





Last month was productive for Rider Education. Bill Plyer and Barry Swing received their Level patches. Congratulations and Ride Safe.





If you ride a motorcycle long enough you will find out that owning a motorcycle has its ups and downs. I'm not talking about the emotional highs and lows of motorcycling. I'm talking about no matter how careful you are, one day you may drop your bike.

The first time I dropped a bike it was at an intersection. I came to a stop and firmly planted my left foot on some loose gravel. Over I went. When I had my GL 1100, my cousin's youngest son decided to climb on it while we were in the house. Over it went. Luckily he didn't get injured. A couple of years ago, Carolyn and I were riding with some friends and were parking in a yard. I put the kick stand down. The ground was soft. Over we went.

In the latest edition of the *Gold Book* Nick Hoppner demonstrates the Boyd Lift, a technique developed by the late "GL Joe" Boyd. You can find the article with lots of pictures beginning on page 11-14.

I'll summarize the eight steps listed in the article.

- 1. Be sure the engine is stopped then put you transmission in reverse (if you have it) or engage the gears.
- 2. With your back to the bike put you right hand on the left handlebar (assuming the bike fell on its left side).
- 3. Grab the rear seat hand rail with your left hand.
- 4. Position yourself with your hips against the seat.
- 5. Place your feet about shoulder width apart and bend your knees slightly. Do not lift with your back!
- 6. Shuffle your feet backwards and lift with your legs.
- 7. When the bike is almost upright, lower the kickstand with your right foot.
- 8. Step away.

The North Carolina Chapter Educators are selling raffle tickets to benefit NC GWRRA Rider Education. The Grand Prize is \$1,000 cash or \$2,000 off a Bushtec Trailer. First Prize is \$500 cash and three Second Prizes of \$100 each.

Drawing will be held at the closing ceremonies at Wings Over the Smokies on September 22, 2007. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the chapter meetings.

Randy

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Once again we were entertained at the February meeting with a Barbershop Quartet. We've received lots of comments on how much folks enjoyed to singing. Hopefully we will be able to continue this every February.

Chasing the plaques seems to be very popular this year. A group went to B2's meeting and they had a good crowd. Chapter R won the plaque for the second time this year. And its only February!

The TAR HEEL TRAVELER is with NC-D2, New Bern. It will be available at their next monthly meeting on March 19th at Golden Corral, 400 Hotel Drive (corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and Hotel Drive). Eat at 6:30 PM, meet at 7:30 PM.



Randy

A2 Chapter Couple

Last Month Sonny & Betty Dye won the Couples Plaque at Chapter N's meeting in Burlington and brought it home to Chapter A2. As a result we had 9 of the 10 chapter couples from the central district present at our February meeting. We had 83 Goldwingers present and a WELL DONE to Sonny & Betty.

Gene & Darlene Coffey from Chapter N Won the Couples Plaque and we had a Great meeting as we were once again entertained by the Barber Shop Quartet that Steve Deane invited to our meeting. Darlene Coffey from Burlington was Serinated and Swooned by the Quartet and it was a sight to see . Darlene was a Good Sport and we all had fun watching her get swept away by the quartet.



NEWS FROM YOUR CHAPTER COUPLE

Hi folks, we have been chasing the Couples Plaque, and having a great time making new friends.

We won the plaque at Chapter N, Burlington, and gave it away at our own meeting in February. So far we have visited 7 chapters, B2, (Winston Salem) H2 (Durham), N (Burlington), P (Asheboro), R (Thomasville), X2 (Mt. Airy) and Y (Morganton). The meetings have been well attended, usually 7 to 9 couples. We look forward to a future meeting with all 10 couples in attendance. On the road again, Sonny and Betty



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GOOD NEWS FROM DISTRICT

Chapter U in Lumberton had their February Chapter Meeting to discuss the Future of their Chapter

"I am happy to say Chapter U is Alive and Well and Open for Busness."

Willie Hunt (DD)



Sonny & Betty Dye

- 2003





Some of us from the chapter spent a Wingless Weekend at Myrtle Beach , SC and had a Good time together. These trips are open to All members that care to join us .



Next trip we have planned is a Overnight Trip to Raleigh to visit the Museums by way of a Ride on the AMTRAK Train from Salisbury . Tickets are \$40 per person round trip . Anyone interested , contact : Dottie Motley (336) 764-5321 Leaving Salisbury March 24th and Return to Salisbury March 25th



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Rider Education Update

This month we also had a First Aid/CPR class at Davidson County Community College. The class was attended by Gerry and Peggy, Bernie and Dottie, Sonny and Betty, Bill, Carolyn and Randy. We were also joined by Ron and Viege Beeson from B2 and David and Regenia Denny from X2.

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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 :

March 6, 2007

Piedmont Gold Wings Two Chapter NC A2 781 Waitman Rd. Lexington, NC 27295

