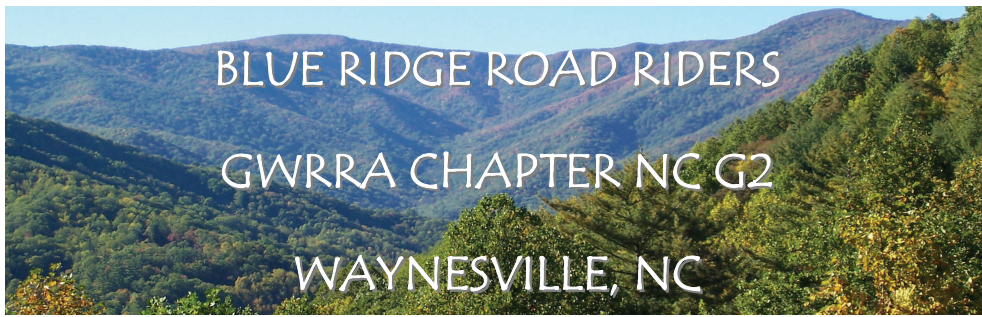




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*EAT AT 4:00—MEET AT 5:00*

LOCATED AT 193 STAPLES/WAYNESVILLE PLAZA IN WAYNESVILLE NC!

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

Well folks, here we go again. Peggy and I are going to keep on until we get this chapter director thing right.

We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to Tom and Dina for the great job they have done for our chapter. The chapter has grown and prospered under their guidance. Good luck to them in their new position as Assistant District Directors for the west. I am sure they will do great. Also, a big thanks to Richard and Libby for all they did as Assistant Chapter Directors. They did a great job and were a big asset to Tom and Dina.

Peggy and I would like thank all of you who stepped up to the plate and offered to help us as we start off this New Year as your chapter directors. Mark and JoAnn Thompson will be our Assistant Chapter Directors. We are looking forward to working with them. They have already come up with some great ideas. We have known these two for a long time. They have been dedicated GWRRA members as well as great friends. I know they will do a great job. Mark and Charlotte will be our new Rider Educators. Thanks guys for volunteering for this important job. We know you will be great. Also, thanks to all of you who will be keeping the positions you have held in the past. We appreciate all of you staying with us.

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FROM OUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS RICHARD & PEGGY WHEELER (continued)

Just a reminder - this is YOUR chapter. Peggy and I need all the help we can get. If any of you have any ideas or suggestions please let us know. We would like to have your thoughts on rides, special projects, charities or anything else you feel would enhance our chapter and make it even greater.

Above all, we just want to have fun and fellowship with all of our friends from G2. We are looking forward to the New Year with lots of great rides and fun and fellowship ( and eating of course) with all of you - our good friends.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Richard and Peggy



FROM OUR ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS—MARK & JOANN THOMPSON

## Friends in the Wind!

First of all, we want to say we have some awesome shoes to fill and it's a little scary! Richard and Libby have done such a wonderful job as Assistant Chapter Directors. With their willingness to help out anytime, anywhere, always keeping everyone informed about rides, dinners and everything else, and especially their ability to capture and hold an audience with their public speaking, they are a hard act to follow! Thank you, Richard & Libby, for all you've done!

Now, a little history...I have been riding since I was 14 on everything from Harley to Kawasaki, and of course, Honda. We now have our 3rd Goldwin and have enjoyed every mile we've put on them. JoAnn rode on her own Honda Shadow 750 for a short period, but decided riding behind me suited her better. We joined GWRRA in 1995 and, since that time, we have been on the council of FL-H2, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and Chapter Educator for NC-T, and now the Assistant Chapter Director for NC-G2. The pay didn't get any better with the title! I attained Level IV Master Tour Rider in 1998 and renewed it in 2010. We look forward to our new position and can only hope we meet the bar set by Richard & Libby.

I retired from the Navy after 20 years of service and then went into the home design and construction industry for a while. JoAnn was an Accountant and Manager of an Inn until she and I bought a restaurant. Long story and a big mistake! For the last 4 years, we own and operate an ecommerce website selling motorcycle accessories and work out of our home - enjoying every minute of it!

We are looking towards 2011 with meetings, rides, dinners, overnights, picnics, and best of all, friendship. In the short year we've been in G2, we have made everlasting friends and we sincerely hope the trend will continue as new members come into the chapter and join us for the chapter activities.

We're planning several overnights this year. We had so much fun in 2010 on the overnights, we want to incorporate a few more in to the 2011 schedule. Also, we are changing the dinner rides to Thursday in hopes that more people can join us and the restaurants can fit us in easier. Stan wants to go north and east in his planning as Ride Coordinator, and Richard & Libby, as Couple of the Year, have scheduled a chapter visit for each month. There are a lot more activities and rides in the planning stages so always check the calendars as they come out in the newsletter so you don't miss out on anything.

**Don't forget the website for information [www.gwrrancg2.org](http://www.gwrrancg2.org)** . Mona keeps it up to date and you can find the newsletters, calendar of events, pictures and more. We certainly appreciate all the hard work she puts in to the website and the newsletter.

Since G2 doesn't currently sponsor an activity to raise money for the chapter, our 50/25/25 ticket sales are our source of funds. We understand that these economic times make it a little tougher, but please try to participate in our ticket sales to support the chapter.

We hope everyone is having a wonderful and safe Christmas Season! Many of our G2 family have left the frozen north for warmer climates. We miss all you snow birds and really look forward to your safe return. Keep it Safe...Mark & JoAnn

FROM OUR CHAPTER EDUCATOR –MARK KRAWCZYK

As my first article for our newsletter I would like to touch on a couple of items.

First of all, as many of us been required to take the MSF Motorcycle Safety Course in order to obtain our endorsements and some may have not had to take this course. In the course they teach you of the two second following distance, the four second immediate reaction distance and the twelve second Radar distance. These should be common practice for all of us when we ride our two or three wheel motorcycles as well as when we drive our cars.

By keeping a safe following distance we allow ourselves the space needed for normal stopping distance and keeping watch four seconds ahead keeps us aware of possible hazards and ready to react. The 12 second radar is scanning ahead for any possible hazards ahead of us such as intersections, crosswalks, merging traffic or anything else that could be a possible hazard in our path.

As for intersections and merging traffic, we have all experienced in both car and on motorcycle that not all drivers obey the rules of the road or lights and stop signs. Especially in rural areas where traffic is light, we are more susceptible to those that roll through intersections or even fail to stop at all. We also have seen the typical merging scenarios of either the highway driver or the car merging onto the highway try to beat one another to be first. Or those that crawl along entering the highway. We cannot take for granted that either the highway driver nor the merging driver is aware or even looking for you or prefers to race you to beat you at the highway entrance while merging. Courtesy to other drivers is key here. Many are not courteous to the other drivers and therefore it is up to you to take the role of being courteous where others are not. It is your courtesy and safe driving skills that allows you to be aware of the situation and how to react positively to any situation. Allow the racer to go ahead of you, slow down if need be to allow the merger safe entry, move to the other lane if it is available.

When entering the highway, judge your distance well and match the speed of the traffic flow and merge smoothly. A saying from one of my instructors in the past at driving school which I attended due to points and tickets 30 or so years ago and can honestly say I have been ticket free moving, parking or any such in over 30 years. He stated *"It is as much your responsibility to see that the other driver enters the highway safely as it is his.* This has stuck with me ever since. It is an excellent quote and one to remember and apply to all driving situations.

Safety is everyone's responsibility and when others are driving unsafely it is our responsibility to take the safety lead to protect both ourselves and the unsafe driver as well to prevent incidents or accidents. Mark Krawczyk



FROM OUR CHAPTER COUPLE –RICHARD & LIBBY

We'd like to welcome our new Chapter Directors, Peggy and Richard; our new Chapter Assistant Directors, JoAnn and Mark; our new Rider Educators Mark K. and Klunk; our new Sunshine person Betty. We'd also like to thank our continuing support staff: Juanita, Nancy, Stan, and Mona. Without these folks we couldn't continue on as a successful Chapter. While Peggy and Richard bring much knowledge and experience to our Chapter, they still need everyone's support. Don't wait to be asked: step up and offer your full support. Our Chapter is an exceptional one, in our opinion. We have terrific members, have lots of fun, and enjoy being with one another. Many thanks to you all



**SMOKY MOUNTAIN RIDE IN 2010-Libby Arceneaux**

Thanks, G2! This is part of an email that was sent to me from Gary Baker, the organizer of the *Smoky Mountain Ride In* that's held in Bryson City. Since our Chapter has participated in it, I want to let you know that we are helping the children in Bryson City. The money (all of it, I'm pretty sure) that is taken in from the Friday night Fish Fry is just one of the fundraisers that the *Carolina Mountain Riders* use to help support these children.

This letter was in the *Smoky Mountain Times Newspaper*.

*Dear Lord, it's Christmas time and mom is doing her best, but she told me that money is tighter this year than it's ever been. I've tried to do my part by helping take care of my younger brother and sister while she works, but the younger ones don't understand what it means for money to be "tight". They just believe, no, they just know that Santa will visit them this year. I have come to understand that Christmas is about giving, but for the little ones it's about waking up on Christmas morning, and checking the tree to see what Santa's brought. In time they will understand the true meaning, but I just hope the extra hours that mom has worked this last month will be enough to put smiles on the little ones faces on Christmas morning. Thank you Lord, Amen.*

Gary said the *Carolina Mountain Riders* have been able to make Christmas special for 50 children in Swain County!

This is the spirit of Christmas! Thanks for your support. -Libby



SPECIAL DATES FOR OUR MEMBERSBIRTHDAYS

RICHARD ARCENEUX 1/13

ANNIVERSARIESGWRRA ANNIVERSARIESWAYNESVILLE CHRISTMAS PARADE

We decorated our bikes and off we went to ride in the Waynesville Christmas Parade. A few of us (Nancy & Stan, Jack, Donna & Bear, Libby & Richard) bundled up and met at the Coffee Zone before lining up for the parade Thursday night. The parade had been rescheduled because of the winter weather earlier in the week. It was cool, but not windy, so it allowed lots of spectators to come out wishing us all a Merry Christmas. We all had a good time and enjoyed the ride. Even though we had a small group and not elaborate decorations, we came in 3rd Place! Thanks to Nancy and Stan for getting us registered and lined up. Libby

Meet Pat and Mike Lintner

We hope everyone has had a chance to meet our newest members, Pat and Mike Lintner. They recently retired to Waynesville from Michigan, but are feeling right at home here in WNC. They found us through their former chapter in Michigan who put them in touch with G2, so to Chapter J, A BIG THANK YOU!

Although their retirement plans were moved ahead a few years, they have settled into their house and everything has fallen into place. They bring with them their dog "Taco" and fat cat "Smokie". Some of their hobbies are fishing , hunting , and of course riding their Goldwing "99" . And last but not least, they love Butter Pecan Ice Cream.

WELCOME MIKE AND PAT!

G2 WEBSITE

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❄️ ❄️ ❄️ ❄️ **“Holiday Time at J. Iverson Riddle”** ❄️ ❄️ ❄️ ❄️

What a great way to start off our Holiday Season by spending time with all of our GWRRA family at Gift on Cycles. We had a good turnout despite the weather and the current economy. We hope the Central and Eastern Chapters had a great turnout at their Gift on Cycles event. It is wonderful to watch the residents having so much fun and they really appreciate us being there. We appreciate all of the support we received from the Western Chapters in making this day a very special event for the residents at J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center. We could not have put on such a great event without you and we hope everyone had a great time.

We want to recognize the chapters and individuals that help out with certain task at Gift on Cycles; Chapters I –Asheville, M2-Hendersonville, Y2-Monroe, L-Gastonia, G2-Waynesville, L2-Mooresville, O2-Hickory, Susan & George Huttman for managing the raffle prize and Lynn & Mike Humphries for handing out the visitation cards.

We want to thank the members who braved the cold weather to participate in the resident parade at Gift on Cycles. We appreciate your dedication to making sure the residents had a great time. Our very special friend Barry was very excited to ride on the back of Jerry Haskin’s Gold Wing and he entertained everyone, by telling us it was cold, cold, cold riding on the Gold Wing.



J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center has a Christmas Parade in the community every year, on the Thursday before Gift on Cycles. This year they wanted to show their appreciation to GWRRA, so they wanted the NC District to be Grand Marshals in their parade. Mike & Dean Stokes and Tom & Terri Pennoni represented GWRRA as Grand Marshals and they informed us they had an awesome experience.

We want to give special thanks to Tom & Terri Pennoni for giving us terrific support in helping us prepare for Gift on Cycles this year.

Please remember to turn in your chapter’s visitation cards to Andrew & Vickie Butcher, no later than January 5th.

There are a lot of officer changes in the Western Chapter starting in January and we appreciate all of the members who are stepping up.

We want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and happy and healthy New Year.

**Tom & Dina Towey**  
**ADD-West**



PHOTOS FOR FUN

BECAUSE OF UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, THE CHRISTMAS PARTY HAD TO BE MOVED TO ANOTHER LOCATION AT THE VERY LAST MINUTE. MANY, MANY THANKS TO DINA FOR ALL THE TIME AND EFFORT SHE PUT IN TO FIND ANOTHER LOCATION. THANK YOU DINA!



RICHARD AND PEGGY PRESENT DINA, (AND TOM), RICHARD AND LIBBY WITH A PLAQUE IN RECOGNITION OF JOBS WELL DONE!



RICHARD DID WHAT???

JANUARY EVENT CALENDAR



JANUARY 2011

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>Our 1st meeting of the year is scheduled at the regular time at Fat Buddies in Waynesville, eat at 4:00, meet at 5:00. There is a mystery ride planned before the meeting, "weather permitting". January 2, a breakfast ride is planned to the Dillard House, Dillard Ga, details will follow soon.</p>					<p>1 G2 Meeting EAT AT 4:00 MEET AT 5:00</p>	<p>2 Breakfast at Dillard House</p>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	<p>20 Dinner Ride to Fatz Café in Franklin</p>	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	<p><b>AREA CHAPTER MEETINGS</b></p> <p><u>Asheville Chapter NC-1</u>: 4th Saturday of each month. Eat at 9:00 am, Meet at 10:00 am J&amp;S Cafeteria, Westridge Market Place, 900 Smokey Park Hwy, Enka NC,</p> <p><u>Hendersonville Chapter NC-M2</u>: 3rd Saturday of each month. Eat at 8:00 am, Meet at 9:00 am, Mills River Restaurant, Hwy 280, Mills River, NC</p>					

EVENT CALENDAR

# G2 FEBRUARY 2011

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6 G2 Meeting EAT AT 4:00 MEET AT 5:00	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 
15	16	17	18 Dinner Ride to Nick & Nates in Sylvia	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					



EVENT CALENDAR

## G2 MARCH 2011

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1	2	3	4 G2 Meeting EAT AT 4:00 MEET AT 5:00	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Dinner Ride to Kostas in Dillsboro	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		