



Gold Notes :

Piedmont Gold Wings Two
Lexington Style
June 2007

News From Your Chapter Directors

Chapter A2 meets the 1st
Tuesday of every month at
Capt'n Stevens on Hwy.150

Keeping Track

Sometimes life seems to be about the details – telephone numbers, e-mail, expiration dates and such. But those troublesome little details can be important at times and mean the difference between getting important information to the right place or person and it falling between the cracks. Here are a few items that you need to know about that pertain to the details of life in a GWRRA chapter.

Whenever you change your **phone number**, or you have a new **e-mail or mailing address**, please let us know for our records. We try to keep accurate records so we can contact everyone when needed. It is especially necessary to have correct information for our Telephone Tree. Give that information to your CDs. We will get the information to the folks who need it within the chapter.

However, we cannot update your member records any longer. The national GWRRA office has notified us that to assure the most accurate information is provided, **updates to members' records (name, address, etc.)** can now be done only by the member.

As you may have heard, **Rider Education levels** are now administered by the Rider Educator in each chapter, except for Master Tour Rider (Level IV), which is still administered by the national office. If you need to update your Safe Miles, apply for a higher level of Rider Education or have information for renewals, contact Randy Dezar.

If you renew your GWRRA membership, please tell Peggy Grothberg what your **new membership expiration date** is. If she already knows you've renewed your membership, it will save her a call when your renewal month comes up.

And whenever there is **an event in your family that you wish to share** with the chapter membership, such as illness, hospitalization, death of a family member, birth, etc., please contact your CDs or our Sunshine Lady (Debbie Everhart) so we can get the news out through the Telephone Tree (as appropriate). You can tell us how you want the information shared, and we'll get it out.

Thanks for your attention to the details and for helping us keep track of it all.
Till then.....

Robin and Steve Deane



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ACD

This past month we tried something new for our chapter - A Parking Lot Practice. It was a beautify day to get out and round-up some cones. Besides, it gave the guys something to do while the gals were being 'pampered'. The highlight of the event was watching Bernie take a lap around the parking lot on his nephew's "crotch rocket"! That was worth getting up early for!

Steve, Robin, A. C., Tim and I traveled to T2's Care Bear ride. We were treated to a fine ride through the country that included a fly-over by the NC Air National Guard. Roger and the gang at T2 really know how to do a Care Bear Ride up right!

Our Care Bear ride is scheduled for June 23. We'll be leaving from the LSB parking lot at 10:30 am.

Remember, our Friday night dinner ride now meets at the LSB on highway 64.

Randy

RIDER EDUCATION FUND



The North Carolina Chapter Educators are selling raffle tickets to benefit NC GWRRA Rider Education. The Grand Prize is \$1,000 cash or \$2,000 off a Bushtec Trailer. First Prize is \$500 cash and three Second Prizes of \$100 each. Drawing will be held at the closing ceremonies at Wings Over the Smokies on September 22, 2007. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the chapter meetings.

Randy

BIRTHDAYS / Wedding Anniversaries / GWRRA Anniversaries



June 3
Jr Freedle



June 9
Jim & Pam Loveless



June 1996
Ron Stalter

June 11
Randy Dezarn

June 11
Jr & Norma Freedle

June 2001
AL & Robin Watkins

June 13
Sonny & Betty Dye

June 2003
Darrell, Karen & Kyle Freedle

June 16
Bill & Becky Plyler

June 18
AC & Edna Pennington



Press Release

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Editor of *Wing World* and *TRIKES!* magazines to Retire

(Phoenix, Arizona—May 30, 2007)

Today, Paul Hildebrand, Chairman of the Board of Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) and Trike Riders International (TRI) announced the planned retirement of Nick Hoppner, the long-time editor of *Wing World* Magazine, GWRRA's monthly publication and TRI's bimonthly publication—*TRIKES!* Magazine. Nick Hoppner will retire July 20, 2007.

Editorial responsibilities for *Wing World* and *TRIKES!* will be assumed by Managing Editor Sharon Stanley who has been on staff for more than a year and was named Managing Editor earlier this year. Originally from the Allentown/Bethlehem area of Pennsylvania, Sharon has a background in newspaper and magazine journalism and editing. She and her husband Jay are both motorcyclists.

Emailed press releases, news items and editorial submissions can be directed to Sharon Stanley at sstanley@gwrra.org. Items sent by postal service should be addressed to Managing Editor at 21423 North 11th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85027. Sharon may be reached by phone at (800) 843-9460, extension 253 or (602) 581-2500, extension 253.

“NEWS FROM YOUR CHAPTER COUPLE”

The Couple of the Year program is still going well, although many of us have not been chasing the plaque as often as we did in the colder months. We have not been able to attend as many meetings this month, as we have also been traveling to the beach and the mountains. We were able to attend B2's meeting (Winston Salem) where they “held court”. A great time was enjoyed by all and we captured the Couples Plaque, (that's 4 times). We took the plaque to Greensboro's meeting (NCA2) and were happy to present it to Alan and Carolyn Little of T2 (Albemarle). We also attended the monthly meeting of Chapter W (Eden). So nice to see Lois and Lawrence Shumate, W's Couple of the Year. We hope to visit more Chapters in the coming months. Everyone is invited to join us, just give us a call.



On The Road Again
Sonny & Betty Dye



WINGS OVER THE SMOKIES PLANNING MEETING



The Planning Meeting will be held August 4, 2007 in Burlington, NC. Right now, the location will either be Ramada Inn or K&W Cafeteria. I will give you the exact location in next month's newsletter.

WOTS Talent Show

Many people have approached us and inquired about the talent show, but have not actually committed to participating.

Make our members aware that we will have 3 categories: 1 - Serious (1st & 2nd place) 2 - Comedy (1st & 2nd place)
3 - Group or Individual for best dressed Hawaiian Rally Theme (1st & 2nd place)

Each category will receive \$100 and \$50 respectively for 1st & 2nd place.

Anyone interested should contact Judy Hunt **directly** by phone at 910-739-7369 or by email at thehunts@nc.rr.com

NC Specialty Table

I'm back in the 'begging' business. Please let your members know that I'm looking for "NC" affiliated items or home made items that would make a nice showing on this table. So far, we have about 3 or 4 donations. The items would need to be turned in to Willie & I, and we'll take them anytime but most preferably before September.

Door Prizes:

Most of you know this, but there may be some new Chapter Directors that do not! We ask that each Chapter donate a door prize for the rally. If you feel hospitable, more than 1 is greatly appreciated! We encourage you to target your local Honda dealers also, as they normally are very generous in supporting NC GWRRA. Also, don't forget to tag the door prize with a business card or your chapter letter. We like to give recognition to those that donate our door prizes. These should be turned in at the August meeting, or feel free to give them to us prior to then if you can.

Theme:

Please remind your members of our "Hawaiian Luau" theme for this year's rally. And help us to encourage folks to dress "Hawaiian" style for the Luau on Thursday night. Should be a lot of fun and you should start practicing for the "Limbo"!

Willie & Judy Hunt



Remember The Sick

Robin Deanes Mother

Barry Swing's Mother is recouping from a Broken Hip



To Our Extended Family Members

Our Thoughts and Prayers go out to the Family and Friends of Eddie Deane of Chapter M
Eddie passed away and was laid to rest on Mothers Day (RIP)

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The sister of Pat Capps (member of Chapter R) passed away on Sunday  
Cards of sympathy may be mailed to: Mr.& Mrs. Hugh Capps 4541 Huff Road Archdale, NC 27263

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Paul Granger was released from the hospital on Sunday evening and sent home with Hospice Care.
Tuesday Night Pauls fight with Cancer was over ,May he rest in Peace.
Please remember the Granger Family in your prayers, especially his wife, Ms. Myrna.
Cards of concern and support may be mailed to them at 1828 Stetson Lane, Fayetteville, NC 28304.

PAMPERED WOMEN

Thanks to Ruby the biker ladies were truly pampered on May 12th. Our nails and toes looked so beautiful when we left to go home to our husbands that had been working hard Riding their Wings around all day .

There was Jewelry, and glass ware, and stepping stones, for those of us who enjoy shopping, and food. there was lots of delicious food.

Jennifer and Jodi who work with Ruby, worked really hard on our nails and toes. The 16 ladies who attended, really enjoyed the fellowship and the pampering. It was a wonderful day. Thank You Ruby...

The gentlemen bikers had a parking lot practice near North High School. After about an hour of practice, they rode to Hanging Rock State Park, and eat lunch near Danbury. The 7 bikers had a wonderful day, also. Thank You Randy..

Care Bear Report



Saturday, May 19th, four members of NC A-2 plus a guest rode to Albemarle for the NC T-2 Care Bear Ride.

Randy Dezarn and family friend Theresa, AC Pennington, Tim Pennington, and Robin and Steve Deane carried new teddy bears and stuffed animals to add to the many others donated to the Albemarle Fire Department. The fire truck was covered in stuffed animals from top to bottom outside of RPM Motorsports. A number of GWRRA chapters were represented at the ride, one all the way from Colorado. RPM provided grilled hotdogs for lunch, and everyone enjoyed the day. Thanks to everyone who donated bears for the ride.



Robin



RIDER EDUCATION



GROUP RIDING

A couple of years ago when Gerry and Peggy were the Chapter Educators, they put together an excellent series of articles on group riding. Since that time, we have had several new members join our chapter. I believe they could benefit from the information presented in those articles and the rest of us could use the refresher.

For a successful group ride, there must be three things: 1. PREPARATION, 2. ORGANIZATION and 3. INFORMATION.

An organized group ride rarely is made up of riders with exactly the same abilities, experience and attitudes. A successful ride is one in which compromises have been made and met. To a degree, the ride must cater to those who are new, yet at the same time, be enjoyable to those who have gone tens of thousands of miles on two wheels. The middle ground can be difficult to find and just as hard to maintain. The group organizers and ride leaders need to understand the limitations and expectations of the members and strive to keep a balance.

With that said, most of the responsibilities in making the compromise work lie in the honesty and respect of the participants themselves. The less experienced rider should be able to admit his limits and the rider who has been around needs to be able to control his urges to "go to the edge." There is a place for these other types of riding, but not in a group ride. For those riders who tire of what they may perceive as restrictions, it is far better for them to depart from the group than for them to jeopardize the rest of the riders. It is not uncommon for riders to drop out for those reasons and if they do, it should be accepted with no hard feelings from either the rider or the leader.

It is important that certain individuals taking part in the ride are assigned particular roles and that they fully understand their responsibilities. It is generally accepted that there is to be a **ride leader, or "road captain,"** whose function is obvious by the title. He or she is an experienced rider who has knowledge of the route, preferably has ridden it beforehand, and will see that the group stops when and where planned. The road captain needs to be aware of unusual circumstances and road hazards and needs to be prepared to make unexpected stops in a safe manner. It is also advisable, but certainly not necessary, that the road captain has a map showing the route, should any last minute changes be presented. The person serving as road captain should do so for the duration of the ride.

Another important position is the last rider in the group, also known as the **"drag"**. This person should also keep that position throughout the ride. The drag has some unique responsibilities to the group. This is the rider who makes sure everyone stays together. This is the rider who will stop if any of the other bikes drops out for an unexpected reason, whether it is mechanical or physical. If there is a rider who drops out, the drag will stop first to see if it is a life-threatening situation. After assessing the problem, and if another rider has stopped as well, the drag may assign the other rider to stay with the problem bike, and rejoin the group. A biker who has dropped out of the group for any kind of emergency **should not be left behind**. At the first opportunity, the road captain is made aware of the situation and will make the decision of what steps to take. When possible, two-way radio communications between the road captain and the drag is an invaluable asset.

The placement of the rest of the group should be mixed according to the abilities of the riders. It is frustrating to have a cohesive group starting out, only to find the pack splintered a half-mile down the highway because all the less experienced riders were lumped in the middle. By spreading the experience around, the group is not only safer, but the new riders are able to learn by watching the more experienced riders around them.

Every riding group has its own ideas about how many riders should be in one group. Without the luxury of being a sanctioned parade-style ride, complete with police escort, the size must be kept down to a number which is easily managed by the road captain and the drag. **Once the group reaches 7 to 10 bikes, many group leaders decide to split it into two groups.** The ride can then be conducted by placing a secondary road captain in the middle to handle the second group if they become separated, with the last rider of the first group then becoming its drag. Or, it may be ridden as two separate groups, which meet up at each stop along the route.

Group riding can span various amounts of both time and distance. How much of either a group can cover depends a great deal on whether the riders are familiar with the riding styles of the others or whether it is a newly formed collection of riders. The amount of difference in experience between the person with the least and the one with the most is a major qualifier in determining how far a ride can go in a given time frame. Also, the more bikes that are traveling in the group, the lower the speed-distance factor. It is generally agreed in most circles that taking a break of at least 15 minutes every 60 to 75 miles works well. Often, there is at least one rider who will need to make a "pit stop" at that interval. But in most cases, where the ride is expected to last several hours to all day, the stops provide an opportunity for the riders to get off and stretch out, limber up, and fend off fatigue. Stops can be added or spaced farther apart as conditions warrant - there are no hard and fast rules. The important thing is to make them neither more nor less often than necessary. A good way to plan the stops is to work them around interesting sites or scenic vistas. Meals and fuel stops are other opportunities for taking longer breaks. The well-planned ride will have at least these two types of breaks figured in.

Ride Safe! -Randy

Riding Recap

May was a Busy month for Chapter A2 and we have been on the move .

First there was Chapter "G" 's Open House at Asheboro Cycle Center which was attended by Steve & Robin , Tim & Ruby , and Bernie & Dottie.

Next was Curley's Wall Ride that some of our members attended.

Ruby had a Ladies Pamper Party at her home and the Ladies got all Dolled Up while the guys had a Parking lot practice. Friday night dinner rides have been going well and we rode to Dairy-O in Rural Hall one night and to Farmhouse in Salisbury on another dinner ride .

T-2 had their Care Bear Ride in Albemarle and was attended by Steve & Robin and Randy and a guest of Randy's and Tim and AC.

Bernie & Dottie , Peggy & Gerry, and Sonny & Betty were out of town during T-2's event riding up in the mountains of NC . We visited Dillsboro and Bryson City and rode the Smokey Mountain Railroad from Dillsboro all the way to the end of the line at Nantahala Gorge. This was a 4 hr train ride on each section of the tour passing Over Fontana Lake and stopping at the Nantahala Outdoor Center where the Rafters come in from their White Water Rafting trip down the river.



Next was our Chapters Camping Cookout at time together. It was a Beautiful day for the body brought their own meat and there were Sausages & Baked Beans. Chocolate Cake ,

where all that attended had a great
cookout at the campground. Every-
Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Steaks ,
and Cup cakes .



Cabin
for
Rent





Ruby's Brother Lynn and his Girl friend joined us for the cookout and will be our NEWEST Member to join Chapter A2 . WELCOME Lynn.

On Sunday , Bill Plyler led us on a Get Lost Ride through the mountains of Virginia and West Virginia. We traveled on some of the back roads that had not been seen since Daniel Boone passed through this area many moons ago . Some of which made Deals Gap look like I-40. We stopped for Dinner at the Paint Back General Store and Swinging Bridge Restaurant where you could get a Buffalo Burger . After Gasing up the bikes we rode on down the road and saw a herd of Buffalo grazing in the pasture



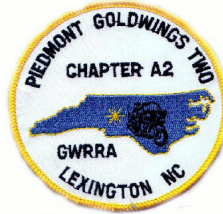
It was a great Ride and Great Food at the Swinging Bridge Restaurant . The weather all weekend was Wonderful and We all had a Great Time .We were joined on the ride by other friends from Salisbury . Tommy and Ann of Chapter M rode their Silver 1800 Trike with us for the day . Thanks Bill for a Great Ride

Bernie & Dottie

Tim's Tech Tip

If you are having a rear tire replaced, it would be a good time to check and/or grease the drive shaft splines with Moly grease. Also check the boot over the u joint . While everything is apart it may save some labor cost later!

Tim Pennington



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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Chapter A2 is Pleased to WELCOME our Newest Members to the chapter. Mr. Lynn Nicks and his friend, Cathy Broughtman.

Lynn is the proud New Owner of a Black Cherry 2005 GL-1800 Trike and really enjoys riding again after a brief



lapse in riding. Cathy has had surgery on her foot but is looking forward to riding that new trike with Lynn.

Mr. Nicks is Ruby Pennington's Oldest Brother and recently retired so he is READY TO RIDE .

WELCOME Lynn and Cathy , we look Forward to Riding with you in the near future and hope you enjoy yourself with us at Chapter A2

Ride Calendar

Date	JUNE	Location
June 9	Chapter R Care Bear Ride	TBA
June 15	Dinner Ride To Mi Pebulo Restaurant	LSB Shopping Center @ 6:45 PM
June 23	Chapter A2 Care Bear Ride	LSB Shopping Center @ 10:30 AM
	JULY	
July 20	Dinner Ride (King) Town & Country Restaurant	LSB Shopping Center @ 6:45 PM
July 28	Shuler's Restaurant Below Interstate 95	TBA
	AUGUST	
Aug 11	Danville Military Museum	TBA
Aug 17	Cook's Bar-B-Que	LSB @ 6:45
Aug 25	D-Day Memorial	LSB @ 8:30am
Aug 30	A2 Planning Meeting	Golden Corral Univ. Pkwy 6:30



HAPPY FATHERS DAY



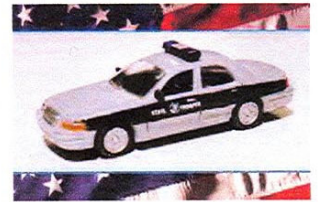
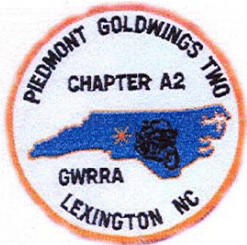
CARE BEAR RIDE

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Gold Wing Road Riders Assoc.

&

North Carolina State Highway Patrol



June 23, 2007

Bring a new stuffed animal to give to the Highway Patrol to give to children in time of need or in a crises situation

Leave Lexington State Bank – Highway 64 – 10:30 am

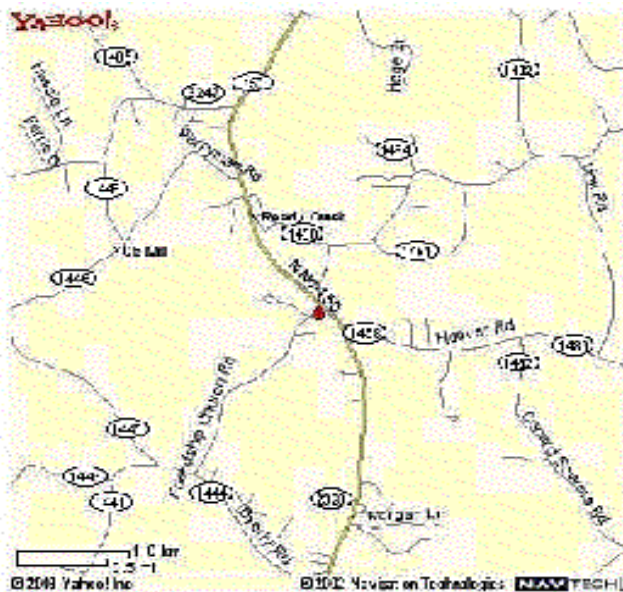
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Liability Release: I/We hereby agree to conform and comply with the ideals governing this event and agree to hold harmless the GWRRA, cosponsoring organization, and any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved by reason of participation in this event.

I/We also agree to assume responsibility for any property in which I/we knowingly damage.

Rider (Male)	Chapter
Rider (Female)	Chapter
Co-Rider	Chapter





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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 :

June 5th 2007

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