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Next Gathering

Sunday, August 21, 2011

Eat at 5 - Meet at 6

Libby Hill Seafood

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Hey everyone, just wanted to remind you that we will be having a ride planning meeting immediately following our meeting this Sunday. Please attend and bring your ride suggestions. 2011 is winding down and will soon be only a memory. Let's plan some fun rides and create some great memories of 2011. thanks...Steve

Bring Can Goods to the Meeting

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**Happy Anniversary**

Rita White – August 2  
Linda Walker – August 23  
Crista Feedback – August 25  
Jerry Kirby – August 27  
Lisa Logsdon – September 7  
Steve Pruitt – September 17

Archie & Brenda Reynolds – August 19  
Steve & Darlene Pruitt – August 24  
Tracy & Crista Feedback – August 29  
Gerald & Lina Sipe – September 2  
Lamar & Sara Shelly – September 6

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**HELP US TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY**

**MANY FOLKS ARE OUT OF WORK AND IN NEED OF FOOD**

NC 02 is continuing our food drive in 2011 for folks in our community who are in need.

Please bring can goods, pasta, or any grocery items which would have a sustainable shelf life. As we collect these items, Barbara and Charles Janus have been delivering the goods to local agencies to be distributed to those in need.

Remember - Small pop-top cans are needed for the homeless.

**NC 02 is making a difference – please help us continue to make this project a success.**

# FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTORS NC-02



Thursday night, August 4, Ted/Med, Ron/Bev, Tony/Rita, Lee, and Lou & I went to the Statesville gathering and we won the Western Travelers Plaque. The plaque will be given away at our August gathering on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Expect a large crowd. NC-02 should be proud since we have won this plaque twice in a short period of time. Great work for many in our chapter.

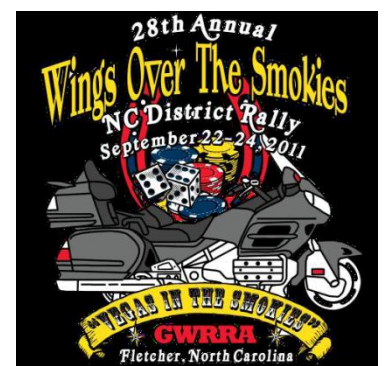
Lou & I attending the WOS pre-planning picnic in Gibsonville on Sunday, July 31. Like most others from across the state we drove the car. The meeting was hot, but we all had a good time. Some of the things we learned are:

1. The OCP course that takes two day can now be taken with one day work online and one day in class. This does away with people have to stay overnight to compete the course.
2. The parade staging at WOS that goes to the Wal-Mart parking lot is open to all bikes.
3. There will be 2 trike courses offered at WOS
4. On the website for gwrranc.org all activities at WOS are now listed.
5. For the ladies the Oasis Room will be open for shopping and other thing. There may be a small misc. Charge for this.
6. There will be a game show type (I think) for couples that have been married for 25 years or longer on Saturday night.
7. You can sign up for a ride with a deputy (he will be on a motorcycle) and have him give you pointers on your how you may improve your riding skills. This will be offered on Friday & Saturday

The last thing we were told was that any of this could change at the last minute. How is that for covering your butt.

This should be a new type of WOS with many new things offered. It will be fun.

Johnny & Lou, CD'S



# From Chapter NC 02 - ACDs

Man what a month! Since our July Chapter gathering we have been on the go. We have been to eight chapter gatherings, the first annual Western Chapter Picnic, and an NC02 chapter dinner ride. It has been really good to see so many of you out on these chapter get-to-gethers.

For those of you who could not make it to the Western Chapter Picnic Ride we are sorry you had to miss this great ride. We had around 25 bikes and 45 people on that ride. I would like to thank Rick and Jan Dancy for all their hard work getting this ride together.

Within the last month our chapter has been lucky enough to capture the Western Travelers Plaque 2 times. I can't remember the last time we have had this plaque. This is proof of how we have come together in visiting other chapters. Let's make this happen more often!

As of this Sunday, August 21st, the Couples Plaques will be retired for 2011. Since January Beverly and I have been lucky enough to have captured this plaque 9 times. We would like to thank all of you who have traveled with us as we chased this plaque.

This Sunday we will be attending the Chapter Couples Picnic in Burlington along with Chapter Couples from across the State.

See you Sunday at Libby Hill!!  
Ron and Beverly





# CHAPTER EDUCATOR

LaMar Shelly

Where Are You?

As the year goes on and we are thinking about our rides and riding at this time of the year, I have been thinking over the past year and what may be beneficial to you as you are riding. I have talked about riding in hot weather. I have talked about riding in cold weather. I have talked about checking out the bike (or trike) and making sure it is in top shape for riding. Where to go from here?

As we think about going to WOS and the fun and support we will get from this gathering, I was thinking on how we can enhance our membership and the benefits we receive from our organization. I think maybe it would be a good idea to review our Levels program. We have some new people and us older people (years in chapter) may can see where we are in this program. I am going to post the different levels so we can all review and see where we are. Here goes.

## Level I: Safety by Commitment - *The first big step to success*



Level I of the Rider Education Program is also referred to as **Safe Miles**. It represents the commitment of the Rider and/or the Co-Rider to practice safe motorcycle operation whenever they operate their motorcycle.

Safety is a state of mind which can only be attained through total commitment. Every successful accomplishment begins with a commitment to reach the intended objective. This is true of the Rider Education Program and includes a promise to learn for the sake of Rider, Co-Rider, friends and family, and others on the road.

Though there is no mileage requirement to enter Level I, the commitment to safe riding is tracked by the number of accident free miles since joining GWRRR. Accident free miles are accumulated in 5,000 mile increments and may be updated at yearly intervals.

Requirement: Verbal commitment to ride safely at all times.

No cost to sign up. Patches available at \$6.00 per participant

Receive: "Safe Miles" patch, Rider (or Co-rider) Rocker, and mileage pin.

# Chapter Educator – cont'd...

## Level II: Safety by Education



Level II of the REP is also referred to as **Tour Rider**. It represents the commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to be safer motorcycle riders by taking approved motorcycle riding courses at regular intervals.

GWRRA has chosen several educational training programs for the Riders and Co-Riders such as the MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) programs, the United Sidecar Association course, the CSC (Canadian Safety Council) programs, and the GWRRA's Advanced Riding courses and Parking Lot Practice programs. (See note in the Rider Education Manual on PLP.)

Completing these courses provides the foundation and skills for your quest to be a safe motorcycle rider. All recognized programs with the exception of the PLP are taught by qualified and Nationally certified instructors. PLPs use our Facilitators to administer the program.

For the Co-Rider, we have provided an excellent seminar and "Two Up" programs to assist in their role in the safety aspect of motorcycle riding.

Motorcycle education goes "hand in hand" with commitment. The "on bike" education by MSF, USCA, CSC and GWRRA for the Rider and Co-Rider and the "off bike" education designed specifically for the Co-Rider, provide a very effective approach to motorcycle safety. This is when a REP participant truly begins to understand what the Level I commitment means and sees the value in the program.

Requirement: Rider - a Certified Rider Course with 5,000 safe miles. Co-Rider - certified Co-rider Seminar or 2-up Rider Course

No cost to sign up. Patches available at \$5.00 per participant

Receive: "Red Triangle" patch for either Rider or Co-rider signifying Level II participant.

## Level III: Safety by Preparedness

Level III of the REP is also referred to as **Certified Tour Rider/Co-Rider**. It represents the commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to be prepared in the event of an accident to give aid and possibly save lives. This is done by being knowledgeable in First Aid or CPR and carrying a first aid kit on their motorcycle at all times.

## Chapter Educator – cont'd...

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It would be wonderful if we could achieve the coveted goal of zero accidents, however, we know realistically, accidents will happen. Because of this, it is important to be fully prepared to lend aid to unfortunate accident victims. It is important to always be prepared to save a life. Level III of the Rider Education Program was developed to deal with such circumstances by recognizing and encouraging proper First Aid or CPR training. CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation), has been used to save many lives. Being trained to render CPR or First Aid is a tremendous asset to those the REP participant will come in contact with daily.

Requirement: Current in Level II and have taken either First Aid or CPR training

No cost to sign up. Patches available at \$4.00 per participant

Receive: "Certified Tour Rider" or "Certified Co-Rider" patch

### Level IV: Safety By Enhanced Commitment and Preparedness



Level IV is the most prestigious of the REP levels and is referred to as **Master Tour Rider/Co-Rider**. It represents the highest commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to safe riding and preparedness. This commitment is shown by a demonstrated history of safe miles and current certification in **both** First Aid **and** CPR.. These Master Tour Riders/Co-Riders are the finest example to everyone of the highest commitment to safe motorcycle operation and preparedness.

Level IV of the REP, the Master Tour Rider, was designed for those special caring individuals who desire to "be all they can be" with regards to motorcycle safety. The requirements are more stringent than Level III and require a greater commitment. These individuals are caring, trained and prepared with the experience to back them up. It is realized Level IV is not for everyone, but for those who desire to be of greater service to their fellow man, it is the correct prescription.

Why desire to be a Level IV Master Tour Rider? It's a worthy goal. Being prepared to save a life is a high calling indeed! These individuals are shining examples to the rest of the GWRRA membership. Others aspire to practice the same commitment as displayed by those who have attained Level IV. For that reason, because these individuals are ambassadors to the members at all levels, GWRRA provides a special gathering to celebrate the Master Tour Rider commitment each year at the District Rally, Region D Rally and Wing Ding.

Requirement: Current in Level III for one year and have taken both First Aid and CPR training. Have 25,000 Safe Miles and must be committed to riding with "Proper Riding Gear" at all times.

Cost: \$35.00 for each participant (Black and Gold patch is available for another \$8.00)

Receive: "Special Triangular" patch with dark blue border and your individual Master number embroidered on it.

**Note: all Level Program Patches are also available in "Black and Gold" at a charge of \$1.00 extra per level for levels I, II, and III.**

**So there you have the program structure:**

**Level I Safety by Commitment**

**Level II Safety by Education**

**Level III Safety by Preparedness**

**Level IV Safety by Enhanced Commitment and Preparedness**

The GWRRA is proud to present the Rider Education Program. We encourage you to think seriously about motorcycle safety and be a participant in the GWRRA Rider Education Program. You should also remember the old cliché, "an ounce of prevention **IS** worth a pound of cure." Always wear protective riding apparel!

I hope this may be a help and refresher for each of us and hopefully help us to be a more prepared rider.

Now we are ready to go and enjoy what we like and that is **THE RIDE!!!!!!!!!!**

LaMar Shelly  
Chapter Educator

## **RIDER EDUCATION**

**Our Motto...**

**"Safety is for Life"**

**Our Mission...**

**" To Save Lives Through Quality,  
World Class Education"**



Hope you can read this, if not look it up on the District web site. If time permits, Ronald and I plan to take a few of these courses. Come join us! Beverly

# WOS Rider Ed Courses

## Thursday Sept 22nd

Times	Course title	Course description
1 pm to 4 pm	Trike Course (Classroom)	This course is designed to provide trike riders with coaching and instruction focused on braking, swerving and turning. A unique experience for the three-wheeler set. Cost is \$40 for 1 up and \$45 for 2 up
1 pm to 5 pm	Medic First Aid (Renewal ONLY)	Learn how to handle many first aid emergencies and how to save a life. Both CPR and First Aid are hands on courses that add to your qualifications for level III. Cost is \$20 per person
3 pm to 4 pm	Motorcycle Crash Scene Response (MCSR)	The unthinkable happens. Are you prepared to cope with an accident scene? This course suggests an appropriate course of action when a crash has occurred and prepares the member to respond with knowledge and confidence.
4 pm to 5 pm	Co-Rider Seminar	The seminar is essentially the same as the video but presents the opportunity for discussion and Question and Answer sessions

## Friday Sept 23rd

Times	Course title	Course description
8 am to NOON	Medic First Aid (Renewal ONLY)	Learn how to handle many first aid emergencies and how to save a life. Both CPR and First Aid are hands on courses that add to your qualifications for level III. Cost is \$20 per person
9 am to 10 am	Trailering Seminar	Gold Wings are the experts when it comes to trailering behind touring bikes. This video presents an overview of various types of trailers, hitches, wiring, safety chains, suspensions, wheels and riding techniques
10 am to 11 am	Motorcycling for the Mature Rider (MMR)	Informational tips for motorcyclists who want to continue to ride safely at age 50 and older.
1 pm to 2 pm	Co-Rider Seminar	The seminar is essentially the same as the video but presents the opportunity for discussion and Question and Answer sessions
2 pm to 3 pm	Motorcycle Crash Scene Response (MCSR)	The unthinkable happens. Are you prepared to cope with an accident scene? This course suggests an appropriate course of action when a crash has occurred and prepares the member to respond with knowledge and confidence.
3 pm to 4 pm	Motorcycling for the Mature Rider (MMR)	Informational tips for motorcyclists who want to continue to ride safely at age 50 and older.
8 am to NOON	Trike Course Range Exercises (group 1)	The other part of ESC's S/TEP is their trike course. Operating a trike is a different experience from two wheelers. Hands-on trike training is provided. Cost is \$40 for 1 up and \$45 for 2 up
1 pm to 5 pm	Trike Course Range Exercises (group 2)	The other part of ESC's S/TEP is their trike course. Operating a trike is a different experience from two wheelers. Hands-on trike training is provided. Cost is \$40 for 1 up and \$45 for 2 up

## Saturday Sept 24th

Times	Course title	Course description
8 am to 3 pm	Medic First Aid (Initial Cert or Renewal)	Learn how to handle many first aid emergencies and how to save a life. Both CPR and First Aid are hands on courses that add to your qualifications for Level III. Cost is \$20 per person
8 am to 9 am	Motorcycling for the Mature Rider (MMR)	Informational tips for motorcyclists who want to continue to ride safely at age 50 and older.
9 am to 10 am	Team Riding Seminar	Team riding involves cooperative communication between the entire team. Learn the do's and don'ts of riding together and enjoy the entire journey

# **YOUR Chapter Couple of the Year - Ron & Bev**

As Ronald and I prepare our resume for the Chapter Couple selection process, I have been thinking about all the new couples we have met since January:

Melvin and Bertie from Monroe – with the green and white trike;

Mike and Lynn from Forest City and the funny story she told about getting into an ant farm when she had to use the potty in the woods;

Willard and Helen from Morganton-they always have smiles on their faces;

Paul and Margaret-every time Margaret wins at a Chapter gathering she says “I’m going to Disney!”;

Jeff and Wanda from Gastonia - how many motorcycles do they have now??;

John and Marie from High Point who we admire so much!

And of course we have really grown close to Mike and Dean Stokes-NC Couple;

And have become closer with Evan and Cindy-Region N Couple.

We have had a great time getting to know these new friends.

But I think one of the most important parts of being the Chapter Couple this year has been getting closer to our own Chapter members. You have all been so supportive of us – traveling with us to other Chapter gatherings and open houses – and lots of times hauling us there in your own vehicles-using your gas.

This is the reason we will be representing you (to the best of our ability-??) at WOS. (Should be entertaining!)

Thank you so much NC02 for allowing us to have this experience!

Ron and Bev Chapman  
Your Chapter Couple 2011

# Coaches Corner

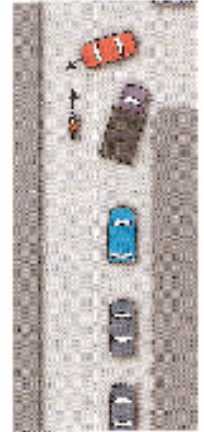
*Whiteboard  
discussion*

*by Paul Lenzmeier*



## The Deadly Rush to Ride

How long does it take you to navigate your neighborhood streets and a major traffic corridor to finally reach the edge of town where the ride you had in mind can finally begin? As eager as we are to reach the real road, the stop and go city ride may be the last thing you want to rush. Check out this imaginary scenario.



It's been a long week at work and Friday is finally here. The chapter has a dinner ride and I don't plan on missing it. Our departure point is at the edge of town, but getting there takes some time and patience. It's hard to be patient when you have so much power and posture at your disposal. Just a slight twist of the throttle and I can pass pretty much anything that stands between me and my dinner ride.

As I advance my perimeter beyond the decaffeinated streets of our neighborhood, traffic speeds begin to pick up a bit. I am on a two lane road with a speed limit of 45 MPH. Now this is more like it... until I come up behind a line of several cars at an intersection, all stacked up behind a large commercial vehicle that is taking his sweet time making a right turn onto a side street.

From the number one position of my riding lane (far left) I can see past all the vehicles in front of me except the big one that is gumming up the traffic. There is no oncoming traffic, making the oncoming lane completely vacant. There is no solid line so this would be a legal place to pass. This looks like a good opportunity to make up some time and get past this string of cars while they are still at a crawl behind the turning truck.

I signal my intentions, head check the left lane to make sure I am not being passed, and proceed to pull out into the oncoming lane. As I accelerate past the row of cars I am certain this was the right move for the situation. Then as I begin to pass the right-turning panel truck I see the front end of a car coming out and turning left in front of me. What the...

Ok, I'll tell you "what the..." In my eagerness to take part in the dinner ride, I failed to anticipate the possibility that a vehicle might occupy the only spot I could not see. As clean and safe as the road ahead appeared, I forgot the words spoken by my Rider Coach. "Anytime your view is obstructed, assume there is a vehicle lurking there."

Great! Now I get to T-bone a Buick and practice my Evel Knievel flying routine as I am catapulted over his vehicle. And that is just the beginning of my troubles and heartaches. This is a good time to recite the famous cry of any good Minnesota Vikings fan, "Well, there's always next year!"

Ride Safe! Paul & Susann Lenzmeier, Chapter D Educators



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Chapter D's website is at:  
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## A New Tip For Using Windex

I haven't checked "snopes.com" to see if this actually works or not but, they say if you ever get the sudden urge to run around naked, you should sniff Windex first. It will keep you from streaking...

Submitted by T. MacMillan



Did you know that the Old Soldiers Reunion in Newton, NC is the longest standing patriotic celebration in the nation? It has been held almost every year since 1889, during the third week in August, veterans gather together for a week of celebration. There are only two years during which the event was not held, 1944 and 1948, due to polio outbreaks.

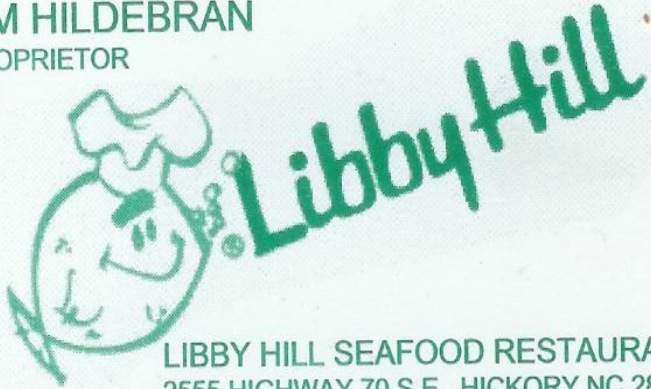
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