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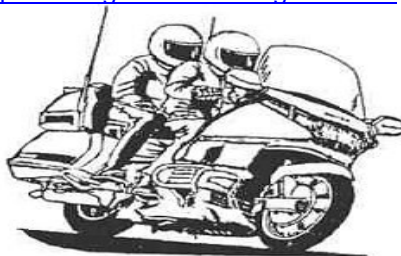
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August 5, 2008

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From Your Chapter Director

Looking Back at July

We started off the month of July giving away the Central Travelers Plaque. That's twice this year we were able to give it away. And speaking of plaques, Sonny and Betty captured the Couples Plaque this month.

We also took a day trip to Greenville, SC to take part in Wing Ding. And just like last time Wing Ding was in Greenville, we got caught in a bad thunderstorm on the way back! If Wing Ding ever comes back to Greenville we may have to take the cars!

On the 19th we had the opportunity to help co-sponsor a charity ride for Hospice of Davidson County. We had 18 A2 members working along with the folks at Hospice selling T-shirts, registering riders, lining up bikes, giving out door prize tickets and selling 50-50 tickets. There were 178 bikes registered for the ride and after they finished at Finch Park, we helped feed the whole bunch. I want to say a big Thank You to all the A2 folks that joined in to make this a very successful event for Hospice. Everything went very smoothly as far as I could tell. The folks at Hospice put on a first class event. They are already making plans for next year.

At the end of the month was the big kick off meeting of North Carolina's newest chapter – NC-X -- Wake Forest Wings!. Welcome, Bob (Goose) & Dorothy Richards to the District!

Chapter B2 has both the Central Travelers Plaque and the Region N Plaque. We aren't eligible for the Region N Plaque but we can get the Central Plaque a third time! Let's plan on visiting B2 on August 12th and take it home!

Randy D.



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

From Your Assistant Chapter Director



This is the sixth in my series of interviews to get to know our Chapter staff members. So far, I have interviewed our Chapter Couple, our Chapter Educator, our Chapter Treasurer, our Chapter Special Events Coordinator, and our Sunshine Lady. This month I interviewed Tim Pennington, our Technical Advisor, and here were his replies to my six questions.

Q 1 & 2. – How long have you been a GWRRA/Chapter NC-A2 member?

A 1 & 2. – Since 1986 for both.

Q3. Why do you stay in NC-A2 and the GWRRA?

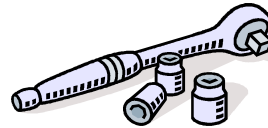
A3. He stays because of the people. Especially the group we have now. He really enjoys riding with this group of people.

Q4. Why did you accept the position as Chapter Technical Advisor?

A4. Steve and Robin originally asked him, and he accepted so that he could do his part. When Randy took over, he asked if Tim would stay and he said yes.

Q5. What do you see as being the responsibilities of your Technical Advisor?

A5. His responsibilities are to research and find Tech Tips that will assist our members. He then takes those Tech Tips and uses them to create an article for the newsletter every month and also presents that information to the group at the monthly gatherings. He is always open to suggestions for ideas and welcomes ideas from the group.



Q6. What is your favorite GWRRA memory, so far?

A6. His favorite memory so far is traveling to the 2002 Honda Homecoming in Marysville, Ohio. The ride was challenging, as they rode through thunderstorms, but the homecoming was very enjoyable. There were several people from our chapter along for the ride that made it fun. Since there will no longer be annual Honda Homecomings (the plant is moving to Japan), this will probably remain an especially fond memory.

That's it for this month. Coming next month, my interview with our Chapter MAD man.

Peggy Grotberg
ACD





RIDER EDUCATION



Risk, Webster's defines it as "The possibility of suffering harm". It is something we live with every day from the time we get up until we lay down again at night. We can't avoid it but we can try to manage it. When deciding to participate in motorcycling you are agreeing to accept a certain amount of risk over and above what you normally deal with. But there are techniques we can use to manage that risk to an acceptable level.

We have already begun to manage the risk by participating in the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) Basic Rider Course (BRC) where we learned strategies and techniques to keep us safe and minimize the risk. The MSF class teaches you where to look and what to look for as well as what actions to take when you recognize a potentially dangerous situation. But, formally trained or not, we all use strategies every time we ride in order to manage the risk.

For years I have said I ride "as if everyone else on the road was put there with the sole purpose to run over me". That is a strategy; even though it is very broad and very open ended it is still a strategy that governs the way I ride and how I manage risk. When on my motorcycle I trust no one and expect other vehicle operators to do the unexpected. I try to imagine what is the worst thing they could do, and then plan on it happening. Each of us should have our own strategy. If you don't have one your motorcycling career may be very short.

MSF teaches a very simple strategy called SEE. It stands for Search, Evaluate, and Execute. It is a simple but effective way to protect yourself from the many risks that exist on the open road. They also teach you to scan at a distance of 12 seconds, and 4 seconds and maintain a minimum following distance of 2 seconds. Again, a strategy to help you manage the risk. Can we always manage the risk to the point of avoiding all accidents?

Accidents are a series of events that end in a crash. Sometimes these are single vehicle accidents and sometimes there are multiple vehicles involved. If any of the events leading up to the crash could be eliminated then the crash could have been avoided. Most crashes are avoidable by simply managing the risk and eliminating events that lead to a crash.

If you get on your motorcycle immediately after a fight with your significant other you won't be focused on your riding. Your mind will be playing back the argument and you might not notice the car backing out of the driveway until it is too late to avoid a collision. By not allowing yourself to ride when you are less than 100% focused on your riding you are applying a strategy, which allows you to interrupt a series of events that may result in a crash.

Wearing the proper protective clothing is another way of managing the risk. You see riders, usually at the beach, with no helmet, no shirt, shorts and sandals. This type of rider has accepted a level of risk far greater than anything I'm willing to accept and one that could easily lead to significant injury or death. Proper gear not only protects you from the environment it makes you more visible and may save your life when all else fails.

Many automobile operators claim they never saw the motorcycle they just pulled out in front of. Could this risk have been managed? Yes, by wearing high visibility gear, adding a headlight modulator and driving lights you can make your motorcycle easier to see. Additionally, the frontal cross section of a motorcycle is very small making it difficult for a driver to judge the approach speed of the motorcycle. The best way to manage this one is to slow down in congested areas and stay within the speed limit.

No matter how you attempt to manage the risk there are times that you do everything right and it still results in a crash situation. Good equipment, good training, and good sense will keep most of us out of trouble most of the time but not always and that is the risk that we take every time we ride. Doing everything right may not be enough because as a friend of mine says there are times when you can be right, dead right. Ride safe and when you drive, look twice you might save a life.

As Always Ride Safe
Gerry



Tim's Tech Tip



Motorcycle Batteries purchased from Wally World were praised for their performance and price on the GWRRA Message Board! One fellow has had his for three years and stated that it is still going strong. Another person says these batteries are made by Exide Battery Company. It was also reported that Exide, is owned by Yuasa Battery Company.

Wal Mart also offers a Maintenance Free battery at less than half the price of a Yuasa. If your battery fails on a Holiday or other times the dealers are not open, this could be good option to save your trip.

Tim Pennington

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Chapter Couple of the Year

It's good to be back home and to be able to visit with other Couples of the Year at their chapters meetings. We have visited NC-B2 (Winston Salem), NC-L2 (Mooresville), where we competed in their couples contest, it was lots of fun and we won \$300 (play money of course). We visited NC-M, (Salisbury), where we finally won the Couple Plaque. We were last on the list to win the Couples Plaque. We took the plaque to NC-H2 (Durham) where we presented the plaque to Earl and Micki, NC-A (Greensboro). The flip -flop contest in Durham was lots of fun and brought lots of cheers and laughter from the crowd. Sonny especially enjoyed the event, as he was a judge. We are looking forward to the couples picnic in August ,where all the couples will be enjoy fellowship together before the competition at Wings over the Smokies.

Thanks to all who have attended our Chapter meetings each month and have brought food for the elderly in Davidson County. We have collected a total of 392 items of food so far this year. Remember for every can or item of food you bring to our meeting, you will receive 1 ticket per item towards a drawing for \$100 in December. You do not have to be present to win. So pick up a couple of extra cans of food to feed the elderly.

On the Road Again,

Sonny and Betty,

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Pastor's Pantry relocates to new building



The Pastor's Pantry has moved to a larger facility at 307 N. State St. in [Lexington](#) to reach its objective to serve more financially challenged senior adults needing nutritious groceries.

The significant increase in square footage at the State Street facility provides a long-term home for the organization, provides an extensive area to store food items and allows more room for volunteers to gather as they process the groceries. NewBridge Bank donated furniture for the office, and members of First Baptist Church on West Third Avenue built storage shelves.

The former office was broken up into small rooms, hampering large volunteer groups from being able to gather for projects. The new warehouse has larger rooms for food storage and volunteer gatherings.

"The most important thing is this will allow us to grow," Executive Director Jo Ann Poston said.

The pantry will acknowledge the support of the community and their volunteers by hosting an open house from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23. Attendees can eat a hot dog and help "Pack the Pantry" shelves by donating food items.

The food items needed by The Pastor's Pantry include the following canned items: mixed vegetables, carrots, peas, tuna and meat. In addition, the pantry needs rice, elbow macaroni, spaghetti and individual packets of oatmeal and grits.

Serving its clients is the most important priority for the Pastor's Pantry, therefore, all grocery distributions for the month of July were processed prior to the move. With the exception of receiving donations, the State Street location will be closed for the remainder of July as the staff and volunteers prepare the location for a more timely and efficient method of serving clients.

The [Davidson County](#) Sheriff's Office allowed inmates in the [Davidson County](#) Detention Center to help move the office Monday, for which Poston said she was grateful.

If you would like further information about the organization or would like to make a monetary donation, please contact Poston at 249-8824. The mailing address for the Pastor's Pantry remains the same: P.O. Box 2051, [Lexington](#), NC 27293.



2008 GWRRA

A2 Canned Food Drive Results:



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| February meeting | --- | 126 items of food |
| March meeting | --- | 64 |
| April meeting | --- | 67 |
| May meeting | --- | 60 |
| June meeting | --- | 75 |
| July meeting | --- | 80 |

Total --- 472 items of food

\$100 Drawing in December for Canned Food Drive

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Bring your canned foods to the meeting and you could be the winner in December



Happy Birthday

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| August 13 th | Becky Plyler |
| August 18 th | Bill Plyler |
| August 21 st | Tim Beck |
| August 27 th | Carolyn Dezarn |
| August 27 th | Joe Higgins |



Wedding Anniversary

None

GWRRA Anniversary

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| Bernie Motley | 1997 |
| Dottie Motley | 1997 |
| Randy Dezarn | 1999 |
| Carolyn Dezarn | 1999 |



A note from our July Meeting

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| Members | 21 |
| Visitors | 24 (4 from Florida) |

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| Ride Pot | \$28.00 | Randy |
| Vest Drawing | \$ 5.00 | Tony Barker Chapter G |

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| 50/50 Drawing | \$32.00 | Ruby |
| 50/50 Drawing | \$32.00 | Ed Carr (Florida) |

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| Central Plaque | T-2 Albemarle |
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A2 CARE BEAR LIST

Remember Our Sick
Keep them in your thoughts and prayers



Don Pennington is still having health problems

Willie Hunt – Has Parkinson's Disease

Elzie Puckett -Chapter W and Former Central Assistant District Director- Elzie had surgery to clean out the main artery in one side of his neck on July 21st. . During the night a blood clot developed and caused a Mini-Stroke . Elzie is having problems controlling his left arm .Therapy is helping and hopefully will improve the condition. Keep Elzie and Betty Puckett in your prayers. Cards can be sent to : Elzie Puckett 226 Sisk Mill Road Madison, NC 27025

Wayne Byrd, Chapter Educator for W, had quadruple cardiac bypass surgery on July 15. Cards can be sent to : Wayne Byrd P.O. Box 579 Stokesdale, NC 27357

Brenda Hatley's mother, Hallie Furr, passed away Sunday July 27th. She had been sick for several months and under Hospice care. Cards can be sent to:
Brenda Hatley 6916 St. Timothy Rd. Marshville, NC 28103

Hospice of Davidson County. Ride

Chapter A2 went down in the History books of Hospice as the First Gold Wing chapter to help in their very First Bike event . The Hospice ride went well and without any mishaps with the excellent escort by the Davidson County Sheriffs Department.

A2 members worked well with Hospice Officials and made everything work smooth.
Chapter A2's every own Curry Sprinkle led the group of 178 bikes as the Lead Bike on the ride through the country side . Well Done Mr. Curry and Chapter A2.
Hospice of Davidson County was very pleased with how well everything progressed and are planning on doing it again next year.

From: Norma & Jr Freedle & Hospice of Davidson County

We would like to thank everyone in A2 who helped with the Hospice Ride for Angels. The turnout was really great. I don't have the final tally but we raised quite a bit of money for this project.. We are having a meeting on Wednesday of this week and will know the final figures. I will try to give you a report at our August meeting. Thanks again for all your help. It was greatly appreciated by all involved with the project.

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



AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

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| 18-19-20..... | WINGS OVER THE SMOKIES | Fletcher, NC |
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OCTOBER

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| 9-10-11... | VA Rally in the Valley..... | Salem, VA |
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DECEMBER

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| 6 th | Gifts on Cycles | NC District |
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August Chapter Meeting Changes and Cancellations

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

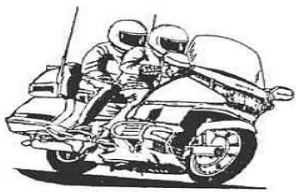
NC –P Asheboro - Until Further Notice All Chapter Meetings for this Chapter are Canceled

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NC-F-Jacksonville will CANCEL their August meeting –Their meeting place has closed and they are looking for a New meeting Location . All meeting locations are TBA until further notice.

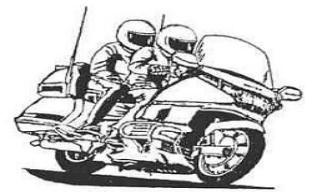
NC-T2 –Albemarle -will CHANGE their August meeting to August 16th to be held on their School Tools Ride .

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NC-F2, Garner, will CANCEL their meeting for September.

NC-O2, Hickory, will CANCEL their meeting for September.



A2 Ride Calendar for August



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| Saturday, August 2 nd | Todd General Store | Leave Newbridge Bank 9:30 AM |
| Saturday, <u>August 16th</u>* | Willville Cook-Out/Camping | Lunch begins at 1:00 PM |
| Friday, August 22 nd | Venezia | Leave Newbridge Bank 6:45 PM |

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| August | Steve & Robin Deane |
| September | Sonny & Betty Dye |
| October | Tim & Ruby Pennington |
| November | Open |
| December | Open |

MONTHLY RIDE COORDINATORS

Each month a person or persons from the chapter will be planning rides for the chapter for the whole month including Friday Night Dinner rides and other Chapter meeting rides. Send your planned rides to Bernie via email at wing.1@earthlink.net so we can get your rides listed in the newsletter.

HEAD COUNT NEEDED :

*** August 16th** --- T-2 is teaming with the Stanly School System for a **School Tool ride**. They will be providing a meal, at no cost, for all who can come. To insure that they have enough food prepared, they need your help. If you would, let Randy know how many of you plan on attending. They are having a barbeque meal, with all the fixings, dessert and drink as a way of thanking everyone for supporting this project. Roger says they don't want anyone to go away hungry, so let Randy know how many of you can go. Thanks!!! They are looking forward to seeing you! Charlotte TV station Channel 9 is going to cover the ride.

Roger & Brenda Hatley Email : rhatley@alltel.net

Chapter Directors, NC-T2

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Wings Over the Smokies Motel Information

September 18-20, 2008




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.

REMINDER : Workers Needed


September 18th, 19th, 20th - Wings Over the Smokies
NC District Rally - Fletcher, NC
Pre-Registration



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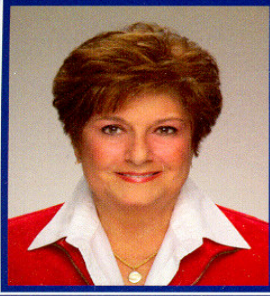
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August Chapter Meetings

| | | | |
|--------------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|
| 1 st Saturday | August 2 nd | NC-G2 NC-Y2 | Waynesville Monroe |
| 1 st Sunday | CANCELED for August | NC-F NC-X | Jacksonville Wake Forest |
| 1 st Tuesday | August 5 th | NC-A2 | Lexington Smithfield |
| 1 st Thursday | August 7 th | NC-D NC-G NC-J NC-V | Greenville High Point Boone Statesville |
| 2 nd Saturday | August 9 th | NC-L2 NC-M NC-U | Mooresville Salisbury Lumberton |
| 2 nd Sunday | August 10 th | NC-Q2 | Dunn |
| 2 nd Monday | August 11 th | NC-C | Charlotte |
| 2 nd Tuesday | August 12 th | NC-Z NC-B2 NC-P2 | Rocky Mount Winston-Salem Forest City |
| 2 nd Thursday | August 14 th | NC-A NC-B | Greensboro Goldsboro |
| | Changed to August 16 th for August Only | NC-T2 | Albemarle |
| 3 rd Saturday | August 16 th | NC-M2 NC-Q | Hendersonville Wilmington |
| 3 rd Sunday | August 17 th | NC-02 | Hickory |
| 3 rd Monday | August 18 th | NC-D2 NC-W | New Bern Eden |
| 3 rd Tuesday | August 19 th | NC-E NC-L | Cary Gastonia |
| 3 rd Thursday | August 21 st | NC-F2 NC-H2 NC-W2 | Garner Durham Jefferson |
| 4 th Saturday | August 23 rd | NC- S2 NC-U2 NC-X2 NC-Y | Sanford Laurinburg Mt Airy Morganton |
| 4 th Sunday | August 24 th | NC-K2 | Fayetteville |
| 4 th Tuesday | August 26 th | NC-R | Thomasville |
| 4 th Thursday | August 28 th | NC-E2 NC-I NC-N NC-S | Elizabeth City Asheville Burlington Lenior |

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

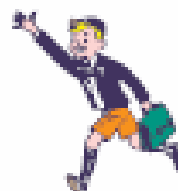
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SCHOOL TOOLS RIDE

SUPPORTING STANLY CO. SCHOOLS

**AUGUST
16TH**

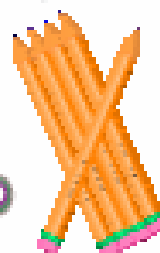
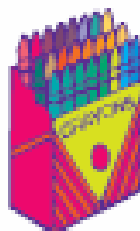
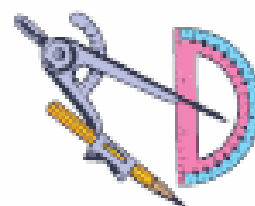
**AUGUST
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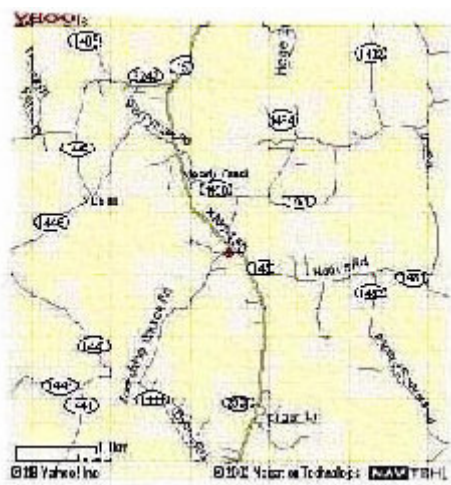
The School Tools Ride will begin at 10:00 at North Stanly High School on Hwy. 52 North of Albemarle. We will enjoy a ride through Stanly Co. ending up at West Stanly High School where the School System will provide us with lunch. **Lots of nice Door Prizes will be provided by Chapter T2.** Come and support the Children of Stanly County by giving from your heart so that they may have a chance at a better Education

Suggested Items

Pencils / Pens
Paper
Notebooks
Crayons
Back Packs
Glue
Lunch Boxes
Erasers
Markers
Colored Pencils
Tablets
Construction Paper
Clip Boards
Hand Sanitizer
Hand Calculator
Composition Books
Kleenex Tissue
Plus Any Items Used At School



By participating in this event, I agree to hold harmless the GWRRA, the Stanly County School System and any other co-sponsors of this event for any damage of property or injury to self during the time of the event.



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CHAPTER NC A2

Lexington, NC

Chapter Meetings :

**1st Tuesday of Every Month Capt'n Steven's Seafood
Hwy 150 & Friendship Church Rd.
Eat 6:30PM –Meeting At 7:30 PM**

NEXT MEETING

August 5, 2008

**Directions : US 52 to Exit 100—Go West on Hickory Tree Road to Stoplight at Hwy 150
Turn Left at stoplight onto Hwy 150 . Capt'n Stevens is 7.5 miles on the right .**



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