

Lexington Style Wings



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Next Chapter Meeting

Jan 6, 2009



From Your Chapter Director

Twelve Down!

This month marks the end of my first year as your Chapter Director. I've looked back at all the things that have happened over the past 12 months. We didn't have a January meeting because the first Tuesday in January was New Years Day. We started the year with a Polar Bear ride to Lake Norman. We continued in February with the Barbershop Quartet that has become a tradition at A2. I hope to keep this tradition going because this has become sort of a unique event in the Gold Wing world. We had our annual Care Bear ride where I handed out thongs. We captured the Central Travelers Plaque twice.

We did some new things this year. We changed the Chapter name. We began the Ride Coordinator of the Month. We have gone to new places, seen new things and this proved to be very successful. Thanks to our Chapter couple, Sonny and Betty, we began the food drive. They have collected over 650 food articles for the Pastors Pantry of Davidson County. At the December gathering we will have the drawing to give away the \$100. Thanks to all who have contributed food and money to the cause. We plan to continue this next year. We assisted the Hospice of Davidson County with their first charity event - "Ride for Angles" - where they raised lots of money for the construction of their new facilities. Next year this will be a GWRRA event and we hope to raise even more money. On December 6 we are making our annual trip to the Murdock Center. This is a great way to get in the holiday spirit. Be sure to check out the wish list and get your shopping done early.

On the following Saturday we will have our Christmas party. This year we are meeting at Cathy Broughman's house to eat and have Dirty Santa. Then we will go to Castle McCullough to enjoy the decorations.

I'd like to thank all the folks that have made our chapter successful over the past year - The chapter officers, who do their jobs for the chapter that make everything flow smoothly; our Chapter Couple, who keep us all laughing; the members, who support me by just showing up; all the visiting chapters that drop by and support our chapter events.

To each of you I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! 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



Giving Thanks

Can you believe that it's Thanksgiving already? It seems like it wasn't all that long ago that we were just getting started on our year, and now, it's almost over! As we are about to get into the really busy time of the year, and since it is Thanksgiving, I thought I would stray from my interviews this month and take a minute to breathe deep and relax, and just think about the things I am thankful for.

Actually, the list is very long, but for purposes of this newsletter, I will shorten it.

First and most important is my husband, Gerry. He is a great guy, and a great husband. He is fun, interesting, talented, and supports me in everything I ever want to try – no matter how crazy it may sound. He is genuinely concerned about my happiness, as much as his own, and that is greatly appreciated. I have had other husbands (3 to be exact), and believe me, they aren't all like that. He makes life worth living, and I am thankful for that.

Second, I am very thankful for my family. They are all spread out across the country, and every member of our blended family is totally different from all the others. There are plenty of grandkids to keep the kids calling to say "Mom, can you believe they did (fill in the blank with some terrible kid thing here)?", and then I can say "You're kidding! Why I can't imagine that. My kids would never have done such a thing." and then I can hang up the phone and smile. Or just laugh right out loud, depending on what it was they did. God does have a sense of humor. This makes life very interesting and I am thankful for that.

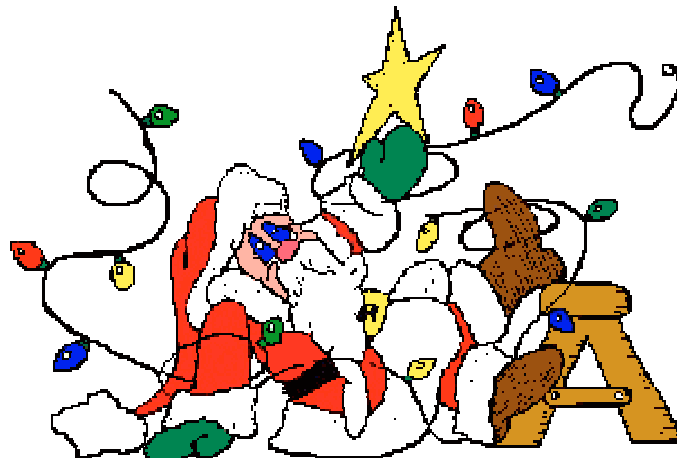
I am extremely thankful for our Gold Wing family. It is a very diverse group of people, each with their own talents and personality that blend together to make a very fun experience. I have never done anything with this group that I didn't enjoy. They sometimes pick and fight – just like a real family. But, they also get over their disagreements and go on – just like a real family. Unlike a real family though, they all seem to respect each other for their uniqueness. They all seem to truly care about each other. And, if you ever really need them – you can count on them being there for you. I am thankful for them all.

I am thankful that both Gerry and I have jobs to go to every day – even though I complain about it and don't want to get up in the mornings to go to it sometimes. I know that there are a lot of people in the world who are out of work right now who would love to have our jobs to go to. They are interesting and challenging. They keep us indoors – out of the rain, snow, and sun. They pay the bills and keep us supplied with food and gas (that's gas for the car, not gas from the food). For that, I am thankful.

I am thankful that gas prices have dropped. Very thankful.

Like I said earlier, my list is very long of things that I am thankful for and there isn't enough space here, but this list hits the main points. I hope that each of you will take a few minutes to stop and think about the things that you are thankful for as well. You might be pleasantly surprised.

Thanks for your time,
Peggy





RIDER EDUCATION



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

How fast can a year go by it seems just last month I was thanking you for the opportunity to serve as the Chapter Educator again and here it is almost the end of the year.

Time really does fly when you're having fun This last year as a Chapter we have accomplished several things. In February we had a co-rider seminar that was attended by almost the whole chapter. It was also when Steve Deane became a certified Seminar presenter.

In March we had the first ever Chapter Challenge. We had great participation in this event and Tim Pennington road away with the bragging rights for the year. I will select a date in March of 2009 for the next Chapter Challenge. I am also thinking about Challenging T2 to a five person chapter challenge our best five against their best five. More to Follow.

We had a couple individuals take an ERC in September and many of you took courses at WOS. We also had a safety day for the chapter in November that was very well attended and I think a good time was had by all both on and off the bikes.

We as a Chapter had a very safe year. In all the miles we rode there was only one motorcycle related injury in the chapter that I know of and I don't want to embarrass any one by mentioning names but I can tell you his initials are Gerry Grotberg so much for leading by example.

As you can see we as a chapter had a pretty good year we have done a lot of things, rode many miles and had a boat load of fun. I want to wish each and every one of you a Happy and SAFE holiday season and I look forward to next year.

As Always Ride Safe
Gerry





Tim's Tech Tip



For those who might need to winterize their rides for the cold months ahead, we will go over those tips again. Give your cycle a good wash and wax. A fresh oil change would be in order, as old oil contains acids that can harm internal engine parts!

Fuel stabilizer would be needed to prevent the gasoline from damaging the fuel system. Use the stabilizer as directed and start the engine to move the stabilizer into the carbs and or fuel injectors. If you start the engine occasionally, be sure to allow the engine to heat up enough to remove the moisture from the exhaust system to prevent rusting. Some folks put plywood between the tires and the concrete floor to protect the tires from "weather cracking". This is a new one for me! If you choose to use a Battery Tender keep check on the electrolyte levels if it is not the maintenance free type. Finally, cover the bike with a cloth cover or bed sheet to keep dust at bay. If you think rodents may be an issue, mothballs or mousetraps placed around your bike might prevent surprises next spring.

Tim Pennington



Murdoch Center "GIFTS ON CYCLES" December 6, 2008

We have a special request. Everyone bring something to decorate your bike and participate in the Motorcycle Parade. We also need a Santa Claus. The patients enjoy seeing all the pretty motorcycles and Santa riding one too. It would be great if someone would volunteer once again to do this for us.

Please remember do not wrap your gifts or remove tags.

Come prepared to have fun, eat some good food, fellowship in the Christmas spirit with your Goldwing family, but most of all to receive a blessing from our Murdock family. We look forward to seeing you all there.

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A2 Chapter Couple of the Year



**Bring a bear to the Christmas party
To be given to the Lexington hospital.**



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
October meeting	---	55
November meeting	---	70



Total -- 717 items of food



\$100 Drawing in December for Canned Food Drive

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Sonny & Betty, Thanks for all your hard work, and delivering our food to the Pastors Pantry. And our bears to the Lexington Hospital for the Children. Thanks for being our Couple of the Year and Thanks to Betty for mailing newsletter Hard copies, and emailing our Newsletters to the members.



Happy Birthday		Wedding Anniversary	GWRRA Anniversary
Dec 5	Dottie Motley	Dec 18 Gary & Debbie Everhart	NONE
Dec 11	Ruby Pennington	Dec 20 Bill & Deidre Sprinkle	
Dec 19	AC Pennington		
Dec 23	Betty Dye		



A2 CARE BEAR LIST

Remember Our Sick
Keep them in your thoughts and prayers

Don Pennington
Steve Deane –Back Problems



A note from our November Meeting

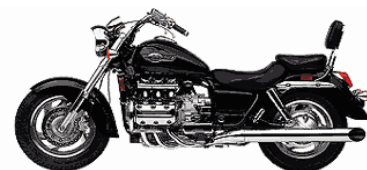
Members	25
Visitors	16
Ride Pot	\$ Cathy not present
Vest Drawing	\$ 5.00 Betty Dye
50/50 Drawing	\$ 27.00 Deidre Sprinkle
50/50 Drawing	\$ 27.00 Verna Tysor



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.
Just a few miles from Asheville, Lake Lure, & Chimney Rock
From 12:00 AM on Thursday until 7:30 PM on Saturday

Fun, Safety, and Knowledge

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July 2,3,4,5 – 2009

Tulsa, OK

Please read the Wing World magazine for more details

Region N Rally News

Come Join Us

**15 Annual GWRRA Region N
Appalachian Adventure
Wingtobergest**

October 29, 30, 31 - 2009

**Appalachian Fairgrounds
Gray, Tennessee**





“ A2 Ride Calendar for December

<u>DECEMBER</u>				
Dec 6	Gifts on Cycles	Murdock Center	Butner	TBA
Dec 7	Christmas Parade		Kernersville	2:30
Dec 13	A-2 Christmas Party Dirty Santa \$15.00	& Castle McCullough \$11.00	Cathy's House	Leave Lexington Center 4:00 PM

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Thanks to Bill and Deidre for the Lake Picnic
 Thanks to Steve and Robin for the Willville Picnic
 Thanks to Darrell and Karen for the Bowling afternoon
 Thanks to Don for the trip to the Billy Graham Museum
 Thanks to Bill and Deidre for the Thanksgiving Party
 Thanks to Lynn, Cathy, Tim, & Ruby for the Chicken Stew
 Thanks to Ruby for the trip to the Lazy 5 ranch
 Thanks to Gerry and Peggy for the Safety Day
 Thanks to Cathy for the Christmas Party, and
 Peggy for checking on Castle McCullough
 Thanks to Randy, Gerry, Peggy, Steve, Sonny, Betty, Gary,
 Debbie, A, C., Tim, Ruby, Bernie for all their hard work
 During 2008.

.....We have a great chapter full of great people.....

This is just a reminder of the rides we enjoyed in 2008

Jan. 1st	Polar Bear Ride	To Lake Norman Meet at Cracker Barrel in Clemmons
Feb 16 Feb 22	Co-Rider Seminar Pancake ride to the	Gerry & Peggy Grotberg's house Mocksville. Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem
MAR 1 Mar 15 Mar 15	Wing & a Chair - Billy Graham Museum Tour - Durham H2 Swap Meet –	Open House in Monroe, Breakfast at Red Pig Charlotte Mebane
April 19 April 20	Chapter Challenge – Chapter Bowling Outing –	Top Gun Exercise YMCA- Lexington
MAY 3 May 4 May 10 May 24 May 29, 30,31	Chapter G Open House – Military Museum at the Asheboro Airport. Curley's Wall Ride Tally House Restaurant Chapter X2 Chapter Meeting Ride back side of Pilot Mountain Region N Rally	Cycle Center –Asheboro Troutman Dobson Kingsport, Tenn
June 7 JUNE 21 May 24 June 28	D-Day Memorial A2 Care Bear Ride Picnic at Bill and Deidre's Chapter X2 Chapter Meeting Ride back side of Pilot Mountain Shirley's Restaurant	Bedford, VA Patrol Station in Lexington High Rock Lake Dobson Watauga Lake, Tenn (1 hr from Boone)
July 3,4,5 July 12 July 19th July 26	Wing Ding L2 Meeting & Greenfields Hospice Fundraiser Chapter X Kick Off	Greenville, SC Mooresville Finch Park, Lexington Wake Forest
August 2 August 16	Todd General Store Willville Picnic	Todd (near Boone) Blue Ridge Parkway
Sept 13 Sept 18, 19, 20	Morrow Mountain State Park (Picnic) Transportation Museum & Antique Car Show NC-M Salisbury meeting Wings Over the Smokies	near Albemarle Spencer Fletcher, NC
October 18	Lazy 5 Range & Fat Boys	Mooresville
November 8 November 29	Safety Day / Parking Lot Practice Thanksgiving Party	Davie Community College/ Gerry & Peggy's Bill & Deidre's House
Dec 6 Dec 13	Gifts on Cycles Christmas Party & Castle McCullough	Butner Cathy's House

Thanks to A. C. for running our Phone Tree

We had great rides in 2008

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 goldwingrider@att.net so we can get your rides listed in the newsletter.

March,	2008 rides	planned	by	Don Pennington
April,	2008 rides	planned	by	Darrell & Karen Freedle
May,	2008 rides	planned	by	Bernie & Dottie Motley
June,	2008 rides	planned	by	Gerry & Peggy Grotberg
July,	2008 rides	planned	by	Randy Dezarn
August	2008 rides	planned	by	Steve & Robin Deane
September	2008 rides	planned	by	Sonny & Betty Dye
October	2008 rides	planned	by	Tim & Ruby Pennington

CHAPTER MEETINGS CANCELED FOR DECEMBER

NC-B, Goldsboro,	NC-F2, Garner,	NC-G2, Waynesville,	NC-I, Asheville,
NC-J, Boone,	NC- K2 - Fayetteville	NC-L, Gastonia,	NC-M2, Hendersonville,.
NC-N, Burlington,	NC-O2, Hickory,	NC-P2, Shelby,	NC-Q, Wilmington,
NC-R, Thomasville,	NC-S, Lenoir,	NC-S2, Sanford,	NC-T2, Albemarle,
NC-U2, Laurinburg,	NC-X, Wake Forest,	NC-X2, Mount Airy,	NC-Y, Morganton,
NC-Y2, Monroe,			

NC-J, Boone, will **CANCEL** their meeting for **January**.

Happy Birthday Jesus



From the Editors: Thank you to each and every member for supporting Your chapter and for opening your homes to the members at the various events the chapter had in 2008
To the Staff, Thank you for all the work you did in keeping the chapter going and running smoothly.
In 2008 we were blessed to gain a few new members and hopefully in 2009 the chapter will continue to grow.

Remaining Scheduled December Chapter Meetings

1 st Tuesday	Dec 2	NC-A2	Lexington Smithfield
1 st Thursday	Dec 4	NC-D NC-G NC-V	Greenville High Point Statesville
1 st Saturday	Dec. 6	None	
1 st Sunday	Dec 7	NC-F	Jacksonville
2 nd Monday	Dec 8	NC-C	Charlotte
2 nd Tuesday	Dec 9	NC-Z NC-B2	Rocky Mount Winston-Salem
2 nd Thursday	Dec 11	NC-A	Greensboro
2nd Saturday	Dec 13	NC-L2 NC-M NC-U	Mooresville Salisbury Lumberton
2 nd Sunday	Dec 14	NC-Q2	Dunn
3 rd Monday	Dec 15	NC-D2 NC-W	New Bern Eden
3 rd Tuesday	Dec 16	NC-E	Cary
3 rd Thursday	Dec 18	NC-H2 NC-W2	Durham Jefferson
3 rd Saturday	Dec 20	None	
3 rd Sunday	Dec 21	None	
4 th Tuesday	Dec 23	None	
4 th Thursday	Dec 25	NC-E2	Elizabeth City
4th Saturday	Dec 27	None	
4 th Sunday	Dec 28	None	

Visitation is the Life Blood of the Chapters
 Support other chapters and they will support you



DECEMBER 6th
GIFTS ON CYCLES
MURDOCH CENTER



Butner, NC

Throughout each year, the NC GWRRA Chapters and members hold fundraising events and make personal donations to support 3 State Centers through parades, presence, and donations in a program called Gifts On Cycles. The events take place on the 1st Saturday in December. For 2008, the events are scheduled for Saturday, December 6th at the Murdoch Center in Butner for the Central section of NC.

The following is a Wish List from the Center for its residents.

CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

Sunglasses
 Men's and Women's white crew socks
 Slipper socks with non-skid bottoms
 Ladies gowns, pajamas and robes
 Jewelry (bracelets, clip-on or pierced earrings, necklaces and watches)
 Umbrellas, Plastic ponchos
 Photo Albums
 Gloves, hat and scarf sets
 Jewelry Boxes
 Book bags, Tote bags
 Fanny packs
 Pocketbooks (soft, clutch-type, or small handbags)
 Wallets
 Key rings
 CD's of all types (easy listening, nature, etc.)
 VHS or DVD movies (rated PG-PG13)
 Hand towels
 Base ball caps, cowboy hats, cloth hats
 Belts
 Lap blankets
 Bed "throws" (cotton)
 Large throw pillows
 Picture frames for photos (all sizes, prefer no glass)

TOILETRIES

Shampoo and conditioner
 Body lotion or hand lotion
 Body powder
 Men's cologne sets or aftershave
 Ladies' cologne sets or body spray
 Nail polish, lipstick, compact, blush, eye shadow

SOAP-TYPE BODY CLEANERS

Bath and shower gel
 Soap-free body wash

GROOMING AIDS

Fingernail brushes
 Emery boards

Hairbrushes and combs
 Combs and brushes for Black hair
 Headbands (covered)
 Barrettes (metal)
 Clip-on hair bows
 Ponytails bands (coated or covered)
 Blow dryers, curling irons, etc.

TOYS AND GAMES

Stuffed animals (safety standards quality with non-choking ornamentation, washable)
 See-n-Says
 Plastic cars, trucks, airplanes
 Matchbox type trucks and cars
 Baby dolls, Barbie dolls, porcelain dolls
 Picture Books (infant and toddler level, preferably with thick pages)
 Velcro dart games
 Ring toss games
 Basketballs
 Soccer balls
 Footballs
 Balls of all sizes (especially the kind found in bins in grocery stores)
 Stacking rings
 Playing cards of any kind, (UNO, matching, go fish, etc.)
 Posters (athletes, animals, movie/music/TV stars, men or women, cars)
 Music boxes, small musical instruments
 Talking books, Musical books
 Puzzles (4-5 pcs, wooden with or without knobs, textured & musical)

ELECTRIC OR BATTERY-OPERATED ITEMS

Walkman-type radios, CD and audio cassette players with batteries
 Batteries of all sizes
 Boom box (small)
 Electric keyboards (small)
 Battery operated toys (cars, animals, etc.)

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Crayons
 Coloring books (simple)
 Colored pencils
 Washable markers, magic markers (all sizes)
 Construction paper
 Drawing tablets
 Acrylic paint for T-shirt painting
 Glitter or glitter sticks
 Silk flowers
 Elmer's type glue
 Paintbrushes for artwork
 Sponges for sponge art
 T-shirts/sweatshirts in **SOLID** colors (**ADULT** sizes M, L, XL) for painting
 Art stamps, ink pads
 Crepe paper
 Craft sticks

FOODS

Candy, soft-type only
 Crackers
 Salty snacks, such as cheese puffs
 Cookies
 6-packs of canned drinks (preferably caffeine-free; diet)
 Popcorn (microwave)
 Sugar free snacks
 Coffee (instant and ground)

UNIT GIFTS

Boom Boxes and CD players
 Televisions, DVD players and VCR's
 Ice Cream Freezers
 DVD/VHS movies (PG-PG13)
 Computers (Windows/XP capable)

SENSORY ITEMS


Lava lamps
 Koosh ball (all types)
 Hand-held items that make noise & light up
 Bumble balls
 Rainstick

N.C. Precision Drill Team Re-Formation


They need 4 to 6 additional committed riders. Practices are held each Sunday at the Jones County High School, 1490 NC Highway 58 S, Trenton, NC. At 2:00 PM except in the event of rain. Please contact Bob Yates (252) 249-1739 or (252) 670-6016, or email him at bwings@pamlico.net if you are interested.

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Editor



There were 12 bikes and 17 people attending the Safety Day at Gerry & Peggy's



Gerry & Peggy



Gary & Debbie



Bernie



Bill & Deidre



Steve



Robin



Randy



Darrell



Kyle



Joe



Jim Simpson



Sonny

Gerry set up several parking lot practice ranges and divided the bikes into two groups of 6.



After a couple hours of riding, we went back to Gerry and Peggy's where we were given Cards. These cards divided us up into 4 groups. Each group discussed a series of questions.

The questions were on Co-riders, Trailering, Bike maintenance & riding. We then switched to the next group. After discussing all 4 series of questions, we all came together

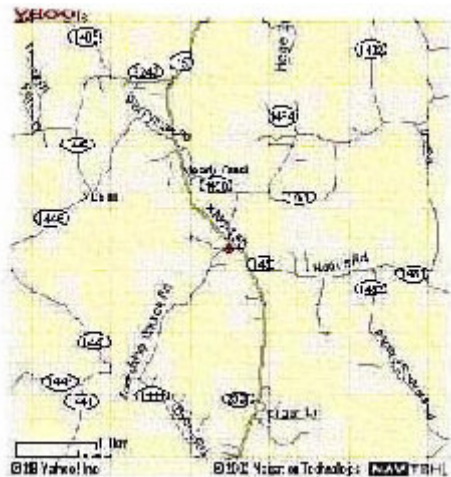


And it was determined that we all did learn something new. It was a lot of fun. Then of course there was lots of food. Gerry & Peggy, Thanks for all the hard work, and helping us to think safe.



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

**Happy
NEW YEAR**



Friends for FUN , SAFETY, & KNOWLEDGE

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

Jan. 6, 2009

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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