



ROCKINGHAM COUNTY WINGS

Chapter NC-W

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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.gwrrancw.org

FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Hello Chapter W,

We would like to thank the members who were able to attend and work at WOS. The weather could not have been better for the ride. And we felt that this year was a more relaxed rally. Once again, we would like to thank Lois and Lawrence Shumate, who represented Chapter W in the COY selection. Job well done. There were 13 couples in the selection. I would hate to have been a judge. Caroline and Alan Little were selected as the new NC COY. I know that we will be seeing them out next year. As most of you know, this was Willie and Judy Hunt's last year as the NC District Director. It was announced that Dennis and Kathy Hull from Boone will be their replacements. As soon as we know the new staff, we will pass that along.

We are having a stew on November 9-10. We need all who are available to help. As in the past, Friday night will be prep and Saturday will be the making of the stew. Please let us know what you have sold by prep night. You can either call or email me if you are able to work.

Our Christmas party will be December 8, 2007, at the same place as last year. Once again, Debbie's Catering will be providing our dinner. You will need to bring a gift for Dirty Santa with a value of no less than \$10.00. Men should bring a man's gift and women should bring a woman's gift.

December 1, 2007, will be Gifts on Cycles. The meeting place and time will be announced and the Wish List will be handed out soon.

The most important subject we need to bring up is who would like to replace Darrell and me as Chapter Directors. We are planning to step down at the end of this year. Anyone who would like to take this important job, please let us know.

Ride safe,
Darrell and Kay

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FROM THE ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Chapter Education 105 (September)

It's time again to further "educate" our members, old and new, on another important position of Chapter W's staff. We all love to have fun, right? According to our own Chapter Couple, Lawrence and Lois Shumate, there is no "funner" job than being Chapter W's Chapter Couple of the Year.

The Couple of the Year program was established by GWRRA in 1988 to honor those couples who best typify the GWRRA image of fun, safety, and knowledge. At the Chapter level, a couple that is active and enthusiastic about GWRRA, and is willing to represent the Chapter, can be selected as the Chapter Couple. Along with the honor goes the responsibility of being the Chapter's representatives at GWRRA activities. They are the Chapter's "ambassadors" at functions in the community. Each year, couples are selected at the District, Regional, and International levels as they compete with each other to make their Chapter look the best it can be. Chapter couples also gather throughout the year for rides, picnics, and the like.

So, when you see Lawrence and Lois out and about, remember that they serve an important role in their representation of Chapter W, and congratulate them for a job well done!!

Chapter Education 106 (October)

The Chapter Educator is responsible for promoting GWRRA's Rider Education Program and implementing the Rider Education Program at the Chapter level. Their duties include speaking at the Chapter gathering, publishing articles in the Chapter newsletter, promoting and/or arranging for CPR/First Aid training at the Chapter level, assisting participants in obtaining riding courses, objectively observing and critiquing Chapter riding habits in a manner which will produce positive results, and keeping such records as necessary to facilitate keeping Chapter participants current in the Rider Education Program. The Chapter Educator is a liaison with the District Educators and supplies input and shares ideas which will assist in making the Rider Education Program universally accepted by the Chapter. The Chapter Educator attends the District Rally when possible and assists with the Rider Education Booth.

Wayne Byrd, Chapter W's Educator, would like nothing more than to have 100% participation in the Rider Education Program. All that means is that EVERYONE will promise to ride safe and with knowledge. Except for the nominal fee that goes to GWRRA to pay for the patches, it costs absolutely nothing to be a Level I participant. If you are interested in making the commitment to ride safe with knowledge, please let Wayne know. He'll be glad to hear from you. If you are already a Level I and would like to move up to Level II, III, or more, he will be glad to help you with that as well.

Molly and Wayne Byrd
Assistant Chapter Directors
Chapter NC-W

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FROM THE CHAPTER EDUCATORS



TURNING HEADS AND FIXATIONS

Many of you might think part of the title is about folks looking at that shiny new “ride” you bought! And the second part has to do with cooking. Wrong on both accounts my friends.

In the basic and experienced rider courses we take, one of the items drilled into us is “turning our heads” as we enter corners and make turns. The other part of this exercise is in checking what is beside us or behind us before we change lanes. Many of us riders have purchased fancy mirrors, or added additional mirrors to allow us to peek into the blind spots around our motorcycle. And so we blithely ride on checking the mirrors and changing the lanes; UNTIL we start to change lanes and hopefully a horn blares out a warning! How could we have missed that car sitting right there in the lane we want just off the back of the motorcycle? What color was the vehicle? Without going into medical detail, our eyes do not see some colors as well as other colors. Compound that with wearing polarized lenses in our glasses, and some colors just disappear. We see color first, then the object! This is especially critical at dawn or dusk hours. How many times have we seen vehicles driving with the headlights off during these time frames? The driver can see, we hope, but can you see that dark vehicle in lowered light conditions without turning your head? I don’t think so! When riding two up, how about having the co-rider also do a head check for hidden vehicles? Let him or her know you want to change lanes, both of you do a head check by turning your head (not just an eye check in the mirror), and when clear move over.

The second part is fixating on objects while riding. Remember that part of riding courses? The portion I want to stress here is fixating on the vehicle or motorcycle just in front of you as you travel. This is especially critical in curves and cornering. By fixating on the motorcycle just in front, you tend to do exactly what it does, thus missing your line in the corners. This can cause too sharp a turn needing correction, or wandering near or across the center line. You must keep your vision focusing out towards the horizon, using your peripheral vision to monitor the vehicle or motorcycle just in front of you. Remember, you go where you look, so look where you want to go.

As always, ride with pride and confidence, chin up, eyes on the horizon!

Wayne & Molly Byrd
Chapter Educators

Things We Should Practice in Our Chapter

Gain more knowledge!

We have excellent Chapter Educators just waiting to help anyone who is willing to learn. Take the riding courses that are offered, regardless of your experience. We can all use some brushing up!

Welcome new Participants and guests as if you have known them for a lifetime!

When someone new comes to a gathering or a ride, talk to him or her. Perhaps one day in your future, you will find a good friend and riding partner among the newcomers. Give it a try and marvel at the wonderful results.

Remember! The GWRRA is a worldwide family.

No one Participant is more or less important than any other. All are equal here, whether old and experienced riders or new and inexperienced riders. It takes all of us to ensure a happy family environment.

Rides - join them!

Go on as many rides as you can. Decide for yourself if you prefer long rides or short rides. After all, you are the only one who can decide what kind of rides are the most fun for you.

Avoid cliques and Chapter politicking

This can only lead to grumbling, displeasures, and arguments in a family that is intended for Friends For Fun, Safety, and Knowledge.

Participate in Chapter events.

Each of us has some skill or talent that can be used to enhance our events in some manner. Please don't be afraid to offer help. Even the most active of us had to begin somewhere.

Be positive, helpful, and constructive in your dealings with your Chapter.

Finally, remember to have FUN.

Enjoy the family of Gold Wing riders. After all, it is about you -- both in your own Chapter and the world.

Author Unknown

Through *Commitment, Education and Application*, we can reduce our accident rate significantly.



FROM THE SUNSHINE LADY



Birthdays

Oct. 13 Kay Hopper
Oct. 18 Savannah Stewart & Mark Webster

Anniversaries

Oct. 2 Lawrence & Loris Shumate

FROM THE RIDE COORDINATORS



Hello everyone,

Thanks to a few people who planned rides. Bob and Karen Lunsford planned a ride to Mayberry Days in Mount Airy on Sept. 29th. Bob sent out an e-mail detailing the route to be taken and lead the ride. I am sorry I was not able to go on this ride. I believe everyone who went had a good time. I believe there were 14 bikes in the group. Good job Bob and Karen!!

Rickey Vernon and Wayne Byrd planned a ride to the Salem, Virginia, Rally and sent out an e-mail detailing the ride and approximate time of return, inviting anyone who wanted to go. There were 8 bikes in the group, with Rickey leading the way and Joe Chatman being tail gunner. We had a good ride up. There were a few of us who came back early. Thanks for planning the ride Rickey and Wayne.

Everyone, this is how rides need to be planned. If you have a place you want to ride to, plan out the details. Plan the date, the time, where you are meeting to start, and the route you will take. The Ride Coordinator does not know your schedule, so go ahead and plan that ride and invite everyone. Send it to the Ride Coordinator, and I will get the word out.

If you need help planning a ride or route, just ask and I will be glad to help anyway I can. There are also other members who will be more than happy to help you. Not everyone will be able to go or they may have to leave early. Everyone knows their own schedule, but do not let this affect your ride. Riding is fun and fun is riding. When it stops being fun, then it is time to stop riding.

Now on to a few future rides:

- Oct. 20 Ride to Hales Restaurant - details will be at the next meeting
- Oct. 21 Ride to Meadows of Dan for pancakes - unless someone volunteers to lead, this ride will be cancelled
- Oct. 28 Ride to Meadows of Dan for pancakes and then a short ride after

Tony Pendergraph
Chapter W Ride Coordinator

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Hello N.C. Chapter Directors and N.C. District Staff,

We are pleased to announce to you the members of your incoming North Carolina District Staff. We never imagined how difficult choosing our staff would be, not because there is any lack of talent and commitment in North Carolina, but because there are so many people who possess the abilities, the positive attitudes, the knowledge and the desire to represent our district in the best possible manner. Our intent from the beginning of this process was to choose qualified staff members who we felt would fit well together, in order to best represent our North Carolina members while leading our district to the very highest levels, and we believe that we have met that goal.

Although these staff members will not officially assume their positions until November 1, we wanted to give you an opportunity to welcome them aboard a little early.

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We know that you will all give your full support to the new District Staff as you have to the current staff, and we hope that you will feel free to contact any of us if we can assist you in any way. Please join us in welcoming these new staff members as they lead North Carolina upward and onward.

**Dennis & Kathy
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