



ROCKINGHAM COUNTYWINGS



Chapter NC-W

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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.gwrranc.org

FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Hello fellow Goldwingers,

Where has this year gone? It is hard to believe that it is already October and the rally season is over. Darrell and I enjoyed Wings Over the Smokies this year. Two guided tours were added to the program this year. We went on one of the guided tours to Lake Lure. The ride to the lake was through the scenic mountain roads and the boat ride on the lake was both informative and beautiful. The weather could not have been any more perfect for riding. Thank you to the NC District Staff for adding these tours. We would also like to thank all of our Chapter members who helped work the parking lot on Thursday night. Several of our members even came over from their campsite in Maggie Valley just to work with us. Congratulations to all of the winners at Wings. Tony and Janice Barker from Chapter G were named the NC Couple of the Year. Chapter G was also named the Chapter of the Year. Let us say how proud we are of all of you in High Point. It could not have happened to a finer group of people.

As most of you know, we will be cooking a stew on November 9th. We could use as many Chapter members as possible to help prepare the potatoes and onions on Friday night. Please be at the Dan Valley Community Building at 6:00 pm. or as close to that as you can. The more people we have on prep night, the faster we can get done. The stew will still be sold for \$4.00 a quart. This is the same price that we have sold it for in the past. Because we are able to have the meat either donated or sold to us at cost, we are able to offer this low price and still make a good profit. Get your orders ready.

Our Christmas party is scheduled for December 6th at the Stoneville Pentecostal Church. We will be playing "Dirty Santa" again this year. If you wish to participate, please bring a gift valued at least \$10.00. Men should bring a man's gift and women should bring a woman's gift. More details will follow.

At this time, we have still not had anyone step up to become the Chapter Directors for next year. We would hate to see this Chapter fold because no one is willing to take over this position, but that is what will happen if no one comes forward. Steps need to be taken now for the transfer to take place at the beginning of the new year. Darrell and I will be stepping down at the end of December, with or without a replacement. Because of family and work obligations, we are no longer able to serve as your Directors. We are not going away. We will still be active in this Chapter, but just not as the Chapter Directors. Please, please, someone step up.

Ride safe, Darrell and Kay Hopper NCW CD

FROM THE CHAPTER EDUCATORS



Let's Talk About Rider Education.

There are many ways to go about education: individual practice, riding schools, seminars, articles, etc. But no matter how each of us goes about Rider Education, the goal is the same: **SAFETY AND REDUCING RISKS**. Let's not sugar coat it; learning how to ride safe and minimize your risks could save your life one day. So how do I facilitate this education and emphasis on safety?

I will take a two-pronged approach to this question using the Rider Education Program (REP) and Parking Lot Practices (PLP). REP is a fundamental part of GWRRRA's commitment to safety through education. The basic goal of the REP is to make motorcycling safer by increasing skills and awareness in the interest of reducing injuries and fatalities. To put it plainly, rider education saves lives (check out the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's website for the stats)!! I encourage each of you (both Riders and Co-riders) to get involved and advance to that next level!! Lets see if we can't get everyone in NC-W enrolled in the REP! I have listed the specifics for each of the four REP here and on the Chapter's website, and I will have the necessary paperwork at the Chapter meetings. Lets all get involved!!

The REP is a great system from GWRRRA, but beyond that, how do we, at a local level, extend our abilities and knowledge in order to become safer riders? How do we take the things we learn at seminars and put them into action? The answer is simple to come up with, but difficult to implement. Practice !! Talking and learning about riding skills is one thing; putting them into practice ON the bike is a whole different issue. Anyone who has taken an ERC will tell you that. At one of our PLP's, as we were walking through one exercise (circles & weaves), a rider commented that it didn't look so bad. But once he was on the bike doing it, he said it was a whole different world. "The circle looks a lot smaller from up here on the Wing and the cones seem to be closer." Talking about safety (even in a newsletter article) should never replace actual on-the-bike practice. With this in mind, I hope that we can get back to organized regular Parking Lot Practices and try to get PLP's scheduled on a monthly basis. A little practice goes a long way. I highly recommend it to everyone.

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

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

October 25 NC-B Tractor Pull Goldsboro, NC



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