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This is the year for 20/20 vision
Look for the good and have fun



The Beacon

Since - 1988

March 2020

GWRRRA Motto:

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

Chapter D Motto:

Come to have fun and join in with whatever is going on

**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**



Come try your luck
at our guessing
basket, box or bag
whatever it's in

Everyone can
participate in the
word search in this
newsletter



*Downeast Goldwings
Chapter NC-D*

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

Webpage—www.downeastncd.weebly.com



C.D. Chats

There's not much going on anywhere because of what's going on in the world. The darnest thing I have ever seen. Can't believe how crazy people have gone over toilet paper and paper towels. Some people must be buying it to leave their children in their Will. The way the stock market has been they won't have any money to leave them. Maybe people have gone over board in the wrong area. Some people are being very selfish and not thinking about others especially the elderly. We are all in this together, so we should work and think about others. I have thought a lot about the depression we heard our parent's and grandparents talked about it a lot of times. I don't want to be without toilet paper and I sure don't want to be without coffee or sugar. All we can do is hope for the best and call on each other if all of this gets worst.

Riding our bikes will take your mind off of things for a while but only for a short ride, If you were to take a long trip where would you go and what would you do after you got there. At this time we may not go anywhere they keep talking of shut down except for a few store I don't think you're be able to joy ride. We are not riding, we are catching up on things around the house, so when things get back to normal or somewhat normal we are planning on riding. Projects at home should be done and riding will be the main project. One of our big projects was putting up a new fence, we had a wooded fence and the other month when the wind blew so hard it took out the fence. Alice has been wanting a vinyl one so she won't have to paint it, well guess what she has a new white vinyl fence, gutters at the back of the house, new vinyl rails at the back door, she didn't have to paint them either. I don't paint. Trying to make things easier for us in later years.

We had a fun meeting in March and yes it rained again, but it also rained when we went to Smithfield's meeting. The interaction at the meeting is greatly appreciated by all. It makes things more relaxed and hope we learn something about each other. That's why Alice comes up with the questions so that way everyone has the chance to say something. Last month she choose a person and they had to choose a person to ask them the question. The questions were about growing up. She tries hard to come up with stuff that is fun for everyone. But if you have any ideas on something to do you are welcome to do it at the meeting. We all go to have a little fun and see our friends.

When we go to other chapter meetings, people say here comes trouble, but I don't cause trouble I go to have fun not to sit there. If it wasn't for a few people cutting up and make others laugh it could get boring at least for me. Participating is a big part of a fun meeting. Help the C.D. and the staff or team whatever they are called now to make your chapter a fun place, a friendly one and let everyone know that you are glad they are there. I know that I make mistakes and leave something out or forget to call on someone but I back up at some point and get it done.

Another issue that we heard that people can't hear, don't know what can be done about that, we ask people to please not talk among them selves while someone is up there talking. We realize the food is not always the best but what choice do we have? I have looked around and no place has a room and having a private room helps the meeting a lot.

Due to the virus Jimmy was unable to have the Chili Cook Out, we were already but he decided it was best to cancel, the funds there was going to Ronald McDonald House, we hope he doesn't have to cancel his May event. That's the event that we sell a lot of Goldwing tickets. Our hat goes off to Jackie Rouse he has done a great job selling tickets at Ron Ayers. We only have about 750 more to sell. As a team we can get it done. If you need any to sell or to buy contact Ronnie Wilson and she will get them to you.

Gotto go, ride safe and help someone when you can. Bobby

Happy Birthday

David Jones	9
Terry Jones	22



Happy Anniversary

A.J. & Betty Hudson	3
Gerald & Ronnie Wilson	20

Greetings from you ACD, COY,

This is a picture our grandson, who just turned 18, sent us. He was very proud to be able to vote for the first time. He spent a lot of time researching the candidates to make sure they expressed the same values he had been taught throughout his young life. We were so proud that this privilege meant so much to him. We hope all of you have that same feeling as November approaches. No matter what party you support, it is very important that you use the right to vote because it is a privilege that many worked so hard to make it possible that everyone should have that right.



Many of us may use the excuse that "My vote won't make a difference," but that is so wrong. As you can see in the chart below, there has been quite an increase in the voting numbers in the past 4 years and that tells me people are finally realizing how important it is and that your vote DOES make a difference!

Change in Voter Turnout by Characteristic: 2014 to 2018

Characteristic	2014 Voter Turnout	2018 Voter Turnout	Difference ¹
Total	41.9	53.4	11.5
Age			
18-29	19.9	35.6	15.7
30-44	35.6	48.8	13.2
45-64	49.6	59.5	9.9
65+	59.4	66.1	6.7
Sex			
Male	40.8	51.8	10.9
Female	43.0	55.0	12.0
Race and Hispanic Origin			
White alone, non-Hispanic	45.8	57.5	11.7
Black alone, non-Hispanic	40.6	51.4	10.8
Asian alone, non-Hispanic	26.9	40.2	13.3
Hispanic (any race)	27.0	40.4	13.4
Educational Attainment			
Less than a high school diploma	22.2	27.2	5.0
High school diploma or equivalent	33.9	42.1	8.2
Some college or associate's degree	41.7	54.5	12.8
Bachelor's degree	53.2	65.7	12.5
Advanced degree	62.0	74.0	12.0
Citizen Group			
Native-born citizen	42.7	54.2	11.5
Naturalized citizen	34.1	45.7	11.7
Metropolitan Status			
Metropolitan area	41.5	53.7	12.2
Principal city	39.1	52.4	13.3
Balance of metro area	42.9	54.4	11.5
Nonmetropolitan	44.3	52.1	7.7

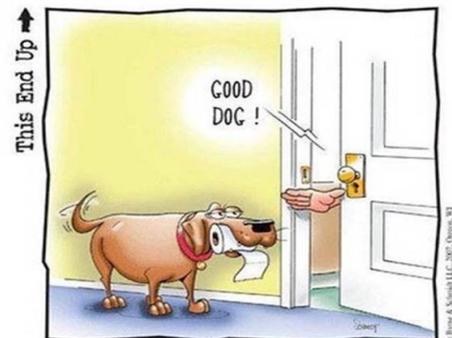
¹ The difference between 2014 and 2018 voter turnout rates is significant for each group.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau; Current Population Survey Voting and Registration Supplements: 2014 and 2018.

There are so many issues that we all should be extremely concerned about and the only way we can show it and make change is by using our right to vote!

Your ACD, COY, Gerald and Ronnie



*Thanks
Gene*



PERHAPS THE MOST NOBLE OF ALL RESCUE ANIMALS: THE LAVATORY RETRIEVER

The History of the Middle Finger



Well, now...here's something I never knew before, and not that I know it, I feel compelled to send it on to my more intelligent friends in the hope that they, too, will feel edified.

Before the Battle of Agincourt in 1415, the French, anticipating victory over the English, proposed to cutoff the middle finger of all captured English soldiers. Without the middle finger it would be impossible to draw the renowned English longbow and therefore they would be incapable of fighting in the future. This famous English longbow was made of the native English Yew tree, and the act of drawing the longbow was known as 'plucking the yew' (or 'pluck yew').

Much to the bewilderment of the French, the English won a major upset and they began mocking the French by waving their middle fingers at the defeated French, saying, See, we can still pluck yew! Since 'pluck yew' is rather difficult to say, the difficult consonant cluster at the beginning has gradually changed to a labiodental fricative 'F', and thus the words often used in conjunction with the one-finger-salute! It is also because of the pheasant feathers on the arrows used with the longbow that the symbolic gesture is known as 'giving the bird.' And yew thought yew knew every plucking thing. **Didn't yew!! Ronnie Wilson**

A Few tips for spring riding



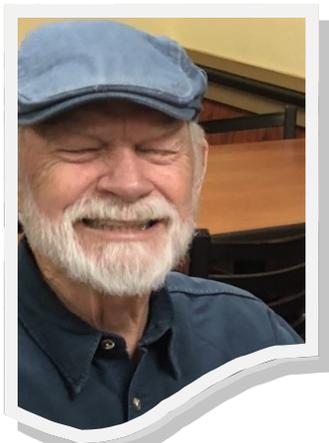
As the weather warms, motorcycles begin to appear on the road. It is important that all drivers, whether on a motorcycle or not, take extra safety precautions to prevent motorcycle accidents. Here are some motorcycle safety tips to stay safe while riding:

1. Weather — Weather during the Spring is constantly changing and with lots of rain, roads can be slippery. Mud and leftover rain water create slick conditions that can make turning corners dangerous. In addition, at night time, the glare from the road can impair a driver's vision and make them less likely to notice motorcyclists. In the Spring, there may still be some melting snow that can cause difficult driving conditions. Take care to check the weather forecast before you head out on a motorcycle ride.
2. Defensive Driving — Driving defensively is the only way to stay safe on a motorcycle. Most motorcycle accidents are caused because drivers say they couldn't see the motorcycle (www.aaa.com). Some steps you can take to make yourself more visible are: Wear brightly colored clothing, leave your headlights on at all times, use your turning signals, honk your horn if a car is approaching at a fast speed, and don't drive in the blind spot of other vehicles. All of these precautions will help other drivers on the road become aware of you.
3. Road Conditions — Potholes, cracks and puddles are very dangerous for motorcyclists. Try to avoid them because hitting one could mean spinning out of control. Swerving and slamming on your brakes are not recommended because you could lose control of your bike. Instead, slow down as much as possible when driving over poor road conditions. The more cautious you can be, the better. Gravel is another condition that is hazardous to motorcyclists. Do not brake severely on gravel as you can slide. Keep your eyes open at all times while on the road to make sure you are aware of changing road conditions.
4. Wear a Helmet — Last, but not least, always wear a helmet. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration <http://www.nhtsa.gov/Safety/Motorcycles>, helmets saved the lives of over 1,000 people every year.



This is the bike that we are selling chances on: 2020 Honda Goldwing Touring DCT
The bike will be white. You do not have to be present to win.

As you know each chapter is given 1,000 tickets to sell in the past we have sold all of ours, hope to again this year. Even if you don't want a bike 'IF' you win it you could make some good money. Only \$1.00 per ticket



I just don't know what to say



This is the lady with the 20/20 vision



Wake Forest Chapter Couple



Peggy where are you I don't know what to do



Exchanging the Couples Plaque
Gerald & Ronnie—Glenn & Carolyn



They told Roy since he stepped down his hair was growing back



These two came prepared for the room being cold this month



It's good to see Judy coming with Tommy to the meetings



Michael hasn't been feeling well so it was good to see him out



Thanks Jimmy for the great pictures

Easter Word Search Puzzle

H O N E A S T E R W E S C T C
C E L E B R A T I O N N N E R
R A L E B R Y A T E T U H E U
A S R E S U A R R E H B C L C
M T H O L I D A Y G G S T O I
I E O N B O I F G J N S L N F
E R E S U R R E C T I O N G I
T S E S N U F S A C R R H W X
A U R I N S D T N E P C T E I
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O D A Y L S O E L F O O C K N
C A L L I O G W E I N H R E G
O Y H I L G B A S K E T U N S
H C R U S C L I R P A I H D F
C H R I S T I A N I X I C O N

EASTER WORD LIST

APRIL	EASTER SUNDAY
BASKET	EGG HUNT
BUNNY	GOOD FRIDAY
CANDLES	HOLIDAY
CELEBRATION	HOT CROSS BUNS
CHOCOLATE	LILY
CHRISTIAN	LONG WEEKEND
CHURCH	MARCH
COLORED EGGS	RESURRECTION
CRUCIFIXION	SPRING



Your name _____





The telephone was patented in 1894 and Russell was patented in 1950

Thanks Frankie for sharing!!!!!!!!!!!!

My oldest item I have to share: The Pot



When I was a Junior and Senior in high school, I drove a Pitt County school bus for Pactolus. The daily miles was 39 miles at a speed of 30mph. The big pay check for a month as \$25.00, there were first graders to Senior that rode the same bus.

Well, one night a Salesman came to the door, selling cook ware. He said it would last me a lifetime, and he was right on the cookware and with that I would get a four place setting of flatware and a four placing setting of Memack dishes. I still have the cookware and I still use it, a couple pieces of the flatware and one cup of the dishes. The name of the cookware was Vila Craft. He was right the

cookware has done its share of cooking, but it is like me slowing down and my crock pot does a lot of the cooking now.

I am glad that I purchase the cookware, at times it was a little hard to make the payments, but I made them. I bet if I looked real hard I could find the papers on the cookware. Betty Hudson



Greetings from your ACD, COY,

Friday we joined Smithfield on their ride to Oriental for a great day! We followed the social distancing but still had great fellowship. Tom Tipton was our lead man and Roy Bryant rode drag and they both did a wonderful job. During our ride, Tom mentioned how special our grandchildren were to all of us who were fortunate enough to have some. We have seven and are so proud of all of them in different ways because they all definitely have different traits.

Our 18 year old grandson Brody is who we would like to mention because most of you have met him at one time or the other. Brody is a senior at Ayden-Grifton high school and is one of many who will not have the privilege of going to his Senior Prom and possibly not walking the aisle Graduation night. There are many things these seniors are missing out on so this is not as good a year as we all expect for our last high school year. He is not able to spend these last months with friends he has made over the years because of social distancing and is missing out on the sports that he loves, since all games were canceled.

Among all this sadness, Brody applied at several colleges but there was one at the top of his list that he really wanted to attend. That is the NCSU School of Engineering. He sent these applications out during the summer and had received acceptance letters from all by the end of February but one. Guess which one had not responded!! He was so disappointed, but decided he had to make the best of it and went to two of the colleges to see their campuses and to try to decide which one came closest to his primary choice.

THEN, last Thursday he got THE letter!! What a happy young man he was and his parents and grandparents were so happy also. It is wonderful to have something positive and promising come out of all these uncertain times these young people, as well as all other ages, are going through. He is pictured below holding his acceptance and his smile tells it all.

Stay Safe, Gerald & Ronnie ACD, COY

NO MEETING IN APRIL—HOPE WE WILL BE BACK IN MAY

April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 A.J. & Betty Hudson	4
5	6	7	8	9 David Jones	10	11
12 	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Gerald & Ronnie Wilson	21	22 Terry Jones	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

No meetings in April
Stay in touch