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Chapter NC- 02 HICKORY NC

Next Gathering

Sunday, September 18, 2011

Eat at 5 - Meet at 6

Libby Hill Seafood

Hwy 70
Hickory, NC

Bring Can Goods to the Meeting

The expense of children going back to school has been a hardship for many families, let alone not enough food for the family. Our response for collecting food has declined. Please be mindful there is still a great need in our communities. Please try to bring at least one can of food to our next meeting.

Barbara J.

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Happy Anniversary

Gerald & Lina Sipe – September 2
Lamar & Sara Shelly – September 6
Charles & Barbara Janus – October 9

Lisa Logsdon – September 7
Steve Pruitt – September 17
Brenda Reynolds – October 20
Meredith MacMillan – October 30
Diane Nantz – October 30

Remember our Members in Prayer

Barbara Janus
Ted MacMillan
Lena Sipe
Lee Graves

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HELP US TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY

20% - yes, 20% of our regions children live in POVERTY according to the Western Piedmont Council of Governments. Our region covers Catawba, Caldwell, Burke and Alexander counties. That means over 57,000 people live below the poverty level. Folks who have always been independent and fought to make ends meet are now facing an economic struggle and seeking help.
(Info taken from HDR article published 8/21/11)

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



Twelve of us from 02 made the trip to Sandy Plains Baptist Church this past Saturday for a good ride and plenty of food. I feel bad for those who for one reason or another were not able to go. Certainly there were members that had done more than their share of work and support of 02, but missed out on the dinner paid for by the chapter. I was expressing this to a former CD, Gerald Sipe, when he gave me some good advice. Gerald told me that as a CD you just have to make the best choice you can and go with it. Gerald said that it was probably impossible to pick a date that would be good for everyone. We did miss those that were not there.

We have our gathering this Sunday, September 18th. After that it is on to Wings Over the Smokies and more fun. I have put together our work schedule for Saturday, September 24th at the lower parking lot. We can look this over on Sunday and see if it fits in with everyone schedule. I am looking forward to some time riding and having fun with our chapter members. Ron & Beverly will be representing NC-02 as the Couple of the Year so let us make sure we come out and support them. They have done a fine job of being our Couple this year and I know we are all proud of them. See you on Sunday.

Johnny & Lou
NC-02 CD'S



From Chapter NC 02 - ACDs



Hello NC 02 Wingers,

Hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather the last few days. We sure are.

This past month has been kind of a relaxing month for Beverly and myself since the Couples plaque chase has come to an end. (Don't quite know what to do with ourselves.)

There were eleven from our Chapter that attended the Ride For Kids. It was a blessing to see the "Stars" and hear what they have been doing this summer. The total donations that day were \$113,000. This sure says a lot for GWRRA and motorcyclists as a whole. There were at least 300 bikes on this beautiful ride for the kids.

On Saturday, September 3rd Beverly and I attended the Waynesville gathering; and on Saturday, September 10th twelve from our Chapter went to Steve Pruitt's church for their annual BBQ dinner. It was a great day for a ride.

At Wings Over the Smokies we will be representing NC02 in the District Couples Selection process. We appreciate all your support this year, and it sure would be good to have you with us on Friday at 1:30 in the log building at WOS.

Hope everyone is ready for WOS. We are looking forward to spending some quality time with everyone.

Your ACDs
Ronald and Beverly





CHAPTER EDUCATOR

LaMar Shelly

September is here and that only means one thing –
Wings Over The Smokies

I hope everyone will participate in some way while we are there.

There are a lot of chances to take some course(s). If you want to get some information on the courses being offered, you can look at the agenda or ask any officer. I get asked from time to time about when we are going to have some courses. Now would be a good time to get that extra training. The courses offered there will help keep you current with your levels or enable you to move to the next level. And, this is also what keeps our non profit status.

I was talking to some folks over the weekend about riding. I couldn't stress enough how important it is to take safety courses. I find myself practicing the same of safety skills while I am driving a vehicle that I do when driving a motorcycle. This is not just coincidence. This happens because we take safety and practice until it becomes second nature. That is why taking these courses and practicing them on our bikes will also help us in all our driving.

I hope to see you all at WOS and enjoy riding in this wonderful weather we are having now.

Be safe and have fun on the bikes.

LaMar Shelly
Chapter Educator

RIDER EDUCATION

Our Motto...

"Safety is for Life"

Our Mission...

" To Save Lives Through Quality, World Class Education"



Is Technology Moving Faster Than Our Common Sense?!

In past years, “high tech” distractions while driving our cars were:

- Tuning our AM/FM radio
- Playing our 8 track players
- Playing our cassette tapes
- Playing our iPods
- Using our cell phones
- Texting

Today, some of our new cars are bringing distractions to a much higher level. Automobile manufacturers are using “multi-function” controllers which means that a single function knob will perform several functions. Go beyond the function you are looking for and you have to start all over again. This can take your eyes off the road for several seconds. If you ride an 1800 Goldwing, you are familiar with “multi-function” knobs.

One step functions have now become five or six! Here are three examples:

The 2011 Hyundai Equus requires five steps to preset a radio station.

The 2011 BMW 750i requires six steps to manually tune the radio.

The 2012 Ford Focus requires six steps to play music on an iPod or other device, through the USB port

Talk about distractions, the automobile manufacturers are now coupling the Internet/Web, Facebook and Twitter with their navigation systems. They are trying anything and everything to attract customers. But are we really moving forward? Are we balancing safety and technology?

High technology yes, but why use such complicated control systems and cluttered display screens in a moving vehicle? And, what could this mean for new, inexperienced drivers?

Written by
Ted MacMillan

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DISTRICT: <http://www.gwrranc.org/>

NC02 FALL RIDE AND EVENT LIST

September 18 th	NC02 Chapter Gathering
September 22 nd – 24 th	Wings Over the Smokies
September 24 th	Asheville/Hendersonville Chapter Gathering
October 1 st	Morganton Chapter Fund Raiser
October 9 th	Bear Creek Marina Dinner Ride
October 16 th	NC02 Chapter Gathering
October 22 nd	Banner Elk Wooly Worm Festival
October 25 th	Dinner Ride
November 12 th	Cookout
November 14 th	Golden Corral – Veteran's Dinner
November 25 th	100 MPH Ride-Charlotte Motor Speedway
December 3 rd	J Iverson Riddle Center-Gifts on Cycles

A Lesson in Financial Planning

Dan was a single guy living at home with his father and working in the family business.

When he found out he was going to inherit a fortune when his sickly father died, he decided he needed to find a wife with whom to share his fortune.

One evening, at an investment meeting, he spotted the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. Her natural beauty took his breath away.

"I may look like just an ordinary guy," he said to her, "But in just a few years my father will die and I will inherit \$200 million".

Impressed, the woman asked for his business card and three days later, she became his stepmother.

Women are so much better at financial planning than men.

J.A.M.s On The Road!



Guadalupe Desert, temperature 110 and no rain for over 2 years

We ran away! June 25th we left Conover for Horn Beck, Louisiana! Got there on Sunday and stayed two days with our grandkids and their three Great Kids! Then we headed for Troup, Texas, the home of Motor Trike. We needed the trunk leak repaired and to visit the plant. But as fate would have it, we had problems with the wiring on the trike! On the road to the Grandkids house the GPS sent us on a road that turned into a road that would make a 4wheeling mad man happy. All instruments and lights went out and we had to wing-it by GPS. Motor Trike replaced the trunk seal, which was put in the wrong groove during the trike installment. Then they tackled the wiring problem! After six hours of hard labor the problem was found. The main harness, that supplies the rear lighting, had been run over the trike section and not in the holder for the harness. The company charged us a whopping bill of \$000.00 and gave apologies for the problem that the installer caused!! We then left for New Mexico, destination Carlsbad Caverns! After visiting some of "Mother Nature's" finest work of art, under ground, we then headed for Albuquerque, New Mexico. While on a pit stop there a person rode on one of those scooters that you don't need license, you know what they call them! Stopped and after looking our NC trike over asked us "do you know where the nearest I-Hop is". I guess here is your sign!!!!!! From there we headed for Oklahoma and Route 66. We stopped at Cline's Corner for lunch and some trinkets for friends and family. Next stop Arkansas! Then on to Knoxville, Tennessee, where we got a day-pass, for Wing Ding. We caught up with Tony and Rita White. We spent the day with them spending money and having a great time. From there it was homeward bound!

After 3720 miles Brenda & I have lots of great memories and pictures to add to our travels!

"a lot of shaking going on" at Wing Ding!!





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BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS, NC

HOME OF "WINGS OVER THE SMOKIES"

"Listen To People"

NC District Training Program Coordinators– Alan & Carolyn Little

Good day Wingers,

How many times have you heard someone say "nobody ever listens to me"? I know we all remember those times when we were kids, and it felt like nobody really cared what we thought, what we wanted to do, or what we said. It can be a morale killer when no one listens to what you have to say. And yes, it can also carry over to how our leaders deal with members. In our OCP classes, we stress that we're here for the members, and reinforce the concept that it's our responsibility to react to the needs of our members. Sometimes that's not being accomplished, and sometimes it's a perception that nobody's listening. We can ALL benefit if we learn to Listen To People.

It's never been any more important. In fact, it's absolutely necessary if we expect growth and continuity within the organization. Our chapters include some brilliant professionals who have some great ideas and suggestions. There is often a wealth of knowledge that we need to tap into, which is often a big challenge. GWRRA has always been great at inventing new and creative methods to accomplish the mission. So, if you're a chapter leader, ask your chapter team to do some "outside the box" thinking, and encourage them to REALLY Listen To People. Now, before you stone me, let me point out that I'm not advocating that folks just complain about what's going wrong. Let your chapter participants know that when they come to you with a complaint, request that they have a suggestion or a proposed solution that will address the complaint. This could discourage the bickering remarks, and encourage new creative ideas.

We need to adopt the phrase that Ed and Linda Johnson, International MEP Directors, use on their correspondence, "We're listening, what's your solution?" That's great advice for all of us.

Alan & Carolyn



Speak no evil, See no evil, and Hear no evil....or is it Larry, Moe & Curly???

"No, it's not a Harley"

Whiskers

Beachcomber

"A dozen oysters—lightly steamed—please"

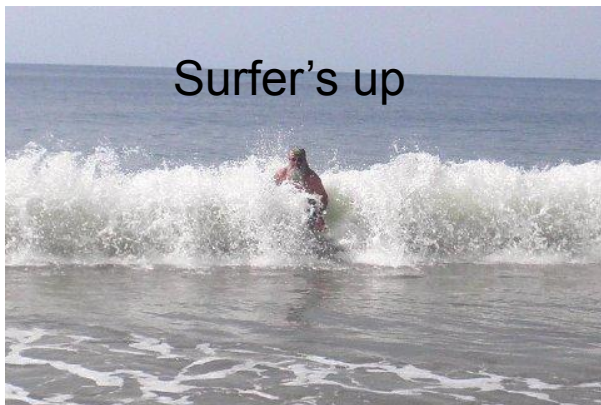


Claire & Whiskers went to Oak Island from Thursday - Monday on Labor Day Weekend. They stayed at their neighbor's 1960 beach house. It is located about half way down Oak Island with nothing but a small 2 lane road and some sand between the house and the ocean. Whiskers has been riding motorcycles since 1972 and it is the first time that he has trailed a bike to go on a trip.

Friday they hung out on the beach and on Oak Island. Saturday they rode the bike and took the Southport ferry to Ft. Fisher, rode up through Kure Beach & Carolina Beach to Wilmington. They enjoyed some good food. They rode back to Oak Island on Hwy 74 and Hwy 133 which goes through the middle of nowhere.

Claire enjoyed walking on the beach, reading, and relaxing. Whiskers hung out on a hammock, eating, playing in the ocean, eating, (and enjoyed watching the rays jumping out of the water!), and eating!

Surfer's up



"Hangin" out

Shark attack!!



YOUR Chapter Couple of the Year - Ron & Bev

Have you heard the expression “What’s two is three”? Usually I have heard that used when negative situations happen. But week before last it was 3 good things, or should I say Great things!

--First there was a friend at work who had a kidney removed about a year ago because it had a malignant tumor - which is called renal cancer - for which there is no cure. He had gone back to have 6 month follow up blood work done and a CAT scan. The blood work and the CAT scan showed problems. We were all worried when the doctor ordered a PET scan. We did a lot of praying over the following week for fear the renal cancer had spread. When the results came back, it was good news. The spots that had showed up on the CAT scan were not cancer!! What a blessing!

--Second there was my uncle who has been diabetic since he was 25. He has battled this disease for 45 years. He has been legally blind for 30 years but was still able to work for the Air Force and a Civil Service job for many years. A couple weeks ago, during the night, he went into a diabetic coma. He was in and out of that coma for over a week and the doctors were at a loss as to what to do. One day a rehab technician came into his room and told my uncle it was time for him to get out of bed – and you know what? – he did! He swung his legs over the side of the bed and started working. Come to find out this rehab guy was an old, old friend of his that he had not seen in years, but when he heard his voice it really got his attention. My Uncle Franklin is home now and doing good again – an answer to another prayer.

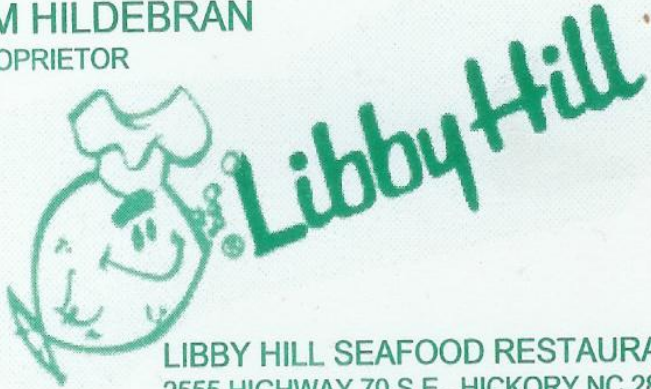
--Third there is Sarah Simmons, a friend I have made through the Ride For Kids. I met Sarah at the Ride For Kids in 2009. I guess I was attracted to her because of her name which was written in big letters and pinned to her jacket that year. I had talked to her grandmother and learned that Sarah’s brain tumor was found when she was 5 years old. When I saw Sarah in 2010 she was under going chemo and another treatment at the same time and had lost her beautiful red hair. Sarah is 11 now, and this year when I searched for Sarah at the 2011 Ride For Kids I found her with her Mother and Grandmother. Sarah has finished her treatments and her tumor is not growing now! Her beautiful red hair is back!

What’s two is three – and that’s a good thing!!

Beverly



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