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The Golden Corral at
1566 Freeway Drive
Reidsville, NC
6:30 meal 7:30 meeting

Please visit our website at
www.gwrranc.org

FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Hello Fellow Goldwingers,

As I sit here writing this, it is one of the coldest nights that we have had this year. And I am so looking forward to the warm weather again. I guess you could say I'm not a snow bunny. As the weather improves, there is one thing we all want to do - RIDE. The Ride Coordinators are planning several rides for March and a couple's ride in April to the beach. But they still need to hear any and all suggestions of places you would like to visit. Along with Spring comes the rally season. The H-2 swap meet will be one of the Chapter rides in March. Remember to take all of the "safety chrome" that you have taken off of your bike; you may find someone who needs just that one piece. Or you may find the one thing that you are really need at a good price.

Our Pinto Bean Rally or the "Poot-and-Scoot" as one of our members so cleverly named it, is to be April 14, 2007. We have tried to come up with a lot of different ideas this year and we believe that changing the Rally, both the menu and the date, will be a good change. The plans are coming along. We have found the camera at a good price and we are asking that everyone try to help sell the tickets. We have also had several very good door prizes donated. We still need more, so please try to round up some more. We also need the stuffing for the goodie bags. The donation request letters will be available at our meeting if you still need some. We have a list of jobs that still need to be filled at the Rally, so please see one of us and let us know what you would like to do. We will be using our Rally date as our April meeting, so we are expecting a lot of other Chapters to visit.

If any of you are an artist at heart, the logo contest for WOS needs to also be sent to Willie and Judy Hunt by April 16. We have the guidelines if you would like to enter. The winner will receive a \$100.00 cash prize and 1 and 2 registration numbers for the 2008 WOS.

Speaking of Wings Over The Smokies, I know that it seems as if it is a long way off. But I have already blocked rooms for our stay. Please see me at the meeting to get the telephone number and the confirmation number you will need to obtain the rates.

Alright everybody. Let's think Spring and warm weather so we can ride.

Ride Safe,
Darrell and Kay Hopper
CD Chapter W

Chapter W's new web site is: www.gwrrancw.org.



FROM THE ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS

When Wayne and I joined Chapter W three years ago, I had never belonged to any organization before then. I knew I could not devote the time and energy needed to do what I thought was right which was to actively participate and make a meaningful contribution. Since joining Chapter W, we have both done our best to support Chapter W, its participants, and the organizations to which we contribute our time, energy, and money. We have strived to make Chapter W the best it can be. We have been inspired to do more, to the best of our ability, by other's encouragement, thoughtfulness, and sincerity.

As you all know, Wayne took on the Chapter Educator position a year ago and has, literally, done ALL of the work involved with that role. I have simply sat back and basked in his glory. He thoroughly enjoys the challenge and the rewards. Therefore, when asked to assume the responsibilities of Assistant Chapter Directors, I decided that I could, and should, do my part to make a difference, too. So today, as we move forward in this new year, I hope that we will all step up and make a commitment to be the best we can be, working together to make Chapter W better than ever.

Molly and Wayne Byrd
Chapter W ACD



FROM THE CHAPTER EDUCATORS

Conducting a Rider's Meeting

This month, I want to cover one of the simplest and most effective ways to reduce the risks of a group ride. In the same way that a safety talk reminder at the Chapter gathering and a safety article in the Chapter newsletter really bring motorcycle safety to the forefront of our Chapter activities, there is a simple and effective way to do this one thing before every ride. In fact, not performing this simple activity before each ride is dangerous! I am talking about a Rider's Meeting.

The concept here is to get all the riders (and co-riders) together before departure to discuss the specifics of how the group is going to get from Point A to Point B. This simple 3-5 minute meeting should be performed before EVERY ride, whether it's a dinner ride, a day trip around your area, or a multi-day long trip. We may also have a completely different mix of riders from day-to-day and ride-to-ride. Just having a Lead Bike and Drag Bike who know what's going on is not enough; it's a GROUP ride, not a blind-leading-the-blind ride. Get everyone on the same page before they get on the bikes!! If you don't have a Rider Meeting, how do you know who is going to lead, what CB channel you will run on, and what channel you will go to as an alternate in case of high CB traffic or interference? We sometimes know to meet at a certain place and then we kind of work out where we are going and the route we are going to take. This is not risk reduction. Some will say that we already know this stuff since we ride together so often. Okay, that's fine. But what happens when one of us rides with the group once or twice a year or someone new joins the group? They're lost, don't know what everyone is doing, and they're riding right behind YOU, the Lead Bike! Not only is it intimidating to that new member (meaning they might not return), it's downright dangerous to the group as a whole. So call your Rider's Meeting about 10 minutes before your departure time; this will draw everyone in and get them thinking about the ride instead of that last meal they just ate or the next one they are heading for. Gather them in and tell them how and where they will be going and in what fashion as well as other details. Be especially considerate of new or infrequent riders. The important thing is to get the Chapter into a safety routine, having a Rider's Meeting before each ride with certain key points ALWAYS covered.

Remember what was discussed in the group riding class. Listen to the Road Captain and Lead Bike person for ride information and, after they have finished, if you have a question, ask it before the ride begins. Enjoy riding your bike or trike, have fun, and do it safely.

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

FROM THE CHAPTER COUPLE

Hi Folks,

Just a word to let you know that Lois and I have been busy trying to capture the Central Couples Plaque. As of February 7th, we have visited Chapter R in Thomasville, Chapter N in Burlington, Chapter P in Asheboro, Chapter A-2 in Lexington, and we are planning on going to Chapter A in Greensboro on the 8th. So far we have not had the luck of the draw, but we are sure we will. We have been having a great time trying. We would like to thank Elzie & Betty and Paul & Sally for going with us on several of our visits.

Ride Safe & God Bless,
Lawrence & Lois Shumate
Chapter W COY

FROM THE RIDE COORDINATORS



Hello everyone,

Looks like wintertime is upon us, at least for a few more weeks. Springtime is around the corner according to Woody the Greensboro Grounhog. Riding season will be here quicker than you think. No rides are planned for February, so don't forget to start getting those bikes ready to ride. Now is the time to do an oil change, add accessories, wash and wax, and complete a T- CLOCK inspection on your bike and trailer. Don't wait to the last minute because we all know what happens then - what can go wrong, will. So don't let something simple ruin your ride. We still need to know at the February meeting who is going on the couples ride to Myrtle Beach, S.C. so we will have time to select lodging and activities. We do have a few rides and events coming up.

March

- 3-17 NC-H2 Swap Meet, Mebane, N.C.
- 3-24 Doug's A Wing and A Chair Open House, Monroe N.C

April

- 4-7 Bunny Ride to Morehead Hospital, Eden N.C.
We need as many NEW stuffed animals as we can get. If you cannot ride on that day and have stuffed animals, let one of us know and we will make arrangements to pick them up. We would love to have a truck full, so let 's get out there and get as many as we can. It's for the kids. I know Chapter "W" members will come through. They always do.
- 4-14 Pinto Bean Rally, Chapter W, Dan Valley Community Building
- 4-15 Benefit Ride for Dave Galloway and Mike Murphy (MSF), Kinston, N.C.
- 4-27-
4-29 Chapter W Couples Ride to Myrtle Beach, S.C.

If anyone has any suggestions please let us know.

Meeting places and times to be decided.

Tony Pendergraph
Ride Coordinator



FROM THE RIDE COORDINATORS

Hey Y'all,

As we all know, not all rides are "Chapter Rides." Some are "spur of the moment" rides where all it takes is someone to say "let's ride to -----" and off we go into the wild blue yonder with only a few riders. These rides have proven (at least to me) the most enjoyable. However, we have heard comments such as "Why was I left out?" "Why wasn't I invited?" "I'm not in the clique." "They don't like me." Well folks, let me say -- I for one will ride any place, any time ,with anyone, for any reason (legal), for as long as you want to be there, and come back when you want. But -- you have to be there to let me know what you want to do. The key to the whole thing is PARTICIPATION. Be there to get invited. Be there to go on the ride. Be there to see what's going on. Be there to get in the clique. Be there to feel liked. Be there because you want to have fun. We as Ride Coordinators need all of you to participate in all rides -- planned or otherwise -- and we will try our best to plan rides that you want. So let us know where you would like to go!!!!!!

Joe Chatman
Ride Coordinator



I was asked to write an article for the newsletter. After a lot of hesitation, here it is. I think our Chapter needs a few changes. First of all, we should change the name from GWRRA, Chapter W to GWOA – Gold Wing Owners Association. That's about all we do is own a Goldwing. When someone says something about a ride, people have at least 5 reasons not to go. I know that riding is not the most important thing in life. Family, jobs, and friends come first. Riding is supposed to be enjoyable. I have only been in Chapter W a short time – about 2 years. I have met some really nice people, but we have done more fussing and complaining than riding. I was asked to be one of the Ride Coordinators. What is that supposed to be? Am I supposed to set up rides that no one wants to go on and tell people a time to leave that they can't make? Everyone wants someone to pick and plan a ride, but when we ask for the Chapter to make suggestions, about all they do is look straight up. There are a few of the members who get together and ride on the weekends and have a good time. When we tell others about it, they say, "you should have let me know." When we let them know about a ride, that's when they have something to do. When we plan a ride for the Chapter, it's either too cold, too wet, too far, too hot, another Chapter is doing something that day, they've got to work, they're going camping, or they have something else to do. Regardless, I don't see getting too many rides together because only a few are interested. Like I said, I know other things come first, but a lot of people have put the Chapter dead last. I know that I have stepped on some toes with this article, but if they had been on the foot pegs, I would not have been able to. If anyone has any rides they want to go on, let us know. I would like to see this Chapter going down the road together and people looking at us and saying, "that looks like fun" and "I'd like to join them." This is my opinion; it's like a butt – everyone's got one and mine might stink, but it's mine.

Rickey Vernon
Ride Coordinator



FROM THE SUNSHINE LADY



Birthdays		Anniversaries	
3/2	Clyde Lawrence		
3/8	Bruce Burroughs		
3/10	Bill Hester		



FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITORS



Seems that we all talk about one thing that we can't do anything about. And that is the weather. But, we only have about another month, and it should warm up a bit and be better. Sally and I are looking forward to our Chapter Rally in April. We will be gone for almost all of March, as we have to attend rallies in Daytona and Kissimmee, FL, as well as in Dublin, GA.

We are looking for suggestions and input from all of our Chapter members for the newsletter. So, if you have any ideas, let us know. It is the only way that we can make the newsletter successful.

See you at the stew preparation and also at the stew day.

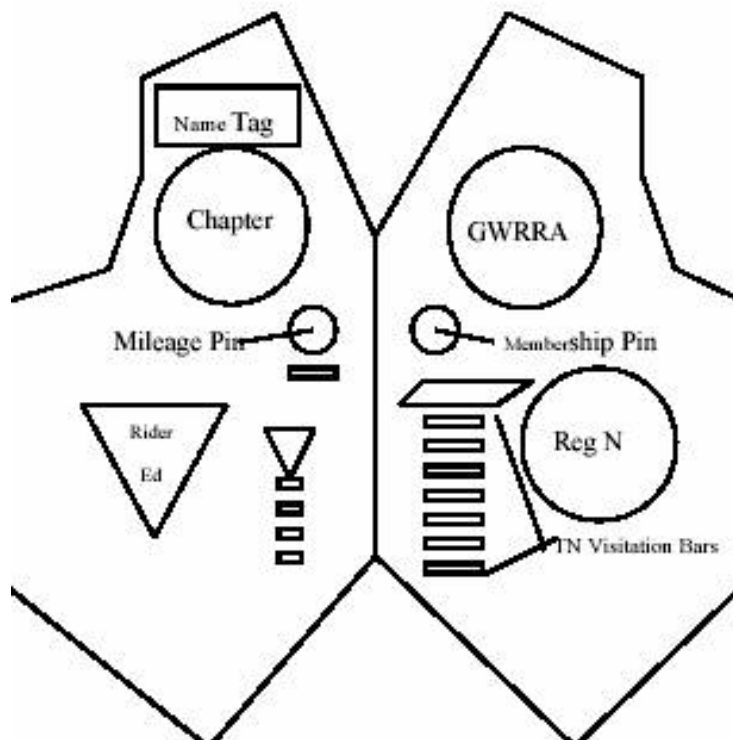
We also wish to thank all of you for the sympathy on the death of Paul's brother.

Paul and Sally



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

GWRRA's suggested patch lay out for your vest.



CHAPTER EVENTS



February

17 - Chapter W's Annual Stew Day--Start Serving @ 11:00 AM

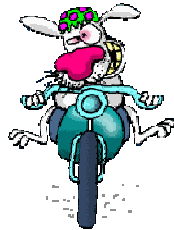
March

24 - PLP

April

14 - Poot-n-Scoot Bean Rally @ Madison -- Dan Valley Community Building
21 - PLP

UPCOMING CHAPTER RIDES



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

DATE	HOST CHAPTER	LOCATION
	February	
24	NC-C2 Chilly Cook Off	TBA
	March	
17	NC-H2 Swap Meet	Mebane, NC
24-25	NC Rider Education Rodeo	West Jefferson, NC
31	NC-Y2 Open House	Iron Horse Cycle Center - Monroe, NC
	April	
7	Chapter Couples Meet & Eat	TBA
14	NC-W Pinto Bean Rally	Madison, NC
20 - 21	Down East Rally	Morehead City, NC
22	NC-E2 Poker Run	Elizabeth City, NC
26 - 28	TN District Rally - Spring Fling	Pigeon Forge, TN
	May	
5	NC-G Open House	Honda Cycle Center - Asheboro, NC
6	NC-E Triangle Ride For Kids	TBA
12	NC-F2 Open House & Meeting	Team Powersports - Garner, NC
19	NC-T2 Care Bear Ride	Albemarle, NC
25 - 26	NC-U Chicken Rally	Lumberton, NC
31 - 6/2	Region N Rally	Maggie Valley, NC
	June	
9	NC-R Care Bear Ride	Thomasville, NC
16	NC-Q2 Fun Fest	Newton Grove, NC
23	NC-A2 Care Bear Ride	Lexington, NC
	July	
4 - 7	Wing Ding	Billings, MT
	August	
4	WOS Planning Meeting	Ramada Inn - Burlington, NC
10 - 12	W. VA District Rally	TBA
23 - 25	KY District Rally	Somerset, KY
26	NC Couples Picnic	Lake MacIntosh - Burlington, NC
	September	
20 - 22	Wings Over The Smokies	Fletcher, NC
	October	
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