



ROCKINGHAM COUNTY WINGS



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FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Hello Goldwing friends,

As we start this New Year, we are excited about all the new plans we have for Chapter W. We believe that we have learned a lot in this past year and that we are moving forward in this Chapter. By the time you read this, we have decided on several new staff positions and had our first staff meeting. All major decisions will be decided in these staff meetings and presented to all Chapter members either at our monthly meeting or in the newsletter. We will also try to communicate these decisions on a need to basis between meetings and the newsletter. One of the biggest changes this year will be our rally. We will be changing the rally date to April 14. The Region N rally was planned for the original date that we wanted in June. The location is still the same place. We are also changing the format of this rally. We will be serving a completely new menu -- pintos, slaw, cornbread, desert, and drink. We need all Chapter members to begin collecting door prizes and goodies to stuff the bags. The raffle will be for a digital camera. We will let you know the other details as we get them ironed out. Because of all the hard work that the Chapter members did last year, Chapter W will be purchasing new chapter shirts for the members. We will be getting with each of you to verify the sizes. We have discussed with most of the members the options, and because only two couples expressed that they would like jackets, we are going with the shirt options that the majority of you would like. Most of you felt that you would get more use out of the shirt. If you would still like to have a jacket with our Chapter logo on it, you may purchase it yourself from the company where we are getting the shirts from. We do not have a set price for this because we are not ordering in bulk. Other changes are listed below. Please let us, or any staff member, know if you have any other ideas.

Ride Tickets: A \$1.00 ticket can be purchased during any scheduled Chapter ride to be collected and pulled every meeting.

Workers Tickets: You will be given a worker's ticket for each of the Chapter events that you help with -- stews, rallies, and WOS. A ticket will be given for each time you work. For example, for a stew we have prep night on Friday and make the stew on Saturday. If you come and help the entire shift you will receive a ticket. If you are unable to work the whole shift, please see Darrell. It will be his decision if you are eligible for the ticket -- one for Friday and one for Saturday. At our Christmas party, we will have a drawing for prizes. The more you help, the more tickets you will receive and the more chances you have at the prizes.

Perfect Attendance: Any person who attends all of the scheduled monthly meetings will also be eligible for a perfect attendance drawing at the Christmas party.

COY Visitation: Our COY incurs expenses as they visit other Chapters. This year, the Chapter will give the COY \$10.00 for each new Chapter they visit.

Couples Get-Away: The weekend of April 27, 2007, our ride coordinators are scheduling a ride to Myrtle Beach.

Ride Safe
Darrell and Kay Hopper
NCW CD

FROM THE CHAPTER EDUCATORS

Well, another year of memories is behind us. We wish you the best for 2007 and in making many more memories using the GWRRA saying, "Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge." I know the GWRRA logo has often been referred to as the "Going Where Real Restaurants Are Association." The number of rides we make to restaurants could certainly support that slogan. We are looking forward to seeing other things besides menus in 2007.

2006 has brought Molly and me a plate full of events, not only in the Association, but in our family and community. Keeping us busy were many MSF classes, organizing a PLP, expanding our breakfast gathering, lots of riding, a wedding, a 3-week cross-country trip, Austin's involvement in school sports, and my involvement in the TRIKE SIG. Spreading the word of safe riding is a pleasure for us. We enjoy what we do and work with so many folks who are eager to practice what they have learned about safe riding. We would like to give a **BIG THANK YOU** to our participants who have supported us in the Rider Education Program. We hope that you are excited, too, about the many things Chapter W has accomplished over the last year.

Going forward, we want to caution everyone to watch out for winter problems, as we have warm days now and then. It is so important not to push your riding skills; there are enough other folks on the roadways doing that for us. Being mentally alert is a year-round habit to practice. Even if we are not on our Gold Wings, we should practice being calm and looking at the big picture while riding down the highways and by-ways. All Molly and I ask is that you be very cautious of the many, many hazards as you ride during the winter.

Happy New Year to all!!
Wayne and Molly Byrd
Chapter W Ride Educators



FROM THE CHAPTER COUPLE

Lois and I are looking forward to being your Chapter Couple again this year. Last year, we had a wonderful time visiting with other Chapters and attending the different rallies and GWRRA functions. We hope to be able to visit even more this year and promote our great Chapter NC-W everywhere we go.

Ride Safe,
Lawrence & Lois Shumate
Chapter W COY



FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITORS

Well, another year has gone by and a new one has started. We hope that this one will be better for everyone. Sally and I are excited, as we are looking forward to meeting new people and traveling to new places. We will be gone for the month of March, as we are going to be attending rallies in Florida and Georgia. We will try and do what is expected of us concerning our position of newsletter editors. Thank you in advance for all of your help.

Paul and Sally Kelley
Chapter W
Newsletter Editors



NOTES OF INTEREST

A couple of weeks ago, Sally and I stopped at Carolina House to visit with Donald Soyars. We were there for about an hour. Donald asked about everyone and wondered how they were doing. He said to say "Hi" to all. He sure does miss the fellowship that he once enjoyed. He wishes everyone well and appreciates the cards and visits. He still needs your prayers.
Paul and Sally Kelley

FROM THE RIDE COORDINATORS

We would like our Chapter members' input and participation on the kind of places, destinations, festivals, and rallies that they would like to ride to. We need to know this ASAP so we can start planning some Chapter rides. We have started planning a Chapter Couples ride for April 27th through April 29th. So far, we have several destinations we are looking at. More details will be coming in the near future. If you are interested, we will need to know by our February meeting or sooner. You can call or e-mail Rickey, Joe, or Tony.

We will also be working closely with our Ride Educators and Road Captains to provide an organized and safe ride. Before each ride, the Road Captains will have a short ride meeting discussing our route, formation positions, and "do's and don'ts." We hope to provide you with fun and safe rides. Also on our Chapter rides, we will be giving out a ticket for anyone who wants to participate for \$1.00. We will have a drawing at the next Chapter meeting. More information will be coming soon. The more rides you go on, the better your chances to win. We would like to see a lot of participation from our Chapter members.

Joe Chatman, Tony Pendergraph, and Rickey Vernon
Chapter W Ride Coordinators



OUR FIRST RIDE FOR 2007

Hello, everyone. I hope your New Year started out well. It seems this past year went fast. I would like to thank everyone who rode Saturday, January 6, 2007, to Ed's Honda in South Boston to pick up my bike. It started out with me asking Wayne about hitching a ride. Saturday morning, Wayne and Molly came to my house to pick me up. Molly loaned me her bike to ride. Thanks Molly -- nice riding bike. Everyone met at Biscuitville in Eden at 9:00. There, Darrell Hopper took the lead as Road Captain and Wayne Byrd was drag (you can take that however you'd like). We had a great turnout -- Molly, Paul, Sally, Lawrence, Rickey, Joe, Evanna, Hal, Clyde, and me. We took 700 to 58 to 29 by-pass to 58/360 to Ed's. We had a good time there, meeting a few other riders from Durham and Roxboro. One of them rode with us to Stallings Family Restaurant in Danville for lunch

Stallings is biker friendly. They have bike parking and picnic tables outside. No matter if you eat inside or outside, the service is great. The hamburger is as thick and big as a hamburger steak on a bun.

After lunch, we took a little ride down 58 to Axton/Eden Road, turning down several back roads until we came out on 87. After a short stop at Citgo, we headed for home. Everyone separated as their road came up. Again, thanks to everyone who rode, making this our first ride in 2007.

See how a simple task of picking up my bike turned into a great ride? Did I mention it was in the 70's Saturday? Remember, why do it alone when you can take the whole dang family.

Tony Pendergraph
Chapter W Ride Coordinator



FROM THE SUNSHINE LADY

Birthdays		Anniversaries
2/15	Jenny Wagoner	
2/20	Betty Hodges	
2/24	Carolyn Vernon	
2/28	Molly Byrd	
2/28	Barbara Chatman	

EVENTS

January

20 - Chapter Officers Meeting (OPS) Burlington, NC

February

17 - Chapter W's Annual Stew Day--Start Serving @ 11:00 AM

24 - PLP

March

17 – NC-H2 SWAP MEET – Mebane, NC

27 - PLP

April

7 - Chapter Couples Meet & Eat @ TBA

14 - Poot-n-Scoot Bean Rally @ Madison -- Dan Valley Community Building

21 - PLP

27 – Couples Get-Away Weekend



UPCOMING RIDES