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6:30 meal 7:30 meeting

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FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Happy March Everyone,

I'm so glad that Punxsutawney Phil didn't see his shadow way back in February. I think we can safely say that "Spring has Sprung." For us, March has decided to come in like a lamb and we have already experienced many nice riding days. These beautiful days make it easy for us to focus on all that is good in life. For others, however, the past week has brought great loss and tragedy. Let us NOT soon forget the recent events that have taken place in Japan. Please keep those who have been affected in your thoughts and prayers. As Gold Wing owners, we have a special bond to Japan, whether we would care to admit it or not.

Becky and I would also like to express our sincere gratitude to Ed and Sandy Paisley and Wayne and Molly Byrd for taking time from their schedules to spend a weekend at OCP training. Attending the OCP training demonstrates their dedication to our Chapter and GWRRRA as a whole. I'm sure that each of us will benefit from their learning.

At the time of this writing, I am anxiously looking forward to the scheduled ride to H2's Swap Meet. I'm anxious not only because it's an opportunity to ride; but I'm anxious as well because of the awesome turn-out we experienced for the Meet & Eat at the Walkertown Seafood Shack. I worried before that event that we would struggle to have 10 to 15 people there. When we had 26 people to show up, I was blown away. It's a great feeling to have people involved in the things we do as a Chapter and our turn-out for events over the past couple of months has been absolutely fabulous. "Thank You, Velma" for suggesting the location.

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



FROM THE ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Greetings to all,

Here we are in the third month of the year, Spring is upon us, the birds are chirping, flowers are blooming . . .and ALL of you except Wayne and Molly, missed the opportunity of sitting in class for a (rainy) weekend at the OCP (Officer Certification Program) training. You know, Ed and I were just about ready to fake an illness, run and hide . . . do something . . . and just find an excuse not to go. I think we were both really apprehensive about what this course was all about, plus dreading the thought of trying to pass a darned test! We wondered just what in the heck we had gotten into by stepping up to work with Glenn and Becky. What a worthwhile and interesting surprise it turned out to be! We really learned a lot, and truly learned a little bit about what the GWRRA is all about, and how not only does it focus on the FUN of riding a motorcycle, but how much emphasis is placed on education and training. Our organization does great work to educate both bike riders and other motorists regarding basic safety guidelines, plus it offers programs to help other motorists be more aware of, and have respect for, bikes on our roads and highways. There is a lot of structure and planning in this *all-volunteer* group of folks who donate their time, energy, experience, and education to maintain and develop this nation-wide organization we call the GWRRA.

That brings up one more point. GWRRA (Gold Wing Road Riders Association). *Acronyms*. This place is full of 'em! We could devote a whole meeting to educate all of you on the "secret" language of the GWRRA!!! No kidding!! We were completely overwhelmed at the start. Here are just a few. Of course, there is the CD (Chapter Director . . .our exalted local leader), ACD (Assistant Chapter Director), then it starts getting interesting. Did you know that our REO (Rider Education Officer) directs our REP (Rider Education Program) so that on a local level, we can have RCICP (Rider Course Instruction Certification Programs) available for our members? And, that there is an ARC (Advanced Rider Course) that can be taught? At our LTP (Leadership Training Program), through the LTD (Leadership Training Division), we learned all this good stuff.

So if your CD tells you that the ACD's and the REO's have been to the OCP and that you may have the opportunity to go, please do, so you too can learn about the REP as well as MEC (Membership Enhancement Coordinator), and the MAP (Motorist Awareness Program) . . .and all kinds of other great stuff.

Enjoy this lovely Spring weather and Q-R-S-T and X-Y-Z to all of you!!!

Ed and Sandy Paisley

Assistant Chapter Directors (Oops! ACD's!), NC-W



Don't Ride Faster Than Your Guardian Angel

FROM THE CHAPTER EDUCATORS

Dealing with Cross-Winds

The last couple of months have had very windy days. They used to really scare me! Molly and I have been riding the past couple of weeks with winds gusting from all directions. Sometimes I thought it would either blow us off the road or into the other lane. But, with riding fever hot in our veins from the long cold winter, we slowed down and rode it out. If traffic built up behind us, we pulled over, rested our arms and legs, and let them pass.

The last couple of weekends we have learned a few of things we would like to pass along to you. Riding in cross-winds is simply another exercise in counter-steering. Slowing down never helped; it made a difference psychologically, but the wind still blows you all over the road. What we needed to do was find a way to counter the wind's effects on the line in which the bike and a trike tracks down the road so as to maintain a straight line regardless of speed and wind direction. You can't 'lean' quick enough to make up for a gusting 20 mph wind, but you can push on the handlebars that quickly. Counter-steering was the answer. We rode this weekend in the mountains with some right gusty winds. At times, Molly looked like she was riding at a 45-degree angle and then she would straighten up. The trike is a big wind catcher too. I had to counter-steer into the wind, but the trike doesn't lean like her bike. It got quite exciting at times, passing an 18-wheeler at highway speeds with a stiff and gusting right to left cross-wind.

When the wind blows from the side, counter-steer into it. In the same way that you push left to go left, if you have a cross-wind from the left, you want to push on the left handlebar and counter-steer into the wind to maintain a straight line. This is not a sudden extreme 'push-push' as we do to avoid an obstacle, but a continuous pressure on the handlebar toward the wind. This will lean you into the wind to counter the wind's push against you and maintain your straight line down the road. When the wind blows harder, of course it takes a little more pressure on the handlebar. One key point is to think about the path you're taking down the road, not the angle of the bike. Just let the bike lean and put enough pressure on the handlebars to maintain that path. If the wind is gusty or you go through an underpass or you pass an 18-wheeler and it shields you from the wind as you pass, that pressure will have to change with the wind conditions, so stay alert.

It's not easy riding in a gusty cross-wind, but it is not impossibly difficult either. It is simply a matter of knowledge, education, and experience. (what part of motorcycling isn't?) So the next time the winds pick up, try a little counter-steering before you get off the gas and/or call it a day.

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





FROM THE SUNSHINE LADY



BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES	
Liz Hester	3/2	David and De Pruitt	3/6
Becky Fargis	3/6		
Bruce Burroughs	3/8		
Bill Hester	3/10		
Clyde Lawrence	3/28		

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

Mission Statement

Established in 1977, the Gold Wing Road Riders Association provides an atmosphere for fun, safety, and knowledge to Gold Wing & Valkyrie motorcycle owners.

Our Vision

GWRRA (Gold Wing Road Riders Association) is a leader of associational organizations, respected by its Members as well as its competitors and the communities it operates within.

GWRRA strives to offer the highest quality service to its Members.

GWRRA is a family-oriented, non-religious, non-political association comprised of owners of Honda Gold Wing and Valkyrie motorcycles as well as non-Gold Wing owners, our Associate Members.

GWRRA provides a culture which fosters Members with shared values, team concepts and camaraderie. This culture also provides its Members with opportunities for personal development and achievement.

GWRRA's divisions work harmoniously as a team to increase the membership base by creating an atmosphere that provides fun, promotes safety, heightens knowledge, and by offering a full range of desirable services and benefits for its Members.

Our Core Values

EXCELLENCE. Our quest for excellence includes an abiding pride in our Association.

CHARACTER. Honesty, integrity, and commitment are the key character elements in developing trust and respect within our Association.

FOCUS. Our focus is to meet the needs of our Members and provide leadership through our Officers and staff.

ATTITUDE. Our Officers and staff maintain a positive, enthusiastic, and creative attitude in their approach of providing an atmosphere for fun, safety, and knowledge.

FAIRNESS. The resolution of any issue should stand the test of "is it fair?"

COMMUNICATIONS. The more we share information and communicate about goals, values, measures, and rewards, the more effective we can be as individuals and as Members of the Association.

TEAMWORK. Teamwork is the ability to work together toward our common vision. It is our ability to direct individual accomplishment toward Association objectives. It is the fuel that allows all of us to achieve exceptional results.

TRAINING. Well-trained Officers and staff will provide improved Member services and create increased position satisfaction.

QUALITY. To be the best we can be and to hold the Members in highest esteem and respect will guarantee the quality of our Association.

(Source: Mission Statement, Our Vision and Our Core Values taken from the GWRRA Officers Handbook.)