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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**

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FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Everyone knows the old saying, "time flies when you're having fun." As we get older, we often ask ourselves, and those around us, "why does it seem that the older I get, the faster time passes?" Well it seems that it is either because we are having too much fun or we are not having enough fun. Some folks argue that time passes slowly when we are children because, after all, at the age of 5, one year is only one-fifth of our total being. Now look at how that same year compares when you are 50. A year seems only a fraction (1/50th) of your life, so it seems to pass much more quickly. You can even test this the next time you take an extended trip. Those first couple of days will seem to go along at a "normal" pace, but as the two weeks are close to being over, those last few days will surely fly by. Other folks argue that time seems to pass more slowly when we are younger because there are more first-time events in our lives. During these first time events, we build more detailed and lasting memories (Riggio). These early years filled with first-time events and major accomplishments within our life seem to pass a little more slowly and we lock away memories that we continue to share for our lifetime. Then we settle down into our lives and our jobs and we begin to fall into a routine of repetition. This day-in, day-out of doing the same thing over and over causes the later years to fly by - - - "Don't Blink." Ronald E. Riggio, Ph.D. states, "So here is the key to slowing down the pace of life (at least psychologically): As much as possible, take advantage of new and unique experiences" (Para. 7).

Now I know you're wondering why I felt it necessary to include the above information in our newsletter. The answer is simple; if time is going to "fly by," it should be from having too much fun and not from being in a rut. In taking Dr. Riggio's advice from above, if you would like to talk about new and unique experiences, let's talk about the recent ride some of us took to the Patrick Henry's Boys and Girls Home. I fully believe that we made a difference in the lives of those children, and likewise, they made a difference in ours. This was truly a rewarding experience that has left memories I'll share for a long time to come. I really look forward to participating in this event again next year and while it's been two weeks since the ride, next April seems oh so far away. It's the anticipation of the next "unique" experience that helps to slow time down just a little.

Since our last meeting, we've had our second officers' meeting, at which we focused on events for the year. With help from Lawrence and Lois, we have planned several good rides, meet-and-eats, and other Chapter events to carry us through the end of the year. At this time, we have 24 events scheduled for our Chapter. That's a lot of things for us to anticipate throughout the rest of the year and when the Christmas party "FINALLY" rolls around this December, we should all have a lot of memories to share with one another. Then we can all say together, "time flies when you're having fun!!"

Ride Safe & Ride Often

Glenn & Becky Fargis
Chapter Directors, Chapter NC-W

Riggio, Ronald E. "Why Time Goes Faster as You Get Older." Psychologytoday.com 5 Apr. 2010. 10 May 2011



FROM THE ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Hi all,

We have so much to be proud of and so much to look forward to for the rest of the year. May is the fifth month which just means we still have over six months to really rev up and get more things rolling.

We recently had our second officers' meeting. Glenn & Becky, Wayne & Molly, Rodger & Betty, Lawrence & Lois, and Ed & I had some great conversations, wonderful communications, and great planning. You know, our Chapter is really blessed to have Glenn and Becky at the helm, because both of them have the Chapter's best interest at heart. Glenn has had several ideas that have created a lot of interest, which results in more participation at our events.

Even if you are of a different faith, you may appreciate the words from Matthew that says ". . . *men do not light a candle under a bushel, but put it on a candlestick . . . Let your light shine.*" It seems that what we are all trying to do is *let our light shine* this year and help our participants and the community realize what our organization has to offer. We brainstormed at the officers' meeting about how we could promote motorcycle safety, especially during May which is Motorcycle Awareness Month. There were a couple of ideas that were tossed around that you all may be hearing more about later, as things develop. It's all about *letting your light shine*, not being reluctant to take initiative to start a project, and using your special talents to encourage and help others. We have so many folks in our group who have such special talents and skills to share. We have *so many lights to shine* that anything we decide to do as a group, will surely be successful.

What is it again that we're all about? *Fun, Safety and Knowledge?* How better to promote what we stand for than to educate and share knowledge with others in the community so they, too, may participate in wholesome activities and learning opportunities available through membership in GWRRA with a great group of folks who can also relax and enjoy each other's company.

Ed & Sandy Paisley
Assistant Chapter Directors, Chapter NC-W



FROM THE RIDE COORDINATORS

Well folks, Summer is fast approaching and the weather is getting warmer. What does that mean? It's time to ride our motorcycles!!

I would like to have a good turn-out for a ride down to the High Point Chapter's Open House on May 21st at the Cycle Center in Asheboro. We will leave Chaney's in Reidsville at 9:00 a.m. We also have a ride planned for June 11th to Burkes Garden, VA, leaving from the Sirloin House at 8:00 a.m. The trip will be about 150 miles. We will have lunch in Tazwell, VA, and visit a place in Burkes Garden that is called Hidden Ranch. Our next Meet-&-Eat will be at Red River Grill at 6:30 p.m. on July 1st. Lois and I hope everyone who can will participate in these events.

We would like to thank everyone who went to the Patrick Henry Boys & Girls Home on April 30th and rode the kids on their motorcycles. It was awesome. Thanks also to those who came out to the last Meet-&-Eat at The Olympic Restaurant in Colfax.

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

FROM THE CHAPTER EDUCATORS

Parking Lot Group Practice

Since Molly and I became Chapter Educators, we have done a few Parking Lot Group Practices over the years, but we would really like to plan more of these learning experiences for Chapter W's participants for the rest of this year. In addition to being educational, they can be a lot of fun. The purpose of Parking Lot Group Practices is to improve our current level of riding. It is NOT meant to be better than everyone else. It is meant to be better than YOU were before you got there. It is very rewarding to be able to further develop your own skills and assist others with improving their riding skills as well. But more importantly, this gives us all a chance to un-learn bad habits and reinforce/improve our good riding skills!

At our first Parking Lot Group Practice this year, we set up cones in a big circle to warm up. In fact, it looked just like a regular old curve in the road. Then we made the circle smaller and smaller until, before we knew it, we were doing slower, tighter turns. And then, lo and behold, we were doing U-turns in a space that was small enough to resemble a two-lane highway. By the time we finished, we were cruising through tight U-turns and complex S-curves like pros!! Everybody had lots of fun, but more importantly, it reinforced and improved not only our riding skills, but our confidence levels as well.

All Parking Lot Group Practices will be conducted in a controlled environment. A Parking Lot Group Practice provides riders with the opportunity to practice their skills without having to worry about outside conditions such as other traffic, road conditions, and the like. We will be practicing one skill at a time so that everybody has plenty of time and opportunity to fine-tune his or her abilities and become better riders.

We want to remind everyone to wear proper protective gear on any and all Parking Lot Group Practices. In case you don't know, proper protective gear consists of a DOT helmet, a long-sleeved shirt or jacket, full-fingered gloves, long pants, and over-the-ankle boots. Not only is your safety a priority at these Parking Lot Group Practices, but it is a good habit to get in to when riding down the road in less than ideal conditions.

Molly and I look forward to working with everyone in the Chapter to make the rides planned for the upcoming year enjoyable and, most importantly, safe for every rider and co-rider who participates. By learning new skills or brushing up on old ones, we can all ride together safely as a group and not have to worry as much about what the other person riding in front of or behind us is going to do or not do. The more we ride together as a group (which takes practice, too), the better we become at recognizing the signs and signals we use to let everyone else in the group know our intentions before the element of surprise catches us off guard.

So get your bikes ready, get your gear ready, and get your mind ready to "ride to learn" and "learn to ride." (And, while we are at it, we can probably find a good eating place along the way, too!!)

Wayne & Molly Byrd
Chapter Educators, Chapter NC-W



FROM THE SUNSHINE LADY



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