



**ROCKINGHAM COUNTY WINGS**  
Chapter NC-W                      Eden, NC



January 2012

<p align="center"><b>2012 STAFF</b></p> <p><b>Chapter Directors</b> Glenn &amp; Becky Fargis</p> <p><b>Asst. Chapter Directors</b></p> <p><b>Chapter Couple</b> Bill &amp; Liz Hester</p> <p><b>Chapter Educators</b> Wayne &amp; Molly Byrd</p> <p><b>Secretary / Treasurer</b> Rodger &amp; Betty Hodges</p> <p><b>Newsletter Editor</b> Wayne Byrd</p> <p><b>Ride Coordinators</b> Jonathan &amp; Anna Puryear</p> <p><b>Sunshine Lady</b> Liz Hester</p> <p><b>Goodie Sales</b></p> <p><b>Phone Tree Lady</b> Janice Elgin</p> <p><b>Historian / Photographer</b> Velma Burcham</p> <p>*****</p> <p><b>We gather the 3rd Monday at the Golden Corral at 1566 Freeway Drive, Reidsville, NC 6:30 meal 7:30 meeting</b></p> <p><b>Please visit our website at <a href="http://www.gwrranc.org">www.gwrranc.org</a></b></p>	<p align="center"><b>FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTORS</b></p> <p>Happy New Year!!</p> <p>2011 has come and gone, and what a ride it has been. When Becky and I stepped up as CDs for Chapter W, we really did not know what to expect. While we had expectations for our Chapter, we were a little uncertain where the road would lead us and how difficult the trip would be. Now, twelve months later, we move forward into 2012 and we are prepared for another exciting and event filled year for our Chapter.</p> <p>Unfortunately, as sometime happens, the New Year brings about change. As you may or may not know, assuming the responsibilities of an officer within a GWRRA Chapter requires a great deal of time. Ed and Sandy have informed me that they will step down as ACDs for Chapter W. With their commitments to family, jobs, home, and church, they simply feel they do not have the time to commit to the task of eventually stepping up to CDs. Becky and I would like to express our sincere appreciation to Ed and Sandy for stepping up last year and helping lead us through what I consider a successful year for Chapter W. Their input and guidance was crucial in moving us through 2011 and into 2012. We look forward to their continued support as Chapter participants. There is plenty of work to be done by everyone, so just because you have stepped down as ACDs, don't expect that your hands will not get dirty this year. I'll still be asking for your help.</p> <p>For the past two years, Ronald and Linda Fargis have served the Chapter as our Couple of the Year. As those of you who have served in this position know, this is a huge commitment as well. The COY travels around to other Chapters representing Chapter W and encouraging visitation to our Chapter. They have represented our Chapter well over the past two years. Please join Becky and me in thanking them for a job well done. Ronald and Linda will be replaced this year by Bill and Liz Hester. I'm very excited that Bill and Liz have agreed to represent Chapter W as the 2012 COY. This is a big commitment on their part and I ask each of you to support them as they travel throughout North Carolina. Make plans to join them on their visits when possible. In addition to enjoying their company, once the weather warms, you have plenty of opportunities to ride.</p> <p>"To boldly go where no man has gone before," on a Gold Wing that is. That is exactly one of the things that Lawrence has done in the past two years. Lawrence and Lois have served us well for the past two years planning rides and meet &amp; eats. We've been on picnics, Chapter rallies, flea markets, and let's not forget that faithful day when we traveled to Burke's Garden, Virginia, on a road less traveled. There have been a lot of miles logged and a lot of memories made. Thank you, Lawrence and Lois, for leading us around North Carolina and Virginia over the past two years. As we move into 2012, Jonathan and Anna Puryear will assume the position of Ride Coordinators. I'm looking forward to an exciting year to destinations unknown under the direction of Jonathan and Anna (and their trusty GPS), so change the oil, check the tires, and make sure your bikes are in good riding condition because I know Jonathan likes to ride and I'm sure he will keep us on the road.</p>
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So again, I'd like to thank those who have served and express my appreciation to those who have stepped up to serve beginning in 2012. In the November newsletter, I discussed the Membership Enhancement Coordinator. This position remains open and in need of a willing volunteer to step up and fill those shoes. Now in addition to the MEC, we are in need of someone to step up and serve our Chapter as Assistant Directors. The normal tenure for an officer in GWRRA is 3 years. With one year behind us, Becky and I will be looking for someone to step into our position, once our 3 years have passed. I hope there is someone who will, sooner rather than later, seriously consider their willingness to move into this position. A good way to get acclimated to the process of running a Chapter is by stepping up and serving as ACD or MEC. Please consider these two positions and let me know if you're willing to learn more about what's involved.

Ride safe & ride often,  
Chapter Directors, Chapter NC-W  
Glenn & Becky Fargis

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### FROM THE ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Dear Members and Friends,

This month, our contribution to the newsletter will be our last attempt at journalism -- our *Swan Song* as ACDs for Chapter W. Ed and I are stepping down as ACDs this year, to allow Glenn and Becky to select another couple who will be willing and able to step up as CDs when their term is complete.

We truly appreciate all the support, encouragement, and friendship you have all offered this past year. When we accepted this opportunity, Ed and I both believed that we would have more time to devote to the GWRRA activities. We have had to re-think our priorities based on the amount of time and energy we have each day. Family will always come first, and our precious 3-year-old grandson will always be at the top of the list. We both have reasonably full work schedules on the job and requirements at home and at church, just like most of you have. We congratulate each of you who balance all of these things so well and still have the time and energy to participate in so many of the Chapter W activities. Also, when Ed and I accepted this position, I truly thought that I would try to learn to be a good co-rider and participate more in the rides and activities. Sorry, dear folks, it just is not going to happen. I'll never learn to swim, won't jump out of a plane, won't slide down a snowy mountain on two wooden sticks . . . and now add to the list, just not learn to ride a motorcycle. All of you lady riders and co-riders have my sincere admiration and appreciation for all you do, and all you have learned to do. My hat is truly off to all of you. Ed really enjoys his Gold Wing, and enjoys the great fellowship that GWRRA provides and will continue to participate as much as possible, and I'll still be helping any way possible. Please continue to support Glenn and Becky this upcoming year, and please someone take this great challenge to help them, and be willing to accept the post of CD when their tour-of-duty is complete. They have had many wonderful innovative ideas and have begun new programs that will make our Chapter even more of an asset to the community.

Whoever becomes the new ACD, please make plans to attend OCP. It's a really well-thought-out training program to acclimate you to the rules and guidelines of GWRRA. You meet some great people who are goal-oriented and who truly enjoy their motorcycle and the fellowship this organization promotes.

We wish you our very best for the upcoming year, and look forward to seeing each of you at our Chapter meetings. Congratulations to Glenn and Becky for a great job in 2011 and congratulations to all the others who have supported them and made last year a success.

Bee Happy, Gold Wingers, and have a Honey of a Day,  
Assistant Chapter Directors, Chapter NC-W  
Ed & Sandy Paisley

## FROM THE CHAPTER EDUCATORS

### “Seeing & Being Seen”

We all have two eyes and most likely close to 20/20 vision with or without corrective lenses. So why the big deal on seeing? We just have to keep our eyes open, right? Our eyes may indeed be open, but are we seeing, **really** seeing? Unfortunately, what most of us think of as seeing is closer to just looking. We usually are swiveling our heads about our shoulders taking in traffic, scenery, sky, road, gauges on the motorcycle, and more. Could you correctly identify the road mileage marker you just went by at highway speed. And if you are really seeing, why did you have to come down hard on the brakes when brake lights suddenly appeared in front of you? How about light glare; do you have some type of darker lenses to wear to reduce glare. Can you make out that dim light in front of you, and what it is? Are you traveling too fast in rainy or foggy conditions? Is your windshield also smeared with bugs, scratches, or other dirt, dust, or even rain running down it? Just how many times do we as riders ride using the Braille method, feeling our way along, and peering out around the windshield to hopefully see just a little better.

A critical part of seeing is “**mental seeing.**” Sure, the eyes are open, our head is moving around, but our mind is on something else. What we are seeing is there, but it is not computing as our mind is actually concentrating on something entirely different. This “**mental vision block**” gets riders into more trouble than any other problem. Just watch drivers talking on the cell phone while operating a vehicle and you will know just what I am talking about regarding “**mental vision block.**” By the time the eyes and brain get synchronized, the rider may be in “too deep” to maneuver or take other action. So, **are we seeing, really seeing?**

Now, being seen is something motorcyclists really need to step back and think about before they ride. The most popular color of motorcycle is -- you guessed it, black. The majority of motorcycle riders who wear any form of protective clothing wear -- you guessed it again, black. Now envision attempting to see a black motorcycle, with a rider wearing black in dim light ahead of you. How many motorcycles have just one small and somewhat dim tail light on the rear of the motorcycle? Now think about those other drivers in cars, trucks, or semi-tractor rigs trying to identify this type of object in various conditions within safe reaction distances.

We ride a Gold Wing you say, which has lots of “safety chrome” installed. The Gold Wing is one of the easier motorcycles to identify visually within traffic in day or night vision conditions. However, again, picture limited vision conditions of all types. Should you have more or different types of lights on the Wing? How about front and rear light modulators? But just step back from your motorcycle and try to see it from another driver’s perspective. And just how clean are those lights, and are all of them working properly?

What about your apparel and helmet as you ride? Is it of the type that is distinctly visible in all light conditions? Or do you wear non-reflective colors trusting that the other driver will see the motorcycle. The most common statement heard from vehicles colliding with motorcycles is, “**I did not see it,**” or words to that effect. Remember that other drivers also suffer from “**mental vision block.**” Being seen means taking or making all the precautions necessary to reduce your riding risk as much as is humanly possible to do. Perhaps last, but not least, ride to be seen, especially at night. Position yourself and your motorcycle so as to be seen in the lane; use proper spacing so you can be seen from any point of a driver’s view.

**Ride with pride and confidence; the more you know, the better it gets**

## FROM THE RIDE COORDINATORS

### Preparation for Riding Season

Everyone should know everything that needs to be done to their motorcycle before each riding season begins. You will need to keep your fluids changed regularly. For most Gold Wings, it is recommended that the oil be changed every 5,000 to 8,000 miles. Check the rest of your fluids in your motorcycle at this time also. Before every ride, you would want to also make sure that you have plenty of fuel for your ride and that your tires are properly inflated. You also want to make sure your battery is fully charged for your ride; it would be bad to have your battery fail in the middle of a ride far from home. If you have all of these things taken care of, you will need to remember this final thing.

Ride Often, and Ride Safe.  
Chapter W Ride Coordinator  
Jonathan Puryear

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I join the Chapter? You don't join a Chapter, you join the Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA), and you participate in the Chapter or Chapters of your choice. So the question could be asked, "How do I become a Chapter Participant?" You do nothing more than attend a Chapter get-together, ride, or event. There is no cost or formal application needed to participate in a GWRRA Chapter, since a local Chapter is one of the benefits of belonging to GWRRA.

What are the different classes of membership in GWRRA? For the Gold Wing/Valkarie owner, a family or individual membership is available. The non-Gold Wing/Valkarie owner can join GWRRA as an Associate member (both family and individual Associate memberships are available).

What are all those pins on peoples' vests? Those are ride or event pins. The pins are basically souvenirs that are fun to look at and remember the event they represent.

Do I have to buy a vest? No! Vests are optional for participants. Many wear vests to display the GWRRA logo, and their many pins and awards. Chapter patches, GWRRA logo patches, and others can be purchased from the Pins and Patches Coordinators at any GWRRA get-together.

What do you use Chapter money for? The Chapter Director uses the Chapter funds to cover operating expenses of the Chapter. These expenses include the cost of publishing the newsletter, postage, Chapter chartering fee, etc.



## FROM THE SUNSHINE LADY



### BIRTHDAYS

Wayne Byrd	1/17
Jonathan Puryear	1/21
Danny Wright	1/21
Carol Wright	1/24
Randy Jones	1/29

### ANNIVERSARIES

Elzie and Betty Puckett	1/6
Wayne and Molly Byrd	1/23

### THE MOTORCYCLING CHEF

Ok, so it's time to dig into the freezer and begin using some of the meat that froze for the Winter. That's right, you purchased it last Fall, placed it in the freezer, and it hasn't made it to the table yet. This month, I decided to include a recipe for fried chicken. Fried chicken can be paired with any of your favorite sides.

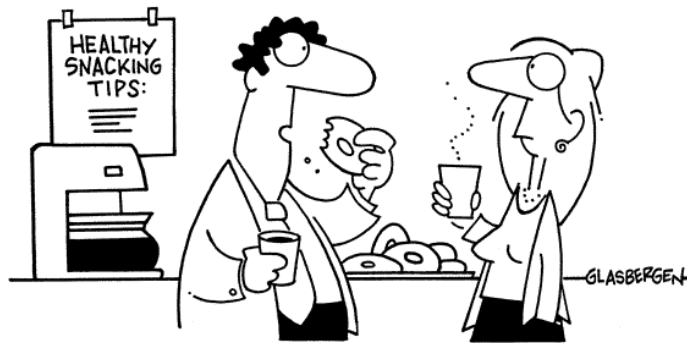
#### Buttermilk Fried Chicken

Buttermilk Fried Chicken	
4 medium sized chicken breasts 2 cups of buttermilk 2 egg whites 4 cups of plain flour 1 tsp. of crushed red pepper 2 tbsp. of garlic powder 2 tbsp. of salt 4 cups of vegetable oil	Heat the oil to 320 degrees. Combine buttermilk and egg whites with a whisk and allow the chicken to soak for 15 minutes. Combine all dry ingredients and then dredge chicken until completely coated. Lay chicken in the oil facing away from you. (Note: When placing food into hot oil, start with the edge closest to you and slowly lower into the oil finishing with the far edge. This will help avoid splashing hot oil and in the event oil is splashed, it will be away from you and not on you). Allow the chicken to cook for 6 minutes on each side, until the internal temperature is 165 degrees.

The Motorcycling Chef, Chapter NC-W  
Daniel Fargis



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**"The healthiest part of a donut is the hole.  
Unfortunately, you have to eat through  
the rest of the donut to get there!"**

## UPCOMING CHAPTER RIDES AND EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
1/27-28/11	"Winter Thaw" – Hawthorne Inn, Winston-Salem, NC
1/28/11	Horse Pasture Breakfast – Horse Pasture, VA
2/3/11	Meet-and-Eat – Location TBA
2/10-11/11	Chapter W Stew – Dan Valley Community Building

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"The handle on your recliner does not qualify as an exercise machine."

## TECH TIPS & TIDBITS

This month's tip is on "FREE" Membership Dues. Did you know that GWRRA has made a change to the Find-a-Friend Program, beginning January 1, 2012, that allows you to receive a gift certificate valued at \$55.00? All you have to do is recruit 5 new GWRRA members. These gift certificates can be used for any of the following: GWRRA Membership Renewal; GWRRA Official Merchandise; Wing Ding Registration; and Chapter Charter Fees. You can learn more about this great program by visiting GWRRA.com. Do you remember that Chapter W started a program in 2011 that could also pay your membership dues? The "Chapter W Participant of the Year" program began in February of 2011. Eleven months, fifty-five Chapter W events, twenty-five Chapter visits, two plaque captures, two new members, and **3886** points later, we have a winner. The winners will be announced at the January 2012 meeting. Please join me in congratulating the winners. If you miss the meeting, their names will be published in the February newsletter. Now if you're wondering how you can be 2012's winner, it's simple, just participate more than any other Chapter W participant. The guidelines are listed below.

## GUIDELINES FOR "NC-W PARTICIPANT OF THE YEAR - 2012

Program will begin January 1, 2012, and will end December 3, 2012. The purpose of this program is to encourage members to participate in Chapter NC-W activities as well as supporting the GWRRA. The program activities were chosen to promote "Fun, Safety and Knowledge."

Participant must be an active member of GWRRA and a participant of Chapter NC-W. Points will be awarded to members for participation in NC-W activities or other GWRRA activities listed below. Winners will be announced at the January Chapter Gathering. Prizes will be awarded to the top three points collectors. First place will receive a 3-year paid membership to GWRRA. Second place will receive a 2-year paid membership to GWRRA. Third place will receive a 1-year paid membership to GWRRA. In the event, one of the winners is a life member and no further membership dues are required, a prize of equal value will be awarded.

*Note: Only one "Dues" paid per family membership. If more than one family member finishes in the top three, dues will be paid for their highest level only. Next level will default to next Chapter participant.*

Points will be awarded each time a Chapter W member participates in an activity. Example: If you attend three "Meet & Eats" this year, you will receive 3 points for each for a total of 9 points.

Event	Points	Verification of participation *
Chapter Meeting	1	Chapter Officer will record members present, members should verify that name is recorded at the meeting
Visit Another Chapter - Central	2	Visitor card signed (Chapter "Yes I visited" card signed)
Visit Another Chapter - Eastern	5	Visitor card signed (Chapter "Yes I visited" card signed)
Visit Another Chapter - Western	5	Visitor card signed (Chapter "Yes I visited" card signed)
Capture Chapter Card	3	Yellow card
Attend PLP	8	Chapter educators will provide attendees list
Chapter Ride	3	Chapter Officer will record members present
Chapter Work Event	5	Chapter Officer will record members present
WOS	6	Registration confirmation notice
Wing Ding	7	Registration confirmation notice
Capture Plaque	4	Couples Plaque not eligible
Meet & Eat	3	Chapter Officer will record members present
Chapter Trip	5	Beach Trip / Mountain Trip - Chapter Officer will record members present Member must join GWRRA between the dates of 3/10/2011 and 12/3/2011. New member must list current member on application. GWRRA letter of recruitment to verify.
Recruit New Member	6	
Attend GWRRA Leadership Training	6	Must provide proof of training
Attend OCP Training	7	Must provide proof of training *

Participants are responsible for notifying the Chapter CD of participation. The Chapter CD retains final right to approve event participation when documentation is not supplied.

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**"My doctor told me to start my exercise program very gradually. Today I drove past a store that sells sweat pants."**

**North Carolina District,  
Region N, & Nearby  
Events Calendar**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>HOST CHAPTER</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
	<i>January 2012</i>	
1	NC-F New Year's Resolution Ride	Jacksonville, NC
27 - 28	NC District Winter Thaw	Winston-Salem, NC
	<i>February 2012</i>	
4	LTP Intermediate Leadership Skills	O'Berry Center, Goldsboro, NC
4	LTP Intermediate Leadership Skills	Forsyth Community College, Winston-Salem, NC
18	NC-C2 Chili Cookoff	Smithfield, NC
25	LTP Intermediate Leadership Skills	J. Iverson Riddle Center, Morganton, NC
	<i>March 2012</i>	
10 - 11	LTP Horizon Program	Kannapolis, NC
17	NC-H2 Swap Meet & Meeting	Durham, NC
24	NC-Q2 Fun Fest	Benson, NC
31	NC-Y2 Open House	Monroe, NC
	<i>April 2012</i>	
7	NC-E2 Poker Run	Elizabeth City, NC
14	NC-L2 Bounty On The Lake & Meeting	mooreville, NC
21	NC-L Poker Run	Gastonia, NC
26 - 28	TN Convention	Sevierville, TN
	<i>May 2012</i>	
5	NC-F2 Open House & Meeting	Garner, NC
6	NC-E Ride For Kids	Cary, NC
12	NC-G Open House & Meeting	High Point, NC
18 - 20	Rider Education Weekend	TBD, NC
19	NC-A Spring Fest & Meeting	Greensboro, NC
26	NC-K2 Mini Rally & Meeting	Fayetteville, NC