



ROCKINGHAM COUNTY WINGS

Chapter NC-W

Eden, NC



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2007 STAFF

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We gather the 3rd
Monday at
The Golden Corral at
1566 Freeway Drive
Reidsville, NC
6:30 meal 7:30 meeting
Please visit our website
at
www.gwrrancw.org

FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Hello Chapter W,

Wings Over the Smokies is a little more than a month away. If you are planning to go, your registration form needs to be sent in. We will once again be working the parking lot on Thursday night. In order for the Chapter to provide you with a worker's shirt, you must be fully registered no later than 8/31/07. To be eligible for these shirts, you must work on Thursday night. All workers will be given a worker's ticket. There will be fifty \$25.00 prizes for the workers to be given away at the end of closing ceremonies. If you are not present, you will be mailed a check. No one else can pick up your winnings. Please note that the stat awards will be given away during opening ceremonies. The memorial service has been moved to closing ceremonies. Remember that Herman's name is included this year.

As in the past, you must be fully registered to be eligible for the Grand Prize and the Grand 50/50 drawing. Your armband must be on your arm at the time of the drawing to participate in the Grand Prize drawing. If you are entering any of the bike shows, you must also be fully registered. Day passes will be sold for each day, but you will not be able to participate in the pizza party or opening ceremonies. Each day at 4:00 PM, you will be able to buy day passes that will carry over to the next day. Saturday day passes will be allowed to come to closing ceremonies, but you are not eligible for the prizes. Daily passes may play the daily 50/50.

Anyone who is not able to walk up and down the hill, please go to any of the ticket booths and they will call for transportation up and down the hill.

I will be canceling the unused rooms very shortly. Let me know if you still need that information.

As we shared with most of you at our last meeting, Darrell and I will be stepping down as Chapter Directors at the end of the year. We are doing so because we do not feel that we have been able to devote the time needed due to both of our health problems. If you would be interested in taking on this job, please let us know.

Ride Safe,
Kay and Darrell Hopper
Chapter Directors, NC-W

FROM THE ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS

CHAPTER EDUCATION 102 (June)

Although I am sure most of you know what each person on Chapter W's staff does, as a reminder and for the new participants of Chapter W, I am writing again this month about an important position – the Phone Tree Coordinator.

The Phone Tree Coordinator is a vital link between the Chapter Directors, Ride Coordinators, and Chapter participants. The Phone Tree Coordinator sets up and maintains the line of communication among the Chapter participants to distribute information and reminders of rides, special activities, and gatherings. He or she might also work with the Sunshine Lady to let participants know about those who are sick, injured, or bereaved.

With so many people connected to the internet these days, the Phone Tree Coordinator has recently combined e-mail notification to Chapter participants who check their e-mail on a daily basis with telephone calls to Chapter participants who do not. Of course, all events are usually posted on the website (www.gwrrancw.org) well in advance of when they occur. If the manner in which you receive notifications of Chapter activities is not working for you, please let the Phone Tree Coordinator know.

Barbara Chatman has recently decided to relinquish her responsibilities as Phone Tree Coordinator. So, if you are interested in the position, please let the Chapter Directors know. It is a GREAT way to get to know the Chapter participants on a one-on-one basis when calling to let them know about Chapter rides and activities. And although it usually goes without saying, thank you, Barbara, and those who served before her, for doing a GREAT job of keeping the Chapter informed.

Molly and Wayne Byrd
Assistant Chapter Directors
Chapter NC-W

Chapter Education 103 (July)

It's time again to further "educate" our participants, old and new, on another important position of Chapter W's staff. We have gained several new members in the past few months and the Recruiting and Retention Coordinator plays an important role in making sure all participants, prospective participants, and guests feel welcome at gatherings or other Chapter events. As we all know, the most important ingredient for a successful Chapter is YOU, the participant!!!

Along with the fun of "socializing," the Recruiting and Retention Coordinator reviews and utilizes computer printouts sent to him by GWRRA to remind participants of the expiration date of their membership. He or she also encourages participants to recruit others to join GWRRA.

So, if you find need information about GWRRA, how to join, etc., please see our Recruiting and Retention Coordinator, CLYDE LAWRENCE.

Molly and Wayne Byrd
Assistant Chapter Directors
Chapter NC-W

Chapter Education 104 (August)

It's time again to further "educate" our participants, old and new, on another important position of Chapter W's staff. We all love to ride, right? Well, what more important job is there in any Chapter than the Ride Coordinator? The Ride Coordinator works with the Chapter Directors to establish a ride schedule for the month, for the quarter, or for the year. Chapter participants are encouraged to suggest destinations and routes for rides to put on the schedule. Some regularly scheduled rides may include a weekly dinner ride, a Saturday or Sunday ride, monthly rides, overnight rides, and group rides to special events. The Ride Coordinator designates two Road Captains for each ride who finalize the route to be taken, decide what stops should be made, and ensure that everything is ready for a safe and enjoyable ride.

The least favorite job of the Ride Coordinator is probably updating the Chapter on past and future rides at its gatherings (who likes to speak in public, right?) and in the newsletter (even worse, who likes to sit down and write?). But to have successful rides, it is a "dirty" job that every staff member should do. Even if you are not a Ride Coordinator, but participate in a ride that you found enjoyable or worthwhile, the Newsletter Editors would like to hear about it, too.

So, if you have ideas or suggestions about future Chapter rides, please see our Ride Coordinators, Tony Pendergraph or Joe Chatman, and have fun, be safe, and ride with knowledge.

Molly and Wayne Byrd
Assistant Chapter Directors
Chapter NC-W



FROM THE CHAPTER COUPLE

Lois and I have not had a chance to visit other Chapters much lately because we have been doing a lot of camping. We did win the plaque at B2 (Winston-Salem) last month and carried it to T2 (Albermarle).

We are looking forward to attending the Couples Picnic at Lake MacIntosh on the 26th of August and attending the NC District Couple of the Year selection process at Wings Over the Smokies in September.

God Bless & Ride Safe

Lawrence & Lois Shumate (COY)

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FROM THE CHAPTER EDUCATORS



Awareness and Well Trained Reflexes

I've touched on these subjects before, but a couple of sayings I came across brought a new perspective to these words. The first is "ride as if your life depended on it." The second is "well trained reflexes are quicker than luck."

The awareness I am speaking of is "situational awareness" wherein the rider and co-rider are totally in tune with the environment around them. The environment is those areas immediately in front, rear, and both sides of the motorcycle while traveling the roadways. What exactly does occupy the space around your motorcycle? When the vehicle in front of you abruptly brakes, is it really safe to brake the motorcycle? Do you really know just how close that vehicle tailgating you is? Can you move left or right instead of braking, or is there vacant space to move towards? We as riders and co-riders should be constantly scanning about us, and in our mind, spatially tracking those vehicles which are moving in space and time around us. Distances constantly change in heavy traffic, and the moving traffic flow opens and closes those escape areas we may need at any moment.

Given what we know in the preceding discussion, then the second saying, "well trained reflexes are quicker than luck," comes into play. All too often, even the best of riders find themselves physically in one spot and mentally somewhere else! The vehicle immediately in front of us hits the brakes, slowing quickly. Our safe following distance rapidly diminishes as our eyes, brain, and body start to implement a response to the situation. We, being mentally somewhere else in the seconds preceding this event, do not remember the spatial qualities or quantities about us. In essence, where is everybody else in relationship to the space we occupy which is rapidly becoming untenable? The most common and immediate reaction is to hit our own brakes, obviously wanting to slow and/or stop before colliding with an object that outweighs us by tons. However, what is encroaching upon your "rear bumper" and is it going to slow and stop quickly enough to not impact with your motorcycle? We forget that the motorcycle is a highly maneuverable machine. Given that we have or should have been practicing that maneuver we learned in our riding course called "the swerve," if space is available left or right, we can almost instantly move into that space alleviating the situation that confronts us at the moment.

This maneuver takes both awareness and reflexes. We might be lucky by hitting the brakes and not hitting the object in front of us. And we might be lucky that the object in back of us either stops in time or avoids us. And if we are really lucky, we might not become a motorcycle/SUV sandwich! Reflexes honed by practice, and awareness honed by mental keenness beat luck every time.

Awareness and well trained reflexes keep us from becoming statistics in many other situations than heavy traffic. To use these two tools, we must keep our head in the game, and keep our skill levels to an optimum by training and practice. Perhaps, hopefully, the worst thing we ever have to avoid is the proverbial dead skunk in the road. Remember then to "ride as if your life depended on it" and that "well trained reflexes are quicker than luck."

Ride Smart! Be Safe!
Wayne & Molly Byrd
Chapter W Educators

Things We Should Practice in Our Chapter

Gain more knowledge!

We have excellent Chapter Educators just waiting to help anyone who is willing to learn. Take the riding courses that are offered, regardless of your experience. We can all use some brushing up!

Welcome new Participants and guests as if you have known them for a lifetime!

When someone new comes to a gathering or a ride, talk to him or her. Perhaps one day in your future, you will find a good friend and riding partner among the newcomers. Give it a try and marvel at the wonderful results.

Remember! The GWRRA is a worldwide family.

No one Participant is more or less important than any other. All are equal here, whether old and experienced riders or new and inexperienced riders. It takes all of us to ensure a happy family environment.

Rides - join them!

Go on as many rides as you can. Decide for yourself if you prefer long rides or short rides. After all, you are the only one who can decide what kind of rides are the most fun for you.

Avoid cliques and Chapter politicking

This can only lead to grumbling, displeasures, and arguments in a family that is intended for Friends For Fun, Safety, and Knowledge.

Participate in Chapter events.

Each of us has some skill or talent that can be used to enhance our events in some manner. Please don't be afraid to offer help. Even the most active of us had to begin somewhere.

Be positive, helpful, and constructive in your dealings with your Chapter.

Finally, remember to have FUN.

Enjoy the family of Gold Wing riders. After all, it is about you -- both in your own Chapter and the world.

Author Unknown

Through *Commitment, Education and Application*, we can reduce our accident rate significantly.

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FROM THE SUNSHINE LADY



Birthdays

03-Sheena Griffin
05-Sherwood Lewis
15-Bruce Eigner
15-Paul Kelley
25-Betty Puckett

Anniversaries

25-Malinda & Tony Pendergraph



Cyclemate Windraider \$2000.00 Selling because we bought a trike.

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**2007 North Carolina District,
Region N, & Nearby
Events Calendar**

<i>DATE</i>	<i>HOST CHAPTER</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>
	<i>January</i>	
	<i>February</i>	
	<i>March</i>	
	<i>April</i>	
	<i>May</i>	
	<i>June</i>	
	<i>July</i>	
	<i>August</i>	
4	WOS Planning Meeting	Ramada Inn - Burlington, NC
10 - 12	W. VA District Rally	TBA
23 - 25	KY District Rally	Somerset, KY
25	NC-B2 Care Bear Ride	Winston-Salem, NC
26	NC Couples Picnic	Lake MacIntosh - Burlington, NC
	<i>September</i>	
20 - 22	Wings Over The Smokies	Fletcher, NC
30	NC-E Ride For O'Berry Center	Cary, NC
	<i>October</i>	
4 - 6	VA District Rally	Salem, VA
12	NC-B2 Haunted Hayride	Winston-Salem, NC
13	NC-B2 Haunted Hayride	Winston-Salem, NC
19	NC-B2 Haunted Hayride	Winston-Salem, NC
20	NC-B2 Haunted Hayride	Winston-Salem, NC
20 - 21	Couples Get-A-Way	TBA
27	NC-B2 Haunted Hayride	Winston-Salem, NC
27	NC-B Lawn Tractor Pull & Meeting	Goldsboro, NC
	<i>November</i>	
	<i>December</i>	
1	Gifts On Cycles	Butner, Goldsboro, & Morganton