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REGION "N"



NC



A2



Next Meeting July 15th

"GOLD NOTES"

Piedmont Goldwings Two "Lexington Style"



JULY 2006

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FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS:

Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge

Every time we see the GWRRA patch we see the motto, "Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge." It's a Saying that flows well and sounds good. There are four elements of the motto.

The first is Friends. The word "Friends" in GWRRA terms means anyone who is a member of another chapter who happens to be visiting our meeting, a rally, or on a ride with us. We may not know that person well; in fact, we would probably call them an acquaintance at any other time. But because the individual is a GWRRA member, we call them a Friend. They don't have to be somebody we go fishing or hunting with, and they don't have to have the same political opinions we do. The qualification to be a Friend in GWRRA is merely being a member of the organization. That's a wonderful testimony to GWRRA that it can cut across the demographics of age, race, marital status, ethnicity, religious belief, economic status, political leaning, and any other category you can name. We are still Friends. Not many organizations can say that. But in GWRRA you're a Friend.

The second element is Fun. GWRRA's main source of Fun is the Gold Wing motorcycle. But it isn't only from our Gold Wings that we derive Fun. It's a broad range of activities from rallies to camp-outs and road trips. The motorcycle is usually somewhere in the mix, but Fun isn't defined only as motorcycle-related. We have done silly things such as Crazy Hat month at a meeting and had more serious events such as attending a dinner theater or concert together (with our Friendsplease refer to the above paragraph related to Friends). We're all about FUN! We're always looking for some other way to have Fun and are open to suggestions.

The third element of the motto is Safety. Safety is the basis for our ability to have Fun. Without Safety, we would be unsuccessful in our pursuit of Fun. We know the result of being unsafe is not Fun for us, or our Friends. As an association, we focus on Safety at every opportunity. We have people dedicated to Safety – our Chapter Educator and our Motorcycle Awareness Division Coordinator. If we adhere to Safety principles, we will definitely have more Fun!

The fourth element of the GWRRA motto is Knowledge. Learning and Knowledge are life-long endeavors and have been proven to help maintain mental sharpness throughout our "mature years." For example, we become better Friends by learning more about others in our Chapter. And by learning the principles of group riding, we become better riding partners. When we learn more about our motorcycles, we can help our Friends if a mechanical problem arises. We enhance our lives and the lives of our Friends when we are open to Knowledge.

So there you have it – Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge!

Robin Deane

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Your Assistant Chapter Director At Work

As a chapter, we get involved with a lot of different things. Care Bear rides, motorcycle rallies both major and minor, poker runs, etc. This past month we worked as volunteers for the Second Annual Big Daddy Fest. This fund raiser is held for the NC Baptist Home located in Thomasville, NC. There was a bike show (which we know a thing or two about), lots of food (which we know LOTS about) and a car show (we like to look at old cars!).

The weather was great and there was a large crowd on hand. I was working the car show and they had a lot more cars signed up than they had planned. There were some great looking vehicles on hand and I know the judges had a hard time deciding the winner.



Me hard at work. Check out those trophies!!

Tim's Tech Tip

Checking my 1996 Owners Manuel it states to "inspect, adjust, or replace the timing belts if necessary every 100,000. Personally I would rather pay to have them checked more often. The major cost of a timing belt failure could pay for several times at the shop to have them checked! Also have the service folks to check the tensioner pulleys. I have seen these make a noise after being tightened. They may need to be replaced to cure this noise. This may save another trip to the shop.



Tim Pennington



NC-A2, Lexington, will CHANGE their meeting DATE for the month of July to the 15th due to Wing Ding . 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.

Words from our District Leadership Trainer...



THE TATER FAMILY

Many years ago, in another life, I used to tell children the age old story of “The Tater Family”. To illustrate the story I showed them five potatoes and then, one by one, I would introduce the “Tater Family” to them.

First there was “**Dick Tater**”. Dick was the kind of tater who always liked to be in charge and tell others what to do. If Dick couldn’t be in charge he pretty much stayed away from the family.

Then there was “**Speck Tater**”. Speck didn’t like to get involved and was content to just settle back and watch others do the work and if it wasn’t done to suit him he would be the first to find fault.

Next came “**Aggie Tater**”. Aggie was always looking for ways to cause problems and find others that would like to cause problems too.



Another Tater Family member was “**Emma Tater**”. Emma liked to put on a front and act like something she was not.

Finally there was “**Sweet Tater**”. All the other taters just loved Sweet Tater. She was always ready to help with whatever was needed. She walked the walk and talked the talk. She brought sunshine in to the lives of others.

I told the children this story so that they would understand that as they grew up they would meet all kinds of different people much like the Tater Family. I assured them, however, that the Tater Family was a very small one and that most families were much like Sweet Tater

With this article I am saying the same thing to those who are called upon to lead others on a volunteer basis. As you look around your Chapter, your District, or your Region you will see those that closely resemble members of the Tater Family. To be affective as a leader you have to realize that those persons, just like the Tater Family, are few in number and not a real threat to you or to the group that you lead.

For me the secret to leadership survival is to be aware of and surround myself with all of those Sweet Taters that make up our organization. They are everywhere, in your Chapter, District, and Region. Sweet Taters are those always seem to want to help out and cooperate. They always have a smile on their faces. They make you laugh and, at times, can make you cry with joy. Sweet Taters are the heart and soul of our organization, serve them well.

Leadership Quote of The Month

"Blessed is the leader who seeks the best for those he serves."

- Anonymous-

Until next time, **Paul Granger**

From Your DISTRICT DIRECTORS

WINGS OVER THE SMOKIES

Since the beginning of the year, visitation has been up and that is so encouraging. We continue to encourage your visitation and we hope all this enthusiasm will lead into Wings Over the Smokies. It is never too early to get your room reserved and your registration sent in to Judy Bankston. The entire NC District Staff would love to see each and every NC member attend and bring someone else with you, especially since our theme this year is *"The Spirit of Friendship"*. Remember one thing...this is your rally...this is our rally. We want to remind you to continue reminding your members of the special "NC" table that we will have this year. If you would like to donate something, please see Judy Hunt on this.

WING DING

Within just a few weeks many of us will be departing for Nashville TN. We want to wear our Educator hat for a moment and request that you all *please* be very careful in your travels. We know that it is not always possible, but try to ride out with others because there is safety in numbers. But if you are riding alone, be careful not to overtire yourself and remember to stay hydrated with plenty of water especially if the temperature is warm. As a reminder, the COY Selection Process will be on Sunday @ 1 pm.

This year, Region N is responsible for registration all day on Monday as well as helping out on Monday with the Poker Run table. We will be needing help, so we ask that if you are at the rally during this time, Please come by and give us a little of your time as we try to fulfill our duty. We look forward to seeing you all soon. Ride Safe,

Willie & Judy



"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."

We the people of the United States in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this .Constitution for the United States of America

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God Bless the U.S.A!

If tomorrow all the things were gone I'd worked for all my life,
And I had to start again with just my children and my wife,

I'd thank my lucky stars to be living here today,

'Cause the flag still stands for freedom and they can't take that away.

I'm proud to be an American where at least I know I'm free,
And I won't forget the men who died who gave that right to me,

And I gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today,
'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land
God Bless the U.S.A.

From the lakes of Minnesota, to the hills of Tennessee,
Across the plains of Texas, from sea to shining sea.

From Detroit down to Houston, and New York to L.A.,
There's pride in every American heart and it's time we stand and say

I'm proud to be an American where at least I know I'm free,
And I won't forget the men who died who gave that right to me,
And I gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today,
'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land
God Bless the U.S.A!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA

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Rider Ed

This month's International Rider Ed newsletter has an excellent article concerning 12 myths of motorcycle riding. For those of you who only ride with your fellow GWRRA members, you may have not heard any of these. But, if you're like me and ride with other groups some of these will be familiar. I'm going to break it up into three installments. This will give you something to look forward to next month!

12 Myths

Part 1

Myth 1: Other Drivers Don't Care About Motorcyclists:

It may seem hard to believe at times, but other drivers almost never actually want to hit you. Most of those near-misses come about because they don't always know you are there, even when you are right in front of them, seemingly in plain view. You can be obscured or completely hidden by glare, by other things on or along the road, by the cars roof pillars, the handicap hangtag, or by other traffic. Of course, not all drivers "think motorcycles" or as we see it here in MA they completely ignore the laws and think they have the right of way no matter who is around them. They could make the effort to look that extra bit harder to see if there might be a motorcyclist hidden by that obscuration or in their blind spot.

Remember most could be on their cell phone, reading their paper, looking for something that dropped on the floor which is far more important than what is on road in front of them. Instead of assuming that they will ignore you even when they see you, you should help make it easier for drivers to spot you, especially as the population ages and more drivers have greater difficulty in picking you out. To overcome the fact that you might be hard to see and harder to notice, wear bright colors, especially on your helmet and jacket. Run your high beam during the day. Think about things that can hide you and your bike from other drivers, things that can be as common as the sun behind you, the car ahead in the next lane, or a couple of roadside poles that line up on the driver's line of sight toward you. Make an effort to ride in or move to a location where drivers with potentially conflicting courses can see you before they stray your way.

Myth 2: Loud Pipes Save Lives

Yeah, there are a few situations—like when you are right next to a driver with his window down who is about to change lanes— where full-time noise-makers might help a driver notice you, but all that noise directed rearward doesn't do much in the most common and much more dangerous situation where a car turns in front of you. Maybe it's the fatigue caused by the noise, maybe it's the attitudes of riders who insist on making annoying noise, or perhaps loud bikes annoy enough drivers to make them aggressive. Whatever the reason, the research shows that bikes with modified exhaust systems crash more frequently than those with stock pipes. If you really want to save lives, turn to a loud jacket or a bright helmet color, which have been proven to do the job, or install a louder horn. Otherwise, just shut up. One major issue a few years back in a city in Massachusetts—a ban was almost imposed because of loud motorcycles imposing on the peaceful enjoyment of life by others. The courts argued that motorcycling was a privilege, not a right, and the government could eliminate or restrict such a privilege. A ban or a proposal to limit the modifications to a motorcycle was almost passed because of excessive noise.

Myth 3: Motorcycle Helmets Break Necks

It seems logical-you put more weight out there on the end of your neck and when you get thrown off the bike, that extra weight will create more pendulum force on your neck. Turns out, it doesn't work that way. In fact, the energy-absorbing qualities of a DOT motorcycle helmet also absorb the energy that breaks rider's necks on impacts. Studies show that helmeted motorcyclists actually suffer fewer neck injuries when they crash compared to riders who crash without helmets.

We have several folks who need to renew their ERC requirement. I will be looking into scheduling a class.

Until next time, Ride Safe!

Randy Dezarn

BIG DADDY FEST

2006

A sincere thanks to everyone that took part in the Second Annual "Big Daddy Fest" on Saturday, June 17, 2006. Baptist Children's Homes was able to raise an estimated \$15,000.00 which will go towards supporting children in many different programs. The day was definitely a success, with an attendance of around 700 people.

I would like to personally thank those of you from Chapter A-2 that volunteered your time, to help me with the People's Choice Bike Show. Among those that helped out were Bernie & Dottie Motley, Peggy Grotberg, Sonny & Betty Dye, Darrell & Karen Freedle, A.C. Pennington, and Tim Pennington.

We had nine bikes to enter the People's Choice Bike Show. The winners were as follows:
1st place trophy went to Jim Coan of chapter B-2 Winston with his GL-1500 and side car. 2nd place trophy went to chapter A-2's own Bernie Motley (you go Bernie!) with his GL-1200 Aspencade and 3rd place trophy went to Brian Vertefeuille of Thomasville, NC with his GL-1200 Interstate from Chapter "G" of High Point.
Congratulations to each of you!

I would also like to thank Randy Dezarn & Randy's friend, Robert Melton for helping out with the car show. I understand it was a big success as well. Last but not least, I would like to thank Bobby Dye (Sonny Dye's son) for his contribution to BCH. Bobby entertained the kids with his clown act.

I am truly grateful to each of you for your dedication & support.
Our mission at Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina is, Helping hurting children...Healing broken families.
Your generosity helps us to achieve this mission.

Ruby Pennington



RIDE CALENDAR

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 15th
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	A2 Willville Camp Ground Picnic	LSB 10:00 AM
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	TBA
August 25-26	KY District Rally	TBA
August 26	NC-B2 Care Bear Ride Winston-Salem, NC	TBA
SEPTEMBER		
September 9	NC-A Poker Run	TBA
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	Party Room 1:30
October 14	Spook Trail Ride ----Walkertown	
DECEMBER		
December 2	Gifts On Cycles	Butner, Goldsboro, & Morganton, NC



A2 Prayer List

-----Tim Becks Mother ----- Norma Freedles Mother-----
Gene Elliott



July Birthdays

Gerry Grotberg July 9
Tim Pennington July 16
Robin Deane July 25
Don Pennington July 31

GWRRR ANNIVERSARIES

Don Pennington --- 07/1990
Steve Deane --- 07/ 2001
Robin Deane --- 07/ 2001
Sonny Dye --- 07/ 2003
Betty Dye --- 07/ 2003

GWRRR RENEWALS

Steve & Robin Deane 07-2006
Joe Higgins 07-2006
Don Pennington 07-2006
Randy & Carolyn Dezarn 08-2006

July Wedding Anniversaries

Darrell And Karen Freedle

July 8

A rider on a Honda Goldwing touring motorcycle is shown navigating a winding asphalt road. The motorcycle is a large, silver and black touring model, equipped with dual headlights, a large windshield, and saddlebags. The rider is wearing a helmet and a dark jacket. The road curves to the right, bordered by a white line and a yellow double line. The background is a dense, green forest.

A side-profile photograph of a rider on a silver Honda Goldwing touring motorcycle. The rider is wearing a black jacket with red accents, blue jeans, black riding boots, and a silver helmet. The motorcycle is equipped with large saddlebags, a top case, and dual antennas. It is traveling on a road with a blurred background of trees and foliage.

A motorcyclist wearing a helmet and leather gear is leaning into a turn on a paved road. The motorcycle is silver and red. The background shows a dense green forest.

SEGA is really Having a BALL Riding the Dragon (Deals Gap)

Chapter A2 WILLVILLE CAMPING PICNIC

July 29, 2006

Leave LSB 10:00

Camping at Willville & Chapter
Picnic

Bring your own Meat

Everyone

Buns

Lettuce, Tomatoes

Bernie Motley

Chili

Randy Dezarn

Slaw, Onions

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Potato Salad

Dottie Motley

Baked Beans

Cathy Beck

Pickles & Relish

Bill Plyler

Watermelon / Sliced

Robin Deane

Cantaloupe / Sliced

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Mayonnaise, Mustard

Gary Everhart

Potatoe Chips

Tim Beck

Diet Coke, Diet Pepsi

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Coke, Pepsi

Pepsi - Karen Freedle

Lemonaide

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Sierra Mist

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Mountain Dew

Karen Freedle

Plates, Cups, Forks, Napkins

Peggy Grotberg

Salt, Pepper

Bernie Motley

Doughnuts

Debbie Everhart

Brownies

Karen Freedle

White Wine Cake/sliced

Ruby Pennington



Thank you so much to everyone that has signed up to bring something , Dottie


**There are still some items no-one has signed up to bring , If you could or would bring something that no-one has signed up for , Please see Dottie Motley and sign the list .
Dottie will have the list at the July 15th Chapter Meeting .**

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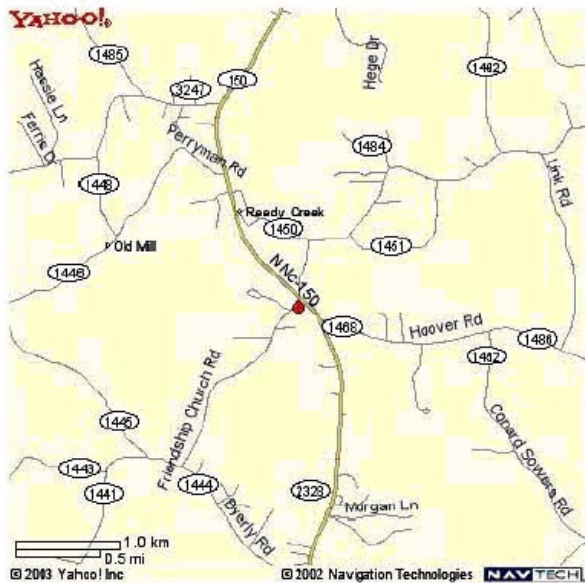
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Lexington, NC

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 :
July Meeting has Been
RESCHEDULED for
July 15, 2006
Same Time & Place

Piedmont Gold Wings Two
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