



ROCKINGHAM COUNTY WINGS



Chapter NC-W

Eden, NC

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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

Hi All!!

Seems we just finished last month's newsletter and it's time for another one--guess time flies when you are hav'n fun.

With the riding season winding down and Wings Over The Smokies just around the corner I find myself looking back at a fun-filled year of great rides, "Meet & Eats," gatherings, and events. Participation at all of our activities has been outstanding and it makes us proud to be your Chapter Directors. Please keep it up!!!!

Some of us also participated in other events to support our Local Community such as the Poker Run for Camp Carefree, the Relay for Life ride, and the Poker Run for Cole Grubbs of Eden.

Along with the fun, there have also been some sad times; Tony and Malinda Pendergraph have resigned as our Assistant Chapter Directors for personal and health reasons. They will remain in our Chapter and pledge their full support. Thanks to both of them for a JOB WELL DONE.

Several of our members recently attended the funeral of a very good friend to our Chapter, Earl ("the Squirrel") Locklear. He was a member of Chapter A, half of the Chapter Couple, and Newsletter Editor, along with being the best prankster ever. (That's how he got his nickname, "the Squirrel.") Earl attended several of our Chapter meetings over the last two years or so. As we sat in the funeral home and looked around, it made us proud to be a part of such a large and caring family. The Chapters and the District staff were well represented. With a heavy heart, we escorted Earl to his final resting place and as upset as we were, we couldn't help but notice the fine parade of bikes. Someone said over the radio "Earl, this one's for you" then the thunder and lightning sounded and someone else yelled "Cut it out, Earl." He is gone, but he will never be forgotten.

On a lighter note - pending District approval - Glenn and Becky Fargis will become our new Assistant Chapter Directors!! We are looking forward to working with them to further improve our Chapter.

Joe & Barbara Chatman
Chapter Directors – Chapter W

FROM THE CHAPTER EDUCATORS

Saving Lives Through Quality, World Class Education Is Our Mission

No matter what rider-training course you attend, the techniques of scanning and reacting to hazards are discussed. Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) describes their method as SEE (Search, Evaluate, Execute) or an old one is SPA (Search, Predict, Act). The bottom line is to develop a scan and escape strategy so that you are prepared to handle situations as they develop.

First is a short physics lesson. Acceleration is defined as an object's change in speed. Technically, any change in direction can be defined as acceleration. Thus, swerving and speeding up, and even slowing down and braking, are considered acceleration. Just what do all these kinds of acceleration mean? I think of it as my personal ability to get out of a bad situation. This could mean getting out of someone's blind spot, slowing down to give myself a space cushion, speeding up to get out of a potentially bad position, or changing my lane selection or position within a lane to avoid a potential hazard. Of course, all this assumes that you are scanning the road ahead and behind you and checking your environment for potential hazards. You must Search for hazards, Predict or Evaluate what MAY happen, and then Act or Execute accordingly.

Where does the SPA/SEE strategy come into play? It comes down to where you are riding and what potential situations may develop. Use of the SPA/SEE strategy will put you in a position to do what needs to be done in response to any developing hazard. Each of us has our own riding style, which includes speed and lane choice/position. While you are riding, are you ready to change that speed/position in response to changing road or traffic conditions?

The primary area where the SPA/SEE strategy comes into play for me is in freeway traffic. There, you need to change lanes, move yourself into a position that avoids blind spots, and gets you out of the way of other traffic that is also changing lanes. When commuting in heavy freeway traffic (or lighter faster-moving traffic), scanning can save your life. It could be a matter of recognizing where blind spots are and avoiding them. Awareness of blind spots must extend across multiple lanes. If I am getting ready to change lanes, I need to not only check for traffic in the target lane, but also watch for any other mergers coming from multiple lanes that may want that same lane position. By moving forward or backward relative to the potential threat, I can affect the lane change in a safer manner. Awareness, scanning, and moving combine to allow me to avoid the possible bad situation. Predict a possible situation and then move yourself to a position that deals with the prediction.

All of this comes down to your ability to control the motorcycle to make it go where you need it to go when you need it to go. Maneuvering a motorcycle is not something to be taken lightly, and assumed proficiency is not enough. The important question is: Can you actually perform these maneuvers in an emergency situation? If you wait until you are in a bad situation to test your abilities, there is no guarantee you were ever up to the test in the first place. Why wait? Test yourself often, and practice evasion techniques under controlled conditions. In a perfect world, you'll never need these techniques. How many of us ride in a perfect world? Practice!!

Wayne & Molly Byrd
Chapter W Educators

FROM THE RIDE COORDINATORS



We would like to thank everyone who came to the Meet and Eat at Satana's on August 6th. It was our biggest turn-out yet, with 35 members and 4 guest, 2 of whom are prospective new members who came as guests of Ed and Sandy Paisley. I am looking for a good turn-out this Saturday, the 15th when we go to Cook's Flea Market in Winston Salem and then Tex's Restaurant in Stuart for lunch.

Next month, we will have a mystery ride on September the 12th. You know what a mystery ride is, don't you? It means we haven't decided yet and it is as big a mystery to us as it is to you! Also in September, our dinner ride will be to the Cracker Barrel in Burlington on September the 18th. We will leave from the BP Station on Barnes St. (used to be NC 87) at US 29. Instead of coming straight back after supper, we plan to have a semi-evening ride back through the country.

We look forward to seeing each and every one of you every time we meet.

Bob & Karen Lunsford
Ride Coordinators - Chapter W



FROM THE SUNSHINE LADY



BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES	
Sandy Paisley	8/8	John and Erin Esposito	8/1
Paul Kelley	8/15	Tony and Malinda Pendergraph	8/26
Bryan Putnam	8/21		
Betty Puckett	8/25		
Kim Snowdy	8/30		

2009 North Carolina District, Region N, & Nearby Events Calendar

<i>DATE</i>	<i>HOST CHAPTER</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>
	<i>August 2009</i>	
6 - 8	Kentucky District Rally	Somerset, KY
15	NC-T2 School Tool Ride	Albemarle, NC
16	NC District Chapter Couples Picnic	Burlington, NC
	<i>September 2009</i>	
24 - 26	Wings Over The Smokies	Fletcher, NC
	<i>October 2009</i>	
8 - 10	Virginia District Rally	Salem, VA
17	NC-S & Y Poker Run	Morganton, NC
29 - 31	Region N Rally	Gray, TN
	<i>November 2009</i>	
	<i>December 2009</i>	
5	Gifts On Cycles	Goldsboro, Butner, Morganton, NC