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August 2006

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Chapter Directors Corner

Hot and Hotter

We just got back from Wing Ding a couple of weeks ago,... and boy, was it hot!! Triple digit temperatures on the Sunday before Wing Ding kicked off, and now it's a week of the high 90's back home. Wing Ding was a blast! The Gaylord Opryland Hotel complex had a "Wow" factor that still hasn't worn off. Robin and I bought "cool vests" a couple of weeks prior to our trip to Nashville, suspecting that the heat might be a factor. These vests work on the principle of evaporative cooling. After wetting the vests down and putting them on, the air flows through the outer layer of nylon, evaporates moisture in the inner layers, and cools the vest itself down to a temperature between 20 to 30 degrees below the ambient air temperature, depending on humidity levels and such

Our particular models have a water proof lining so that our shirts don't become soaked in the process. Riding on a 95+ degree day now is a pure joy, wearing our vests under our nylon mesh riding jackets. We've already used our cooling vests more than we've used our electric heated vests this past winter. Between the cool vests and drinking plenty of water, our riding has been safe and fun.

We've just had the Chapter A-2 3rd Annual Camping/Cook Out at Willville Motorcycle Campground, and now Robin and I will be off to Fletcher for the Wings Over the Smokies planning meeting .

We're both encouraged by all the A-2 Members who have volunteered to work with us again this year. I know that with your help, we'll make this one of the best Wings Over the Smokies ever.

If you haven't signed the workers list or the shirt list for workers , please see us at our next chapter meeting before we leave for the planning meeting in Asheville on August 5th .

You have to be FULLY Registered to work the rally .



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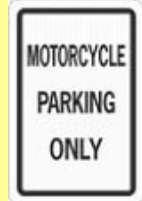
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2006 WINGS OVER THE SMOKIES
September 21.22.23

Who will be the designer winner for the '06 Rally logo?

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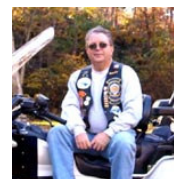
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Assistant Chapter Director Corner

I'm sure you will agree this summer has been the wettest one I can remember. Just a few months ago in the spring the weather folks were telling us about the impending draught and how many inches of rain we were behind. But this July has been the wettest on record. We as motorcyclist can lay claim to that! Several times our motorcycle rides turned into car rides. But that hasn't stopped the fun and fellowship.

The big event for NC GWRRA members is fast approaching – Wings Over the Smokies. I hope everyone has made their plans to attend.

Randy



Rider Ed.

We are continuing with part two of our series on motorcycle myths. This info comes from the International Rider Ed newsletter.

12 Myths Part 2



Myth 4: Helmets Block Your Ability to See or Hear Danger

The thing you learn when you dig into the research is that motorcycle riders who use helmets crash less frequently than those who don't. Maybe that happens because motorcyclists who decide to wear helmets have a better or more realistic attitude about riding. Maybe it's because putting on a helmet is a reminder that what you are about to do can be dangerous and the act of accepting protection puts you in the right mindset. Maybe it's because a helmet provides eye protection and cuts down wind noise so you can actually see and hear better. Maybe it's because, by cutting wind pressure and noise, a helmet reduces fatigue. Whatever the reasons, wearing a helmet clearly does not increase a motorcyclist's risk of having an accident and wearing one correlates to reduced likelihood of an accident.

Myth 5: A Helmet Won't Help in Most Crashes

People look at the seemingly low impact speeds used in motorcycle-helmet testing and assume that if you are going faster than that, the helmet will no longer be up to the job. That ignores a few critical facts:

- Most accidents happen at relatively low speeds.
- Most of the impact energy is usually vertical—the distance your head falls until it hits.
- Helmets (or at least helmets that meet DOT standards) perform spectacular life-saving feats at impact speeds far above those used in testing.
- When a helmeted rider suffers a fatal head injury, it frequently doesn't matter, because, to hit hard enough to sustain that fatal injury, he sustained multiple additional fatal injuries to other parts of his body. In other words, the fact that the helmet didn't prevent the head injury was of no consequence.
- The numbers clearly say that riders using DOT helmets simply survive crashes more successfully than those without them.

Myth 6: A Helmet Will Leave You Brain damaged in a Crash When You Would Have Simply Died

Of course that's possible—your helmet attenuates the impact energy enough to keep the injury from being fatal but not enough to keep all of your eggs from getting scrambled. However, that's rare, and if you hit that hard, you are likely to get killed by some other injury. It's actually the un-helmeted rider who is likely to cross from animal to vegetable kingdom, and often from a relatively minor impact that would have damaged nothing but his ego if he'd been wearing a DOT helmet.

Myth 7: A Skilled Rider Should Be Able to Handle Almost Any Situation

The sharpest, most skilled motorcyclist in the world isn't going to be up to the task when a car turns or pulls out in front of him a short distance ahead and stops directly in his path broadside. Believing that your superior skills will keep you of trouble is a pipe dream, even if they are as good as you think. No matter how skilled you are, it's better to ride to avoid situations that can turn ugly. Slow down, scan farther ahead, and think strategically. And Dress for the crash. Helmet, gloves, over the ankle boots, and long sleeve shirt or jacket.

I still have plenty of tickets for the North Carolina Rider Education Raffle. First prize is \$1,000 cash or \$2,000 off the purchase of a Bushtech Trailer. Second prize is \$200.00 cash and three third prizes of \$100.00. And, if you win, I win for selling the winning ticket! So, buy a ticket and let's win!

Until next time,

Ride Safe!

Randy

It's summer time, lots of heat and what else – thunderstorms, complete with lightning. We all know how lightning can kill, but many motorists and motorists think that as long as you keep going, you can safely out-run the storm : Read below:

“Lightning strike kills motorcyclist on highway”

(Associated Press)

Westminster, Colorado – A motorcyclist died after apparently being struck by lightning while riding in rush hour traffic on a highway between Denver and Boulder, police said.

Witnesses reported seeing a flash of light shortly before the motorcyclist struck the highway's center concrete divider, Westminster police spokesman Tim Read said in a statement.

The man, whose name was not released, was pronounced dead at the scene Wednesday. His motorcycle came to rest about 150 meters from where lightning blasted an 18-by-8-inch crater 4 inches deep that blew chunks of asphalt across the highway and slightly damaged other vehicles. **THE MAN WAS WEARING A HELMET.**

This is not a unique case. In the spring of 2006, lightning struck a motorcyclist in the Norfolk, Virginia area, killing him. The best advice is to wait out the storm until it has completely passed by. It's much better to get to your destination alive, than to get to your destination on time. Please think about that as you ride this summer.

Tim - The Tech Guy

A question in the Work Bench section of the latest edition of Wing World addressed the use of E85 fuel in Gold Wings. Stu Oltman noted that Gold Wings are not compatible and could not be “adjusted” to use this fuel! An older article by Howard Halasz pointed out that ethanol can damage O rings, seals and expensive throttle slides in the carbs.

Honda recommends no more than 10% ethanol content in the fuel. E85 contains 85% ethanol and 15% gasoline. Gasahol has 10% ethanol and 90% gasoline.



News from National:

Gold Wing Road Riders Association Returns to Billings, Montana, in 2007!

Phoenix, Arizona (July 3, 2006) — The Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) is pleased to announce its 29th annual Wing Ding will return to one of its most popular sites—Billings, Montana—next year. The event opens Wednesday, July 4, and runs through Saturday, July 7, 2007, at the MetraPark Convention Center.

Wing Ding is the world's largest convention of owners of Honda Gold Wing motorcycles. Wing Ding 29 will highlight the celebration of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association's 30th anniversary.

More than 14,000 Gold Wing motorcycle owners are expected to attend Wing Ding 29. Due to its proximity to Grand Teton National Park, Yellowstone National Park, the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, Beartooth Pass and some of the most exciting and beautiful motorcycle riding in the world, Billings has been a favorite destination ride and vacation site for GWRRA Members. As with Wing Ding's previous visits to Billings—in 1997 and 2000—the event is anticipated to generate \$10-15 million dollars in direct economic impact to the Billings area.

GWRRA — Region N News

Master Tour Riders are a very elite part of GWRRA. Since the inception of GWRRA the total of **ALL** Level IV Master Tour Riders has only been approximately 2-1/2 percent of all of GWRRA's membership. That's just 6,200 out of 250,000 members over the years!

Level IV obviously isn't for everyone but for those Members who have been so committed to the Rider Education Program...

We salute you!

Since Wing Ding 2005, the following GWRRA Region N Members have become Master Tour Riders:



North Carolina

<i>Barbara Burke - Master Number 5759</i>	<i>Jack Burke - Master Number 5760</i>	<i>Patricia Simmons - Master Number 5768</i>
<i>Sonny Cobb - Master Number 5771</i>	<i>Julie Kochert - Master Number 5772</i>	<i>Ray Kochert - Master Number 5773</i>
<i>Gerain Tally - Master Number 5818</i>	<i>Bill Tally - Master Number 5819</i>	<i>Ormond Fortier - Master Number 5820</i>
<i>Pat Boyce - Master Number 5821</i>	<i>Harold Pipes - Master Number 5845</i>	<i>Fay King - Master Number 5846</i>
<i>John King - Master Number 5847</i>	<i>Pat Kimel - Master Number 5848</i>	<i>Albert Kimel - Master Number 5849</i>
<i>Frances Averette - Master Number 5850</i>	<i>Henry Averette - Master Number 5851</i>	<i>Catherine Mara - Master Number 5872</i>
<i>John Williams - Master Number 5874</i>	<i>Peggy Grotberg - Master Number 6005</i>	<i>Gerry Grotberg - Master Number 6006</i>
<i>Robin Deane - Master Number 6007</i>	<i>Stephen Deane - Master Number 6008</i>	<i>Randall Dezarn - Master Number 6009</i>
<i>Charles Baker - Master Number 6047</i>	<i>Robert Knight - Master Number 6048</i>	<i>Brenda O'Mary - Master Number 6179</i>
<i>Bill O'Mary - Master Number 6180</i>	<i>J. Mason Cannon - Master Number 6181</i>	<i>David Squires - Master Number 6182</i>
<i>Bobbie Wittich - Master Number 6197</i>	<i>Jeff Wittich - Master Number 6198</i>	

PS: As a side note, Region N accounted for approximately 20% of all new Level IVs in GWRRA over the last year, 91 out of 478+/-!

State Score Card : Kentucky (5) North Carolina (32) Tennessee (36) Virginia (15) West Virginia (3)



Ride Safe, **Cundiff Simmons**



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WINGS OVER THE SMOKIES

Our District Rally is only about 90 days away. Please encourage your members to go ahead and send in their registration; it makes life a lot easier for everyone and you save a little bit of cash, which is something we are all interested in doing! Also, please share with your members that in order to receive a rally shirt at the workers cost, you have to be pre-registered for the rally. The deadline for doing this is August 31. The WOS Planning Meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2006 at the Holiday Inn Airport in Fletcher, NC.

The meeting will begin PROMPTLY at 9 am and will conclude by mid-afternoon. Lunch will be provided. If you need lodging, contact the Holiday Inn at 828-684-1213 and make them aware that you are with GWRRA, the room rate is \$89.95 + tax. This block of rooms will be released on July 6, 2006. The Chapter Director, and at least 1 other member of your chapter should attend, no more than two (2) per chapter. This is also a time to turn in your door prizes, and/or any donations for the "NC Specialty Table". Over the past week, we have mailed the work assignment letters to the Chapter Directors, and some work assignments have been altered in order to better utilize our members. For those of you that have been willing to accept a change, we are most gracious!

Ride Safe, Ride Often

Willie & Judy



Our Central Assistant District Directors

We attended Chapter "A2's" Care Bear Ride in Lexington and Chapter "W's" Hot Dog Rally in Eden. We had a great time at both of these and we would like to congratulate both of these chapters for doing a super job.

Also, I feel that we need to put out a reminder to all chapter directors that if you capture the Tar Heel traveler you need to email us so we can notify everyone. If you capture your area plaque, you need to inform your ADD's.



Riding the Roads of Life Together, **Tom & Bev**

Recap from Wing Ding 28

As all of you know, WING DING was in Nashville, TN this year. On Saturday, July 1st, Steve & Robin, Gerry & Peggy, Sonny & Betty, Jim & Gail, and Bernie & I left for Chattanooga, TN. While in Chattanooga, we rode the Incline Railway up to the top of Lookout Mountain. We went to the Imax Theater, where we saw an Underwater Sea Adventure with 3-D glasses. Then we went to the big Tennessee Aquarium. The next morning we got up early, and went to Ruby Falls, Rock City, and on our way to Nashville, we stopped by the Jack Daniels Distillery. Upon arriving near Nashville, we traveled to the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center. It covers 9 acres, and has 2,881 rooms. The convention center has 4 large ballrooms, and many conference rooms. There are four sections, The Magnolia, The Delta Island, the Cascade, and the Garden Conservatory. The Delta Island has a river where we rode the boat. The Cascade section has lots of plants and flowers, and waterfalls. All three have gift shops, restaurants, and swimming pools. The cascade section has an indoor pool, spa, gym, and beauty shop. It's just so beautiful. We visited the vendors, went to seminars, outside there was the top gun competitions, Trike rides, Bike Show and 13,500 gold wingers from all over the US. We met a gentlemen from New Zealand. GWRRA members broke the Guinness World Book Of Records for the Most One Brand Motorcycles in a Parade . There were Over 1200 Gold wings in the parade in Downtown Nashville. After leaving Nashville, we went to Memphis. On the way the Memphis, we visited Hurricane Mills, and Loretta Lynn's home and museum. Next, we visited Memphis, and Graceland, the late Elvis Presley's home and museum. We traveled across the Mississippi river, going into Mississippi and Arkansas. We rode by the St Jude's Childrens Research Hospital. We went to Huntsville, AL and the US Space and Science Center. They make Rockets, train astronauts, the Childrens space camp is there. We traveled 1700 miles and had a wonderful trip. Hope all the ones that didn't come this time, will join us next time. There has been some talk of going to the Opryland Resort at Christmas. They put up 2 million lights at Christmas. It would be so beautiful. Maybe in 2007.... Dottie



On the Way to Wing Ding



Opryland Resort



Loretta Lynn's Home



Graceland



US Space & Science Center

REMEMBER OUR SICK and SHUT IN

Remember Bill Plyler in your prayers
Bill had Knee Surgery on July 24th and 26th



Remember Pat Simmon's Mother (Genevia) in your prayers.
Pats Mother has Cancer and Hospice has been coming in Three times a week .

Remember Tim Beck's Mother and Norma Freedle's Mother
Sue Stalter's Mother has Alzheimer's and Sue had to go up North to care for her.
Norma Freedle's Mother has been sick



August Birthdays

Tim Beck August 21
Joe Higgins August 27

GWRRA Anniversaries

Bernie & Dottie Motley August - 1997
Randy Dezarn August - 1999

GWRRA Renewal

Randy Dezarn August -2006

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CHAPTER MEETING CHANGES

NC-D, Greenville, will **CHANGE** their meeting **LOCATION** beginning in August to Parkers, 3109 Memorial Dr. Same date and time.

NC-J, Boone, will **CANCEL** their meeting for the month of August.

"RIDE CALENDAR"

AUGUST		
August 5	WOS Planning Meeting Holiday Inn	Fletcher, NC
August 5	Greenfields Restaurant LSB	LSB 11:00
August 10 - 12	W. VA District Rally	Cedar Lake, W. VA
August 18	Dinner Ride -Diary-O (Stanleyville)	Chars @ 6:45
August 19	Shirley's Restaurant (Tennessee)	LSB 11:00
August 19	NC-G Open House Asheboro Cycle Center	TBA
August 25-26	KY District Rally	TBA
August 26	NC-B2 Care Bear Ride Winston-Salem, NC	TBA
SEPTEMBER		
September 9	NC-A Poker Run	TBA
September 15	Dinner Ride Venezia (Advance)	Chars @ 6:45
September 21 - 23	NC DISTRICT RALLY WINGS OVER THE SMOKIES	Western NC Agricultural Center Fletcher, NC
OCTOBER		
October 5 - 8	VA District Rally	Salem, VA
October 7	Ride Planning Meeting (Venezia)	Advance NC in the Party Room 1:30
October 14	Spook Trail Ride	Walkertown
DECEMBER		
December 2	Gifts On Cycles	Butner NC



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**3rd Annual A2 Chapter Cookout
(Willville Motorcycle Campground)**

A2 had their 3rd Chapter Cookout this past weekend at Willville Motorcycle Campground in Meadows Of Dan Va. Participating were Steve & Robin Deane and Randy Dezarn which camped in their Tent and Pop-up camper.

Tim & Ruby Pennington, Sonny & Betty Dye ,Guy Hanes and Bernie & Dottie Motley camped at the Up-Scale Motorcycle Inn up on the Hill that had Indoor Plumbing , Air Conditioning, 2 Full Size Beds, and Electric Lights to which we could see what channel the TV was on. Darrell & Karen Freedle, Gary & Debbie Everhart and AC Pennington came up for the day. Robin Deane had 2 Special Guest attend and they seemed to have a good time with the rest of us.

Gary Everhart Whooped us at Horse Shoes with his 4 Ringers so needless to say, that game was over quickly. Darrell Freedle was Gary's Backup but it didn't appear Gary needed much help in the demise of his competition of which (LOL) we won't name. The next day we parted our separate ways for the return trip home .

Bernie & Dottie , Sonny and Betty left Meadows Of Dan and rode to Doughton Park on the NC Side of the parkway For a dinner snack in the restaurant there and discovered the rumor we had heard about the gas pumps at Doughton Park being taken out was true. So much for gas stations up on the parkway anymore , most or all located directly on the parkway are now a thing of the past.

After our lunch , we headed back home down through Elkin to Hwy very good and Thanks from Dottie refreshments. Ruby's White Wine

For our new and Old members that functions , You are really missing so Come on out and enjoy the



to Hwy 21 off the parkway and headed 77 & Hwy 421. The Chapter Picnic was to all that chipped in and brought food and Cake was outstanding as usual .

seem to never get to attend our chapter some GOOD times of Fun and Fellowship chapter , we always have a good time together. Until next time, Bernie

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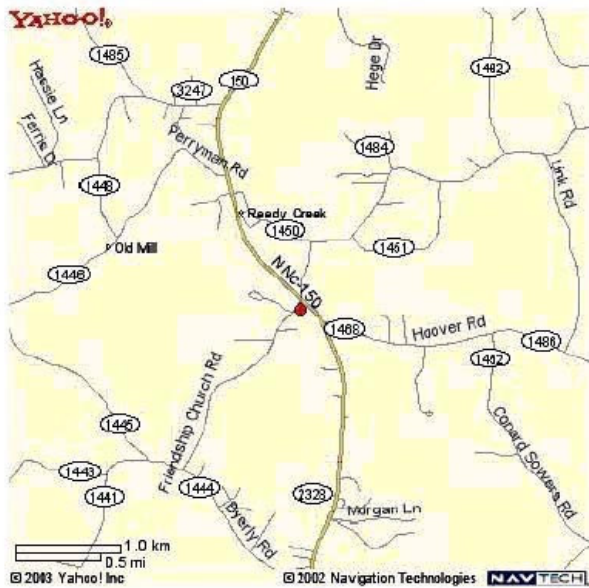


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