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**Come to our Chapter
meetings the 3rd
Wednesday
Of Each Month**

**Dynasty Buffet
Four-Mile Fork**

**Meet at 6:30pm to Eat
Meeting begins at
7:30pm**

2005 COY

Dan & Martha Jo
Fritz

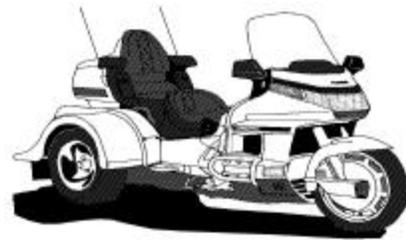


Chapter Director News

Jim & Bev Travis



Jim and Bev have been unable to provide an article this month. It is not

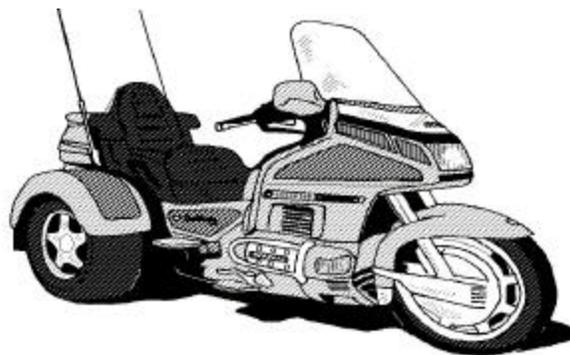


because they have not wanted to but because their son Sean was involved in a serious accident at work. He was in the hospital for several days. He

is now out of the hospital and on the road to recovery. Jim and Bev wish to thank everyone for their prayers during this time.

See you down the road,

Jim and Beverly Travis
Chapter Directors
GWRRA Chapter VA-E



Chapter Educator News

Gordon Combs



AireTronics - Advanced High Style Riding Apparel

Other drivers are often the cause of motorcycle accidents. No matter how expert a rider you are, it only takes a split second for disaster to happen. Our patented and patent pending AireTronics products have been tested in a variety of riding environments including extreme stunts and track racing.



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Come to our meeting this month and see a demonstration of this new concept in protection. I have personally tried this jacket and it is amazing how it works. I will have four available for demonstration at our next meeting presented by an expert in safety training. You do not want to miss it. See you there.

Ride Your Ride & Protect Your Hide,
Gordon Combs - Educator VA-E, Battlefield Wings

2005 Chapter Couple Dan & Martha Jo Fritz



As many of you know, or maybe you don't know, Dan was involved in a motorcycle accident a few weeks ago. Martha Jo has been busy taking care of him and working and so in light of this (and a little editorial purgative) I am just going to say that they have been unable to give me an article for the newsletter. And unfortunately Dan has once again had to be admitted to the hospital with a blood clot in his leg. As of this writing he should be out of the hospital.



DISTRICT & REGION NEWS



MD-B PARTICIPANT INVOLVED IN MOTORCYCLE CRASH - Our good friend and supporter, Hampton Conway (MD-B), was involved in a vehicle collision on Mon., Aug. 1. An 18-wheeler made an illegal left turn on red narrowly missing ShaRon on her trike, but struck Hampton and ran over his upper left arm. He sustained injuries to his left shoulder and a broken upper left arm. Several surgeries have been performed, but unfortunately they had to amputate Hamptons left arm above the elbow. He is currently in the Critical Care Unit of Prince George Hospital and cannot have calls or visitors. ShaRon says Hampton is in good spirits, and is ready to get on with the rest of his life. We know he will do just that as he has a remarkable outlook on life. Cards may be sent to their home at 11835 Ellington Drive, Beltsville, MD 20705. Please keep Hampton and ShaRon in your thoughts and prayers during his recovery

ADDRESS FOR BETTY NEEDHAM - Julia Nichols, mother of Betty Needham (long time GWRRA VA-A - Northern VA participant) passed away June 22 at age 94 following a long illness. Cards may be sent to Betty at 46604 Ellicott Sq #103, Potomac Falls, Va 20165. Please keep Betty and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

VA-O RETAINS VIRGINIA PLAQUE - No VA Chapter showed up at Chapter VA-O's (Williamsburg) monthly meeting to claim the Virginia Traveling Plaque. It will be available for capture at their Casino Picnic on Aug. 20th.

REGION PLAQUE MOVES FURTHER AWAY - Chapter TN-G2 (Pigeon Forge, TN) sent a party all the way over into eastern NC to Chapter NC-E2 (Elizabeth City, NC) meeting on Aug. 30, and returned home with the Region N Wandering Plaque. Now we'll just have to gather up a rescue party and go recapture that thing in Tennessee.

CHAPTER NEWS

Birthdays

Joyce Mitchell	5
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Anniversaries

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Anyone interested needing any embroidery done you can contact Final Touch Embroidery (Annette Cline) in Bealton. She can do any embroidery work, hats, vests, etc. Her phone number is 540-439-9680 or you can e-mail here at netfinaltouch@aol.com

On July 16, Ray and I headed out to Culpeper to attend Chapter Z's Pass the Pig. It was a hot day but on the bike the breeze made it seem much cooler. When we got there we were greeted by lots of hot, happy people. Denise and Tom Welch greeted us as did Glen and Sue Lilly. Denise had sprained her ankle at work and so she was using a cane. We visited for a while and talked to several people.

After a while we said our good byes and left. What a surprise when at the All Chapters Picnic we learned that Ray and I won the trophy for the Smallest Chapter in Attendance at the Pass the Pig, since we were the only 2 there from Chapter E. We had left since we didn't think we won anything. A very hot day, but a nice day spent at Chapter Z. Thank you, Chapter Z.

Guess there is no **Day 1 Deal's Gap**. Ask Gordon, Larry, Greg or Frankie what happened?

My assigned responsibilities were to document **Day 2** of the **Deal's Gap** ride and I'll try to do that without telling you what everyone had for breakfast or other boring stuff.

We had a GREAT time, Gordon made a fool of himself, Frankie demonstrated how to be a compassionate participant, Greg made a navigation mistake, and I just tagged along doing nothing noteworthy. If you are pressed for time, that's the top level summary and you can skip the rest of this article and move on to the next.

Well, you're still with me so here are the details. First, I want to start this report at 12:01 AM on Day 2 because I was fortunate enough to draw Frankie as my roommate and I want to publicly thank him. Its worth fighting to get Frankie as a roommate -- he doesn't snore, he tiptoes around if you are sleeping, and he even shaves in the dark if he gets up before you. I hope he'll take me as a roommate for the 2nd Annual Deal's Gap ride. Now, on to riding. We left our hotel for the Gap pretty late (~9:00, some participants had to wax their bikes before riding; I slept until they were ready) and it took about an hour to get there. But, the roads were twisty for much of the way so we had a good time with all of the usual comradery and CB banter. In due time Greg announced that we were starting the famous 11 mile section. Almost immediately we saw a sportbike rider with a Mohawk attached to his helmet (you had to be there, I can't describe it better). He stopped to sweep gravel out of a corner – obviously he was going to challenge this road a little later. By the time we got to the end of our first run we had seen several Mohawk riders, many “normal” riders, and plenty of Miatas but no one got in anyone's way and the 4 of us got in some intensive countersteering practice with occasional floorboard scraping. (It turns out that the last weekend in July is the annual Miata rally at Deal's Gap. This year there were 374 registered and they were from everywhere.) We stopped at the store at the end of the run to gawk at the diversity of riders and bikes out doing the same thing we were doing (but possibly a little more aggressively). The store is devoted to riders and several of us got T shirts or other souvenirs.

We left the store and Greg guided us through mountain roads for awhile and then back past the store to ride the Gap in the other direction. We repeated the mountain-roads-then-Deal's-Gap runs a total of 4 times stopping only for lunch, potty breaks, a self guided tour of Fontana Dam, and to change into or out of rain gear (it rained several times as we went back and forth over the Smokies). After the 3rd run, Gordon said he had had enough (strange). Of course, we all had to run the Gap at least one more time because we were on the far end of it relative to our hotel. It started to rain quite heavily and we stopped at the souvenir store to change under the gas pump canopy (with a dozen other riders). The rain sort of let up and we knew it would be getting dark soon so we made our last run and headed for the hotel. Gordon and Frankie seemed to lag behind (again, strange) and Greg and I got a mile or two ahead of them.

Uncharacteristically, Greg missed a turn and, when he starting seeing things he didn't recognize, radioed his intention to turn around. Frankie and Gordon said they would pull off and wait for us to return. Greg and I got turned around and eventually found Gordon and Frankie pulled off the road where we stopped also.

The reason Gordon and Frankie lagged behind now became clear. Gordon was leaned over the guardrail tossing his cookies. He fought the Gap, and, in round 4, the Gap won. Frankie was compassionate enough to lag behind with Gordon when he was too motion sick to ride at a normal pace (that's my roommate!).

I know Chapter E readers are discriminating and expect proof when an amateur journalist such as myself reports on a grown man acting like a child. And, it is true that everyone except Greg had a camera on this trip so a photographic record should be readily available. Although I can't produce photographic proof, Gordon was later heard rehearsing his defense: "I took 2 Tylenol and 2 Excedrin earlier – they must have had a bad reaction in my tum-tum." If you hear this defense, that will corroborate my account and explain why Greg now calls Gordon by the nickname Chuck. (By the way, some people, maybe even some Chapter E members, might be prone to exaggerate or otherwise misrepresent facts. We should all be skeptical about reports of things that seem unlikely. For instance, if we were told that a Chapter member has trouble dressing himself or can't keep his bike upright in an almost deserted parking lot, we should be skeptical and consider it mere rumor unless and until photographic or other proof has been presented.)

After Gordon finished his business we found the turn Greg missed and finally got back to the hotel around 8:30 or 9:00. In keeping with my earlier promise, I leave out an account of where and what we ate for dinner. You will, no doubt, find the account of Day 3 more interesting so I let you get too it. I'm anxious to read it myself because I think Gordon is writing it and I want to see how closely he sticks to the facts – he may try to divert attention from his Day 2 "activities" and instead try to focus Chapter attention on one or more of the rest of us. Remember, look for photographic proof if an account sounds far fetched.

Larry

Deals Gap Day 3

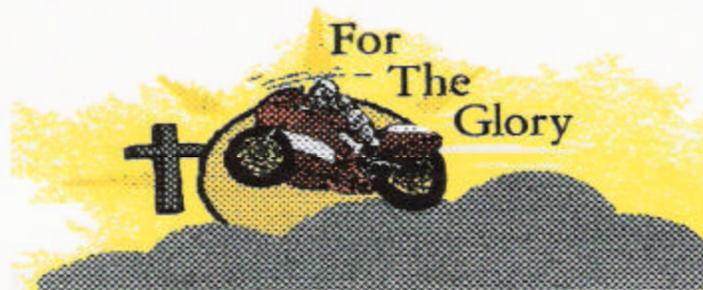
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This is a quote from Larry Gray's Day 2 account. Now for the rest of the story, DAY 3. Day 3 started off with a great breakfast at The Mill Restaurant in Pigeon Forge. To make the story short, I'll just say that every scrap of food left in the bowls for the whole table made its way to Larry's stomach. We think this is where his problems started. After we made it to the parkway, we proceeded to enjoy some of the most beautiful scenery ever. We could tell rain was imminent in the distance. Sure enough, we rounded a curve and "swoosh" we were in it. After a few hundred yards, Greg pulled into an overlook lot so we could don our rain suits. Greg, Frankie and myself pulled ours on with no problems but Larry was doing his "I dress like a four year old" imitation. He had on an armor jacket, Joe Rocket armor pants and 2 foot tall boots with buckles. He peels off the jacket and 1 boot and then removes the armor pants from 1 leg only, then he tries to pull his 1 piece rain suit on the bootless leg. Well, somehow, he got stuck in that position and there he was hopping around on 1 boot with a soaked T Shirt with 2 pairs of pants dangling from his legs. Frankie and I were laughing so hard we almost peed our pants. The couple in the car next to Larry were laughing so hard their windows fogged. So what does this grown, mature man say next; " Somebody Help Me!" Greg ran to his bike and returned with a

tiny umbrella which he held over Larry's head. That was all it took, we all peed our pants we were laughing so hard. There were 12 other bikes there and everyone was laughing so hard it hurt. The couple in the car fell into the back seats from laughing. When Larry finally got his clothes on he picked up his boot and poured about a quart of water out of it. We got on our way and proceeded to Mt. Mitchell where we stopped for lunch. I won't bore you with details, but the pig struck again. After lunch, we made our way to the parking lot and saddled up. Greg was done first, so he pulled into the middle of the lot and proceeded doing 360 degree circles while scraping floorboards. As 4 other cars with families were pulling in, Larry announced he was going to do 360ties. Frankie and I told him not to try to imitate Greg but off he went. Before he could complete half a circle "PLOP" over he went. Now, Larry can't just fall with grace, he has to put on a Broadway spectacular. He hopped once, rotated half way around the fell on his back with both legs pointing straight up. Now, Larry was the highest point on the East Coast, not Mt. Mitchell. You would think the families that were standing around would have stared at him, but they were focused on Frankie and I as we were rolling in the lot laughing at the top of our lungs.

I won't bore you with anymore at this time, but take the time and ask Frankie how a little old lady behaves when she is alone in her hotel room in Pigeon Forge and some 6 foot tall black man is trying his best to get her room door open with his room card so he can get in. You won't be disappointed.

Gordon.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

1. **Aug. 17th – Ch. E (Fredericksburg) Chapter Meeting**
2. **Aug. 20th – Ch. O (Williamsburg) Casino Picnic at New Quarter Park**
3. **Aug. 25 – 28 – Kentucky’s “Blue Grass Blast” in Paducah, KY**
4. **Aug. 27th – Ch. E Pot Luck at Butch & Nancy Groves @ 4:00 pm**
5. **Aug. 27th – Ch. A (Northern VA, Burke) Poker Run**
6. **Aug. 28th – Ch. Q (Covington) Fund Raiser**
7. **Sept. 6th – Ch. E (Fredericksburg) Staff Meeting – Dynasty Buffet**
8. **Sept. 10th – Ch. V (Bedford) Bike Show**
9. **Sept. 10th – Ch. C (Newport News) “Fall Sprawl” at the Simmons Farm**
10. **Sept. 8th - 10th NJ “Wingers Weekend” at Wyndham**
11. **Sept. 17th – Ch. I (Manassas) Fall Event**



12. Sept 17- Maintenance Day/Pot Luck Greg & Karen's 10 am
13. Sept. 21st - Ch. E (Fredericksburg) Chapter Meeting – Dynasty Buffet
14. Sept. 22nd - 25th – “Wings Over the Smokies” – Fletcher N.C.

Recently, I was diagnosed with A. A. A. D. D. - Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder.

This is how it manifests:

I decide to wash my car.

As I start toward the garage, I notice that there is mail on the hall table.

I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car.

I lay my car keys down on the table, put the junk mail in the trashcan under the table, and notice that the trashcan is full.

So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the trash first.

But then I think, since I'm going to be near the mailbox when I take out the trash anyway, I may as well pay the bills first.

I take my checkbook off the table, and see that there is only one check left. My extra checks are in my desk in the study, so I go to my desk where I find the can of Coke that I had been drinking.

I'm going to look for my checks, but first I need to push the Coke aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over.

I see that the Coke is getting warm, and I decide I should put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold.

As I head toward the kitchen with the coke a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye--they need to be watered.

I set the Coke down on the counter, and I discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning.

I decide I better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers.

I set the glasses back down on the counter, fill a container with water and suddenly I spot the TV remote. Someone left it on the kitchen table.

I realize that tonight when we go to watch TV, I will be looking for the remote, but I won't remember that it's on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back in the den where it belongs, but first I'll water the flowers.

I splash some water on the flowers, but most of it spills on the floor. So, I set the remote back down on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill.

Then I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day: the car isn't washed, the bills aren't paid, there is a warm can of Coke sitting on the counter, the flowers aren't watered, there is still only one check in my checkbook, I can't find the remote, I can't find my glasses, and I don't remember what I did with the car keys.

Then when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all day long, and I'm really tired.

I realize this is a serious problem, and I'll try to get some help for it, but first I'll check my e-mail.

Do me a favor, will you? Forward this message to everyone you know, because I don't remember to whom it has been sent. Oh, well..What's new?

Don't laugh -- if this isn't you yet, your day is coming!

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Rally in the Valley Rooms

Well, it's that time again! As you all know RIV is October 6th, 7th, and 8th. I have signed another contract with Comfort Inn Suites for twenty-five rooms for those days. This hotel is located about two miles from the Civic Center. These rooms are mostly the suites. They have two doubles beds (some have kings, but only a few), wet bar, microwave, and small frig. You also have a sitting area with a couch (**some** make a bed), table, television coffee pot and ECT. I can't guarantee the size bed or the location of the room. I will do my best to get you what you want. All rooms are entered from the inside and there are elevators to all the floors. They have a hot breakfast on Fridays and the rest of the time it the continental type meal. You have a large dinning area off the lobby and a nice deck off the lobby with chairs. All rooms are \$69.00 plus tax. The contract is in my name and all the rooms need to stay that way so nothing will be messed up with the reservations. If you would like a room please fill the form out below and see that Jennifer or

I get it. I need to have all forms back to me by September 1, so that I can get things set up All rooms have to be turned back in to the hotel by September 9th. If you need to cancel your room you have until 3 pm on the day of your scheduled arrival. If you need to cancel before RIV please let **me** know. You only cancel through the hotel on October 6,7, or 8th. There will be a one-night room charge that will be **your** responsibility if you fail to cancel on time or to the correct people. Any questions please give me a call 540-659-7273, or e-mail me at mwcdeb@aol.com. I will only take the reservations through this written form. When you turn this in to me that's your written agreement to the cancellation policy that I have listed. Thanks and hope to see everyone at RIV. (You will enjoy this place!)

Debbie

(Keep top half)

Name _____

Address _____

Arrival Date _____

Number of people in room _____
(I need to know if you need the couch to make a bed)

Smoking or Non-smoking _____

Preference on room or special needs _____

2005 Rally in the Valley Room List

These are the reservation sheets that I have as of August 9th. Please check it over and let me know if there are any changes, or you name is missing. I need information on the ones I put a comment beside.

Nancy and Butch Groves 10/07-10/09

Richard Wilson 10/07-10/09

Ed and Linda Johnson 10/06-10/09

? **Gordon and Julie Combs no date is given for arrival**

Joe and Sheila Pittman 10/06-10/09

Ray Hitt and Kathy O'Neal 10/06-10/09

Greg and Karen Kestner 10/05-10/09

Frankie and Delores Chapman 10/05-10/09

Harlon and Sharon Brooks 10/06-10/09

Toney and Tracy Boone 10/06-10/09

Ed and Wanda Hoeferkamp 10/05-10/09

? **Dan and Martha Joe Fritz 10/05 only 1 night**

? **Jim, Bev and Sean Travis 10/05-10/09 Suite cost is 189.00 a night??**

? **Ron and Linda Hardisty 10/06-10/09 you have 2 forms turned in. Do you want one room or two?**

Mike and Carol Lucas 10/6-10/09 smoking

Warren, Debbie and Jennifer Carter 10/05-10/09

Thanks,
Debbie