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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

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FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Hello Chapter W and all other Goldwingers,

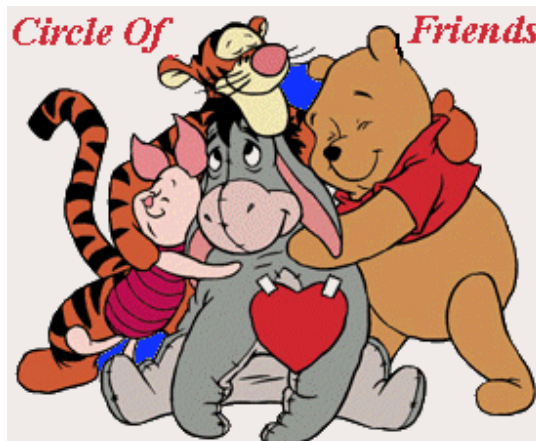
It is hard to believe that this year is already half way over. As I write this newsletter article, I am thinking ahead. This is Darrell and mine last year as Chapter Directors. And this has been a hard year for the two of us to uphold our duties. Between working full time, running the race track and taking care of both of my parents very little time has been left for our GWRRA family and obligations. Therefore we need someone to step forward to take over this chapter next year. We will be available to help in any way we can. But we would like to get the paperwork completed as soon as possible.

As most of you know, we rode in three parades last year. Please let us know if you would be interested in doing that again this year. If so we will need to contact the various cities to enter. The Reidsville parade is the first one to come up.

We will be leaving Thursday the 18th of September for WOS. Once again we will be working the Thursday night parking lot. Thanks to all of you who have volunteered to help. If you have not reserved your rooms yet, you need to ASAP. The contract that we have with the hotel releases the rooms soon.

As always, Ride Safe
Darrell and Kay Hopper
NCW Chapter Directors

May you always have Love to Share , Health to Spare, and Friends that Care



FROM THE CHAPTER EDUCATORS



How To Clean and Protect Your Windshield As appeared in WING WORLD Magazine October 1996

With very few exceptions, little by little, Gold Wingers clean their windshields to death. Take a stroll around the parking lot outside a restaurant where a Gold Wing Road Riders Association Chapter gathering is going on. Look through all the windshields. Except for the brand new machines, almost every windshield shows evidence of well-intentioned abuse by the bikes' owners. (While that's what keeps those of us in the business of supplying aftermarket windshields and accessories in business, its largely unnecessary and can be avoided with a bit of care) Sure, you need to keep your windshield clean, both for appearances and safety, but you don't need to go about it the wrong way.

First of all, you should know a bit about your Gold Wings windshield. Unlike most automobile or truck windshields, its not made of glass. The original equipment Honda Gold Wing GL1500 windshield is made of hard coated polycarbonate. While polycarbonate is great stuff, if you use cleaner containing alcohol or ammonia (including Windex® or Pledge®), you start softening the hard coating exposing the windshield to greater tendency to scratches or pitting. Windex, Pledge and other alcohol-based household cleaners work great on glass, but aren't meant for synthetics.

WARNING:Do not use Rain-X® on any coated windshield!

Second if you grab one of those service station scrubber wands, you don't know what kind of abrasives are imbedded in its spongy or squeegee surfaces. It's worth it to carry your own cleaning materials. At service stations, the temptation is to do a 'final wipe-off' with those handy paper towels. Resist the urge! Paper is processed wood pulp. You're essentially scrubbing your windshield with a handful of ground-up twigs! Is it any wonder your windshield quickly goes from crystal clear to a crazy-quilt pattern of swirls and whorls that's especially annoying when riding in the rain or n the glare of on-coming headlights. Alcohol or high-petroleum-content cleaners are even more destructive to aftermarket windshields made of Lexan®. Spritz a little alcohol on one of these windshields and it immediately turns milky white, had a friend tell me he destroyed his windshield while refilling his fuel tank ""he hose nozzle sprung loose, gushing gasoline all over the inside of his Lexan windshield. Was he angry!

Here's how I tell my customers to clean their windshields.

Step 1. Use a wet, not damp, wash cloth or hand Towel you keep for that purpose in a plastic zip-lock bag inside your Wings travel trunk. Allow the water to soften the dried-on bugs. Work crosswise and up and down; if you use a circular motion, you tend, unconsciously, to increase the rag pressure and scrub harder than you need to. Also, if there's any grit on the cloth to gouge the surface, circular scratches are more annoying to the eye than straight ones. (By the way, I don't use diaper material

because the tightness of the weave tends to pick up and retain grit.) Soft terry cloth is the best for the initial soaking and wiping.

Step 2. With the windshield still wet, sparingly spray on some of the many products that are made to clean polycarbonate or Lexan windscreens these are specifically formulated for use on these windscreens. Besides being anti-static and anti-fog, it helps seal the pores of plastic and leaves a protective coating.. Using a clean tee-shirt material, gently wipe the windshield dry, gain, using straight back-and-forth motions. As with any product you've not tried before, do a test sample in a small (preferably out of the line of sight) area of the windshield to see if it makes things better or worse.

Of course, in the final analysis, for severely scratched and pitted windshields the best thing to do is start over with a fresh one, promising yourself to give it better care than you gave the last one. Just as investing in a fresh set of motorcycle tires makes a world of difference in how your motorcycle rides, by making the relatively small investment for a new windshield, you can improve your whole outlook on life!

Ride Safe,
Wayne and Molly Byrd
NC-W Chapter Educators



A FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

How do I join the Chapter? You don't join a Chapter, you join the Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA), and you participate in the Chapter or Chapters of your choice. So the question could be asked, "How do I become a Chapter Participant?" You do nothing more than attend a Chapter Get-together, ride or event. There is no cost or formal application needed to participate in a GWRRA Chapter, since a local Chapter is one of the benefits of belonging to GWRRA. What are the different classes of membership in GWRRA? For the Gold Wing/Valkarie owner a family or individual membership is available. The non-Gold Wing/Valkarie owner can join the Association as an Associate member (both family and individual Associate memberships are available).

What are all those pins on peoples' vests? Those are ride or event pins. The pins are basically souvenirs that are fun to look at and remember the event they represent.

Do I have to buy a vest? No! Vests are optional for participants. Many wear vests to display the GWRRA logo, and their many pins and awards. Chapter patches, GWRRA logo patches and others can be purchased from the Pins and Patches Coordinators at any get-together.

What do you use chapter money for? The Chapter Director uses the Chapter funds to cover operating expenses of the chapter. These expenses include the cost of printing the newsletter, postage, chapter chartering fee, etc.

GWRRA-NC District Directors

One of North Carolina's very own GWRRA members has made the news. More on this later.....

North Carolinians can be proud of the many assets which our state offers, not the least of which is the portion of the beautiful 469 mile Blue Ridge Parkway which passes through our state. Even for those of us who don't live near the parkway, it is still within an easy day's ride from all points within the state. It is not unusual on any trip along the parkway to see vehicle tags from states across the nation, indicating just how much of a travel destination our parkway is to those from other parts of the nation.

As with many other federally funded parks, the Blue Ridge Parkway has suffered over the past few years due to budget constraints which have caused a substantial deficit in the monies which are needed for more than just the day to day operation of the parkway. Enter the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation. The Foundation does not fund the Parkway's operational budget, which is the responsibility of the federal government. However, the operational budget is overwhelmed by basic needs, like employing Park staff who provide information to the public and work with Parkway communities and employing maintenance staff who mow the grass, clean the restrooms, take care of the infrastructure and make minor repairs.

Because current funding levels leave no room for growth, the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation provides private funding to the Blue Ridge Parkway for those projects and programs that

- add a margin of excellence to the park's mission,
- enhance the visitor's experience, and
- have a lasting value.

The Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation receives funds solely from donations, and many of you currently have Blue Ridge Parkway plates on your cars, one of the methods of raising funds for the foundation. Now we all have an additional opportunity to further participate in the fundraising efforts of the foundation, while showing our pride in the parkway, by purchasing BRP plates for our motorcycles.

Please visit the Foundation website <http://www.brpfoundation.org/> and consider signing up for your Blue Ridge Parkway motorcycle plate, or you can go directly to the tag application at <http://www.brpfoundation.org/tag.php>.

We mentioned earlier that one of North Carolina's very own GWRRA members has made the news. Bob Hennard, member of Chapter E in Cary, was recently featured on the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation blog for his extraordinary efforts in promoting Blue Ridge Parkway plates throughout North Carolina. You will be able to read more about Bob's continuing efforts at:

<http://www.blueridgeparkwayblog.com/motorcycling/general/beyond-the-call-of-duty>.

Thanks for allowing us to share this information with you,
Dennis and Kathy Hull
GWRRA-NC District Directors

Okay North Carolina members, here is our chance to go on record with our requests for changes to the Bike Show classification process. Frank has attached a document to his email below which sets out the proposed rules for 2009 which National has prepared, but they want feedback as to what we agree with, what we disagree with and other suggestions that we might make. If you are involved in,

participate in, or know others who you feel would like to make their voices heard regarding Bike Show classification, we have 18 days to get that information back to Frank. I would like to have that info in my hands not later than Friday August 29 so that I can have time to compile it and get it forwarded on.

Thanks,
Dennis Hull
GWRRA-NC District Directors



GWRRA-NC Region N Directors

I've received a Draft Version of proposed changes to the classification process for Bike Shows. I've attached it below.

The idea of changing the classifications is to more fairly judge bikes of like description and modification. This Draft Version is an initial version. It is NOT the final word! However, in order to get to a final version, we need your input, suggestions, problems, foresight, hindsight, experienced testimony, etc on the suggested classes. However, we need your responses in writing as soon as possible. I need to compile the responses and get them to the National Director in charge of the Bike Show for Wing Ding, no later than Monday, September 1st. That is 18 days from now.

To get a more "full" plate of responses, please forward this email and the attachment to those members on your staff that have experience with classifying and judging Bike Shows and to the members throughout your District that you know are serious about showing their bikes and also have experience in classifying and judging Bike Shows. We want as many experienced comments as is possible to make the Bike Show events as fair as possible. It makes no difference what your comments are, as long as they are constructive. If your comments are of a nature to discourage having Bike Shows, we'll include them in our submittal but I don't think those comments will be acted on any time soon.

Also, I've suggested to the National LTD Director to have a new seminar written that will focus entirely on classifying and judging Bike Shows. I've suggested that the existing seminar be re-written to focus solely on showing your bike. My suggestion for the new classifying seminar will be the one by which classifiers and judges will become certified and those individuals will need to retake the seminar every couple of years or so to recertify. I don't know if the new seminar or my purpose for it will be acted-on but if new classes are going to be in the works for years to come, then I think the classifiers and judges need to be the best-trained. This is also another reason for responding as soon as you can and getting compiled information into the hands of those finalizing the classes. Once finalized, the new seminar, if needed, can be written and put into place as early as January 2009.

Thanks for your attention to this matter and please email me your responses to me as quickly as possible. I know there is a good deal of information in the attachment, so take some time, read it over, think about it and send me your suggestions and comments.

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

<i>DATE</i>	<i>HOST CHAPTER</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>
	<i>August</i>	
<i>7 - 9</i>	<i>Kentucky District - Blue Grass Blast</i>	<i>Someset, KY</i>
<i>16</i>	<i>NC-T2 School Tool Ride</i>	<i>Albemarle, NC</i>
	<i>September</i>	
<i>18 - 20</i>	<i>Wings Over The Smokies</i>	<i>Fletcher, NC</i>
	<i>October</i>	
<i>9 - 11</i>	<i>Virginia District - Rally in the Valley</i>	<i>Salem, WV</i>
<i>25</i>	<i>NC-B Tractor Pull</i>	<i>Goldsboro, NC</i>
	<i>November</i>	
	<i>December</i>	