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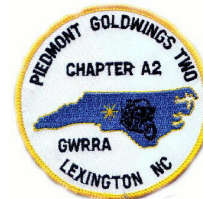


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FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Our Gold Wing Family

We often hear it, and we just as often say it,...that we're all like one big family.

Most often we're sharing meals; sometimes as many as twenty or more of us seated at two or more tables that we've pulled together. It's the camaraderie and fellowship that we so value and enjoy. This sense of "family" is also apparent when we have a task at hand, such as working at "Wings Over the Smokies". We share, we care, and look after each other to see who might have been on their feet too long, who needs to be told to go "take a break,we've got it here".

As you all know, Robin and I had to leave "Wing Over the Smokies" early on Friday evening this year. We had received a call that Robin's Mom was gravely ill and had been transported to Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. All the members of our Gold Wing Family there offered and asked if there was anything they could do to help. There were the cooler, the inflatable palm trees, the chapter banner, and such,...it would all be taken care of. We were able to get back home late Friday night and go to Mom's bedside. On Sunday, Mom passed peacefully and quietly.

I'm not sure that Robin and I truly understood the depth and breadth of care and sincere concern of our Gold Wing Family until now. Everyone in our own Chapter, and several other chapters have taken the time to express their support and offer assistance,...it's actually overwhelming.

It just struck me,.last year at this time I wrote the newsletter piece about Teamwork, and said:

Volumes have been written about "team building" and "team work",....I'm not about to add another volume. We just want to say to each and every one of you: We're just so glad you're on our team!

Well, this year I'll close by saying: We're so comforted and glad to members of the Gold Wing Family.

Steve and Robin Deane

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One thing that has amazed me ever since I've been involved with GWRRA in general and our chapter in particular, is the event we know as Wings Over the Smokies. It's like Christmas in September in some ways. The district starts planning for the next rally at the OPS meeting in January! All spring and summer you are urged to pre-register and get your motel rooms. All September you decide when to leave and what to pack. While at the rally there is great excitement as the time comes to see who wins the motorcycles. Then it's all over.

We had a great time this year at the rally. It was good to have a local chapter have the grand prize winner this year. The biggest thing is we all returned safe and sound.

Until next time. Randy

Slow riding in the Parking Lot (Why you dropped your Bike?)

Scenario: After preparing to leave the GWRRA 30th Anniversary Birthday party and the 13th Region N party, I noticed two motorcycles pulling into the Opry Mills parking lot. The first rider had a co-rider with him and the second rider was alone. As I watched them approaching an open parking space, I noticed the first rider having lots of difficulty maneuvering his motorcycle into the parking space. What this rider lacked was the technique of riding slow and being in control of your motorcycle. The first rider was wobbling so bad that he had to stop and let his co-rider off before continuing and parking his motorcycle. The second rider was wobbling also while maneuvering into position to park his bike.

Let's dissect this strange title. What these riders lacked was slow riding experience. Most riders know how to roll the throttle and go in a straight line. Not all riders know how to ride slow and maintain balance and control of their motorcycle, either riding solo or two-up. I've seen many riders come to the point of dropping their bikes with or without the co-rider while riding slowly in a parking lot. This is an easy task to accomplish. But, many do not grasp these techniques.

I myself was almost a victim of the same thing when I first started riding. After I had taken my BRC course, and 2 months later the ERC course, I fully understood the technique and how easy it is. Most riders drop their bike while riding slow in the parking lot when making a turn and for some reason they grab the front brake. Once that front brake is applied while turning at a slow speed, you're going down unless you're strong enough to hold up an 800 pound motorcycle and a 120 pound co-rider.

The technique is really simple: steady throttle control, lightly drag the rear brake, and control the friction zone. The final key to a successful, slow, tight turn in the parking lot, with or without a co-rider, is a good head turn. You know the phrase: Look down – Go down, it's true. Don't look down!

So now go to the parking lot and practice and then practice some more. Practice first solo, but have a ride partner with you to help coach you and to make sure you are performing the technique correctly. This technique is not new; just remember the box during the ERC. It's the same thing.

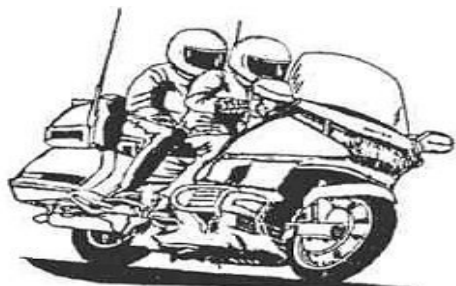
Once you've mastered these techniques, don't keep them to yourself. Help your fellow chapter participants, who like yourself before mastering these techniques, are still weak in the same areas.



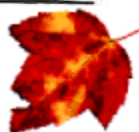
TIMS TECH TIPS

In the October Issue of Wing World a couple wrote about a series of problem they experienced. One they overcame was the fan motor switch. Turns out that the ground wire connection was corroded. Back to the old K.I.S.S. Principle: **Keep It Simple Stupid.**

After over 40 years of driving a truck my dad always said when having electrical problems to check the Ground and/or the bulbs in lighting.



Tim Pennington



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Two days before leaving for WOS Rally I discovered the rear wheel on my 1200 had a problem I took my bike to Rays Cycle Shop for a inspection of my rear wheel without any notice to Robert Saintsing and Robert added my bike to the days work schedule that was already full and found a bad rear wheel bearing that had to be replaced .If not for Roberts help we would not have been able to ride our bike to the rally.
Thanks Robert and Steve Cline for your help.

Bernie Motley

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Hello Friends,

We just wanted to drop everyone a note to say that we have not totally disappeared following *Wings Over the Smokies*, but we have been very busy getting ready to assume the position on November 1 as your District Directors. We had hoped to be able to introduce our new District Staff to everyone soon after the rally, but since some of the staff members understandably wish for their names to remain anonymous until they have had an opportunity to meet with their home chapters, we have delayed making a formal staff announcement until we can include everyone at the same time. We do want you to know that we have invested a lot of time and effort toward building a staff which we feel will bring the very best blend of experience, personalities, knowledge and talents together, so that we can represent the North Carolina membership in the most positive manner possible. Choosing the staff has been one of the most difficult things that we have ever done, not because it has been hard to find people with the ability to hold a staff position, but because there are so many talented people in the district who could have ably filled those positions.

We are currently working on details for the annual Operations Meeting, and we will give you that information just as quickly as possible so that plans can be made for your chapter to be fully represented.

As we said at *Wings Over the Smokies*, we feel that your District Directors work for the members of GWRRA North Carolina. We are never more than a phone call or email away, and we welcome your comments, your questions, your suggestions, and yes....we welcome your complaints. If we don't know what is going right in the district, as well as what is going wrong, we will have no way to build on the good things, and attempt to correct the bad things. We honestly know that not everything is possible, and the answer to every proposal cannot be "yes", but we also know that if we can all work together with a positive attitude, we will accomplish more. Our promise to all North Carolina members is that we will do our very best to represent the membership in a manner which will make them proud to be a member of the premier GWRRA district in the nation. Please let us know if we can assist you in any way, and we look forward to working with you.

Dennis & Kathy
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"Congratulations Dennis & Kathy"



RIDE CALENDAR

Oct 4-6	Va District Rally	Salem ,Va
Oct 6	Bridge Day, WV	n/a
Oct 13	Walkertown Spook Trail B- 2	LSB @ 7:00 pm
Oct 19	Dinner Ride - Battle Branch	LSB @ 6:45 pm
Oct 20	Barn Dinner Theater	Ruby is checking
Oct 21	Pancakes @ Meadows of Dan	LSB @ 1:30 pm
Oct 27	Miss Teen NC Pageant	Root for Hannah!
Oct 12,13,19,20,27	Chapter B-2 Hunted Hay Ride	Winston-Salem,NC

Greetings From Our Chapter Couple

Each year at Wings Over the Smokies, Couples from each chapter can participate in the selection of District Couple of the Year. There were 11 couples competing this year. Each couple had prepared a resume of there activities in GWRRA for the past 2 years, and then they did a presentation before 6 judges, and winner is selected from the presentation as well as their resume. We represented you, the Chapter this year in the competition and even though we didn't win we were proud to be your representative. We were escorted and introduced by our CD'S Steve and Robin, we really appreciated you being there and your kind words. Alan and Carolyn Little of T2- Albemarle are our new District Couple of the Year. Congratulations to them, they are a great couple and will do a fantastic job. The COY program in North Carolina is among one of the strongest in the nation with 27 couples. This year SC had only 1 couple to compete the district selection, Kentucky had 4 couples in competition, so NC is way ahead of everyone in our district. We have been asked to be COY for 2008 for Chapter A2., which we feel is an honor. However this will be our last year, so a new COY will be selected for A2 in 2009. Will it be YOU. We hope A2 will continue to have a COY, it's a great program. We have had a great time this year, meeting other couples from across the state, generating friendships that will always be special. We feel that we will always be a part of the COY program. We appreciate your support, your kind words and look forward to another fun year as your Couple of the Year.



On the Road Again
Sonny and Betty

Recap From 2007 Wings Over the Smokies Rally

Chapter A2 once again worked the Pre-Registration tables at the rally and had a lot of Fun Welcoming the members and guest to the rally. We had around 1480 registration packets to hand out and the District Staff did a Good job preparing the packets for everyone.



All the members of A2 enjoy working Registration and Welcoming the Visitors to the rally. Making the visitors feel at home starts here and helping them enjoy the rally is what it's all about. We had a lot of First Timers to the rally again this year and hope to see them back next year. Thanks to all that attended and we hope everyone had a good time. The Registration process went smooth and No problems reported. After picking up their packets, visitors headed for the vendors to buy all those goodies for their fabulous machines they rode to the rally.



We saw a Lot of Safety Chrome and Lights in those bags coming out of the vendors area.



This year we had 97 vendors at our rally.



We had quite a few Classic Wings Riders show up for the rally and the Bike show. Three of these riders were **First Time Visitors** to our rally this year and are members of the New website for GL-1200 Riders.

<http://www.gl1200goldwings.com> They were Catman of Chapter NC L2, Pappy from Shelby, NC and Roscoe from Marion, Va. When I wasn't working the rally I had the opportunity to get these visitors together for a photo shoot of the Classic Wing Riders. As it turned out we were able to represent ALL the years of the 1200 Models.



After the photo shoot, Pappy and his riding buddy on the Harley had to leave but said they would definitely be back next year. Roscoe was fully registered as a Non-Member of Gwrra and had a good time and is considering joining GWRRA. This goes to show you inviting someone to WOS does pay off in the long run, plus you can always make a New Friend in the process.

On Friday morning, Steve & Robin had to leave the rally to attend the Couple Of the Year Selection as Escorts for Sonny and Betty Dye. Below they are practicing their roles with Andrew & Vicky Butcher from Chapter G.



Sonny and Betty Did the chapter PROUD and did a Great Job. It was an experience they will always remember with Pride. WELL DONE, Sonny and Betty. There were 11 couples competing for District Couple of the Year and it was a tuff competition.



David & Regina Denny from Chapter X-2



Gene & Darlene Coffey from Chapter N

Due to having to get back to registration and go to **work** I was unable to get a photo of all the other couples.



Allen and Carolyn Little from Chapter T-2 won the competition as **District Couple of the Year**.
Congratulations T-2 and to ALL the Couples –WELL DONE!!!

Sonny Dye and Gary Everhart won \$25 each in the Workers Drawing after the Rally.

Guy Hanes WON Oldest Rider to the rally again this year. Congratulations Guys

A member of Chapter B2 won the Gold Wing and Escapade Trailer this year and a member of Chapter G won the Shadow. Congratulations

Ride Safe,
Bernie



No Birthdays in October



Wedding Anniversaries:

Randy & Carolyn Dezarn Wedding Anniversary...October 9th
Tim & Ruby Pennington Wedding Anniversary... .October 13th



Sick List : Betty Dye –Knee Replacement Surgery Oct 5th
Marshall Lanning
Don Pennington



GWRRA Anniversaries:
Marshall Lanning - 1997
Jim & Pam Loveless -2005

"Members Corner"

BEAT THE HEAT --- RIDE THE PARKWAY

GUY HANES : 85 YEARS YOUNG AND STILL RIDING 2 WHEELS

On Monday, August 20th 2007
I decided to ride the parkway to
get out of the heat.

I started out at Boone, NC and
went to Natural Bridge, Virginia
for the night.

I continued on to mile marker
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On the parkway the temperature
was in the 70's and low 80's all day.

I went down to Roanoke to
fill up with gas and food,
the temperature there was
101 degrees.



It didn't take a long time for me to
eat and get back on the parkway.
Total miles on this trip was 812 miles

I have been riding for 70 years and I
was 18 when I got my first large
bike.

I have had 2 bikes most of that time
and the last 40 years I have owned
Gold Wings.

I have owned 2 - GL-1100's,
1 - GL-1200 and 1- GL-1500.



On the Road again
>>>> Guy Hanes

I am presently riding a 1981 GL -1100 Interstate Gold Wing



Congratulations to Guy Hanes for winning the "Oldest Rider" at Wings Over the Smokies 2007

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER RIDES

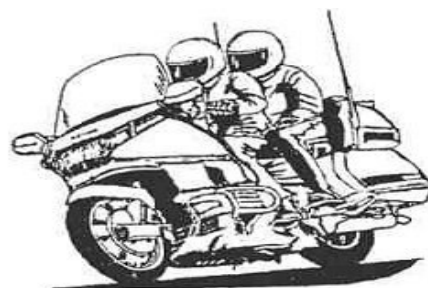
Chapter Dinner Rides Every Friday Night all year long. Come out and have some Fun, Fellowship and Good Food with your Chapter and Friends.

We meet in the Lower parking lot of the LSB Shopping Center on Hwy. 64, next to the Ford Dealership in Lexington



We depart at 6:45 Sharp.



All Visitors are Welcome to ride with us.

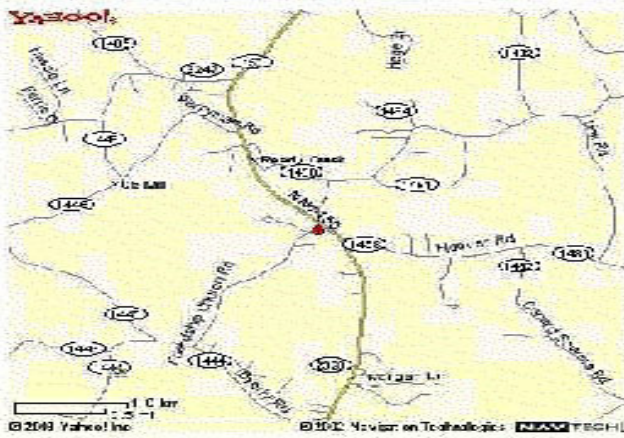


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