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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](http://www.gwrranc.org)**

## FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Happy March Everyone,

“The education of a man is never completed until he dies.” (Robert E. Lee) Educating is exactly what our members have been doing for the past two months. I mentioned last month that we had four members attend the OCP training course. This month, I would like to extend my appreciation to those who attended the Experienced Rider Course (ERC) on April 9<sup>th</sup>. It was a fun and rewarding day, despite the mist. Velma Burcham, Molly Byrd, Glenn Fargis, Ronald Fargis, Rodger Hodges, and Lawrence Shumate spent the day learning and practicing life-saving riding skills. I would also like to express my thanks to Skip Blackwell and Brian Henderson, the instructors at Rockingham Community College, for sharing their knowledge. Personally speaking, this was the first formal training in which I have ever participated since I started riding over 30 years ago. Was it worth the price I paid? ABSOLUTELY!! I encourage anyone who has not participated in rider training to consider this course. If there is enough interest, I am sure Molly would be glad to work with scheduling another session.

Continuing with the discussions on education, we have made arrangements with Lighthouse Baptist Church, to use their parking lot on May 7<sup>th</sup>, to hold a parking lot practice. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to come out and practice your riding skills. This will be a good opportunity for us all to brush up on our riding as we prepare for a Summer of Chapter rides and events. Remember, when we ride as a group, your riding skill not only affects the safety of yourself, but also those around you.

I continue to be amazed and appreciative of the great support we have had thus far at the Chapter events. We had 28 people to attend the April “Meet & Eat” at Elizabeth’s Pizza in Wentworth. Thanks goes out to Charlie Manley for reminding me that it is always a good idea to include a time when asking people to meet you somewhere. Lawrence will be planning Chapter rides for the upcoming months. If there is a ride of interest to you, please talk with Lawrence to see how he can work it into his schedule. I hope we will have ride dates published for the remainder of the year, by the first week of May. We may not have destinations, but hopefully the dates will be decided.

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Finally, this month congratulations go out to Judy Manley. On Friday, April 9, 2011, Judy traveled from Eden to Wentworth on the back of a motorcycle. That trip was Judy's first motorcycle ride and from all indications, she seemed to enjoy it. Welcome Judy!! You have now joined an elite group of people who understand what I mean when I say "**Happiness is two wheels and asphalt.**" Now, if anyone knows where Charlie can find a good deal on a trike, I think he may be in the market.

**Ride Safe & Ride Often  
Glenn and Becky Fargis  
Chapter Directors, NC-W**



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**FROM THE ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS**

Greetings to all,

Anybody wished you "Happy Springtime" lately? Isn't it lovely, all the birds, flowers, fresh air (Oh My Gosh.....and Pollen!!) Hope everyone is well and enjoying their springtime bike rides and outings. The GWRRA is such a wonderful organization so folks can get together, ride together, and really practice our mission -- "Fun, Safety & Knowledge". I am certain that everyone is looking forward to the upcoming Spring Beach Trip. Molly does such a great job of organizing outings. When Ed and I have participated, all of her planning made the trip much easier. We all need to thank her for her remarkable efforts.

Wayne is great at safety reminders, and may we just reinforce his frequent references to the danger of animals, particularly deer. Even though deer go into rut in the Fall (when their "*young man's fancy turns to love*"), they sure are out there in the Spring, too. Very recently, Ed called me after he got to work one morning, and very calmly told me, "Oh by the way, I hit a deer on Moir Mill road this morning." I almost had a stroke, wondering if he was calling me from the hospital! After I got my breath, he reassured me that he clipped one's hindquarters, just as he had made a turn at the intersection, and was still only going about 25 or 30 miles per hour. He cracked the front fender, managed not to drop the bike, but told me that his biggest fear at the moment was the car behind him! Thinking quickly, "*Ohhhh, this is gonna hurt,*" the car was able to stop within inches of the rear of his bike, and all was well, but I think his pacemaker probably went into overdrive!

Be well, folks. Be safe and enjoy the "flora and fauna." Just don't let the "Bambi-in-the-Headlights" cause you any problems. And HAPPY SPRINGTIME!!!!

**Ed and Sandy Paisley  
Assistant Chapter Directors (Oops! ACD's!), NC-W**



## FROM THE CHAPTER EDUCATORS

### Habits Are Yours Good or Bad???

All the preparation and practicing you have done can be negated in an instant. Application of the training, practice, and discussions comes into play every time you get on the bike. We practice these skills on a closed course, take ERC courses, read up on riding techniques, and we are all encouraged to apply what we have learned and practiced day in and day out. The goals are two-fold: (1) to develop good riding habits, and (2) to unlearn bad habits. If you get into a bad situation, you will react on instinct and habits. Will they be good habits or bad? Good habits will allow you to recognize and avoid the situation or at least give you a chance to protect yourself and your co-rider. Reverse the last sentence and you see where bad habits will take you. Lets not sugar-coat it. This is a dangerous sport we enjoy, and you or a loved one can be seriously hurt or killed if things go wrong.

"Habit strength" is a phrase that relates to your riding skills and their development. Think of your day-to-day activities as habits; virtually all behavior is habit. The stronger the habit, the more difficult it is to change or even recognize it. Think about how you handle stop-and-go traffic. Do you consciously think about downshifting? How about driving into your driveway or garage? "Its just second nature, I do it all the time," you say. That's a strong habit. Is it a good habit or a bad habit? Now I ask you about delayed apex turns or where you look coming into a blind right-hander or when you downshift/brake coming into an unfamiliar blind turn? Different people will answer differently, but here's a personal example. It took me over 8,000 miles of riding my 1500 before I stopped downshifting coming into twisties. After years of riding my Harley, I naturally downshifted when coming into curves. Then I realized that I did not need to do that as much with the power/torque of the 1500. Now after triking my 1500, I am back to downshifting in curves because of the weight. 30,000 miles later, I still catch myself not downshifting and I have to fight this habit. Can you say **habit strength**?

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



### FROM THE SUNSHINE LADY



#### BIRTHDAYS

Mike Austin	4/1
Joe Chatman	4/6
Merrienne McCall	4/11
Linda Fargis	4/27
Elzie Puckett	4/30

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Ronald and Linda Fargis	4/1
Rodger and Betty Hodges	4/8
Ed and Sandy Paisley	4/20
Mike and Brenda Austin	4/25

## FROM THE RIDE COORDINATORS

Hi folks,

We are back home from Texas and ready to do some serious bike riding. I would like to tell you something that I hope you all already know. Our Chapter has quiet a few members, and each one of us has a place that we would like to visit or maybe a place where you have had a meal that really stands out as being great. Well, it is time to let me know where it is so I can be planning a ride, or a "meet and eat." I have heard about two places in Virginia that might be good rides. They are Mountain Lake and Burkes Garden. Let me know if you would like to make these rides and when.

Lois and I would like to thank all of you who came out to our last "meet and eat" at Elizabeth's Pizza.

I enjoyed taking the ERC (experienced rider course) on April 9<sup>th</sup>. It really was a very helpful course.

**Ride Safe and God Bless,  
Lawrence & Lois Shumate  
Ride Coordinators, Chapter NC-W**



**WE ARE BACK!!!!**

