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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

CHAPTER DIRECTOR NEWS

Wing Ding has come and gone. It was nice to have the event close by in Nashville since it will be in Billings, Montana next year. Overall, I think it was a good rally, although there were some glitches with the hotel.

Keri and I decided to take a leisurely two day trip to and from Wing Ding, traveling back roads as much as possible. The first day we headed to Norton, VA, a little town in southwest Virginia, just a stones throw from Kentucky. This is definitely small-town USA. We asked the people at the hotel for a restaurant recommendation and they told us there was a good seafood place across the street. We decided to walk to the restaurant and found out what their definition of "across the street" meant. The walk helped burn off quite a few calories.

The next morning we rode through the back roads of Kentucky most of the way to Nashville. The first road, VA/KY 160 over to Cumberland, KY takes you past the highest point in Kentucky. This road snakes, twists, turns and climbs, and is a challenging way to start the day. I have never had to shift my bike as much as I did going up and down this mountain. There are a couple of hairy uphill switchbacks and this is not a road to ride if you're tired. After we got down the mountain, we decided "who needs Deals Gap?" This is enough fun. I think Keri started breathing again a couple of miles down the road.

I thought the Gaylord Opryland was a good venue for Wing Ding. It is a huge hotel with 2,800 rooms, big indoor arboretums, waterfalls, huge convention rooms, and just about every amenity you can imagine. It was very easy to get lost and we appreciated the "you are here" signs throughout. Getting from one event to another, or perhaps

just getting to your room, provided plenty of exercise. Although the Gaylord was a nice hotel, their room service was pitiful. Frankie's room hadn't even been cleaned when he checked in, and our maid decided to just take dirty towels off the floor and hang them back up instead of providing new ones.



On the way home we rode VA 58 from Weber City to Hillsville, which took us past Mt. Rogers, the highest point in Virginia. Route 58 was a scenic ride and there weren't really any challenging roads going past Mt. Rogers. We ended up spending an unplanned day in Hillsville as Keri decided to have a gall bladder attack overnight in Hillsville. Let's just say the care in a small town hospital is nothing like the big hospitals around here. The doctor told Keri she would be fine to ride after the pain medication wore off, so we spent a second night in Hillsville and headed out the next morning riding part way home on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

All in all it was a fun trip, and if we do Billings next year, I don't expect to have any leisurely days of riding. It will be a long hard trip.

Our Bike Show, which was planned for August, has been canceled this year. After a very light showing of Chapter E members for Tour De Burg, we asked for a Bike Show coordinator to step forward at last months meeting. One couple volunteered and called a short time later to

express concern that they were unable to solicit sufficient assistance to put on the event. For this reason, the show was canceled.

Keri and I expressed concern when we took over the chapter that three events might be too much, but we received assurance from many members that the chapter really wanted to put on Tour De Burg, the Bike Show and Fall Fantasy. We scheduled these events with the district, but after seeing the limited support for Tour De Burg, we had concerns about putting on the bike show.

Fall Fantasy will go on. This event is our fund raiser for our Christmas charity and will have an auction similar to the last few years.

If chapter members would like to have input on chapter functions and events, come to the monthly staff meetings and express your desires. We would like to make available any opportunities that chapter members want.

Rally in the Valley is coming in less than three months. Registrations can be submitted straight to the district and do not have to come through the chapter this year. Debbie will provide information on hotel rooms at our July meeting.

Ride safe,

Mike & Keri

COUPLE OF THE YEAR NEWS

This month started with Winging it to Wing Ding in Nashville. We left on our Insta Trike equipped 03 wing on Friday June 30th and checked into our time share on Saturday afternoon. The weather for our trip was great and the temperature was mild for mid summer. We took in a few shows and spent lots of time at opening ceremonies and with vendors. Yes we purchased a few things, there was so much to see it was hard to decide which to do next. With the very large crowd it was a miracle that we by chance met up with many people from VA E. Wanda's daughter and grand daughter came from Germantown, Tn. And was with us for two days, it was a very enjoyable visit.

taking in the sights. After a day of two we became accustomed to various locations, such as the closest and best areas to park the bike, so as to limit the walking distance to the Vendors.

On the 4th Dan and Martha Jo met us and we rode in the Gold Wing parade to Downtown Nashville and enjoyed the Country and Western music and later witnessed a very large fireworks display. We later learned that we are now in the Guinness World Book as the largest one brand motorcycle parade in the world. There were 1,237 Gold Wings in this parade and it was the longest parade I have ever been in, approximately 10 miles.

Our trip home began on Saturday the 8th of July and we were once again graced with mild temperatures and light traffic, so we rode 450 miles this day and spent the night in Roanoke, Va.

Dan Fritz said that they were in a 1 hour traffic jam when they left on Friday morning on US 40 East bound, due to a travel trailer accident which blocked both east bound lanes. It is always sad when thing like this happen. We hope everyone that attended the WD had a fun and safe trip.

We visited a few chapters during the Month of June and we thank all of you that rode with us. We are continuing to visit with various chapters this month.

Ride and be Safe



Ed and Wanda

“we are now in the Guinness World Book as the largest one brand motorcycle parade in the world”

The Gaylord Opryland Hotel is a very large hotel with many venues and beautiful surroundings, and very easy to get disoriented while walking and

CHAPTER EDUCATOR NEWS



To Modulate or Not to Modulate

I don't like headlight modulators. I don't like the fact that the guy seeing me in his rear view mirror might mistake me for an emergency vehicle, I don't like the fact that constantly turning on and off my headlight will cause it to fail sooner than if it was just turned on and left on, and I don't like the fact that my friends might make fun of me for having one. Headlight modulators are also in conflict with my personality – I don't often try to draw attention to myself and they certainly do draw attention.

But, you will see me sporting a headlight modulator until further notice. Motorcycle/car crashes really happen, a large percentage of these crashes are attributed to a driver not seeing a rider, and there is no doubt that modulators make a motorcycle more conspicuous. Conspicuity is something we all agree on when choosing clothing, extra lights, and certainly "safety chrome." I've decided, for me, the conspicuity advantage is worth the aforementioned "cost" I'll have to pay.

My modulator is wired into the high beam so any time I don't want it on, I simply use my low beam. (The unit I bought also has an on/off switch but I didn't bother to mount it – its tucked away in the fairing in the "on" position.) At night, it is illegal to use a modulator so modulator manufacturers must include an ambient light sensor that automatically disables the modulation function at night. This sensor is small and can be installed in an inconspicuous location. Installation of the unit requires temporary removal of the headlight and a fairing pocket and took me a couple hours. I could have done it faster but I solder everything electrical (except LED lights which draw almost no current) and this added to the installation time.

After installation I noticed another "cost" – except in the fullest daylight, all of the reflective signs along my routes of travel continually wink at me as I get close. Of course, all I need to do is switch to low beam a little earlier than the ambient light sensor trigger point to eliminate this annoyance. On the positive side, I also noticed (in just the first month) that two cars starting to pull out in front of me thought better of it and let me pass first. I can't prove the modulator was responsible for this and neither case was a "close call" but I just felt the modulator had made the driver think twice.

Consider adding a modulator to your Wing. They are between \$50 and \$100. It might be worth that even if you only used it in heavy city traffic and sun-behind-your-back situations where the risk of being overlooked is great. Let me know if I can help with installation.

(No modulator manufacturer has paid me to write this article.)

Larry

“Consider adding a modulator to your Wing”

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Wing Ding 28					
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			Monthly mtg			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
						VA-U Poker Run
30	31					

- Aug 6 All Chapter's Picnic - Locust Shade Park, Lilac Shelter, Triangle
- Aug 12 VA-E Bike Show - Wilderness Presidential Resort
- Aug 10-13 West Virginia - Waller in the Holler
- Aug 19 VA-O Casino Picnic
- Aug 25-26 Kentucky - Bluegrass Blast
- Sep 9 VA-C Fall Sprawl
- Sept 21-23 North Carolina - Wings Over the Smokies
- Oct 5-8 Rally in the Valley

HONDA HOOT

Ray and I packed up and headed for Knoxville, Tenn on June 17 for our annual "volunteer duties" at the Honda Hoot. It was what started out to be a very hot, long but very enjoyable week. The first few days are always hectic preparing for the arrival of the

volunteers with tie-dye shirts, which we were to wear at the welcome party. As you can see from these pictures, even Ray wore one! The rest of the week was filled with long days filled with daily events and wonderful memories. Even though the

Honda Hoot and for those who haven't been, it is a great rally, held in a beautiful part of the country. The scenery is wonderful, the tours are great and the entire week is filled with things to do every day and the city opens it's doors every night with street parties to welcome the entire Honda Hoot.

For more information you can visit the Honda Hoot web site at www.hondahoot.com



attendees. We developed a new appreciation for the welcome bags that we all receive whenever we attend the various rallies as Debbie, Warren, Bob and Sandy Renner, Ray and I spent 2 ½ days filling these bags with all sorts of "wonderful" goodies. Tuesday June 20 was the official "Welcome Party". They decided to have this as a "70's" theme and so they presented all of us

days are long and sometimes very tiring, the friendships made are the reasons we all keep going back year after year. This was the first year as a volunteer for Bob Dorminey...ask him why people keep coming back, and he'll also tell you that you will learn fast not to be so "eager" when someone asks for a helping hand. But all in all, if you ever get the chance to go to the



Ray & Kathy



CHAPTER BIRTHDAYS – JULY

Dan Fritz	2
Katina Savage	5
Julie Combs	6
Karen Kestner	21
Alex Nelson	29
Anthony Nelson	30



CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES



Larry & Kathy White	18
Warren & Debbie Carter	21
Terry & Elaine Murphy	30

FOR SALE

Motorcycle For Sale

2003 Suzuki Intruder 1500cc less than 10k

Asking \$7500.

Extras:

Lightbar, Windshield w/pouch, Studded saddlebags, Passenger back rest, Engine guard, Cruise control by Breakaway, Straightshooter after market pipes

Call Richard Clark 540-657-5424 (No. Stafford) (Will be on vacation July 14-21)

Motorcycle For Sale

2005 Gold Wing w/ ABS, White, Excellent Condition, only 6400 miles.

Asking \$19,000.

Extras:

CB, Corbin heated seat, trunk rack, highway boards, 2 matching white Arai $\frac{3}{4}$ helmets with J&M headsets.

Call 910-355-3538 (North Carolina)

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We have a trailer for every style & budget

Check out our low prices - We can also help arrange financing if needed
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JULY STORE SPECIAL – CHROME AND CRABS OPEN HOUSE EVENT!!!
VISIT US FROM 1-4PM ON SUNDAY, JULY 9th, EAT SOME CRABS and SAVE!
Bring this coupon with you to save 15% on ALL IN-STOCK KURYAKYN PARTS!*

NOW IN STOCK – CHROME WHEELS for GL1800
\$ 849.00 INSTALLED* – COMPLETE (Includes all new bearings and valve stems-with exchange)
SAVE HUNDREDS OVER THE COMPETITION – CALL TO RESERVE YOUR SET TODAY
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Entertainment

Are you ready to Rock-n-Roll? Well get your poodle skirts out and polish up those dancing shoes. The **Fabulous Hubcaps** will be performing Friday night.



Hotels & Camping

- 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)
- Comfort Suites (Ridgewood Farms)
2898 Keagy Rd; (540)375-4800

Limited camping is available at the Civic Center at a cost of \$25 per night. Hookups (water & electricity) are included in this price, but they 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. Upper lot RV sites are available on a limited basis at a rate of \$35 per night. These prices are set by the Salem Civic Center and GWRRA Virginia cannot alter them.

Camping is also available at Salem Mobile Home Village (1 mile from Civic Center) \$20 per night (electric, water & Sewer). No showers or restrooms available. (540) 314-8795 or (540) 345-0333.

Rally Sponsors



- California Sidecar
- GEICO Motorcycle Insurance
- Law Offices of Tom McGrath
- Duncan Honda Motorsports
- Teltronics



The second Grand Prize is a Basic Elite Trailer donated by California Sidecar. Trailer is basic 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 9/27/06 will be \$38 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
1821 Maple Shade Court
Virginia Beach, VA 23453

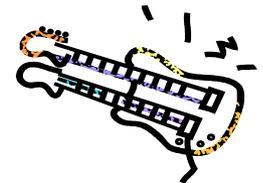


If anyone wants an email confirmation of their registration, please PRINT legibly your email address. We will email the confirmation to you provided we can read your address.

Full Registration Includes: Thursday Evening Pizza Party – Bike Light Parade – Friday Road Kill Café – 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 – 2007 District COY Selection — Sunday Morning Gospel

Rider Education

- Here are some of the exciting things you will find:
- First Aid/CPR Certification & Recertification
- Co-Rider Seminar
- Road Captains' Course
- Other Rider Ed seminars
- Rider Ed Table
- ERC Class (limited, must pre-register)
- Masters Breakfast Saturday morning
- Contact Gary Wall 757-766-3391 or email gdw-jlw@juno.com for more information or to register for ERC class.



Virginia Reserves the Right to alter this Rally Schedule

Rally in the Valley

Virginia District Rally

October 5-8, 2006

Salem Civic Center

Salem, Virginia

Exit 141 off I-81

www.gwrrava.org



Rock'n in the Valley

Virginia District Directors

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1st Grand Prize
\$1,000 Cash

2nd Grand Prize
Pre-registered only- California Sidecar EliteTrailer

Registration Form

(\$5 handling fee for cancellations, **no refunds** after 9/27/06)

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) _____

Pre-Registration

GWRRA Member \$38 x _____ = \$ _____ Children 5 and under FREE

Non Member \$43 x _____ = \$ _____

Children 6-12 \$16 x _____ = \$ _____

After 9/27/06 and on-site

Member \$43 x _____ = \$ _____

Non Member \$48 x _____ = \$ _____

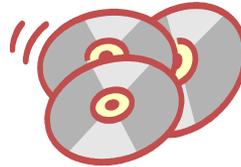
Day pass \$13 x _____ = \$ _____

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, 2006. 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 ___ \$14.00 each = _____

Long Sleeve Tee Med ___ Lg ___ XL ___ \$16.00 each = _____

XXL ___ \$17.00 each = _____

SwtShirt Sm ___ Med ___ Lg ___ XL ___ \$16.00 each = _____

XXL ___ XXXL ___ \$21.00 each = _____

Golf Shirt Med ___ Lg ___ XL ___ \$21.00 each = _____

XXL ___ \$21.00 each = _____