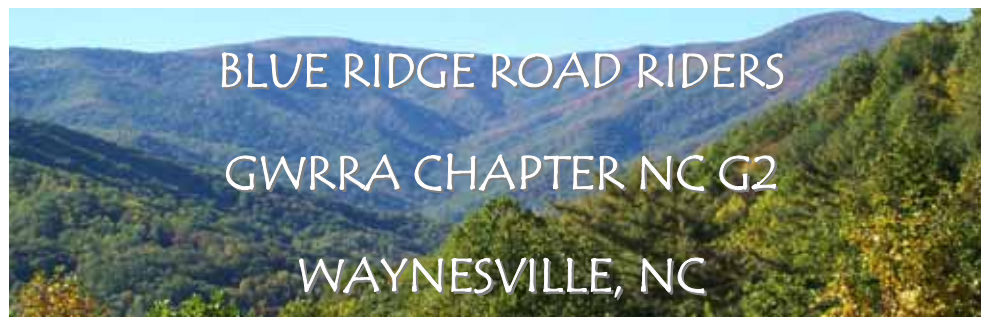




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JOIN US ON THE 1ST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT FAT BUDDIES RIBS & BBQ

*EAT AT 3:00—MEET AT 4:00*

LOCATED AT 193 STAPLES/WAYNESVILLE PLAZA IN WAYNESVILLE NC!

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

Hi everyone and Happy New Year! We hope all of you had a great Christmas. We are looking forward to a New Year with lots of riding and fellowship with great friends. Spring will be here before we know it and our Snowbirds will be back with us. So let's put our heads together and help Stan and Nancy come up with some great places to ride and eat.

Peggy and I want to thank all of the officers who stayed with us for this New Year. We can't do it alone and you all are very good at stepping up and helping us with everything. We are looking forward to working with Dan this year as he takes on the job of Rider Educator. We know he will do a great job for our chapter. He and Mona are both very dedicated in doing a good job on whatever they may undertake.

The Winter Thaw will be held on January 27 and 28 in Winston Salem. This event will also include the annual Operations Meeting. The meeting will be held on Saturday from 8:30 until 12:30. There are several other things going on that weekend also including dinner on Saturday night. If you plan on attending, please let us know so we can get a head count to the District staff.

I am sure you all have heard by now that "Wings Over North Carolina" is going to be held in Concord this year. WHOOPEE!! I guess this is the end of Wings Over the Smokies. Peggy and I think this is very sad. We also think that it is a very bad decision. Why move the convention out of motorcycle heaven to the flatlands as well as awful traffic. Oh well, I guess we will just wait and see what happens.

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FROM OUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS RICHARD & PEGGY WHEELER (continued)

We have talked about having another yard sale this year. We did very well at the last one. So I would like all of you to keep this in mind and start cleaning out those closets and garages. We will work out the details and get the information out to you as to where and when we will have this. Of course it will be in warmer weather.

Peggy and I want to wish each of our Chapter members a wonderful, healthy, and safe New Year. May it be the best year of all!

Ride Safe! *Richard and Peggy*

# 2012

SPECIAL DATES FOR OUR MEMBERSBIRTHDAYS

Richard Arceneaux 1/13

Fran Garrison 1/17

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

John & Becky Honaker 1/20

**FOR SALE!****PAT & MIKE LINTNER ARE SELLING THEIR 1999 SE GOLDWING**

1 OWNER, 39,000 miles, garage kept, new tires, brakes, alternator.

Too many updates to mention.

**\$9,000 FIRM**     **828-246-0412**

FROM OUR ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS—MARK & JOANN THOMPSON

## Friends in the Wind

The Holidays have come and gone. What a season and what a year!! It is going to be very hard to match or better the 2011 riding season, but we'll make it happen; because we have the greatest bunch of people to ride with and that is what makes it so much fun.

As in every New Year, the diets start, the New Year's resolutions begin, and 'Today is the first day of the rest of your life.' We wish everyone the best of luck with their endeavors and we (JoAnn & I) will need all the luck we can get.

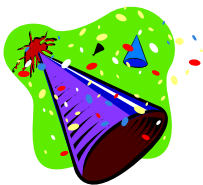
We haven't had any rides recently. With the Holidays and the weather, the Wing has been in the garage. We are expecting snow and really cold temperatures over the next few days, so the bike will have to stay put. I want to remind you all about the new annual "Bike Work Day" that is scheduled for Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at Stan & Nancy's garage. This will be the perfect opportunity to get the bike out of the moth balls and ready for a really busy riding season. With Stan and Richard A's knowledge of working on Gold Wings, we'll have the expertise we need to do a very thorough T-CLOCK, oil change, and whatever is necessary to get your bike in perfect riding condition. We hope a lot of you take advantage of this event and get the riding season off to a good start.

The District Operations Meeting is coming up the end of January, so for February's meeting, we should be loaded with new information to pass on to our G2 members. One major change that we already know about is Wings Over the Smokies will be Wings Over North Carolina and held in Concord, NC in 2012. I'm guessing a lot of the meeting will be about the move and the new rally. We'll keep you apprised.

JoAnn & I are happy to remain the ACD's for 2012 and we will do the best job for G2 that we can. With your help and encouragement, we can't go wrong....can we?

As always.....ride safe.

Mark & JoAnn



## Rider Education—Dan Wallen

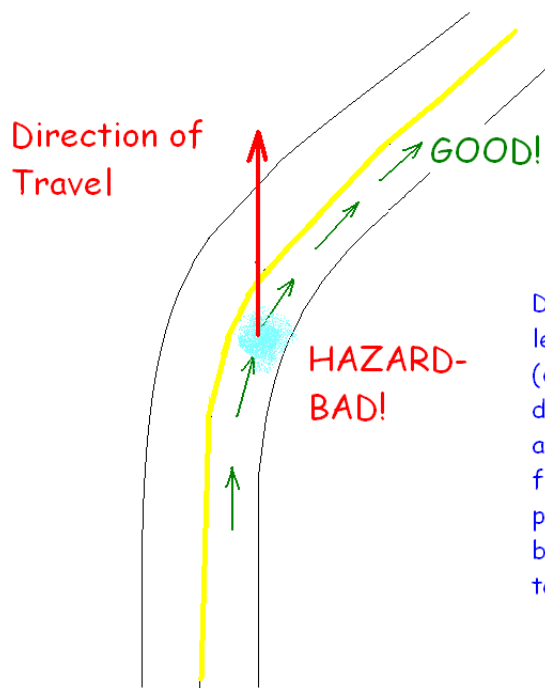
### “Direction of Travel”

Most people can look at a compass to determine their direction of travel. Some can check their watch, look at the sun (except at high noon) and figure out where North is. Others rely on GPS Navigation.

As you travel these mountain roads, enjoying the curves and scenery, your direction of travel can change quickly. If the temperature drops unexpectedly, you could have it change violently.

Rounding a curve can reveal sudden changes in road conditions at this time of year. The dreaded “Black Ice” we locals just call “a slick patch” can sneak up unexpectedly on any of us. The antidote for that can be equally dangerous, appearing as salt, sand, or a mixture of both.

Failure to think and prepare for these hazards can end up not so good.



Depending on your speed, your lean angle, application of brakes (or not) and tire condition, your direction of travel WILL change, and not in a good way. North facing slopes especially can protect "slick patches" well beyond the normal ambient temperature.

Trikes are not exempt from this rule, and in fact may react more violently due to the three wheels grabbing at different traction levels.

In my experience, the best way to avoid the loss of traction (assuming there are clear patches around the hazard) is to brake early in a straight line before contacting it as slow as you can safely and quickly get to, then coast across with no throttle (pull the clutch in) and no brakes until you clear the hazard. That’s my experience, yours may call for something slightly different, but the key is to SLOW DOWN before hitting the hazard.

Be safe - ride with knowledge... and HAVE FUN DOING IT!

Dan Wallen, Chapter Educator, NC-G2

## CHAPTER COUPLE

**SHOOTIN' THE BREEZE**

It's 2012, can you believe it? Where did 2011 go? We had many, many great times together as a Chapter--what more fun can you ask for? We're looking forward to the New Years' activities. There are many rides planned--don't miss out.

We closed out 2011 with a Dessert and Gift Exchange at our house after our December meeting. What a great time we (Richard/Peggy, Bill/Juanita, Bear/Donna, Mark/JoAnn, Pat/Mike, Kay--we missed Klonk, he had to work--and Libby/Richard had). There was lots of coffee, along with several desserts. We had an assortment of 3 different cakes, muffins, and M & M's--oh, I forgot to mention the peach cobbler! Lots of fun and laughs were had. We enjoyed having everyone here.

*Your Merry Christmas may depend on what others do for you. But your Happy New Year depends on what you do for others. --Anonymous*

**Happy New Year, everyone!**

Richard and Libby

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**Region "N" District Conventions for 2012**

- April 26 thru 28 - Tennessee District Convention "Spring Fling" Pigeon Forge, Tennessee
- June 14 thru 16 - West Virginia District Convention "Down Home Rally" Summersville, W VA
- August 9 thru 11 - Kentucky District "Blast" Convention "Derby Days" Frankfort, Kentucky
- September 20 thru 22--NC District Convention "Wings Over North Carolina" Concord, NC
- October 4 thru 6 - Virginia District Convention "Rally in the Valley"



**HAPPY NEW YEAR**



## A SUNNY SPOT FOR SHADY PEOPLE—John & Becky Honaker

You don't stop laughing because you grow old, You grow old because you stop laughing.

Michael Pritchard

If winning isn't everything, why do they keep score?

Vince Lombardi

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### Advice from an Old Farmer

Live a good, honorable life.

Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.

Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't botherin' you none.  
Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.

If you find yourself in a hole, stop diggin'.  
Sometimes you get and sometimes you get got.

The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with,  
Watches you from the mirror every mornin'.

Always drink upstream from the herd.  
Good judgment comes from experience  
and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.

Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.

If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence,  
try orderin' somebody else's dog around.

Live simply.

Love generously.

Care deeply.

Speak kindly.

Leave the rest up to God



# Kuryakyn Safety Recall

The following is a summary of the Safety Recall for the Kuryakyn Passenger Transformer Floor Boards, and is provided to all for information and/or appropriate action. This bulletin was amended to read Part Number 7005.

**Summary:**

KURYAKYN IS RECALLING CERTAIN AFTERMARKET FLOORBOARDS, PART NUMBER 607005, SOLD AND INSTALLED FOR USE ON 2001-2011 HONDA GL 1800 (GOLDWING) MOTORCYCLES. THE FLOORBOARD MOUNT MAY CRACK AND BREAK FREE FROM THE MOUNTING BOLTS THAT SECURE THE MOUNT TO THE MOTORCYCLE.

**Consequence:**

THE FLOORBOARD MAY SEPARATE FROM THE VEHICLE, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN INJURY OR A CRASH.

**Remedy:**

KURYAKYN WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND PROVIDE REPLACEMENT MOUNT KITS FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JANUARY 2012. OWNERS MAY CONTACT KURYAKYN AT 1-715-247-5008.

**Notes:**

OWNERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov) .



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