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# Downeast Goldwings Chapter NC-D

## January 2018

# The Beacon

 Since - 1988

**GWRRA 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



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

Since we were unable to have our January meeting due to poor weather it was so good to see each other in February. Had a good group as always. The weather has been so unpredictable that you don't know to ride or not. All this weather is good for is making people sick with colds and flu. The flu has really been bad this season so if you're not feeling well do not hesitate to go to the doctor. Be very careful taking over the counter stuff trying to doctor yourself.

Alice & I were so surprise and excited that we were presented with the Senior Chapter Directors plaque. It's a very high honor and only a few have been giving out. The last one we remember was Steve Cline from Thomasville. Roy & Cindy Bryant was as happy for us and we were for ourselves. We know that all of their staff put in a good word for us. To everyone we truly appreciate the honor and it will always be a highlight in our years in GWRRA. We have had many but this was just the icing on the cake.

Gerald Wilson was presented with an award as well. I had made him a little man telling him which way to go, right, left or do a U-turn. The U-turn is kinda a joke we have going because if you follow Gerald you will make at least one U-Turn.

As announced at the meeting we are looking for a MED. What does this person do? Make sure everyone is signed in, be the main welcome person, but all members are on the welcoming committee. Introduce our visitors, it would be nice to get someone that doesn't have a job. Also, there is a report that is sent out monthly that you will need to do a follower up on.

We had some **big winner's** at our February Meeting:

Guessing Basket	Tommy Upton—He is so lucky
Puzzle	Brenda Rogers—She is also lucky
50/50	Glenn & David, John Mailo, and the Crazy Lady from Rocky Mt
Wings Over the Smokies	Glenn won 78 tickets
Valentine Queen	Shirley Rouse-She got a flower, candy and a meal ticket
All Of Us	Got to be together again

I am still working on getting our new bike just like I want it. Remember FREE is not always FREE. It would have been FREE if I still rode a two wheeler. No matter what it was a deal. We hadn't been able to enjoy it yet but looking for that to change soon. I did get out to ride this past week-end with our daughter and her friend. He loves riding a motorcycle and she has rode before so we got both bikes out for a spin. I went to Bath, Belhaven and several other little towns and Allison said the next place she wanted to see was a place that started with a B—for Belvoir. It had started to get chilly. You know how it is on those back roads you ride a lot in the shade. Alice was sick and wasn't able to ride with us, it was good to spend time with Allison and Greg on the open road. Hope to do it again real soon.

Chapter D had a good showing to the Chili Cook Off at Smithfield on Saturday, Gerald Jones, David & Barbara, Gerald & Ronnie, A.J & Betty, Bobby & Alice, and Glenn Alphin from D-2 joined us. Glenn and Ronnie both won \$100.00 from the 50/50, They had a lot of nice door prizes, we didn't win any, WHAT'S NEW?

Don't forget about Ron Ayers Chili Cook Off this Saturday (Feb 24) come out and support Chapter D and the Ronald McDonald House. Bring a few dollars to drop in our jar. Chapter D cooks are: Betty Lou, Ronnie, Alice, and John.

As always, Ride safe, help someone when you can Bobby

*Please remember Ms Ada as she begins her treatments for cancer. She is very strong minded about the outcome and that a big part of the game. We all love you Ms Ada and prayers are with you. Remember you are in the arms of the angels .*

**Look Twice - Save a Life**  
**MOTORCYCLES ARE EVERYWHERE!!**

## *10 Facts about St Patrick's*

It's true that the Irish are famed story tellers. In the case of Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, the legend has been passed down so many times it's hard to tell the man from the myth. Yup, even though there may be a St. Patrick's parade in cities and towns all over the world, little is discussed about the man himself. Tenon Tours happily presents 10 facts about St. Patrick. As an Ireland travel company, we assure you we only made up a wee little bit o' the facts ... or did we?

1. St. Patrick wasn't actually Irish. He was born to wealthy parents in Britain, of all places.
  2. St. Patrick was kidnapped at the age of 16 and brought to Ireland.
  3. His captors forced him to tend sheep in the mountainous Irish countryside. As you take an Ireland tour, just imagine how desolate and lonely it must have been for him. Remember, he was only 16 years old and used to a life of British wealth. (Cue violin.)
  4. At about 22 or 23 years old, St. Patrick returns to Britain. Legend says he escaped on a pirate ship. Don't worry, you most likely won't encounter any pirates during your Ireland travel ... unless maybe you imbibe a little too much in the top 10 drinks in Ireland ?
  5. After reuniting with his family, St. Patrick decides to dedicate himself to Christianity. He became a priest, a vigorous 16 years of study.
  6. St. Patrick returned to Ireland to convert the Irish to Christians. You will see notes that a 'voice in his head' told him to convert the people of Ireland. As with many patron saints, he was apparently spoken to by God. file000199237473.jpg
  7. He's responsible for the Celtic cross, one of the symbols of Ireland. Familiar with the Irish culture, incorporating the sun, a powerful pagan symbol, into the Christian cross, helped the Irish adopt it.
  8. He used the clover leaf, with 3 leaves, to explain the holy trinity (another popular Irish symbol ). In the name of the father, the son, and the holy spirit, during your Shamrock Vacations , try to pick at least a few.
  9. St. Patrick didn't drive literal snakes out of Ireland. He drove away the symbolic serpents representing evil in Christianity. Ireland never had any snakes; it's too cold. If any Ireland tour offers to take you snake hunting, they are just 'taking the piss' (recognize that saying from our Irish phrases lesson?).
  10. Until the 1970s, St. Patrick's Day was a minor celebration of the patron saint of Ireland. Now, it's a par-tay ... and you should travel to Ireland and join in on the fun of the St. Patrick's festival .
- Whatever you've heard about St. Patrick, you won't be surprised that a lot of the malarkey over the patron saint of Ireland mixes a healthy dose of man with myth. It's the Irish way to create legends from well told stories. While you're imbibing on your Irish travel, you'll see how, quite possibly, you too will start to believe everything you're told ... or will you?



### **St. Patrick's Day Oatmeal Shortbread**

Growing up, our Scottish neighbor gave my family the most wonderful shortbread every year for Christmas. She makes it in a pie dish and cuts it into thick, small wedges, sprinkled with granulated sugar on the top. When we visit my mom for Christmas, my husband asks for a piece the second he walks into the door! I have her recipe, but it isn't foolproof. A lot of the recipe is done by "feel" and I haven't been able to reproduce her perfect results. I do LOVE shortbread though! This recipe from Everyday Food is more foolproof. The toasted oatmeal is a nice variation, and gives the shortbread a little bit of a chew. My most discerning dessert taster (my daughter) LOVED them!

- 1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons old-fashioned rolled oats (not quick-cooking)
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour, (spooned and leveled)
- 1/3 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 8 tablespoons (1 stick) cold unsalted butter, cut into pieces

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Spread oats on a rimmed baking sheet. Toast until fragrant and lightly browned, 4 to 6 minutes. Let cool completely.

2. In a food processor, combine flour, sugar, salt, and 1/2 cup cooled oats; process until finely ground, 1 minute. Add butter. Pulse until mixture is the consistency of coarse meal. Transfer to an 8-inch square baking pan (I lined the pan with parchment paper); press firmly into bottom (I use the bottom of a dry measuring cup to press it flat). Sprinkle remaining oats on top, and press gently.

3. Bake until firm and lightly browned, 30 to 35 minutes. Using a paring knife, immediately score shortbread into 16 squares; then score each square diagonally into 2 triangles. On a wire rack, cool completely in pan; gently invert, and break along scored lines.



### Cupid's Crawl's 5K

I participated in the Cupid Crawl's 5K on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>. Why? I just wanted to know if I could actually walk/run 3.1 miles and cross the finish line without having a major heart attack or having to be carried the last few steps on a stretcher; I wasn't competing with anyone. I had one goal and one goal only - to finish the race. I was next to the oldest participant. In fact, more than double the age of most participants. Forecast was calling for rain and I didn't have a lightweight rain jacket so I stopped at a church yard sale and picked up the perfect jacket for 75 cents. Now I knew God was in my corner and I was feeling pretty good.

As we assembled, the rain began. Finally had to come out of the jacket and just take the rain. Tied my jacket around my waist and was flagged in two seconds that my race number had to be in the front. So quickly retied my jacket and kept moving. I walked 10 steps and jogged 20 steps, mentally trying to pace myself. Just as I was beginning to think there was no finish line, it appeared. I crossed the line 180 out of 207 participants. I looked like a drowned rat and I looked like I was drawing my last breath, but I finished. Folks keep asking, "Would you do it again?" Already signed up for a 5K in March. Why? Just because I can.

*Thanks Frankie for sharing! - You are our Hero*

Greetings from your ACD'S – Ride Coordinator

I hope this message finds everyone doing as well as they can both physically and "mentally". The last few weeks have been rather nasty weather wise, but SPRING is a-coming!

As everyone knows we had our Ops meeting in January and were informed of some changes to be made. My personal take away was we won't have to do some of the reports and "News Letter Articles" that we have in the past but as I write this "News Letter Article" I realize that my take away must not have been The Take Away that I should have Taken Away!! HA!

This is one of these months that I haven't been able to come up with any new material to submit so, get your bike ready for Spring and we'll see most of you in Smithfield on the 17<sup>th</sup>!  
Your ACD's and Ride Coordinator Gerald and Ronnie

### March Birthday's

March 2	A.J. Hudson
March 2	Carolyn Alphin
March 14	Will Martin
March 20	Betty Hudson

### Anniversary's

March 3      Dorman & Lisa Drake

I was in the six item express lane at the store quietly fuming. Completely ignoring the sign, the woman ahead of me had slipped into the check-out line pushing a cart piled high with groceries. Imagine my delight when the cashier beckoned the woman to come forward looked into the cart and asked sweetly, "So which six items would you like to buy?"



"That should clear the rug."



"As you can see, the genius fixed my washer."



"I see you've fixed the drip!"

Gene Donovan Corner

## Time Gets Better With Age

I've learned that I like my teacher because she cries when we sing "Silent Night." Age 5

I've learned that our dog doesn't want to eat my broccoli either. Age 7

I've learned that when I wave to people in the country, they stop what they are doing and wave back. Age 9

I've learned that just when I get my room the way I like it, Mom makes me clean it up again. Age 12

I've learned that if you want to cheer yourself up, you should try cheering someone else up. Age 14

I've learned that although it's hard to admit it, I'm secretly glad my parents are strict with me. Age 15

I've learned that silent company is often more healing than words of advice. Age 24

I've learned that brushing my child's hair is one of life's great pleasures. Age 26

I've learned that wherever I go, the world's worst drivers have followed me there. Age 29

I've learned that if someone says something unkind about me, I must live so that no one will believe it. Age 30

I've learned that there are people who love you dearly but just don't know how to show it. Age 42

I've learned that you can make someone's day by simply sending them a little note. Age 44

I've learned that the greater a person's sense of guilt, the greater his or her need to cast blame on others. Age 46

I've learned that children and grandparents are natural allies. Age 47

I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on and it will be better tomorrow. Age 48

I've learned that singing "Amazing Grace" can lift my spirits for hours. Age 49

I've learned that motel mattresses are better on the side away from the phone. Age 50

I've learned that you can tell a lot about a man by the way he handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights. Age 51

I've learned that keeping a vegetable garden is worth a medicine cabinet full of pills. Age 52

I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you miss them terribly after they die. Age 53

I've learned that making a living is not the same thing as making a life. Age 58

I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance. Age 62

I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back. Age 64

I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you. But if you focus on your family, the needs of others, your work, meeting new people, and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you. Age 65

I've learned that whenever I decide something with kindness, I usually make the right decision. Age 66

I've learned that everyone can use a prayer. Age 72

I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one. Age 74

I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love that human touch - holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back. Age 76

I've learned that I still have a lot to learn. Age 78

I've learned that you should pass this on to someone you care about. Sometimes they just need a little something to make them smile—Thanks Preacher Cliff



Now this hat goes way-way back



This was the first Down East Rally Shirt  
& First Rally 1988

## Fishing on the Lake

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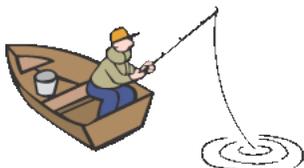
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| <b>sinker</b>  | <b>waiting</b>  | <b>minnow</b>   | <b>release</b>        |
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| <b>boat</b>    | <b>stringer</b> | <b>drifting</b> | <b>biggest</b>        |
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| <b>perch</b>   | <b>caught</b>   | <b>dinner</b>   | <b>net</b>            |
| <b>trout</b>   | <b>nibble</b>   | <b>cook</b>     |                       |

To answer the trivia question, look for a word or phrase that is hidden in the puzzle, but not in the word list.

**Trivia: This popular species of sport fish is also known as "Yellow Pike."**

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_



Pictures from our February Meeting—Thanks to Jimmy



What A Wonderful Surprise



Gerald Wilson Award



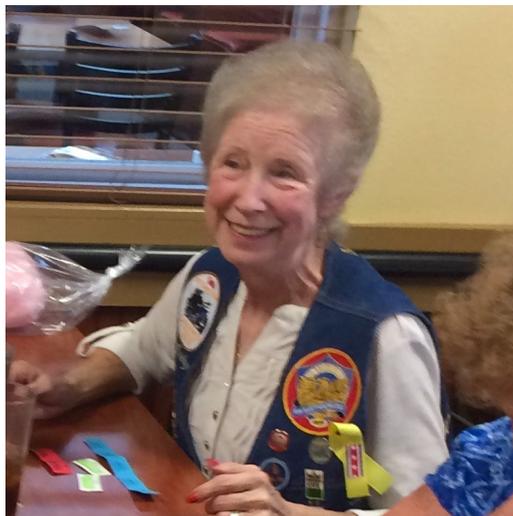
I don't have any money



This lady is up to no good.



We are so happy to be here!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



This lady has so many name, just call her anything and she will answer.



# March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 meeting	2 A.J. Hudson Carolyn Alphin	3 Dorman & Lisa Drake
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Will Martin	15	16	17 Swap Meet H-2
18	19	20 Betty Hudson	21	22	23	24
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