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Downeast Goldwings Chapter NC-D

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The Beacon

Since - 1988

GWRR Motto:

Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge
 Chapter NC-D Greenville, N.C.

We meet the first Thursday night of each month at:

Golden Corral Steak House
 504 SW Greenville Blvd. Greenville, N.C. 27858
 Phone: 252-756-4412



Happy
Mother's
 Day

Gather at: 6:30 Meeting at 7:30 pm We always start our meeting with prayer. Door prizes are a part of our meeting, remember when you bring one make sure it's something that can be used by others

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C.D. Chat's

Well, another meeting down and one right around the corner. So far this year we have been having good attendee's . In March we attended six meetings and everyone had a full house which is a good sign. People still enjoy getting out and riding and joining in when they can. As you all know that word AGE has come upon us all, and it's not as easy to push yourself as it once was. Still fun when you do. So push yourself and try to attend a meeting in the month of May. You will be the winner.

Rocky Mount will be having there Blessing of the Bikes on April 27th, that's a good one to try to hit this month. If you plan to go please let David (252-635-0448) know so we can meet up and ride in as a group. Alice and I have been every year and really enjoy it. Rev. Preston Smith does an outstanding job, he doesn't give out of anything to say. And the way things are now we need all the Blessing we can get. They always has some pretty stuff on the auction table, Cindy Whal is a very talented lady. Of course, I donate a bird house, we hope they make a lot of money for the Benefit to the Patients at the O'Berry Center. Pat from the O'Berry Center was at Smithfield's meeting last month and she tells it like it is. The government does provide them with a shelter and food, but nothing extra. The money that is raise and presented to them helps purchase things that we all take for granted. Like nice P.J.'s, bedroom shoes, coats, hats and to make sure each patient has Christmas and for those that are able to get out once in awhile get some ice cream from McDonald's. Like I say we just take everything for granted. Speaking of the O'Berry, mark your calendar for **June 18th**, that's when we will be at Pizza Inn trying to make money to present to them. We look for every member to show up and have supper with the gang. We're not asking everyone to work, just show up eat and leave a nice tip. We get all the tips and 10% of the sells. What a good time to invite your neighbor, family, friends, someone that's side the street. We are in it for the money.

Also, mark your calendar **May 18th**, Ron Ayers will be having there fun day, there will be a lot of things going on that day. Flyers will be out soon. Another most important thing is that Chapter D will be out there selling tickets on the Goldwing, we hope to move all that we have that day. As in the past if you purchase a ticket you will get a nice cool cup of lemonade. Or you can purchase a lemonade and you will get a ticket on the bike, either which way a ticket is leaving with you. Selling the tickets helps your District pay for the bike that is giving away. Betty and Alice plan to make their sugar coated peanuts and peanut brittle to sell all that money will go to the Ronald McDonald House. Please make your plans to go. Oh I forgot to tell you there will be lunch provided by Ron Ayers.

If you haven't registered for Wings please go ahead and get your registration in, the vendors are always asking how many are coming then they decide if they plan to go. You can register on line. I'm sure we will be asked to work this year so it won't be long before we will need a head count for that. We will be going up on Wednesday as in the past. Let's make this a GREAT Rally, show Roy and Cindy all their work hasn't been for nothing. If you haven't gotten your room I suggest you soon do that.

Alice & I made a fly by night trip to Ky. We left our house on Sunday morning at 3:00 the plans were to stop and spend the night in Pigeon Forge, but we got there way before lunch and decided to drive on to the Ark, spent the evening at the Ark and spent the night in a motel across the street from the Ark. Next morning we got up and went to Petersburg, Ky to the Creation Museum, around lunch we head back to Pigeon Forge and spent the night there. Of course, we walked the streets. Next morning we walked around at Pigeon Forge went to the Apple Barn for a apple pie, then off to Maggie Valley for a night, got there in time for me to rest and Alice to walk the streets and have dinner. Got up early the next morning and headed home. It was a fast trip and yes we were in the truck. When retiring you think you could just take off and go anytime not true, it's hard to work around doctors appointments. We decide on Saturday morning to take off the next morning. Sometimes those trips are the best. The trip was interesting both the Ark and the Creation Museum has a lot of reading to do. We came home with questions. If you go plan to have plenty of time and take 2 pair of glasses and good walking shoes.

Hope each of you get out and ride and visit when you can, help someone when your can ride safe. Bobby

Trivia about Cracker Jack's

- In 1912, toy surprises were first put into every Cracker Jack box. This tradition continued until Frito-Lay stopped the practice in 2016.

"Take Me Out to the Ball Game," written in 1908 by Norworth and Von Tilzer, contains a reference to "Cracker Jack" in the lyrics.

- The boy on the Cracker Jack box image is named Sailor Jack and his dog is called Bingo.

See what you can learn If you read your newsletter???????????

Gene Wants to Know????? DID YOU KNOW?!

The Chinese invented playing cards in AD 1000. Some interesting facts and observations about "Playing cards":

Did you know that the Traditional Deck of the Playing Cards are a strikingly coherent form of a Calendar?

There are 52 weeks in the year and there are 52 Playing Cards in a Deck.

There are 13 weeks in each Season and there are 13 cards in each suit.

There are 4 Seasons in a Year and 4 Suits in the Deck.

There are 12 Months in a Year so there are 12 Court Cards (Those with faces namely Jack, Queen, King in each suit)

The Red Cards represent Day, while Black Cards represent the Night.

If you let Jacks = 11, Queens = 12, and the Kings = 13, then add up all the sums of 1 + 2 + 3 + ...to 13 = 91. Multiply this by 4, for the 4 Suits, therefore $91 \times 4 = 364\ldots$

Add 1 that is the Joker and you will arrive at the number 365 being the Days in a Year?

Is that a mere coincidence or a greater intelligence?

Of interest is the sum of the letters in all the names of the cards, e.g., add up the letters in "one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, Jack, Queen, King" = 52!

The Spades indicate ploughing or working. The Hearts indicates Love thy crops.

The Clubs indicates flourishing and growth. The Diamonds indicate reaping the wealth.

Also, in some card games 2 Jokers are used; Indicating the Leap year.

There is a deeper Philosophy than just merely Playing Cards. The Mathematical perfection is interesting.

Preacher Cliff Corner:

PSALM 15 (NIV 1984)

(Check the traits that apply to you. If you don't want to turn it in, just hand me a dollar for O'Berry)

Lord, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill?

- 1 *He whose walk is _____ and*
- 2 *who does what is _____,*
- 3 *who speaks the _____ from his heart,*
- 4 *and has no _____ on his tongue,*
- 5 *who does his neighbor no _____ and*
- 6 *casts no _____ on his fellowman,*
- 7 *who despises a _____ man but honors those who _____ the Lord,*
- 8 *who keeps his oath even when it _____,*
- 9 *who _____ his money without usury*
- 10 *and does not accept a _____ against the innocent.*

He who does these things will never be shaken.

Blondes are back. Yes Gene Donovan has been at it again

A blonde was shopping at Target & came across a shiny silver thermos. She was quite fascinated by it, so she picked it up & took it to the clerk to ask what it was. The clerk said, 'Why, that's a thermos..... It keeps hot things hot, And cold things cold.'

'Wow, said the blonde, 'that's amazing.....I'm going to buy it!' So she bought the thermos & took it to work the next day. Her boss saw it on her desk. 'What's that,' he asked? 'Why, that's a thermos..... It keeps hot things hot & cold things cold,' she replied.. Her boss inquired, 'What do you have in it?' The blond replied.....'Two popsicles & some coffee.'

A blonde goes into work one morning crying her eyes out.. Her boss asked sympathetically, 'What's the matter?' The blonde replies, 'Early this morning I got a phone call saying that my mother had passed away.' The boss, feeling sorry for her, says, 'Why don't you go home for the day? Take the day off to relax & rest.' 'Thanks, but I'd be better off here. I need to keep my mind off it & I have the best chance of doing that here.' The boss agrees & allows the blonde to work as usual. A couple of hours pass & the boss decides to check on the blonde. He looks out from his office & sees the blonde crying hysterically... 'What's so bad now? Are you going to be okay?' he asks. 'No!' exclaims the blonde. 'I just received a horrible call from my sister. Her mother died, too!'

What would a newsletter be without a few words from Gene

Greetings from your ACD's and COY's

FINALLY!!! Riding weather is here!! We took advantage of good weather last Thursday and rode to Myrtle Beach. It was a perfect day and we located the cottage we were going to be staying in for the family vacation in August and were able to go inside and take a peek. We spent about 30 minutes there and then headed somewhere for lunch. We chose the Cook-Out in North Myrtle Beach and had a good lunch outside, again enjoying the weather. Then we headed home. When we got home, I looked in the back of our bike to get my purse which was not there...I asked Gerald if he put it somewhere and he said he had not, soooo the only answer was that it was on the back of a chair at the Cook Out in North Myrtle Beach!! I was in a panic because I had just cashed a check which was more money than I normally carry and I knew I would never see the purse or money. I called the store and spoke with the manager, Edward Waugh. He said he had my purse and would be happy to mail it to me and that is what he did. I just received it today and nothing was missing! I am so grateful that the Cook Out hired such a kind and honest man and we plan to eat there whenever we are in the area! However, it was a great ride home (we like traveling the back roads), flowers were in bloom so not only was the weather great, the scenery was awesome!

Saturday, we had the opportunity to participate in the Officers Down Ride which was a very good ride for a very good purpose. It rained off and on but not enough to take away from the experience. In our packets, we had a picture and information on two officers that had died in the line of duty, making the ride even more meaningful and personal. This is a wonderful fund raiser that helps families left behind when a need arises and I hope next year our chapter can be represented by more of our members. This year it was me and Ronnie, Bobby and Alice and Dave and Barbara registered but could not ride since they were in Florida.

We are also trying to visit other chapters, especially when they have the couples plaque but sometimes that doesn't happen because of our busy lives. Four of our grandchildren play some form of ball so we try to attend as many of those games as we can to let them know we support them in whatever they do. We also love the sport! We would love to see some of you join us when we visit these chapters because not only do these chapters appreciate our visits, but we also look forward to their visits to our chapter gathering. We have made so many friends all over the state since joining GWRRA and Downeast Goldwings and we do that by visiting and being active. Our next planned ride is Rocky Mount for Blessing of the Bikes; we hope to see you there. Gerald and Ronnie Wilson, ACD's, COY's

PONDERISMS—Preacher Cliff

Why do peanuts float in a regular coke and sink in a diet coke? Go ahead and try it.

I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.

Can you cry under water?

Why do you have to "put your two cents in"... but it's only a "penny for your thoughts"? Where's that extra penny going? (taxes) Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?

What disease did cured ham actually have?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up like every two hours?

If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They're going to see you naked anyway.

Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?

Can a hearse carrying a corpse drive in the carpool lane?

If the professor on Gilligan's Island can make a radio out of a coconut, why can't he fix a hole in a boat?

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?

If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?

Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him for a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?

HOW DID THE MAN WHO MADE THE FIRST CLOCK, KNOW WHAT TIME IT WAS?



May rides

May 4—Ham and Yam Festival, Smithfield Leave Sam's Parking lot 9:00 KSU
<https://www.johnstoncountync.org/event/ham-%26-yam-festival/41/>

May 18—K2 Mini Rally from 9 till 2 pm since this is an early rally we need to leave early to be there at the start. Leave Sam's parking lot 7:00 am KSU.

May 11 is a first Aid class for all those attending check the facebook page to see when and where we are meeting and what time will post as soon as possible.

May 25 - Harker's Island a downiest adventure with lunch at the Captains Table Leave Sam's Parking lot 9:00 KSU

May 25 through 27 is memorial day weekend and I would like to have a ride to commemorate the day maybe to the wall in Jacksonville or some event. Give me some input as to what you would like to do on this occasion. If anyone wants to ride let me know I plan to ride.

Please let me know if you plan to attend again it gets lonely in that big parking lot. We will have some last minute rides that come up check the Facebook page to see when I will also send out an email Here are some upcoming festival you might want to attend.

May 31-June 1 NC Gold Festival -NC Gold foundation Property 1296 Polly Spout Road Marion, NC 28752
<https://festivalnet.com/51525/Marion-Carolina/Festivals/NC-Gold-Festival>

Who doesn't love Cracker Jacks - Will here's the history

A German immigrant named Frederick "Fritz" William Rueckheim invented Cracker Jack, a snack consisting of molasses-flavored caramel-coated popcorn and peanuts. Rueckheim came to Chicago in 1872 to help clean up after the famous Chicago fire. He also worked selling popcorn from a cart.

Together with brother Louis, Rueckheim experimented and came up with a delightful popcorn candy, which the brothers decided to mass market. Cracker Jack was first mass-produced and sold at the first Chicago World's Fair in 1893. The Ferris wheel, Aunt Jemima pancakes, and the ice cream cone were also introduced at this event.

The treat was a mixture of popcorn, molasses, and peanuts. The snack's first name was "Candied Popcorn and Peanuts."

Cracker Jack Character and Name Legend has it that the name "Cracker Jack" came from a customer who, upon trying the treat, exclaimed, "that really a cracker — Jack!" The name stuck. However, "crackerjack" was also a slang expression that meant "something pleasing or excellent." This is more likely to have been the origin of the name. The Cracker Jack name was registered in 1896.

Cracker Jack's mascots Sailor Jack and dog Bingo were introduced in 1916 and registered as a trademark in 1919. Sailor Jack was modeled after Robert Rueckheim, grandson of Frederick. Robert was the son of the third and eldest Rueckheim brother, Edward. Robert died of pneumonia at age 8, shortly after his image appeared on boxes of Cracker Jack. The sailor boy image acquired such meaning for the founder of Cracker Jack, he had it carved on his tombstone, which is in St. Henry's Cemetery in Chicago. Sailor Jack's dog Bingo was based on a real dog named Russell, a stray adopted in 1917 by Henry Eckstein. He demanded that the dog be used on the packaging.

The Cracker Jack brand has been owned by Frito-Lay since 1997.

The Cracker Jack Box - By 1896, the company devised a way to keep the popcorn kernels separate. The mixture had been difficult to handle, as it tended to stick together. The wax-sealed, moisture-proof box was introduced in 1899. Immortalized in 1908 in the lyrics of the baseball song "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," Cracker Jack added surprises in each package.

I purchased a box the other day they was no prize in the box, the box indicated that there was a job, but I never found it.

Oh well, cracker jacks are as good as they were 50 or 60 years ago;

Lucky Penny Day - Date When Celebrated: Always on May 23

Perhaps a Lucky Penny will be lucky for you today. Taken at face value, a penny doesn't buy you much, if anything. It used to. During your parents and grandparents days, a penny bought a lot of things. Most notably, "Penny Candy" got its name because a piece of candy cost a penny. Inflation year after year after year, eroded the penny's value. There has even been some discussion as to whether to discontinue the penny....Heaven forbid! The penny still serves a very useful purpose... at least some of them are lucky pennies. Lucky pennies are found on the ground. Not all of the pennies you find will be lucky. But, it will only take one lucky penny used to scratch off the mega winner on a scratch-off ticket.

Are you superstitious? Superstition has it that you should only pick up a penny that is lying face up. Here are some other uses for pennies:

- A penny for your thoughts.
- To put your "two cents" in.
- A necessity for penny pinchers
- A handy screwdriver when nothing else is available.



Hot Weather Safety Tips

Try to avoid riding during the hottest hours of the day. Instead, consider riding during the morning, when it's typically cooler outside, then take the afternoon off to enjoy lunch and other activities before getting back on the road around 5 p.m., Rider Magazine suggests. And, if riding for extended periods, it's a good idea to take frequent water breaks. While on the road, a wet bandana tied around your neck or an evaporative cooling neck wrap may help keep you cooler while also blocking the sun from your neck.

If you still find yourself too hot, let common sense prevail, Rider Magazine says. Park your bike, remove your helmet and cool down by seeking air conditioning, drinking cold water or going for a swim.

Heat may not be the only danger on a summer day, though. It's possible to experience hypothermia on what seems like a pleasant day for a ride, Motorcycle Cruiser says. That's because the wind can have a significant chilling effect. A rider driving between 45 and 55 mph on a 65-degree day can feel as though it's only 33 degrees outside, according to Motorcycle Cruiser. Hypothermia can cause slower reactions and loss of concentration, which is why it's important to dress appropriately for your ride, says the MSF.

Even the most experienced rider should take safety precautions when riding on a hot (or even mildly warm) day. With the help of some preparation and a backup plan, you can take your bike on the road with the knowledge that you are better prepared to handle the summer weather.

Birthday's for May

Judy Upton	4
Brenda Rogers	8
Mike Tucker	16
Alice Manning	23
Gerald Jones	28
Gerald Wilson	28



Anniversaries for May

Clifford and Ada Britton	1
Russell & Frankie Spain	7



The compulsory registration of births with the United Kingdom government is a practice that originated at least as far back as 1853. The entire United States did not get a standardized system until 1902



This picture goes way back. Bones brought Betty Lou some bubble wrap to Soften the falls-Thanks Pat



Crazy Lady receiving her doll make by Bobby



Gerald and Ronnie giving of the Couples plaque to U2 couple.



Gerald showing off the chickens that they had purchased to give the Couple. It was so cute.



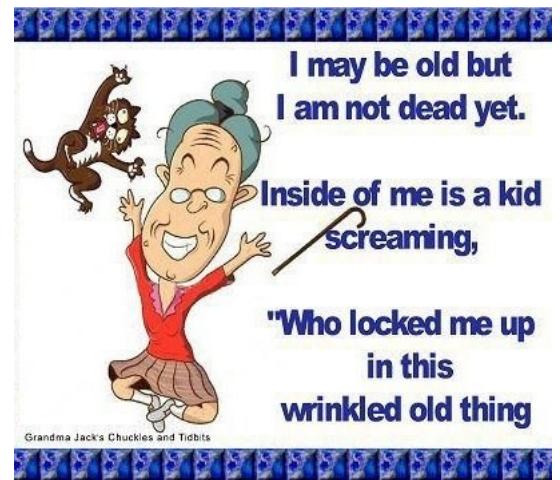
U2 couple at our meeting. We thank them so much for coming, that was a long drive.



Who has ever heard of eating jelly beans in ice cream.



Two great minds working as one. Kinda scary



Glass Display

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ROSETTES
STEMWARE
VASE

BOTTLE
COBALT
CUT
ENGRAVING
FLUTE
HOBNAIL
MIRROR
RUBY
SUNBURST

CARNIVAL
CRANBERRY
DEPRESSION
ETCHING
GOBLET
JAR
PRESSED
SNIFTER
TIMBLER

Your name _____

For an extra ticket: What is something you would like to share about your mother

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Clifford & Ada Britton	2 Meeting	3	4 Judy Upton Ham & Yam Festival
5	6	7 Russell & Frankie Spain	8	9	10	11 First Aid Class for those that signed up
12	13	14	15	16 Mike Tucker	17	18 Dorman Drake Ron Ayers Selling Tickets and lemonade
19	20	21	22	23 Alice Manning	24	25 Harker's Island lunch at the Captains Table
26	27	28 Gerald Jones Gerald Wilson	29	30	31	

May 18th, fun day at Ron Ayers, selling tickets on
Goldwing and Lemonade.