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Staff	http://www.geocities.com/gwrranca2/	MOTORCYCLE PARKING
ctors: Deane	Chapter Directors Corner	ONLY
363	Wings Over the Smokies (WOS) 2006	
reness or: ne rector, cator	Again NC A-2 will be greeting those arriving to pick up pre-registration packets. The following is important information for WOS 2006: <u>Armbands</u> – People may place their armband <u>anywhere</u> they wish, as long as it is visible going into the gates. <u>However, in order to win the Grand Prize</u> (Goldwing), 50/50 and other prizes at Closing Ceremonies, OR participate in the Bike Show, the armband MUST be on the wrist. This information must be	Mike & Angie Mitchell Region N Directors 3306 Listerbrook Court Richmond VA 23230 804-266-7280 <u>gwtgger@aol.com</u>
aster:	given to everyone who picks up a pre-registration packet.	
arn	Ticket Numbers – The armband number is to be written on the back of all	2006 WINGS OVER THE
s: bie	50/50, door prize, and any other tickets. There will be a table in Davis Arena	SMOKIES September 21.22.23
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ators:	Day Passes – Those who purchase day passes on Saturday may attend Closing	
nington	Ceremonies.	NC DISTRICT STAFF
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ion:	WOS is available by contacting the gate attendants.	
ion	Entertainment – Entertainment on Thursday night will end at 8:30 p.m. prior	
ady	to the Light Show. Tickets will be available for Friday night entertainment to	
((The Embers) for \$10 at the gate.	
visor:	And here is additional information about WOS 2006:	www.gwrranc.org District Directors
ton	<u>Red Hat Fashion Show</u> – It is not necessary to be a member of the Red Hat	Willie & Judy Hunt 910-739-7369
nts r:	Society to participate. The fashion show is scheduled for 12:00 Noon on Friday	100 Peacock Lane Lumberton, NC 28358
r: Iton	September 22 nd . Wear Red and Purple for those 50+ and Pink and Lavender	thehunts@nc.rr.com
ntacts:	for those under 50.	fax: 910-739-0768
ey	<u>Couples Selection</u> – The District Couple of the Year selection will take place	
21	at the Holiday Inn on Friday at 9:00 a.m.	Assistant District Directors
tors :	Post Office – WOS Stamp – Again this year you can purchase a postcard at	(Central)
ey 21 207 4700	the Goodies Table and have it stamped with a special WOS stamp as a special treat	<i>Tom & Beverly Gladfelter</i> 2418 Cambridge Rd
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Chapter Couple Open Position

Worker Shirts – Everyone who is working (and receiving a worker shirt) <u>must be fully registered for WOS</u>

by August 31st. Workers' names will be removed from the shirt list on September 1st if not fully registered.

Workers' Drawing at Closing Ceremonies – Only the winner will be allowed to pick up the prize. If a worker

is not present, the prize will be sent to him or her.

The work schedule is provided. Every effort has been made to accommodate your requested shift. Please contact us as soon as possible if you are unable to work the shift to which you are assigned. We will make any changes necessary to meet your needs.

<u>Please note we need two to four more workers for each of the opening shifts on Thursday morning and the closing shift on Friday evening.</u> Please call us if you are available to work any of these shifts.

We anticipate another FUN time at Wings Over the Smokies in 2006. We sincerely appreciate your help as we of Chapter NC A-2 once again as we represent the friendliest district rally in the Region, if not the whole Southeast! See you at Wings Over the Smokies!

You have to be FULLY Registered to work the WOTS rally .



Assistant Chapter Director Corner

This past month has been great for Chapter rides. After many attempts we finally got to go the Greenfields. In past years it has always rained but this year the weather was great. We also took a trip to one of our favorite places: Shirley's Restaurant in Tennessee. Afterwards many of the group took off for an unplanned side trip that involved some pretty wild times I'm told! If nothing else we know where the best places to eat are. There are some pictures on the website of the Shirley's trip. Our biggest trip of the year is coming up. Plan to take some time to give your bike a good inspection. Randy



CHILDREN'S GIFT RIDE

Each year the North Carolina Highway Patrol sponsors a ride <u>Gifts to Kids at Christmas</u>. They raise money to give children a shopping trip to Wal-Mart to purchase gifts for themselves and their families. This year, as before, the ride will be in cooperation with Ray's Cycle Shop. The riders will be escorted by the N.C. Highway Patrol for a ride thru the countryside. Everyone is invited, so bring a friend and join us in this ride, so that the kids will have a great Christmas

DATE – October 8 ,2006

RAIN DATE October 15

MEETING PLACE – Ray's Cycle Shop, Thomasville, N.C.

REGISTRATION FEE - \$10.00 per Bike

ARRIVE AT CLASSIC RESTAURANT IN DENTON - 2:00 PM

REGISTRATION - 11 AM

LEAVE AT - 12 NOON

Door prizes, 50/50, Gift Certificates

Eddie Baker: Coordinator

Rider Ed.

We are concluding our series on motorcycles myths. This info comes from the International Rider Ed newsletter.

12 Myths

Part 3

Myth 8: If You Are Going to Crash, Lay It Down.

I suspect this line was developed by riders to explain why they ended up flat-sidedown while trying to avoid a crash. They overbraked or otherwise lost control, then tried to explain the crash away as intentional and tried to make it sound like it wasn't a crash at all. Maybe the motorcycle brakes were so bad that you could stop better by sliding or tumbling. If so, that hasn't been true for decades. You can scrub off much more speed before impact with effective braking than you will by sliding down the road on your butt. And if you are still on the bike, you might get thrown over the car you collide with, avoiding an impact with your body. If you slide into a car while you are on the ground, you either have a hard stop against it or end up wedged under it. Remember that the phrase "I laid'er down to avoid a crash" is an oxymoron, often repeated by some other kind of moron. The only events where being on the ground *might* leave you better off are: 1) on an elevated roadway where going over the guardrail will cause you to fall a long way, or 2) in that situation you see occasionally in movies, where the motorcyclist slides under a semi trailer without touching it.

Myth 9: One Beer Won't Hurt

Maybe not while you are drinking it, but if you get on your motorcycle after that, the effects of a single beer can get you hurt for life. No matter how unaffected you are sure you are, all the studies say differently. You increase your risk to yourself and to others when you drink and hit the road. Also, as you age, your metabolism slows down, and those "coupla drinks" you had last night may still be affecting you when you hit the road the next morning.

Myth 10: It's Better to Stay in Your Lane than Split Lanes

In most parts of the world, motorcycles split lanes all the time, everywhere traffic is heavy. Here in the U.S., people often act as if lane-splitting is insane. But when someone actually studied it in the only place in the U.S. where it's legal (California), they discovered it's actually slightly safer than staying in the lane in heavy, slow-moving traffic. Still many motorcyclists berate others who do it, when they should in fact be endorsing it. <u>GWRRA Rider Education MSF instructors will not endorse or recommend anyone lane-splitting on any roadway. Remember, the study said a slightly safer move. It is not a safer move, it only takes one door opening to make it an unsafe act. A car moving over because they do not see you coming up the lane can be very dangerous and very unsafe. Stay in a lane and move lane to lane when it is feasible.</u>

Myth 11: I'm Safer on the Street than on an Interstate

The thinking here must be that slower is safer, but that's only really true after the accident begins. Controlled-access roadways are inherently safer because all the traffic is going the same way, and there are no side streets from which someone can pop into your path, no pedestrians, and, often, less roadside "furniture" to hit if you depart the roadway. Running down the road at 70 mph side-by-side with the whirling wheels of a semi may feel hairy, but you are actually safer than at half that speed on a city street or even a country road.

Myth 12: A Skilled Rider Can Stop Better with Conventional Brakes than with Anti-Lock Brakes

Extensive testing done recently disproves this popular notion. Even on clean, dry, flat pavement, skilled experienced riders (who did hundreds of panic stops for the testing on outrigger-equipped motorcycles) stopped in less distance with anti-lock brakes (ABS) than with conventional or linked braking systems. Though the tests didn't include samples on surfaces with slick, dirty or wet spots, ABS certainly would have performed even better under those conditions while eliminating much of the risk of crashing. The other cool thing about ABS on a motorcycle is that allows you to safely practice panic stops without risking a crash caused by lock-up. Anyway, the next time some one tells you they had to "lay it down" or that green bikes crash more than purple ones, you can nod and snicker internally or challenge them. Just don't base your own riding choices on what other people assume unless there is some solid science to back it up.

In a couple of weeks we will be heading to Wings Over the Smokies. **NOW** is the time to check out your bike.

Until next time, Ride Safe!

Randy

Tim - The Tech Guy

In Rider Magazine's Tech Q & A Department a fellow asked, if it was true that jump starting a motorcycle from a automobile could destroy the bikes electrical system. Chris Sidah the tech guy for Rider stated that it is okay to jump a12 volt negative ground bike from a 12 volt negative ground automobile ,as long as you connect the positive cable first directly from battery terminal to battery terminal. And for safety, connect the negative cable to a good ground close to each battery. He said to try it first without the automobile running. If that does not work disconnect the cables, start the car, reconnect the cables in the same order as above and try again. Maybe this will clear up the myth of not jumping motorcycles with automobiles!!



Tim Pennington



News from National:

Subject: New Office Hours Press Release - Member Services and Wing World going to 4-10's From: Don Brock

Ladies and Gentlemen, A Press Release has been posted for a change in hours of Operation for the Home Office effective August 7, 2006.

The "Hours of Operation" for the Member Services team will be from 6:30 am to 5:30 pm Monday thru Thursday. This should help with a lot of the "Just Missed" calls from the Members. With the enhanced access via the web and the ten hour phone coverage for the Members we saw our Friday call volume drop to a minimum.

Event Management and Wing World will match those hours as well. As for myself, you can still reach me any time at my home number of 602-485-3850 or my cell number of 509-430-7143. Both numbers are message capable and, if I am not immediately available, I will return your call as soon as possible. Please share the press release with your Districts and Chapters as soon as possible.

Also : "If you want to be listed in the 2007 Gold Book, please check the status of your records before our November 1, 2006, deadline to ensure your listing is correct." The annual Gold Book directory is compiled by the Home Office staff in December and is printed in early January for mail distribution with the March issue of Wing World in early February.

Warm Regards, Don Brock







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The following is information forwarded from Dennis and Kathy Hull, Western Assistant District Directors. It makes a good point always check before attending another chapter's meeting, just in case something has changed. At the end of the message is a list of changes to chapter meetings for the next few months. Please review that as well and visit the district website occasionally to keep up to date. Have a great day....Robin and Steve Deane

CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Please share this information with your chapter members

gwrranc.org

We recently received a telephone call from a somewhat disgruntled chapter member who had just ridden some 80 miles in order to visit another chapter, only to reach the restaurant and discover that the meeting had been cancelled in favor of a 5th Saturday multi-chapter open invitational ride, and this visitor was the only one who showed up at the regular meeting time and place. In this case, the chapter meeting change information had been posted on the GWRRA-NC website for well over two months, and was also published in the North Carolina District newsletter.

As always we encourage all of our members to become actively involved in the chapter visitation programs, and we certainly do not want anything to take place which might dampen those visitation spirits. We understand that a fruitless visit to another chepter, only to find that the regular meeting will not take place, can lead to disappointment and frustration, which is the very last thing that we want to happen with our exciting visatation program.

With that in mind, we always encourage (as has always been the case) any member who is planning to visit another chapter to first visit the North Carolina District website for the most current information regarding chapter meeting changes and cancellations. Also, on that site is a list of Chapter Directors along with their contact information, which is quite useful in making a quick telephone call to verify the chapter meeting times, locations, changes or cancellations. A visit to the website, and even a phone call to a CD, takes much less time and effort than an 80 mile ride to find yourself holding a chapter meeting all alone.

Please encourage all of your chapter members to frequently visit our District Website gwrranc.org. On that site members can find all sorts of interesting information such as, chapter information, district information, District Newsletters, *Wings Over the Smokies* information, the latest information on the various plaque chases, news from the Membership Enhancement Division, Motorist Awareness Division, Recruiting and Retention, Goody Sales, an Events Calendar, and much more. A great deal of time and effort goes into keeping this website current, and filled with tons of interesting and informative information.

Thanks in advance for passing this information on to your members and for encouraging the use of our GWRRA-NC District Website gwrranc.org Dennis & Kathy

CHAPTER MEETING CHANGES

NC-D, Greenville, will CHANGE their meeting LOCATION beginning in August to Parkers, 3109 Memorial Dr. Same date and time.

NC-F2, Garner, will CHANGE their meeting DATE for the month of September to the 28th due to Wings Over the Smokies. Same time and place.

NC-I, Asheville, will CANCEL their meeting for the month of September.

NC-M2, Hendersonville, will CHANGE their meeting DATE for the month of September to the 23rd (during Wings Over the Smokies) to allow NC Chapters to get their Chapter cards and visitation cards signed. Same time and place.

NC-S2, Sanford, will CANCEL their meeting for the month of September.

NC-W2, Jefferson, will CANCEL their meeting for the month of September.

NC-Y, Morganton, will CHANGE their meeting DATE for the month of September to the 5th Saturday, September 30th. Same time and place.

NC-B, Goldsboro, will CHANGE their October monthly meeting to be held at their Lawn Tractor Pull event on October28th Some Chapter Meetings have been canceled for December : Check the State Web Site For Updates or CALL the CD before heading out .

A-2 Across the Sea

The Spanish Proposition:

Hey everybody! I suppose I should introduce myself... I'm Cara Beck (a.k.a. Tim and Cathy's typically missing-in-action daughter). The reason for my latest disappearance is guite good actually...Spain!

Traveling has always been a magic word for me, but one country in particular stood out. From the time I took my first Spanish class in ninth grade, I was in love with Spain: Flamenco, Bullfights, the Language, culture, food, everything! Finally, four years later, I was halfway through my first semester of my freshman year of college at UNCG when I learned of the trip of my dreams. The Spanish department was taking a group of around 40 students to Madrid, Spain for five weeks. The students were to live with a Senora (the lady-of-thehouse who would feed you and do your laundry), take two Spanish courses at a local school, and do tons of sightseeing. After several talks with my parents..."I promise, Mom, I'll be careful. I know it's a big city..."No, dad, I won't talk to the Spanish boys."...finally, it was a go!

On June 20th, I arrived at my Senora Marta's fourth floor apartment in Madrid. While I did have the company of my English speaking roommate, Lisa, you should know that Marta spoke absolutely NO ENGLISH! Communicating at first was very difficult. "Si" was definitely the most used phrase for the first couple of weeks. As the short time went by oh-so-quickly, speaking in Spanish got easier. I got to know my wonderful Senora and the beautiful city that she loves.

Madrid is without-a-doubt, the largest city I've ever been in all my life. The taxi's zoom about with no obvious direction. Most buildings are only about eight stories tall- no skyscrapers. The people spend their mornings at either work or school but enjoy the "siesta" from around 2pm to 5 or 6pm. If you are not familiar with the siesta, it is a tradition I feel that the United States should adopt as soon as humanly possible. Schools, businesses, restaurants, most public facilities all close up and the people return home for lunch and a 4-hour nap or rest. This is wonderful! yet very inconvenient until you, yourself conform to the system.

While living in Madrid, my group visited: Avila (a Medieval walled city of great importance during the time Muslims were attempting to take over Spain), Segovia (a city home to the aqueducts from the time the Romans occupied Spain), Toledo (where once Christians, Muslims, and Jews lived together in peace), Barcelona (1992 Summer Olympic Games were held here), and Mallorca (a breath-taking resort island off the coast of Spain).

You may also be interested to know that while in Madrid I saw millions of motorcycles, scooters, and sport bikes, but only a total of three Goldwings.

Now, I know how much my family enjoys riding our Goldwing and being a part of the GWRRA, so, I make a motion that A-2 should relocate to the awesome city of Madrid, Spain- such a wonderful city deserves to be filled with those beautiful bikes and friendly people! Anybody with me?

Cara Beck



September Birthdays September 3rd Jim Loveless Sue Stalter September 17th Emily Cabiness September 29th

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Tim Beck's Mother Sue Stalter's Mother



GWRRA Anniversaries

Debbie Everhart 2002

GWRRA Renewals None This Month

Wedding Anniversaries Bernie & Dottie Motley September 12th **25 Years** with my Loving Wife September 18th Steve & Robin Deane 13 Years

Our First Trip The date: April 2003.

I saw a VTX 1300 Motorcycle that I liked. This is what turned me on to getting a motorcycle! I started looking at the VTX's and I was guided by two people in the direction of the GL-1800 instead of the VTX. One was a customer of Piedmont Honda of Salisbury. He said "If you ride it, you will buy it ". The other person was Jr Freedle. Jr said the Gold wing was the ONLY way to Go. I took his advice and bought a new GL-1800 and had never ridden one before. I went from a CB-750 (that I owned) to the Big Elephant size bike of the 1800.

My First trip was to Honda Hoot in Knoxville, Tennessee on a Saturday morning in June. Jr had asked Karen and I to ride up there with Norma and His-self . HE said we needed to get in shape for the following trip we had planned with them on the following 4^{th} Of July

The Big Trip started when we left out from their home at 6:00 AM on Saturday morning. Before we headed South Jr and Norma let us use space in their cargo trailer to haul our travel bag. We stopped for breakfast at Waffle House and Jr got Karen hooked on Pecan Waffles. We stopped for Gas and breaks along the way.

We got on I-95 and the traffic was bumper to bumper at 80 mph. We spent the night just north of Daytona due to a storm. The next morning we headed out and the Freedle's gave us a Grand Tour of Daytona Beach and the Kenedy Space Center. We went South and spent the next night in Palm Springs , Fl. The next morning we took off and rode down to Miami. Traffic was walk and ride for a while . We bypassed Miami and headed for Key West.

We arrived in Key West Monday afternoon . We stayed at Holiday Inn and had a Water Front view . We rode around the Point until we could not travel any futher---We were at the END of Key West.

Tuesday, we headed up North through the heart of Florida. We stopped and took an Air Boat Ride into the Everglades. We saw Gators and Eagles in their natural habitat. Next our trip was on Hwy. 27 to Silver Springs where we took a Glass Bottom Boat Tour. We rode our way back up through Florida.

Our next stop was Atlanta, Ga. where we took a tour of the Coke-A-Cola Home Office Plant. We left Atlanta and headed to Helen, Georgia where we toured the Cabbage Patch Kids Hospital and then toured the town. The next day we headed home. We rode the mountain trail towards Asheville and went through Bridal Falls and got home on Friday.

We traveled for 7 days and had a different bed every night, we traveled around 2400 miles that week and had a wonderful time. We owe that trip to Jr and Norma and for showing us everything, and all the Good places to Eat. Jr & Norma should go into the Motorcycle Tour Guide Service. Thanks again to Jr & Norma for an Awesome trip.

We would Never have seen All these places without riding our Gold Wing .

Darrell Freedle













RIDE TO GREENFIELDS

On August 5 we met at LSB in Lexington to ride to Greenfields, a family style restaurant, near West Jefferson. The weather was great, as Bernie and Dottie, Randy and Carolyn, Tim and Ruby, Darrell Freedle and Sonny and Betty started their trip. We met Gerry and Peggy in Mocksville. Arriving at the restaurant, hungry as usual, we all enjoyed a great "spread" of ham, chicken and all the trimmings. After lunch Randy and Carolyn left us to visit relatives near by and Darrell decided to return down the mountain. The remainder of the group rode to Boone then on to the Blue Ridge Parkway. The parkway is always an enjoyable ride. Maybe they built it just for motorcycles, because a lot of us certainly take advantage of the beautiful scenery. We visited the church, The Holy Trinity, located at Glendale Springs. This is one of the 2 churches in Ashe County that have the Fresco paintings. If you haven't visited one of the churches it is certainly is worth the trip. With Bernie and Dottie in the lead we continued home passing by Stone Mountain Park. We all enjoyed another great day of fun and fellowship.

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER RIDES RECAPPED: AUGUST 4

The sky was threatening but Darrell and Karen, and Tim and Ruby braved the elements and rode their bikes, while Bernie and Dottie, Sonny and Betty were not as brave and drove their cars. We all enjoyed our meal at Kimono Japanese Restaurant and topped off the night with a stop at Sonic Drive –In, for ice cream of course.

AUGUST 11

We rode to J&S Cafeteria in High Point .

Bernie & Dottie, AC, Tim & Ruby, Sonny & Betty, AL & Robin and other guest : George Foster, Jim & Gail Simpson and Rick Simpson from Vermont, who was visiting with his brother Jim Simpson. The food and Fellowship were enjoyed by all.

AUGUST 19

Diary-O in Stanlyville The Foot –Long Hot Dogs were good and there was a surprise visit by the local Corvette Club . AC , Randy, Tim & Ruby and others were there and the weather was nice for a Good Ride

> AUGUST 20 Saturday Ride To SHIRLEY'S Restaurant in TENNESSEE



It was a beautiful day for a ride as we left Lexington for Shirley's, a family style restaurant, in Tennessee. Bernie, Dottie, Randy, Carolyn, AC, Ruby, Tim, Bill, Sonny and Betty, left LSB on Saturday morning. We met Steve, Robin, Gerry and Peggy in Mocksville. It was great ride to Boone and around the curves of Watauga Lake that lead us to our first stop, Shirley's. A great meal was enjoyed by all. After a long rest on the porch AC, Randy and Carolyn headed home. The remainder of the group rode to a picnic area where we watched the skiers and boaters enjoying the afternoon sun. Steve, Robin and Bill headed home also. The rest of the group decided to spend the night and rode onto Elizabethton. A trip to Rite-Aid was a must as we had no provisions for the night. I think we will all pack necessities for such an occasion in the future. Sunday morning brought clouds and some rain, but Bernie made the day by guiding us to the Watauga Dam



A perfect spot for reflecting on all our blessings and being thankful for all our friends and family. Too soon is was time to go home, but we will go back again and hope that others will join us next time.Betty Dye



To All our members that haven't been with us. YOU are really missing some Good Rides and Good Times enjoyed by ALL that participate. We rode 140 miles from Lexington To Shirleys in Tennessee and had a Wonderful Time . The Food was Good and the Fellowship was even Better. Lets Ride :

August 25

This Friday night ride wound up at John Waynes in Lexington after a few moments of Dismay.

Sonny & Betty were on their way to Chars when their trike developed a problem . The rear U-Joint in their trike decided to take a trip on its own and dumped the drive shaft out on the highway leaving them stranded . A passing couple on a Valkyrie came up to Chars and told us that Sonny was broke down and needed some help. AC Pennington volunteered his motorcycle trailer and we took Sonny home to get his truck and then to AC's home to get his trailer to haul Sonnys Trike home on. Gerry & Sonny got the trike loaded safety and then we all joined the rest of the group at John Waynes for Dinner. Thanks to AC Pennington and Friends helping Friends , we got Sonny fixed up and we all had a good night. Thanks to the passing Couple on their Valkyrie for coming to Chars and letting us know one of our members was in need of some help. AC, Peggy & Gerry, Bernie & Dottie, Steve & Robin , Sonny & Betty , Steve & Ann Cline and George Foster were on the Dinner Ride.

Also, Thanks to Gary Everhart for is assistance in locating parts for their Trike repair, and to AC for letting us use his motorcycle trailer to get the Trike home to Sonny's. It was a short ride, but being with your friends and having fun is what it's all about.

Join us for our Friday night Dinner rides. We meet at Chars on North Main Street in Lexington every Friday night, choose a restaurant and go for an enjoyable ride. See you Friday Night.

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US 220 — MP 121.4	US 58 — MP 177.7	US 52 — MP 199	9.4 VA 89 ·	— MP 215.8
North Carolina				
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US 221 — MP 317.5 NC 226 — MP 330.9 NC 226A - MP 334 US 70 — MP 382.4				
US 74A — MP 384.7 US 25 —	MP 388.1 NC 191	— MP 393.6 US 276	— MP 411.9	US 74/23 — MP 443.1
US 19 — MP 455.7				





How We Learned to Love Motorcycle Camping

Five years ago Steve and I took our first Goldwing, 1976 GL 1000, our (old) new bike, on a camping trip. We towed our cargo trailer loaded up with tent, sleeping bags, and all the camping gear we could squeeze into it and headed for the North Mills River campground outside of Brevard, NC, off Highway 276. Getting to the campground was a beautiful ride. The road is twisty and winding as it meanders by river and farmland, passing by fields full of ripe, fragrant tomatoes as they began to fade at the end of the season. Their scent was almost as delightful as eating that summertime treat – the 'Mater Sandwich.

We had a riverfront site on the North Mills River, which is a small, mostly shallow, river with a rocky bottom and a healthy population of trout. We spotted one large trout (of undetermined species) and named him Scarface because his appearance. He must have been a wily old trout, because he had grown to a remarkable size and would be a real catch for any of the many fishermen that we saw moving down the river in their waders. We perched our lawn chairs on the edge of the riverbank, discouraging said fishermen from exploring our stretch of the river. Scarface didn't expend any more energy than necessary; remaining predictably within a 20-foot stretch across the river. As night fell, Scarface was in his same spot. When we awoke each morning, we checked to see if he made it through the night. Yep, he was there in the same spot every morning.





We had the chance to meet the campground hosts, a retired gentleman and his wife who lived in an RV parked at the entrance to the campground. They worked for a vendor who contracted with the park service to provide campground hosts. They would stay through the summer season and then move on to another campground. Each night they went to sleep to the whisper of the breeze through the forest and the music of the North Mills River beside them.

The ride each day was a new adventure on our (old) new bike. We reveled in the thrill of twisty roads, leaning from one curve into the next curve, connecting the patches of light and shadows as they danced on the highway. The days were getting cooler and shorter, and we were fortunate to have no rain during the entire week. What a glorious week it was!

The days went by too quickly, and it seemed too soon to go as we readied our bike and trailer for the trip home. Scarface had remained in his appointed spot throughout the week, and we bade him goodbye and good luck as we pulled out of the campsite for home.

Today we have much better accommodations for camping and a bigger, newer motorcycle. But our memories of the trip to North Mills River are a pleasant reminder of how we learned to love motorcycle camping. We wonder from time to time if Scarface is still in his favorite spot in the North Mills River and if the tomato fields are still as fragrant at the end of their season. We'll have to go back again some day to relive the days when we came to love motorcycle camping.

.....Robin Deane



Many of our Service Men and Women are being called back for another Tour of Duty in IRAQ and Afghanistan . Keep them in your thoughts and prayers for a Safe Return.

We Thank You for Keeping our Country Safe.

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.



<u>CHAPTER A-2</u> WORKERS' SCHEDULE

	THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon Workers Packets Only	Robin & Steve Deane Debbie & Gary Everhart
12:00 Noon – 2:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Robin & Steve Deane Debbie & Gary Everhart Bill Plyler AC Pennington Betty Dye
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Robin & Steve Deane Bernie & Dottie Motley Bill Plyler AC Pennington

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	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 A	gricultural Center Fletcher, NC
	OCTOBER	
October 7	Ride Planning Meeting (Venezia) Advance	Party Room 1:30
October 8	Children's Gift Ride (Rays Cycle Shop)	10:45 AM @ LSB
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NEXT MEETING :

September 5,2006

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