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GWRRRA Region N Chapter NC-I Asheville, North Carolina August 2005

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Chapter Director's Corner

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Greetings to all of you!

Goodness where do I start? Usually I wonder what to say this month I struggle to be brief. Let me start with WOS. First, we want to thank all of you who have signed up to help with the poker run. The shirt order has been turned in and Mr. Hunt has informed me that all is in order there. Also we have given them the poker runs for this year a long one and a short one. Many things will be different this year at WOS from the parking to gate passes all changes for the better. Please make every effort to attend our next meeting and Bill Lee and I will share with you all that we learned so that when you get there you will be one up on the other four or five thousand there. Also we have more vendors signed up than ever before and that is a sure sign that WOS is on the right track.

Many of you have said you intend to purchase the new Dunlop Elite 3 tires either at WOS or in the near future. If that is your plan please read your Wing World Magazine article "mismatched tires". If you ride a 1500 you need BIAS PLY TIRES if you ride an 1800 you need RADIAL TIRES and if you do not know how to tell the difference you need someone who does. I would seek the advice of Phil Hendrix before I spend any money or Russ but it was Phil that informed me. I put an Elite 3 on the front and still have a new Elite 2 on the back of our Wing. I got lucky and it turned out to be the bias ply but the dealer where I bought it told me ALL Elite 3s are the same. So don't go thinking because you bought your tire from a dealer he knows what he is doing. It is your life here so learn what you need to know. The Elite 3 is a GREAT tire just makes sure you get the right one.

Finally, our Saturday ride turned out to be one of our best. Jack and Becky Nesbitt, Bruce and Brenda Doan, Linda Miller, Gordon Booth, and Monty Snell joined Bev and me. While they were not able to go on the ride John Williams and Jimmy Seacord joined us for breakfast at J&S. The ride was to Cherokee County Cycles in Andrews, NC. We left around nine and took 26 to 40 then down 19/74 down the Nantahala Gorge to Andrews. While first impressions of the store were strictly a Harley dealer, one step inside the door will change your mind. A "Honda Rune" sat just inside the door. I have never even seen one WHAT A BIKE. Mike Pike and his staff are a cut above your typical dealer. We thought they were a little too busy to grill burgers and offered to grab a bite on down the road. Mike would have none of that. And had an associate start the grill and made lunch for us. Mike, we all want to thank you all for your hospitality. We left Mike and headed back up the Gorge and turned east on a road Mike suggested which was NC 1310 to Franklin. What a road (32 miles of twist and turns, up and down, rivers and lakes)! None of us ever recall being on this road. While riding I asked Gordon if this road equaled it to Deals Gap. At this point, Gordon felt it was good but not quite. However by the time we reached Franklin, Gordon felt that it was as good as deals Gap. We all agree that we are going back again in the fall and do some leaf peeping. Buy now the rain was in sight in Franklin so we turned them for home. Round numbers it was 230 miles round trip. Every ride with our Goldwing friends is a good ride. But this one will be more memorable with the discovery of a new road. 1310 is a great one if you get the chance to ride it.

Hope to see you at the meeting. Ride safe.

Russ and Bev



Remember there will not be a September meeting due to Wings Over the Smokies



September 22-24, 2005

Western Agricultural Center in Fletcher, NC

WHAT:

North Carolina District Rally - WINGS OVER THE SMOKIES

WHEN:

September 22 - 24 2005

WHERE:

**Western North Carolina Agricultural Center at Asheville/Fletcher, NC.
Interstate 26, exit 40 (old exit number 9)**

2005 THEME:

Back to the 50's

WHAT TO EXPECT:

GRAND PRIZE - 2005 GoldWing with matching Escapade Trailer

\$500 Pre-Registration Drawing - (Pre-registration ends 9/12/05

**Vendors - typically include - Accessories, Apparel, Chrome, Engravers, Jewelry,
Motorcycles, Mural Artists, Parts, Pinstripers, Trailers, Trikes, more!**

Rider Education Seminars

Live Entertainment - Thursday & Friday nights

Bike Show

Poker Run

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VENDORS:

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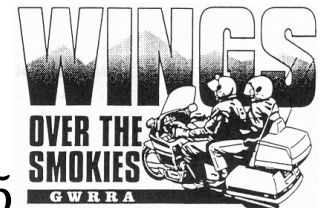
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Sept. 22-23-24, 2005

John Williams Rider Education

During this riding season sometimes we need to come back to basics. Here is an article from the District Educators News letter.

Basic Riding Skills Part I

We recently had our chapter's first Parking Lot Practice (PLP). As most members did very well for the first time, some tips are being provided to improve skills acquired during the PLP.

RIDING POSTURE

Good posture will make you comfortable on the motorcycle and improve your riding. Sit with your back straight and your head and eyes up. Place both feet on the pegs as the motorcycle begins to move. Keep your knees and elbows in and cover the rear brake and shift lever with your feet. Hold the handgrips with your right wrist down and the knuckles up. Cover the clutch with all four fingers. Sit far enough forward so your elbows are slightly bent and, above all, relax!

FRICTION ZONE

The friction zone is that area of clutch-lever travel where the clutch just starts to transmit power to the rear wheel. Here's how to find the friction zone: Squeeze the clutch. Shift to first gear. Place both feet on the ground. Hold the throttle slightly open and slowly ease the clutch lever out until the engine starts to slow down and the bike starts to move forward. This is called the "friction zone." Squeeze in the clutch lever and practice the technique again. The engine may stall if you do not open the throttle enough or if you release the clutch too quickly. If you feel the engine stalling, pull in the clutch lever, release the throttle, and try again.

TURNING

There are four keys to turning:

• SLOW, LOOK, PRESS (LEAN) and ROLL

Slow: Reduce speed before the turn by closing the throttle, downshifting, and, if necessary, applying both brakes.

Look: Use your head and eyes for directional control. Look through the turn to where you want to go. Turn your head, not your shoulders or just your eyes.

Press (Lean): To turn, the motorcycle must lean. To lean the motorcycle, press on the handgrip in the direction of the turn. Press left-lean left-go left. Press right-lean right-go right. Higher speeds and/or tighter turns require more lean. In normal turns, the rider and the motorcycle should lean together. You and the motorcycle should become one. In slow, tight turns, lean the motorcycle only and keep your body straight.

Roll: Roll on the throttle through the turn. Maintain steady speed or gently accelerate. Avoid deceleration or rapid acceleration while in the turn.

August 25 Thursday

Chapter NC - I Meeting - Eat at 6:00 pm, Meet at 7:00 pm
Ryan's Restaurant on Patton Ave., Asheville, NC

August 27 Saturday

Chapter NC - I Potluck - 4:00 pm
Wil & Melody Higdon's house, 153 Whitney Drive, Asheville, NC

Join us for this month's potluck. Bring dishes or deserts that will complement the burgers, hot dogs, chicken, and soft drinks that Wil & Melody will be serving.

For more information, call [Wil](#) or Melody at (828) 251-1172. [Directions](#).

August 28 Sunday

Ride for Kids - Registration 7:00 am - 8:45 am
Biltmore Square Mall, NC-191, 1/2 mile south of I-26 exit 33, Asheville, NC

Rain or shine! Ride through scenic countryside, with police escort, to the lovely mountain town of Lake Lure.

The **Celebration of Life** program at the endpoint includes award presentations to individuals, chapter/clubs and festivities.

Grand Prize: Honda Rebel 250

For more information, please call (800) 253-6530. If you are unable to attend the Ride, you can mail your donations to the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, 302 Ridgefield Court, Asheville, NC 28806 and receive your premiums by mail.

Here is more information about the [Ride for Kids](#), including events in other cities, and the [Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation](#).

September 10 Saturday

Chapter NC - I Second Saturday Ride - 9:00 am
Meet at J&S Cafeteria, 30 Airport Park Road, Fletcher, NC (across from the Asheville Airport).

The ride starts at 9:00 am. Have breakfast with us beginning around 8:00 am. Call [Russ & Beverly Daggett](#) at (828) 654-7904 for more info. [Map](#)

September 22 Thursday

No Chapter NC - I Meeting This Month!

September

22-24 Thursday -Saturday

Wings Over the Smokies: 22nd Annual North Carolina GWRRA District Rally - Western North Carolina Agricultural Center, 1301 Fanning Bridge Rd. Fletcher, NC

Lots of vendors, great food, and fine entertainment. The grand prize is a 2005 Goldwing with matching Escapade trailer. More information and the registration form are at the [GWRRA NC District](#) web site.

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

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