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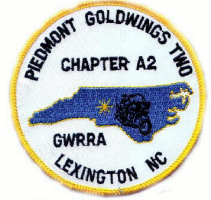
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Our Care Bear ride on Saturday, June 23rd was quite a success. We had 38 bikes and 49 people with 7 visiting chapters and two non-GWRRA visitors! The bears completely covered the patrol cars in front of the Lexington office of the NC Highway Patrol and the officers who greeted us there had never before been the recipient of a Care Bear Ride. We took lots of photos, ate cookies and drank iced tea, and had a good visit with the Highway Patrol officers and administrative staff. Thanks to everyone who came to the ride, and thanks for donating the bears and other stuffed animals so children can have a soft, cuddly stuffed animal to help them through a difficult time.

Following the Care Bear Ride, Chapter G from High Point, Chapter R from Thomasville, Chapter B-2, Winston-Salem, and a few of us from A-2 rode up to Dobson/Mt. Airy for the X-2 meeting. X-2 had a full house, and they were delighted!. But the day wasn't over yet for some folks.



Riders from Chapters G, B-2, and a few others went on to Morganton for their meeting. It was a long day for them, but full of great riding and good fellowship.

The weather was warm, it didn't rain, and the company was excellent. We couldn't have asked for a better day; it was thoroughly enjoyable from start to finish.

Thanks to everyone for making us part of your weekend activities.

Getting out with our friends, enjoying a beautiful day with a ride, and sharing food, fun, and fellowship -- that's what GWRRA is all about!

Robin & Steve Deane

Our Next Chapter Meeting will be July 3rd Eat @6:30 Meet @ 7:30 Capt'n Stevens Seafood Restaurant



Everybody met at Lexington State Bank Shopping Center for the start of the Care Bear Ride and a Big Thank You to Tony Barker of Chapter G riding his White Steed for helping us with Traffic Control during the ride. Many remember Mr. Barker as a Former member of Chapter A2 and a member on the NC Motorcycle Drill Team.



Chapter "G"



ALL the Chapters CD's



Chapter "L-2"



Chapter "R"



Chapter "T-2"



Chapter "S-2"



Chapter "M"

Thank You to the members of GWRRA Chapters B-2, G, M, L2, R, S-2, T-2 and the Officers and Staff of the Lexington Office of the NC State Highway Patrol for helping us make our Care Bear Ride a success again this year



Chapter "B-2"



Chapter "A-2"

Lexington Chapter A2 Care Bear Ride - 2007



From Your ACD

This year's Care Bear ride seemed to be the best one we have ever had. There was a great crowd gathered in the shopping center parking lot before the ride through the countryside. The folks at the Highway Patrol station seemed to really appreciate the effort everyone put into the event. They told us about a program they had during the holidays where the troopers take kids shopping. They plan to use some of the animals for that program. Maybe we can help them in some way later in the year.

I again would like to welcome our newest chapter members Lynn and Kathy. I look forward to lots of rides with them.

Until next time.

Randy



RIDER EDUCATION

A couple of years ago when Gerry and Peggy were the Chapter Educators, they put together an excellent series of articles on group riding. Since that time, we have had several new members join our chapter. This is the second in the series of articles. –Randy

This month I want to address the Organization part of a group ride. The first question we must ask is: What is the experience level of the group? I don't mean riding experience; I mean group-riding experience. They are two different things and must be thought of as such. A great rider doesn't always make a great group-rider. Some riders have a hard time giving away their control, but that's what it takes to be a good group-rider.

Where should we position the less experienced riders? Some say that they should all be at the front, so that the group rides at their level. Others say that they should all be at the back, so they don't impede the rest of the group. I can see problems with both of these. If in the front, the rest of the group may get frustrated. If in the back, they and the drag may get left behind. I believe they should be placed throughout the group, with the more experienced riders around them. This way they can learn by observing. We learn best by observation and imitation, so give the less experienced riders a chance to grow and have more fun.

Another consideration is: What formation are we going to use? There are three basic formations: staggered twos, two abreast, and single file. By far, the safest configuration for bikes traveling in a group is the staggered twos. The reason for the staggered formation is to allow as much of the lane as possible for evasive maneuvering, should the need arise. In areas where traffic comes to a stop, the formation should be closed to two abreast, bringing each pair of bikes beside each other. In this manner, space will be conserved, and the group can perform as a unit, better enabling it to stay together.

The single file formation should be used when maximum separation is needed, like in the twisties, or when you have an on coming semi or large RV. These formations should be called for by the lead or drag as needed, but as the group gets

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comfortable with each other, these formations will start to happen on their own. It is very important to remember that although each rider is expected to be watchful of his fellow riders, each is ultimately responsible for his or her own personal welfare.

Much has been written about the use of hand signals when taking part in a group ride. Some systems are very elaborate, requiring a study in all of the intricate finger, hand, and arm positions and their variations. For the most part only a few simple signals are necessary for the riders to be concerned with. Many are common sense signals most of us learned to use when we were kids on bicycles. The standard left and right turns can be used to accentuate the bike's signal lights, just as the signal to stop can bring attention to the brake light

The signal to slow down is one that should be understood by all riders. It is simply a "patting" motion with the palm open and arm extended. Another universal signal that is very important to know and use on a group ride is "pointing", an indication that there is an obstacle or impairment in or on the road surface where the trailing bikes are likely to come into contact. The rider simply points in the direction of the problem area, and the following rider can adjust his tracking accordingly. Employing the staggered formation will help reduce the danger of impinging on another bike's space.

Each rider has to keep in mind that if attempting to give a sudden signal would put him or her in danger, they are better off to maintain control of the bike and skip the signal. If you have a co-rider, they could give the signals allowing the rider to maintain control of his or her machine

In the back of the Gold Book are the recommended GWRRA hand signals. All riders and co-riders should be familiar with them. In the organization stage, if you keep your groups small, around 7 bikes, hand signals won't really be used much, as they tend to cause preoccupation with the signals and a distraction from all else.

Ride Safe,
Randy

GWRRA-REGION – N NC District News



The WOS Planning Meeting is scheduled for August 4, 2007 at K&W Cafeteria in Burlington, NC. The meeting will begin PROMPTLY at 9 am and will conclude by mid-afternoon, lunch will be provided. If you need lodging, contact the Ramada Inn at 336-227-5541 and make them aware that you're with GWRRA, room rate is \$63 + tax. This block of rooms will be released on July 20, 2007. The Chapter Director, and at least 1 other member of your chapter should attend, no more than 2 per chapter. This is also a time to turn in your door prizes, and / or any donations for the "NC Specialty Table".

Willie & Judy
NC District Directors

WINGS OVER THE SMOKIES RALLY

—In less than four months, Wings Over The Smokies 2007 will be history. Please remind your members to get their registrations in as soon as possible. At this time, we are ahead of registrations at what we were last year at this same time. As we have said before, it makes everyone's job easier if we can get these as early as possible.

Jim & Judy Bankston

Notice : **ALL** Motel Rooms reserved for Chapter A2 for WOTS have been filled . Robin Deane

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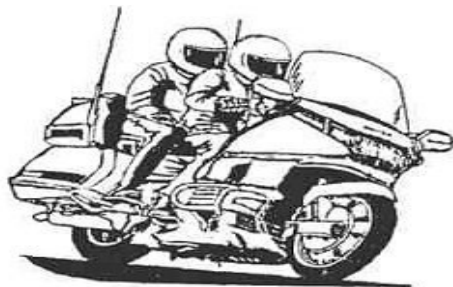
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TIMS TECH TIPS

This month I'll use a comment from a message board thread from Stu Altman. Hope this may save someone some money or problems down the road. Mr. Altman suggest that when you take your bike to the shop, always specify exactly what repairs you want done. This may save some unwanted cost or repairs that you could do yourself!



Tim Pennington



RIDE CALENDAR

July 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6 Dinner Ride	7
8 Darrell & Karen Freedle Wedding Anniversary	9 Gerry Grotberg Birthday	10	11	12	13 Dinner Ride	14
15 Ron Stalter Birthday	16 Tim Pennington Birthday	17	18	19	20 Dinner Ride Town & Country Restaurant-King,NC	21
22	23	24	25 Robin Deane Birthday	26	27 Dinner Ride	28 Shuler's Below I-95
29	30	31 Don Pennington Birthday	GWRRA Anniversary July, 1990 Don Pennington July, 2001 Steve & Robin Deane ***** Wedding Anniversaries: Darrell & Karen Freedle July 8 th ***** Birthdays : Gerry Grotberg- 9th Ron Stalter – 13th Tim Pennington- 16th Robin Deane- 23rd Don Pennington- 31 st			

CHAPTER MEETING CHANGES FOR JULY

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

NC-J, Boone, will CANCEL their meeting for **July**.

NC-P, Asheboro, will CANCEL their meeting for **July**.

NC-Y, Morganton, will CHANGE their meeting for **July ONLY** to be held on July 21st. Same time & place.

“ NOTE: ”

-Beginning with their JULY 14th meeting, Chapter L2 in Lincolnton will change their meeting location to Golden Corral in Mooresville, NC. They will continue to meet on the second Saturday of each month with breakfast served at 9:00 AM and their meeting beginning at 10:00 AM. Golden Corral in Mooresville is located at 120 Gallery Center Drive, near the intersection of Hwy 150 (W. Plaza Drive) with I-77 (exit 36).

CHAPTER	CITY	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
NC-A	GREENSBORO	2nd Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Captain Bills: 6108 West Market Street (Route 421)
NC-A2	LEXINGTON	1st Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	Cap'n Steven's Restaurant: 4577 East Highway 150
NC-B	GOLDSBORO	2nd Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Wilbur's B-B-Q: 4172 Highway 70 East of Goldsboro
NC-B2	WINSTON-SALEM	2nd Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	Yacht House Seafood Restaurant: 4881 Country Club Road
NC-C	CHARLOTTE	2nd Monday	7:30 p.m.	Prime Sirloin: Exit #33 off I-85, Billy Graham Parkway/ Mulberry Road
NC-C2	SMITHFIELD	1st Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	Parkside Café: I-95, Exit # 97, 2.4 miles after Holiday Express, Pine Level
NC-D	GREENVILLE	1st Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Parkers: 3109 Memorial Drive, Greenville
NC-D2	NEW BERN	3rd Monday	7:30 p.m.	Golden Corral: 400 Hotel Drive- Corner ML King Jr. Boulevard/ Hotel Drive
NC-E	CARY	3rd Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	Perkins Family Restaurant, 908 US HWY 64 W. Apex, NC
NC-E2	ELIZABETH CITY	4th Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Golden Corral: 406 Halstead Boulevard, Elizabeth City
NC-F	JACKSONVILLE	1st Sunday	7:30 p.m.	Logan's Road House: 1177 Western Boulevard, Jacksonville
NC-F2	GARNER	3rd Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Carolina Barbecue: 733 Highway 70, Garner (919-733-0222)
NC-G	HIGH POINT	1st Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Pioneer Family Restaurant: 10914 North Main Street, Highway 311, Archdale
NC-G2	WAYNESVILLE	1st Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Shoney's: 65 Paragon Parkway, Clyde; Highway 74 Exit 104
NC-H2	DURHAM	3rd Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Mayflower XVI: Highway 15-501 Business
NC-I	ASHEVILLE	4th Thursday	7:00 p.m.	DJ's Diner 1360 Tunnel Road, Asheville, NC
NC-J	BOONE	1st Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Golden Corral: Highway 321 (next to Wal-Mart)
NC-J2	WASHINGTON	1st Saturday	6:00 p.m.	Frank's Pizza, 815 John Small Avenue
NC-K2	FAYETTEVILLE	4th Sunday	2:00 p.m.	Hudson Bay Seafood Restaurant: 2816 Ramsey Street (Highway 401)
NC-L	GASTONIA	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Western Sizzlin`: I-85/ Highway 321; Exit 17
NC-L2	LICOLNTON	2nd Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Golden Corral, 120 Gallery Center Drive, Moorseville, NC
NC-M	SALISBURY	2nd Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Blue Bay Seafood, Salisbury, 8850 Statesville BLVD. , HWY 52/Innes St. Exit 76 off I-85
NC-M2	HENDERSONVILLE	3rd Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Quality Inn & Suites: 201 Sugarloaf Road, Exit 49 off I-26 (Highway 64 East)
NC-N	BURLINGTON	4th Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Western Charcoal Steakhouse: Graham Hopedale Road off Church Street
NC-O2	HICKORY	3rd Sunday	5:00 p.m.	Golden Corral: Lenoir Rhyne Boulevard, I-40 West, Exit #125
NC-P	ASHEBORO	1st Sunday	4:00 p.m.	Mayflower Seafood Restaurant: 2200 North Fayetteville Street (Old Highway 220)
NC-P2	FOREST CITY	2nd Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	Rollins Cafeteria: Route 74 Bypass, Exit 181, Forest City
NC-Q	WILMINGTON	3rd Saturday	6:00 p.m.	Carolina Barbeque: 2703 North College Road/ Highway 133 (I-40 Exit # 420)
NC-Q2	DUNN/BENSON	2nd Sunday	2:00 p.m.	Pizza Inn: Exit # 73 off I-95, Highway 421 North (1.7 miles, behind KFC)
NC-R	THOMASVILLE	4th Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	Loflin's Restaurant: 103 Sedgehill Drive Highway 109 & I-85, Exit #103
NC-S	LENOIR	4th Thursday	7:00 p.m.	AJ's Prime Sirloin Steakhouse: Highway 321 (Blowing Rock Boulevard)
NC-S2	SANFORD	4th Friday	7:30 p.m.	Ron's Barn Barbeque & Seafood: 3122 South Horner Boulevard, Sanford
NC-T2	ALBEMARLE	2nd Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Ryan's Steakhouse: Highway 24/27
NC-U	LUMBERTON	2nd Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Shoney's: Roberts Avenue, Lumberton
NC-U2	LAURINBURG	4th Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Golden Corral: US 401 Bypass North
NC-V	STATESVILLE	1st Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Captain Galley Seafood: I-40 Exit 151 Highway 21 North- 1 mile on right
NC-W	EDEN	3rd Monday	7:30 p.m.	Golden Corral: Freeway Drive, Reidsville HWY 87
NC-W2	JEFFERSON	3rd Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Smoky Mountain BBQ: Highway 194/ Business 221, West Jefferson
NC-X2	MOUNT AIRY	4th Saturday	2:00 p.m.	Lantern Restaurant: Main Street, Dobson
NC-Y	MORGANTON	4th Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Timberwood Restaurant: I-40 at Exit # 106
NC-Y2	MONROE	1st Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Golden Corral: 2507 West Roosevelt Boulevard, Monroe
NC-Z	ROCKY MOUNT	2nd Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	Western Sizzlin` Steakhouse: Highway 301 North

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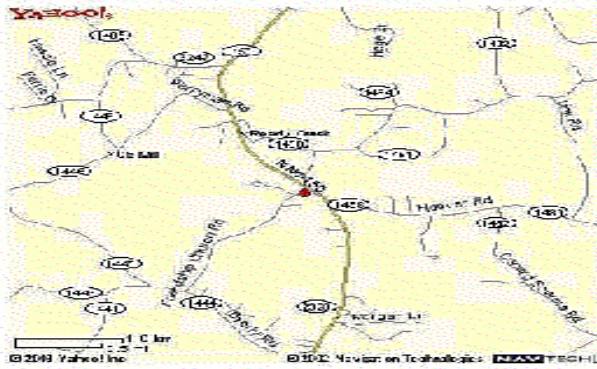
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Next Meeting  
**JULY 3 2007**

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