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Next Chapter Meeting

April 1, 2008

LEXINGTON STYLE WINGS



April 2008



And the Winner Is?

All the ballots have been counted and the results are in. A New name for the chapter has been chosen.

And the winner is –

First, I'd like to thank every one for participating in this endeavor. I realize some folks were not for this at all, some were for it and some really didn't care one way or the other. But now for the winner.

The new name for Chapter NC-A2 is - - - - **Lexington Style Wings!**

We will no longer be known as Piedmont Gold Wings Two.

We had a wonderful trip this past month. A.C. and Edna, Don, Peggy, Betty and I went to Charlotte to the Billy Graham Library. It was one of those trips where I didn't know what to expect but after I got there I was really glad I went and can't wait to go back.

I hope you have registered for Wings Over the Smokies. If not, go ahead and send in your registration. Don't forget to sign the form. If you have a co-rider have them sign it also. Dennis and Kathy have sent an email saying they have received a large number of forms unsigned. Later we will be having a sign-up sheet for workers at the rally. You must be fully registered in order to work.

Have you booked your rooms yet? If not please hurry. If you need info on the rooms get in touch with me quickly.

This year at the rally they are doing something different in conjunction with the 25th anniversary. The Gold Wing that will be given away will be silver. Also, in place of a Honda Shadow, they will be giving away a new Silver Wing. Chapter members will be selling tickets for the bike. I have 10 books of tickets that I will be giving out to sell at the next gathering. The person who sells the winning ticket gets \$500! That's all for now – See you at the next gathering!

Randy D.



From Your Assistant Chapter Director



Hey Everybody,

My intention this month was to continue my series of interviews with the Chapter Staff members, but since it was the Easter Holiday and I waited too late to contact anybody, I am going to use this little brain teaser instead. We all need to use our brains in a different way occasionally, because if you don't use it, you lose it! I hope you enjoy the challenge.



Crossing the Bridge

Don, Ruby, Deidre and Darrel are on an outdoors team building course. They have to cross a bridge in 17 minutes.

The bridge will collapse if there are more than two people on it at the same time. It is dark and it is too dangerous to cross the bridge without a torch. There is only one torch.

Don can cross the bridge in 1 minute. The others are wounded or injured to varying degrees which means that it takes:

- Ruby 10 minutes to cross the bridge.
- Darrel 5 minutes to cross the bridge;
- Deidre 2 minutes to cross the bridge;

If there is more than one person on the bridge, the bridge can only be crossed at the speed of the slowest person. How can they cross the bridge in 17 minutes?

I will bring the solution to the meeting for anybody who needs help figuring this out.

See you there!

Peggy

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

On **May 24th**, There will be a Reunion of the Former NC **Precision Motorcycle Drill Team**.

It is requested that ALL Former NC Motorcycle Drill Team Members contact Norma Freedle for Details.

Phone: (336) 787-5241 or email rctc@ptmc.net

If you know any of the Former members please pass this information on to them.



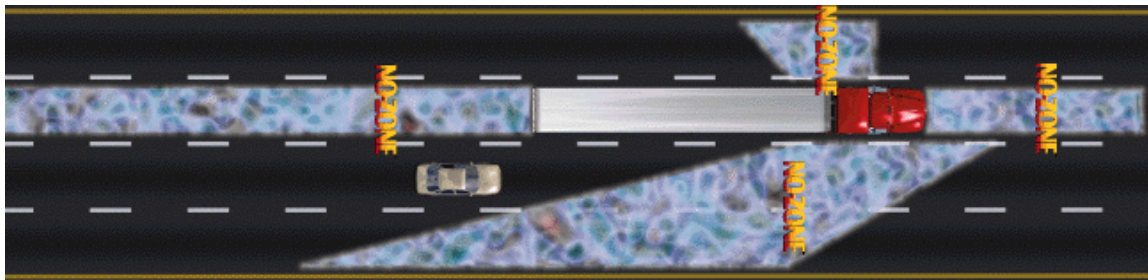
RIDER EDUCATION



KEEP ON TRUCKIN'

My intention was to write this for my January article, but Wing World beat me to it. This month I want to talk about riding near 18 wheelers. We find them mostly on the interstate when we and they are traveling at high speeds. I know you've heard this before, but the blind spot on semis is much larger than most people think. To give you a clue, about 8 years ago at Honda Hoot, they put 35 Gold Wings around the Honda Team Red truck which has a 53 foot trailer. When sitting in the driver's seat you could not see a single bike. This truck had the small blind spot mirrors as well as the large mirrors. We could put every bike in our chapter around that truck and the driver wouldn't see us.

Here is a picture of the No Zone (the blind spots around a truck). Remember this graphic is designed for cars and we are a lot smaller so it makes the blind spot even larger.



So, how do we deal with this mammoth vehicle? We give it the respect it's due. Don't put yourself in a situation where you have to stay around a truck. Get past it as

quickly as you can. Let's talk about getting by a truck of this size. I know many of you have been behind a truck and felt the buffeting wind coming off the back. That's your first clue you're getting too close, and the driver probably can't see you. Move into the left lane when you safely can and remember, if you can't see the driver in his/her mirrors they can't see you. Let's talk a little about passing a truck. You are in the left lane and ready to go by. Just do it! Don't dilly dally beside the truck, twist your wrist and get on by. If you're riding in a formation go single file to the left of the left lane and get by one or two at a time. If you are leading, make sure to go by far enough for the others in your group to follow you, without being stuck beside the truck. Truckers are some of the best drivers on the road, but they can't see us very well without our help.

As Always Ride Safe!!!

Gerry



Tim's Tech Tips



Most of our members will be taking long trips this time of year. Most of us will be pulling trailers with our Gold Wings. We all need to take some time to prep the trailers just as we should do our bikes before these trips! We can use the T-CLOCS Inspection Form as a guide; just omit the parts that do not pertain to the trailer inspection. T- tires: Check the pressures and condition of the thread. L-lights: Make sure they are all burning and lenses are OK. C- chassis: Check the frame and suspension for cracks, wear and loose fasteners. I will include the hitch the chassis section (including the hitch on the bike). Check the hitch for wear and loose fasteners. Lube as needed depending on the type hitch you have. You may also need to check the hinges and latching device on the lid, my latching device broke the hook off on a trip I made, luckily a bungee cord held it down until I got home and was able to weld it back on.

Tim Pennington

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



APRIL

5 thNC -A	Yard Sale Fund Raiser.....	Greensboro, NC
12 thNC- W.....	Pinto Bean Rally.....	Eden, NC
18 th - 19 th NC- D.....	Down East Rally.....	Morehead City, NC
20 thNC-E2.....	Poker Run.....	Elizabeth City, NC
24-26.....	Tennessee Spring Fling	Pigeon Forge, TN

MAY

3 rdNC-G.....	Open House... Honda Cycle Center.....	Asheboro, NC
4 thNC-E	Triangle Area Ride For Kids Jordan Lake State Park -9293 US Highway 64 E-Pittsboro, NC	
10 thNC-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

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

JULY

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

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

SEPTEMBER

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

9-10-11...	VA Rally in the Valley.....	Salem, VA
25 thNC -B.....	Tractor Pull.....	Goldsboro, NC

DECEMBER

6 th	Gifts on Cycles	NC District Event
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APRIL



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**

NC-F, Jacksonville, has changed their meeting **PLACE** to Jailhouse Bar-B-Q, 255 Wilmington Hwy (US-17 South). Jacksonville, NC 28540 Same time and date.

NC-S2, Sanford, has changed their meeting place to the River Lodge Restaurant, 1512 Westover Drive (Hwy US-1 beside the Palomino Motel), on the **4th Saturday**, at 10 AM.

NC-E2, Elizabeth City, will **CHANGE** their meeting for April ONLY to be held on April 20th at their Poker Run event.

NC-G2, Waynesville, will **CHANGE** their meeting **PLACE** beginning in April to Arf's Restaurant, 4352 Soco Road, in Maggie Valley. Same time and date.

NC-S, Lenoir, will **CHANGE** their meeting **PLACE** beginning in April to Shoney's, 129 Wilkesboro Blvd. Same time and date.

NC-W, Eden, will **CHANGE** their meeting for April ONLY to be held on April 12th at their Pinto Bean Rally

NC-Y, Morganton, will **CHANGE** their meeting for April ONLY to be held on April 19th. Same place and time.

A2 RIDE CALENDAR

APRIL

18th	Dinner Ride Battle Branch	Leave NewBridge Shopping Center at 6:45
19th	Chapter Challenge – Top Gun Exercise	TBA
20 th	Chapter Bowling Outing – YMCA-Lexington Dinner Ride after Bowling Party	Leave NewBridge Shopping Center at 1:15

MAY

3rd	Chapter G Open House –Cycle Center –Asheboro After the Open House -we will be going to the Asheboro Military Museum at the Asheboro Airport. Museum Admission Charge \$5 per person	8:00 AM Leave NewBridge bank Hwy 64 1:00 PM go to the Asheboro Military museum
4th	Curley's Wall Ride	TBA
10th	Tally House Restaurant (Moorseville)	Leave NewBridge Bank at 4:00
16th	Captain's Galley (Advance)	Leave NewBridge Bank at 6:45
18th	Ride the Back Side of Pilot Mountain	Leave NewBridge Bank at 1:30
24th	Chapter X2 Chapter Meeting (Dobson) then country side ride	Leave NewBridge Bank at 11:45
29th	Region N Rally (Kingsport Tenn.)	TBA

CENTRAL PLAQUE

Saturday, April 12th.

Chapter M - Salisbury

Blue Bay Seafood, Innes St., Exit 76 off I-85

Eat at 6:00 meet at 7:00

TARHEEL TRAVELER PLAQUE

Saturday, April 19th

Chapter Y - Morganton

Timberwood Family Restaurant, 1301 Bethel Road, Morganton

Exit 106 off I-40 Eat at 6:00 meet at 7:00

Wings Over the Smokies Motel Information

Plans have been made for Chapter A2 to stay at the Airport Days Inn during Wings Over the Smokies. Fifteen rooms have been reserved for Chapter A2 members.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Deidra Sprinkle - April 5th
Karen Freedle - April 24th
Darrell Freedle - April 25th



Wedding Anniversaries:

None



Gwrra Anniversaries:

None

From Our Chapter Couple of the Year

A2 was honored to have the Couples Plaque given away at our March meeting. David and Regenia Denny from Chapter X2 presented it to Tony and Janice Barker of Chapter G. It has been to Chapters T2, H2 (at their swap meet) and to Chapter R (hope we haven't missed anyone) The couples are really chasing the plaque, hope we are lucky enough to get it soon.

Thanks to all who brought food to our March meeting. We had 64 non-perishable food items for the Pastor's Pantry in Lexington. We certainly appreciate the support from our guest Chapters, as well as our own Chapter, you have been great. We will be collecting food each month until our \$100 give-away in December. Remember FOOD = MONEY (FOOD for the elderly- MONEY for you)

Carolyn and Alan Little will be representing us at the Region N Rally in Kingsport, Tenn. the last weekend in May. I hope all of the Couples of the Year from North Carolina will be there to give their support to Carolyn and Alan. Looking forward to them being selected Region N Couple of the Year.

On the Road Again

Sonny and Betty



A2 Canned Food Drive Results:

February meeting -----126 items of food
March meeting 64
190 Items

100 REASONS TO GET OFF YOUR CAN

\$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

*Thank You
From
Pastor's
Pantry*

Thank you for your donation to Pastor's Pantry. Your donation will help us provide groceries for over 300 senior adults each month. Our clients are impoverished senior adults that cannot afford groceries. We give them a month's worth of groceries every month as long as they have need. Our average client is 72 years old and has an income of \$556 a month.

Sincerely,

*Beth Bunce
President of P.P. Board*

Gail

WINGS OVER THE SMOKIES 2008 LOGO CONTEST



See your idea come to life on the Rally shirts and pins for this, the Silver Anniversary Edition of Wings Over the Smokies. This 25th year Celebration deserves to be a Special Logo, and your entry could be the winner. This year will be a Patriotic theme.

CONTEST GUIDELINES:

Limit of 6 colors

Colors should be carefully indicated on drawing

Logo need not be professionally drawn or to be perfect scale

The name "Wings Over the Smokies" must be part of the design

A Gold Wing motorcycle must be part of the design

Remember, this will be the 25th Wings Over the Smokies

WHO MAY ENTER THE CONTEST?

Any North Carolina GWRRA Members.

PRIZE AWARDS:

Winner will be recognized at the 2008 WOS closing Ceremonies

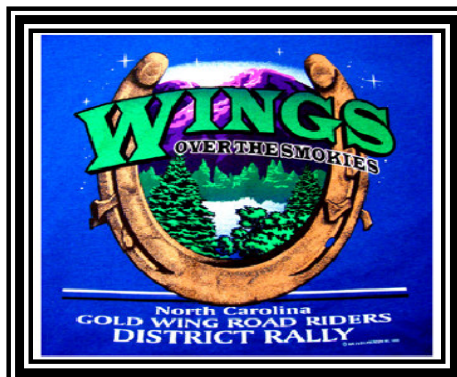
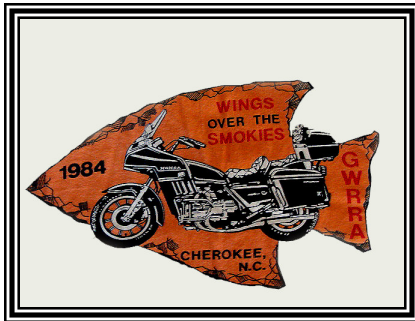
Winner will receive Free Registration for the 2009 WOS Rally as registrants number One and Two

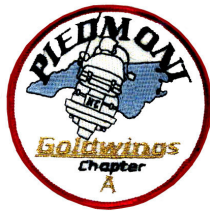
Winner will receive \$100 cash prize

Winner will draw for the Grand Prize at the 2008 WOS Rally

Entries must be postmarked not later than April 15, 2008

Mail entries to: Dennis & Kathy Hull
1304 Blackberry Road
Boone, NC 28607





FUND RAISER For Autism Service Dog

YARD SALE



Chapter A is having a Yard Sale Fund Raiser for Jamie Austin that is 12 years old and is autistic, so severe that communication is very difficult. This purchase of a service dog will be his protector, help him calm down when upset, keep him from wandering off, alert his parents or caregiver when he is in trouble, and Be His Friend. These service dogs cost \$6,500.00.

Mrs. Austin called Fred Myers because someone had told her that the Gold Wings were fund raisers for worthy causes.

This certainly is one. We will be having a Yard Sale, April 5th from 7 AM to 2PM at Wal*Mart, S.Elm/Eugene St., I-85, Greensboro, NC.

Anyone that has any yard sale items that they would like to donate, we would greatly appreciate them. They can get in touch with Ron or Alice Myers at 336.697.1893 or grm0476@aol.com.

WHEN: APRIL 5TH 2008

WHERE: WAL★MART
STORES, INC.

**S.Elm/Eugene St., I-85
Greensboro, NC.**

TIME : 7 AM to 2PM

We will be selling raffle tickets for \$5.00 - 26" Flatscreen TV, \$250 Gift Certificate from Cycle Center, Asheboro \$100 Gift Certificate from Rays Cycle Center, Thomasville The raffle will be at our April 10th meeting.

Do not have to be present to win.

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

April	Darrell Freedle
May	Bernie & Dottie Motley
June	Peggy & Gerry Grotberg
July	Randy Dezarn
August	Steve & Robin Deane
September	Betty & Sonny Dye
October	Tim & Ruby Pennington
November	Open
December	Open

FOR SALE :

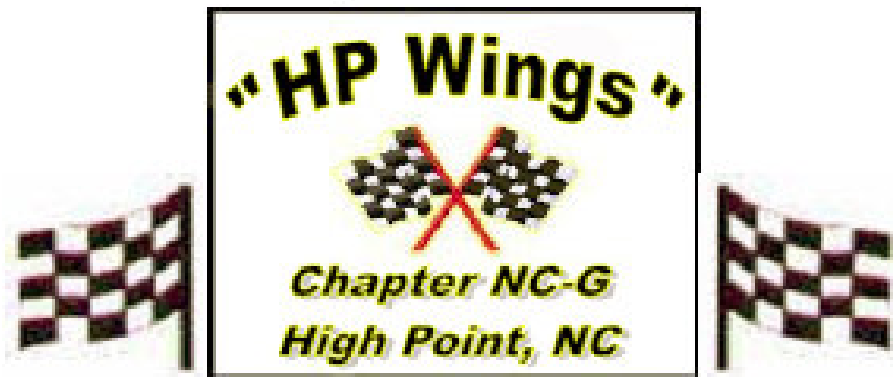
1984 GL-1200 Aspencade
96,000 miles - Champlain Brown
\$2,500.00 Contact Mike Shoaf , Rockwell ,NC
Home Phone - (704)279-0892 Cell Phone- (704) 640-9289

Open House

Cycle Center - Asheboro, NC

(20% discount on merchandise bought or ordered on the day of the event)

Sponsored by
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Saturday, May 3rd, 2008

9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

(Our May Chapter meeting will be held at the Open House!)

\$250.00 Gift Certificate from The Cycle Center

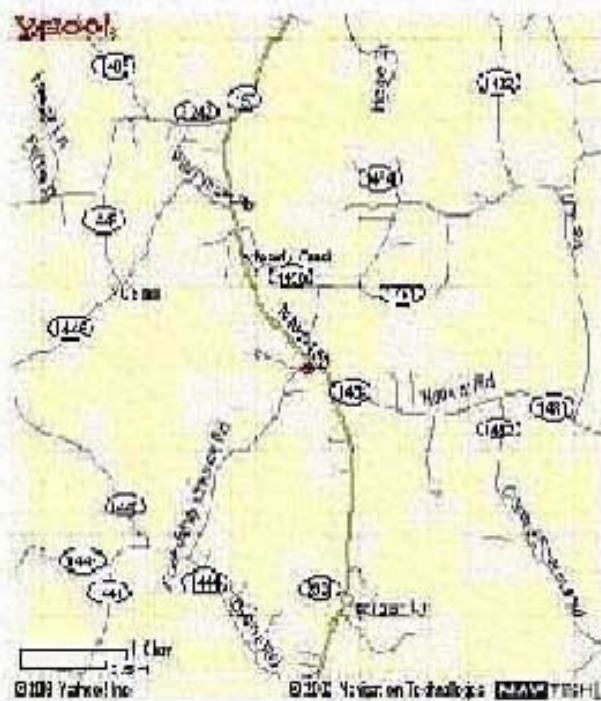
There will be: Games, 50/50, door prizes, food, vendors – Separate tickets are being sold for chances on the \$250 gift certificate from The Cycle Center and the \$1000 Grand Prize:

GRAND PRIZE: \$1000

Food – Hot Dogs, Chips, Drinks and Desserts will be available.

***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	_____ GWRRA #	_____ Exp Date	_____ Chapter
_____ Co-Rider	_____ GWRRA #	_____ Exp Date	_____ Chapter



Directions: US 52 to exit 100. Go west on Hickory Tree Road to first stoplight. Turn left on Highway 150. Cap'n Stevens is 7.5 miles on the right.

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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:
April 1st



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