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From Your Chapter Director

February 2008



Off to a Cold Start

We got off to a cold start with our first ride of the year. On New Year's Day, Bill, Steve, Robin, Tim, Hannah and I made the trip to Lake Norman for the Polar Bear ride. Jay and Emily joined us for breakfast at the Cracker Barrel in Clemmons but did not make the trip.

We were also joined by some guests – Gene and Judy King who joined us for breakfast and also rode along to the lake. After watching several brave souls attempt to water ski barefooted, we decided to head back.

I wondered who really was colder that day – us or the folks in the water!

We also did a little visiting in January. I joined A. C., Tim, Bill, Bernie and Dottie for B2's meeting and Bernie, Dottie and I made the trip to Salisbury for Chapter M's meeting. I'd like to see us make more visits as a Chapter event this year. If anyone is planning to visit a neighboring chapter, give the rest of us a call – we just may join you!

We also had our first Chapter planning meeting in January. The turn-out for that meeting was tremendous. It was the most folks for a planning meeting I can remember. And it was even snowing! The rides for the first part of the year will be list in the ride calendar in the newsletter plus on the Ride Calendar page in the web site.

I'm looking forward to our first official meeting in February. We'll be having the Barber Shop Quartet entertaining us again. Many folks have asked me if I was going to continue this every February and I assured them we would. If you haven't visited you need to come us in February the last few years, see what the excitement is all about.

These fellows put on a great show. It will also be the first night of our food drive – 100 Reasons to Get Off Your Can! Bring a non-perishable food item and get a chance to win \$100 in December. The more items you bring, the better your chances.



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



You may recall from my January article that I mentioned I was going to find out about the different Officers and Staff members of our Chapter and what their jobs actually are, then share that information with you. I intend to do that by asking the same six questions of each person as I go through the list of staff members. This interview is the first of that series of discussions.

I chose to start with our **Chapter Couple, Betty and Sonny Dye**, and here are the questions and their answers.

Q1. How long have you been GWRRA members?

A1. Four years.

Q2. How long have you been Chapter NC-A2 members?

A2. Three years.

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

A3. We stay, because we like the people and the functions. We have met a lot of really nice people all over the US and Canada through the GWRRA.

Q4. Why did you accept the position as Chapter Couple?

A4. Because we felt it would be a privilege and an honor to represent the Chapter.

Q5. What do you see as being the responsibilities of your position as Chapter Couple?

A5. To represent the Chapter and to assist the Chapter Director in any way we can. To this end, we work as greeters at our meetings, attend other meetings around the state (where we have met a lot of really nice people), we have competed for District Couple, and we work on Chapter Couple projects such as our teddy bear drive for the hospital and the canned food drive for a local food bank.

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

A6. Both said that there were so many, it would be difficult to choose just one, so they listed their top choices.

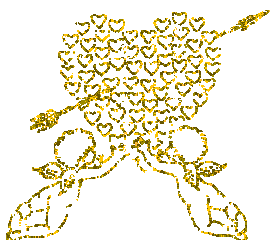
Sonny – Particularly appreciates the Safety Training, and thoroughly enjoys the trips we take as a group. His favorites were the trips to the Bunker at Greenbriar in Virginia, Wing Ding in Nashville, Homecoming in Ohio, and Canada.

Betty – Her favorite memory so far was the trip to Wing Ding in Nashville, along with its side trips to Chattanooga, Memphis, and Huntsville, Alabama.

They both feel fortunate to have gone a lot of places and seen a lot of things with the group that they might not have done otherwise. However, as special as all the trips have been, they feel that the best thing they get out of their membership is the opportunity to meet and get to know all the good friends that they have made along the way.

A2 COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Our Chapter Couple have been out of town for the past few weeks in South Carolina and visited Chapter SC-J in Myrtle Beach while there.





RIDER EDUCATION



I was reading an article in the February Wing World written by Sharon Stanley about “Technology or Silence?” This got me thinking about all of the technology based devices we have for our motorcycles. We have things like radios, CB’s, intercoms, I-pods, MP-3 players, compact disk players, heated clothing, heated grips, heated seats, satellite radios, GPS systems, radar detectors and I’m sure we could think of many more if we really tried. This doesn’t include the low tech stuff we have, like wind deflectors cup holders and as Tim Pennington says “that squealing noise from the back seat when our co rider is with us.” (Sorry Tim)

As Air Force Survival instructors we taught pilots about a thing called situational awareness. This is a fancy term for knowing what’s going on around you. In a fast moving fighter aircraft you must always know where you are, where you are going, and what is in your way. It’s the same on a motorcycle, and the results of not knowing are the same, none of which are good.

That was the long way around to my point. The more technology we put on our machines, the more distracted we can become and the less aware we are of the situation we are in. I want you to ask yourself as you are looking at your GPS, what’s that truck doing? As you reach down to turn on your heated hand grips, what is that child doing? As you change your radio station, what is the bike in front or behind you doing? In most cases the answer will be, I don’t know!

I by no means am telling you that technology is a bad thing. What I am saying is as you use it, try to stay aware of what’s going on around you. Situational awareness will save your life every time.

Ride Safe Always
Gerry

TIM’S TECH TIP

This months Tech Tip Article is sponsored by D CON. Last February I did an article about mice storing acorns in the air box of my Dad’s Gold Wing, which he discovered while changing his air filter. One year later I am writing about mice building their nest in the air box of Gerry’s Gold Wing, discovered when the air filter was being replaced (See Photo).

Deja Vu all over again (Sorry Yogi!). Last year Bernie suggested placing D CON around your bike. I did this several years ago. As the poison would disappear I would replace it with more, only to find most of it later in the gas cap area and hidden in the left pouch on the fairing.

The Glue Traps may be something to place around your bike along with the D CON.

I also wrote last year that this is a good time to check out our bikes for problems such as these and possibly discover other gremlins that may pop up later!!



Trash on Jerry’s air cleaner is the remnants of a ball cap and of one of Peggy’s Chapter jackets they had in the trunk of his 1800.
Tim Pennington

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



FEBRUARY

2nd NC Operations Meeting ..Radisdion Motel High Point, NC
 8-9..... Virginia Wingless Weekend Clowning Around Williamsburg, VA
 23rd..... NC-C2 Chili Cook Off..... Smithfield, NC

MARCH

15th..... NC- H2..... Swap Meet..... Durham, NC
 22nd..... NC-D2 Poker Run..... New Bern, NC
 29th..... NC Y2 Poker Run..... Monroe, NC

APRIL

12th NC- W Pinto Bean Rally..... Eden, NC
 18th – 19th NC- D Down East Rally..... Morehead City, NC
 20th NC-E2..... Poker Run..... Elizabeth City, NC
 24-26..... Tennessee Spring Fling Pigeon Forge, TN

MAY

3rd NC-G..... Open House... Honda Cycle Center..... Asheboro, NC
 4th NC-E Triangle Area Ride For Kids Jordan Lake State Park -9293 US Highway 64 E-Pittsboro, NC
 10th NC-F2..... Open House.... Team Power Sports..... Garner, NC
 23-24..... NC -U..... Chicken Rally..... Lumberton, NC
 29-30-31.... Region "N"..... Appalachian Adventure..... Kingsport, TN

JUNE

14th NC- R..... Care Bear Ride..... Thomasville, NC
 21st..... NC- A2..... Care Bear Ride Lexington, NC
 21st NC -Q2..... FUN FEST..... Benson/Dunn,
 26-28 WV Rally "Down Home" Summerville, WV

JULY

3-6..... WING DING..... Greenville SC

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

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

DECEMBER

6th Gifts on Cycles NC District Event



FEBRUARY



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

“ Chapter Meeting Time Change”

NC –U will **CHANGE their meeting time from 7PM to 6 PM Beginning in February**

NC-C2, Smithfield, will **CHANGE their meeting for February ONLY to be held on February 23rd at their Chili Cookoff Event.**

A2 RIDE CALENDAR

FEBRUARY



16th	Co-Rider Seminar Chapter Bowling after the seminar has been rescheduled to a later date	Gerry & Peggy Grotberg's house in Mocksville. Meet Bernie at NewBridge Shopping Center on Hwy 64 at 12:00 if you don't know where they live
22nd	Pancake ride to the Benton Convention Center in Winston Salem	Leave NewBridge Bank Shopping Center on Hwy 64 at 6:45 PM

MARCH

1st	Wing & a Chair -Open House in Monore	Leave NewBridge Bank Shopping Center on Hwy 64 at 8:00AM for Breakfast at the Red Pig , then on to Monore
15th	Durham H2 Swap Meet –Mebane	TBA
21st	Friday night Dinner Ride –Kimono's –Welcome	Leave NewBridge Shopping Center at 6:45

APRIL

18th	Dinner Ride Battle Branch	Leave NewBridge Shopping Center at 6:45
19th	Chapter Challenge – Top Gun Exercise	TBA

MAY

3rd	Chapter G Open House –Cycle Center –Asheboro	8:00 AM Leave NewBridge bank Hwy 64
3rd	A2 Ride Planning Meeting to be held after Chapter G Open House –Location TBA for meeting	
4th	Curley's Wall Ride	TBA
17th	MAD Activity	TBD

JUNE

21st	A2 Care Bear Ride	TBA
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Check the District Event Calendar on page 4 for District events

Remember Our Sick
 Don Pennington – Parkinson's Disease
 Randy Dezarn-Shoulder Surgery on February 7th



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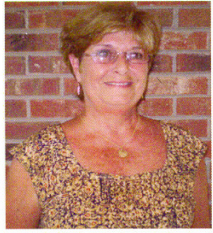

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
 Peggy Grotberg – Feb. 13th
 Sonny Dye - Feb. 15th
 Debbie Everhart- Feb. 28th

Wedding Anniversaries :
 No Wedding Anniversaries

Gwrra Anniversaries:
 Ruby Pennington 1995

**DISTRICT TREASURERS
TED & MEREDITH MACMILLAN**

Blue Ridge Parkway Motorcycle License Plates

Would you like to show the world that you live in a state through which “America’s Favorite Drive”, the Blue Ridge Parkway, runs? Motorcycle license plates are now available through the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation, but it seems that the word is not getting out. Commitments/applications for 300 of these beautiful plates are needed before the plates will be placed into production, however only 120 have been received as of January 15, 2008.

Automobiles have been displaying the BRP tags for some time now, and finally motorcycles are now getting the chance to do the same. We all enjoy riding the Parkway with its 469 incredibly scenic miles, 250 pull-offs for picture taking, 26 tunnels and 179 overpasses. Show you pride in the parkway by displaying one of these beautiful plates on your bike.

Revenues from these plates, \$20 per plate, will directly benefit the Parkway through the programs of the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation. It is hoped a large number will express their appreciation for the Parkway by purchasing a BRP motorcycle license plate. This is a way to give back for an unforgettable motorcycling experience; it is a way to share the journey, and to help sell our state to tourists.

Applications are now being accepted at the Foundation office, you may download an application from the website <http://www.brpfoundation.org/tag.php>, or call the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation at 336-721-0260.

We applied for our plate and we hope you will also...



Ted & Meredith MacMillan

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, notes and emails giving their sympathy on the passing of my sister.

Thank you all,
Ted

100 Reasons to "GET OFF YOUR CAN"



GWRRA
2008

NC Chapter A-2
Canned Food Drive



Each month of 2008, Chapter NC -A2 will be having a Canned Food Drive to support the families in need in our area .We are asking members and visitors to bring canned food or any other stable items to our Chapter meeting each month and you will be given a ticket toward a drawing for \$100 to be drawn at our December meeting .

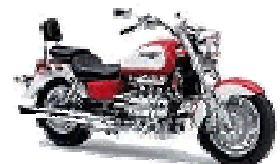
You do not have to be present to win, so our visiting members will be able to have chances for the \$100 also.

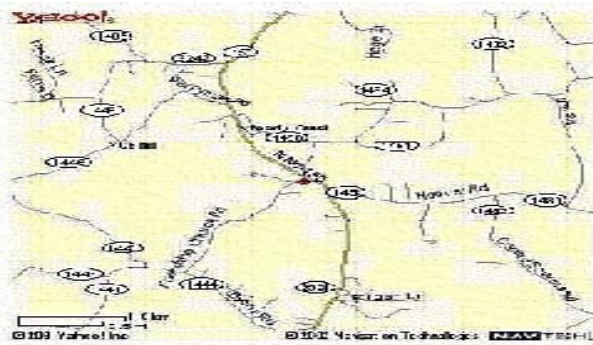
The food will be given to the Pastors Pantry each month This is an organization for the elderly, in Lexington. There are also other organizations that would benefit from our generosity if we collect more food than they need.

This project will start at our meeting in February.



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Capt'n Stevens Seafood Restaurant
4577 N Nc Highway 150 & Friendship Church Rd
336-731-8470
Eat @ 6:30 Meet @ 7:30





Directions: US 52 to exit 100. Go west on Hickory Tree Road to first stoplight. Turn left on Highway 149. Cap'n Steven's is 7.5 miles on the right.

Visit us on the Web at www.geocities.com/gwrranca/

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 Lexington, NC

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 :
February 5th

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