

# INSIDER

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Wings  
By  
The Sea



## Greetings from your CD's

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### GWRRA, Region N



VA District, Chapter B  
Virginia Beach, VA

While Dawn and I were traveling back from a few days out of town, we noticed a few bikers on the side of the road near an exit ramp. Their bikes were parked safely on the shoulder and the riders were off their bikes milling around in the grass area. We figured they must have taken a wrong turn and decided to take a stretch break while they regrouped. I thought nothing of it; we had just seen a group of sport bikers on the side of the road about 45 minutes back doing the same thing. We continued on, giving it no further thought. About 200 yards up, we saw another rider on the shoulder looking behind him as if he had missed the pack and was waiting for them to catch up. I moved the car over to the fast lane to give him some room and a safety cushion to us both and figured that was the end of that. Wrong! On what I can only perceive as a stupid impulse on his part, the cyclist (I won't say what make of bike he rode) decided to do a U-turn on to 64 into oncoming traffic - *that would be us* - so he could go back to where his buddies were. He was not concerned about the safety of anyone on that road and in no hurry to get off the highway and out of the lane where the oncoming traffic was driving (*again, that would be us*). As he made the widest U-turn I have ever seen, (obviously not as much practice as some of us have had!) he got close enough to us for Dawn to notice the large cigar hanging out of his mouth and the moustache that made

him look like "Yosemite Sam." I remind you, we were in the *left* lane. What would have happened if a vehicle was approaching in the right lane? To put it mildly, I don't think my first aid training would have come in handy!

Unfortunately, that's the kind of action that gives all us riders a bad reputation. No matter how safely we travel down the road in our organized formation, it is all forgotten when one inept biker pulls a stunt like this.

We must continue to put our best foot forward and accomplish GWRRA's goal of safe riding. John Bowles is working on getting a Road Captains Course together and we want everyone that hasn't attended this class to plan on attending. You never know when you will need to lead a group of bikes and we want to make sure everyone does it safely.

The highway is no place for a U-turn!

Dennis & Kristen  
463-4429



# Why is toilet bowl cleaning liquid only blue?



## RIDER EDUCATION CORNER

Freedom, Excitement, Exhilaration, The Open Road...

As I expected Wing Ding '08 was a lot of fun, shopping and Goldwing education! It was a terrific trip and I bought lots of goodies which included some GWRRA Education Videos which I hope to share with all of you soon with the benefit of some help from Dennis and our website. I was watching the video entitled Touring and Braking and became more familiar with a hazard commonly referred to as "highsiding." We also have videos entitled, Trailing, Slow Speed Cycling, and a video for the Co-Rider Seminar.

With the help of our friends at Google™, I located the following information in an article by James R. Davis, entitled Highside Dynamics - What Happens and How to Prevent It. This article is a bit long for our newsletter and includes some helpful graphics to better explain this dangerous situation and offers insight on what to do and what not to do should it happen to you. It's available for you to read in its entirety at: <http://www.msgroup.org/Tip.aspx?Num=001> and I highly recommend it. If you have difficulty loading that page, please go to <http://www.msgroup.org>, select safety tips and you'll see it listed first among many other insightful articles about motorcycle safety. The site also contains additional information and instructive videos.

As I write this article, I've just ridden the bike down to Huntsville, AL again taking the Cherohala Skyway located in North Carolina and Tennessee (a "must ride" in my opinion). While riding down here I was reminded of how focused we become during our freeway riding on the scene directly in front of us and how

unavoidable traffic following too closely behind us seems to be. I also realized that frequently at freeway speeds, we opt to ease off on the throttle in response to traffic conditions ahead without a lot of thought to that traffic following too closely behind us. The net affect is that at 70mph, as we throttle back to slow down, we decelerate without providing any braking signal or visual cue to the traffic following or maneuvering behind us. I recommend you give some thought to developing the habit of additional squeezing the brake lightly enough to show your brake light to ensure you capture the attention of those behind you. As always, I'm interested in your opinions and experiences too and am happy to share them here. Take great care and have fun out there!

John Bowles

Chapter Educator



## MEMBERSHIP & ENHANCEMENT

STICK WITH US!

With Wing Ding behind us, things have quieted down. The weather has heated up unfortunately. We did manage a nice ride for July's ice cream ride. It was a pleasant evening and we had a very good turn out. After being gone twelve days, we had quite a bit to catch up on around the homestead. A few made the trip to chapter D's event on the 12th. This past Saturday, seven of us went to Hanover and Chapter U's poker run. Jim Ciampi didn't make it all the way due to a problem with his bike. With a chapter this large, it's too bad that so few made the ride. It wasn't so very hot and the picnic lunch was awesome, even ice cream. There was lots of games to play and nice prizes to win, which we didn't! There was a short shower but we were under a shelter and if you covered your bike even that didn't get wet. Nick, Teresa, Gary, Dave and I decided to take the long way home and crossed the James River Ferry on our way home. Sunday was our last Sunday of the month breakfast at the Golden Corral. I don't know what happened, but Dave and I had breakfast alone. I guess everyone forgot.

These outings are the best way to make friends and have the fun that GWRRA is all about. They are a way to have the time to socialize and get to know each other better. Besides that, we get to ride those beautiful Wings we all have. Isn't that why we joined this chapter? Is there someplace special that you would like to go, let us know. Our ride coordinator is always open to new ideas.

Keep cool and always have an application for GWRRA handy.

Dave and Dolores  
Member Enhancement



# Why is vanilla ice cream white when vanilla extract is brown?

## WHAT DO BOB & ANN HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THAT?

*LETS FIND OUT...*

The time since we last spoke seems like yesterday. It is time once again for one of my road trips to the northeast. I wont be getting back until August 20. Ann is going to join me on August 7 and ride back with me. Our daughter and two grandsons came up for a visit during the last week of July. We have been spending a lot of time with them, along with the rest of the family. Having four little ones with different personalities running around can be a challenge for the brave at heart. For those who know what I'm talking about, it makes you want to, well, you know. I know I can't wait until it happens again...not.

Seeing that we will be in Connecticut, we are going to try and attend a meeting with Chapter Q. That is a Chapter I was able to attend last year when I was up here. It looks like their meeting is the second Tuesday of the month and that is when we will be in Groton. They should be surprised to see me again. Right now the weather is great for riding up here and I've seen a lot of bikers out and about. There isn't a helmet law in Connecticut and a lot of the bikers are not wearing them. I was wondering how helmet laws impact health care costs? So I went onto the internet and thought you might be interested in this from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

Unhelmeted riders have higher health care costs as a result of their crash injuries, and many lack health insurance. In November 2002, NHTSA reported that 25 studies of the costs of injuries from motorcycle crashes "consistently found that helmet use reduced the fatality rate, probability and severity of head injuries, cost of medical treatment, length of hospital stay, necessity for special medical treatments, and probability of long-term disability. A number of studies examined the question of who pays for medical costs. Only slightly more than half of motorcycle crash victims have private health insurance coverage. For patients without private insurance, a majority of medical costs are paid by the government."<sup>21</sup>

Among the specific findings of several of the studies:

- A 1996 NHTSA study showed average inpatient hospital charges for unhelmeted motorcyclists in crashes were eight percent higher than for helmeted riders (\$15,578 compared with \$14,377).<sup>22</sup>

- After California introduced a helmet use law in 1992, studies showed a decline in health care costs associated with head-injured motorcyclists. The rate of motorcyclists hospitalized for head injuries decreased by 48 percent in 1993 compared with 1991, and total costs for patients with head injuries decreased by \$20.5 million during this period.<sup>23</sup>

- A study of the effects of Nebraska's reinstated helmet use law on hospital costs found the total acute medical charges for injured motorcyclists declined 38 percent.<sup>14</sup>

A NHTSA evaluation of the weakening of Florida's universal helmet law in 2000 to exclude riders 21 and older who have at least \$10,000 of medical insurance coverage found a huge increase in hospital admissions of cyclists with injuries to the head, brain, and skull. Such injuries went up 82 percent during the 30 months immediately following the law change. The average inflation-adjusted cost of treating these injuries went up from about \$34,500 before the helmet law was weakened to nearly \$40,000 after. Less than one-quarter of the injured motorcyclists would have been covered by the \$10,000 medical insurance requirement for riders who chose not to use helmets.<sup>9</sup>

Studies conducted in Nebraska, Washington, California, and Massachusetts indicates how injured motorcyclists burden taxpayers. Forty-one percent of motorcyclists injured in Nebraska from January 1988 to January 1990 lacked health insurance or received Medicaid or Medicare.<sup>14</sup> In Seattle, 63 percent of trauma care for injured motorcyclists in 1985 was paid by public funds.<sup>24</sup> In Sacramento, public funds paid 82 percent of the costs to treat orthopedic injuries sustained by motorcyclists during 1980-83.<sup>25</sup> Forty-six percent of motorcyclists treated at Massachusetts General Hospital during 1982-83 were uninsured.<sup>26</sup>

Ride Safe,

Bob & Ann



# Why is a square meal served on round plates?

## CHECKING IN WITH OUR COY

### WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON WITH OUR DISTINGUISHED COUPLE

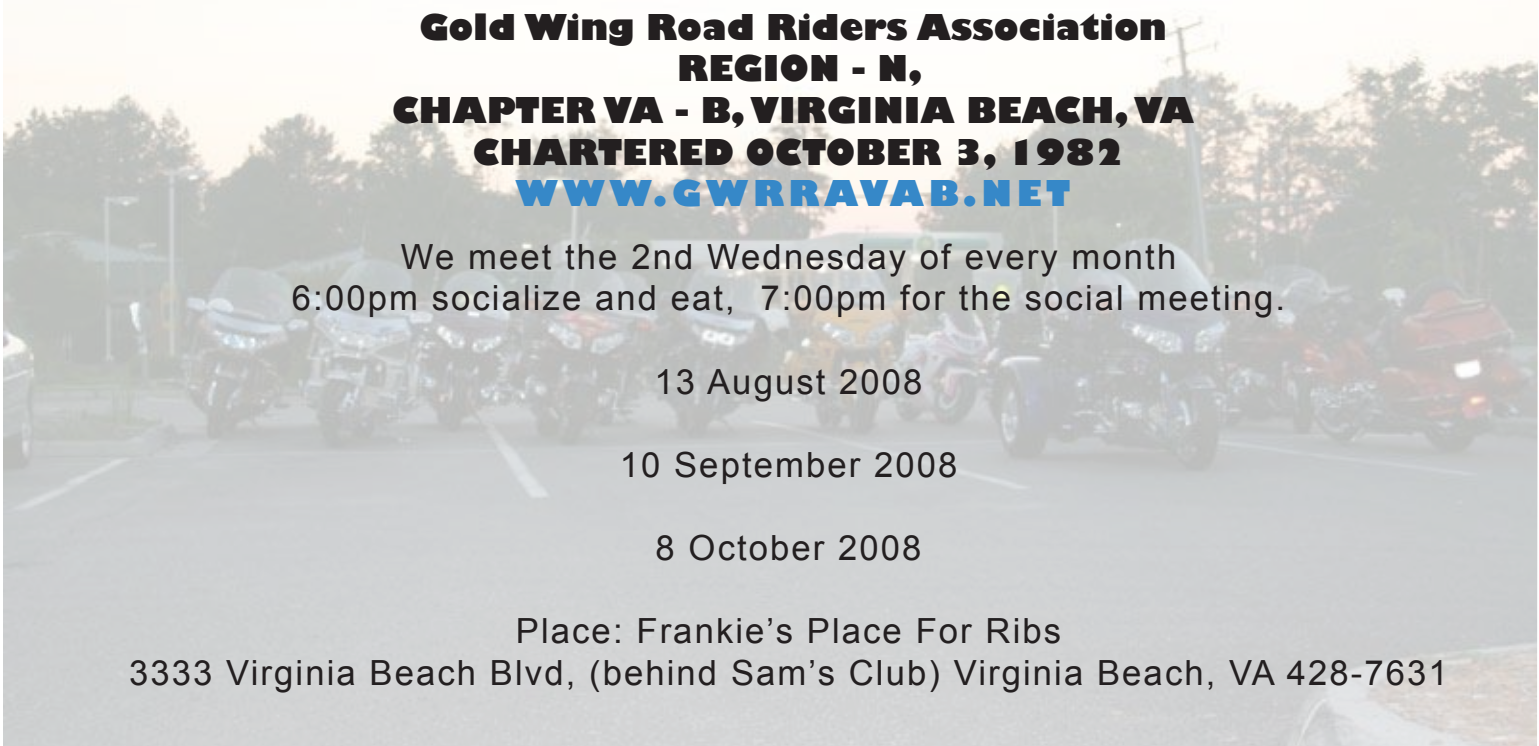
Wow! Its been a whirlwind since we last talked. The Region N Rally in Kingsport, TN was fantastic. We represented Virginia in the Region N couple selection process. We did our best and want to thank everyone that was there to support us and cheer us on. We even felt the support and encouragement of many who could not make it to Kingsport. Well we gave it our best but alas did not win. We enjoyed meeting the other couples and participating in the process. You can be sure that the couple that was selected, Alan & Carolyn Little from North Carolina, will do an excellent job representing our region. And did I mention that we got the chance to have the motorcycles and trikes ride on the Bristol Motor Speedway in conjunction with the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital fundraiser. What an awesome thrill it was to ride those high banked turns. Next it was off to Wing Ding in Greenville, South Carolina. Well as a first timer let me just say, it was incredible. First off as you get near town on the drive in you are overwhelmed by the sheer number of Gold Wings that have descended into the area. If somebody ever asks are there any vendors that show-up at these events? I'll be able to answer that there are more vendors than you could count in an hour's time. There were rows and rows of vendors selling everything from electronic personal muscle stimulators to complete trike conversions. I want to give a special Shout Out to J&M Electronics. I had a problem with what I thought was my lower headset cord, I brought my helmet and cords to the J&M booth, okay it wasn't a booth but what looked like a full size 53 foot trailer. Well the folks at J&M not only replaced the upper cord which had been loosening up, they also replaced a cracked Nolan N-com cover. That's customer service, and they even smiled when they did it, all at no charge! There were tons of

classes to take, demo rides, poker runs and scenic drives setup. The whole Wing Ding Event was a top-notch event. Special thanks to all the volunteers who help to pull off these massive feats of timing and logistics. See you in Tulsa, Oklahoma for Wing Ding 2009.

By the time you read this we will probably be heading up to what may be the last Honda Home Coming. More on the Honda Home Coming after we return. Remember August 2, 2008 is the All Chapters. Picnic. (See the attached flyer for details). We are going to be serving hot dogs and hamburgers for a donation. You need to bring a dish or desert to share, a desert for the auction and the ability to have a good time. The festivities start at 10:00 AM but if you would like to come early to help out we'd be delighted to have you, we'll even have coffee and doughnuts for the early birds. The early bird workers are going to arrive at 8:00 AM. If you are coming early and you have some extra door prizes or raffle prizes bring em. along. We have a huge pavilion so the Picnic is going to happen rain or shine. We look forward to seeing everybody there.

Take care, be safe, ride safe and have some fun!

Bryan & Evelyn Russell  
VA District COY



**Gold Wing Road Riders Association  
REGION - N,  
CHAPTER VA - B, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA  
CHARTERED OCTOBER 3, 1982  
[WWW.GWRRVAB.NET](http://WWW.GWRRVAB.NET)**

We meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month  
6:00pm socialize and eat, 7:00pm for the social meeting.

13 August 2008

10 September 2008

8 October 2008

Place: Frankie's Place For Ribs  
3333 Virginia Beach Blvd, (behind Sam's Club) Virginia Beach, VA 428-7631

# Why do all superheroes wear spandex?

## TECH TALK WITH DAVE HUNTER

### IS YOUR BIKE DOING WHAT IT'S SUPPOSED TO?

#### 2001 GL1800/A Speedometer Replacement

This information will assist you in the replacement of the speedometer unit on affected 2001 GL1800 models.

The speedometer faceplate may warp from extended exposure to direct sunlight. This can produce intermittent sticking of the speedometer needle. A replacement speedometer is now available to correct this condition.

Only perform this procedure if the motorcycle actually experiences a sticking speedometer needle.

Affected Units:

ALL model year 2001 GL1800/A's.

Repair Procedure:

1. Remove the combination meter assembly.

2. Disassemble the combination meter assembly. NOTE: It is not necessary to remove the LCD assembly.

3. Remove the two speedometer attachment screws located on the back side of the combination meter circuit board.

4. Remove the speedometer

5. Install the replacement speedometer.

6. Reassemble the combination meter assembly and re-install it in the reverse order of disassembly.



## FROM THE SEAT OF THE WING, YOUR RIDE COORDINATOR

### WHERE ARE WE GOING TODAY, HARRY?

Yee-Hah, Ya'll come on out with your best lady and your trusty steed cause we goin' to town and put on the feed bag! That's right Folks, this month we get to visit Deadwood; The Wild West town of N.C. Good food and great fun! ([www.deadwoodnc.com](http://www.deadwoodnc.com))

#### **AUGUST:**

9th Dead Wood Wild West Town/Restaurant.  
Meet at McDonalds on Independence BLVD across from Best Buy at 11:00AM. Depart at 11:30 AM expect to arrive back in town before 8:00PM. Visit [www.deadwoodnc.com](http://www.deadwoodnc.com) for more info.

16th Jousting (That's right) in MT. SOLON, VA. At the Natural Chimney's Park. This is a national Jousting event and will have very neat things happening. This is a weird Virginia tour event. (Meeting place and time to follow). Visit [www.virginiawind.com/virginia\\_travel/natural\\_chimney.asp](http://www.virginiawind.com/virginia_travel/natural_chimney.asp)

23rd VA-O Casino Picnic

#### **SEPTEMBER:**

6th VA-B Fun Ride (TDB)  
13th VA-C Fall Sprawl

18th-20th Wings Over The Smokies  
27th Another Weird Virginia tour ride (TDB)

#### **October:**

4th VA-B Fun Ride (TDB)  
9-11th Rally in the Valley  
18th Fall Fantasy Run VA-E

Also I'm still asking for help to name my little riding buddy on the back of my wing. If I pick your selection, you'll get a neat prize!

Sorry folk's Franky is no good!

Don't forget to get a ride card and get it signed every chance you can!

Harry Waggoner  
[fieroharry@yahoo.com](mailto:fieroharry@yahoo.com)



# Can you get cornered in a round room?

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR DISTRICT?

WORDS FROM OUR DISTINGUISHED LEADERS PAT & KATHY HASIAK

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WOW! Wing Ding is over and we had a great time. It was nice to have the rally so close to home. It was only a day ride. We'd like to thank all the volunteers who helped work the registration table, taught a seminar or participated in the many events. If you went to have fun and learn something from rider education to leadership training it was available. There were demo rides so you had a chance to see how that new wing you've had your eye on rides. We had two drawings for volunteers who worked the registration table on the 4th of July. Rick Hassler from VA-R won \$50.00 and Pat Hasiak also won \$50.00. See it sometimes pay to volunteer.

Members of VA took home several other prizes at Wing Ding. Our big winner was Ken Crawford of VA-I who won \$3335.00 in the grand 50/50; Pat Hasiak had an impressive 4 Queens and won \$250.00 for 2nd place in the poker hand (got beat out by a straight flush); Dave & Dolores Ebmeier took first in 1500 stock, Mary took second in custom trike 1800 and Bob & Ann Lutton took third in their division for bike with trailer; A couple (sorry I don't have the name) from VA-H won a certificate from Wing Bling to do the entire top of their bike with Wing Bling stuff (Over \$1,200.00 value). This is all we have info on as far as winners at Wing Ding. Next year's Wing Ding will be held in Tulsa, OK, so get your plans in place, make your reservations and we hope to see you there.

The next event for VA District will be our All Chapters Picnic on 2 August, at Locust Shade Park near Quantico, VA. Please come out and enjoy a picnic hosted by our District and Chapter Couples. There will be plenty of fun and games to be played. There are paddle boats available, a batting cage, tennis courts and other activities. If you want to learn a little history about the Marine Corps there is a great museum about ½ mile away where they have an impressive display of history and the price is right FREE.

Other upcoming events are the KY District rally August 7-9, in Somerset, KY. VA-O's primary event on 23 August in New Quarter Park in Williamsburg and on 24 August you can attend VA-Q's poker run in Covington, VA. You can go from the eastern side of the state to the west in one weekend. There are lots of events to still attend if you've missed some of the others. With gas prices as high as they are it's difficult for some folks to get out as much, but we would encourage you to support other VA Chapter primary events as well as the other Districts. For more information on upcoming events, please visit the District web site and the web sites of the other chapters as well.

There is a lot of information on fun things to do listed. We're happy to report that a new ADD has been named for the Eastern Chapters. Joe and Sheila Bowles are the new Assistants for that area. Please join us in welcoming them to their new position. They will still be doing the RITV Vendor coordinators duties as well. Speaking of RITV, it is coming up fast. If you haven't sent in your registration and made your hotel reservations you may want to do so soon. Hotels usually go pretty quickly in the Salem area.

We'd like to remind all Chapters to get your Ad in for the Program book and also to try to get some business sponsor ad's. A copy of the Ad form is on the district web site and attached to this newsletter.

Until next month,

Ride Safe and Keep the Shiny Side Up

Pat & Kathy Hasiak

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## A HAPPY DISTRICT NOTE

*Many of us are well acquainted with George Craddock (ADD-North And MED) and were deeply concerned when he announced his diagnosis of cancer last year. Here is an excerpt from his July District Newsletter article.*

Well, here it is the middle of July 2008 and thanks be to the Man upstairs, we're still standing. Henceforth, July will not only be my birthday month but also the anniversary of the start of our most trying medical ordeal ever in 2007 and thanks to God, the ending month of that ordeal. This is our first District newsletter article in quite a few months as the long road of pain and stress and tests and treatments from Jul to Dec 07, began to take its toll by January 08 and we had to cut back and allow the Lord to make a way. Thanks goes out to all the Chapter Directors in the northern area, that sent in reports to the District newsletter editor on my behalf and all that continued on with GWRRA business without the Assistant looking over your shoulder. We also give thanks for the many prayers that so many GWRRA friends and our family relatives and friends extended on our behalf. We can now report good news that the latest PET Scan showed no cancer cells found and the side effects from the surgery and all the Chemo treatments and the Radiation treatments over the past year are starting to abate. We're feeling stronger each day and have even pulled the bikes out of hibernation, cleaned them up and may even try to ride one in a few days. Hopefully we will see some of you in the coming weeks.

# Why do they put Canadian bacon on Hawaiian Pizza?

## ASSISTANT DISTRICT DIRECTORS - EAST

### THE BACKBONE OF THE DISTRICT

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*District announced new Assistant District Directors for our Eastern area late last month. Please join us in Welcoming Joe and Sheila Bowles.*

Joe and I are very honored to have been asked to serve as the Assistant District Directors for the Eastern part of the State. Many of you already know us, but for those who don't we'd like to share some information about ourselves:

Joe was born in Hanover County and I was born at Ft. Lee, Virginia (an Army brat). We were married in July 1971. Because I had just become employed with the Department of Motor Vehicles and did not have much vacation time accrued, I opted to take an extended lunch and married on my lunch hour. Following our ceremony, Joe went home, baked a cake and stopped by the local store and purchased a broom and a dust pan. Now, I know he didn't think that was my wedding gift! Joe has a son from a previous marriage, a beautiful grand-daughter and two of the most gorgeous great-granddaughters. Joe came from a family of 6 and I

have 3 other siblings. We purchased our first Gold Wing in the spring of 1991 and joined Chapter U in August of that same year as charter members. About 1 ½ years later we were asked to help support a new chapter (Chapter W) which we gladly accepted. We were selected as the 1995 Chapter Couple for VA-W and in October 1996 we were chosen as the Virginia District Couple. We have also served as Chapter Directors for Chapter W. We currently hold the position of Chapter Treasurer and Recruiting & Retention Coordinator for Chapter W. We also hold the position of District Rally Vendor Coordinator. We are both Level III riders and have both taken the Road Captains Course, the Experienced Rider Course and the Trike Course. We are firm believers the more knowledgeable you are and the more you practice your riding skills and technique, the more it will be beneficial to you in a time of need. Joe is employed as a forklift mechanic at the Food Lion Distribution Center and I have been employed with the Department of Motor Vehicles as an Operations Analyst Supervisor. We currently own a 1995 1500 Gold Wing Trike that Joe converted in 2003. We have a matching

Escapade trailer. I have previously owned a Honda Helix and a Shadow. Now, I'm happy riding with Joe and letting him do the driving. We are here to serve you the members of this fine organization. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to give us a call or sending us an email at [scbandjab@yahoo.com](mailto:scbandjab@yahoo.com) and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Joe and Sheila Bowles  
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## WHAT DID OUR "FIRST TIMERS" THINK OF WING-DING?

MIKE & SANDRA SKELTON, VA-B

The BI LOW Center Arena filled up slowly. Many people stood in line for popcorn, nachos, and a cool refreshing soda; well deserving of an exhausting four day Wing Ding Rally at Greenville, South Carolina. Regional, District, National and International representatives sat in special seating in full view of the audience. Ticket sales for a 2009 Honda GL1800 Goldwing, a Goldwing trike kit and 50/50 tickets continued while live soothing country music played. The excitement escalated with groups cheering and chanting. Several huge yellow balls bounced from person to person in the arena. Once the Closing Ceremonies began, birthdays were announced while the audience sang the Birthday Song. Next, a moment of silence was given for all the people who lost their lives this year. The following groups were asked to stand and were applauded: Active Duty Military, Firefighters, Policemen, Veterans, Lifetime and Goldwing members, Foreign visitors and lastly City of Greenville representatives who helped make the rally a success. A live band called the Crawfish Family played "oldies but goodies" while ticket sales wrapped up. The dance floor filled up with couples. Excitement was felt throughout the Arena. Some very interesting facts were announced: 11,264 family members were present and 295 new members were added during the rally. 100 pints of blood were donated. 849 bikes were in the parade and of those 685 were Wings. 400 riders were trained. Then the ceremonies got into a routine of several drawings and live music. Towards the end it was announced that the largest district by attendance was Florida and the largest district by percentage was Puerto Rico. The closing ceremonies ended with people standing in accordance to how many rallies they had attended. Two members had attended all 30 rallies. As the rally came to a close, it was announced that Wing Ding 31 will be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

# What happens to an 18 hour bra after 18 hours?

## REGION N NEWS

### WHAT'S NEW WITH THE "N" CROWD?

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Hello Region N!

We hope everyone is having a great summer and making wonderful memories along the way. Whether you are riding North, South, East or West, we know you are having a good time! The weekend of July 26th, we headed out on our Wing and traveled East to help celebrate the birth of a brand new chapter in Region N. It's called, "Wake Forest Wings." Chapter Directors, Robert and Dorothy Richards and the entire staff of NC X, invited all to come and join them in having some "GoldWing FUN!" For a registration fee of \$12.00 you were served a catered meal and listened to music provided by a DJ. They had 50/50 drawings, prizes, games, old fashion snow cones, and a chance to win a car race! For \$5.00 you purchased a "Match Box" car and entered the race. It was amazing for me to watch people have this much fun racing such a small car!

I have never experienced being a part of starting a new chapter, but I attended the kickoff for Chapter TN K, in 2003. That was before I owned my own bike. Zearl and Jane Black, (Ambassadors for the state of Tennessee and I might add, brave souls,) allowed me to drive their trike around in the parking lot. That is

all it took and I was hooked! I remember the excitement in the air and all the smiles on every face. Everyone had such a good time!

I believe as members of this great organization, we should remember why we joined in the first place. And that is to have FUN! Whenever things aren't going exactly the way I would like or if I'm feeling a little discouraged about a certain situation, I think back to when I first began my journey with GWRRA. Being a member has actually changed my life, and I'm so thankful that I walked into a TN-G2 meeting the first Monday night at 6pm in September, 2000.

The members at Wake Forest Wings will also look back some day and remember their kickoff and all the members that came out to support them. That is what it's all about. "Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge!"

"Let's make it Great in 2008!"

Frank and Kathy Albert  
GWRRA Region N Directors

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## NATIONAL NEWS - A Few Brief Notes

### It's That Time Again.....

to update the Gold Book Service Directory. Having the Gold Book Service Directory at your fingertips is just one of the many great benefits of being a GWRRA Member. When you travel, you're never more than a phone call away from a fellow Member who is willing to offer you assistance should you ever need it. The following is a list of the codes with the services you may be willing to provide:

- Truck or trailer available to transport a disabled bike
- Will accept phone calls (No collect calls, please!)
- Tent space available
- Sheltered sleeping space or lodging available
- Tools available
- Tour guide (local area)

Please make sure you're not left out of the Gold Book by checking the codes you have listed in your membership record. You must have at least one code checked to be listed in the Gold Book. You can check your membership record at [www.gwrra.org](http://www.gwrra.org), and then click on Manage Your Membership. Or if you prefer, you can contact Customer Service at 800-843-9460, Mon.- Thurs., 6:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. MST, and one of our friendly agents will be happy to assist you. Don't be left out. The deadline to register or make changes to your selections for the Gold Book Service Directory is October 31, 2008. The 2009 Gold Book will be delivered with the March 2009 issue of Wing World magazine.

### New Email Address For Melissa

Please make a note that my email address has changed. The new email address is [meason@gwrra.org](mailto:meason@gwrra.org). All emails from my former email address, [mnordeoff@gwrra.org](mailto:mnordeoff@gwrra.org), will be forwarded to my new address for a short time. Please be sure to change this in your records so I will continue to receive your correspondence without interruption or delay.



# Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge

## MENTORING MOMENT

ENSURE YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT PATH

*Maybe the other driver really can't see your black motorcycle or you in that dark jacket and helmet in the shade against that sea of black SUVs. Before you try loud pipes, there is a better, scientifically proven way of keeping him from overlooking you.*

*Dark colors are stylish and camouflage the inevitable collisions with nature and flecks of chain lube thrown up by your buddy's bike, but they make you disappear into the shadows, trees and other non-threatening bits of landscape out in the background of that driver's vision. The worst color choices are those just slightly darker than neutral -- grays, light browns, and olive drab green. The best way to disappear is to wear camouflage, which after all was designed to help the wearer hide. Flat finishes are less intrusive than glossy ones, and multi-colored patterns may actually make you less obvious because, like camo, they break up your outline.*



## CHAPTER CHATTER

V A-U held it's annual poker run July 26 and we had a smaller than normal group in attendance, but still sent five bikes to their well attended event. Towards the end of the afternoon we were gifted with a down pour that turned out not to be such a gift. It turned the weather hotter and more humid. Although no big winners, Teresa walked away with some door prizes. She has a pretty good streak going now and should be catching up to Joanne soon!

We had a good turn out for the July ice cream ride with over 20 people, ten bikes (including two non-goldwings) and one four-wheeler. It was nice to see everyone. Maybe the later time is working out better.

On the cover this month: Joe & Linda Desormeaux modeling their GL1800

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream. Our next ride will be held on 20 August and we will venture to Handels at 2400 Elson Green Ave, VB. I know it's not much of a venture, but it's a great stop. Meet at the Lowes on Va. Beach Blvd for a 7:00 departure. If it's easier for you to meet us at the ice cream shop, please do. Septembers ice cream ride may be at a brand new location for us, Nick Knox is scouting a new ice cream store and will let us know.

Our Chapter will be manning the door prize table again this year at R.I.T.V. for the three days. It's a pretty fun job and you get to meet all kinds of people from different Chapters. We will need volunteers to work in two to three hour shifts. Please sign up to help. In the past its been a nice break to be able to go sit at the door prize table and get out of the hustle and bustle of everthing going on.

Due to popular demand we have put together a "for sale" section in the newsletter. At this point, it's limited to motorcycle related items, but that may be changed in the future. Please make sure you get your infomation in to Kristen ((talk2k@verizon.net) before the first of each month. Remember this is your newsletter and if you have any suggestions or comments, please send them in.

Rita Bilodeaux has blocked some rooms for us at the Comfort Inn in Tanglewood for R.I.T.V. This hotel is located a short ride down the street from the Salem Convention Center as is a good bargain. Please get with Bert at the meeting to get your name on the list or see Kristen.

# Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge

## Upcoming Calendar of Events

### AUGUST:

- **August 2** - All Chapters' Picnic, Triangle, VA. This will be a minimum 3 hr ride up; consider the temperature and decide if you'd like to take your car or motorcycle. It is requested everyone bring a dish to share. See flyer info enclosed.
- **August 9** - Dead Wood Wild West Town/Restaurant. Meet at Hardee's Southside; more info to follow via e-mail. Visit <http://www.deadwoodnc.com/> for more info and views online.
- **August 13** - Monthly Social Meeting, eat at 6:00, meeting at 7:00
- **August 16** - Jousting (That's right) in MT. SOLON, VA. At the Natural Chimney's Park. This is a national Jousting event and will have very neat things going on, this is a weird Virginia tour even
- **August 20** - Ice Cream Ride. Meet at Lowe's parking lot at Holland & Rosemont Rds at 7:00
- **August 23** - VA-O Casino Picnic. Departure info to follow.
- **August 31** - End of the month breakfast. Golden Corral on Independence at 8:30. Possible ride afterwards.

### SEPTEMBER

- **September 6** - VA-B Fun Ride (TDB)
- **September 10** - Monthly social meeting, eat at 6:00, meeting at 7:00
- **September 13** -VA-C Fall Sprawl. You MUST pre-register for this event to be guaranteed a meal. Our departure time and location to be announced.
- **September 17** - Ice Cream Ride. Meet at Lowe's parking lot at Holland & Rosemont Rds at 7:00
- **September 18-20** - NC District Rally "Wings Over The Smokies"
- **September 27** - Another Weird Virginia tour ride (TDB)
- **September 28** - End of the month breakfast. Golden Corral on Independence at 8:30.

### OCTOBER:

- **October 9-11** - Rally in the Valley
- **October 18** - Fall Fantasy Run VA-E

Happy Birthday to our  
August Babies:

Dawn "woohoo I'm 17" Weston

Apparently Dawn is the only one that admits she's  
an August baby.

If August is your birth month and you are too shy to  
have it listed - Happy Birthday



# Why did kamikaze pilots wear helmets?



We Love our Ice Cream! July's ice cream ride had a nice turn out. We took up all the chairs and sidewalk seats outside.

Chapter U's COY's doing their best to lighten our wallets at their July fund raising event.



Yes, that's your Chapter Director running out in the rain at VA-U's event to cover his bike. Notice he's the only one out there. That's because 10 mins prior to this (before the rain hit) everyone else covered their bikes when the clouds rolled in. I believe Dennis said "it wont rain!"

# Never stand between a dog and the hydrant



*Have a motorcycle related item you can't use? Bike parts that belong to your "old bike?" Looking for something at a bargain? Look no further than our For Sale section. Sell or buy here. Contact the selling party*

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- Set of exhaust pipes for a 2000 model 1500. Asking price \$250.00. Contact Gary Spangler.
- Air Ryder gel seat pad. Fits 1500, 1800 driver's seat. New condition \$100.00 . Dave or Dolores 497-4608.
- Two Honda Jackets, 3/4 length, snap in & out liners, for winter. Size L and 2XL. Red and black worn maybe twice, but I doubt it. \$75.00 each. Contact Harry Schafer 465-9051
- Power park center stand for a GL1500 \$50. Contact Dean Frederick
- Womans Heine Gehrig Paris Dakar black leather jacket size small, \$100.00. Contact Jim or Joanne Ciampi
- For Rent: One slightly old dude, doesn't eat much, isn't very quite, passes gas frequently. See Harry Waggoner

Do you know of a deserving Couple to nominate as our 2009 COY? If you would like to nominate a couple and they meet the minimum requirements below, please fill out a nomination form and return to Dennis or Kristen.

- Couple must consist of one male and one female.
- Both male and female must hold Individual or Family Membership in GWRRA. (Note: Associate Members are not eligible to participate in the Couple of the Year program.)
- Membership must be valid through the term of the Chapter Couple of the Year position (one year).
- The Couple must have completed at least one year membership in GWRRA prior to being named





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Co-Rider \_\_\_\_\_ ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_ CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

I/WE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE GWRRA, THE CO-SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS AND ANY PROPERTY OWNERS FOR ANY LOSS OR INJURY I/WE MAY BE INVOLVED IN BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS EVENT.

**Pre-Register and receive \$25.00 Extra in Casino Money**

**Pre-Register Deadline Date: August 10, 2003**

**Make checks payable to: GWRRA VA-O** and mail to Lynn Simone, 314 Watson Drive,  
Smithfield, VA 23606





# Fall Sprawl

September 13, 2008  
Simmons' Farm



### Saturday

Registration - 9am  
Lunch at 1pm  
Awards after lunch

- Games - Games with GREAT Game Prizes
- Awards
- \$50.00 Pre-Registration Drawing
- 50/25/15/10

Feel free to spend Saturday night on the farm. There will be lots of fun and excitement after the event!!

**CAMPING** - Feel free  
To camp on Friday and/or  
Saturday night (no hook-ups).

### Saturday **STEAK** lunch!

Steak - Baked Potato - Salad - Drink - Desert  
**Bring your own plate, knife & fork**

Come on out early and spend  
Friday evening with your friends.  
We will be having a  
Hot Dog Weenie Roast !!



### From Newport News, VA

- Take Rt 17 North through Gloucester/Saluda
- Turn right on Rt 33 East, go approx. 7 miles
- Turn left on Rt 3 West to White Stone
- Continue on Rt 3 West for 3 miles
- Turn right onto Simmons Lane ( 1 mile south of Kilmarnock)

### From Richmond, VA:

- I64 East to Rt 33 (West Point Exit 220)
- Follow Rt. 33 to Saluda. Rt33 turns right in Saluda.
- Go approx. 7 miles from Saluda on Rt 33 and turn left on Rt 3 West to White Stone
- Continue on Rt 3 West for 3 miles
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### Register EARLY!!

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Total # Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

What day will you be arriving? \_\_\_FRI \_\_\_ SAT

Please make check payable to  
GWRRA VAC and mail to:

GWRRA VAC  
PO Box 1266  
Yorktown, VA 23692

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we agree to confirm & comply with the ideas governing this event, and I/we further agree to hold harmless GWRRA VAC or any property owner for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved by reason or participation in this event. Everyone attending must sign

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Form**

(\$5 handling fee for cancellations, **no refunds** after 9/27/08)

Rider \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ GWRRA # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_  
CoRider \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ GWRRA # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Miles to Rally \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_  
Arriving \_\_\_\_\_ Thurs \_\_\_\_\_ Fri \_\_\_\_\_ Sat \_\_\_\_\_  
One-up \_\_\_\_\_ Two-up \_\_\_\_\_ Side Car \_\_\_\_\_ Trike \_\_\_\_\_ Valkryre \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

For registration confirmation, please include your email address:

Email address: (print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

**Master's Buffet Breakfast** : Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$3.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Master's Patch Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pre-Registration**

GWRRA Member \$35 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Non Member \$40 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Child \$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Children under 12 \$10.00

After 9/27/08 and on-site Children under 5 Free

Member \$40 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Non Member \$45 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Day pass \$13 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Shirts total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (U.S. Dollars)

I/we agree to hold harmless the GWRRA, the co-sponsoring organizations and any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved by reason of participation in this Rally.

Rider \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Rider \_\_\_\_\_

Please let us know... Is this your first time attending this Rally? \_\_\_\_\_  
How did you find out about the Rally? \_\_\_\_\_

**Rally Shirts**

All Rally shirt orders must be received no later than September 15, 2008. Shirts may be purchased on site from Freedom Enterprises Vendor at a slightly higher price.

T-shirt SM \_\_\_ Med \_\_\_ Lg \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ \$13.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

XXL \_\_\_ XXXL \_\_\_ \$15.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

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# Virginia District

## 20th Rally in the Valley

### October 9 - 11, 2008



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**Exit 141 off I-81**  
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# "Through the Years"

**1st Grand Prize**  
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**703-590-5712**  
**vadd@comcast.net**

**Vendor Contact:**  
**Joe Bowles**  
**804-530-3397**  
**scbandjab@yahoo.com**

# Through the Years

## Entertainment

Are you ready for lively entertainment? Opening Ceremony will be a hoot on Friday night!!

## Hotels & Camping

**Hotels** There are many hotels located in the Salem/Roanoke area. The following is just a partial list:

- Holiday Inn Express (540) 986-1000  
1535 East Main St. (Exit 141 off I-81)
- Baymont Inn (540) 562-2717  
140 Sheraton Dr. (exit 141 off I-81)
- Comfort Inn (540) 387-1600  
151 Wildwood Rd. (exit 137 off I-81)
- Quality Inn (540) 562-1912  
179 Sheraton Dr. (exit 141 off I-81)

**Camping** is also available at the Salem Mobile Home Village which is 1 mile from the Civic Center (electric, water & Sewer). No showers or restrooms available. (540) 314-8795 or (540) 345-0333.

**Camping** Limited camping is available at the Civic Center. All water/electric/sewer sites, regardless of where they are located, are \$35 per night. All water/electric sites, regardless of where they are located, are \$25 a night and no-service at all sites are all \$15 per night. All camp sites are on a first come, first serve basis, and are limited. Restrooms & showers are available inside the Civic Center for campers beginning Thursday. Also, port-a-potties are available in the camping area. These prices are set by the Salem Civic Center and GWRRA Virginia cannot alter them.

The second Grand Prize is an Escapade Trailer (matches the 1800) donated by California Sidecar. Trailer is basic with gel coat. Any paint, options, accessories, and shipping, crating, & taxes are the responsibility of the winner. There will be **NO** tickets sold on site. Each pre-registration packet will come with one ticket per full registered person. Value of trailer \$1895.00 Must be present to win.

## Registration

Pre-registration before 9/27/08 will be \$35 for GWRRA members and associate members. Your GWRRA membership cards will be required at the registration table. Only those who pre-register and fill out the registration form in its entirety are eligible to receive statistical awards. Only those who are fully registered may compete in any of the events. All awards are based on pre-registration figures. Only those pre-registered will be guaranteed the Saturday night buffet.

Early Registration Thursday afternoon, vendors will open at 3pm (you can not get into the vendors prior to this time). Pizza Party from 6-7pm and Bike Light Parade and awards to follow.

Please complete the registration form & mail it with your check payable to:

**GWRRA Virginia**  
**9827 Solitary Place**  
**Bristow, VA 20136-2519**

If anyone wants an email confirmation of their registration, please PRINT legibly your email address. We will email the confirmation to you provided we can read your address.

**Full Registration Includes:** Thursday Evening Pizza Party – Bike Light Parade – Friday Night Entertainment – Ice Cream Social – Field Events – Bike Show – Vendors -- Poker Run – Rider Ed & Leadership Training Seminars – Door Prize and Second Grand Prize Tickets – 50/50 – Hospitality Room – Year Bar -- WINGO – Parade – Cash Grand Prize – Second Grand Prize for pre-registered only: Escapade Trailer – 2008 District COY Selection

## Rider Education

- Here are some of the exciting things you will find:
- First Aid/CPR Certification & Recertification
- Co-Rider Seminar
- Advanced Sidecar/Trike Class (limited, must pre-register)
- Road Captains Course
- Other Rider Ed seminars
- Rider Ed Table
- ERC Class (limited, must pre-register)
- Masters Breakfast Saturday morning, pre-registration required
- Contact Greg & Karen Kestner, 540-439-2408, [kgkestner@erols.com](mailto:kgkestner@erols.com) for more information or to register for ERC class or the Advanced Sidecar/Trike class.

*Virginia District Reserves the Right to alter this Rally Schedule*

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