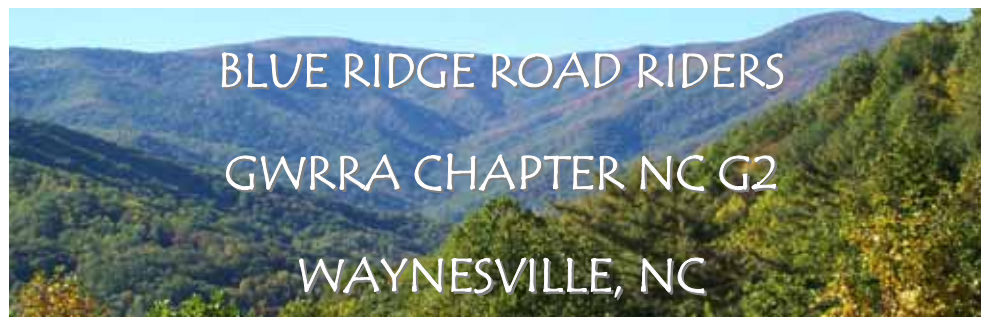




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JOIN US ON THE 1ST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT FAT BUDDIES RIBS & BBQ

EAT AT 3:00—MEET AT 4:00

LOCATED AT 193 STAPLES/WAYNESVILLE PLAZA IN WAYNESVILLE NC!

FROM OUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS RICHARD & PEGGY WHEELER

Hello fellow participants. We had a good meeting in January. We had a total of 16 present. This was not too bad considering that a lot of our members are still in Florida. If you were not present, we missed you and hope to see you on February 4. We still eat at 3:00 and meet at 4:00 at Fat Buddies.

It is with great sadness that we must report the death of yet another member of our Chapter. Joe King passed away on January 11. Some of you may never have met Joe. He didn't get to attend our meetings regularly. When he did get to come he was always a lot of fun and always generous with his 50/50/ money. Peggy and I will always be grateful to Joe because he gave us the use of his Gold Wing Trike the summer we were without a ride.

We also want to send our sympathy out to Libby on the death of her stepfather. He died in Louisiana recently. Also, Pat Lintner lost her aunt. Please accept our sympathy on the loss of both of your loved ones. If you need anything, you only have to ask - your G2 friends are always there for you.

There will be seven of us attending the Ops meeting on January 28 in Winston Salem. We will try to bring back lots of information for the coming year. This will be Dan's first Ops meeting as our new Chapter Educator. I am sure he will learn a lot and will share with all of us. Remember that safety is always our priority.

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FROM OUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS RICHARD & PEGGY WHEELER (continued)

If any of you have any suggestions or ideas to make our gatherings better or more interesting, please let me know. All suggestions will be welcome. Remember that this is YOUR chapter. So please share with Peggy and me any thoughts you may have.

I see that the ladies are having a “girls day out”. I hope they have a lot of fun. I wonder if they are going shopping. We are planning on a Valentine dinner. We will have more information on the place and date as soon as we get it together. We will be having our dinner ride on January 19. The time and place for that will be announced soon. Please plan on attending if you can. We always have a lot of fun and good food on these rides.

We are looking forward to the return of our Snowbirds. They will be home before we know it. I am sure they will have some tales to tell us of their winter in Florida. They always seem to have a good time wherever they are. I know that Stan and Nancy have been planning our riding season. I am sure they have come up with some great rides and weekenders for all of us to enjoy. We always have a great turnout for our rides. If you have not been able to join us, let us hope you can this year. You will not regret it I promise you. The first day of spring is March 20 - yippee! I left off the “who” this time.



HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!!! *Richard and Peggy*

G2 SUFFERS ANOTHER LOSS

G2 suffers another loss in our family. Joe King passed away on January 4th of a heart attack. Joe will always be remembered for his many acts of kindness and generosity.

We will miss our dear friend.

“Perhaps they are not stars, but rather openings in heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy”.

FROM OUR ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS—MARK & JOANN THOMPSON

Friends in the Wind!

We just loaded up our on-line calendar with the events for 2012 and what a great year we're going to have. We are really looking forward to the rides. They are all new places except one (Renfro Valley, KY). All of us that went to Renfro Valley decided we wanted to go back, so it will probably become an annual event. How many places can you go and witness an episode of "Cops" and see trash can races right outside your motel door!?

We're going to the Operations Meeting the end of January and will be coming back with new information about 2012. We'll give you all an update at the February meeting.

We have been given a great opportunity to make a little money for the chapter. As you might have heard, Franklin is having its inaugural bike rally called "Smoky Mountain Rumble" on August 17 and 18. We have been offered a booth to sell Guided Rides. First of all, this gives us the chance to ride our beautiful mountain roads; secondly, we can earn as little or as much money as we want. We've had a meeting or 2 on this and will keep you posted on how this progresses.

The women of the chapter have started a Ladies Lunch. JoAnn tells me they are going to different restaurants in different towns around the area about once a month or so. We men are not invited, and probably wouldn't want to be. Too much estrogen for me!

We now have our 4th grandchild! She was born Jan. 12th, named Skylar McKenzie Sword.

As always.....

Ride Safe,
Mark & JoAnn



Rider Education—Dan Wallen

The Invisible Motorcycle

As you approach an intersection (any intersection) always remember to pay extra attention to any vehicle approaching. Your signal may be green for “GO” but are you sure that station wagon approaching from the right will stop? The direction of travel could have the station wagon facing the sun, forcing the driver to pull down the visor. Did it cover up or obscure the red light facing him? Can he even see the signal with the bright sun glaring in his eyes? Is the sun behind you, forcing the driver of the station wagon to squint or cover his eyes as he peers through the window?

I found this short video clip from the Oklahoma Dept Of Safety, which captures what CAN happen if the driver of that 4-wheeler doesn't see you. Take a look, and think about how many times YOU, as a safe driver, have almost fallen into this trap.

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=2407182335384>

Always be vigilant at intersections. Expect the unexpected. Keep an eye on the rotation of the front wheel of that vehicle which just might pull out in front of you.

Have your brake lever covered with a finger or two, and your toe at the brake pedal.

Make eye contact with the driver to see if he is paying attention.

Ride Smart, Ride Safe, and have Fun.. *Dan Wallen, NC-G2 Chapter Educator*

**SAFETY RECALL NOTICE - GL1800 OWNERS**

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO MAY NOT HAVE RECEIVED THE NOTICE - NHTSA RECALL 11V-567 AND HONDA'S SAFETY RECALL NOTICE STATE:

“...SOME 2001 TO 2010 AND 2012 MODEL YEAR GL1800/A MOTORCYCLES” ARE AFFECTED.

“UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT THE COMBINED BRAKING SYSTEM'S SECONDARY MASTER CYLINDER MAY CAUSE THE REAR BRAKE TO DRAG. UNEXPECTED BRAKING INCREASES THE RISK OF A CRASH, AND RIDING THE MOTORCYCLE WITH THE REAR BRAKE DRAGGING MAY GENERATE ENOUGH HEAT TO CAUSE THE REAR BRAKE TO CATCH FIRE.”

Be sure to contact your dealer to determine if your bike is at risk.

You can call 1-866-784-1870 for Customer Support.

SPECIAL DATES FOR OUR MEMBERSBIRTHDAYS

NANCY WOOTEN 2/5 * STAN WOOTEN 2/5 * MARK KRAWCZYK 2/17

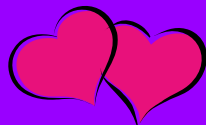
DINA TOWEY 2/21 JUANITA GADDIS 2/22 BECKY HONAKER 2/22

MARK THOMPSON 2/25

ANNIVERSARIES - STAN & NANCY WOOTEN 2/5

SENDING HEALING THOUGHTS

LARRY WARD WILL HAVE GALLBLADDER SURGERY
DURING THE 1ST WEEK OF FEBRUARY.

OUR CONDOLENCES

LIBBY ARCENEUX IN THE LOSS OF HER STEPFATHER
PAT LINTNER IN THE LOSS OF HER AUNT

FOR SALE!**1999 SE GOLDWING**

1 OWNER, 39,000 miles, garage kept,
new tires, brakes, alternator.
Too many updates to mention.

\$9,000 FIRM

CALL PAT & MIKE LINTNER

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WINNERS FROM OUR JANUARY**MEETING**

- Libby won the Vest Drawing .
- Bear won a \$10 Gift Card to
Fat Buddies
- 50/50 -Larry Ward and Johnny Cope
won \$22 each

A SUNNY SPOT FOR SHADY PEOPLE—John & Becky Honaker

A man was riding his Gold Wing along a California beach when suddenly the sky clouded above his head and, in a booming voice, the Lord said, "Because you have TRIED to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish."

The biker pulled over and said, "Build a bridge to Hawaii so I can ride over anytime I want." The Lord said, "That request is materialistic, think of the enormous challenges for that kind of undertaking; the supports required to reach the bottom of the Pacific and the concrete and steel it would take! It will nearly exhaust several natural resources.

I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of something that could possibly help mankind."

The biker thought about it for a long time. Finally, he said, "Lord, I wish that I and all men could understand our wives; I want to know how she feels inside, what she's thinking when she gives me the silent treatment, why she cries, what she means when she says nothing's wrong, and how I can make a woman truly happy.

"The Lord replied, "You want two lanes or four on that bridge?"



An 85-year-old widow went on a blind date with a 90-year-old man. When she returned to her daughter's house later that night, she seemed upset.

"What happened, Mother?" the daughter asked.

"I had to slap his face three times!"

"You mean he got fresh?"

"No," she answered. "I thought he was dead"

A man goes into the unemployment office in Los Angeles to look at job openings on the bulletin board. Since there aren't many jobs it doesn't take him long. Then, just as he's on his way out, he spots something. "Wanted," it says, "Single man, willing to travel, must have own scissors. \$500 per day, guaranteed, plus company car and all expenses." Well, it sounds a bit too good to be true, but he makes a note and walks up to the counter.

"I'd like to apply for this job," he says, "reference number E/784/B46."

"Oh, that one," says the clerk. "It's a model agency right here in Los Angeles. They're looking for a pubic hair snipper." "The agency supp girls who model underwear and bathing suits. Before they go on the catwalk, they'd report to you and you would inspect them carefully and snip off any wisps of pubic hair showing. It pays well, but there are a Few *drawbacks*. It involves quite a lot of travel. The Bahamas, Tahiti, Paris, London... that sort of thing... and you have to get used to expense account living in first-class hotels."

"I reckon I could learn to live with all that," says the fellow. "I'd really like to apply for the job."

The clerk shrugs and says, "OK, here's an application form and a bus ticket to Fresno."

"Fresno? What do I wanna go to Fresno for?"

"Well," says the clerk, "that's where the end of the application line is at the moment!"

The best minds are not in government.

If any were, business would hire them away.

-- Ronald Reagan