



Land of the Sky Wings



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Chapter Director's Corner Cliff's Notes

Let me start off by saying what a great meeting we had last month with 37 in attendance. We had a lot of visitors all trying to capture the Western Traveler, it went to Charlotte.

We have a lot of stuff coming up in the near future I will try and list them for you.

First our **Nov. meeting date has been changed to Thursday Nov. 17 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday**, then on Dec. 3rd is Gifts on Cycles at the J. Iverson Riddle Center in Morganton we will need a head count to let Dennis know how many will be eating. On Thursday Dec. 8th at 7:00pm we will have our Christmas Party at the Campfire Steakhouse in Black Mountain we will talk about this more at the Nov. meeting.

Rilla and I are only the acting CD's until everything is official but already we feel right at home. Thank you for all your support. Let have a great Holiday season and keep riding safe.

Rilla & Cliff Wisor

Ride Coordinator Polar Run or Just Fun?

For some time now as many of you know Bev and I have wanted to put a weekend ride together but, for many reasons it would just never seem to happen. People could not get time off or, had other commitments. But somehow Cliff and Rilla, Al and Jean, Beverly and Russ got a Friday off. We said let's plan a ride and see how it goes and Linda of course is retired so she said take me. Bev made reservations some weeks ago and all we could do was hope the weather the inclement weather would hold off. So, I will do my best to describe what happens when some of our folks get together. Maybe the next time we go you may want to join us. It is hard to be accurate and remember it all when you are laughing so hard you can hardly ride at all.

Friday Oct. 28 was the day we had waited for. The plan was to be gone Friday, Saturday and get back early afternoon on Sunday. Linda, Bev and I left the house at 8 a.m. Friday morning. It was around 28 degrees. We met Al and Jean at DJ's Dinner and headed for Old Fort to pick up Cliff and Rilla. As we rolled on to 40 I ask Bev if she was excited she said, "No just cold." A few minutes later I heard Cliff on the radio calling me and I realized I was having trouble getting my finger to push the talk button and if I did I wasn't sure my jaws would move. Cliff called. "Never mind I see you." Cliff asked if we were

hungry. Al and I informed him that we would split a side of beef and a dozen eggs. So we found ourselves in Old Fort at the Whistle Stop 2. It didn't take long for the waitress to start wondering just how much effect cold had on the brain. After we explained that we are always this way she just let it go. With our hunger satisfied with lots of hot coffee and good food, it was time to motor. I ask Bev again, "are you excited now?" Her only response was, "Oh, if you only knew." I was beginning to wonder if my co-rider was getting into this.

Cliff led us down 74 to 221 where we broke off and started around the back side of Lake James. By now the sun was starting to warm things up some but, I was still having trouble with my nose running. I told Bev I wondered if it was freezing to my face. She said, "I brought an ice pick let me know if it gets to be a problem." Suddenly it seemed warmer. We rode along in silence for a while just enjoying the cool morning air and the leaves. Then it started. I knew it was coming; I just was not sure when. Cliff came on the radio, "Russ you ever see a Scottish cow?" Of course I knew all about it but I wasn't sure if Al and Jean did and I was afraid their lives might be somewhat less full if they didn't. I fell into step and answered, "No Cliff tell, me." Cliff came back with "They have bag pipes at the udder end." Al came back with, "oh dear." We rode past a small herd of cows and Cliff asked Al, "Do you know what that black one is laying under the tree?" Al said, "I am sure that would be Angus." Cliff said, "Nope." Al said, "Dare I ask what it might be?" Cliff said, "That would be ground beef." So it went to Morganton where we stopped for more coffee. Then we headed up 181 to Lynnville and on into Boon. I tried one more time. "Bev, are you having fun yet." She came back, "What a beautiful day." Things were looking up!

At Boon Russ took the lead and we picked up 16 and headed through the Iron Mountains toward Marion Va. Now the leaves had much more color and Al remarked, "What a beautiful valley." I remember thinking, I was a little cold and we were behind schedule but there was no place on earth I would rather be than in this place with these people. NC16 took us on down where we shot under interstate 81 like a herd of turtles and on into Marion. It was time for coffee and gas. After gas, we got back on VA16. It was in here some place that Al reminded not to get to far ahead of Linda. She was pulling the trailer with all our stuff and we did not want to lose our bags. Linda then became known as "the bag lady." The next section of VA16 is pretty tough with lots of hairpin turns and steep grades until not too far from Tazewell VA. We rode out into the open and crossed another beautiful valley with big farms and lots to look at. But we were coming up on 200 miles of twisty turning two lane roads and we were getting tired and hungry. Bev said our hotel was just outside Tazewell in Princeton, WV. With one more set of mountains to cross, we saw a sign said 16 miles to Tazewell. We crossed them fine and rolled into Tazewell where we picked up US460 and started looking for the Days Inn sign. Then we rode past one that said, "Princeton 49 miles". I said, "Bev did you see that?" Then Cliff asked, "We don't have 49 more miles to go, do we?" I said, "Bev?" Then she pointed out it was forty dollars a room cheaper in Princeton and suddenly it did not seem so far. Soon, we were checked in sitting at Cracker Barrel eating hot biscuits and cornbread talking about the ride and driving another, waitress nuts. We got our tummies full; got hot showers and called it a day.

In the morning, some of us went to Cracker Barrel and some ate the continental breakfast. We then pulled the frosty covers off the bikes. While the Goldwing warmed up Cliff shared a quick devotion from the book of Psalms and we said a thank you the safety thus far and ask that more be granted. We were off. Back down US460 to Bluefield, WV; caught US52 North to Welch where it was coffee time again. From there, we took WV16 North to Man and WV10 to Logan where we caught US119 to Williamson. We stopped at a Wal-Mart for some

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shopping and a break. It was here that Jean Warren discovered that her mother had been put in the hospital and felt they needed to get an early start and get back. It was general consensus that we started this thing together and we will finish it together. We rode into Pikeville, KY and started trying to find the next Days Inn. Russ was getting a bit frustrated to say the least! I pulled over to have Bev call them and Cliff rode up and said, "Hey, follow me" and rode off. I made the comment, "Just where in heck does he think he is going?" Cliff pulled into the next parking lot down under the big Days Inn sign. It was now time to pick on Russ.

Once again hot showers felt good and we went next door to a barbeque place where all the waitresses had on Halloween costumes. Cliff was like a kid in a candy store we all laughed till it hurt. End of day two.

Sunday morning had no frost at least on the bike covers but it was time to grab a waffle at the hotel and boogie so Jean could get home. It was just after breakfast when I was headed out to the bike behind Bev that I found her bent over holding her stomach. I ask if she was OK when I realized she wasn't sick she was laughing. She said, you know those two guys in the room next to us? I said, "Yea, what about them?" She said, "One of them came back to the room and told his buddy to go look at that big three wheeler down there (referring to Linda's trike). And he said "THERE IS A GRANDMA RIDING IT!" Bev said, "DON'T YOU DARE TELL YOUR SISTER." I headed for the bikes!! "Good morning grandma," as I looked at Linda. If looks would kill I would be a dead man. Cliff caught the look and said better watch it there Russ. Then Bev told her what happened and we all laughed. Linda said, "Bring him down here and Grandma will teach him some manners." I thought it was over but I could see Cliff's wheels turning.

We road of down US23 headed for Kingsport, TN in and out of the fog hoping the sun would warm us soon. Then Cliff came on the radio, "Hay Russ. Do you remember that Beach Boy song when we were kids?" This time he had me. "Which one would that be Cliff?" "You know about the little old lady from Pasadena." "Oh yea. GO GRANNY, GO GRANNY, GO GRANNY, GO." Cliff came back, "Yup. That's the one." Linda said, "Swell, just swell." Al jumped right in "Hey I got one." "Well what would that be Al?" "Grandma got run over by a reindeer." Al sang back on the radio. It was here I wished they would supply seat belts for co-riders because I was havin' trouble keeping Bev on the bike she was laughing so hard and I could hardly steer. Linda chimed in, "OH THIS IS REALLY GREAT. First I am the bag lady now I am Grandma bag lady." As her trike can run any of us off the road we figured we better let it go.

Now the sun was getting warm and Gate City, VA. was coming up. We made a rest stop there, got gas and took off again and rode to the NC. Welcome center. Here we started making plans on who would break off where off from the group and say our goodbyes. I could not believe it was over so soon. We road 650 miles of road with more beautiful scenery and fun then you could imagine.

I can not speak for the rest of the group but, I would do it again in a minute. I suggested Chattanooga in spring. Al and Jean said, "Count us in." Cliff and Rilla said, "Let's set a date." And Linda..... "Well shoot!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Y'all can't go without a bag lady."

The invitation is open when our riding season starts in spring of 2006.

Russ Daggett, Ride Coordinator

Schedule for Gifts on Cycles

December 3, 2005

J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center
Exit 104 off I-40 (Enola Road) Morganton, NC

9:45 am - 10:45 am — Arrival, Registration (sign in), placement of gifts under Christmas tree

10:45 am - 11:00 am — Line up for parade

11:00 am - 11:15 am — Parade through facility grounds

11:30 am - 12:30 pm — Lunch

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm — Introductions, program, door prizes, 50/50

CLEAN UP

We encourage everyone to stick around for a few minutes to help with cleanup:

Remove tablecloths (save centerpieces), clean tables and replace tablecloths and centerpieces

Sweep floors and clean up any spills

Place garbage into dumpster outside of the gym

Dispose of any unused food

THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR PARTICIPATING - MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

Rider Education

This survey is interesting for us all. You can go the following website for more information:
http://www.hsrc.unc.edu/pubinfo/nc_mcsurvey2004.htm

2004 Motorcycling in North Carolina Survey Results

The UNC Highway Safety Research Center has compiled results from the 2004 Motorcycling in North Carolina survey. The survey was distributed by the North Carolina Governor’s Highway Safety Program to a statewide sample of 3,000 registered motorcycle owners.

Highlights from the survey include:

Respondents ranged in age from 19 to 82 years old, with an average age of 47.

Motorcyclists reported riding anywhere from 0 to 32,000 miles in the past 12 months, with a median of 3,000 miles.

43 percent of riders said they always wear a helmet when riding in states that do not require helmet use.

Overall, 45 percent of the motorcyclists indicated that they had crashed or fallen while riding.

Riders younger than 30 were four times as likely as older riders to have crashed in the past year.

Of those who had a prior crash, 45 percent indicated that medical treatment was required as a result.

The Center will be conducting further analysis of this data, expected to be available in late summer 2005. For more information, please contact Scott Masten at (919) 843-5333 or Rob Foss at (919) 962-8702.

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Calendar

November 11 - Friday

Veterans Day

November 17 Thursday

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Ryan's Restaurant on Patton Ave., Asheville, NC

4th Thursday of each month, usually. Call [Russ & Beverly Daggett](#) at (828) 654-7904 or [Wil Higdon](#) at (828) 251-1172 for more info. [Directions](#).

November 19 - Saturday

Chapter NC-M2 Meeting - Eat at 8:00 am, Meet at 9:00 am

Quality Inn & Suites, 201 Sugarloaf Road, Hendersonville, NC

3rd Saturday of each month. Off US-64 near I-26 Exit 49-A (Old Exit 18A). Call Jim & Paula Blankenship at (828) 628-1333 for more info.

November 24 - Thursday

Thanksgiving Day

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December 3 - Saturday

Chapter NC-I Gifts on Cycles Ride -

[J. Iverson Riddle Development Center](#), 300 Enola Rd, Morganton, NC, (828) 433-2731

Our annual Gifts on Cycles ride to provide Operation Santa Claus gifts for the J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center. The Center has provided a new [Wish List](#) for us to work from this year and the needs of our special friends are many.

December 3 - Saturday

Chapter NC-G2 Meeting - Eat at 6:00 pm, Meet at 7:00 pm

Duvall's Restaurant, 783 N. Main St, Waynesville, NC

1st Saturday of each month. Call James & Joretta Smith at (828) 648-6872 for more info.

December 17 - Saturday

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December 22 - Thursday

No Chapter NC-I Meeting This Month!

Enjoy the holiday season. Please come our next meeting January 26, 2006.

December 24 - Saturday

Christmas Eve

December 25 - Sunday

Christmas

December 31 Friday

New Year's Eve

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