

Gold Wing Road Riders Association



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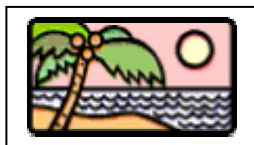
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Flyers for some events will be available at our monthly meetings or you can view them on the Chapter or District Web Pages



Please Note: The Couple of the Year Plaque is currently being held by Virginia Chapter U's Couple of the Year, Ron and Ginnie Caudell. They will be giving away the plaque at the Chapter U Poker Run on August 2nd.



Chapter Director's Corner

Seems like we always start out talking about the weather, so this month should be no different. At least now, though, we have some GOOD weather to talk about. It has really been nice, if not hot, for the last month or so. Hope everyone has had a chance to shake out the cobwebs (or was that mold) and get out and ride some of our magnificent roads.

Kathy and I managed to make our trip out west in a rather uneventful fashion. That is to say, no negative events for us, anyway. Our daughter and son-in-law have a beautiful place in sunny Southern California, and are adapting nicely to the area. Kim's not a valley-girl yet, and hopefully will fend off any tendencies in that direction. I left work for California at 11:30am Sat., June 3, and ended up in Russellville, Arkansas, the next morning at 2 am (CDT). That should qualify me for an official Iron Butt certification. The next morning I left Russellville at 7am, although I thought it was 8am, since I hadn't reset my watch. That night I holed up early in Vega, Texas, to get out of an approaching line of storms that brought hail and tornadoes to the area. Fortunately all we got was the hail, and I had put my bike under the motels overhang. The next morning I left at about 6am (CDT) and rode all the way to Kim's place in California, arriving at about 8pm (PDT). (By the way, that was another Iron Butt, but I didn't document that one.) Crossing the Mojave Desert, the temperatures were about 109 degrees, but I stopped often, and replenished my fluids, and soaked my head with cold water. At about 5pm, I was still in 100 plus weather, but when I started descending into the San Bernardino Valley, the temperature dropped to 64 degrees in the course of only a few minutes. It went from scorching to freezing in a matter of minutes. By the time I got to Kim's house, the temperature was still in the low 60s. Kathy flew out from Newport News airport on Sat., and we picked her up at LAX that evening. Her flight is a whole other story. We really enjoyed our stay with Kim & Fran in S. California, but before long, we had to head back home. We left Sun. morning, June 15, and headed back from the Santa Monica Pier, on the legendary Route 66. Much of the old road is still passable and, thanks to a lot of work by people who care, pretty well marked. We followed it pretty closely all the way back to its starting place on the shores of Lake Michigan in Chicago. We got there on Friday afternoon June 20, and we left the next morning for home, arriving here on Sunday afternoon, June 22. We had a great time and saw a lot of the country. Wish all of you could have been along for the fun. I/we covered approximately 6400 miles in the two and a half weeks we were gone. We didn't see one accident the whole time, which was a first for us. Unfortunately, while we were gone, there was a lot of sadness in our Chapter. MacRae Power's loss is deeply felt by all of us, and it was certainly frustrating to get the news while I was so far from home. Then, Mary Swift lost her mom, and again, we were gone and out of touch. We know that all of you join us in passing on our sympathies to Kim Powers and Mary. They are both special people and we want them to know that their loss is ours as well.

On to some happier activities, we want to thank Steve & Diane Flournoy, our new Asst. CDs for filling in so well for us in our absence. They had the honor of leading the Chapter during the Rivah Rally Fish Fry. We heard that everyone had a fantastic time, as always, and that Helen Carlyle and Linda Whitmer had everything pretty much in control. Thanks to everyone for a job well done.

On July 12, sixteen Chapter D participants ended up at Waynesboro for the Chapter VA-G kick-off. There were 196 people in attendance to give our newest chapter their send-off. Riding up from Chapter D and leaving from the Sheetz station were Ted & Ethel Nelmes, Marty & Lyuba Simon, Bill Hubbard & Barbara Doan, Junie & Belle Miller, and Chris & Kathy Hooper. Joining us enroute were Marty & Lawanna Link and Roy Worrell. We had a beautiful day for riding with the temps in the upper 70s when we left.

Our route took us through the backroads on the south side of the James to Columbia, and then more backroads on the north side, over Afton Mountain to Waynesboro. We had a great time. Meeting us at Waynesboro were Larry & Marie Crow with Haley. We joined in with the other 180 people in giving VA-G a great send-off.

Now for the future. We hope that EVERYBODY puts Sat., Aug. 2 on his or her calendar. That may be the biggest day ever for Chapter D. We will be having our Wingin' for Safety Motorcycle Awareness event at the Virginia MotorSports Park in Dinwiddie. This is the last time we ever go on vacation while an event is in the planning stages. When we returned, we found that event chairman Marty Simon had made arrangements to have the 35 piece Ft. Lee Army Marching Band perform for the event. Then, we were informed that we would have to develop a script for our scheduled safety interview at the track, because Marty had secured a grant for \$3000 from MSF to have the whole event videotaped for distribution to all of GWRRA and other motorcycling groups. Now gang, you know what this means. We are going to have to have one heck of a bunch of motorcycles turn out for our appearance, so that we can show GWRRA how we do things. First off, from 3-5 PM we will have a People's Choice Bike Show. Bikes must be in place by 3pm to be eligible. Thanks to Linda Whitmer, we have fantastically large trophies to present to the top 3 vote getters. Then at 7pm the Ft. Lee Band will march onto the track playing patriotic music and our line of motorcycles will race down the track and return and park. Our own JoAnn Spain will then sing the National Anthem accompanied by the Ft. Lee Band. The Band and JoAnn will perform a couple of more pieces and then we will leave the track. We will then proceed to sell special souvenir T-shirts and 50/25-15-10 tickets to our participants and anyone in the crowd that desires to purchase them. At about 9pm, the track will have an intermission before starting the finals of the drag race. At that point, we will then ride our bikes back onto the track and there will be an interview/presentation to the 10,000 plus attendees concerning Motorcycle Awareness. After that we will announce the bike show winners and draw the 50/50 tickets. So, how does all of that sound to you? Pretty impressive program, huh. So, we hope that everyone will come on out and participate. We need to let the public know that motorcyclists do deserve their attention.

Then, on Aug. 16-17, we will once again be holding our Virginia Center Commons Mall Show. Again this year, this will be headed up by Steve Flournoy and Marty Simon. They will be soliciting people to have them place their bikes on display and manning the tables on Saturday and Sunday. We hope that everyone will come up and take part in this big public relations event, also. Last year's event was a huge success.

Well, I've been long-winded, but there has been so much going on that we just had to cover. We want to take a second here and invite everyone to come to our Chapter meetings. We really miss seeing a lot of you guys that haven't been in a while. We know that there is a lot going on and it is hard to get out, but it is only for one night a month, and only for 2-3 hours over all. You need to take some time out to come and be with your friends. Life is too short and we all need to be with our friends some. We hope to see you this month at Picadilly's on the 23.

Chris & Kathy Hooper – Directors of Chapter VA-D (Richmond)

Chapter Web Site <http://www2.firstsaga.com/chooper/vad>

Virginia District WebSite <http://www2.firstsaga.com/goldwing>

Don't forget to attend the All Chapters' Picnic on July 26th at New Quarter Park, Williamsburg, VA

MARIE REPORTS THE NEWS (GOSSIP, RUMOR & HERESAY) AND SPECIAL EVENTS

CHAPTER D'S 19th ANNIVERSARY WILL BE CELEBRATED AT JULY MEETING.

You don't want to miss this special celebration of our Chapter's anniversary. We will have a copy of the chapter history, a celebratory cake and reminiscences of events and projects of the chapter and it's participants. Mark your calendar and make sure to attend the July regular monthly meeting.

NITE OF FIRE EVENT AT VA MOTORSPORTS PARK will showcase a "Wingin' for Safety" event on Saturday, August 2. There will be lots going on and Chapter D is the sponsoring chapter. We'll have a Peoples Choice Bike Show with trophies during this Public Relations/Motorcycle Awareness program. 50/25/15/10 drawing and a ride on the track for Chapter D participants. To check out all the details go to our Website for the NITE OF FIRE flyer. Contact Chris Hooper or see

<http://www2.firstsaga.com/goldwing/images/niteoffireflyer.pdf>

JUNE BIKE NITE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!! Finally it stopped raining enough to give us great weather for Bike Nite on Friday, June 27. Larry and I along with little Haley had a great time seeing everyone again at Bike Nite. We count on all our motorcycling friends to come out and join us every fourth Friday from April through October. You don't want to miss the July Bike Nite so mark your "Men and Their Machines" calendar for Friday, July 25. We want to see you there. Remember that 10% of the proceeds from all meals purchased from 6-10 PM will go to VaMAC. Check out the VaMAC Website for pictures of the Bike Nite participants in 2002. We try to take pictures of all the bikes each month and post them under the Bike Nite banner on the website at www.vamac.org

VIRGINIA IS FOR MOTORCYCLE LOVERS T-SHIRTS. We have long sleeve t-shirts in *black, white and gray*. Long sleeve shirts are \$15 for Med-XL and \$18 for XXL. Short sleeve shirts are *White, Black, Canyon Red and Salmon pink*. Price is \$12 for M-XL and \$14 for XXL. Proceeds from the sale of these shirts go to VaMAC. Once these shirts are sold, there will be no more available to purchase. I still have most sizes in most colors now. If you want t-shirts be sure to call me at 271-6345 before each meeting to let me know what size and kind. I will not be bringing boxes and boxes of t-shirts to each meeting, but I will be glad to bring some if needed. We have hats as well as t-shirts now.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Chapter D, District, Region and National Events

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| July 26 | All Chapters Picnic Newport Park |
| Aug 2 | Chapter U Poker Run |
| Aug 2 | Night of Fire – VA Motorsports Raceway in Dinwiddie, VA |
| Aug 16-17 | Chapter D Mall Show at Virginia Center Commons |
| Sept 12-13 | Fall Sprawl – Steak Dinner Chapter B |
| October 9-12 | Rally in the Valley |

Visit the VA District WebSite at www2.firstsaga.com/goldwing for a complete listing.

*****Chapter D (unless it rains) will have a short ride after the dinner meeting. This is something we are starting just for the summer months. Hope you will ride your bike to the meeting and join us for this short ride afterwards. We went to Bruster's Ice Cream Shop after the June meeting! It was wonderful!!***

WATCH YOUR BACK by Linda Whitmer, Chapter Educator

The more motorcycle safety courses you participate in, the more education you achieve for a better and safer way to ride your bike. Defensive driving means you are always scanning the roads for obstacles just in case something crosses your path. Scanning may save your life one-day.

Have you ever heard the sound of screeching tires behind you as you've stopped at a light or stop sign? That is not a sound you ever want to hear. While on group rides, at stop lights or stop signs, we catch ourselves pairing up and grouping close together. That's a bad habit we need to break quickly. Picture yourself on a past ride doing just that. Now imagine screeching tires behind you or even glancing in the mirror only to see the vehicle behind you showing no sign of stopping. This is a very dangerous situation to be in. We become more relaxed, especially on group rides and chat with the riders next to you or across from you not thinking of your safety. Remember when we are rolling, we are scanning constantly. When we're stopped, we also need to continue to do so. If the vehicle driver behind you gets side tracked and doesn't stop in time, you need a way out. Don't pair or group up at stops, but make sure you have a path to take if necessary. . Continually scan your mirrors while stopped. Check behind you to see that first car stopped and several cars behind that one. A chain reaction can push the car directly behind you into your bike and push you out into the traffic or into another vehicle in front of you. Remember, even at the slowest speeds, an impact of a vehicle to a motorcyclist can be deadly. Watch your back.

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM THE ANCIENT ONE
Einstein knew a lot about speed, distance, time and gravity.
He would have made a good motorcycle rider.

Plan Early for Next Year.....2004 The Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) is proud to announce a WingDing like none before! The 26th celebration of the Association's annual event will be held at the newest of the Gaylord Opryland resorts, "Gaylord Opryland Texas". Come experience the grandeur of Opryland along with the splendor of GWRRA's 26th WingDing from July 4 - 8, 2004. It's going to be so big...we had to add another day. Now 5 days long! Register on-line today.

Hope your Reservations are already made for Rally in the Valley!! There will be a Tech game that weekend in Blacksburg, and rooms are already filling up. Therefore, you need to make those reservations as soon as possible. If you have any difficulty making your reservation, please e-mail Mike Mitchell at gwtgger01@aol.com

Virginia's theme for Rally in the Valley 2003 is "Living the American Dream".

Opening Ceremonies, the logo contest as well as the table decorations contest will be based on this theme. Put your thinking caps on folks, get those pens and pencils to work, get your creative juices flowing and come up with unique and creative ideas for this theme. **The deadline for the logo contest will be July 30, 2003.**

PEOPLES CHOICE PHOTO CONTEST AT RALLY IN THE VALLEY

Yes, we want all you amateur and professional photographers to get out there and take a picture of something depicting what you believe "Living the American Dream" is all about .The photos need to be submitted by August 30, 2003. We need the dimensions of the photo to be 8 X 10 and matted on either cardboard or a foam board. We will be hanging the pictures in either the hospitality room or registration area.

They will each be numbered, and those attending the rally will be the ones to pick the winner. Yes, this is people's choice. The winner will not only be recognized at Closing Ceremonies, but we will submit their photo to Wing World for consideration and they will receive a monetary award. \$\$

GET WELL WISHES AND EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY

- Marie Crow had hand surgery on Monday June 16th. She is undergoing therapy and has returned to work.
- Bill Hubbard (our own Mr. Bill) will be undergoing surgery on July 15th at St. Mary's Hospital. We know Barbie will take excellent care of him but we'll wish him well and will keep him in our prayers for a swift and complete recovery.
- Buddy and Pat Pettit from VA- W were involved in a trike accident in June. Our thoughts and prayers are with them both for a speedy and complete recovery.
- On their return trip home from the Chapter G Kick-Off, VA-O participants, Don & Peggy Norman went down just before the 295/95 interchange in Richmond, VA. Both were taken to MCV in Richmond. Don was treated and released, but Peggy was still in ICU. We were told that they had no broken bones, however she has road rash on arms and back. She may be able to return home in a few days. Don was able to return home for the night. Please keep both in your prayers.
- Hope Grove from Chapter W (2002 Chapter Couple) went down on her bike on Sunday July 13th in Hopewell. She was taken to John Randolph Hospital in Hopewell and is doing fairly well. She had some stitches, and some road rash. She was with her Chapter on a breakfast run when this accident occurred. We will be thinking of her during her recovery.
- **"If you know of anyone who is ill or needs our thoughts and prayers, please let me know". Thanks, Ethel**

BIRTHDAYS

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| Jung Yoon | 7/4 |
| Charlie Croxton | 7/10 |
| Vernon Cook | 7/10 |
| Larry Crow | 7/19 |
| Marty Link | 7/20 |
| Gretchen Phinney | 7/21 |
| Bonnie Coro | 7/25 |
| JeanAnn Butler | 7/27 |

July



ANNIVERSARIES

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| Steve and Diane Flournoy | 7/10 |
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Have you checked the expiration date on your GWRRA membership card lately? If your expiration date is coming up, you can extend your membership on-line at www.gwrro.org It's quick and easy, don't delay, do it today!!!!

CHAPTER D MEETING PLACES FOR RIDES

NORTH MEETING PLACE

McDonalds
Brook Road (Rt. 1)
Near Virginia Center Commons

EAST MEETING PLACE

Hardees 737-1064
Airport & 9 Mile Road
Highland Springs

SOUTH MEETING PLACE **

Sheetz Service Station & Convenience
2053 Huguenot Road & Robious Rd
Richmond, VA

WEST MEETING PLACE

Market Café – Exxon (used to be a Texaco)
10950 Nuckols Road 934-0144
Glen Allen I-295 exit 51B

CHESTER MEETING PLACE

Shoney's- Rt. 10 748-9087
I-95 exit 61B in the Bermuda Sq. Shopping Ctr.
Chester, VA



Remember to wear your vests or shirts with the 10" back patch when attending or hosting meetings and events. It shows pride in your organization. Don't forget the many Recruiting contests going on with both the District and National level. Recruiting someone will bring a new friend into our family; of course it could mean \$100 bucks in your pocket or even a new Gold Wing in your garage!

For sale-1995 GOLDWING SE, converted to Motor Trike on 1997, 34,500 miles, Pearl White, with matching Escapade Trailer, riding suits, helmets, gloves, new front tire, excellent condition. Reason for selling, eye problems.
Fred Tayler (804) 262-4924

1985 1200 GoldWing Limited Edition. 67K miles. Runs good. Needs brake calipers cleaned up. No CB. Overall good shape. \$3,500.00

1980 1100 GoldWing Standard. 29K miles. New water pump, rear brakes caliper and master cylinder rebuilt last August. Overall very good condition. \$2,500.00

20 light chrome Drag Specialties light bar for a 1500 Gold Wing. Mounts to the saddlebag rails. No mounting hardware. \$50.00

Marty Link 804-492-4253

Wing Ding 2003 25th Anniversary – Madison Wisconsin by Ted Nelmes

This year's WingDing trip (like the past 13 years) was super with no exception by planning a great ride and stopovers on our way to Madison. We spent two days in Cleveland, Ohio, visiting the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame (a must see if you like any type of music) and attending a Cleveland Indians Baseball game (Indians vs Cincinnati Reds). We found a great park with some incredible country music and later while driving around the city we caught a wonderful food aroma, and followed the scent to a local restaurant with great food. This restaurant specialized in ribs and had been in the same spot for 55 years. A great family restaurant. Later we found some great Custard. Delicious!

WingDing 25 was great as usual. Headquarters was at the Alliance Energy Exhibition Center. It was large, and everything was well laid out and beautifully planned, with ample vendors to satisfy all the safety chrome needs of the Wing owners. We had fantastic weather the entire trip. We got sprinkled on just once. The rains came mostly in the wee hours of the mornings while everyone slept. Wednesday AM it did rain until around 11 AM. We planned a ride with our GWRRA friends out in the country one-day on a Cheese Poker Run. It included some incredible countryside's and farms. We gathered with Junie and Belle, Lucille and Joe, Thomas and Sandra (from Buckingham) at a Swiss Restaurant called New Glarus Hotel for some wonderful cuisine and did some shopping in the cute stores afterwards.

The first day in Madison, Mike and Angie Mitchell our District Directors planned a get-together at the Clarion Hotel next door to Alliance Energy Center. We enjoyed the great hors d'oeuvres and greeted all the fellow Virginians attending WingDing and this Virginia Staff Social.

Steve and Diane Flournoy (our Chapter Couple) rode out to WingDing (Diane on her new trike). At the bike show on Wednesday, Diane and Steve both entered their bike and trike in the show. Diane came away with a first place trophy (and her picture in Wing World Magazine) in her "touring other trike" category and Steve came away with a third place trophy for his Custom GL1800 (The Poseidon).

Americade Trip – Continued from last month by Ted Nelmes

Tuesday, Ted and Junie arrived in Lake George and checked into the Roaring Brook Ranch Hotel and Resort. Roaring Brook Ranch provides wonderful meals including a great breakfast (breakfast included in your price of the room). They ran into Joe and Lucille Washington from the Chapter. There were approximately 30,000+ people attending Americade this year.

For those of you who have not attended Americade before, the rally is divided into three locations. Bike show, demo rides, seminars and shows are located at Roaring Brook Ranch. Registration and check-in is located at Holiday Inn on Canada Street in the Village of Lake George. Vendors are located at lakeside.

Ted and Junie signed up for a poker run with Fred Rau (Sr. Editor for Motorcycle Consumer News). Editors from Rider, Back Roads, etc were on this ride. They discovered it was Ted's birthday so they all signed a T-shirt for him. Ted and Junie also met the staff from "Ride for Kids with Brain Tumors" and all the money from the run was donated to them. Junie left early to get back to the vendors to have some accessories installed on his GL1800. On Friday night they attended great fireworks display at The Great Escape an amusement park similar to Kings Dominion. On Sat all the bikes parade through Lake George and then gathered on Prospect Mountain to arrange the bikes for the Living Logo to spell out AMERICADE. They hope next year we can get more people interested in attending. Ted has been attending for the past 10 years and looks forward to the beautiful rides, gorgeous lakes and great scenery in the Adirondack Mountains.