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A couple of weeks ago we were camping at the same location as a group of Vintage sidecar enthusiasts. These folks each arrived with a variety of motorcycle parts as cargo and gratitude in their hearts that they arrived at all. They told about their journey to the campground and each shared the various difficulties encountered along the way. They were a lighthearted bunch, not disturbed in the least that something had gone wrong with their chosen ride. They delighted in the fact that they had overcome a challenging situation and ended up at their location of choice, none the worse for wear. Only one of their group didn't make it due to mechanical breakdown.

We mention these folks because they were so grateful for small favors (in this case, overcoming a breakdown and getting to their destination). It made us think about how we take for granted not having to carry spare parts, worry about where we will have to disassemble and reassemble our ride, and then come up with alternative locations if we can't reach the destination of choice.

It is so easy to take for granted the reliability and comfort of our Gold Wings that we don't worry about mechanical problems. We could use the energy we save by not worrying about those kinds of problems to devote to enjoyment of our surroundings – the color of the trees, the smell of new-mown hay, the honeysuckle, the mist on the morning pasture. Because the Gold Wing is a whisper rather than a roar, we can even enjoy the bird songs at daybreak and twilight. Re-focusing audio and visual energy can bring a greater sense of “oneness” with nature and sharpen the mind, leading to greater enjoyment of the ride. So as we're cruising worry-free along the byways, we plan to use some of that untapped mental energy toward delighting the senses and being more grateful to end up at our chosen destination.

Robin and Steve



Our Next Chapter Meeting will be August 7th
Eat @6:30 Meet @ 7:30 Capt'n Stevens Seafood Restaurant

From Your ACD

This past month has been slow as far as chapter activities go. Tim Pennington and I took a ride on July 4th that turned into a bit of an adventure. We met in Lexington at the regular ride meeting location. We headed down highway 64 towards Asheboro. The goal was to visit the Honda dealer there but found out upon arrival they were closed.

We then took the back roads – mostly highway 49 – to Gastonia to Extreme Motorsports. They too were closed. Since we were so close to Charlotte we decided to go to the Honda dealer there to make sure they were closed also.

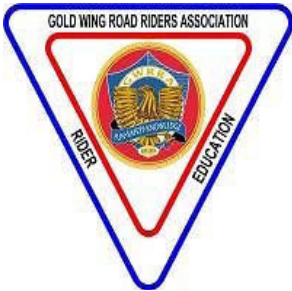
We hit Interstate 85 North to go home. Just before reaching Kannapolis, Tim came on the radio and asked if we could stop off at the next exit. Seems he was experiencing a vibration from the rear of his bike. Slowing down while going up the exit ramp he told me the vibration went away.

After we got the bike up on the center stand we found the problem – a cut tire! An area about the size of a cell phone had come loose and was flapping around at high speed. If you pushed the flap against the tire it showed no signs of failure but I don't think Duct Tape would do the trick.

We decided to 'limp' back to Lexington as best we could. As long as we kept the speed below 50 miles an hour the tire seemed fine. Tim did manage to get the bike to his dad's house safely.

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 last installment in the series of articles.

–Randy

Over the last two months we have talked about group riding and the three things that we need to make the ride safe: **Preparation, Organization, and Information.** In June we discussed preparing. In July, we discussed organizing a ride And all that goes with that. This month we are going to cover the information needed for a safe ride.

After the route has been planned and the Lead and Drag have been selected, it's time for them to get busy. There should be a pre-ride briefing to pass information to the riders. Some of the things they may want to know are: Is there going to be more than one group? If so, what will the size of the group be, and who will be in it? Who will be the Lead and Drag for their group?

What is the route they will take, and what stops are planned along the way? How much separation should be kept between the groups? Where do the groups intend to meet up, and what is the plan if someone has to drop out or drop behind along the way? How are they going to communicate on the road?

Having the information up front allows you to concentrate on your riding instead of worrying about the details. This makes for a safer and much more enjoyable ride. When conducting a pre-ride briefing, please remember that all the individuals in the group need to hear the information. This means both the riders and the co-riders. We often forget to include co-riders because they aren't actually controlling the motorcycle, but they are an integral part of the riding team on a two-up machine. They are navigators and communicators for the bike. This doesn't relieve the rider of these duties, but it sure makes them more manageable. Remember, two heads are better than one.

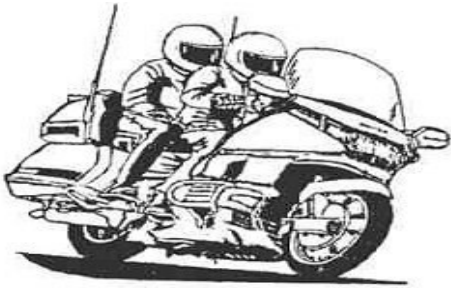
For Gold Wing riders, the communication is relatively easy because most of us have radios. But what about those of us that don't? How are we going to make sure that they know what is happening? There are hand signals in the back of the Gold Book and our Chapter Handbook.

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

TIMS TECH TIPS

With summer travel season in full swing, many of you may be taking longer trips.

As you do your pre-ride inspection, be sure to check the tire threads and sidewalls for cuts, cracks or worn conditions! I had a rear tire “cut” (Per the dealership) right down the groove of the thread! A small cut, defect, or worn tire may become a major problem with the extra loads for longer trips and those higher summer temps, putting more stress on the tires.



Tim Pennington



This is YOUR Chapter Newsletter , If you have any items for sale or any stories and pictures of your trips send them to Bernie to be added to the newsletter for everyone to enjoy. Motleywing1@aol.com

Two members of our chapter suffered Rear Tire Failures in July so keep a check on your tires as Tim suggest and your trips may be more pleasant

RIDE CALENDAR

August 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
GWRRA Anniversary : Bernie & Dottie Motley - 1997 Randy & Carolyn Dezarn - 1999 ***** Wedding Anniversaries : None ***** Birthdays : Bill Plyler , Becky Plyler, Tim Beck , Carolyn Dezarn, Joe Higgins			1	2	3 Friday Night Dinner Ride LSB Shopping Center 6:45 PM	4 WOTS Planning Meeting
5	6	7	8  Bill Plyler	9 W. Va District Rally	10 W. Va Rally Region N Couple Selection 2:30 PM ***** Friday Night Dinner Ride	11 Danville Military Museum Ride TBA ***** W. Va District Rally
12	13  Becky Plyler	14	15	16	17 Friday Night Dinner Ride Destination: COOKS BARBECUE South Mount	18
19	20	21  Tim Beck	22	23 KY District Rally	24 Friday Night Dinner Ride ***** KY District Rally	25 D-Day Memorial Ride LSB 8:30 AM ***** KY District Rally
26 NC COUPLES PICNIC	27  Carolyn Dezarn Joe Higgins	28	29	30 Chapter Planning Meeting 6:30 Golden Coral Restaurant Unversary Parkway Winston-Salem	31 Friday Night Dinner Ride	 REMEMBER OUR TROOPS

CHAPTER MEETINGS AND LOCATIONS

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, Mooreville, 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

NIAGARA FALLS CANADA TRIP

On July 7th Sonny & Betty Dye, Gerry & Peggy Grotberg, and Bernie & Dottie Motley left on a 1700 mile motorcycle trip to Canada. We went to Niagara Falls, Welland and Burlington, Canada. On the way back we went to Dayton, Ohio to the U S AIR FORCE Museum at Wright / Patterson Air Force base.



Peggy & Gerry and Sonny & Betty Rode the Jet Boat that takes you up the Niagara River to the Whirl Pools below the Falls.



We all rode the Cable Car that goes over the Whirl Pools and after leaving Canada we stopped at the Welcome Center in Pennsylvania where you could see Lake Erie in the background.



Peggy and Gerry are Both Retired Air Force Personnel and gave us a Personal tour of the aircraft they worked on and flew in. It was quite a sight to see all the aircraft on display. We had a great trip and hopefully more of you can join us on our next trips.

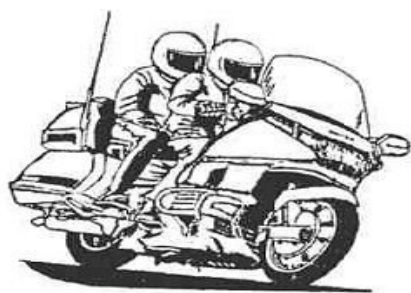
FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER RIDE

Every Friday night (All Year Long) Chapter A2 meets in the Lower Parking Lot at the Lexington State Bank Shopping Center on Hwy 64 West in Lexington. (Located Between the Ford Dealership on Hwy 64 and Old Hwy 29/70) We choose a restaurant by drawing the suggestions that participants put into a hat, and ride To eat.

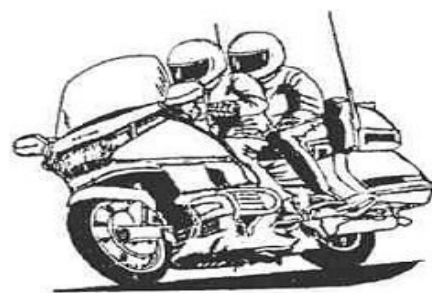
If your suggestion is drawn, You, lead the rideWe leave the shopping center promptly at 6:45PM

We also sale Ride tickets. A ticket is drawn at our monthly meeting and the winner gets 70% of the pot and the other 30% goes to our Rider Education Fund for the chapter.

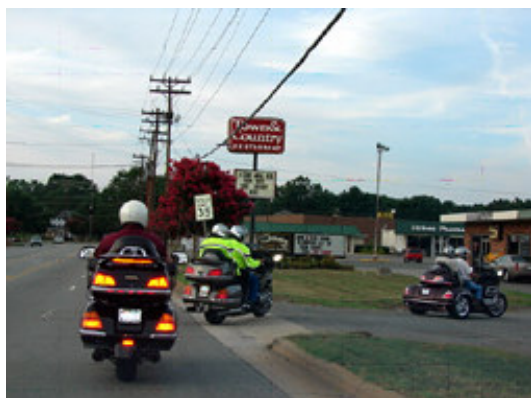
Come and join us, we have lots of fun and maybe you will be next months winner, you have to be present at our monthly chapter meeting to win, but that means we will get to see you again soon.



All Visitors are Welcome to ride with us.



Scenes from a Friday Night Dinner Ride





We have a Great Time on the Dinner Rides and sometimes Randy surprises us riding up in his Hot Rod .so COME OUTand join us for a time of Good Fellowship and Food. We even get to enjoy some beautiful sunsets while on the road.



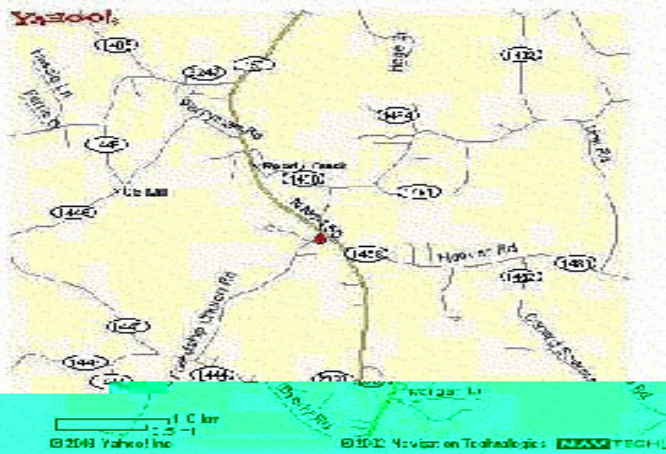
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Chapter Meetings: 1st Tuesday of
 Every Month
 Cap'n Steven's Seafood
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 Eating at 6:30 – Meeting at 7:30

Directions: US 52 to exit 100. Go west on Hickory Tree Road to first stoplight. Turn left on Highway 150. Cap'n Stevens is 7.5 miles on the right.

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