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June 2004

**Come to our next
meeting
June 16**

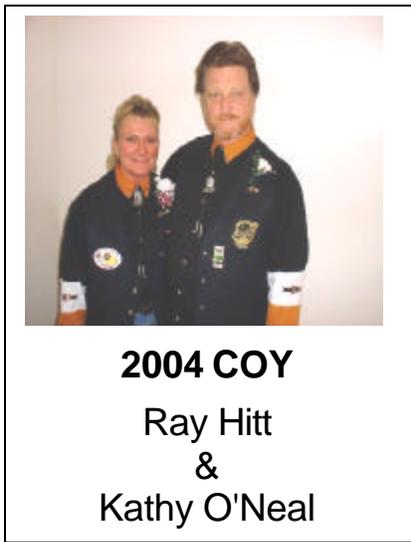
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**Come to our Chapter
meetings the 3rd
Wednesday
Of Each Month**

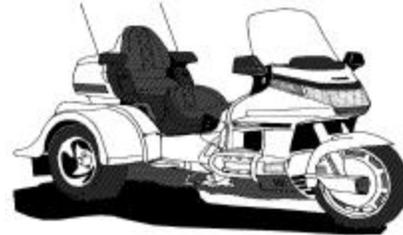
**Dynasty Buffet
Four-Mile Fork**

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



Chapter Director News

Jim & Bev Travis



The season is defiantly starting off with a bang. We seem to have places to go and things to do, every weekend. We started the month out with the Chapter E Yard Sale at the Combs' residence. I want to thank Gordon and Julie for inviting us to invade there home for two days and hold our yard sale in their driveway, to coincide with their housing area yard sale. Of course I would be remiss if I didn't thank all our chapter members that collected and donated the treasures we had to sell and the chapter members that spent their time and energy setting up and selling those treasures.

Then it was bright and early (Ughhh, I really do hate Bright and Early) Wednesday the 5th of May and time to hit the road for Cherokee, NC and the Region N, Rally X. We left a day early and stopped overnight in Burlington, NC; so that Beverly could do one of the things she likes best, SHOP. The next day it was a short jaunt to Cherokee and in no time at all we were checked into the motel and on our way across the street to early registration and to meet old and new friends. Soon the Pizza Party started and it was Pizza for all. Afterward we headed for the Casino to do our share of donating. As it turned out we came away slightly ahead. By the way, on the way to the Casino I turned to my back seat and low and behold, there were the Renners (Sandy and Bob that is). Friday morning was time for the Region N Couple Selection and I can truthfully say that I was glad I wasn't one of the selection panelists. All of the Couples did an outstanding job in the presentations, however when all was said and done, Bruce and Terri Stanley, WVA's Couple were selected as the 2004 Region N Couple of the Year. Virginia received the Largest District in attendance. Wayne and Lynette Stewart received the, first ever, Region N Member Enhancement Division (MED) award. Bob and Sandy Renner received an Excellence in Training award. Chapter VA-C won first place in the comedy talent competition with their rendition of the Itsy Bitsy- Teeny Weenie, Yellow Polka Dot Bikini presentation (it was indeed something to behold). Virginia's Chapter E newsletter editor, Kathy O'Neal won the Region N Quarterly Newsletter Award.

I had planned on relaxing for the next weekend, however I received a call from Mike Lucas, it seemed that he had received an invitation for Chapter E to present our bikes at the Big Boy Toy Show on Saturday the 15th. So it was another bright and early (Ughhhh) up and on the road to meet up at the Lucas' and on to the Fredericksburg Fair Grounds. We set up Mike's sun tent, set out the bikes and had a very enjoyable day in the sun. There were all types of bikes, cars boats and other toys on display. Gordon Combs, Larry White, Kathy White, Butch Groves, Russell Emily, Jim Travis, Mike and Carol Lucas, their son Allan, and a friend of his, Pat Metcalf. Beverly Travis and Greg Kestner were there for a short while but had to leave early. Gordon invited a few visitors to sit on his bike (you might ask Gordon who they were). Over all it was a great day.

The next day there was a Parking Lot Practice conducted by Greg Kestner and Gordon Combs. A group of us gathered at the Rt. 17 Commuter Lot and while some drove the circuits the others watched from the sidelines. After the practice we all went to the Paradise for a great dinner.

Then on Saturday the 22nd, we gathered at the Kestner household for a Maintenance Day and Cook Out.

Everyone that wanted to change oil, attach various items of safety chrome or fix any problems they might have arrived and Greg was kept busy providing technical support for all in need of it.

The next Thursday Beverly and I packed up the little truck with our luggage, our daughter Christine, the two grand children Zach and Samantha and headed for Pennsylvania for a family reunion of Beverly's family.

See you all down the road,

Jim and Beverly Travis

Chapter Educator

Gordon Combs

I found this article to be very informative and thought I'd share it with Chapter E.



Checksheet? - Les and Diana Warren Chapter Educators, VAR

I recently spoke about something that hopefully wouldn't apply to any of us, but sad to say, it will happen that some of us will eventually find ourselves involved in a motor vehicle accident or two as time goes by. Let's say you have taken all the courses and religiously try to put into practice all the defensive driving or riding techniques that you have learned, you do nothing wrong, but still find yourself involved. Maybe



you are in a group where someone else is involved, maybe you just happen to be in a position to have witnessed the wreck. In any event, I would like to give a short list of things to keep in mind, maybe print off and use as a checksheet.

First off, are two things that must be done almost immediately at the scene of any motor vehicle crash.

Securing the scene and **checking for injuries** both **need immediate attention**. I mention securing the scene first for the simple reason that a crash on a highway does not, by itself, stop traffic. Other motorists and bikers and even truckers are approaching the scene even as the dust starts to settle and they will be running at or near the speed limit when they find out about the crash. We cannot afford to get so involved with checking on injured parties that we forget this important fact, those approaching the scene unawares need to be warned to slow or stop before we have second or third wrecks that may occur on top of the one that just happened. Send someone down the road to warn traffic before they get to the scene, and if you are one who is chosen for this chore ... pay attention to traffic. Check then for injuries, and practice your learned first aid until help arrives.

And while I'm mentioning help ... make sure rescue or police are notified so they can get in route, have some info on **injuries** available as well as info about **road blockages** when you contact them. " **911** " works well in most places (and it works on any operable cell phone weather or not there is a current call plan on that phone, even the bag phone you picked up at Goodwill for \$6.00, and be forewarned ... do **not** call 911 to just check it.), or in Va., " **# 77** " will get the State Police. Police will need some basics, including **how many people hurt, nature of injuries, how many vehicles, and any info on involved vehicles that fled** the scene as soon as possible.

Of course, drivers will need to **exchange information** like names, addresses, drivers license number and state, vehicle owner's name and address, and insurance company name and maybe policy number or at least the agent's contact number. If an accident is reported to police and they respond, they likely will take care of seeing to it that each driver gets the needed info from the other drivers. **Phone numbers** might also help at a later time.

One thing I mentioned was dealing with the subject of **witnesses**. Very often, when responding to a wreck I have found that there were witnesses to the crash but who no longer are present. For whatever reason, there simply is that "want to help" feeling that gets witnesses to stop and assist victims in a crash, and often they have a story to tell, but before emergency responders or police arrive they leave. Perhaps they decide they don't want to get involved. Get their **name and some contact info** when they first approach offering help while you can, **record their vehicle's license number** if you can. It can make a big difference in a subsequent suit or to a police officer investigating the crash.

Lastly, let me add a few tips. **Never** say "it's all my fault" or otherwise admit liability at a crash, just tell the truth and let others draw conclusions. Try not to get in a shouting match with others involved, if they are irate or belligerent, just walk away and await police.

Take note of abnormalities in a driver like maybe the smell of an **alcoholic beverage** on their breath and don't be hesitant to mention it to police, discretely if you want ... but mention it. Think about maybe carrying a **disposable camera** in your vehicle and take some photos of the scene as soon as you can and

discreetly include people like other drivers, occupants, and witnesses in the photos without drawing attention to the fact, just for possible future use. When you get a chance, take a few minutes and collect your thoughts and **make some notes** about what you saw, what you heard, what you know on paper to aid future recollection of the events. **Draw a simple diagram** to help yourself in recall.

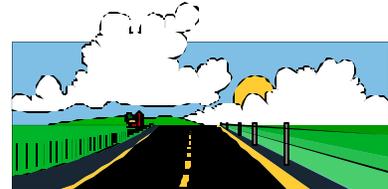
We hope that none of you need any of the information presented here, but we know that some will at one time or another. It looks like a lot to remember, and it is ... which is why I bolded some parts so that they will stand out on a printed copy if carried on the bike or in the car. Till next time, stay safe out there, watch out for the other guy, and "make courtesy your code of the road".

2004 Chapter Couple

Ray Hitt & Kathy O'Neal

Memorial Day is over and all the picnics and activities surrounding that weekend are over. Ray is busy outside washing the bike, trailer and all the vehicles. He is getting ready to make the first of his many trips this summer. Saturday he leaves for Lake George, New York to go to Americade. He volunteers at that rally every year. When he comes home on July 13th we will only have a few days before we (yes, I get to go this time) head down to Knoxville for the Honda Hoot and then on to Wing Ding. I am so looking forward to it. The reunion with all the HOOT Volunteers is so much fun.

On Saturday we took our friends, Buddy & Marie from N.J. and RJ & Ann Marie from PA, along with Gil Howard on a tour of the countryside. After riding about 150 miles, we ended up at Allen & Greta Scott's house for the chapter picnic. If you missed this one you really missed a meal to beat all meals. There was a continuous stream of food being prepared from fried fish to hot dogs. There was a good turnout and everyone enjoyed themselves and ate until they could eat no more!! Thanks Allen and Greta for a great picnic!!!!



On Memorial Day we lead a group of bikes from our chapter to Washington for the annual Rolling Thunder. Ron Hardisty, Dave Calahan, Joe & Sheila (with her sister Sue and friend Steve, and mom Lois), Richard Wilson, new member Barry Lowman and his father, our friends RJ & Ann Marie from PA, and Buddy and Marie from New Jersey and Sam & Kathy Straughn, COY Va O all enjoyed a great breakfast at the Moose Lodge. After leaving there we headed to the old Morrison's where we picked up Larry & Kathy White and their friends. Ron and Dave had other plans so they didn't make the trip with us and we headed north. Even at 10 am, people were standing on the overpasses waving at our group. Once we got to D.C. parking was at a minimum because of all the added security. However, we all found a place together and split up to enjoy the day. Even though it started out dark and even a bit rainy, it turned out to be a great memorable day. It never ceases to amaze me at how so many motorcycles can come together every year for such an occasion.

Well, that's all for now. See you all somewhere down the road on our "Endless Ride"



Region N News

District News



WING DING 2004 SCHEDULED FOR GRAPEVINE TEXAS - It has just been announced that Wing Ding 2004, will be held at the "Gaylord Opryland Texas" in Grapevine, TX, just outside of Dallas/Ft. Worth.

SPIRIT OF VIRGINIA AWARD 2004 - It's time to be thinking about nominations for the 2004 Vernon L. Needham Spirit of Virginia Award. Please prepare a well-thought-out letter nominating a worthy individual and submit to District Director Keith Lindgren by August 15.

RALLY IN THE VALLEY 2004 THEME - The theme for Rally in the Valley 2004, has been announced - "Catch the Spirit - Share the Fun." So get those creative juices flowing and come up with a really neat Logo for our Rally T-Shirts. Let's get a really colorful logo that will knock everyone's socks off, and submit to District Director Keith Lindgren by Aug 1.

REGION N RALLY ANNOUNCEMENTS - Congratulations to West Virginia's Couple of the Year, Bruce and Terri Stanley, on being selected as the 2004 Region N Couple of the Year. They will be representing us at Wing Ding in July. Congratulations also go to North Carolina Chapter E-2 Educators Nathan & Rhonda Owens (formerly of VA-B, Virginia Beach) on being named 2004 Region N Educator of the Year. Also at Region N Rally, it was announced that outgoing Region N Couple of the Year, Tom & Kathy Peck, are stepping right back onto the Region staff as the new Region N Motorist Awareness Division Coordinators

MD DISTRICT COY COORDINATOR IS INJURED - Hampton Conway, who with his wife ShaRon are the GWRRA MD District COY Coord. and MD-B CDs, was severely injured Sat., May 29, when he passed out while riding his motorcycle. Hampton had been diagnosed with diabetes a couple of weeks ago, and had not yet experienced the effects of low blood sugar. He was thrown from his bike and suffered a lacerated liver, broken arm and a two foot section of his small intestine had to be removed. Hampton is in intensive care at the Washington Hospital Center, Washington, DC, at this time and is not able to receive phone calls or visitors. He is expected to recover fully. Many of you will remember Hampton and ShaRon's rendition of the "Church Lady" a couple of years ago. Cards may be sent to the Conways at 11835 Ellington Dr., Beltsville, Md. 20705. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers during Hampton's recovery.

GWRRA VA DISTRICT DIRECTOR LOSES DAD - Oscar Lindgren, father of Keith Lindgren (GWRRA VA District Director), died in his sleep Friday morning, May 21, at the age of 94. Keith's mom is still living, and they would have been married for 63 years on May 30th. Services were held at the Proko Funeral Home, 5111 60th St., Kenosha, WI 53144, on Sunday, May 23. Cards may be sent to 600 Butterfly Dr., Chesapeake VA 23322. E-mail klindgren22@cox.net Please keep Keith, Carol, and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

St. Francis of Assisi Service Dog Foundation Raffle

Located in Roanoke, Virginia, the St. Francis of Assisi Service Dog Foundation raises, trains, and places service dogs. Its purpose is to encourage people with disabilities to become more self-sufficient through partnerships with service dogs. It further promotes the use and acceptance of service dogs through public and professional education. GWRRA Virginia District will support St. Francis of Assisi at Rally in the Valley 2004. We are blessed with very talented people in each of our chapters-people who make everything from quilts to wooden shelves and stained glass. We are asking each chapter to donate one item for a minimum of 24 items. Some chapters are donating more than one item. Pictures of donated items will be displayed on the Virginia District web site. Chapters will receive 20 raffle tickets, which they will sell for \$10 each. Proceeds from the sale of these tickets will be donated to St. Francis of Assisi Service Dog Foundation. We have already received three of the prizes for the raffle – one from Chapter K in Roanoke and two donated by the Virginia District Staff. We would appreciate hearing from the other chapters about their plans for donations so that we can get a list posted on the District web site prior to sending the raffle tickets out to the chapters. Please contact Bobbie Jo Harrison or Lynette Stewart to let us know what your chapter plans! If you need more information on St. Francis of Assisi, please visit their web site at: <http://www.saintfrancisdogs.org/>.

RALLY IN THE VALLEY FUN!!

Last year, we held our first-ever Scavenger Hunt with the merchants of Salem. They want us back!! Not only is this event a whole lot of fun – it is also a great Public Relations tool for GWRRA Virginia. The merchants get to see motorcyclists who enjoy shopping and visiting their stores and we get to see their merchandise – some of which we probably need to purchase because we can't live without! Join us this year on our hunt. The winner of the Hunt will be awarded a \$100 prize at RITV closing ceremonies. Hunters can pick up their registration packets on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 7th. The Scavenger Hunt will end at 3 pm on Sat Oct. 9th.





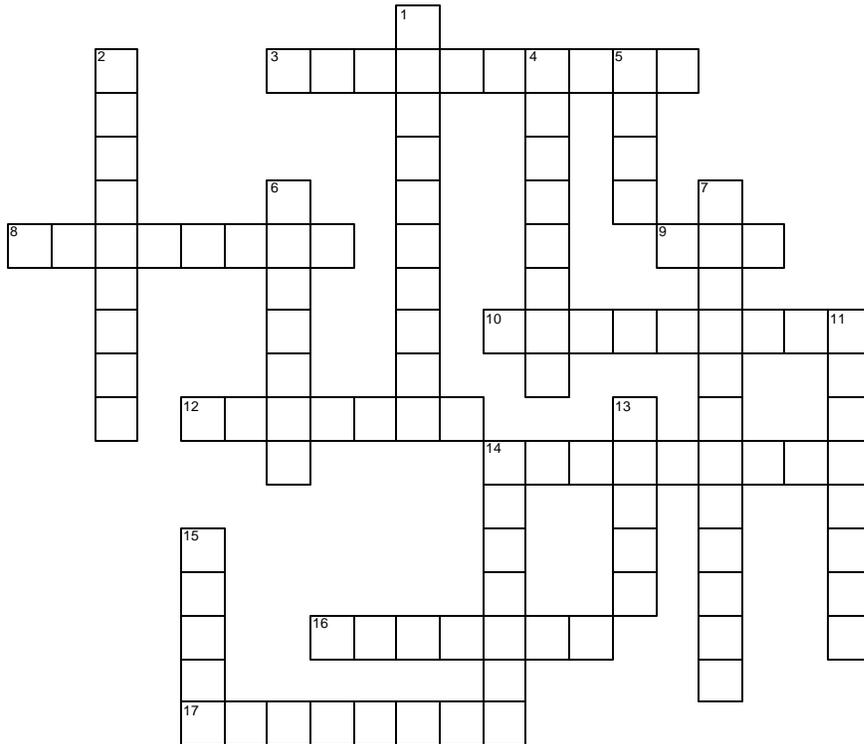
Birthdays

Mike Lucas	10
Debbie Carter	21
Bob Davis	22
Alec Kestner	26



Anniversaries

Jim & Bev Travis	4
Anthony & Althea Davis	17
Ron & Linda Hardisty	18



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Across

- 3 War with H2O
- 8 Break from work
- 9 Not cold
- 10 Skinny trees with coconuts (2 wds.)
- 12 Harmonizing a person, a board and a wave
- 14 Popping fire in the sky
- 16 Sleeping outdoors
- 17 Gliding through water

Down

- 1 Relaxation
- 2 UV block
- 4 Frozen dairy treat
- 5 Long walk through the woods
- 6 Musical program
- 7 Independence Day (3 wds.)
- 11 Warm stuff that comes from the sun
- 13 Sandy place next to the ocean
- 14 Trout catching
- 15 Public recreation areas

Co-Riders Corner

We can now add to the list of victims the retired 77 yr. old TCU professor from Ft Worth whose body was found in Oklahoma--and the 11 yr.old in Sarasota, FL. Because of these recent abductions in daylight hours, refresh yourself of these things to do in an emergency situation...This is for you, and for you to share with your children, everyone you know. After reading this, forward it to someone you care about. It never hurts to be careful in this crazy world we live in.

1. Tip from *Tae Kwon Do*: The elbow is the strongest point on your body. If you are close enough to use it, do!
2. Learned this from a tourist guide in New Orleans. If a robber asks for your wallet and/or purse, **DO NOT HAND IT TO HIM**. Toss it away from you....chances are that he is more interested in your wallet and/or purse than you, and he will go for the wallet/purse. **RUN LIKE MAD IN THE OTHER DIRECTION!**
3. If you are ever thrown into the trunk of a car, kick out the back tail lights and stick your arm out the hole and start waving like crazy. The driver won't see you, but everybody else will. This has saved lives.
4. Women have a tendency to get into their cars after shopping, eating, working, etc., and just sit (doing their checkbook, or making a list, etc. **DON'T DO THIS!**) The predator will be watching you, and this is the perfect opportunity for him to get in on the passenger side, put a gun to your head, and tell you where to go. **AS SOON AS YOU GET INTO YOUR CAR, LOCK THE DOORS AND LEAVE.**
5. A few notes about getting into your car in a parking lot, or parking garage:
 - A.) Be aware: look around you, look into your car, at the passenger side floor, and in the back seat.
 - B.) If you are parked next to a big van, enter your car from the passenger door. Most serial killers attack their victims by pulling them into their vans while the women are attempting to get into their cars.
 - C.) Look at the car parked on the driver's side of your vehicle, and the passenger side. If a male is sitting alone in the seat nearest your car, you may want to walk back into the mall, or work, and get a guard/policeman to walk you back out.

IT IS ALWAYS BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY. (And better paranoid than dead.)

6. ALWAYS take the elevator instead of the stairs. (Stairwells are horrible places to be alone and the perfect crime spot).

7. If the predator has a gun and you are not under his control, **ALWAYS RUN!** The predator will only hit you (a running target) 4 in 100 times; And even then, it most likely **WILL NOT** be a vital organ. **RUN!**

8. As women, we are always trying to be sympathetic: **STOP**. It may get you raped, or killed. Ted Bundy, the serial killer, was a good-looking, well educated man, who **ALWAYS** played on the sympathies of unsuspecting women. He walked with a cane, or a limp, and often asked "for help" into his vehicle or with his vehicle, which is when he abducted his next victim.

9. Another Safety Point: Someone just told me that her friend heard a crying baby on her porch the night before last, and she called the police because it was late and she thought it was weird. The police told her "**Whatever you do, DO NOT open the door.**" The lady then said that it sounded like the baby had crawled near a window, and she was worried that it would crawl to the street and get run over. The policeman said, "We already have a unit on the way, whatever you do, **DO NOT** open the door." He told her that they think a serial killer has a baby's cry recorded and uses it to coax women out of their homes thinking that someone dropped off a baby. He said they have not verified it, but have had several calls by women saying that they hear baby's cries outside their doors when they're home alone at night.

Please pass this on and **DO NOT** open the door for a crying baby.----This e-mail should probably be taken seriously because the Crying Baby theory was mentioned on America's Most Wanted.

I'd like you to forward this to all the women you know. It may save a life.



UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 12: CHAPTER E TOUR DE BURG

June 16: Chapter Meeting

June 19: Chapter E Pot Luck @ Gordon & Julie's 4 pm

June 19: Chapter A and A-1 rendezvous

June 23-26: Honda Hoot XI, Knoxville, Tenn

June 23: Staff Meeting. Note change of meeting night. This is due to Wing Ding the following week. Also, from July on, the meeting will be the last Wednesday of the month.

June 25: VAMAC Bike Night

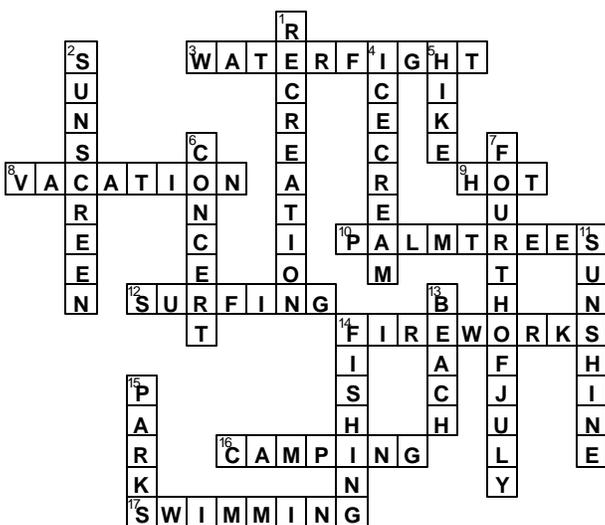
June 26: Possible PR Day at FMS. More information at the June Meeting.

June 27: Chapter D Rivah Rally Fish Fry

July 4-8: Wing Ding – Grapevine, TX.

Things are all set and ready for Tour De Burg. Everyone come for a great day. See the flyer on the web page for more information.

PUZZLE SOLUTION



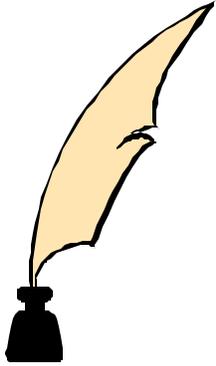


May 30 - July 10, 2004



Chapter E 6 Week Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 30 	May 31  Memorial Day	June 1	June 2	June 3	June 4 Jim&Bev Travis	June 5
June 6 Ride For Kids	June 7	June 8 Ch. H 7 pm	June 9 Ch. B 7 pm	June 10 Jim Murphy	June 11	June 12 Ch. G 3 pm TOUR DE BURG 
AMERICADE						
June 13 Ch. I 10 am Ch. C 7 pm	June 14 Ch. A 8 pm	June 15	June 16 Ch. E 7:30 pm	June 17 Anthony & Althea Davis Ch. Q 7 pm	June 18 Ron & Linda Hardisty	June 19  Pot Luck Gordon & Julie 4pm
June 20 Ch. U 3:30 pm  Father's Day	June 21	June 22 Ch. L 7 pm Bob Davis	June 23 Butch & Nancy Groves Ch. D 7 pm Ch. E Staff Mtg. 7 pm	June 24 Ch. Z 7 pm	June 25	June 26 PR Day FMS 
HONDA HOOT						
June 27  Ch. D Rivah Rally Fish Fry Ch. A-1 9 am Ch. F 4 pm Ch. O 5 pm	June 28	June 29	June 30	July 1	July 2 Dan Fritz	July 3
July 4  Fourth of July	July 5 Katina Savage	July 6 Julie Combs	July 7	July 8	July 9	July 10 Ch. G 3 pm
WING DING						



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