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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:
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Roses are red

Violets are Blue

*We hope that
 someone will be
 your Valentine
 on Valentine 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.'s Chat

The year has started off as usual on our meeting night, it rained as it has so many times before, but it didn't stop us from having a fun night. One thing for sure we always have something different going on. Sometimes you don't think things are going so good but then it turns out to be really fun. Alice is always trying to come up with something different at every meeting and after all these years its getting harder to come up with something new.

As we look back over the years Chapter D has done a lot of things. We have giving Christmas to two nursing homes. They loved seeing us riding up on our bikes. I was even Santa Clause. We have supported the Ronald McDonald House for many years. The Manning Down east Mini rally for 20 plus years, the Manning Rally was a joint event with several chapters we supported the Children Hospital. I can't find the papers with the total amount of money that Goldwingers has donated, I do know that it was over \$150,000, maybe I will find the papers one day. We have done rides to the parks, picnics, poker runs, cook outs and a lot of other things. They were some good years and we are still having fun. The years are catching up with us all. Nobody is really riding much anymore due to different reason, weather, health, family. We would like to get some of it back, or least a few of things anyway. David and Barbara Jones have agreed to take the activities overs and try to get us moving. It can be on 2, 3 or 4 wheels he doesn't care. I know that you will be hearing from him. We still have a little movement to us. Help support our New Ride Coordinators. He understands that everyone can't make them all, he is open to short to long rides whatever you would like. Make a suggestion to him. Let's show these young whipper snappers that these past twenty nine still got fire in the bones, and still can get our legs over the seat.

We are going to the Op's meeting the end of January to find out what might or might not change. Or maybe something new. Also, Gerald and Ronnie have stepped up to be the Chapter Couple this year, this does require some travel so maybe some of you will be able to travel along with them.

February has a couple of activates going on: February 16th is Smithfield Chili Cook off, plan on going and have fun, if not act like you are.

February 23rd, is Ron Ayers chili cook off, this is a fun raiser for the Ronald McDonald House. Chapter D will be cooking chili and serving that Saturday. Last year we had: Gerald & Ronnie, Betty, John Mailio, Alice, and we won 1st place. How does this work. You bring a pot of chili and people come by get a sample, they may or may not drop a few dollars in the jar for you. Last year we had a good showing of Goldwingers. If you can please come out and support the Ronald McDonald House.

Ride safe and help someone when you can—Bobby

All:

Bobby and Alice have asked that I take the position of Ride coordinator for NC-D. I'm looking forward to it and hope I can encourage all to participate it can be on 2_3 or 4 wheels.

I am open to input as your interests and where you would like to ride, length of rides and days of the week you would be most available.

I would also like to include the other Chapters that would like to ride with us.

Warm weather is not that far off so I am hoping to get some rides up soon. I'll send out an email and put on the Facebook and web Page for everyone who would like to join. Thanks David

Did you know “DIET” stands for: DID I EAT THAT?

A BIT OF HISTORY - Gene Donovan

Hours after Pearl Harbor was bombed on December 7, 1941, the Secret Service found themselves in a bind. President Franklin D. Roosevelt was to give his Day of Infamy speech to a joint session of Congress on Tuesday, and although the trip from the White House to Capitol Hill was short, agents weren't sure how to transport him safely. At the time, Federal Law prohibited buying any cars that cost more than \$750, so they would have to get clearance from Congress to do that, and there was no time for that. One of the Secret Service members, however, remembered that the US Treasury had seized the bulletproof car that mobster Al Capone owned when he was sent to jail in 1931. They cleaned it, made sure it was running perfectly and had it ready for the President the next day.



V-8 "Al Capone" Town Sedan

Became the President's Limo on December 7, 1941

Mechanics are said to have cleaned and checked each feature of the Caddy well into the night of December 7th, to make sure that it would run properly the next day for the Commander in Chief. And run properly it did. It had been painted black and green to look identical to Chicago's police cars at the time. To top it off, the gangster's 1928 Cadillac Town Sedan had 3,000 pounds of armor and inch-thick bulletproof windows. It also had a specially installed siren and flashing lights hidden behind the grille, along with a police scanner radio. The car was sold at auction in 2012 for \$341,000.

Another bit on history. I know I read this at the meeting, bit its worth sharing again. Now it's real history having black eye peas. During the Civil War, the Union Soldiers would steal and plunder from people in the south and they thought Black-eyed peas were hog feed so they left it.". "That's all the Confederates had left to eat that winter or they would have starved so they considered themselves lucky

As you know, people have been known to have unexpected brushes with the authorities from time to time, often on the way home after a "social session" with family or friends. Well, this year, it happened to me. I was out for the evening to a party and had more than several Dewar's coupled with a bottle of rather nice red wine. It was held at a great restaurant. Although relaxed, I still had the common sense to know I was slightly over the limit. That's when I did something I've never done before-I took a taxi home. On the way home there was a police roadblock, but since it was a taxi they waved it past and I arrived home safely without incident. These roadblocks can be anywhere and I realized how lucky I was to have chosen to take a taxi. The real surprise to me was I had never driven a taxi before. I don't know where I got it, and now that it's in my garage, I don't know what to do with it. If you want to borrow it, give me a call. Ha!Ha! Gene

Preacher's Corner

Prayer request for Paul, Silas and Timothy:
2 Thessalonians 3:1-3 (NIV - New International Version)

1 As for other matters, brothers and sisters, PRAY for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. 2 And PRAY that we may be delivered from wicked and evil people, for not everyone has faith. 3 But the lord is faithful, and he will _____ you and _____ you from the evil one.

LESSON: Sincerely **praying** for others, including your enemies (Luke 6:27-31), may or may not change their motives, actions, or circumstances, but it will do great things for you:

- 1 It will strengthen your love and sincere concern for them. (Keep in mind that to love [agape] others is to consider them to be more important than you are).
- 2 God will strengthen you spiritually and protect you from the evil one (Satan).

Valentine's Day



Word Search



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Show offs



David and Barbara receiving their



The smile says it all. That's a crazy lady



She's up to no good



Looks like someone else likes ice cream



Tom what did you have for dinner???? Plain lemons



Did I really come with him?



We are behaving we don't know about the rest of you



The joke man

Just a few words on riding your bike:

There's no denying that motorcycles are cool, fun and fuel-efficient. But it's also true that riding a motorcycle is more risky than driving a car.

1. Always know your abilities and make sure that neither your chosen route nor motorcycle is more than you can handle. Your bike should fit you; that mean that your feet should be able to rest flat on the ground when seated – no tiptoes. And if the bike feels too heavy for you, it probably is.

2. You want to be able to easily get on and off your motorcycle and the handlebars and controls should be easy for you to reach. The more familiar you are with your route, the easier it will be for you to focus on safety instead of not missing a turn. And if you're riding with a group, don't push yourself just to keep up with the pack. Always ride to your comfort level, not theirs.

3. Give your bike a good once-over before hitting the road. Things you should check out every time you get on your motorcycle include tire pressure, mirrors and lights. Taking a quick walk around your bike will give you an idea if there are any loose bolts, leaks or other potential mechanical hazards. You also need to be diligent about regular care and maintenance. Don't delay fixing something that needs attention, conduct all recommended regular maintenance including oil changes, chain and suspension adjustments, and stay on top of brake pad and tire wear.

4. While mirrors are there for a reason, you can't solely rely on them to remain aware of what is in your immediate riding space. To keep cognizant of your surroundings and your position in relationship to those around you, you need to use your head.

5. Experienced riders know that it's important to keep your head and eyes up while rounding corners and that the safest way to change lanes is to actually turn and look over your shoulder to make sure you are clear. You will also be able to get a feeling for whether other drivers are paying attention to you.

6. As a motorcyclist, you need to pay attention to the road you are riding on. Err on the side of caution when going into curves; be vigilant for potential gravel or other unstable road conditions. Be careful when crossing rail road tracks because the paint can be slippery – the same goes for the white lines at stoplights.

7. One of the biggest dangers to a rider is getting on your bike in the wrong state of mind. Riding angry, drowsy or distracted can be a recipe for disaster. Remember, when you're on a motorcycle you are ultimately the only one on the road looking out for you. If your mind and emotions are anywhere other than the road ahead, you are susceptible to making rookie mistakes that can end in a crash, injuries or worse.

8. Weather is a regular foil to perfect driving conditions and the dangers of wet or icy roads multiply when you're on two wheels. Not only do you have half the stability of a car, but the lack of a windshield and your body's exposure to driving rain add to the risk. Lack of visibility is a rider's worst nightmare and until you've been caught on your bike in the rain you will never understand just how much being pelted by rain drops at 50 or even 30 miles per hour can hurt.

9. Who doesn't want to cruise around with a hottie riding on back? But you need to make sure you are comfortable with a passenger and also make sure that your passenger knows how to do their part to make sure the ride stays safe. Make sure they know what to do when you turn corners or need to stop. It might be a good idea to take a test run together in a safe environment like a parking lot before hitting the open road or the stop-and-go of city traffic.

10. Just because you're on a motorcycle doesn't make it any easier for you to see other motorcycles. Always double-check when changing lanes or turning. You also need to practice braking in all sorts of conditions. To make sure that a quick stop won't result in tragedy, always give extra space to the vehicles in front of you and know how to stop on a dime without locking your brakes. In fact, you might want to upgrade to anti-lock brakes. According to IIHS research, having ABS brakes on your bike can reduce your chances of being in a fatal accident by 37 percent. There's no denying that motorcycles are often overlooked or regarded as the second-class citizens of the road. As a rider, you have the chance to help make that different. When you're on the road, always drive as if you are an ambassador for motorcyclists everywhere. Ride with courtesy, care and awareness that you are representing motorcycles for those around you. Don't let an urge to prove a point or retaliate against an inconsiderate driver overwhelm your better judgment – after all that takes away all the joy, which is why you're riding in the first place.

SIX LITTLE STORIES

Well worth the 30 seconds it takes to read.

{1}

Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. **That's FAITH.**

{2}

When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. **That's TRUST.**

{3}

Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. **That's HOPE.**

{4}

We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. **That's CONFIDENCE.**

{5}

We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children **That's LOVE.**

{6}

On an old man's shirt was written a sentence 'I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.' **That's ATTITUDE.**

Have a happy day and live your life like the six stories. When I was a child, I thought nap time was punishment. Now it's like a mini-vacation.

"GOOD FRIENDS ARE THE RARE JEWELS OF LIFE... DIFFICULT TO FIND AND IMPOSSIBLE TO REPLACE!"



From Gerald & Ronnie—ACD's

This time of the year is certainly not ideal for riding but it is a good time to check out your ride and make any repairs that you may have been putting off or maybe purchasing something on your wish list from Ron Ayers.

This article is not very long because it's only January and I have eleven more months to go and I don't want to use up all of my brain on the first one.

I will leave you with quotes from two members of our neighboring chapters:

>First is from Glen in New Bern: "Thank you to those who came to our last meeting and thank you in advance to the ones who come to our next meeting."

>Second is from Skip in Rocky Mount: "Remember, it's just as far from there to here as it is from here to there."

Come see us when you can; see you at Ops Meeting,

Birthday's for February

Bobby Manning—16th

Anniversaries for February

Gene & Dee Donovan— 18th

Tommy & Judy Upton—24th



We wanted to share with everyone a new tradition for the New Year. The person in this picture decided it was better to do a walk through rather than a drive through to order her food at Wendy's today. If you recognize her let her know if you think it is something you would like to try for faster service because I'm sure the drivers of the cars in line would be so amazed that they would tell you to go ahead of them. Maybe all of us in Chapter D can start doing this to start a new trend!! (can you guess who she is?) I love it, I love it, so funny. Just a cheap laugh!! (this is Betty Lou's comment)

Thanks Ronnie and Betty for sharing

February 2019



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Detail at the meeting about Smithfield and Ron Ayers, Chili Cook Off

