both slower and farther away than it really is give us a false sense of security. Most trains take about two minutes to clear a crossing. It only seems longer. Yet, many people gamble two minutes against a lifetime, a real sucker's bet.

Don't the crossing gates have a safety margin built in so we actually have plenty of time after they first come down? The answer is sometimes, but not always. The gates are timed for a fast train and activate when the train is a quarter mile from the crossing. If all trains were fast, the train would always be at the crossing within 25 seconds. Even slow trains make the crossing within a minute. Unfortunately, the slow trains also make us think that we always have extra time. If everyone took this extra time for granted we would be fine for all the slow trains. However, the first fast train coming down the track would make mincemeat of all the drivers who didn't make it.

Railroads are now experimenting with new types of crossing signs and new ways to paint engines. Operation Lifesaver has helped to reduce crossroad fatalities. The highway department has even put a radio-equipped officer in the locomotive who looks for motorists who drove around the crossing arms. He has street patrols ticket the driver. Unfortunately, railroads and highway departments can't help the driver who sees the train but decides he can beat it across the crossing. In case of a tie, the train always wins.

As motorcyclists, this reinforces something we learned long ago—the biggest vehicle has the right of way. It's easier to fight city hall than Southern Pacific.

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GWRRA MEETING CHANGES

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-Q2, Dunn-Benson, will CHANGE their June monthly meeting to be held at their Fun Fest event.

NC-S, Lenoir, will CHANGE their meeting DATE & TIME for the month of June ONLY to June 17th. Eat at 8:00 AM, SHORT meeting to follow.

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

NC-C2, Smithfield. will CANCEL their meeting for the month of July.

NC-G, High Point, will **CANCEL** their meeting for the month of July.

NC-J, Boone, will CHANGE their meeting DATE for the month of July to the 5th Saturday. Same time and place. As an ADDED BONUS, they have planned a guided ride through some of their secret back roads that they can almost guarantee most of us have not ridden before. For more info, please call or email Roger 828-963-1922 madred@mindspring.com or Paul 423-727-5488 pkstout@tibonline.com.

NC-M, Salisbury, will CANCEL their meeting for the month of July.

NC-Z, Rocky Mount, will CHANGE their meeting DATE for the month of July to the 5th Saturday. Same time and place.

In Case of Emergency (ICE)

Often times, when emergency services personnel arrive at a motorcycle crash or other accident, they turn to a victim's cell phone for clues to that person's identity. You can make their job much easier with an idea that first responders nationwide are hoping everyone will soon adopt: ICE, which stands for "In Case of Emergency."

Simply add an entry on your cell phone's "contacts" list using the word "ICE." In the information section for that contact name, list the name and phone number of the person you'd like contacted in case of an emergency.

This simple act can save emergency services personnel much-needed time in learning of your pre-existing medical conditions, allergies to medicine, etc. It can also help alert your loved ones quickly.

Paramedics know what ICE means and they look for it immediately. ICE your cell phone NOW!







A-2 CARE BEAR EVENT REPORT

A2'S Care Bear Event went off Well for the attendance we had This year we visited the EMS Squad of Mocksville in Davie County . Many Thanks go to our neighboring Chapters and local Bikers for Supporting A2 in this event. We were joined by Chapter R of Thomasville, Chapter N of Burlington and Chapter T-2 of Albermarle.



There were 24 Bikes and Hundereds of Stuffed Animals for the needy kids .Thanks to ALL.

NATIONAL FLAG DAY June 14th

Fly OUR Nations Flag With PRIDE, Our National Language is "ENGLISH" and OUR COUNTRYS FLAG is OLD GLORY

" STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER "

I Pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation UNDER GOD , indivisible, with liberty and justice for all



I am the flag of the United States of America.

I was born on June 14, 1777, in Philadelphia.

There the Continental Congress adopted my stars and stripes as the national flag.

My thirteen stripes alternating red and white, with a union of thirteen white stars in a field of blue, represented a new constellation, a new

nation dedicated to the personal and religious liberty of mankind.

Today fifty stars signal from my union, one for each of the fifty sovereign states in the greatest constitutional republic the world has ever known. My colors symbolize the patriotic ideals and spiritual qualities of the citizens of my country. My red stripes proclaim the fearless courage and integrity of American men and boys and the self-sacrifice and devotion of American mothers and daughters.

My white stripes stand for liberty and equality for all. My blue is the blue of heaven, loyalty, and faith. I represent these eternal principles: liberty, justice, and humanity.

I embody American freedom: freedom of speech, religion, assembly, the press, and the sanctity of the home. I typify that indomitable spirit of determination brought to my land by Christopher Columbus and by all my forefathers - the Pilgrims, Puritans, settlers at James town and Plymouth. I am as old as my nation. I am a living symbol of my nation's law: the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights. I voice Abraham Lincoln's philosophy: "A government of the people, by the people, for the people." I stand guard over my nation's schools, the seedbed of good citizenship and true patriotism.

I am displayed in every schoolroom throughout my nation; every schoolyard has a flag pole for my display. Daily thousands upon thousands of boys and girls pledge their allegiance to me and my country.

I have my own law—Public Law 829, "The Flag Code" - which definitely states my correct use and display for all occasions and situations.

I have my special day, Flag Day. June 14 is set aside to honor my birth.

Americans, I am the sacred emblem of your country. I symbolize your birthright, your heritage of liberty purchased with blood and sorrow.

I am your title deed of freedom, which is yours to enjoy and hold in trust for posterity.

If you fail to keep this sacred trust inviolate, if I am nullified and destroyed, you and your children will become slaves to dictators and despots. Eternal vigilance is your price of freedom.

As you see me silhouetted against the peaceful skies of my country, remind yourself that I am the flag of your country, that I stand for what you are - no more, no less.

Guard me well, lest your freedom perish from the earth. Dedicate your lives to those principles for which I stand: "One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

I was created in freedom. I made my first appearance in a battle for human liberty.

God grant that I may spend eternity in my "land of the free and the home of the brave" and that I shall ever be known as "Old Glory," the flag of the United States of America.



The Secretary of the Navy, Gordon R. England, has ordered all U.S. Navy ships to fly the First Navy Jack in place of the Union Jack for the duration of the Global War on Terrorism.

July 29, 2006

WILLVILLE PICNIC

Bring your own Meat

Buns Lettuce, Tomotoe Chili Slaw, Onions

Potatoe Salad Baked Beans Pickles - Sweet / Sour Watermelon / Sliced Cantelope / Sliced Mayonnaise, Mustard Potatoe Chips

Diet Coke, Diet Pepsi Coke, Pepsi Lemonaide Sierra Mist Mountain Dew

Plates, Cups, Forks, Napkins Salt, Pepper

Doughnuts Brownies Cake / Sliced

We'll have a sign up sheet at the Meeting

Remember our meeting in July is changed to the 15th

* SEE DOTTIE MOTLEY TO SIGN UP

THIS IS A SAMPLE SIGN UP SHEET FOR THE WILLVILLE PICNIC COOKOUT ON JULY 29th..... DECIDE WHAT ITEMS YOU WANT TO BRING AND SIGN THE SHEET AT THE NEXT TWO CHAPTER MEETINGS A group from Chapter A-2 left out Wednesday afternoon May 17, and headed to Charleston, SC., as our first stop of our planned trip. Along for this fun filled weekend was Dottie & Bernie Motley, Betty & Sonny Dye, Peggy & Gerry Grotberg, my husband Tim Pennington and myself.

We arrived at our motel in Ladson SC. around 9:30 p.m. We were all starving, so we headed next door to McDonalds where we satisfied out hunger. We were all pretty tired so we decided to call it a night. We had a big day planned on Thursday to see the many sites that Charleston had to offer.

We woke to a beautiful day on stopped at a near by Waffle House downtown where we took a carriage We had an awesome tour guide that

After the carriage tour, we decided If you have never been to Patriots lunch onboard the U.S.S. Yorktown.



Thursday and headed out for Charleston. We for a wonderful breakfast. From there we went ride through beautiful Historical Charleston. shared with us the history of this beautiful place

to ride over to Mt. Pleasant and tour Patriots Point. Point it is well worth seeing. We began by having The food was very good.



After lunch, we decided to take the tour of Fort Sumter since it would be the last tour of the day. We boarded a Ferry, which carried us over to the Fort. We had an hour to take in as much history as we could possibly soak up.

When we returned to Patriots Point, we went back aboard the U.S.S. Yorktown for a guided tour by Chapter A-2's own Bernie Motley. Bernie took us places we should not have been but he made sure we took in every detail. Bernie served on the U.S.S. Forrestal, from 1969-1971.and knew the gear aboard the ship. The tour covered the living & working spaces, the engine room, the flight deck & bridge, naval history exhibits, the ward room & ships brig and the captain & flag officer in-port quarters. We then checked out the military aircraft in the hanger bays and Flight Deck including the F-9 cougar, a Korean war era fighter which also served as one of the original blue angels aircraft. The A7 Corsair had Peggy reminiscing of her days as a crew chief while serving in the Air Force.

We enjoyed the tour of the U.S.S. Yorktown and we all came off the ship appreciating all the men & women who sacrificed to preserve our freedom.





By this time we had all worked up an appetite, so we chose a nearby restaurant called Shem Creek. Oh what an experience!!!! The food was excellent but we can't say much for the service. Maybe sometime Gerry & Peggy & Sonny & Betty will share with you their experience! Next stop on the agenda was the Beautiful Fripp Island, which we would call home for the next three days.

Fripp Island is located just 19 miles east of Beaufort, SC midway between Savannah & Charleston. Fripp is a very upscale resort with all the southern charm you could ask for including beautiful live oaks draped with Spanish moss and miles of beaches. The entire Island



comprises a bird & game sanctuary. Wildlife & bird populations include alligators, deer, raccoon, egrets, & herons. We arrived on the Island about 10:30 Thursday night. As we entered this beautiful place, we saw deer everywhere. As we rode past them, they never even acknowledged we were there. Many of them were bedded down in the front yards of some of the most beautiful homes you have ever seen. As we approached our abode, "The entering the house, we knew this is where amenities this place had to offer. White on the belts were placed on the beds along provided as well to get around on the going to soak up as much UPSCALE as decided to get uppacked and get some much



Southern Belle" we were in awe of its beauty. Upon we wanted to be. None of us were use to the luxurious Terry cloth robes with "Southern Belle" embroidered with mints on the pillows. A HUMMER golf cart was island. This place was indeed upscale, and we were we could!!!!! After admiring this beautiful home, we all

decided to get unpacked and get some much needed rest.

The next morning we all woke in anticipation of seeing what we missed as we arrived the night before. We knew we were surrounded by water and we could not wait to see what all Fripp Island had to offer. Just as we suspected, it was indeed a beautiful place. We had to drive 18 miles to the nearest restaurant that just happened to be McDonald's. We ate breakfast and went to the nearest grocery store to stock up on food, and man did we stock!!!!! When we returned to the Island, we decided to just chill out the rest of the day.

Gerry & Tim got into a mean game of ping pong, while others of us just rocked on the front porch and admired the passing deer. Later we discovered five deer in our neighbors front yard, she asked us if we would like to feed the deer. One deer came right up to us and ate corn from a cup. Those big ole brown eyes and long eye lashes would just melt your heart

Each couple had the pleasure of preparing their choice of meal for the group, in the beautiful upscale kitchen. Gerry & Peggy, & Sonny & Betty decided to do the Friday night meal. Their menu consisted of mouth watering grilled steaks, baked beans, tossed salad, fresh cantaloupe, and fresh strawberries on pound cake piled with cool whip. YUMMY!!!!! After dinner the guys decided the take the "HUMMER" for a ride around the Island.





After that wonderful breakfast, we decided to head to Savannah which was about 60 miles from Fripp. Since we had sooooooooooo much food (sandwich stuff) Dottie suggested we take a picnic with us to Savannah. (what a wonderful idea Dottie!) We headed for Savannah which

was about 60 miles from in beautiful Savannah, we park our bikes on the them out of the sun. They picnic outside because it was the visitors center.

We took a trolley through

Fripp. When we reached the visitors center were treated so kindly. They allowed us to sidewalks outside the visitors center to keep also told us if we didn't want to have a very hot, we could have our picnic inside

the streets of Savannah and enjoyed the

beautiful sights. The river front with its cobble stone streets were so beautiful, lined with every kind of shop you could possibly imagine. Savannah is made up of over 20 squares, each dedicated to a founder or

someone who helped develop the city. Savannah was an exporter of cotton in its time.



It was getting late, so we decided it was time to head back to Fripp Island. Dinner on Saturday night was prepared by Tim & I. We served

chicken casserole, corn of the cob, tossed salad, garlic bread, & buttered rolls. After dinner some of us treated ourselves to hot apple pie. We all retired to the front porch and reminisced about our fun times that we shared on our trip. We all agreed we could definitely get use to this life style, but we all felt very blessed to be able to experience this wonderful time together. On Sunday morning we again woke to the smell of bacon cooking. Dottie & Bernie had struck again! They were determined to SPOIL US ROTTEN!!!! After we all enjoyed the delicious breakfast, we began packing for our trip back home. As we loaded up and headed out from "The Southern Belle" we all would take with us lasting memories of this wonderful adventure. We all returned to our homes safe and sound.



Every opportunity we get, we try to plan trips together. This is such a great group of fun loving people. We would love **for others** to join us for these fun filled excursions we go on. Memorial day weekend several of us from chapter A-2, are going to **rough it** at Cruso motorcycle camp ground. I'm sure before the weekend is over some of us will be wishing we were back at Fripp Island. Please come join us on our trips, ALL are Welcome (Single or Married)and we would love to ride the Roads of FUN together Tim & Ruby Pennington

(Pictures By Betty Dye and Dottie Motley

Blue Ridge Motorcycle Campground Weekend

May 27,28,29-2006

Several members of A2 spend the Memorial Day weekend in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

On Saturday after lunch in Waynesville and a walk down the streets of this small town returning to camp for a relaxing afternoon, supper was served at the campground to Steve and Robin Deane, Gerry and Peggy Gothberg, Bernie and Dottie Motley, Tim and Ruby Pennington, Bill Plyler, Sonny and Betty Dye . Bill served as a very good tour guide as we rode the back roads to the Blue Ridge Parkway

On Sunday. Dottie took her first trip in Robin's side car and was impressed at how well she could see everything. She enjoyed the ride, but Bernie won't be looking for a side car, she still enjoys riding with him. After that great ride Bill, Steve, Robin, Bernie and Dottie rode the Cherohala Skyway to Tennessee. Gerry, Peggy, Tim, Ruby, Sonny and Betty returned thru Robbinsville and rode along the Nantahala River where they saw white water rafters. (maybe there's a future trip down the river for members of A2) The camp ground is very nice and relaxing, and the owners make everyone welcome. Bernie, Dottie, Sonny and Betty all stayed in cabins and next time Gerry, Peggy, Ruby, and Tim will be joining them, as they have given up camping. Bill, Steve and Robin were much more comfortable in their nice campers. It was a great time with lots of laughs. A2 will be camping at Willville on July 29, so come and join us. If you aren't a camper there is a motel nearby, so you can still enjoy all the fun. Weather it's a trip to Charleston, to the beach, or visiting together in the mountains we all have a good time. (more trips are being planned for the future and if have a suggestion please let me know) Be a part of A 2's adventures, come join us, you'll be glad you did. Betty Dye









Picture Credits go to Bill Plyler, Steve Deane, Bernie Motley, Ruby Pennington & Betty Dye







Picture By Ruby and Steve Deanes Camera

Members of Chapter A2 Ride to the Highest Point on the Blue Ridge Parkway on Memorial Day Weekend (Altitude: 6,053 Ft)

To All our chapter members that haven't been on some of these trips, please join us for a fun time of friendship and fellowship, **ALL ARE WELCOME to come along , The more The Merrier**. If your sitting at home with No one to ride with , call some of the members and let them know you want to ride some , the phone calling works both ways. The next planned trip is Wing Ding in July leaving on Saturday July 1st



FROM OUR DISTRICT LEADERS

Shadow Tickets - We have made a change with the Wings Over the Smokies Shadow tickets. After a great demand to make a change and giving it quite a bit of thought, we have decided that the winner **does not** have to be present to win the Shadow. This change is on the Shadow only and will not affect our grand prize.



ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA



RIDE CALENDAR

| | JUNE | |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| June 3 | A2 Care Bear Ride | 10:00 LSB Hwy 64 Lexington |
| June 5-10 | AMA Road Riding National ConventionAmerica Cade | Lake George, New York |
| June 10 | NC-W Hot Dog Rally Eden, NC | 9:00 LSB |
| June 10 | Randy's House (Birthday) | ТВА |
| June 16 | Friday Night Dinner Ride - Battle branch | Chars @ 6:45 |
| June 17 | Big Daddy Feast -Baptist Children's Home Thomasville | ТВА |
| June 17 | NC-Q2 Fun Fest | Newton Grove, NC |
| June 24 | NC-C2 Poker Run | ТВА |
| | 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 |
| | AUGUST | |
| August 5 | WOS Planning Meeting | Holiday Inn - Fletcher, NC |
| AUGUST 5 | Greenfield's 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 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) Advance | Party Room 1:30 |
| October 14 | Spook Trail RideWalkertown | |
| | DECEMBER | |
| December 2 | Gifts On Cycles | Butner, Goldsboro, & Morganton, NC |
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A2 Prayer List

Mrs. Edna Pennington



Tim Becks Mother ----- Pat Simmons Mother Norma Freedles Mother----- Sue Stalters Mother Gene Elliott

Our sympathy to Lennie and Joy Maynor on the death of their 12 year old son Robert that was taken by Cancer Cards can be sent to Lennie & Joy Maynor 1807 Chestnut Dr. High Point, NC 27262

No flowers have been requested. Donations can be sent to Trindale Community Church. Memory of Robert Maynor/Royal Rangers. June Birthdays Jr Freedle June 3 Randy Dezarn June 11

GWRRA RENEWALS

| Darrell & Karen Freedle | | |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| Kyle Freedle | | |
| Guy Hanes | | |
| Ron & Sue Stalter | | |
| Al & Robin Watkins | | |
| Steve & Robin Deane | | |
| Joe Higgins | | |
| Don Pennington | | |
| Randy & Carolyn Dezarn | | |

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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.

GWRRA ANNIVERSARIES

| Ron Stalter | 06-1996 |
|----------------------|---------|
| Al Watkins | 06-2001 |
| Robin Watkins | 06-2001 |
| Darrell Freedle | 06-2003 |
| Karen Freedle | 06-2003 |
| Kyle Freedle | 06-2003 |

From Region "N"







2006 Region N Chapter of the Year NC-N, Burlington, North Carolina William and Jerri Walls, Chapter Directors

Chapter NC-N won the Title of Region "N" Chapter of the Year by winning all the points for chapter participation at the Region N Maggie Valley Rally. Congratulations North Carolina Chapter N of Burlington on a Job 'WELL DONE ".



Chapter N's participants were William and Jerri Walls--Chapter Directors, Gene and Darlene Coffey--COY'S, and James and Libby Davis--MEDS. We are so proud of what we accomplished for our chapter...Rest Easy Guys, We Got Er' did!

William and Jerri Walls, NC-N Chapter Directors The Official Newsletter for Officers and Members of GWRRA

GW INFO EXCHANGE (Previously "Motorcycle Sounds")



Wing Ding's Talent Show Now Scheduled for Sunday, July 2, 2006

Phoenix, Arizona – The Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) has modified the event schedule for Wing Ding 28, planning to hold the popular amateur Talent Show from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 2, in the Tennessee CDE Ballrooms of the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee.

The event was rescheduled for several reasons according to GWRRA Executive Director Don Brock. "We have so many activities planned for Wing Ding 28, that we realized we needed to expand our program into the night before opening ceremonies," Brock said. "We already have the International Couple of the Year selection scheduled on Sunday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30, so planning the Talent Show for that same evening provides the huge crowd that supports the COY program with additional free member-centered entertainment."

According to research conducted by GWRRA's Event Management Group, many who have attended Wing Ding in prior years have indicated they ran short of time and opportunities to do everything they hoped to at Wing Ding. They want to take in each evening's entertainment, enjoy the host community's attractions, yet still have enough time to shop in Wing Ding's massive vendor show. The rescheduling of the Talent Show is seen as one way to address this.

"The Gold Wing crowd knows that Wing Ding is the hands-on shopping opportunity of the year for them, and they want to be sure to have enough time to look, see and shop in an unhurried fashion," said Ed Price, manager of GWRRA's Event Management Group. "We have the biggest and best Gold Wing and Valkyrie-oriented vendor show of them all. This year, more than 160 vendors will be set up in the air-conditioned comfort of the 150,000- square-foot convention center at the Gaylord Opryland Resort. Additionally, on the parking lots at Wing Ding, we will have demo rides from American Honda, plus the largest number of trike demo rides of any rally anywhere. We want to maximize everyone's opportunities to take advantage of our vendors, our Nashville-based optional tours, and our many Association-related program activities." Wing Ding, the world's largest Gold Wing tradeshow and "family reunion," will officially open at 9 a.m. on July 3 and continues through July 6, 2006. An anticipated 16,000 Gold Wing motorcycle owners will ride into Music City USA for a firsthand taste of its renowned entertainment, fun, riding, eating and camaraderie. The event is anticipated to generate \$10-15 million dollars in direct economic impact to the Nashville area.More hotel room-nights have been reserved in theGaylord Opryland host hotel and surrounding hotels for the week of Wing Ding than for any previous Wing Ding, indicating many Gold Wingers are planning to come early or stay beyond the July 3 through 6 dates. While there are still many hotel rooms available, delegates are encouraged to make their plans and reservations soon to ensure their choice of accommodations. GWRRA, whose motto is "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge," is a not-for-profit organization that has over 85,000 Members in 50 countries, and 4,000 volunteer leaders who provide rider education, social structure, event organization, rallies, rides and meetings throughout the year. Call (800) 843-9460 for more information or check out the Web site at www.wing-ding.org. For GWRRA information, visit www.gwrra.org.

Early Bird Gets the Worm!

Pre-schedule installation services.

After pre-registering for Wing Ding, simply go to <u>www.wing-ding.org/vendors.html</u>. If a product you like requires installation, you may contact the vendor directly, prepay and pre-schedule your appointment, and not have to deal with long lines, wait times, or "out of stock" issues.

We believe this will be a great timesaver and an opportunity for Members to schedule more "fun time," during which they can attend even more events and activities of their choosing.

Warm Regards, Don Brock



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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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NEXT MEETING : June 6 , 2006

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