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> Next Chapter Meeting September 2, 2008

From Your Chapter Director



Almost Time!

I'd like to thank Gerry for taking over the August gathering in my absence. Carolyn had a week off from school so we took advantage of that and headed to the beach.

It's hard to believe it's almost time for "Wings Over the Smokies"! Once again we will be working the pre-registration tables. This is an important job for us. Everyone that pre-registers must come to us for their packets. It's our change to put the first impression in the minds of the folks that visit the rally. Most of the folks that pre-register are from out of state. So it's a chance to put a positive impression of our state, region or even country on some visitors. In years past we've had folks come to the rally from Canada and even Great Britain.

Other news from WOTS – the Talent Contest has been dropped from the program. Apparently there was not enough interest to make it worthwhile. That's sad because our own Lynn Nicks was slated to perform.

I need to collect any un-sold tickets and money from the Silver Wing raffle tickets. Please get these to me at the September meeting so I can turn everything in.

Gerry is putting together an ERC class for September 27. It will be held at Mitchell Community College in Statesville. We hope several area chapters will take advantage of this opportunity. I also hope everyone in A2 that needs an ERC class takes the opportunity to enroll. If you have any doubts, check with Gerry and see what your status is. The price for the class is \$65 for a single rider, \$75 for 2-up. And for Chapter A2 members only – if you take the course the chapter will reimburse you half the cost of the class. What a deal!!

The chapter had its annual cook out and camping trip at Willville a couple of weeks ago. This is one of my favorite events we do each year. Lynn and Cathy purchased a new tent to try out during this trip. It took the entire crew to put the thing up. But once it was up, it was quite a sight. It had to be the largest tent I've ever seen. They had room to park the trike in it! I hope they had a large time camping! Take a visit to the web site for pictures from the Willville trip.

See ya later! Randy Dezarn



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



## From Your Assistant Chapter Director



This is the seventh 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, our Sunshine Lady, and our Technical Advisor. This month I interviewed Steve Deane, our Chapter Motorist Awareness Division (MAD) Coordinator, 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. –GWRRA since June 2001, NC-A2 since about a year later.
- Q3. Why do you stay in NC-A2 and the GWRRA?
- A3. He and Robin stay because they really enjoy the fellowship that they share with the members of A2.
- Q4. Why did you accept the position as MAD Coordinator?
- A4. Because as a motorcyclist concerned about both his welfare, and the welfare of his fellow riders, he feels that enlightening the motoring public about how to share the road safely with motorcyclists is a worthy venture.
- Q5. What do you see as being the responsibilities of your position as the MAD Coordinator?
- A5. His responsibilities are to when and where he can best fit arranging the presentations and with the MAD presentation and school drivers. He makes every look twice.



coordinate with the local Driver's Ed Directors to find out a presentation into their programs. He is responsible for then reporting on them after they are completed. He starts then tailors it to his audience, which consists primarily of high effort to make motorists aware and then hopes that they will

- Q6. What is your favorite GWRRA memory, so far?
- A6. His favorite memory so far is traveling home from Roan He had been there for the Roan Mountain Steak Out. His old, and Highway 321 provided him with some sweet



Mountain on his new 1800. motorcycle was only 3 days memories.

That's it for this month. I'm not sure what next month will bring, I guess we'll find out together.

Peggy Grotberg











# I'm Safe

This is an article I used a few years ago but I believe it is still pertinent. Many people use a checklist to prepare for a trip. It might include gas, tire pressure, first aid kit, et cetera. One item often missing is the condition of the rider himself. Yet the rider's condition is at least as important as the condition of the bike.

There is a checklist which allows the rider to check out himself before every trip. Easy to remember, the list is called **I'm Safe**. It stands for illness, medication, stress, alcohol, fatigue and emotion. Let's take a look at how each of these factors affects us.

#### Illness:

Many illnesses such as diarrhea, headache or fever can blunt our senses and affect our ability to scan aggressively for hazards or our ability to react to these hazards quickly. Recovering from an illness can do the same.

#### **Medication:**

Medication such as sleeping pills, even taken the night before, or antihistamines can make us drowsy. Antibiotics do a good job of fighting infections but also leave us fatigued for several days.

#### Stress:

Just before a trip is not the best time to air our problems. We will be in a much better mood after a good trip. Take time to relax before starting. Another thing to remember: don't bring the kids.

#### Alcohol:

Alcohol can be summed up in a single phrase-one drink per hour. Make sure there is no alcohol in your system before you ride.

#### **Fatigue:**

Working long hours at physical labor before a trip is a sure way to start the trip with fatigue.

#### **Emotion:**

We are all aware that being angry or sad at can keep our mind off our riding, but we should know that being very happy can do the same. We need to take time to think things out before we start.

Ride Safe Gerry Grotberg



Tim's Tech Tip

If you own, as many of us do, or plan on buying a used Gold Wing you should do a little research to be sure that all recalls have been completed! Any dealer should be able to run the VIN numbers on your bike to verify what has or has not been done. Also check out the web site <u>http://www.ahm-ownerlink.com</u> to register any Honda



product, and they will inform you of recalls and other info that may be useful.

One example is the GL1800 frame recall. The Honda Service Bulletin shows where to find the punch mark on the ID Label on the right front of the frame, to indicate if the repair has been completed. We may have some newer members that may not have this info, so I hope this helps!

Tim Pennington



The Couple of the Year program for 2008 is drawing to a close. The couples gathered in Burlington on August 17<sup>th</sup> for a picnic. We were honored to have with us Dennis and Kathy Hull, Roger and Brenda Hatley, several of our district officers and of course our North Carolina Couple of the Year, now our Regional Couple of the Year, Alan and Carolyn Little. We had lot of fun getting to know each other, maybe a little too much (only kidding). We especially enjoyed Dennis' entertainment. The Couple of the Year program is a great way to get to know so many of our fellow members. We were "kind of pushed" into being Chapter A2's couple, but the last 2 years has been a lot of fun. We are so glad we decided to be a part of the program.

There are 28 chapter couples in North Carolina. Of these 28 as of August 17<sup>th</sup> there were only 4 couples participating in the North Carolina Couple of the Year selection program. We hope there will be more to join in the fun. We ask you to join us to on Friday morning at Wings Over the Smokies to support and welcome the 2009 Couple of the Year.

We won the Couples plaque at NC-B2's meeting this month (only our  $2^{nd}$  time) and it went to NC-A's meeting, where NC-G won, the last time the plaque will be given away in 2008. There will be a drawing at WOS for the 2008 plaque to have a permanent home with one of the 28 chapter couples.

We want to thank all of you for your generosity this year in giving to our food drive for the Pastor's Pantry. We will continue to collect food for the hungry until our December meeting when one lucky person will win \$100.



2008 GWRRA					
A2 Canned Food Drive Results:					

Februar	y meeting	 126 it	ems of food
March	meeting	 64	-M-
April	meeting	 67	5 m
May	meeting	 60	W C B
June	meeting	 75	A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A
July	meeting	 80	
August	meeting	 70	

Total --- 542 items of food

## \$100 Drawing in December for Canned Food Drive



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







Couples Plaque Couples Drawing Jim and Gail Simpson \$ 5.00 Jim and Gail Simpson

# Visitation is the Life Blood of the Chapters

The Central Traveler Plaque is with NC-G, High Point. It will be available at their next monthly meeting on September 4th at Pioneer Restaurant, 10914 N.Main St. (Rt 311), Archdale. Eat at 6:30 PM, meet at 7:30 PM.

The Tar Heel Traveler and the Region N Wanderer Plaque is with NC-Q, Wilmington IT will be given away at their next meeting which has been changed from the 3rd Saturday to the 4th Saturday to be held on September 27th due to Wings Over The Smokies. They meet at Carolina Barbecue,2703 N. College Road (Hwy 132). For this meeting only they will Eat at 2:00 PM, meet at 3:00 PM



## A2 CARE BEAR LIST

Remember Our Sick Keep them in your thoughts and prayers Don Pennington is still having health problems Guy Hanes fell and broke his Collar Bone



Emergency Sheets should be placed in the front left pocket of the bike. A copy was in the July Newsletter. Please complete the form and keep it on your bike in case of an accident.

#### 2008 North Carolina District, Region N, & Nearby Events Calendar **SEPTEMBER** OCTOBER VA Rally in the Valley.....Salem, VA 9-10-11... 18<sup>th</sup> NC-S & Y Funday Connelly Springs Town Hall I-40 W Exit 113 and follow the signs $25^{\text{th}}$ NC-B Tractor Pull Goldsboro.NC DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup> ..... Gifts on Cycles ..... NC District Event

## **September 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

# Notice: Chapter F, Jacksonville has a New Meeting Location

The Marina Café at 110 S Marine Blvd., Jacksonville, NC 28540. The Marina Café offers waterfront dining on the New River.

Next meeting Sun, Sep 7. Eat at 2:00 pm, Meet at 3:00 pm.

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

NC-H2 Durham, will CANCEL their meeting for September

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

NC-U2, Laurinburg, will **CANCEL** their meeting for September.

NC-W2, Jefferson, will CANCEL their meeting for September

\*\*Special Notice\*\* : Chapter Q , Wilmington will change their September meeting only to the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday instead of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday due to a conflict with WOS. Meeting time has changed for this one meeting only :Eat at 2:00 PM, Meet at 3:00 PM – The Region N Plaque and the Tar Heel Traveler will be available at this Special meeting.

# FOR SALE :

# Owner: Ron Myers - Chapter NC A - Greensboro

2002 Goldwing, Titanium, Tall Tulsa Windshield,Kury riders backrest, Kury passenger armrests w/cupholder, Kury hi-way pegs, Kury luggage rack, Heated grips w/Kury clamshell covers, Honda CB Radio & Antenna, Honda rear spoiler w/Flashing brake lights, Kury Triple Exhausts, Show Chrome Trunk & Saddlebag LED Lights,Other misc. chrome pieces. 56,000 miles. All fluids changed and tune up at 48k mi. K&N air filter.

AM-FM, intercom, Weather radio, Outlet for I-Pod, GPS, chrome lower cowl w/ running lights, chrome fairing cover and Baker wind wings Excellent Condition, Adult Owned and Ridden. \$13,500/obo Located in Greensboro, N.C. 336-697-8193 or grn0476@aol.com







# "A2 Ride Calendar for September"

#### September 6



September 13



September 18,19,20



September 26

September 27

Air Show at Smith-Reynolds Airport, Winston-Salem



### Picnic Lunch @ Morrow Mountain

State Park (near Albemarle) Pack an "old fashion" picnic lunch (Paper goods, ice, drinks and desserts will be provided)There will be a 1 & 1/2 hour ride to the park from Lexington, after lunch, a 1 hour ride to Spencer to tour the N.C. Transportation Museum (open until 5 pm) or enjoy the antique car show (starts @3pm) across the street from the museum.

Both are FREE NC-M, Salisbury, will have their monthly meeting the same day (eat @ 6pm, meet @ 7pm) for those who would like to attend.

Wings Over the Smokies Rally

Fletcher. NC

Leave Newbridge Bank Shopping Center @ 9:30am General Tickets - \$15.00@gate Senior Tickets \$10.00@gate Food available at show <u>www.wsairshow.com</u> for info. on events

Leave Newbridge Bank Shopping Center @10:30am Go to <u>www.nctrans.org</u> for info



To be Announced

**Friday Night Dinner Ride** Farm House Restaurant, Salisbury

North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro

www.nczoo.org General Tickets - \$10.00 Senior Tickers - \$ 8.00 Food and drinks are available at 3 cafes on site Leave Newbridge Bank Shopping Center @ 6:45

Leave Newbridge Bank Shopping Center 9:30 am

Late lunch or supper at Jugtown Café in Seagrove

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 <u>wing.1@earthlink.net</u> so we can get your rides listed in the newsletter.

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



Reminder : Each Chapter is to bring a Door Prize to Wings Over the Smokies Andrew and Vickie Butcher

Reminder: Please don't forget to sell those Silver Wing tickets. They are to assist in paying for the Bike. All monies and any unsold tickets are to be turned into Randy at the September meeting.

## A2 Goes Camping At Willville Motorcycle Campground



Let the Fun Begin !!



Red Goes to Blue ?





Is It Gonna Fit?



The 5 Star Motel is OPEN !!



Pa Pa's got a brand New Bag !



Watz Up ?



It's Gonna !!!





Is it Gonna Fit ??



YEEE HAAA !

# **Members Column**

By : Darrell & Karen Freedle

We left on July 16<sup>th</sup> traveling through North Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky. We toured a Kentucky Derby Farm while in Kentucky .On July 18<sup>th</sup> we traveled through Indiana and Illinois. On July 19<sup>th</sup>, we visited the Arch in St.Louis, Missouri. On July 20<sup>th</sup> we traveled through Iowa and Minnesota and visited John Wayne's birthplace.

On July 21<sup>st</sup>, we traveled through Wisconsin and visited Al Capone's Hideout. On July 22<sup>nd</sup>, we traveled through Michigan where we visited the Mackinac Bridge and the Tunnel of Trees.

July 23<sup>rd</sup>, we arrived in Ohio and Honda Homecoming. On the 24<sup>th</sup>, we toured the Honda Plant, went to an Ice Cream Social, walked through the vendors and rode in the parade. July 25<sup>th,</sup> we toured Indian Lake by pontoon boat, then we went over to Honda Homecoming and watched the Drill Team and rode in the Light parade.

July 26<sup>th</sup> we rode in the Ride For Kids, visited the Honda motorcycle store ate at the Der Dutchman restaurant. On July 26<sup>th</sup>, we traveled thru W.Va, Va. and NC. We rode a total of 3575 miles. It was a great trip.



GWRRA will be starting the process of preparing the 2009 edition of the Gold Book. Please take a moment to make sure the information we have in our system is accurate. You may do so by contacting the Customer Service Department at 800.843.9460, or by logging into your account on our <u>Online Customer Service</u> website. Updates must be completed no later than November 3, 2009

# SEPTEMBER Chapter Meetings

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1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	Sept. 2	NC-A2	Lexington Smithfield
1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	Sept. 4	NC-D NC-G NC-J NC-V	Greenville High Point Boone Statesville
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	Sept. 6	NC-G2 NC-Y2	Waynesville Monroe
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Sept. 7	NC-X NC-F	Wake Forest Jacksonville
2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	Sept. 8	NC-C	Charlotte
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	Sept. 9	NC-Z NC-B2 NC-P2	Rocky Mount Winston-Salem Forest City
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	Sept. 11	NC-A NC-B NC-T2	Greensboro Goldsboro Albemarle
2nd Saturday	Sept.13	NC-L2 NC-M NC-U	Mooresville Salisbury Lumberton
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Sept 14	NC-Q2	Dunn
3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	Sept 15	NC-D2 NC-W	New Bern Eden
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	Sept 16	NC-E NC-L	Cary Gastonia
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	Sept 18	NC-F2 NC-H2 NC-W2	Garner cancelled for Sept Durham cancelled for Sept Jefferson cancelled for Sept
3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	Sept 20	NC-M2 NC-Q	Hendersonville Wilmington Moved to 4 <sup>th</sup> Sat. for September only
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Sept 21	NC-02	Hickory cancelled for Sept
4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	Sept 23	NC-R	Thomasville
4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Sept 25	NC-E2 NC-I NC-N NC-S	Elizabeth City Asheville Burlington Lenoir
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Sept 27	NC-Q NC-S2 NC-U2 NC-X2 NC-Y	Wilmington (Day Changed for September only) Sanford Laurinburg cancelled for Sept Mt Airy Morganton
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Sept 28	NC-K2	Fayetteville



NC GWRRA Chapters S & Y Invite You To An

October Funraiser For the J. Iverson Riddle Center

# October in the Blue Ridge Fun Day

October 18, 2008 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Connelly Springs Town Hall** 

# I-40 Exit 113 and follow the signs

Featuring:

Yard Sale, Bake Sale, Hot Dogs, 50/50 Drawings

And

# !!!!Parkway Poker Run!!!!

1st bike out at 10 a.m. Last bike in at 2:00 p.m.

\$10 per hand / \$25 for 3 hands

\$3 per extra draws (limit 2)

Best Hand 25%, 2nd 15%, Worst Hand 10%

As well as many other fabulous prizes!

The October Chapter Meeting for S&Y will begin at 2 p.m.

I/We agree to hold harmless GWRRA, the cosponsoring organization, and any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property by reason of participating in this event.



Annual Fundraiser for O'Berry Center

# October 25, 2008

# LAWN TRACTOR PULL

SPONSORED BY GOLDSBORO'S COUNTRY GOLDWINGS GWRRA CHAPTER NC - B

IN CONJUNCTION WITH

EAST CAROLINA LAWN TRACTOR PULL ASSOCIATION

Free admission

FIRST PULL AT 1:00 PM

Beginning at 11:00 AM we will be selling:

Hot Dogs, French Fries, Cold Drinks Other snacks All proceeds go to O'Berry Center

DIRECTION: (NAHUNTA SOFTBALL COMPLEX) FROM Smithfield travel Hwy 70E to Hwy 581. Turn left on Hwy 581 and go 5.5 miles. Complex is on right.

FROM Goldsboro and points east, take Hwy 70W to the new Hwy 117 bypass. Take Hwy 117 north toward Wilson to exit 94 (Pikeville Princeton Rd). Take exit 94, turn left across the bridge and go 3.6 miles to Hwy 581. Turn right and go 0.6 miles.

FROM Point north and south of Goldsboro, using Hwy 117, take the new Hwy 117 to exit 94 and follow directions above (from Wilson turn right off the exit). This will be our meeting for October.

If you have questions call FAY KING at 910-293-7643 or E-mail at <u>www.jandfay@gsiwave.com</u>.

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Friends for FUN, SAFETY, & KNOWLEDGE

CHAPTER NC A2 Lexington, NC Chapter Meetings : 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Every Month Capt'n Steven's Seafood Hwy 150 & Friendship Church Rd. Eat 6:30PM –Meeting At 7:30 PM

> NEXT MEETING September 2, 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 .



Lexington Style Wings NC Chapter A2 781 Waitman Road Lexington, NC 27295