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Lexington, NC



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Next Chapter Meeting
February 5th 2008

<http://www.geocities.com/gwrranca2/>

From Your Chapter Director



Well, we made it through our first meeting! Again at the February meeting we were treated to the Triad Harmony Express Barbershop Quartet. These four fellows blended song and silliness for a great night of entertainment. I'd like to thank all the visitors that came to our gathering. We had almost 70 folks including A2 members in attendance. It was also the first night for our canned food drive. We collected 126 items that night!

At the beginning of the month I, along with Sonny and Betty, Gerry and Peggy and Bernie and Dottie, attended the annual OPS meeting in High Point. In years past there would be a big stage with tables for the District Officers. But this year there was a small stage and the District folks sat with the regular folks. The whole day was laid back and easy-going. I think Dennis and Kathy are working hard to show we all are just regular folks in North Carolina.

There are some changes in store at this year's "Wings Over the Smokies". There will be two organized rides to sign up for. One ride is to Lake Lure that includes a guided boat tour and meal. The other ride is to "Wheels Through Time" Museum and also includes a meal. Each participant will receive a special Tour Pin. Since this is the silver anniversary of the rally, the district is giving away a Silver Wing instead of the Shadow. Chapters will also be selling tickets for the bike so all our friends, neighbors and co-workers can get in on the action. And if you sell the winning ticket, \$500 will be yours!

We began a new ride planning process. I suppose we could call it "Ride Coordinator of the Month". Each month will be sponsored by a different Chapter member. The sponsor will be setting up all the Chapter rides for that month. This includes our Dinner Ride on the third Friday along with any Chapter visitations and District events. I'd like to thank all the folks that jumped right in and signed up for a month. We are set right on through the end of summer!

During our planning meeting in January we discussed changing the name of our chapter from "Piedmont Gold Wings II" to something else. I'll be handing out index cards at the March meeting for you to enter your suggestion for a new name. If you want to keep the old name, just submit the old name as your selection. If you happen to not attend the meeting you can email me your suggestion. I'll tabulate the entries and announce the new name in the April newsletter. Should there be a tie, a run off will be held at the April meeting. See ya at the next meeting!

Randy D.



Chapter A2 meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at Capt'n Stevens Seafood Restaurant
Hwy. 150 & Friendship Church Rd. in Lexington We Eat at 6:30 Meet at 7:30

From Your Assistant Chapter Director

This is the second in my series of interviews to get to know our Chapter staff members. Last month I interviewed our Chapter Couple. This month I interviewed Gerry Grotberg, our Chapter Educator, and here were his replies to my six questions.

Q . – How long have you been a GWRRA/Chapter NC-A2 member?

A – 5 years for both

Q. - Why do you stay in NC-A2 and the GWRRA?

A. - I stay because I like the people, and the things that we do.

Q.- Why did you accept the position as Chapter Educator?

A.- I accepted, because Randy asked. Also, because I believe that rider safety is a very important thing and I believe that when you close yourself off to learning new things about riding, then it is time to quit riding.

Q.- What do you see as being the responsibilities of your position as Chapter Educator?

A.- My job is to get people to think about the responsibility of riding a motorcycle and to help them figure out ways to manage the risk when riding. To manage the rider education program by maintaining the database, setting up training as required or requested, write a newsletter article each month, to talk about safety at our gatherings each month, and to turn the monthly reports in to district on time.

Q. -What is your favorite GWRRA memory, so far?

A.- There are actually 2 that stand out as my favorites. The first is the trip I took with the group to the South Carolina rally. It was my first trip with the group and we had so much fun that it made me want to do more. The next would be our trip to Nashville to Wing Ding, because everybody in the group got to do something that really interested them and it was also lots of fun.

That's it for this month. I'll be back next month with another interview from another staff member. Who will it be? Check back next month and you'll see!



Peggy Grotberg



CENTRAL TRAVELERS PLAQUE

Chapter T-2 from Albemarle captured the Central Travelers Plaque at Durham. It will be given away on **March 13th.** at T-2's regular Chapter Meeting. They eat at 6:30 and meet at 7:30 at Ryan's Steakhouse on Hwy. 24/27 in Albemarle across from Wal-mart. Hope to see everyone there.

Tar Heel Travelers Plaque

D-2 New Bern picked up the Tarheel Travelers Plaque from Fayetteville. They are giving it away at the Poker Run on March 22. This will also be their meeting for March.

Couples Plaque



X-2 Mt.Airy won the Couples plaque and will be taken to A2's Gathering on March 4th



RIDER EDUCATION



In January I told you to start thinking Top-Gun. Well the reason is on April 19 2008 we are going to have our first Chapter Challenge. We will meet at a location yet to be determined and have an intra-chapter Top Gun competition. You are asking yourselves why should we have a Top Gun competition in the chapter. The GWRRRA Top Gun Challenge emphasizes skills needed in riding effectively in many street situations. This has been developed for two reasons:

-  To increase survivability on the road through practice of defensive/evasive riding techniques in a controlled environment
-  To provide for the fun of competition with fellow riders of similar capability and earn the designation of Top Gun for the Chapter

There are nine professionally developed riding exercises to challenge individual riders to demonstrate their riding skills. Proper execution of these maneuvers will be scored on a points system that will be used to determine the chapter TOP GUN.

For those of you that are interested in participating let me know and I will get you a copy of the Top Gun Handbook. This should be a fun day and also give us the opportunity to practice our riding skills before the riding season gets into full swing.

Ride Safe Always
Gerry



TIM'S TECH TIP

Randy D. forwarded a portion of Chapter Y's Newsletter to me dealing with problems a lady had after paying for repairs. I'll touch on just one this month. The Lady took her Wing in to have it checked over before a 1200 mile trip. The rear brakes seemed to "stick a little" so that was written up also. The rear brakes locked up 1100 miles into the trip causing the bike and to go down at 50 MPH.

She was charged for the brake work, but found out after the accident that the work was never done. This is a valuable lesson why we should ask to see the old parts. Maybe the repair was over looked or the parts may not have been available, asking to see the old parts may keep this from happening to one of us! We would like to think that we would not intentionally be charged for repairs and parts that were not received. Seeing the old parts and noting how much wear has occurred in a certain amount of miles could help determine when this particular repair may need attention later down the road!

Tim Pennington

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

On May 24th, There will be a **Reunion** of the Former **NC Precision Motorcycle Drill Team**.

It is requested that ALL Former NC Motorcycle Drill Team Members contact Norma Freedle for Details.

Phone : (336) 787-5241 or email RCTC@PTMC.NET

If you know any of the Former members please pass this information on to them.

2008 North Carolina District, Region N, & Nearby Events Calendar



MARCH

15th.....NC- H2.....	Swap Meet.....	Durham, NC
22nd.....NC-D2Poker Run.....	New Bern, NC
29th.....NC Y2Poker Run.....	Monroe, NC

APRIL

5 thNC -A	Yard Sale Fund Raiser.....	Greensboro,NC
12 thNC- W.....	Pinto Bean Rally.....	Eden, NC
18 th - 19 th NC- D.....	.Down East Rally.....	Morehead City, NC
20 thNC-E2.....	Poker Run.....	Elizabeth City, NC
24-26.....	Tennessee Spring Fling Pigeon Forge, TN

MAY

3 rdNC-G.....	Open House... Honda Cycle Center.....	Asheboro, NC
4 th NC-E	Triangle Area Ride For Kids Jordan Lake State Park -9293 US Highway 64 E-Pittsboro, NC	
10 thNC-F2.....	Open House.....Team Power Sports.....	Garner, NC
23-24.....NC -U.....	Chicken Rally.....	Lumberton, NC
29-30-31 Region "N".....	Appalachian Adventure.....	Kingsport, TN

JUNE

14 thNC- R.....	Care Bear Ride.....	Thomasville, NC
21st.....NC- A2.....	Care Bear Ride	Lexington, NC
21stNC -Q2.....	FUN FEST.....	Benson/Dunn, WV
26-28	WV Rally "Down Home"	Summerville, WV

JULY

3-6.....	WING DING.....	Greenville SC
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AUGUST

8-10.....	Kentucky Blue Grass Blast.....	Somerset, KY
16 thNC-T2.....	School Tool Ride.....	Albemarle, NC

SEPTEMBER

18-19-20.....	WINGS OVER THE SMOKIESFletcher, NC
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OCTOBER

9-10-11...	VA Rally in the Valley.....	Salem,VA
25 thNC -B.....	Tractor Pull.....	Goldsboro,NC

DECEMBER

6 th	Gifts on Cycles	NC District Event
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MARCH



Chapter Meeting Changes and Cancellations

NC- J2 Washington –Until Further Notice All Chapter Meetings for this Chapter are **Canceled**

NC –P Asheboro - Until Further Notice All Chapter Meetings for this Chapter are **Canceled**

NC-F, Jacksonville, will **CHANGE** their meeting **PLACE** beginning with the March 08 meeting to Jailhouse Bar-B-Q, 255 Wilmington Hwy (US-17 South), Jacksonville, NC 28540 Same time and date.

NC-H2, Durham, will **CHANGE** their meeting for March **ONLY** to be held on March 15th at their Swap Meet event.

NC-K2, Fayetteville, will **CHANGE** their meeting for March **ONLY** to be held on the 5th Sunday, March 30th. Same place and time.

NC-E2, Elizabeth City, will **CHANGE** their meeting for April **ONLY** to be held on April 20th at their Poker Run event.

NC-S, Lenoir, will move their **April** 24th Chapter Meeting **ONLY**, to Shoney's of Lenoir located at 129 Wilkesboro Blvd. Lenoir. It's just down the street from their current location.

A decision will be made after that April 24 meeting as to whether future meetings will be held here, or return to the original location.

A2 RIDE CALENDAR

MARCH

1st	Wing & a Chair -Open House in Monore	Leave NewBridge Bank Shopping Center on Hwy 64 at 8:00AM for Breakfast at the Red Pig , then on to Monore
13th	Chapter Ride to Chapter T-2 Gathering in Albemarle	Leave NewBridge Bank Shopping Center Hwy 64 Lexington @ 5:30 PM
15th	Durham H2 Swap Meet –Mebane	TBA
15th	Billy Graham Museum Tour -Charlotte	Leave Lexington Shopping Center at 1:00
21st	Friday night Dinner Ride –Kimono's –Welcome	Leave NewBridge Shopping Center at 6:45

APRIL

18th	Dinner Ride Battle Branch	Leave NewBridge Shopping Center at 6:45
19th	Chapter Challenge – Top Gun Exercise	TBA
20 th	Chapter Bowling Outing – YMCA-Lexington	Time : TBA

MAY

3rd	Chapter G Open House –Cycle Center –Asheboro	8:00 AM Leave NewBridge bank Hwy 64
3rd	A2 Ride Planning Meeting to be held after Chapter G Open House –Location TBA for meeting	
4th	Curley's Wall Ride	TBA





Remember Our Sick

Don Pennington – Parkinson's Disease

Randy Dezarn-Shoulder Surgery was on February 7th

Tony Barker of Chapter G was diagnosed as having Cancer , cards can be sent to
Tony and Janice Barker 344 Running Stream Lane Thomasville, NC 27360

Sent: Friday, February 22, 2008 6:26 PM

Subject: Happy dance at the Barkers!!!

Hello to you all!!

We have big smiles on our faces 🎉. Tony's PET scan was negative!! This means NO MORE CANCER!! We still have to see the Oncologist to talk about Chemotherapy as a possibility for further prevention but we are "happy dancing" tonight! We can't thank you enough for all the cards, prayers and phone calls. Your friendships are priceless to us. Can't wait to see you soon.



Tony and Janice Barker
COY NC-G

Remember Gail Simpson's Mother (Carolyn)

Gail Simpson's mother has been having problems with mini seizures for the past several Month and has had several extended hospital stays over the last couple of months. Keep Gail and her mother in your thoughts and prayers Cards can be sent to :
Gail Simpson 170 High Meadows Road Advance, NC 27006

Also , Jim Simpson's Father in Vermont is in declining health , keep Jim & Gail in your Prayers.




Brian Corriher , CD of Chapter M in Salisbury has suffered a Mild stroke. Keep him in your prayers


Wings Over the Smokies Motel Information

Plans have been made for Chapter A2 to stay at the Airport Days Inn during Wings Over the Smokies. Fifteen rooms have been reserved for Chapter A2 members. More details will be available at the March Chapter gathering.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bill Sprinkle March 6
Edna Pennington March 13
Lynn Nicks March 13
Steve Deane March 21



Wedding Anniversaries :

Marshall Lanning March 29



Gwrra Anniversaries:

Junior Freedle March 1983 Life
Norma Freedle March 1983 Life
Tim Pennington March 1987 Life
Guy Hanes March 1990
Tim Beck March 2003
Cathy Beck March 2003
Gerry Grotberg March 2003
Peggy Grotberg March 2003
Sonny Dye March 2003
Betty Dye March 2003



From Our Chapter Couple of the Year



Our THANKS TO ALL OF YOU , A2 members as well as the large number of visitors from other chapters, for the canned food you brought to our February meeting. You filled 4 boxes with 126 items of nonperishable food. This food was delivered to the Pastors Pantry in Lexington. This is a “store house” for seniors.

They now serve 250 families each month and have a waiting list of 50 families. We hope that our contribution will help them fill that waiting list. All types of food is appreciated, but they have a special need for oatmeal, grits, canned tuna and chicken. We ask that you bring a can of food or any nonperishable item of food to our meeting each month (you may win \$100 in December) and help feed our senior citizens in Davidson County.

We were pleased to attend Eden’s meeting on the 18th. The couples program was well represented by 5.5Couples. We were also proud to have our NC District Couple of the Year, Alan and Carolyn Little and Roger Hatley our NC District MED in attendance. We’re looking forward to seeing all the couples again at future meetings.



On the Road Again
Sonny and Betty



GWRRA

2008

**NC Chapter A-2
Canned Food Drive**





Go to www.gwrranc.org W.O.S. Rally
information and print off the rules and
registration form for the talent show

Come join us all for a great evening of fun!
Friday Sept. 19th.....McGough Arena
Following the Opening Ceremonies &
The Announcement of the 2008/2009
North Carolina Couple of The Year

GWRRA

2008

Wings Over the Smokies **Talent Show**

*******Amateurs Only*******

If you get paid to entertain an audience then you are not an amateur

Friday 7pm - 9pm @ The McGough Arena

Following the announcement of the 2008/2009 NC District Couple of The Year

**There will be 4 categories--(Non-Serious/Song or Music)
(Serious / Song or Music) -- (Solo Comedy) -- (Group Comedy)**

Time Limit for all Song or Music Acts...5 minutes

Time Limit for all Comedy Acts...8 minutes

By going over time limit you will be disqualified

There will be no more than 5 entries per category

Entries will be filled as we receive your registration

Winners will be determined by a panel of Judges

**A plaque will be awarded to the first and
second place winners of each category**

Deadline for entries is NO LATER than Sat. Sept. 13th

Chapters...Here is your chance to join in on the fun

If you can think of a crazy skit....Let's all be crazy together

All contestants must have a current GWRRA Membership

Entries accepted by SNAIL MAIL ONLY

Name _____ Date _____

Serious Song / Music _____ Non-Serious Song / Music _____

Comedy Solo _____ Comedy Group _____

Song Title or kind of act _____

Approx. Length of act _____

Home Chapter _____ Location _____ District _____

Phone # _____ EMAIL _____

**Please feel free to call or e-mail us with any questions
or to see if any category spots are still available**

**Eddie & Ann Allen
524 Lewis Farm Rd. Bessemer City, N.C. 28016
704-629-5700.....theallens524@bellsouth.net**

WINGS OVER THE SMOKIES 2008 LOGO CONTEST

See your idea come to life on the Rally shirts and pins for this, the Silver Anniversary Edition of Wings Over the Smokies. This 25th year Celebration deserves to be a Special Logo, and your entry could be the winner. This year will be a Patriotic theme.

CONTEST GUIDELINES:

Limit of 6 colors

Colors should be carefully indicated on drawing

Logo need not be professionally drawn or to be perfect scale

The name "Wings Over the Smokies" must be part of the design

A Gold Wing motorcycle must be part of the design

Remember, this will be the 25th Wings Over the Smokies



WHO MAY ENTER THE CONTEST?

Any North Carolina GWRRA Members.

PRIZE AWARDS:

Winner will be recognized at the 2008 WOS closing Ceremonies

Winner will receive Free Registration for the 2009 WOS Rally as registrants number One and Two

Winner will receive \$100 cash prize

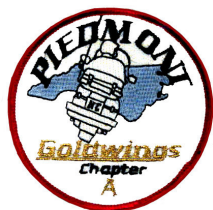
Winner will draw for the Grand Prize at the 2008 WOS Rally

Entries must be postmarked not later than April 15, 2008

Mail entries to: Dennis & Kathy Hull

1304 Blackberry Road

Boone, NC 28607



FUND RAISER For Autism Service Dog

YARD SALE



Chapter A is having a Yard Sale Fund Raiser for Jamie Austin that is 12 years old and is autistic, so severe that communication is very difficult. This purchase of a service dog will be his protector, help him calm down when upset, keep him from wandering off, alert his parents or caregiver when he is in trouble, and Be His Friend. These service dogs cost \$6,500.00.

Mrs. Austin called Fred Myers because someone had told her that the Gold Wings were fund raisers for worthy causes.

This certainly is one. We will be having a Yard Sale, April 5th from 7 AM to 2PM at Wal*Mart, S.Elm/Eugene St., I-85, Greensboro, NC.

Anyone that has any yard sale items that they would like to donate, we would greatly appreciate them.

They can get in touch with Ron or Alice Myers at 336.697.1893 or grm0476@aol.com.

WHEN: APRIL 5TH 2008

WHERE: WAL★MART
STORES, INC.

**S.Elm/Eugene St., I-85
Greensboro, NC.**

TIME : 7 AM to 2PM

We will be selling raffle tickets for \$5.00 - 26" Flatscreen TV, \$250 Gift Certificate from Cycle Center, Asheboro \$100 Gift Certificate from Rays Cycle Center, Thomasville The raffle will be at our April 10th meeting.

Do not have to be present to win.

Honda to End Motorcycle Production in Ohio

<http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/business/stories/2008/02/27/honda.html?sid=101>

Workers at Marysville plant will get other jobs

Wednesday, February 27, 2008 10:00 AM

By [Paul Wilson](#)

THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH



FILE PHOTO

In July 1996, Honda celebrated the production of the millionth motorcycle at its Marysville factory. Honda will stop making motorcycles in Ohio in 2009 — 30 years after the plant in Marysville became the Japanese company's first manufacturing operation in the United States.

The 450 employees who make motorcycles in Marysville will get other jobs with Honda in Ohio, where the automaker employs nearly 16,000.

Honda, which announced the move this morning, said it will build the motorcycles at a new plant in Kumamoto, Japan, which will open next year. Along with Marysville, an older plant in Japan will no longer make motorcycles.

"This was a complex decision tied to the important role that Honda in Ohio plays within our North American automobile operations," Akio Hamada, president and chief executive of Honda of America, said in a statement.

"We will focus our associates' abilities on our goal to produce cars, light truck and engines in Ohio."

No decision has been made about what to do with the 330,000-square-foot motorcycle building, but Honda said it could use it for auto production.

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Official Announcement from Honda

TO BE READ Wednesday, February 27, 2008

TO: HAM and EGA Associates

FROM: Akio Hamada, HAM President and CEO

MMP to Cease Production in Spring 2009

This morning I made a very important and difficult announcement to our fellow associates at the Marysville Motorcycle Plant.

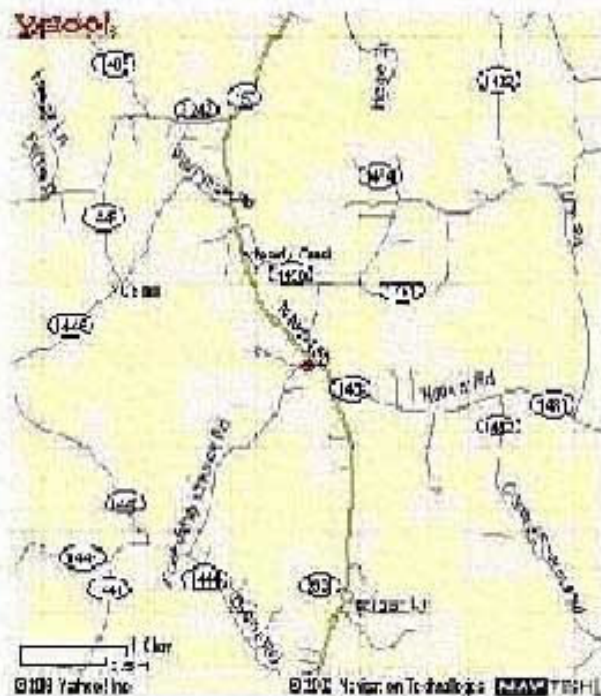
Beginning in spring 2009, Honda will consolidate the Marysville Motorcycle Plant production at a new state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Kumamoto, Japan.

As you may remember, Honda made a similar announcement in 2006 to consolidate motorcycle production from the Hamamatsu plant in Japan to Kumamoto. The purpose of these consolidation efforts is to strengthen the competitiveness and appeal of Honda products by applying advanced technologies.

Out of respect to our associates and those impacted by this announcement, I wanted to share this news as soon as possible. We are currently evaluating how we will proceed with this direction. But I want to assure you that MMP associates will remain an important part of the HAM team. There will be no layoffs.

In the past, many people have identified themselves as motorcycle associates, or auto plant associates, or engine associates. But the one very important thing for all of us to remember is that we are one team. A team of dedicated and committed Honda associates whose number one objective is to satisfy our customers. We will share with you more details as they become available. Thank you and have a safe day.

Akio Hamada, HAM President and CEO



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

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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 4th

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