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Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge

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Greetings From Your Chapter Directors
Alice & Ron Myers
GWRRA NC-A “Piedmont Goldwings”

Hello Everyone,

March has been wet, windy, cold, sunny, hot, getting us ready for spring. It is time to get our motorcycles ready for riding. Be safe when riding.

Hats off to Durham (H-2)! What a great Swap Meet. The CLOWNS were fantastic. It was a fun day for friends, games, fellowship and as always, good food. You guys always have fun.

Our Friday night dinner was to China Buffet. We had eight members attend. Hope more can join us this month.

Members…what a great job you did with the pet supplies. The back of our SUV was full. We delivered these items to the Guilford County shelter. As always, we had to tour the kennels to see the cats and dogs. If you have never been, you should plan a visit. It is hard to walk away without a new pet.

Event time is here…April is a busy month. April 8th, NC-Z (Rocky Mount) Blessing of the Bikes. April 8th, NC-M (Salisbury) Saving Grace K9. April 20-22nd TN District Rally and April 29th NC District Ice Cream Ride, Homeland Creamery, Julian, NC.

Our chapter has lost several loved ones and thoughts and prayers go out to all the family members.

Jerry will be missed by all. Jerry was a Life Member of GWRRA and Chapter A. Jerry’s name will be added to the Freedom Memorial Wall. This presentation will be the 1st Sunday in May. Location is Curley’s Harley-Davidson, West on Business 40 exit 10 (Linville Rd. Exit.) Turn onto Old Greensboro Rd., (Linville Rd.). Turn left onto Myer Lee Dr., Curley’s on the right.

Ride Safe, We Care,
Alice & Ron Myers
Chapter Directors
NC-A
April showers bring May flowers, and great riding opportunities to experience the beauty of nature in bloom, even if the roads may be a bit slick. That's just a reason to slow down and enjoy our surroundings carefully.

We've had some down time to take care of those maintenance issues Ron listed in our last newsletter, so we should be ready to ride. We've got Dwain's ride coming up, and so many roads and destinations in our area to share.

If you have a ride to propose, please share that with us. We can take the Road Captain course to improve our comfort and skill level to lead a ride, or share the route with an experienced leader. The important thing is for us to enjoy riding together safely!

I'm looking forward to hearing about Don Herrmann's ARC course on March 25th. That's something we all could benefit from taking, and certainly should consider. The next course is coming up in Fayetteville, a bit farther away, but worth the ride.

On my ride in South Africa, we rode BMW'S, which had factory tire pressure monitors. One bike had a slow leak, dropping down low enough to set off the low pressure warning. Turned out he had picked up a nail. Love that feature! I'm used to checking manually -- but that is hard on the knees, and it would be tempting to bypass that very important check. Be strong, check those tires (and fix that slow leak Now)!

Manufacturers and aftermarket suppliers are adding safety features for our motorcycles all the time BUT WE ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT SAFETY FEATURE!

Together for Fun, Safety and Knowledge, ride more and enjoy ourselves!
Paula Hines,
NC-A Chapter Educator
We are having fun traveling to the various Chapter Gatherings. March consisted only visits to our Central Chapters. We chased the Couples Plaque frequently and thus far, have captured it 3 out of 6 chances for March. We enjoyed the annual H2 Swap Meet; if you have never been, mark your calendar for next year…always lots of fun and great food.

We are looking forward to seeing what the month of April has in store for us to continue having fun with GWRRA family/friends.

Be safe in your travels and hope we can see you at some of the other NC Chapter Gatherings, as well as our monthly Gathering.

Bill and Janice Buckner
Chapter NC-A Couple
2017
GWRRA Member Benefits

There are many benefits to GWRRA membership. Our Members enjoy the camaraderie, fellowship and prestige of belonging to the largest "family" of Gold Wing owners in the world.

The Individual and Family Members are guaranteed to receive:

- **Wing World** monthly magazine full of colorful stories, photos, articles and tips.
- **Gold Book** service directory, which is a traveling companion that includes Chapter, Members around North America with an index of how they are available to serve, and dealer listings and helpful traveling features.
- “Rescue” Emergency Roadside Assistance for your Motorcycle with the ability to add additional coverage for your autos and RVs at an extra cost
- Membership card, four-inch, full-color embroidered Association logo insignia, one-inch full-color membership pins and decals.
- GWRRA exclusive satisfaction guaranteed or your money back.

Additional benefits available to all Members are:

- Chapter Life full of Friendship, Fun, Safety and Knowledge.
- Officer Program with unequalled opportunities and Leadership Training.
- Rider Education (Safety) Program with award-winning graduated skill enhancement courses for Riders and Co-Riders and a Safe Rider Program celebrating the accumulation of accident-free miles.
- GWRRA Official Products
- GWRRA Customer Service Staff
- GWRRA website at [http://www.gwrра.org](http://www.gwrра.org) which includes:
  - Full list of Member Benefits
  - Message Boards

**CHAPTER LIFE**

Many Members feel the Chapter is the single, most important benefit of belonging to GWRRA and for many reasons such as:

- Countless new friends are made with a common interest.
- Many events to ride our Gold Wings with friends.
- Safe riding emphasis to make our riding experience even more enjoyable.
- Training experience to improve riding skills and safety techniques.
- An opportunity to live the motto of "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge."

Don’t forget to invite someone to come to our meeting. See you then.

J.R. & Cheryl

MEC Chapter NC-A
NC-A Goldwing Trip

Hello NC-A Members!!

Susan and I have planned a trip to Quantico, VA to tour the National Museum of the US Marine Corp. We plan to leave around noon on Friday, May 19 and take a route that will limit our time on the interstate to arrive at the Comfort Inn at 16931 Old Stage Rd., Dumfries, VA, about 5 minutes from the museum. There are only 3 rooms left of the reserved block—a choice of either 2 queens or a king bed for the same group price of $105 per night for 2 nights (Friday and Saturday). They also offer a hot breakfast from 6-9 am and is within walking distance to 5 restaurants. We plan to attend the museum on Saturday morning and I am working on some ideas for the afternoon with nothing formal planned yet. We will return on Sunday morning.

Each member that is interested in going will need to call the motel at 703-445-8070 to give your name and credit card info to secure your reservation. The block of rooms are listed under Piedmont Goldwings. I am asking that you also email me at cellusun@gmail.com to let me know you are going. We will determine the exact time and departure location at a later date. Looking forward to a good ride through the Virginia countryside.

Dwain Strader
Ride Coordinator

3/18/17 H2 Swap Meet
Collection for Greensboro’s Homeless

Collecting SMALL INDIVIDUAL wish list ITEMS for the homeless that are always needed. Good sources are free items from a stay in a hotel, Walmart’s pharmacy department (travel items) and Dollar Tree Stores.

Small individual lotions, shampoos, toothpaste, toothbrushes, disposable razors, mouthwash, Vaseline packs, bath soap, and washcloths.
Birthdays and April GWRRA Anniversaries

April Birthdays
- Shirley Dye 4-2
- Judy Morgan 4-2
- Tony Sanders 4-27
- Barbara Goodpasture 4-29
- Darrel Clemans 4-29

May Birthdays
- Melissa Wilson 5-5
- Dave Weygandt 5-12
- Nancy Allen 5-17
- Donna Sanders 5-20
- Dan Hazelwood 5-29

GWRRA Anniversaries
- Carl Allen 04/18/2012
- Don Barna 04/19/2005
- Greg Permar 04/01/1982
- Ken Worland 04/01/1988

Special Request...

Our thoughts and prayers are with each and every one.

Remember Chapter Members and their families with sickness and deaths.

Cheryl Davis recovering from pneumonia
Kathie Gentry’s mother passed away
Pat Wilson’s husband, Jerry, passed away
Jack Hensley recovering from carpal tunnel surgery

Our Military, Law Enforcement, Firefighters, EMS/Rescue, and anyone working public service
# Upcoming Rides and Events

## GWRRA Events Calendar

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Chapter NC-M
Cardinal Wings &
Saving Grace K9s
Presents our Spring Ride & Fun Day
Saturday, April 8, 2017
9AM – 2PM

Location: Saving Grace K9s’ facility
314 E. Center St. Lexington NC
Registration & Games start at 9:00 AM
$10/motorcycle includes meal
KSU – 10:00AM

Proceeds go to benefit the PTSD Service Dog program of Saving Grace K9s - currently serving our local Veterans

LIABILITY RELEASE:
I/WE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS GWRRA, THE CO-Sponsoring ORGANIZATION (S), AND ANY PROPERTY OWNERS FOR ANY LOSS OR INJURY TO SELF OR PROPERTY BY REASON OF PARTICIPATING IN THIS EVENT.

Rider:          Chapter:       

Co-Rider:       Chapter:       
GWRRA CHAPTER NC-Z

BLESSING OF THE BIKES

Saturday, April 08, 2017

ALL
Bikes Are Welcome
Registration Starts at 9:30 AM

Bojangles
1834 E. Raleigh Blvd., Rocky Mount, NC

$10.00 per person includes
Lunch and a Free 2017 Year Bar Hanger for First 100 Registered!
Kickstands up at 10:30 AM

Proceeds are being donated to the
O'Berry Neuro-Medical Center, Goldsboro, NC

This will be Chapter Z’s Monthly Gathering
The Meeting will start at 12:30 PM
PreRegistration:
Checks payable to: GWRRA NC-Z
Mail Signed Registration and Check to:
Skip Ferkol
358 Lake Royale, Louisburg, NC
27549

Liability Release: I/We hereby agree to conform and comply with the ideals governing this event and agree to hold harmless the GWRRA, co-sponsoring organization, and any other property owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/We may become involved by reason of participation in this event. I/We also agree to assume responsibility for any property which I/We damage.

Rider’s Name ___________________________ Date ___________ Chapter/Affiliation ___________________________

Co-Rider’s Name ___________________________ Date ___________ Chapter/Affiliation ___________________________
Freedom Memorial Wall

A little history on The Freedom Memorial Wall itself. (copied from the flyer).

In 1996, a Freedom Memorial Wall was built "To honor and remember our fellow motorcycle riders." The Freedom Memorial Wall is the first of this kind in the nation. It honors the lives of friends, acquaintances and loved ones to whom the joy of riding motorcycles was an important part of their life and the life of their family. The Freedom Memorial Wall is a celebration of motorcycling regardless of brand affiliation. The Freedom Memorial Wall signifies that the brotherhood of riders goes beyond life, just as life itself extends beyond death (John 3:16). Each of these riders will be missed and remembered by their loved ones, family, friends, and fellow riders. We wish them well on their ever continuing ride. Every Year the FIRST SUNDAY IN MAY, riders, families, friends, and loved ones, gather together in a "time-honored" one day ceremony to remember the those lives of who have passed on and to share the memories of each who loved their motorcycles. The names of those fellow riders, brothers and sisters, who are no longer with us are added to this memorial. The names of motorcyclists may be submitted by family members or friends, or the Chapter to whom they were members of. The wall is located on the grounds at Smokin' Harley-Davidson, 3441 Myer Lee Dr, Winston-Salem, NC 27101.

The names below are Chapter A members that are presently remembered on the wall.

Bobby Hensley    Charles Davenport    Earl Locklear, Jr.
John Hines       Norman David Carter   David Peterson
Richard Sherman Buckner   Lyle Dillon    Jewel Ware

This year Teresa Dixon’s and Jerry Wilson’s names will be added.

“May the road rise to meet them, May the wind be always at their back, May the sun shine warm upon their face… And until we meet again, May God hold them in the hollow of his hand.”

Mark your calendar for this special event and try to attend this year; MAY 7, 2017. The Day’s Events are Gospel Music; Worship Service; Memorial Ride 11-12pm; Lunch; Memorial Wall Dedication (reading of all names past and present) 1:30-3pm; Balloon Sendoff. Raffle 1pm. Proceeds to care of Memorial Wall.
Weather – Does it know what it really wants to do? Don’t think so. Hot in the 80’s one day and in 30’s & 40’s the next day. We need some cold weather to kill all the germs that are around that are making people so sick. Hope this is not a sign that we will have a very hot summer!

Now let me promote an event coming up in a couple of weeks. Chapter H2 Swap Meet will be held on March 18th and I hope you plan to be there because we are going to have some fun, fun under the tent at the “Greatest Swap Meet on Earth”. There will be two (2) FREE Seminars: at 10:00 AM a Motorist Awareness and at 11:00 AM a Co-Rider Seminar will be held on a first come basis. If you would like to attend one of these come early. See you on the 18th.

Can’t help but be proud of the members / chapters in the Central Area. There are six (6) chapter events on the District Events Calendar that are going to happen in this area this year. There are two (2) in the Western Area and four (4) more to happen in the Eastern Area. Please put these on your calendars and come out and support these chapters and see what is happening. There is always somewhere to go and have some fun. I am so happy that these chapters are willing to do some fun and exciting events to help others.

On the District Level, if you would like to make an entry into the Logo Contest for Wings Over the Smokies®, please do so and get them to District Director Roy Bryant before April 17th. You could be the big winner…… Also our tickets are here to be sold so someone can win a motorcycle, trailer or a seat for your bike. We need to get out and sell, sell and sell these $1.00 tickets. They are on the way to the chapters by the wheel barrow full as Roy says. Wheel them in, Roy! Support Wings Over the Smokies® 2017!!!!

The North Carolina GWRRA Website, the Region N Website and the National Website has so much information on it. Take a look at all that is there. The District Staff is here to help you also if you have any questions.

Happy St. Patrick’s Day to everyone.

Be Safe and Care About Each Other

Libby Jennings
Central – Assistant District Director
Regional News

The Appalachian Gazette

The MEPC Corner

Hello Region “N”!

By the 1st of this month, the Districts participating in the 2016 Chapter of the Year Program have already forwarded the hard copy of the winning District Chapter of the Year for 2016 packet to the Region “N” Membership Enhancement Program Coordinator (Denise & Ervin Blake). The packages are being reviewed, and the District Chapter selected to be the “2016 Region “N” Chapter of the Year” will be announced soon. The next step is to forward the 2016 Region “N” Chapter of the Year winner to National before April 1, 2017.

Congratulations to all the Districts who submitted Chapter of the Year packets. Everyone was a winner. The Chapter of the Year packets really show how much FUN the GWRA Chapters are having by attending chapter, district, region and national events, visiting other chapters, doing charity ride, having dinner and ice cream rides, and some things that was new to us! Great job Region “N” GWRA Chapters!

It is our hope that many more chapters will participate in the Chapter of the Year program. Many of the chapters already do everything required already. Turn in a monthly calendar to your Membership Enhancement Coordinators, and start keeping a list of the members that attend ANYTHING the chapter does. Have someone keep those attendance sheets, and store them by event type or chronological order. At the end of the year you have all the documentation you need to fill out the score sheet and become a silver (or even gold) level chapter and possibly the Chapter of the Year. Let’s show everyone how great Region “N” is. I know we have the best chapters...it’s time everyone else know it. Get out and show your pride!

This year is already filled with many opportunities for Fun together. If you haven’t already registered for the District Rally’s in Region “N”, now is the time to start planning! Tennessee District Rally in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee in April; Virginia District Rally (RITV) in Roanoke, Virginia in July; West Virginia District Rally, Elkins, West Virginia also in July; Kentucky District Rally, Cave City, Kentucky in August, North Carolina District Rally, Haywood County Fairground, North Carolina in September; and to close out the rally season, Region “N” Rally, Johnson City, Tennessee in November. All of these Rally registrations are available on line on the Districts and Region websites. Don’t wait for the last minute, plan ahead, reserve your lodging, they all have great venues. Wing Ding this year is in Grapevine, Texas at a spectacular resort. Mixed in all year are many chapter rallies that always deliver great FUN for us as we gather together. And last, don’t forget to visit local chapter gatherings. This is where you really get to know our fellow member...and pick up more great ideas for having FUN. Let’s make 2017 one of the best years yet for Region “N”. We look forward to seeing all of you out and about this year.

Denise & Ervin Blake
Membership Enhancement Program Coordinators

Taken from the March 2017 Appalachian Gazette.
Saying Yes!

Very early in my GWRRA career a good friend of mine visited my Chapter. We had a great time catching up on old times, but what was so profound about the visit was the message he left with me. He spoke about the success he had experienced; he then told me the secret...Saying Yes.

He then described the different things he was asked to do that he said “Yes” to. He is now an Executive Director leading several businesses and even has the time to volunteer for GW. He also shared that if he had not said yes, things would have been a whole lot different; not only in his business world, but in GW as well.

It got me to thinking...”What could I say yes to?”

Here is a list of things that many who have experienced success in GWRRA have said YES to:

- Applying for membership
- Attending a Chapter ride or gathering
- Volunteering for a leadership role
- Attending training opportunities
- Visiting other Chapters
- Inviting motorcycling people to join
- Attending Rallies (District, Region and/or Wing Ding)
- And the list goes on

We find at times that Members come to our gatherings and wait for things to happen. However, by saying YES, we open the door to more opportunities and excitement in our GW experience.

We are often told to learn to say no. However, sometimes saying YES is what will make the difference. Obviously our personal situation gives us limitations, but sometimes we play it too safe.

So, think back to your successes. Was it because you said YES? Could you say YES to something else? Is there something you’ve wanted to say YES to but haven’t? Go ahead, make that decision, “SAY YES” to that one thing you’ve wanted to do or pick something from the list above. Watch the difference that it makes and watch where it takes you.

Just “Say Yes”
Thank You & Ride Safe
Bruce C Barb

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