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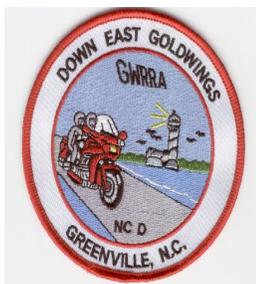
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Since - 1988

GWRRA Motto:

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

We meet the first Thursday night of each month at:
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*"I pledge allegiance
to the Flag of the
United States of
American, and to the
Republic for which it
stands, one Nation
under God, indivisible,
with liberty and justice
for all,"*



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

Not much bike riding lately, but we did go to Ohio in a van. Which was a good thing because of all the stopping we did, I would have less hair than I do now. Gerald, Ronnie, Alice and myself left on Saturday and rode to Dayton, Ohio. Our goal for going was to see the Wright Brothers museum and where they used as a flying field. We saw the plane they built. There were a lot of things the Wright Brothers did to get their plane to fly. Next we went to the USAF museum, boy what a sight. There were four hangers full of planes. I was most interested in seeing the planes used in the Vietnam War. I saw the two plans I worked on in Vietnam, the C47 gunship and the O2. I even saw the planes that the south Vietnamese used in the war. There was the C-124 (called the old Shakey) that was there, it was the first plane I worked on at Charleston Air Force base in South Carolina. I didn't remember it being as big. Boy those planes brought back a lot of old memories, some good and some not so good. There were several Presidents planes, but they were not so impressive to me. If you are ever in Dayton it will worth the visit and believe it or not "it was FREE"

We left Dayton and went to Walnut Creek, Millersburg and Sugarcreek. The women had everything written down to what they wanted to see and believe me it was a lot. Ronnie fell in love with a baby goat. We toured an Amish House and went on a buggy ride. I was surprised that the buggy didn't ride bad at all. There were horses and buggies everywhere and there was a lot of "Horse turn to the right" all over the roads. We had a great time In Ohio with good friends. We rode eighteen hundred miles in the van.

When traveling please go on line and find what's at each town that you are going to. You will be surprised in some of the little museums, gardens and other things.

We cut our trip a day short due to Londo's funeral. We all wanted to attend. He was a great friend and always had a smile on his face. There were a great number of bikes that rode to the funeral home in New Bern. The Sheriff's Officers did an outstanding job escorting us. He will truly be missed by all. We had four from our chapter to attend.

On Tuesday night us along with our daughter and son in law went to Elizabeth City's meeting, Nice ride we kept thinking we were going to get wet but we didn't.

We had planed a ride on Saturday leaving Ron Ayers around 4 o'clock rain came in and it was 4:30 when we left. we did a short ride to Wilson to the Whirlygig Park, that was quite amazing. I would like to go back when it's cooler so we could enjoy it more. Then to a garden it was just to hot to get off the bikes for it. When I say we, that includes: David & Barbara, Gerald & Ronnie, A.J. & Betty, me and Alice. Of course, food was to follower, we went to a place called Chubby's in Bailey, we had been there a couple of times with Jim & Judy Bankston. Jim & Judy only lives about 15 minutes from there, so I called to tell them that we would be there if they could join us. They came along with Kerney & Connie and Tom Tipton. It's a great place to eat just don't be in hurry, they do not cook anything until you order. As you know you can't finish a ride without ice cream. We went to Zebulon to Hillbillies for that. After that we all headed home it was a nice trip and nice time with friends.

Thanks to all everyone that worked at the Pizza Inn, we worked great as a team, made good money for the O'Berry. As you have heard we made \$700.00 give or take a few dollars. I should get the check in a couple of weeks from the Pizza Inn Headquarters.

Sunshine Lady has been very busy so I gave her the month off again, just as long as she shows up for the meeting with her candy bags.

June Birthday's

Faye Steele 7
Ray Gaskin 11

Anniversaries

Elwood & Betty Cutler 11
Scott & Dianne Hucks (June 26)

If I don't see you I hope you have a great July 4th, and yes we will be having a meeting on **July 5th.**



Bobby & Tom at Hillbillies yesterday having Ice Cream.

Which is the cutest: Bobby, Tom or the Hot Dog? I think the hot dog is kinda cute.



A NCR payroll machine that was in one of the museum, as you know Dayton, Ohio is the birthplace for NCR machines.

Wish I had taken a picture of the date of the machine.

Let's say they have come a long way.

John Is My Heart—Gene Donovan Corner

This is a well-written article about a father who put several of his kids through expensive colleges but one son wanted to be a Marine. Interesting observation by this dad. See below. By Frank Schaeffer of the Washington Post.

"Before my son became a Marine, I never thought much about who was defending me. Now when I read of the war on terrorism or the coming conflict in Iraq, it cuts to my heart. When I see a picture of a member of our military who has been killed, I read his or her name very carefully. Sometimes I cry.

In 1999, when the barrel-chested Marine recruiter showed up in dress blues and bedazzled my son John, I did not stand in the way. John was headstrong, and he seemed to understand these stern, clean men with straight backs and flawless uniforms. I did not. I live in the Volvo-driving, higher education-worshipping North Shore of Boston I write novels for a living. I have never served in the military.

It had been hard enough sending my two older children off to Georgetown and New York University. John's enlisting was unexpected, so deeply unsettling. I did not relish the prospect of answering the question, "So where is John going to college?" from the parents who were itching to tell me all about how their son or daughter was going to Harvard. At the private high school John attended, no other students were going into the military.

"But aren't the Marines terribly Southern?" (Says a lot about open-mindedness in the Northeast) asked one perplexed mother while standing next to me at the brunch following graduation. "What a waste, he was such a good student," said another parent. One parent (a professor at a nearby and rather famous university) spoke up at a school meeting and suggested that the school should, "carefully evaluate what went wrong."

When John graduated from three months of boot camp on Parris Island, 3000 parents and friends were on the parade deck stands. We parents and our Marines not only were of many races but also were representative of many economic classes. Many were poor. Some arrived crammed in the backs of pickups, others by bus. John told me that a lot of parents could not afford the trip. We in the audience were white and Native American. We were Hispanic, Arab, and African American, and Asian. We were former Marines wearing the scars of battle, or at least baseball caps emblazoned with battles' names. We were Southern whites from Nashville and skinheads from New Jersey, black kids from Cleveland wearing ghetto rags and white ex-cons with ham-hock forearms defaced by jailhouse tattoos. We would not have been mistaken for the educated and well-heeled parents gathered on the lawns of John's private school a half-year before. After graduation one new Marine told John, "Before I was a Marine, if I had ever seen you on my block I would've probably killed you just because you were standing there." This was a serious statement from one of John's good friends, a black ex-gang member from Detroit who, as John said, "would die for me now, just like I'd die for him."

My son has connected me to my country in a way that I was too selfish and insular to experience before. I feel closer to the waitress at our local diner than to some of my oldest friends. She has two sons in the Corps. They are facing the same dangers as my boy. When the guy who fixes my car asks me how John is doing, I know he means it. His younger brother is in the Navy.

Why were I and the other parents at my son's private school so surprised by his choice? During World War II, the sons and daughters of the most powerful and educated families did their bit. If the idea of the immorality of the Vietnam War was the only reason those lucky enough to go to college dodged the draft, why did we not encourage our children to volunteer for military service once that war was done?

Have we wealthy and educated Americans all become pacifists? Is the world a safe place? Or have we just gotten used to having somebody else defend us? What is the future of our democracy when the sons and daughters of the janitors at our elite universities are far more likely to be put in harm's way than are any of the students whose dorms their parents clean?

I feel shame because it took my son's joining the Marine Corps to make me take notice of who is defending me. I feel hope because perhaps my son is part of a future "greatest generation." As the storm clouds of war gather, at least I know that I can look the men and women in uniform in the eye. My son is one of them. He is the best I have to offer. John is my heart.

Faith is not about everything turning out OK; Faith is about being OK no matter how things turn out."

Oh, how I wish so many of our younger generations could read this article. It makes me so sad to hear the way they talk with no respect for what their fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers experienced so they can live in freedom. Freedom has been replaced with Free-Dumb.

Preacher's Corner—Admirers vs Followers

Admirers of Jesus speak of Him as Lord and merely do things FOR Him. On the other hand, followers of Jesus have an attitude like His and do all things as He would do them. *Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Colossians 3:17* My Gold Wing Friends, I write to you as the Apostle Peter wrote to faithful Christians: *Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking. 2 Peter 3:1* What are you – a mere Admirer or a true Follower? THINK CAREFULLY!



Greetings from your ACD's – Ride Coordinator

I hope everyone is doing fine and trying to stay cool. Please use good judgement and stay hydrated.

Bobby, Alice, Ronnie and I recently took a road trip to Ohio. Our first plans were to ride the bikes, but after more planning and conversation we elected to 4 wheel. After arriving at our motel in Dayton, twelve hours after leaving home, we all agreed we made a good decision.

During the two days in Dayton we visited an Air Plane Museum and several Wright Brothers sites including a museum, a bike/printing shop and the field where the brothers made test flights. On the third day of our trip we came back south where a large number of Amish live. We stayed with a Mennonite family in Kidron, Ohio who rent out their basement apartment which consists of two bedrooms, kitchen, bath and living room. It was a great place to stay. Each day we traveled to different small towns visiting shops and "Eating". You'll probably hear more about our trip from

Bobby and Alice.

One other detail I'll share with you has to do with safety. Bobby and I shared the driving and on the way back we had a near miss. Bobby was driving on I 77 where the speed limit is 70 mph. Suddenly the car in front braked hard and so did Bobby. The car in front was breaking for a deer. The deer jumped a concrete divider and was struck by a north bound vehicle.

The point I'm making is "always expect the unexpected"! Bobby did a great job braking and avoiding a rear end collision. The outcome could have been very different with three lanes of traffic running 70 + mph. When you're on the roads, stay alert and be ready to act or react to the situation at hand.

Stay safe and ride when you can. Gerald and Ronnie ACD/s-Ride Coordinator

Pepper & Onion Spread

1 (8 oz) package cream cheese softened

1 (8.75 oz) jar of Sweet "n" Hot Pepper and Onion Relish.

Beat cream cheese in a medium bowl until smooth. Gradually mix in relish. Spoon onto decorative bowl. Chill at least 1 hour. Serve with crackers.

Or you can unwrap block of cream cheese and place on plate. Pour relish over top. Also serve with cracker's.

Did you know? that more people use blue toothbrushes than red ones.

There is a 51% chance that a flipped coin will land on the side that was facing up when it was flipped

According to a study from the University of Iowa, playing brain-teasing game for just two hours a week may help slow the degree of mental decay.

The human brain remember more negative memories than positive ones. This is due to the negativity bias the brain sets up as a defense mechanism.

Sunglasses make people look more attractive because they give the illusion of a chiseled bone structure on top of a soft-featured face.

While children of identical twins are legally first cousins, genetically, they are actually half siblings

While reading, people are prone to subconsciously take on attributes to that of fictional characters as if they were their own. This phenomenon is 'experience-taking'.

The first animals in space were fruit flies, launched in a V-2 rocket by the US in 1947. The fruit flies were recovered alive.

A California man who made a personalized license plate that said 'No Plate' and received more than 2500 parking tickets.

In Japan, the odds of being killed by a gun is about the same as an American's chance of being killed by lightning.

According to recent research, new friends become better friends over time if they have similar levels of social anxiety.

Chewing Gum is part of the US Army's field and combat rations. Soldiers consume gum at a rate 5 times that of the national average.

*This space was left empty
leaving room for your input.*

Maybe next month

*Hint: Hint: and one more
Hint:*



Who hasn't used WD-40 Bet you didn't know all of this

I know that this is a lot to read but this is just a brief history of the company.

In 1953, a fledgling company called Rocket Chemical Company and its staff of three set out to create a line of rust-prevention solvents and degreasers for use in the aerospace industry. Working in a small lab in San Diego, California, it took them 40 attempts to get the water displacing formula worked out. But they must have been really good, because the original secret formula for WD-40—which stands for Water Displacement, perfected on the 40th try—is still in use today. Conair, an aerospace contractor, first used WD-40® to protect the outer skin of the Atlas Missile from rust and corrosion. The product actually worked so well that several employees snuck some WD-40® cans out of the plant to use at home. A few years following WD-40's first industrial use, Rocket Chemical Company founder Norm Larsen experimented with putting WD-40 into aerosol cans, reasoning that consumers might find a use for the product at home as some of the employees had. The product made its first appearance on store shelves in San Diego in 1958. In 1960 the company nearly doubled in size, growing to seven people, who sold an average of 45 cases per day from the trunk of their cars to hardware and sporting goods stores in the San Diego area. In 1961 the first full truckload order for WD-40® was filled when employees came in on a Saturday to produce additional concentrate to meet the disaster needs of the victims of Hurricane Carla along the U.S. Gulf coast. WD-40 was used to recondition flood and rain damaged vehicles and equipment. In 1968 goodwill kits containing WD-40 were sent to soldiers in Vietnam to prevent moisture damage on firearms and help keep them in good working condition. In 1969 the company was renamed after its only product, WD-40 Company, Inc. In 1973, WD-40 Company, Inc., went public and was listed Over-The-Counter. The stock price increased by 61% on the first day of listing. Since that time, WD-40 has grown by leaps and bounds, and is now virtually a household name, used in numerous consumer and industrial markets such as automotive, manufacturing, sporting goods, aviation, hardware and home improvement, construction, and farming. In 1993, WD-40 was found to be in 4 out of 5 American households (it seems everyone has a can or two) and was used by 81 percent of professionals at work. Sales had grown to more than one million cans each week. In 2003, the new WD-40 Big Blast can was introduced, featuring a wide-area spray nozzle that delivers WD-40® quickly and efficiently over large areas. In 2005, as a commitment to offering consumers the easiest, most convenient way to get the job done, WD-40 Company introduced the WD-40 Smart Straw, which features a permanently attached straw. The Smart Straw can solved the number one complaint about WD-40 products: losing the little red straw. In 2006, WD-40 Company introduced the WD-40 No-Mess Pen to provide millions of WD-40 users a portable, precision-application delivery system of the famous multi-purpose problem solver. The WD-40® Fan Club reached an astonishing 100,000 members & a tribute to WD-40's fanatical fan base around the globe. In 2008, WD-40 Company listened to its consumers and converted its most popular-size WD-40® cans to WD-40® Smart Straw cans. The official list of 2000+ Uses for WD-40® grew for the first time, thanks to the help of WD-40® Fan Club. They have given to the Children Needs Funds, Warrior Project and Armed Service YMCA.

Here is old age at its best.—Gene Donovan

Dann and Joe, two friends, met in the park every day to feed the pigeons, watch the squirrels and discuss world problems. One day Joe didn't show up. Dann didn't think much about it and figured maybe he had a cold or something... But after Joe hadn't shown up for a week or so, Dann really got worried. However, since the only time they ever got together was at the park, Dann didn't know where Joe lived, so he was unable to find out what had happened to him. A month had passed, and Dann figured he had seen the last of Joe, but one day, Dann approached the park and-- lo and behold! -- there sat Joe! Dann was very excited and happy to see him and told him so. Then he said, 'For crying out loud Joe, what in the world happened to you?' Joe replied, 'I have been in jail.' 'Jail!' cried Dann. 'What in the world for?' 'Well,' Joe said, 'you know Sue, that cute little blonde waitress at the coffee shop where I sometimes go?' 'Yeah,' said Dann, 'I remember her. What about her?' 'Well, the little gold-digging witch figured I was rich and she filed rape charges against me; and, at 89 years old, I was so proud that when I got into court, I pleaded 'guilty'. 'The judge gave me 30 days for perjury. '

A police officer pulls over a speeding car. The officer says, "I clocked you at 80 miles per hour, sir." The driver says, "Goodness, officer, I had it on cruise control at 60; perhaps your radar gun needs calibrating." Not looking up from her knitting the wife says: "Now don't be silly, dear -- you know that this car doesn't have cruise control" As the officer writes out the ticket, the driver looks over at his wife and growls, "Can't you please keep your mouth shut for once!?" The wife smiles demurely and says, "Well dear you should be thankful your radar detector went off when it did or your speed would have been higher." As the officer makes out the second ticket for the illegal radar detector unit, the man glowers at his wife and says through clenched teeth, "Woman, can't you keep your mouth shut?" The officer frowns and says, "And I notice that you're not wearing your seat belt, sir. That's an automatic \$75 fine". The driver says, "Yeah, well, you see, officer, I had it on, but I took it off when you pulled me over so that I could get my license out of my back pocket." The wife says, "Now, dear, you know very well that you didn't have your seat belt on. You never wear your seat belt when you're driving." And as the police officer is writing out the third ticket, the driver turns to his wife and barks, "WILL YOU PLEASE SHUT UP??" The officer looks over at the woman and asks, "Does your husband always talk to you this way, Ma'am?"

I love this part.....

"Only when he's been drinking."

Wonderful Wizard of Oz



ADVENTURE

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NERVE

NINETEEN THIRTY-NINE

NO PLACE LIKE HOME

OVER THE RAINBOW

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RUBY SLIPPERS

SCARECROW

SILVER

TECHNICOLOR

TIN MAN

TORNADO

TOTO

UNCLE HENRY

WATER

WICKED WITCH

WIZARD OF OZ

YELLOW BRICK ROAD

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

Trivia: In the film, Dorothy wears ruby slippers. In L. Frank Baum's novel, Dorothy's slippers were this color.

Answer: _____

Your name _____



Jimmy was unable to be at our May meeting so no new pictures. So here a few that I had



Thanks to Ann Hudson for having the great aprons made for us to use at the Pizza Inn Fundraiser. Made everyone look professional



This is Holly she was the waitress helping us that night. Also, she is the daughter of Allen and Ann Hudson, and the granddaughter of A.J. & Betty Hudson.



Hi" Glenn do you need any smarties??????



I'm not telling anyone that you were eating Ice Cream



I think I saw Ronnie kisses that goal



Am I support to be clapping or what?
Never know around here



Here's our boss making his big bucks? Ha!Ha!



We hope one day Kevin will back with us, eating his chicken



These two will always be in our hearts. They were the backbone of Chapter D for a long time. Still miss them



2 crazies ladies together, now that face in the background I'm not to sure about.



Our ticket being draw out for the new 2017 goldwing. Bless that little girls heart. We are enjoying the bike.

Happy Reading

July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Smithfield will not be having a meeting	4 July 4th 	5 Meeting night	6	7 Faye Steele
8	9	10	11 Ray Gaskin Edwood & Betty Cutler	12	13	14
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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