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Next Chapter Meeting

October 7, 2008



From Your Chapter Director

A Job Well Done!

The 2008 version of Wings Over the Smokies is now behind us. And I'd like to say a great, big "Thanks!" for a job well done by all the A2 members that helped out during the rally. Everyone pitched in where needed, worked their shift and asked if there was anything else that was needed. This is what makes working the rally great. As far as I could tell there were no major slip-ups or issues that came about. What few problems that occurred we handled swiftly and professionally.

I'm sure each of us has a funny or strange story to tell about the rally. I bet most of those stories involve your motel room!

As the year slips away there is one last big district event that is coming up. On December 6 is the "Gifts on Cycles" event at the Murdock Center. You'll be hearing more about this in the coming weeks ahead.

Some have asked about the Christmas Party. Traditionally, we have had our party on the 2nd Saturday each December. But some have mentioned this will conflict with other parties that have been planned. So this year the party will be on the first Saturday, December 6, at 5:00 pm. We'll be having the party at the Classic Restaurant. So, plan on going to the Murdock Center that morning then the Chapter Christmas party that evening and I'll guarantee you'll be full of the Holiday Spirit!

Until next time,
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



I'm taking a short break from my regular routine of interviewing the chapter officers this month, because I want to talk about Wings Over The Smokies. As you all know (or maybe you don't), Gerry and I rarely get to attend this annual event, because of our work schedules. Since we are both on 9 month contracts, we don't get vacation days so we have to miss most of the rallies. We did, however, get to attend part of it, for which I am very thankful.

We arrived on Friday night, about 5:00 - just in time to get our room, register, and attend the Opening Ceremonies. The room was really nice - clean, comfortable, and (thankfully) bugless. The first people we saw at the rally were Bernie and Dottie. Their smiling faces and professional manner set the tone for the rest of the weekend. We were happy to see them, and they made us feel welcome. We got our packages and our armbands and sat down to look through the paperwork and wait for the official ceremonies to begin.

Although the opening ceremony wasn't as formal as it had been in the past, it was much shorter, and after just riding the 2 ½ hours to get there, that was greatly appreciated. I was proud to see the ROTC presenting the colors for the ceremony. I thought they did a great job. I was also proud to hear Norma Freedle's name called out as one of the original organizers of WOTS 25 years ago. It's nice to know that someone in our chapter had a hand in that. It was also great to hear Guy Hanes' name called as the Oldest Rider to come on his bike this year. Especially after his recent shoulder incident. After the opening ceremonies, and since it was starting to get a little late, we skipped the ice-cream social and went out to eat with some of the chapter members - Betty, Sonny, Bill, Deidre, Jim, and Gail. (Yes, I know Jim and Gail aren't technically part of our chapter, but they attend our meetings so often that I feel like they might as well be.) Both Deidre and Betty seemed to be getting sick. I hope they are better by now. Anyway, it was a good dinner, and a good time. All in all, a great start to our WOTS experience.

Saturday, Gerry left me at the hotel to go teach an ERC. I took advantage of the quiet time in the room to catch up on some grading for my classes. After he returned, we went to see what was happening at the rally. We got our T-shirts, looked through all the vendor offerings, checked out the Gold and Silver Wings that were to be given away later, and talked to friends that we met along the way. It seems like the longer we are involved with the GWRRA, the more of them (friends) there seems to be. A nice benefit of our membership.

We attended the closing ceremony on Saturday night, not believing how fast it had all gone. The ceremony was a little more formal than the night before, but it seemed appropriate. There were also a lot more people there (you don't supposed those motorcycles they were giving away had anything to do with that, do you?). Again, I had several reasons to be proud. I was proud of the A2 group that turned out for the event (not just the closing ceremony, but the whole thing). Proud to hear Curry Sprinkle's name called out as the youngest rider for this year. (Both youngest and oldest riders from the same chapter. I wonder how often that happens?) Although they called his name as "William" so I wasn't sure it was him at first. Proud to see AC there in spite of his broken ankle. Happy for both AC and Gary when their names were called for the money giveaways. I was also proud of both Bernie and Dottie for the way they represented our district throughout the whole rally, and at the closing ceremonies. I suspect they missed most of the fun for all the work they had to do, but I am thankful that somebody is willing to do it so that the rest of us can enjoy the events. Nobody pulls a ticket like Dottie Motley!

After the ceremony, most of the members went to the Bay Harbor restaurant for a tasty, fun filled dinner. A good way to end the event. All in all, it was a good weekend to be a member of Chapter NC-A2, and the GWRRA. I hope that you all felt that way as well.

Peggy





RIDER EDUCATION



Practice Practice Practice

I was thinking the other day about conversations we have had about things you say you have problems with while riding your bikes, when it hit me; we as individuals ride a lot, but how often do we practice?

What I mean is, how often do you practice an emergency stop, a U turn, a swerve, or stopping in a curve?

I would venture to say that if we are honest with ourselves we will have to answer - NOT OFTEN. Then, that brings up another question; how do you know what you will do in an emergency? The old adage that "practice makes perfect" is very true in this situation. I believe that if you practice a thing enough, it will become second nature. Then when your survival depends on it, your training will take over and you will do the right thing. Don't get me wrong I'm as guilty as anyone. My bike sits in the shed until we want to go somewhere, then Peg and I jump on and go. The only practice I get is when I'm teaching a motorcycle safety class, and that is only 5 or 6 times a year. Is that enough? I'm not sure. Let's try to correct this problem.

The next time that you are riding alone and you go by an empty parking lot, go in if you have time and practice, practice, practice. If you want someone to practice with, give me a call (336-492-6664), I'll be happy to practice with you.

As Always - Ride Safe!

Gerry



Ride Safe



Tim's Tech Tip

Rider Magazine had an article in their last issue listing tips to improve your fuel mileage. I have done Tech Tips on this subject in the past, but with gasoline prices up again and availability down it seems time to review this topic. I will do this in two parts, some this month and finish next month. If anyone has any tips to add let me know and if I do not have them I will add these to next month's Tech Tip.



#1- Checking Tire Pressure- Not only does correct tire pressures improve fuel mileage it also improves handling and braking. This tip can also greatly improve tire wear.

#2- Changing Air Filters- When changing air filters record the dates and mileage each time, this will aid you in knowing how often you need to replace the filter.

#3- Run In Higher Gears- Run your bike in the highest gear without lugging the engine. Shift sooner to those higher gears, less RPM's uses less fuel.

Stay tuned for more fuel saving tips next month

Tim



A2 Chapter Couple of the Year

Notes from the Couple of the Year

September was a busy for month for us. We were ride coordinators for the month of September. We planned a ride to the Winston Salem Air Show the first weekend of the month, rained canceled that ride, maybe next year. The next weekend we planned a ride to Morrow Mountain, the weather was great and so was the event. We had a very nice picnic on top of the mountain and then some of us rode on to Salisbury. The ride was led by Bill and Deidre, they knew the "back way" thru the town of Badin. We had planned to visit the Spencer Shops, but all agreed it was just too hot and we would make that another ride sometime in the future. The next weekend, of course, was WOS. Everyone enjoyed the time together and we had a great rally, thanks to all who works before, during and after the rally. The last weekend in September there is a planned ride to the Farmhouse in Salisbury for Friday night and a ride to the NC Zoo in Asheboro on Saturday.

We attended the Couples selection at WOS. There were 5 couples in the selection process. Each couple did a great job and everyone presented a different presentation. The judges had a hard task, but in the end they chose Janice and Tony Barker of Chapter G, as the 2009 Couple of the Year. Congratulations.

The food drive for the Pastors Pantry has been very successful this year, and we want to thank all of you for your support. We will continue to collect food as we drawn near to our \$100 give-a-way at our December meeting. Randy has asked that the food drive be continued for 2009, so that the seniors in Davidson County won't go without.

Last year, we at A2 collected bears/stuffed animals at our Christmas party and gave them to the Lexington Memorial Hospital for the children who might need them in a time of stress. We were at Baptist Hospital in Winston Salem a few days ago and we saw a young lady in a wheel chair, holding a stuffed animal, so we know that they are appreciated by those in need .So start collecting those animals for our Christmas Gifts to Kids.

On the Road Again,
Sonny and Betty

2008 GWRRA
A2 Canned Food Drive Results:



February meeting	---	126	items of food
March meeting	---	64	
April meeting	---	67	
May meeting	---	60	
June meeting	---	75	
July meeting	--	80	
August meeting	---	70	
September meeting	--	50	



- **Total -- 592 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

Cathy Boughman October 22

Wedding Anniversary

**Tim and Ruby Pennington October 13th
Randy and Carolyn Dezarn October 9th**

GWRRA Anniversary

**Marshall Lanning Oct, 1997
Jim & Pam Loveless Oct. 2005**



A2 CARE BEAR LIST

**Remember Our Sick
Keep them in your thoughts and prayers**

**Don Pennington – is still having health problems
AC Pennington – fell and broke his left angle**





A note from our September Meeting

Members	24
Visitors	6

Ride Pot	\$14.00 Bernie
Vest Drawing	\$ 5.00 Tony Barker (G)

50/50 Drawing	\$ 22.50 Bill Plyler & Bernie
50/50 Drawing	\$ 22.50 Lynn

Happy Halloween!





25th Annual Wings Over the Smokies A Silver Anniversary Celebration



This year being our First year as part of the NC District Staff Dottie and I were placed in charge of Registration for Wings Over The Smokies. Chapter A2 stepped up to the plate to work Pre-Registration and came through another year once again with Flying colors.

We would like to **Thank each of you** that worked the rally for doing such as Outstanding job of taking care of all the attendees the came through Pre-Registration .Everyone did their job in a courteous and professional manner. Anyone that had a problem with their registration was taken care of swiftly and you got them into the rally in a timely manner.



We received No Complaints about
Registration during the rally and
We **THANK YOU**
for your time and hard work.

Bernie & Dottie Motley



HIP HIP HURRAY !!



CONGRATULATIONS

To GUY HANES for Receiving the SENIOR MALE RIDER AWARD



And to CURRY SPRINKLE for receiving the YOUNGEST MALE RIDER AWARD

to WINGS OVER THE SMOKIES 2008



2009
Wings Over the Smokies
September 24, 25, 26
60's Theme



The NC District Staff cordially invites you and all your friends
To come join us at the Agriculture Center in Fletcher, NC.
From 12:00 AM on Thursday until 7:30 PM on Saturday



Fun, Safety, and Knowledge



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

OCTOBER

9-10-11...

VA Rally in the Valley.....Salem,VA

18th

NC-S & Y Fun day

Connelly Springs Town Hall
I-40 W Exit 113 and follow the signs

25th

NC-B Tractor Pull

Goldsboro,NC

DECEMBER

06

**Gifts on Cycles
Christmas Party**

**Murdock Center
Classic**

06





October 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-B, Goldsboro, will **CANCEL** their regular meeting for **October** and will see you at their Tractor Pull event.

NC-S, Lenoir, will **CHANGE** their meeting for **October ONLY** to be held on October 18th at the NC-S & NC-Y Poker Run event.

NC-Y, Morganton, will **CHANGE** their meeting for **October ONLY** to be held on October 18th at the NC-S & NC-Y Poker Run event.

NC-N, Burlington, will **CHANGE** their meeting for **November ONLY** to be held on November 25th due to Thanksgiving. Same place and time.

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

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. Eat at 2:00 pm, meet at 3:00 pm

X-2 Mt Airy has a New Meeting Location

The Golden Coral – 2226 Rockford Street – Hwy 601 south, Mt Airy, NC

(across from the Wal-mart)

Eat at 1:00, meet at 2:00

“ A2 Ride Calendar for October “



OCTOBER 3 - PLANNED FRIDAY NIGHT RIDE - DIXIE CLASSIC FAIR

OCTOBER 4 - LAZY 5 RANCH MOORESVILLE - LEAVE LSB @ 10:00 A.M.

OCTOBER 18 - RAIN DATE FOR LAZY 5 RANCH

**OCTOBER 25 - CHICKEN STEW/PINTO BEAN SUPPER AT LYNN NICK'S HOUSE
- 817 HASTY SCHOOL ROAD THOMASVILLE, NC 5:00 PM**

Our First ride of the month is to the Lazy 5 Ranch in Mooresville on Saturday October 4th. We plan to leave the Lexington Center Shopping Center at 10:00am. The Lazy 5 Ranch is an Exotic Animal Drive Through Park that offers a 3.5 mile Safari where you will have the opportunity to view 750 animals from Six different continents, from a horse drawn wagon. The ride will last from 45 minutes to an hour.

Lazy 5 Ranch accepts only cash at the gate. The cost is **\$7.50 Per Person for Groups of 15 or more, otherwise the cost is \$13.50 Per Person.** We need to arrive No Later than 11:00 for an 11:30 Tour.

Other areas of interest at the ranch include Petting areas, a Blacksmith shop, a Gift Shop and a Horse barn. Lazy 5 Ranch has asked that (Ruby Pennington) call them with a Final headcount by Wednesday October 1st.

Once we have completed the tour, we plan to go to “FAT BOYS” for lunch which is 9 miles down the road. Fat Boys offers an Excellent Buffet and the cost for adults is \$7.49, Seniors (55 & up) \$6.49

PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL (Ruby Pennington) TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT ON THE HORSE DRAWN WAGON. As Usual we look forward to seeing Each of Our Friends for a Fulfilled Day !!!!

NOTE: DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR CAMERA.....YOUR MAY SEE SOME OF YOUR RELATIVES.

October	Tim & Ruby Pennington
November	Open
December	Open



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.

October Chapter Meetings

1 st Thursday	Oct. 2nd	NC-D NC-G NC-J NC-V	Greenville High Point Boone Statesville
1 st Saturday	Oct. 4th	NC-G2 NC-Y2	Waynesville Monroe
1 st Sunday	Oct. 5th New meeting place	NC-X NC-F	Wake Forest Jacksonville
1 st Tuesday	Oct. 7 th	NC-A2	Lexington Smithfield
2 nd Thursday	Oct. 9 th Cancelled	NC-A NC-B NC-T2	Greensboro Goldsboro Albemarle Tractor Pull
2nd Saturday	Oct. 11th	NC-L2 NC-M NC-U	Mooreville Salisbury Lumberton
2 nd Monday	Oct. 13th	NC-C	Charlotte
2 nd Sunday	Oct. 12th	NC-Q2	Dunn
2 nd Tuesday	Oct 14th	NC-Z NC-B2 NC-P2	Rocky Mount Winston-Salem Forest City
3 rd Thursday	Oct. 16th	NC-F2 NC-H2 NC-W2	Garner Durham Jefferson
3 rd Saturday	Oct 18th	NC-M2 NC-Q NC-S NC-Y	Hendersonville Wilmington Lenoir Morganton
3 rd Sunday	Oct. 19th	NC-02	Hickory
3 rd Monday	Oct. 20th	NC-D2 NC-W	New Bern Eden
3 rd Tuesday	Oct. 21st	NC-E NC-L	Cary Gastonia
4 th Thursday	Oct. 23rd	NC-E2 NC-I NC-N NC-S	Elizabeth City Asheville Burlington Lenoir Oct 18th
4th Saturday	Oct. 25th New meeting place Changed	NC- S2 NC-X2 NC-Y NC-U2	Sanford Mt Airy Morganton Laurinburg Oct 18th
4 th Sunday	Oct. 26th	NC-K2	Fayetteville
4 th Tuesday	Oct. 28 th	NC-R	Thomasville

Visitation is the Life Blood of the Chapters



CONGRATULATIONS



A couple from Chapter NC U-2 won the Goldwing, they have been coming to WOTS for 20 years.
James Davis of Chapter NC-N Won the Silver Wing and Libby Davis won \$500 for selling the winning Ticket



NC GWRRA Chapters S & Y Invite You To An
October Fundraiser 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 www.jandfay@gsiwave.com.**

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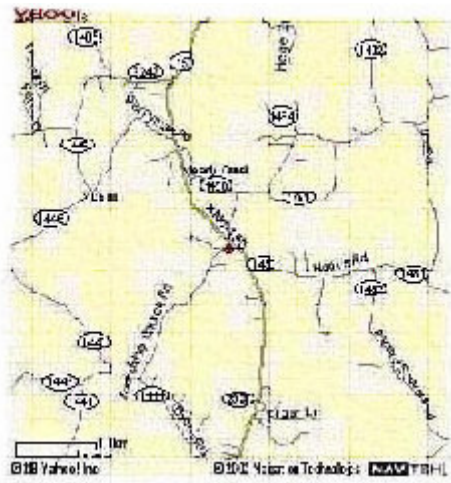
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CHAPTER NC A2

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

October 7, 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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