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**Come to our Chapter  
meetings the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
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Of Each Month**

**Dynasty Buffet  
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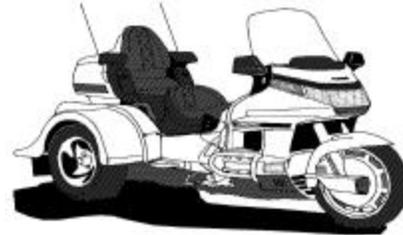
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7:30pm**



**2004 COY**  
Ray Hitt  
&  
Kathy O'Neal

## Chapter Director News

## Jim &amp; Bev Travis



It looks like Mother Nature has finally decided to give us a break from the rain and storms for a while. With the riding season coming to a slow down, with the onset of fall and winter, there is still time for some leisurely cruising to enjoy the changing colors of the countryside. I am planning on getting in a few more rides before the really bad weather sets in.

Rally in the Valley is right around the corner and Beverly and I are looking forward to having a great time. From the information I have gathered, our District Directors have really done a great job to make this year's Rally in the Valley bigger and better than ever.

I would like to take this time to thank all the Chapter E members that took the time and effort to make items and donate them for the St. Francis of Assisi Service Dog Foundation item sale that will take place at Rally in the Valley. All funds raised from the sale are to be donated to the St. Francis of Assisi Service Dog Foundation, so I hope you all find something of interest to purchase.

See you all at RIV,

Jim and Beverly



## Chapter Educator

## Gordon Combs



### **First Aid Kits Does yours need a check-up? By Elaine Anthony**



Do you carry a First Aid kit on your bike? If so, when is the last time you took a look inside? Many riders probably carry kits which were purchased to meet a perceived safety requirement (or to qualify for a safe-riding badge), but if you don't know what your First Aid kit contains, you may be unpleasantly surprised if you ever need to use it.

What passes for a First Aid kit from sources such as discount stores and auto supply shops (and sometimes given away as Poker Run prizes) may be woefully short of what is needed for our sport. In case of a motorcycle accident, I hate to say it, but band-aids aren't going to help much, folks.

I was lucky enough to take a First Aid course a couple of years ago with some of the best EMS people I've ever met, at the home of our Assistant CDs for GWTA Chapter "I", Kathy and John Holly. The team who taught the course had handled serious accidents on a daily basis -- in fact, the woman in charge told me it was rare for them to be on the job for a shift without having to perform CPR at least once -- and they had come upon a number of accidents involving motorcyclists. They stressed several things that have really stuck in my mind. Your First Aid kit needs to have a really good pair of scissors in it, to cut away (thick) clothing. If you can't see the injured area, it's hard to figure out what is best to do. You may find it worthwhile to invest in a heavy-duty shears which can handle thick material.

Every rider should carry a pair (several pairs is best) of latex gloves to be used in case of an accident where blood is spilled. Having them on your bike may allow persons who want to assist you to make that decision without fear of contamination, as well as being available to you to help someone else.

A good First Aid kit should have a number of triangle bandages in it, which can be easily made from inexpensive muslin purchased at any fabric or discount department store -- I got mine for about .99 a yard. These pieces should be large enough that you can make a sling from them, or fold them to use as a pressure-point type bandage, or put them on a head injury to hold other bandages into place. Mine are about 30" by 30" and are cut on the diagonal. These are just unbleached muslin, but they are clean and strong and BIG. I've NEVER seen a commercially purchased First Aid kit with these supplied. If you need more than one (for example, after making a sling for an arm, it's a good idea to immobilize that arm by binding it to the upper body), you can tie several of these together if the patient is a large individual. Carrying a minimum of three triangle bandages would be a good idea.

I've also seen very few kits that have anything like enough sterile gauze pads. If you need to put pressure on a bleeding wound, you'll go through these items fast and will want enough to add another clean one often, directly to the wound.

It is helpful to have a bottle of filtered or distilled water in your kit. This can be useful in case of broken bones, eye injuries, cleaning out other minor injuries, and for dehydration. If you've got a compound fracture, it is helpful to put a muslin bandage over a damp gauze bandage on the end of the exposed bone, to keep it from drying out. Many minor problems can be dealt with initially by washing them with clean water, and debris in the eye can often be relieved by this, with nothing else required. (Even if the water isn't distilled or filtered, it can still be used if it's of potable quality.)

In the case of very bad head injuries, it's not unusual to have substantial eye injuries. Unfortunately, eyes can come out of place on impact. The recommended First Aid in this situation is to have a cup (like a clean Styrofoam cup) available to contain the damaged and displaced eye, and to strap that cup onto the face with a triangle bandage. The medical folks today can do amazing things to put an eye back into place, but it's a good idea to bandage both eyes to keep the person from panicking (and to slow the 'eye-matching' reflexes, which try to make our eyes work together) while touching and reassuring the injured party. Having a clean cup in your kit may permit you to do someone an invaluable service by helping to save their sight.

Those who haven't taken a CPR or First Aid class in a while might be interested to know that the American Heart Association guidelines on CPR have been changing gradually. The last time I took one (about 14 months ago), I found that the procedure was not exactly the same as what I'd been taught in my previous courses. But all these courses do strongly recommend that a person who is going to administer CPR have a barrier available to protect them from the bodily fluids of the injured party. This may be a plastic gadget that looks like a kitchen gripper, with a hole in it for a breathing tube, or a more sophisticated mask that can keep a rescuer's face and lips away from the injured party while he or she breathes for the person who's down. These items are inexpensive and are available at medical supply shops, but I've yet to see a commercial First Aid kit that comes with one.

Most simple First Aid kits contain some kind of antiseptic ointment or cream. These can be useful for minor sunburns or insect bites, but they should usually NOT be used on a serious injury. When the medical folks start working on a wound, they don't want to wonder what has already been applied to it. When in doubt, throw it out.

In case of an accident, the first response these days is to call 911. In most regions of the country, even in rural areas, emergency assistance can be sent out right away. However, if you ever become a witness to a bad accident, you'll discover how important it is to have current information and adequate First Aid gear, even if you can't really do very much at the scene. It may save a life to know what NOT to do.

When you reach for that First Aid kit, you'll be better prepared if you know what's in it and how to use it. Take some time to look at what you're carrying on your bike, to see if it's what you really need.

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## 2004 Chapter Couple Ray Hitt & Kathy O'Neal



I first want to appologize for the tardiness of this newsletter. So much has been going on that I simply did not have time to get it out before Rally in the Valley. We went to Wings Over the Smokies as we do every year, and had a great time. Since we never know what the weather is going to be like, we didn't take the bike. As fate would have it the weather was beautiful and we could have ridden quite a bit. I think we will take it next year just in case. Between Wings and Rally in the Valley I worked 12 hour days because my afternoon relief was on vacation. Since he covers for me when I am gone, I had to cover for him also. I would get home around 9 every night and Ray would ask who I was???

Anyway, Rally in the Valley is over. What a great time it was and again the weather was beautiful. We competed in the District COY competition but were not successful. We want to congratulate Sam and Kathy Straughn, Ch. O for becoming the new District COY. We wish them all the best. Opening ceremonies were lively as our own Gordon put on a show to get all involved. Closing ceremonies were moving as always with the Candlelight Ceremony. Chapter E had a good showing but I know there are many who have never been to a Rally in the Valley. I strongly urge anyone who has not been to attend next year. It is a great time and a great way to support our chapter as well as the state. Who will be the next COY for our chapter? Well, that is a question still unanswered. Guess we will all have to wait and see!!

We hope to see all of you at the Fall Fantasy Fun Run. The weather should be great and the food will be warm and plentiful. It's at Curtis Park and starts at 10:00.

Also, don't forget our monthly meeting on Oct. 20. It's our "birthday party" so everyone come and celebrate.

Somewhere on our "endless ride" we will see you.



## District News Region N News



**GWRRA VA DISTRICT COY SELECTED** - Congratulations to [Sam & Kathy Straughn](#), COY of Chapter VA-O (Williamsburg), on their selection as GWRRA VA District Couple of the Year for 2005 at Rally in the Valley. There were many fine couples in the selection process this year, and we understand that the judges decision wasn't easy. We know that Sam & Kathy will do a super job in representing GWRRA VA as our COY representatives. We also want to thank retiring COY 2004, Chuck & Dani Karl for their services during the preceeding year. Virginia always has a great group of Couples, and the tradition continues.

**WINGLESS WEEKEND 2005** - Now that Rally in the Valley is over, we have Wingless Weekend 2005 to look forward to. It will be the weekend of Feb. 4-6, at the Clarion Hotel, Williamsburg. The theme this year will be "Pajama Party." Now, we found out what Dave Huey looks like in a yellow polka-dot bikini. Is a filmy negligee in the works for this year? Inquiring minds want to know. You'll have to show up at Wingless to find out, though

**MD-F CD HAS ACCIDENT ON WAY HOME FROM RALLY** - Charlie Gallagher (CD of MD-F - Hagerstown, MD) and his friend Jeanie, were returning home from Rally in the Valley and apparently lost control of their bike as a result of something slippery on the highway. They both came off the bike, which continued on and came to rest in a ditch full of briars. They were teaken by ambulance to University of VA Hospital, Charlottesville, where Charlie was treated for a broken ankle and finger and much road rash. Jeanie was treated for road rash. They were released and are now home recovering. Thanks to participants of Chapter VA-Z (Culpeper) for their fine assistance in this incident.

**REGION N RALLY ANNOUNCEMENT** - Mike & Angie Mitchell, Region N Directors, announce that the 2005 Region N Rally will be held on May 19 - 21 at the Eagles Nest Theater, in beautiful Maggie Valley, NC. The Mitchell's say "The Eagle Nest is an 800 seat newly built music theatre that should suit our needs wonderfully. We will have plenty of room for all activities and vendors on site. There are plenty of hotels, campgrounds and full service restaurants in Maggie Valley to take care of everyone. The townspeople have opened their arms to us and are as excited to have us as we are to be there. The Region Staff will be working the area over the next few months to secure sponsorships, host hotels and other goodies that will enhance the Rally."



## CHAPTER NEWS

## Birthdays

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There have been several people interested in going on Dinner Rides. Please understand that just because a ride may not be planned, it is still possible. If anyone wants to go on a dinner ride, please feel free to send out e-mails, call or pass it on by word of mouth to the chapter. You can also contact Karen Kestner and she will put out an e-mail. Gordon Combs and Ron Hardisty have expressed interest in getting rides planned. Contact either one of them also if interested.

At 8am, Greg, Butch, Frankie, Richard and Gordon met at Greg's house for a ride to California Sidecar's open house. We headed up to Culpeper where we stopped at Golden Corral for a hearty breakfast. This is where the "trouble" started. Someone asked the waitress if she had anything to assist short people (referring to Gordon of course) and she offered to bring either a high chair or booster seat. It took 5 minutes for them to stop laughing. Needless to say, the rest of the ride found Gordon on the "short" side of the conversation. After gassing up on Rt. 29, we made our way to CSC. We took a tour of the facility, which I found to be interesting. Back outside we ran into Ray, Ron, Ed & Wanda and Lloyd & Mary. We visited for awhile, checked out the vendors and relaxed and talked. About 1:45 we spied a very large storm approaching from the south and since we needed to head north we decided NOW was a good time to leave. On the way back on Rt. 29, a beautiful bald eagle flew over in front of us. We also passed some turkeys that were right on the side of the road (no, not Harley's broken down). It turned out to be a very pleasant day and we enjoyed our ride together. Remember, it's not the destination, it's the ride. Ride safe and hope to see you at Rally in the Valley to "Catch the Spirit and Share the Fun."  
Gordon

Another maintenance day was enjoyed by all at the Combs' Compound on September 25th. Our maintenance men for the day were Greg Kestner and Larry Gray. A great thanks to them for their time and expertise. We had 5 bikes in for work that day and we enjoyed the garage time together. At 1pm we had our potluck complete with hotdogs fresh off the grill and some wonderful chapter member dishes that were brought. In attendance were Jim & Bev, Butch & Nancy & MaryLynn, Greg & Karen & Alec, Larry, Ed & Wanda, Lloyd & Mary, Frankie, Russell, Scott, Ron & Linda, Don & Sharron, Gordon & Julie. A thanks to all who attended.

Thank the Chapter C folks for reminding us that fall has arrived. If it wasn't for their yearly Fall Sprawl, we would be completely confused as to what season we were in. Of course you could look at a calendar, read the newspaper, or ask a friend but its far more fun attending the Fall Sprawl at the Simmons Farm in Kilmarnock. The Carter's, Lucas' and Travis' from Chapter E joined John, Syd and the Chapter C members as they did another terrific job of putting together a great weekend of fun, games and GREAT FOOD. Starting Friday evening, we enjoyed some delicious hot dogs that were burned to perfection by the Chapter C Chefs (yes, there were some that only slightly tanned for those that preferred rare hot dogs). The next morning at the circle of campers, it was time for the visiting breakfast chefs to show what they could do and believe me they did a terrific job. After breakfast it was time for the games and a lot more fun.

Well I think it was fun, I'm not too sure, for some reason I ended up in the Chapter C, Simmons Slammer (that's right, I was put in JAIL). I was quietly playing chapter games and counting my tickets, when along came the sheriff and sheriffin (the C-Stone Cops) to arrest me (something about using loaded dominoes, game fixing and using a Chinese abacus to count the candy in the candy jar). Happily I was among friends and they bailed me out in time for dinner. Speaking of dinner, the steaks were wonderful, the fixens were great and the baked potatoes (I thought they were small footballs) were unbelievable. After that it was time to relax and digest. As the sun went down and it got dark, we all gathered on the back lawn for popcorn and movies to finish off the day.

Sunday morning and the camp breakfast chefs were at it again, they put together an outstanding repast to start out the day. Then it was time to strike camp and head down the road to the homestead. Now we can look forward to another great time next year. Beverly Travis

#### Trip West 2004

On 24 August, Will Davis, his son-in-law, Matt Hill, and I left Woodbridge, Virginia, headed for Ardenvoire, Washington. Nancy and their daughters, Tanya and Lynn followed in a van. This was to be a "hurry up" trip to Washington, as Matt and Tanya had to be back at work. We took the Interstates and rolled.

Our first encounter with weather was at Bowling Green, Missouri, on the twenty-sixth of August. We reached a Hardee's about four o'clock in the afternoon, just as a torrential downpour commenced. We stayed in there about an hour and it slackened enough for us to move a couple hundred yards and check into a Super 8 Motel for the night. The storm passed during the night and we were on our way again with good weather.

On the twenty-seventh, we stopped at the Cabela's store in Sidney, Nebraska. It is a rather impressive store, but not as much as the one in Hamburg, Pennsylvania. As we went into Wyoming, we started seeing herds of antelope all along the way. We also started seeing new snow on the mountain-tops.

Something I found intriguing was the large number of very symmetrical earth domes through that area.

They ranged in size from twenty or thirty feet high to three or four hundred feet high and from a hundred to a thousand feet in diameter (my estimates). I would guess they are the remnants of ancient volcanoes.

New snow continued to cover the mountain-tops as we continued through Montana. Near the Montana - Idaho border right at a rest stop on I-90 was a huge black bear that had been killed during the night.

It was one of the biggest black bear I have ever seen and the only one I have seen killed on the road.

As we went into Washington, the wheat fields had been harvested and the fields plowed. The amazing thing was the number of dust devils you could see, sometimes fifteen or twenty at one time. They ranged in size from small to large. The apple, pear, and cherry orchards were really impressive. Both apples and pears were being picked. The cherries were long gone.

The big dams along the Columbia River are another interesting feature. And the power they produce is phenomenal. Matt told me he has to pay two cents per kilowatt of electricity he uses. I could live with that.

The odometer on my bike said the trip from Woodbridge to Matt's house was 2,993 miles. On the trip out, my gas average was 37.652 miles per gallon. On our return trip, Will and I took the U.S. and State numbered highways, and one goat trail for 70 miles in Utah. My average gas mileage on the return trip was 42.530 mpg. Our total trip, according to my odometer, was 7,056 miles and my total average gas mileage was 40.389 mpg. The gas cost \$338.04 for 174.703 gallons.

Will and I left Matt's house on the second of September, heading home. We came down through Oregon and California into Nevada. Somewhere in western Nevada was a place called Sand Mountain Recreation Area. This was a huge sand hill that dwarfed Jockey Ridge near Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina. It looked to be a couple of miles north of U.S. 50 highway. There must have been a hundred or more ATVs playing around on the mountain. This was our second or third time across Nevada on "the loneliest road in America." After getting a stamp in our passport books at Great Basin National Park, we headed on into Utah.

You wouldn't believe this one road (goat trail) in Utah we travelled from Wellington to Mylon. We covered 70 miles in four hours. It started out looking real neat. Then it turned to dirt. Not too bad for a dirt road, so we kept going, thinking it was only a short way to a better road. Wrong! It just kept getting worse. We were considering turning around and then hit pavement. But the pavement only lasted about three hundred yards! We kept plodding along. Through a mud hole 15 yards long and ten inches deep! I went through first and made it. I parked my bike and got off to make a picture of Will coming through. I didn't get my camera out in time. I would really have liked to get that picture with mud and water flying six feet from each side of

Will's bike as he came through! We hit four or five big mud holes like this on this road. All in all, we really lucked out. The road forked and we had only gone maybe a mile when a park ranger in a four wheel drive truck came up behind us. We stopped to let him pass. He stopped and asked where we were going. It turned out we were on a dead end road that ended about ten miles further up the road. We got turned around and back to the fork and on the right road. I can bet this ranger is telling his co-workers that he has just encountered the two most idiotic people that ever left Virginia! We finally got to a place where the road started looking better. It only looked better. I have never seen such deep wash boarding as we encountered. I thought it was going to shake the vent out of my windshield. It actually shook several nuts off on Will's bike. I'll say one thing, this would be a spectacular ride if there was a decent road. You didn't dare take your eyes off the road to look at the scenery for fear of hitting a huge hole or a large boulder. Don't ever try this road with a Goldwing pulling a trailer! You won't like it. We used a car wash facility to get most of the mud off our bikes. (After getting home and starting an oil and filter change, I found at least an inch of mud caked to the bottom of the engine.)

Heading east for the Rocky Mountain National Park, we saw big banks of snow that had been plowed off the highway near Steamboat Springs, Colorado. They had just re-opened the park road the day we came through. There was still snow around the visitor's center. We came on into Nebraska where we spent some time. I stayed one night in McCook with Will and his sister, Francis, then headed east to Talmage to stay with my sister, Bonnie. Will stayed an extra day with Francis before coming on out to Bonnie's for a one night stay.

We left Nebraska for home on the eleventh of September and got home in time to watch Monday Night Football on the thirteenth. JESSE BALDWIN



## Co-Riders Corner

A cute quiz- -the answers are below, but don't cheat.

1. After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the sunset, the grateful citizens would ask, "Who was that masked man?" Invariably, someone would answer, "I don't know, but he left this behind." "What did he leave behind? \_\_\_\_\_."
2. When the Beatles first came to the U.S. in early 1964, we all watched them on the, \_\_\_\_\_ show.
3. Get your kicks, \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The story you are about to see is true. The names have been changed \_\_\_\_\_.
5. In the jungle, the mighty jungle, \_\_\_\_\_.
6. After the twist, the mashed potatoes, and the watusi, we "danced" under a stick that was lowered as low as we could go in a dance called the \_\_\_\_\_.
7. N\_E\_S\_T\_L\_E\_S, Nestle's makes the very best, \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Satchmo was America's "ambassador of goodwill." Our parents shared this great jazz trumpet player with us. His name was, \_\_\_\_\_.
9. What takes a licking and keeps on ticking? \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Red Skelton's hobo character was \_\_\_\_\_ and he always ended his television show by saying, "Good night, and \_\_\_\_\_."
11. Some Americans who protested the Vietnam war did so by burning their \_\_\_\_\_.
12. The cute little car with the engine in the back and the trunk in the front, was called the VW. What other names did it go by? \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.
13. In 1971, singer Don MacLean sang a song about, "the day the music died." This was a tribute to \_\_\_\_\_.
14. We can remember the first satellite placed into orbit. The Russians did it; it was called \_\_\_\_\_.
15. One of the big fads of the late 50's and 60's was a large plastic ring that we twirled around our waist; it was called the \_\_\_\_\_.





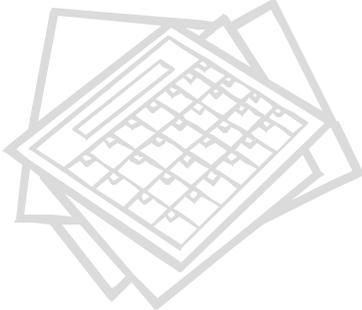
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Answers:

01. The Lone Ranger left behind a silver bullet.
02. The Ed Sullivan show.
03. Route 66
04. to protect the innocent.
05. The Lion sleeps tonight.
06. The limbo
07. chocolate.
08. Louis Armstrong
09. The Timex watch.
10. Freddy the freeloader, and "Good night, and may God Bless."
11. draft cards (the bra was also burned)
12. Beetle or Bug
13. Buddy Holly
14. sputnik
15. hoola-hoop



## UPCOMING EVENTS



- October 16: Chapter E (Fredericksburg) Fall Fantasy Fun Run. See flyer on the web. Get your stew, soup or chili ready for the judging!!!**
- October 20: Chapter E Meeting at Dynasty Buffet 7:30 pm Come Celebrate Our Birthday!!**
- October 23: Chapter A1 Lobster Dinner**
- October 24: Chapter B Dice Run**
- October 28: Staff Meeting @ Dynasty Buffet 7 pm**
- October 30: Chapter E Pot Luck @ George and Brenda Karhan's 6pm**
- November 6: GWRRA VA District Officers Meeting Lynchburg**
- November 6: Chapter J 2004 Goldwing Give-Away**
- November 6: Annual Blue Knights Teddy Bear Run Richmond**
- December 4: Chapter E Christmas Party @ Wilderness Presidential Resorts**

