



Gold Notes :

Piedmont Gold Wings Two
Lexington Style
May 2007

News From Your Chapter Directors

Chapter A2 meets the 1st
Tuesday of every month at
Capt'n Stevens on Hwy.150

Get ready for Wings Over the Smokies!

This year there are several incentives for the chapters to boost member pre-registration. The chapter who has the highest number of members in a chapter pre-registered will receive a \$100 prize and a second award of \$100 will be given for the highest percentage of chapter members pre-registered. A-2 has always been a chapter with a high percentage of members both attending the rally and working for the chapter during the rally. We think we should be able to win \$100 on that one - so get your registration in now! Please be sure to list Chapter A-2 on your registration so you can be counted toward our percentage of pre-registered members.

Of course, all workers at the rally must be fully registered. We rely on everyone to help perform the job we've been assigned. It's been fun to meet people from all over the country and see people we know from all over the state. You also get a rally shirt (purchased by the chapter as a thank-you for your time and effort). We must turn in our rally shirt order in to District during the summer, and everyone who we order a shirt for must be fully registered. We'll circulate a shirt form and worker list at a meeting later in the year.

Hotel rooms are going fast. If you don't have a room reserved yet, and you need information on where to call, please contact us.

We're looking forward to a great Hawaiian-themed Wings Over the Smokies in September. Perhaps this is the year one of us will win that new Gold Wing! Just think, you (or me) walking up to the stage and taking possession of the shiny, new 2007 GL 1800 and the trailer with lots of goodies already installed. Wouldn't *that* be exciting?

Till then.....
Robin and Steve Deane



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Rider Education



The last couple of weekends proved to be bad for riding. With the wind and rain it was best to take the car or just stay inside. But what happens if you are caught out in such weather? It could be a perfectly calm day as you start. But, this time of the year it can change quickly.

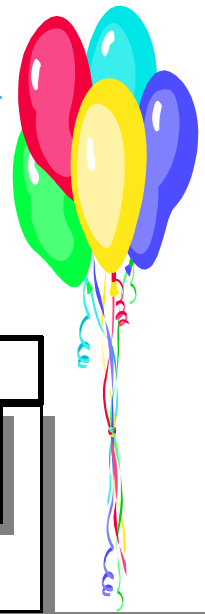
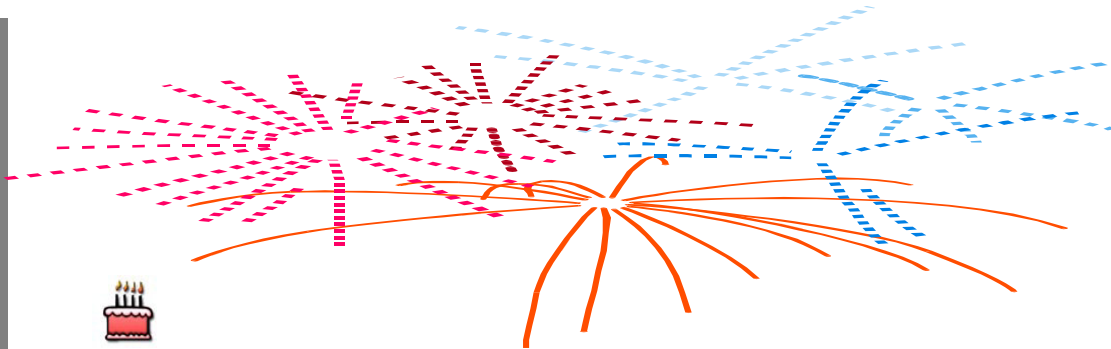
If the weather turns bad on you, find a place to hunker down. I've pulled into a car wash before to escape the rain and high winds. Try to find a location that will protect you and the bike from flying debris. High winds can also blow your bike over. If no protection is available, point the bike into the wind as much as possible.

Ride Safe!
Randy



The North Carolina Chapter Educators are selling raffle tickets to benefit NC GWRRRA 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.



BIRTHDAYS / Wedding Anniversaries / GWRRRA Anniversaries

Norma Freedle May 11th
Kyle Freedle ... May 29th
Marshall Lanning May 29th
Guy Hanes May 30th

None

Joe Higgings May 2001
Sue Stalter May 2004

Ramblings from The Rambling Ride Coordinator

The weather is getting nice now. We had Good turnout for the Round Robin ride. We were 15 and the weather was just right. Becky and I enjoyed our first chapter ride in her Vett. It made a nice follow on unit.. Get ready for our First camping/motel at Willville MCG. Also in May The Gals will get Pampered. So come on out and lets plan hard to get lost.

All the Best Riding

Bill

“NEWS FROM YOUR CHAPTER COUPLE”

We attended a “Couples Gathering” in Burlington on April 7th.

Eddie and Ann Allen were our host for the meeting. We had a great time, meeting new friends and greeting other couples that we have gotten to know in our travels.

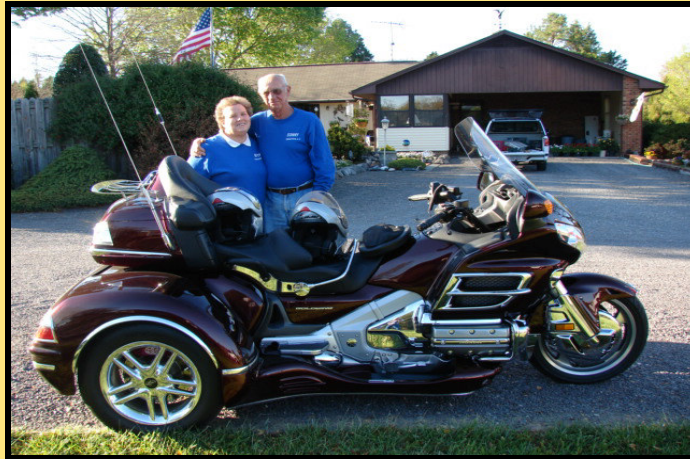
The Couples program and chasing the Couples Plaque is bringing out more members to the meetings. The Central District has the largest number of Couples and there has been a good attendance at all the meetings.

This month we were able to attend several meetings:

- ♦ B2 in Winston Salem,
- ♦ T2 in Albemarle,
- ♦ X2 in Mt Airy,
- ♦ H2 in Durham,
- ♦ K2 in Fayetteville.

We won the Couples Plaque in Mt Airy and gave it away in Durham on the 19th to Hank and Frances Averette. Now that the weather is getting warmer we hope to visit more chapters around the state. We appreciate Bernie and Dottie traveling with us and invite others to join us and enjoy the fun.

All of the Chapters need our support, so let's go visit.



On The Road Again
Sonny & Betty Dye

Last Month Sonny & Betty Dye, Peggy & Gerry Grotberg , Bernie & Dottie Motley and Bill Plyler went to the Salisbury M2 Chapter meeting and captured the Central Traveler Plaque and it will be available for Capture at our next Chapter Meeting on May 1st.



Announcement From DISTRICT

PLEASE MAKE NOTE:

Mt. Airy Chapter X2 has decided to change their meeting date, starting in May. It will be on the 4th Saturday, eat at 1:00 and meet at 2:00 at the Lantern Restaurant in Dobson. This will give everyone a chance to visit this chapter and enjoy a nice ride in the country.

Riding the Roads of Life Together.....Tom & Bev





Remember Our Sick

***Robin Deanes Mother (Heart Problems) is in Forsyth Hospital
AL Watkins (Stroke) is in the Laurels in Salisbury
Paul Granger (Cancer) is having problems with his treatments***



MAY RIDE CALENDAR

(Notice: Dinner Ride Meeting Place Changes to LSB Shopping Center on Hwy.64 Starting in May)

5th....NC-G Open House.....Honda Cycle Center—Asheboro, NC
6th....Curly's Memorial Ride—.....Curly's Harley Davidson on Business 40 and US421 at Linville Rd. exit.
6th....NC-E Triangle Ride For Kids.....TBA
12th....A 2 Lady's Pamper Party10:00 —3:00 Rubys House
12th....Mens Parking Lot Practice TBA
12th....NC-F2 Open House.....Team Powersports—Garner, NC
18th....Dinner RideFarm House , Salisbury
19th....NC-T2 Care Bear Ride.....Albemarle, NC
25-26....NC-U Chicken Rally.....Lumberton, NC
26th....A2 Willville Camping Cookout.....Meadows Of Dan.....Willville Motorcycle Campground

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NC-T2, Albemarle, will **CHANGE** their meeting for **May ONLY** to be held at their Care Bear event on 5/19.

The Tarheel Traveler is going to be given away on May 26th in Morganton, not May 28th as listed on the District website. This information provided by Chapter Y's CDs.

Camping/Cookout – at Willville, Meadows of Dan, VA

Memorial Day weekend (Saturday, May 26th) Lunch starts around 12:30 p.m. in the pavilion. Bring your own hamburgers, steaks, Brats, or veggie burgers (and your own steak knives). A-2 will provide buns, condiments, paper plates, napkins, drinks, etc. Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share.

Campers are encouraged. Willville has a limited number of tents, sleeping pads, and coolers for rent. Rates are \$22 a night for 2 people, which includes a sausage or chicken biscuit and first cup of coffee in the morning. For those who do not want to camp, the Blue Ridge Motel nearby is an affordable alternative.

There will be a ride on Sunday up to West Virginia for those who are staying over the weekend.

Leave Lexington State Bank (LSB) parking lot East of the intersection of Hwy 64 and Hwy 52 at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 26th.

Care Bear Ride – Saturday, June 23rd

Meet at 9:00 a.m. in Lexington State Bank (LSB) parking lot East of the intersection of Hwy 64 and Hwy 52. Leave at 9:30 a.m. Destination To Be Announced.

4th Annual "ROUND ROBIN RIDE"

It was the most beautiful day. AC, Tim, Ruby, Kyle, Jessica, Bernie, Dottie, Bill, and Becky met at LSB Shopping Center over near the Winn Dixie at 11:30. We arrived at Gerry and Peggy's at 12:15.



We met Sonny and Betty there. The Salad was delicious. It was loaded with everything. We visited here until 1:30, then we left for Darrell and Karen's. Jerry lead part of the way through the countryside, then Kyle got in front. We arrived at Darrell and Karen's about 2:15. Here we ate, Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hot dogs, Baked Beans,



and all the fixins. The main course was delicious, too. Becky had her red Corvette Goldwing.



Bill and Becky lead us to their house for desserts. We arrived there a little after 4:00. Becky and her daughter had fixed Coconut Cake, German Chocolate Pie, a Pudding Cake and Banana Pudding. The desserts were delicious.

A BIG **THANK YOU** to Gerry & Peggy, Darrell and Karen, Bill and Becky and Angela for opening their homes to the Chapter and it was a wonderful day. Those of you who didn't make it, sure missed a good time and delicious food, and riding on a beautiful day.

Round Robin Ride is Sponsored by Members for FUN & FELLOWSHIP .

WELL DONE to Gerry & Peggy, Darrell & Karen, and Bill & Becky For another GREAT Round Robin
As the old saying goes , you get out of the chapter What **YOU** Put into it.

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Region N Continues...

The news was somewhat shocking but not Staff announced they were all stepping down into effect to keep the paperwork flowing and ciation at the highest level possible. Rumors moving to Maggie Valley" or "The Region is going to run it" or; well, you get the picture. But the facts are this.

Mike and Angie would never leave their labor few weeks, a new set of Directors was Kathy Albert had been chosen to step-up to to the lack of a staff, time and money, the to be postponed. But Frank and Kathy didn't they began looking to the latter part of the



entirely devastating. The Region N Directors and effective February 28th, 2007. Plans were put the maintenance of the best Region in the Asso-began to abound, such as..."Mike and Angie are going to be without a Director and National is You probably heard some of the rumors yourself.

of love without guidance and leadership. Within a announced by the National Office. Frank and the position. It became painfully evident that due upcoming Region N Rally in Maggie Valley had want the Region to let its membership down, so year to hold a Rally.

Plans to hold the Region N Couple of the Year selection at the West Virginia Rally in August were put into effect. Then, an idea surfaced in the National Office. Because the Fall of the year was the timeframe for the rescheduled Region Rally, maybe Region N would combine the Rally with the already planned 30th Birthday Anniversary Event in Nashville. What a great idea! So the Region N Rally will be held at the same time as the 30th Birthday Anniversary over the Labor Day Weekend!

That brings us to April. The Region N Staff is just about complete, plans and ideas are being pieced together to present the best possible Rally for Region N members and our friends in other Districts and Regions. The timing couldn't be more perfect and the venue couldn't be more entertaining; the Gaylord Hotel and the 30th Birthday of GWRRA

We just want to say thank you for the many emails we've received, full of congratulations and well wishes. We know that there are a lot of people watching as Region N's leadership changes. But we accepted the appointment knowing we would have the support of one of the finest set of Region staffers ever; those under the leadership of Mike and Angie Mitchell. Their predecessors, John and Louise Koty, set the pace and the vision for Mike and Angie Mitchell. Mike and Angie accepted that vision, expanded it and have passed it on to us. Kathy and I promise to do our best to not just continue that vision, but to make it real and personable to the members of Region N. We want everyone to know that their membership is important and that what they have to say and what they do counts toward keeping Region N the best Region in this organization. Yes, Region N is alive and well and is continuing...so keep your eyes peeled...you never know what we're going to come up with next!



Frank and Kathy Albert
Region N Directors

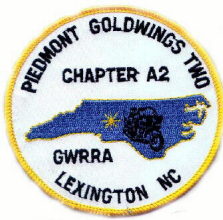


Tim's Tech Tip

I have written before about the valve stem holder breaking and causing the 90 degree valve stem to fail. Be sure to include a visual check of these in your preride checklist! Some GL1800 owners are choosing to replace the 90 degree valve stem with a straight valve stem Thus eliminating this concern to contend with!

This may not be a Tech Tip, but sounds like a great idea! Pack a couple of the plastic grocery bags in with your rain suits. Use these over your boots to ease sliding the pants on. They also keep mud or what ever may be on your boots out of the rain pants.

Tim Pennington



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Chapter NC-Y.....Morganton.....Rick & Jan Dancy

Chapter NC-Y2.....Monroe.....CM & Marlene Prince

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

TRIP TO FRANCE

Bernie asked me to write an article about my trip to France and he must have caught me at a weak moment (right after I ate) so I said I would. Let me first start by saying if any of you are planning to travel by air, take some clothes on the plane with you. As Peggy told you, my luggage went missing for a few days. Actually, it spent a leisurely weekend in Atlanta. I arrived in Bordeaux on Friday and my luggage showed up on Wednesday. By the way, I had an extra pair of drawers in my carry on, so I wasn't wearing dirty drawers, as Peggy announced at the meeting. I gave her a stern talking to about that. (Like you would really believe that!)

The trip was great. The people were very gracious and we actually got some very good work done. The thing that amazes me the most about Europe is how old things are there. In the city center, the newest building was built in the 1800s, and they are all still using them. Bordeaux is a very busy city. It's the size of Winston Salem, but the streets look like alleys. Most of the streets are one way, and there is a lot of public transportation.

The people in Bordeaux love to eat. On Monday, when I went to the school, we had lunch in the Faculty lounge. We sat at white table cloth draped tables, set with Wedgwood China and more silver ware and glasses than you could count. The



waiter (yes I said waiter) came out and the first thing he did was present the head-master with the wine of the day, and then poured us all a glass. After the first glass, we had our starter. Then more wine. We had our main course. Then more wine. We then had a dessert and you guessed it, more wine. We were in the dining



room until 1:30 drinking wine and talking. All I could think of was; "will I be able to stand in front of the class at 2 PM and speak so they could understand me?" and I'm talking about English. That was a bunch of wine for lunch.

I found out why European men always look angry. On Saturday I bought a pair of dress pants, so I would be attired



properly for my meeting on Monday. After being measured to figure out what size pants I wear (European sizing is different than ours), I was able to find a pair of pants that fit OK and went with the jacket I had with me. Well, while I was in the store trying them on, they fit fine. (Was I in for a surprise!!) After about 20 minutes of having those pants on Monday, I realized you shouldn't put an American






butt in European pants. First they squeeze your cheeks together, then they start to give you a wedgie, than after about two hours, they start grabbing on things that you really don't want grabbed while trying to maintain a professional demeanor. That's why European men always look angry. They are trying to figure out a way to adjust things, with no one seeing them. They also walk very fast, and I found myself walking faster the longer I wore those pants. You're just trying to get away from the back of your pants.

Since this is a chapter news letter, I guess I should talk a little about motorcycles. As I was walking out of the terminal at the airport, parked next to the door was a Blue GL 1500, the same color as Tim and Cathy Beck's, and a Silver GL 1800 the color of mine. I saw 6 or 7 other Wings while I was there, of all sizes and colors. So Winging seems to be getting a pretty good start in France. Though going to France was great, coming home to my family and friends was even better. I look forward to the many rides we will take and the fun we will have. By the way, I got home Saturday, part of my luggage got here on Monday and the rest didn't make it until Tuesday.

Thanks, Gerry



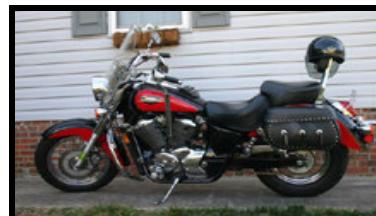
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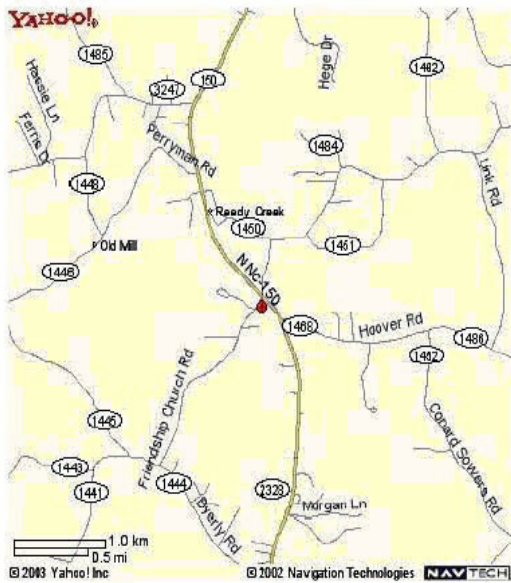
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6 F, P NC -E Ride For Kids Curleys Wall Ride	7	8 B2, P2, Z	9	10 A, B	11 Dinner Ride (LSB) Norma Freedle 	12 A2 Parking Lot Practice L2, M, U
13 MOTHERS DAY Q2	14 C	15 E, L	16	17 F2, H2, W2	18 Dinner Ride Meet at LSB Ride to Farm House in Salisbury	19 T2 Care Bear NC-J & NC-S Open House M2, Q
20 O2	21 D2, W	22 R	23	24 E2, I, N, S	25 Dinner Ride (LSB) S2 NC-U Chicken Rally	26 U2, Y X2 New Meeting Date Eat 1:00 Meet 2:00 NC-U Chicken Rally Willville Camping Cookout
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