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6:30 meal 7:30 meeting

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FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTORS

It's August, the hottest month of the year for us here in North Carolina, but the temperature isn't the only thing that's heated up this month. So has Chapter W!!! Since our last meeting, 13 of us, along with an invited guest, went to the Horse Pasture Fire Department for breakfast. We visited Burlington (Chapter N). We were joined by 7 other Chapter W participants and we walked away with our share of the 50/50 money. We had a total of 32 participants and one guest to join us for our meet-and-eat at the Fisherman's Galley on July 29th. Then it was off to visit with High Point (Chapter G) and we showed up in force. Fourteen folks from the Rockingham County Wings claimed the Central Traveler's plaque. Then, for the first weekend in August, we traveled to Linville, NC, for our first annual Fall Trip. We had 16 people make the trip to Linville for the weekend. I'm starting to think that when the district group came up with their motto, they must have looked to Chapter W. It certainly has become all about the ride and all about the fun. Thank each and every one of you for your participation in our events. This is your Chapter and what we do is for everyone's enjoyment. It truly means a lot to Becky and me when we attend an event and see a lot of faces from our Chapter.

Now let me elaborate a little more on our first annual Fall Trip. As many of you know, Molly, has for several years now, planned an annual Spring Trip to Myrtle Beach. This has become something that many of you look forward to each year and it's an event that has been very successful for our Chapter. This year, after returning from our annual beach trip, Molly carried Wayne off to the mountains to scout out a location for our Chapter to have a trip in the Fall. She chose the Pixie Motor Inn in Linville, NC. Part of the group met at the Sirloin House in Eden for breakfast and then went to meet up with the rest of the group in Madison. We took a near-sighted trip down the Blue Ridge Parkway to Linville. I say near-sighted because we encountered heavy fog for most of the day and travel was slow at best. After seeing a few deer and having a close encounter with a bear, we arrived safely in Linville. We enjoyed seeing some of the local sights and riding the winding roads of North Carolina's mountains. We discovered some good places to eat, and some not so good places to eat. We had a beautiful ride back home via Highway 221, Highway 321, and Highway 268. We also stopped for a wonderful lunch at Cuz'n Gary's in Pilot Mountain. (I believe there will be another opportunity to eat lunch there in the near future.) It was an extremely fun weekend and I look forward to this trip next year. I applaud Molly (and Wayne) for taking the time to plan and scout out this trip for our group.

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

FROM THE ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS

This epistle is directed specifically to the ladies of Rockingham County Wings. For the weekend of August 5 through August 7, quite a few of our participants went to Linville for our Fall ride. I'm sorry to say that Ed and I had conflicting plans and could not go, but this is a big **Hurrah** for all those who did, especially the ladies. Not only did you get drenched and ride through fog the density of pea soup, but you packed all your necessities in a space no bigger than a couple of small shoeboxes!!!! Well anyway, I am in such awe of your abilities that I had to look up a couple of handy-dandy tips on the internet for motorcycle travel.

Bearing in mind that you have a space approximately 15"x10"x10", the writer suggests the following tips (howtodothings.com):

- Fold two pair of shorts and one pair of jeans and place neatly into the bottom of the bag (got it).
- Fold 3 or 4 tops, either long or short sleeve, to the same perimeter and place on top of shorts. If folded correctly you have now used 4 inches of the bag. (*Wonder what size she is, a petite size? He's got to be kidding!! My "ladies" size clothes would take up a heckuva lot more than 4 inches!!*)
- Taking one pair of shoes, tuck one in each edge with a pair of socks stuffed in each shoe. The one you are wearing, this one, and one more. (*Now get this, the writer then says...*) Conserve space every other day by turning a used pair of socks inside out so they can be used twice. (*Come on now. Is this for real??*)
- Then the article continues to explain that you can then add waterproof gear, cleaning rag for your visor, toiletries in small zip-lock baggies, glasses, camera, etc. And the guy (*mind you, it's a male writer*) even says there will be a couple of inches left for your make-up, etc. (*Yeah Right!!*)

Well anyway, my hat is off to Judy, Becky, Velma, Molly, Liz, and all the others who are able to pull off this miracle of travel. And I know that my darling husband, Ed, wishes that I were more like you, but it just ain't gonna happen. Traveling with *just one suitcase* for a weekend is a miracle for me and not being born a natural, raving beauty, the older I get, the more room it takes for make-up, meds, hair dryer, and curling iron. *And turn my socks inside out??* I don't think so!! It is said that, when a group of Harley riders go out for a ride, there is always a pick-up truck bringing up the rear as a "support vehicle." Now that's more my style. I need a support vehicle. And besides, there's a lot of room in a truck!

The traveling ladies of GWRRA deserve a really big round of applause for their ingenuity, organizational abilities, determination, character, and so much more. Congrats! Ed and I are glad that everyone had a great time, and hope to join you all on the next trip (I'll be bringing up the rear in a car with the suitcases.)

Happy Summer,
Be sure to stay cool,
Ed & Sandy Paisley
Assistant Chapter Directors, Chapter NC-W



FROM THE RIDE COORDINATORS

Hi folks,

I hope everyone has been keeping cool and not baking in this (HOT) summer sun. Lois and I would like to thank everyone who came out to our last meet-and-eat at The Fisherman's Galley. We had a wonderful turn-out. We also would like to thank Wayne and Molly for their effort in planning the trip to the mountains. I hope everyone who went on the trip enjoyed it as much as Lois and I did.

Our next meet-and-eat will be at Kimoyo Japanese Restaurant in Madsion. The restaurant is located in the K-Mart Shopping Center (right beside K-Mart).

Our next ride is scheduled for Saturday, August 20th. I will try to have a route fixed by our next meeting day so we can talk about where we are going and what we will be doing.

Ride safe & God Bless,
Chapter W's Ride Coordinators
Lawrence & Lois Shumate

FROM THE CHAPTER EDUCATORS

COMMON SENSE! It can save your butt out on the road!

Remember that the whole reason we are riding motorcycles is for the fun and excitement that is not possible inside an automobile. So, as motorcycle riders, we have consented to accept the risks and possible consequences of riding motorcycles. This brings us to the more serious aspect of riding.

The roads in the mountains offer some of the most exciting riding available at legal speeds on public roads, from high speed interstates, across vast parks, to tight first gear "twisties" and switch-backs so steep that it seems you could reach out and touch the uphill side.

As with riding elsewhere, sometimes the roads themselves can be your biggest hazard. The scenery hazard may come in the form of that amazing deer, bear, or other animal that, while you are observing them as you ride down the road, feel a need to run out to meet you as you ride by. This gesture of friendship on their part is going to cause you to make some very quick decisions.

Number one, be prepared and expect that animal to come out to the road to meet you. You may want to slow down and be ready to stop quickly. If your fellow bikers are observant, you may be getting helpful comments from them about an animal that you did not see. Remember that if they feel they see a potential hazard, they might be right.

Other scenery might not be a direct or immediate hazard, such as looking at the rivers and thinking that that might be a great fishing spot. While doing this in itself is not harmful, taking your concentration off riding for too long can result in a ruined ride.

You can reduce other hazards in the mountains such as blind curves, fog, rain, and hills simply by slowing down. This gives you more time and space to react.

Other hazards that you may encounter might be sand or dirt on the road, large rocks or boulders, or any number of things. Who knows, you may even encounter a tourist who has stopped in the middle of the road just because he can!

I think we must have encountered some, if not all, of the above on our weekend trip to the mountains. I was reassured what practice did to make our weekend a safe and enjoyable one. Thanks to everyone for making these two educators feel good about practicing. Riders: Your responsibilities don't stop with the skillful handling of a motorcycle. Remember, use common sense and think ahead.

Wayne & Molly Byrd
Chapter Educators, Chapter NC-W



The Motorcycling Chef

With all of the heat we have been recently experiencing, it may be a good idea to find a way to cool off. Hopefully, with the help of this month's recipe you can do so. For this recipe you will need 2 cups of half and half, 1 cup of heavy whipping cream, 1 cup of sugar (with 2 tablespoons removed), 1 teaspoon of vanilla flavoring, and 1 cup of your favorite fruit. Combine all of the ingredients in a large saucepan, except for the fruit. Place over medium heat and stir occasionally until you reach a temperature of 170 degrees (using a cooking thermometer). Remove from the heat and add fruit. Allow the mixture to cool. Put mixture into a container with a lid and put it in the refrigerator to sit overnight so that the flavors can mellow out. Freeze the mixture in your ice cream maker according to the machine's instructions. If you want the mixture to become solid, you can put the ice cream into a container, but make sure you leave enough space in the container for any expansion. Now you have no excuse that it is too hot outside. With this cool treat you can be completely refreshed after a hard day's ride.

Daniel Fargis

Communicate; Communicate; Communicate!!!

That's the feedback that I've received over the first part of the year. If people know what's going on, they will participate. Communication is what "OneCallNow" is all about. I want to make sure that everyone knows what our Chapter is up to. Over the past month and a half, you have been receiving calls informing you of upcoming Chapter events. I've had some feedback that the message was not clear or that you only received part of a recorded message on your answering machine. The communication doesn't end with the phone call you receive. If for some reason, you have a problem understanding or receiving the message, there is a simple process that will allow you to hear our group's message. Contact "OneCallNow" by dialing toll-free (877) 698-3261. Once the call is connected, you should hear the following message, "To listen to your group's last message, press 1 now." Press 1 on your phone and if the phone you are calling from is the same phone where you received the original call, the message should be played back to you. If you are calling from a different phone, you will hear a message, "No messages have been sent to your phone number. If you would like to hear messages sent to a different number, enter it now." Now key your 10 digit phone number, (xxx) xxx-xxxx. Once you have keyed your phone number, you will be prompted to press 1 to hear your group's latest message. Press 1 on your phone and the message will be played back to you. I hope you have found this tool helpful. I can't say that it's totally related to the call system, but participation has been up over the past month and for that I say thank you. I hope you find the activities enjoyable and I hope you continue to be involved. In addition to the call service, we will continue to send e-mails and you're always encouraged to visit Chapter W's web page where you will find most events listed on the calendar.



Tech, Tips, and Tidbits

Engine Oil and Filter

Changing you own oil and filter is a simple task that one can do to save money. Be sure to follow the instructions and recommendations found in the Owner's Manual for your motorcycle.

Using good quality oil will enhance the performance and service life of your Gold Wing's engine. In a motorcycle, oil does more than just lubricate the parts of the engine. It also lubricates the transmission. Servicing of the engine's oil, such as checking and adding or changing, will help extend the life of your engine. All oil breaks down and requires replacing. In addition to replacing worn out oil, with new "healthy" oil, an oil change also helps to remove dirt and deposits from your engine. Exceeding the life of your oil can result in damage to your engine. Running an engine that does not contain sufficient oil can result in damage to the engine and/or transmission. Always refer to your motorcycle's Owner's Manual and perform service to the oil and filter as recommended.

When referring to the oil service schedule and recommendations, pay particular attention to the effects that the environment and conditions may have on the service schedule or recommended oil. Extreme temperatures could result in a recommended change in viscosity.

Stay away from "Energy Conserving" oils, and oils with graphite or molybdenum additives. Say no to non-detergent, vegetable, or castor based racing oils. Pay close attention to the labeling on the oil to insure that it matches the manufacturer's recommendations. When purchasing an oil, check to see that it meets the JASO T 903 MA standard. If the oil container has labeling stating that it meets this standard, it should be safe for use in 4-stroke motorcycle engines and is guaranteed by the company to meet the MA standard. Honda suggests using Pro Honda GN4 or HP4 (without molybdenum additives) 4-stroke oil. Insuring that the oil you purchase meets the standards set forth in the motorcycle's Owner's Manual gives you opportunities to save additional money if you choose to do so.

Tips are based on 2003 Honda GL1800/A GOLDWING OWNER'S MANUAL. USA, 2002.



FROM THE SUNSHINE LADY



BIRTHDAYS

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ANNIVERSARIES

No one took the plunge during August!!!

