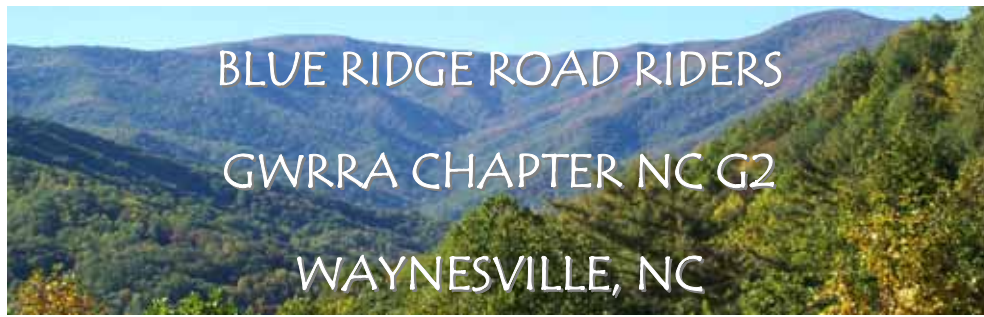




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JOIN US ON THE 1ST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT FAT BUDDIES RIBS & BBQ

*EAT AT 3:00—MEET AT 4:00*

LOCATED AT 193 STAPLES/WAYNESVILLE PLAZA IN WAYNESVILLE NC!

**FROM OUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS RICHARD & PEGGY WHEELER**

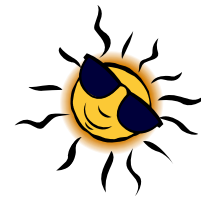
Welcome to a cool summer. It is so nice to live in the cool mountains. Sounds good anyway even if it is not true. But no matter how hot is here it is still cooler than a lot of other places. We are lucky to live in these mountains. We can always ride the Blue Ridge where it is always beautiful and cool.

I hope all of you have been riding and having fun. I know you all have been eating well because we have been on some great dinner rides. Thanks to Stan and Nancy for all the great rides and great food. I think that we all are in agreement that the Farmer's Daughter was one of the best places we have visited. I hope we can repeat that one.

Thanks to all of you who attended the deck party. It was wonderful to have all of you in our home. I hope you all had a good time. I know we sure have some good cooks in this chapter. And how about that entertainment! Thank you Mark K. for the wonderful music, you were great as usual. We are lucky to have you. I know our neighbor Brenda sure did enjoy your music. We enjoyed having Mel and Joy with us. Do you think we can talk them into staying in North Carolina longer?

I know some of you went to Wing Ding so I hope you all had a great time. It was great to have it so close to us.

Wings Over the Smokies is fast approaching. I am not sure what job our chapter will be doing this year. There is a planning meeting on July 31. Peggy and I are going to try to attend. Maybe we will have more information at our August meeting.



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Meanwhile, if you have not registered yet, please do so. And keep selling those tickets. That is how we get paid for working and we need that money to have fun with.

Our annual cookout and camping trip is September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Deep Creek Campground in Bryson City. If you are planning on camping you need to make your reservations. We are looking forward to this. We always have a great time.

As you all know, we have a new couple in our chapter. Becky and John have already been on a few rides and events with us. They are a great couple and we sure are happy they chose our chapter. I know they will be a great asset to the chapter. We have a great bunch of people in our chapter. Peggy and I consider you all our good friends and we feel blessed to know all of you.

Please keep Joann Blackwell in your thoughts and prayers. She is having a rough time right now. Get well soon Joann! We miss you!

Don't forget our meeting on August 6<sup>th</sup> at Fat Buddies. Our ride pot is growing and I need some money. Thanks again to all of you for all the help you give Peggy and me. We could not do this without you.

Keep riding and ride safe.

*Richard and Peggy*



WINGS OVER SMOKIES 2011

SEPTEMBER 22–24, WNC AGRICULTURAL CENTER

FLETCHER, NC

IF YOU HAVEN'T REGISTERED FOR OUR DISTRICT RALLY,

PLEASE REGISTER ASAP!

FROM OUR ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS—MARK & JOANN THOMPSON

## Friends in the Wind

Wing Ding finished up yesterday and I understand it was a great success. Several of our G2 members went to Wing Ding including Stan & Nancy, Jim & Betty, Bear & Donna, Dan & Mona, Mark & Charlotte, Kay & Klunk, Sue, and JoAnn & I - that I know of. It's amazing how you can be within a crowd of some 15,000 to 20,000 people and manage to run into your own chapter members. JoAnn & I had a wonderful time. We did a little shopping and a lot of visiting with good friends. I must say that of all the rallies that we've been to in our 16 years of membership with GWRRA, Knoxville was extraordinarily welcoming of Wing Ding. We (GWRRA - Wing Ding) were mentioned and footage shown in every newscast that we watched while we were there. Locals in the restaurants talked to us and thanked us for being there. Apparently, we were a huge boost to their economy and they were very appreciative of it.

So far we have had a wonderful riding season. We've been on several rides, all of which have been a lot of fun with a great group of people.

Since May 1<sup>st</sup> we've been to Cupboard Café for a breakfast ride, Natural Tunnels, Va for an over-nighter, Shatley Springs, NC for an over-nighter, Chimney Rock / Lake Lure on a picnic ride. There have also been some dinner rides, but the turn-out for the dinner rides haven't been as well attended as we'd like them to be.

And, the season is only now getting in to full swing. For the next couple of months, we're going to: Farmer's Daughter Restaurant, TN for a day ride, Dinner Ride to Kosta's, Deck Party at Richard & Peggy's, Bulls' Gap, TN for a day ride No one can say this chapter doesn't ride! That brings up the subject of participation. Obviously, we'd like to see all our chapter members participate in all the rides. We know that can't happen, but we'd love to see more of you that don't participate as much as others. You're missing great times and the company of the best people in western NC! Please take a look at your calendars and see if you can fit in a ride or 2 with us!

We had a really good meeting in July. We had 4 guests - Mel & Joy Wilson from Florida that are renting a house in Waynesville for the summer and John & Becky Honaker. They are also from Florida (who isn't?), but live in Franklin permanently now. We welcome them and hope they consider joining our chapter and going on some rides with us.

A few items that we talked about were changing the Holiday/End of Season Party that is scheduled for Oct 29<sup>th</sup> to be changed from J. Arthurs to Cataloochee Ranch. If anyone has any comments on that change, please let us know.

Mark K gave a safety talk on mental awareness while riding. If your mind isn't in the ride, you shouldn't be riding! Good talk, great information Mark - Thanks! Stan told us about some of the rides we've been on and some that we are going on. He was rather colorful in his telling and we got a kick out of the stories. He brought up an idea for a 2-night ride to Harper's Ferry, VA. We are going to schedule this for either August 12 & 13 coming home on the 14<sup>th</sup>, or August 19 & 20 coming home on the 21<sup>st</sup>. We will keep you posted on how this develops.

As always...ride safe, Mark & JoAnn

## Chimney Rock Appreciates G2

I received a phone call from Jeff at Chimney Rock. He was the contact person that helped our chapter to reserve the Pavilion and the "Group Rate." He learned the other day that the Chimney Rock staff changed the group rate to full rate when we arrived because we didn't have the 20 people required for a "group". He was very upset about it and went to the accountant and his boss about it. They are refunding our chapter \$32.50 to honor the group rate that was quoted to me. They really appreciate motorcycle groups and they don't want us to have a bad taste in our mouth. They would love to have us come back and sincerely apologize for changing the rate on us. Also, Jeff was in the parking lot at the top and video taped us riding up there. He said we made a big effort to wave at him (and his nephew). The video is going to be put on Chimney Rock's Facebook page. He will notify me when it gets posted. I just thought ya'll would like to know that Chimney Rock Park is honorable and very welcoming of our group. I told him we will be back!!

Joann Thompson

### G2 WEBSITE

WE HAVE A NEW SPONSOR FOR OUR WEBSITE!

THE GRASSROOTS CAFÉ IN HORSE SHOE NC

***THANK YOU TO OUR CURRENT SPONSORS***

- CYCLE ACCESSORY STORE—MARK & JOANN THOMPSON
  - MOUNTAIN TRIKES—STAN & NANCY WOOTEN
- JAYNE WILLIAMSON—KELLER WILLIAMS REAL ESTATE
  - LIBERTY TAX SERVICE—JOANN BLACKWELL

### WINNERS FROM OUR JULY MEETING

- Nancy won a book of raffle tickets for \$5,000 prize at WOS
- John Honaker won the vest drawing
- Charlotte won a \$10 gift certificate to Fat Buddies
- Janie Gaddy won a \$10 gift certificate to Jack's Leather Shack
- Peggy (of course) won the Ride Pot for \$36
- Nancy & Klunk won a 50/50 for \$25



## SAFETY EDUCATION

As motorcycle enthusiasts we all love to ride. We all ride for different purposes, some for pleasure, and some for work. With the raising fuel prices many of us will depend on our motorcycles for transportation to and from work for fuel savings as well as pleasure rides. We are all familiar with pre-ride inspections, keeping our bikes in mechanical order and proper riding gear. All these things promote your safety when riding and we don't have to drum this into your mind here. I would like to provide some other food for thought.

Think of your travels and the significance of time as it pertains to your trip. Are you hurried or rushed, late for work or to meet somewhere. This can change an enjoyable ride into a stressful, rushed situation and can easily create distraction and impair your concentration on the important factors of riding. You lose the awareness of the hazards and simply lose the enjoyment of the ride.

If you allow ample time for departing to your destination, you can enjoy the ride with less stress and concentrate on your safety. You may even decide to leave early to allow for some back road driving to your destination whereby avoiding the congested roads and arrive stress free. Back roads can take a bit more time but consider it in comparison to sitting in bumper to bumper traffic on your way to work. It could be a simple difference of 10 minutes more but far more enjoyable.

So many people drive from point A to point B and the fastest route they can take and miss out on the enjoyment of what is in between. So next time you need to head out either for pleasure or for work in either your bike or car think about your time and is it more important to be rushed to your destination and sacrifice safety or would it be better to allow for extra time for safety and to ENJOY THE RIDE.

*Ride Safe and remember Safety Is Everyone's Responsibility*

Mark and Charlotte Krawczyk, Rider Educators NC-G2



FROM JOANN THOMPSON

It is my humble opinion that we have the best chapter - period! We come up with outstanding rides to great places, we have the best leads and tail gunners in the "fleet", a ride coordinator that could find his way out of maze blindfolded, and a group of people that love to ride and truly care about each other.

Our ride to Farmer's Daughter Restaurant was terrific. The first part of the week, the country was broiling in 3 digit temperatures (including our own Asheville) and when it came time for our ride, it didn't go over 75 or 80. We hit a little mist and few drops here and there, but nothing to dampen our ride experience. The food was delicious, served family style, and could challenge Dillard House and come out the winner. Our stops were multifunctional - gas, beverages, bathrooms, and butt breaks, which was great, and the scenery was awesome with the mountains shrouded in clouds as a backdrop with the rolling green hills and farmland in the foreground.

It's a pleasure to participate in the planning of these rides along with our other members when the outcome is so much fun and with such good friends. *JOANN*

Ride to Farmers Daughter Family Style Restaurant

We had a fabulous ride up through Hot Springs and onto Greenville, Tennessee.

We rode many winding country roads and absorbed all the beautiful scenery along the way. Some minor drizzly rain presented itself after Hot Springs and followed us most of the trip yet we all enjoyed the journey up and back. It was another great route from Stan and Nancy of wonderful roads to travel. We rode in two groups of six bikes group one Stan (lead) Mark T (drag) and group two Dan W (lead) and myself Mark K (drag). Mike and Pat Lintner also provided additional tail gunning in their four wheeler. We hit a few pink lights that kept Mike behind but with good communication we all stayed together. Great job Mike. Everything went excellent with the two groups and Dan did a wonderful job as lead bike. We had a very safe and most enjoyable trip.

The food at Farmers Daughter was fabulous and I would highly recommend the restaurant to anyone who happens by that area. I would like a return trip myself.

All in all, a great ride, great friends and great food.

Mark & Charlotte Krawczyk

SENDING HEALING THOUGHTS

PLEASE KEEP EDDIE & JOANN BLACKWELL IN YOUR PRAYERS, JOANN IS RECOVERING FROM SURGERY FOLLOWING A HEART ATTACK AND HAS HAD AN EXTENDED STAY IN THE HOSPITAL.

## G2 - KNOWN FOR ITS FRIENDLY FACES AND KINDNESS

### KIND WORDS FROM A WING DING VISITOR

For the G2 members who visited Stan and Nancy Wooten's Booth / Trailer at the Wing Ding, we're sure you remember all the flurry of activity. Their booth was a magnet to visitors as well as G2 members. When we arrived, we felt comfortable enough to pull up a chair to watch all the activity as did so many others. While watching Nancy give out smiles and hand out information to so many curious customers, G2 members there did what we usually do, laugh, laugh and laugh some more. Stan stayed busy answering technical and mechanical questions. We were quite amused at some of the unusual questions he received in the short time we were there.

Nancy wanted everyone to know that after returning home, a gentleman from Wise, Virginia was so impressed with the hospitality that he received at their booth, he took the time to write a note. It reads:

Nancy, I appreciate you and Stan taking my call last night. If you are a sample of friendliness and kindness that is in the local Gold Wing chapter, we wish we could be part of it. Sincerely, Stephen Sawyer, Wise, Va

Little do we realize what an impact we make on people around us when we're all together during events, rides and functions. G2 reflects what GWRRA is all about, the comfort of belonging to a big, wonderful family. We should be proud that we display that where ever we go! Mona & Dan Wallen

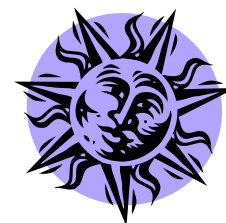
### THE DECK PARTY

We wanted to send out a special THANK YOU to Peggy and Richard for having us all to their home for such a great Deck Party. As always, with all of our G-2 members another great time among friends and great food. We will have to nickname Mark T. "Smoky". He did a great job manning the grill and all the food was fabulous. Such a great group.

Mark and Charlotte Krawczyk.

Joy and I want to thank Richard and Peggy for hosting a wonderful Deck Party, the food and entertainment was excellent. We would also like to thank everyone in the chapter for making us feel welcome for the short time that we're here. We look forward to joining you guys and gals on more rides before we leave at the end of August.

Thanks, Mel & Joy Wilson



## SPECIAL DATES FOR OUR MEMBERS

### BIRTHDAYS

ERIC WOODS 8/9    RICHARD WHEELER 8/26 \* DEANNA CLARK 8/31 \* DEBBIE HUNTER 8/13

### GWRRA ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Juanita Gaddis



## BEFORE AND AFTER



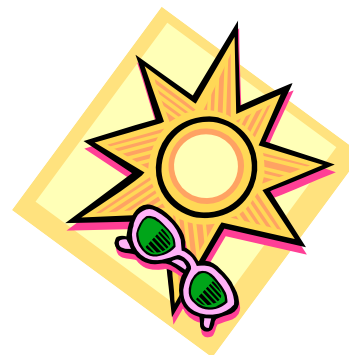
DONNA AND BEAR VISITED HERSHEY, PA ON A RECENT TRIP.

BEAR SURE ENJOYED THAT BIG CANDY BAR!

## RECIPE CORNER

### ROSEMARY RANCH CHICKEN KABOBS

- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/2 cup ranch dressing
- 3 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh rosemary
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon white vinegar
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper, or to taste
- 1 tablespoon white sugar, or to taste (optional)
- 5 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves - cut into 1 inch cubes



### Directions

In a medium bowl, stir together the olive oil, ranch dressing, Worcestershire sauce, rosemary, salt, lemon juice, white vinegar, pepper, and sugar. Let stand for 5 minutes. Place chicken in the bowl, and stir to coat with the marinade. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes. Preheat the grill for medium-high heat. Thread chicken onto skewers and discard marinade. Lightly oil the grill grate. Grill skewers for 8 to 12 minutes, or until the chicken is no longer pink in the center, and the juices run clear.

Calories: 378 | Total Fat: 30.7g | Cholesterol: 59mg

**Restoring Our Heroes Ride**  
**Benefitting the Veteran Restoration Quarters**  
**September 24, 2011**

By Jayne Williamson NC-M2

The Veteran Restoration Quarters (VRQ) is a unique residential program serving the greater Western North Carolina area. The program is home to over 230 homeless men including 210 Veterans who have served their country honorably from the days of Vietnam to the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. An outreach of Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry (ABCCM) it is a transitional housing program with funding assistance from the Veteran's Administration and over 265 area churches.

Services provided include:

- Free room and board for residents as well as those men in the emergency shelter program.
- Case management services, individual counseling and support
- Onsite AA meetings
- Assistance in finding employment, housing and improved credit.
- Onsite culinary arts program with certification and other classes through AB-Tech
- Onsite truck-driving training for CDL license.
- Full-time nurse and chaplain.
- Transportation to the VA Medical Center and downtown.

300 Vets were put back to work just this past year alone. ABCCM is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit charitable organization with 95 cents of every dollar raised going directly to services. This is a one-of-a-kind operation for the Veterans and is a prototype for programs nationwide.

I was asked to help them put together this event in conjunction with the Vietnam Moving Wall. The Wall will be at the Harley-Davidson dealership in Swannanoa, just a few miles down the road beginning a few days prior to this event. It was an honor to work with ABCCM on this to make the public aware of the plight of the homeless Veterans. More information, a downloadable registration form and sponsorship form are available at [www.abccm.org](http://www.abccm.org). Click on events. If you are not able to attend, please consider a donation. \$35 a day feeds, houses and educates one Veteran. After all they've given for us, it's the least we can do for them. They are not looking for a hand out...just a leg up.