

Gold Wing Road Riders Association



Chapter "D" Region "N"



Your Next Meeting Will Be Held

Wednesday, March 24, 2004

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Steve & Diane
Flournoy

Meeting Place
Italian Delight
6331 Jahnke Road
7:00 PM

Chapter Couple
2004
Marty &
Lawanna Link

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*Spring, a truly nice time of year,
Hug a Friend and Stay as Happy as you can!*



Happy St. Patrick's Day



Chapter Director's Corner

It's been quiet since our last update. The weather cooperated for one week while I was in Daytona with Larry. What a perfect week with no rain on the way down, no rain while we were there, and no rain on the way back. We did some better planning this time. It looked as though the entire eastern seaboard had the potential for rain on Saturday so we planned to start out later in the morning and go as far as Florence, N.C. As it happened, the rain moved out and we didn't get the slightest bit wet. A good time was had by all down there.

The fact that I was gone did not deter Diane from getting out on her bike and enjoying some of the great weather. She determined that sooner or later she will find a job and then riding will become a more planned event. She stuck to roads she knows and says she only got misplaced once. Notice she doesn't say she was lost. Her theory was that as long as she knew the roads would eventually lead to either RT 33 or RT 250 she couldn't really get lost.

We just got back from the Spring District Meeting. We covered a lot of territory. Although there were some changes in assignments for Rally in the Valley, Chapter D's assignment did not change. We will still be handling the registration and packet stuffing tasks. Chapter E has taken on the Hospitality Room. Since this is their first year at this daunting task, let's be sure we stop by and see if they need any help or maybe just a break. Our hospitality area is touted as the best in the Region and beyond. Let's make sure we give some extra support to the responsible Chapter.

There is a new form/format for nominating someone for the Spirit of Virginia Award. We will have the forms and write up by the next meeting and will explain how it is going to work. The District group is working to come up with some exciting new ideas for Rally in the Valley this year. Each year the District selects a charity and in the past has sold tickets for a basket of goodies. This year, the charity will be the St. Francis Service Dog Foundation. The coordinators have elected to try something new this year. They will be gathering items from the talented people within our District. They hope to gather at least 2 handmade items from each chapter and will conduct drawings from the ticket sales for these wonderful items. So if you are handy with sewing, painting, woodwork, quilting, or any other artistic talent and have an item you could donate, please let us know. We hope to get pictures of the items and put them out on the web site so you can see what you are buying tickets to win. Also, as we start to get the pictures in, Diane will print them up off the web so we can have a "catalog" at the meetings. The foundation is planning on having some of the service dogs at the rally so we can all get a glimpse of just what a service these wonderful animals provide to those in need. These are truly working animals that consistently care for their human family.

Our trainers are busy establishing several Knowledge Enhancement Seminars. We will dedicate a little time to what and when at the meeting. These meetings are not just for staff. They are being designed so that all GWRRA members have a chance to understand how things work within GWRRA. Bob and Sandy Renner are doing a great job of putting together these informational seminars. Both Bob and Sandy are excellent speakers and really know their stuff. The first one that is available in our area is York County April 10th. The flier, complete with directions, will be available at our next dinner meeting, March 24th.

Please make note of a couple of changes in meeting places for our fellow chapters.

- ◆ Chapter E --3rd Wed. - 7:30 PM - Dynasty Buffet, at Four Mile Fork, on Courthouse Rd., Fredericksburg
- ◆ Chapter H -- 2nd Tue. -6 PM eat and social 7 PM meeting – Harbor Inn, I-81 Exit 19 Abingdon
- ◆ VA-V -- 3rd Sun. - 2 pm - Bedford Restaurant, US460, just west of Bedford

That's about it for this time around. Take care and hope to see all of you at the meeting.
Steve and Diane

Words of Wisdom from the Ancient One
“Those who adapt to their surroundings survive.
Proposed by Charles Darwin.
Proven by GWRRA and thousands of other motorcycle riders”.

Rider Education by Marty Link, Assistant Chapter Educator

As everyone who has been a GWRRA member for awhile knows, there are 4 levels of rider education. They are:

Level I Safety by Commitment – Safe Rider/Co-Rider.

- There are no other requirements for this level.
- There is no requirement to renew at this level.

Level II Safety by Education – Tour Rider/Co-Rider Education.

- Must be enrolled at level I
- Rider must have a Motorcycle endorsement on their drivers license
- Rider must have successfully completed an approved Rider Education course within 2 years
- Co-rider must have completed an approved Co-Rider seminar within 2 years
- Must have ridden at least 5,000 Safe miles since joining GWRRA on a Gold Wing or Valkyrie
- Must be renewed each year

Level II Safety by Preparedness – Certified Tour Rider/Co-Rider.

- Must be enrolled at level 1 and current level II
- Must have completed a CPR or First Aid course
- Must have approved course/seminar within 2 years
- Must carry a First Aid Kit on the Motorcycle/Trike
- Must be renewed each year

Level IV Safety by Enhanced Commitment and Preparedness – Master Tour Rider/Co-Rider

- Must be enrolled at level I and current in level III for 1 year
- Must have ridden at least 25,000 safe miles since joining GWRRA on a Gold Wing or Valkyrie
- Must be current in both CPR and First Aid certifications

- Must have approved course/seminar within 2 years
- Must wear protective clothing while riding
- Must carry a First Aid Kit on the Motorcycle/Trike
- Must be renewed each year

As stated above, levels II, III and IV must be renewed each year to maintain the levels. Renewal is at the highest level, not all levels. If you are currently at level III, only level III renewal is required. Renewals are due at the start of the year. If the level was obtained in October or later, renewal is not due the following year.

If you have not renewed you level this year; bring your course completion information to the next meeting. We can complete the paperwork for the renewal.

As a reminder, Region N Rider Education is raffling off a Garmin Street Pilot III GPS system. This unit retails for around \$800.00. The raffle tickets are \$5.00. The drawing will be held at the Region N Rally at Cherokee, North Carolina in early May. You do not have to be present to win. The money raised by this raffle, and other events, helps pay for the seminars and other training that the Region and Chapter Educators hold through out the year. If you would like to buy some tickets, see Linda Whitmer or me.

Marty Link

From the Chapter Couple:

March, already? Were did January and February go? The up side is that the warm riding season is fast approaching.

As we said early in the year, one of our goals as Chapter Couple is to try to visit as many other Chapters as we can this year. As of today, March 10th, we have been to 11 of the 24 Virginia Chapters. In the order of visit, they were Z, and E in January, W, G, U, O, L and F in February, X, R, J, and W in March. We also were at Wingless Weekend and the Chapter F Crazy Supper. If you did not make it to these events, you missed a lot of fun. Just ask someone that did.

Every year, the District Couples host the All Chapter Picnic. This year it will be on August 7th in Aquia Harbor, north of Fredericksburg. The Couples will be meeting in early April to iron out the details, so stay tuned for an update.

Marty & Lawanna Link

Please contact Ted Nelmes at 748-3742 or ean30@comcast.net no later than March 31st if you want to join us on the Burkes Garden Tour Ride on Memorial Weekend. We'll be booking rooms soon. Thanks Member # 057851

MARIE REPORTS THE NEWS (Gossip, Rumor and Hearsay) AND SPECIAL EVENTS

LUCY CORR BINGO WAS A FRIDAY NIGHT HIT WITH THE RESIDENTS BINGO was the game and we helped the 19 residents who attended play some fast and furious games on Friday, March 12. They love having us and we love to come there and spend some fun time with them. We had stuffed animals (these seem to be the favorite of all of them) and personal care items to share as prizes. Marty Link and Target supplied special goodies, Goldfish Crackers, for future Bingo games and we left all the leftover stuffed animals and personal care items there as well. The residents were very focused on their cards and chips when playing. Just a few needed help from our volunteers.

The volunteer assistant says they play Bingo about 3 times a week because they love it and it helps keep their minds alert. Each participant won two prizes of their choice. We played straight Bingo until everyone had won a prize, then the first person to win a “cover all” won the grand prize of a huge stuffed Easter duck. We had time to play another round of straight bingo so everyone had a chance to win their second prize before heading back to their rooms for bedtime. Thanks to the chapter volunteers who helped. Ted and Ethel Nelmes, Marty and Lawanna Link, Junie Miller and a friend of his, Angela Bristow, that Daytona Dude, Larry Crow.

THE ANNUAL EASTER BONNET CONTEST IS A “HOPULAR” EVENT. At our meeting this month (March 24) we will be having our annual *Easter Bonnet Contest*. Prizes will be awarded to the guys and gals showing off their best designs in spring haberdashery for 2004. If you haven’t already started on your Easter chapeau, you better get a move on and “hop” to it.

VaMAC’S ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE BIKES is Saturday, April 3 at the Southside Nazarene Church at 6851 Courthouse near Route 288. Registration is from 2-6 PM. This event is co-sponsored by VaMAC, Southside Nazarene Church and GWRRA, VA-D. The church is providing a cookout serving hot dogs, hamburgers and all the fixins. A donation of \$5.00 is requested. All proceeds from this event go to ASK – Association for the Support of Children with Cancer. Mark your calendar for a great event with good friends. We can all use a little extra good luck and prayers for a safe riding season. (Flyers available)

CHAPTER D “ON THE ROAD AGAIN” BBQ & BIKE SHOW is Sunday, April 25 at Dorey Park. Fun and festivities start at 10 AM. Here is the schedule:

10:00 – 11:00 AM	Register for the Bike Show (<i>Bike Show participants compete for 1st & 2nd place awards. Best of Show winner is being selected by show participants.</i>)
11:00 AM	Picnic Games and Fun
12:00 Noon	Welcome & Lunch
1:30 PM	Awards & Prizes

Feast on BBQ, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw and desserts. Cost is \$9.00 per person plus bring a main dish to share. There will also be pork butts for sale. There are games, door prizes, 50/50 and MORE!!! (Flyers available)

RELAY FOR LIFE POKER RUN IS SUNDAY, MAY 16. This is the 5th Annual Relay for Life Poker Run for us. It gets bigger and better every year. Last year our goal was \$1000. I am happy to say we surpassed that by a smidgen. Our goal this year is \$1200. If the weather is good and there are no hurricanes, tornadoes or earthquakes that weekend, we should be able to meet that goal or maybe surpass it. Run starts at Cycle Connection of Virginia and ends at Perrins BBQ. You will ride through some of the best riding roads in the area. Mark your calendar. We’re going to have a great time and we don’t want you to miss it. I will also need volunteers to help with various tasks including manning the stop points and registration. (Flyers Available)

POWHATAN RELAY FOR LIFE IS JUNE 4-5, 2004 We have such a great time and the people of Powhatan go all out for this event with music, decorations, food and entertainment. This year the theme is “Finding Nemo”. Think about the sun, sand, scuba gear, fishing, snorkeling and fun in the water. This year the team will honor our dear friends MacRae and Kim Powers and Jean Leehy. Mark your calendars for the Relay event in Powhatan in June and the Poker Run fundraiser in May.

VIRGINIA IS FOR MOTORCYCLE LOVERS T-SHIRTS ON SALE FOR \$12 EACH. We have long sleeve t-shirts in *black, white and gray*. Short sleeve shirts are *White, Black, Canyon Red and Salmon pink*. **ALL SHIRTS ARE \$12.00 each in March only.** This is your last chance to get them at this low price. 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.

BIKE NITE AT RIVER CITY DINER/SOUTH STARTS ON APRIL 23. RIVER CITY DINER/NORTH INTRODUCES MOTORCYCLE MATINEE AT THE DINER STARTING SATURDAY, APRIL 10. Motorcycle enthusiasts from all over the region now have two motorcycle gathering events in 2004. River City Diner/North at Parham Road and Interstate 95 will be hosting a Saturday afternoon *Motorcycle Matinee at the Diner* event for all motorcyclists starting in April. This will continue every 2nd Saturday from April through October (except for September) from 2-6 PM. This allows for morning riders to come by for a late lunch or afternoon riders can meet up with their biking companions, share lunch and take off for a great afternoon of riding. It promises to be a unique and diverse change from our usual Friday night at RCD/South. Keep an eye on the VaMAC website at www.vamac.org for the latest news!!!

<u>"Motorcycle Matinee"</u>	<u>"Bike Night"</u>
803 E. Parham Rd.	11430 W. Huguenot Rd.
2pm – 6pm	6pm – 10pm
(2nd Saturday each month)	(4th Friday each month)
April 10	April 23
May 8	May 28
June 12	June 25
July 10	July 23
August 14	August 27
September 18	September 24
October 9	October 22

2004 RALLY DATES TO REMEMBER:

Myrtle Beach Week	May 7-16	Myrtle Beach, SC
Americade	June 7-12	Lake George, NY
Laconia Bike Week	June 12-20	Laconia, NH
Honda Hoot	June 23-26	Knoxville, TN
Wing Ding	July 4-8	Grapevine, TX
Sturgis	August 9-15	Sturgis, ND
Delmarva Bike Week	September 9-12	Ocean City, MD
Biketoberfest	October 21-24	Daytona Beach, FL

Wing Ding 2004 News

Plan Early for WingDing 04. 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.

**If you hear of anyone who is ill or needs our thoughts and prayers, please let me know”
Call 748-3742 Thanks, Ethel**

- Mr. Eddie Crouse is at home and still has good and bad days. The Chapter is thinking of you Eddie.
- Mrs. Helen Carlyle has started her treatments for cancer. We certainly will be thinking of you while you are under doctor’s care.
- Belle has been plagued with a chronic upper respiratory infection three times this winter. We hope she will be feeling much better soon and stay well for a change.
- Jane Bennett’s mother (Mrs. Young) has fallen and broken her leg/hip. Jane’s brother Leroy had a mini stroke. Please keep both of them in your prayers.
- Fred Tayler underwent hernia surgery on March 16th. We wish him a speedy recovery as well.
- Jerry Phinney underwent partial knee replacement on March 15th. We hope he is up and about and resuming his usual schedule soon.

BIRTHDAYS

Florence Tayler	3/7
William Butler	3/12
Bill Robinson	3/13
Earl Banton	3/13
Lucille Washington	3/25
Larry Brown	3/26

March 2004



ANNIVERSARIES

Earl and Kathy Banton	3/13
Vernon and Brenda Cook	3/27
Helen Carlyle’s birthday last month was 2/23 Happy Birthday Miss Helen	

*****Please Note: We have been requesting you to wear your vests or shirts with the patch to the meetings to win cash, but starting in this months (March) newsletter you might find your GWRRA Membership number and win \$10. If you find your GWRRA membership number hidden somewhere in the newsletter, come to the meeting and bring your membership card and go home with some extra money. \$\$\$\$\$\$\$ If you are not at the meeting and your number is announced, the money will roll over to next month’s meeting where we will choose a different member number. This could be your lucky month. Read the newsletter carefully. This month there are two numbers hidden for you to find.***

PS Continue to wear your vest proudly to meetings and events.

Marty’s Musings

In the fall of last year, I put together an article on “winterizing” a motorcycle. With warmer weather approaching, it’s time to look at getting ready to take it “out of mothballs”. Of course, if you did like Lawanna and I did and continued to ride when the weather was good enough to do so, there isn’t much you need to do to get ready to ride.

If you checked all of the fluids and topped them off or changed them in late fall/early winter, it is still a good idea to double-check them now. If you haven’t ridden for a while, it might also be a good idea to bleed the brake and clutch hydraulic systems.

If you used a fuel stabilizer in the gas and filled the tank, the fuel system should not need any special care. The stabilizer will burn off as the gas in the tank is used. Did you change the oil when you stored your motorcycle? If not, this would be a good time to do so.

With the battery in or out of the motorcycle and the use of a battery maintainer, the battery should be ready to go. A “wet” cell battery should be checked for fluid level. If it is low, top it off with distilled water and connect it to the maintainer again to be sure it is fully charged. Check the terminals and connections to the battery for any signs of corrosion.

While you may have checked the air cleaner earlier, if you haven’t ridden for a while and the motorcycle has been in a garage or out building, it would be a good idea to check it again. Check the air inlet as well. Spiders, mice and other small creatures like to build nests or webs in hidden areas. These could restrict the flow of air into the fuel system and cause the engine to run rich with poor fuel mileage and poor engine performance, at the least, or possibly get sucked into the engine and cause damage in the cylinders.

It is time again to check the tires. Even if it was done earlier, a good visual check for cracking and/or bulges should be done. Look between the treads in addition to checking the wear bars. If the tires are old or show any signs of problems, it is time to replace them. New tires can be considered as insurance. Replacing them now will save you “down” time later. Tires may be expensive, but they are all that supports you on the road. Don’t forget to check the valve stem too. If your motorcycle has the right angle valve stems, it probably has a little plastic support bracket. Make sure it is in place or the centrifugal force of the wheel as it turns can put a strain on the rubber base at the rim and cause it to fail. Oh, don’t forget to check the air pressure in the tires as well.

Having done all of the above and a good cleaning, it’s time to hit the road. Are you prepared? Riding takes your full attention. If it has been a while since your last ride, are you mentally and physically ready? Riding uses some of your muscles in ways that they don’t get used in everyday activity. It might be a good time to do some exercises to tone up those muscles. The legs need to be tucked up on the pegs and then put down on the ground to support your 600 to 900 pound machine, if you are on 2 wheels. Don’t forget the extra weight with a co-rider aboard. We Trike riders get a little break here. Twisting the throttle works the wrist in ways that it is not used every day. Working through the turns, whether on city streets or rural curves uses the arm and shoulder muscles in different ways. We Trike riders do not get a break here.

The bottom line is that riding season is rapidly approaching maybe not rapidly enough for some. You need to be prepared to be able to enjoy the ride. The earlier you prepare your machine and yourself, the more enjoyment you will get out of the riding season.

Ride often, but ride safe. I’ll see you on the road
Marty Link

FOR SALE

Chaps Heavy Leather Size XL Never worn – Cost \$100 New Will sell for \$45
Call Charlie Croxton 790-1876

***Important!! 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.gwrra.org We will be checking your cards at the meetings.
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
Winning Member # 082853

CHESTER MEETING PLACE

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

Spotlighting Bill Hubbard and Barbara Doan

Name: Bill Hubbard & Barbara Doane

Years Riding: Bill - 58 with 38 yr. gap due to kids, cars,
cats, College etc. Barbie - 9.

Age Started Riding: Bill - 16. Barbie - 50.

Moved to Richmond from: Bill - Norfolk(1971).

Barbie - Wilmington DE (1968)

Work: Bill - 20 yrs. USN, 15 yrs Hewlett-Packard, 5 yrs VA Hosp. 12 yrs
Nothing, Retired.

Barbie - Medical Technologist @ St. Mary's Hosp.

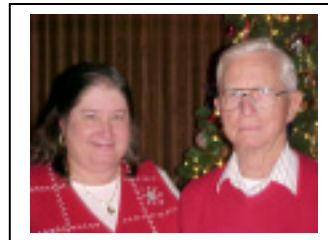
Military Service: 20 yrs. U.S. Navy Electronics Tech.

Kids: Bill - 2 daughters. Barbie - 2 stepdaughters.

Bike: 02 Honda GL1800 Gold Wing.

Best Rides: Terracina Flats in Italy and Denver to Durango in Colorado.

Worst Ride: Blue Ridge Parkway in Pea Soup fog.



District News

Region N Rally in Cherokee NC

May 6 - 7 - 8

Registration:

Region N Rally registrations are available and can be obtained through the District, Chapter, or on the Web Site. You don't want to be left out of the 2004 Region N Rally, so get those registrations in.

As last year, once your registration has been confirmed, you can make your reservations at any of the “Host” hotels, which are the Best Western, Holiday Inn, and Hampton Inn. There are also many camping sites in the area for tents and RVs.

New This Year —Hospitality Area

Region N is happy to announce that we will have a hospitality area this year sponsored in part by *Freedom Enterprises*, which of course we all know as Region N’s own Jeff and Cheri Liner. It will be open from 7:45 am to 8:45 am on Friday with coffee and donuts. Saturday the hospitality area will be open from 8:00 am to 10:00 am Not only will donuts and coffee be served, but also goodies from the ovens of your Region N staff will be available for Saturday. Yum, Yum!! Region N thanks Jeff and Cheri for their sponsorship of the “*hospitality area*”. You be sure to thank them too!

Region “N” Wing Ding Responsibilities

As you know by now, Region N’s responsibility at WingDing is the “Bike Show” and special events. 2003 was our first year with this responsibility, and we were just novices just learning the ropes. This year we know what we are doing and are now pros, so it should be a cinch. We will be contacting you in upcoming months to sign up volunteers to work, and to let you know what day or time we will need help. If all goes well, no one should have to work more than a few hours out of the entire week, leaving MORE FUN TIME for everyone.

Directions to Dorey Park

***Chapter D Picnic and Bike Show April 25th
I-295 to Exit 22B (Varina Exit).***

***Turn Right at the first street onto Doran Rd.
Follow Doran Rd to the next stop sign and
turn***

***left onto Darbytown Rd. Dorey Park entrance
is .6 miles on left. Look for signs. For more
information call Steve or Diane Flournoy at
804-360-1159***

Shelters 4,5,6,7