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# Downeast Goldwings Chapter NC-D

## November & December 2017

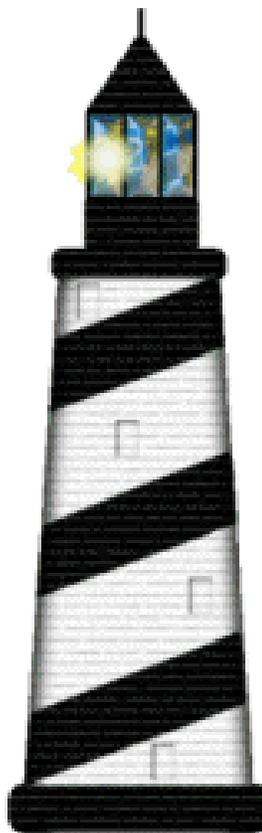
# The Beacon

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  
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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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Nothing to write about since we haven't been riding. It's that time of the year when everyone has more than they can fit in. Our November meeting was fun as we try to make each one of them fun. David & Barbara and Alice and I went to Smithfield and we had a blast. Tom, Kerney and myself don't need to be in the same room at the same time. We had a great time if no one else did.

November was our 50th anniversary and our daughter gave us a 50th anniversary party at the Brook Valley Country Club. She had been working on it for four months and so had we. It was a rustic theme, I had made pictures frames and bird houses and Alice had painted all of them. She had decorated the tables with lots of pictures. People didn't even recognize me, I can dress up well. Things has really changed since those pictures were taken. Alice collects a lot of old stuff and that was the decorations for the evening. I had made a lot of bird house and some of the guest wanted one so I only came home with one. I was honored that they wanted one. I let them pick the one that they wanted. Our daughter and her boyfriend had everything all planned out and they did an outstanding job. We felt like a King and Queen for one night. We renewed our vows which was my idea.

Well the next morning we left for Nashville, when I say we I mean Alice and myself, Gerald and Ronnie. We stopped off in Pigeon Forge for 2 nights and enjoyed the sights around there. Went to a show called the "The Red Skelton Show" it was so funny I would like to see it again in the future. The man looked like Red but he was no kin to him. Then we got Ronnie on the big wheel which Alice and I love, we didn't know Ronnie was afraid of heights but she was a good sport and said she would go. First round wasn't to good Gerald had to calm her down, I thought we were going to have to back up and let her off but by the second round she got better and enjoyed the last round. She said when we go back to Pigeon Forge she would get back on it. It was so pretty at the top you could see all of the Christmas lights at Pigeon Forge. We all love Pigeon Forge. (Almost forgot yes we went to the Apple Barn)

We left Pigeon Forge headed to Nashville after getting there we headed on to Loretta Lynn's ranch. That was really interesting. She still is not doing good, she is now living in Nashville with one of her daughters. You can tell that a man decorated most of the house, not our style sometimes bigger is not better. What a joy it was to see it.

Alice had made reservation at a house, first impressions are sometimes overwhelming, Gerald said we were in the hood, but we won't. It ended up being great to stay for 3 nights. While in Nashville, we did the General Jackson Dinner cruise, the food was so good and the show was a Christmas theme, of course I got picked to go on stage. Gerald almost felt out of his chair laughing at me. It was all in fun, we rode a Redneck Tour Bus and laughed some more. Went to a show at the Wild horse Saloon, Diamond Rio put on a old fashion Christmas show. Went into a lot of places and even went to the Woodlawn Memorial and Mausoleum where a lot of the Country Singers have been put to rest. Little Jimmy Dickens has a statue of himself and it's about his real height. This is a anniversary that we will never forget.

I hope all of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving, see you at the Christmas party and the O'Berry Center. After the O'Berry Center on the 2nd all of Chapter D's staff is taking a vacation and gear up for a new year.

If you can try to make it to the O'Berry Center you will be the one that will be blessed. You will come home and count all you blessing.

Help someone when you can, never know when you may need a helping hand. There were a lot of homeless people in Nashville. Bobby

*The winning ticket on the Goldwing was 19227, It was in the group of tickets that Roy gave us that night. We sold the winning ticket and won the bike. That's one way of getting Chapter D on the map*

A little known fact.....

After digging to a depth of 10 feet last year outside Buffalo, New York, scientists found traces of copper cable dating back 100 years.

They came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 100 years ago

Not to be outdone by the New Yorkers, in the weeks that followed, a Los Angeles, California archaeologist dug to a depth of 20 feet somewhere just outside Oceanside. Shortly afterward, a story in the LA Times read, "California archaeologists, reporting a finding of 200 year old copper cable, have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network a hundred years earlier than the New Yorkers.

One week later, a local newspaper in Green Bay, Wisconsin reported, "After digging 30 feet deep in his pasture near the community of Sobieski, Wisconsin, Ole Olson, a heck of an engineer and a self-taught archaeologist, reported that he found absolutely nothing. Ole has therefore concluded that 300 years ago, Wisconsin had already gone wireless. Just makes a person proud to be from Wisconsin!! **Were all these people blonde headed** Thanks Preacher Cliff

A woman goes into the Bass Pro Shop to buy a rod and reel for her grandson's birthday. She doesn't know which one to get so she just grabs one and goes over to the counter. A Bass Pro Shop associate is standing there wearing dark shades. She says, "Excuse me, sir. Can you tell me anything about this rod and reel?" He says, "Ma'am, I'm completely blind; but if you'll drop it on the counter, I can tell you everything from the sound it makes." She doesn't believe him but drops it on the counter anyway. He says, "That's a six-foot Shakespeare graphite rod with a Zebco 404 reel and 10-LB. test line. It's a good all-around combination and it's on sale this week for only \$20.00." She says, "It's amazing that you can tell all that just by the sound of it dropping on the counter. I'll take it!" As she opens her purse, her credit card drops on the floor. Oh, that sounds like a Master Card," he says. She bends down to pick it up and accidentally farts. At first she is really embarrassed, but then realizes there is no way the blind clerk could tell it was she who tooted. Being blind, he wouldn't know that she was the only person around. The man rings up the sale and says, "That'll be \$34.50 please." The woman is totally confused by this and asks, "Didn't you tell me the rod and reel was on sale for \$20.00? How did you get \$34.50?" He replies, "Yes, Ma'am. The rod and reel is \$20.00, but the Duck Call is \$11.00 and the Bear Repellent is \$3.50. She didn't say a thing.....just paid the bill !!!!!

Thanks Gene

A fellow having a midlife crisis bought the requisite red convertible. While driving down the road with the wind blowing through what little hair he had left, he said, "Let's see what this baby can do." He accelerated quickly. In no time, he looked in his rear view mirror and saw the red and blue lights. He thought, "I can outrun this police car," and he floored it. A few seconds later he thought how foolish he was. He pulled over and waited for the policeman to catch up. The officer got out of the car, strode to the windblown man and said, "You know, it's Friday, I have half an hour left on my shift and if you can give me an excuse I haven't heard before, I may let you go. The man replied, "Well, officer, three months ago my wife ran off with a State Trooper. I was afraid you were trying to give her back!"

### **If the red shirt thing is new to you, read below how it went for a man....**

Last week, while traveling to Chicago on business, I noticed a Marine sergeant traveling with a folded flag, but did not put two and two together.. After we boarded our flight, I turned to the sergeant, who'd been invited to sit in First Class (across from me), and inquired if he was heading home. No, he responded. Heading out I asked? No. I'm escorting a soldier home. Going to pick him up? No. He is with me right now. He was killed in Iraq, I'm taking him home to his family. The realization of what he had been asked to do hit me like a punch to the gut. It was an honor for him. He told me that, although he didn't know the soldier, he had delivered the news of his passing to the soldier's family and felt as if he knew them after many conversations in so few days. I turned back to him, extended my hand, and said, Thank you Thank you for doing what you do so my family and I can do what we do. Upon landing in Chicago the pilot stopped short of the gate and made the following announcement over the intercom. "Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to note that we have had the honor of having Sergeant Steeley of the United States Marine Corps join us on this flight He is escorting a fallen comrade back home to his family.. I ask that you please remain in your seats when we open the forward door to allow Sergeant Steeley to deplane and receive his fellow soldier. We will then turn off the seat belt sign." Without a sound, all went as requested. I noticed the sergeant saluting the casket as it was brought off the plane, and his action made me realize that I am proud to be an American. So here's a public Thank You to our military Men and Women for what you do so we can live the way we do. You might want to wear a Red shirt one Fridays. Thanks Gene

A NOTE FROM YOUR SUNSHINE LADY I found this and hope you enjoy it

## **Buckets**

You have heard of the cup that overflowed. This is a story of a bucket that is like the cup, only larger, it is an invisible bucket. Everyone has one. It determines how we feel about ourselves, about others, and how we get along with people. Have you every experienced a series of very favorable things which made you want to be good to people for a week? At that time, your bucket was full. A bucket can be filled by a lot of things that happen. When a person speaks to you, recognizing you a human being, your bucket is filled a little. Even more if he calls you by name, especially if it is the name you like to be called. If he compliments you on your dress or on a job well done, the level in your bucket goes still higher. There must be a million ways to raise the level in another's bucket. Writing a friendly letter, remembering something that is special to him, knowing the names of his children, expressing sympathy for a loss, giving him a hand when his work is heavy, taking time for conversation, or, perhaps more important, listing to him. When one's bucket is full of this emotional support, one can express warmth and friendliness to people. But, remember this is a theory about a bucket and a dipper. Other people have dippers and they can get their dippers in your bucket. This, too can be done in a million ways, Lets say I am at a dinner and inadvertently upset a glass of thick, chocolate milk that spills over the table cloth, on a lady's skirt down onto the carpet. I am embarrassed "Bright Eyes" across the table says "You upset that glass of chocolate milk it! I made a mistake, I know I did, and then he told me about it. He got his dipper in my bucket! Think of the times a person makes a mistake, feel terrible about it, only to have someone tell him about the known mistake (Red pencil" mentality) Buckets are filled and buckets are emptied, emptied many times because people don't really think about what they are doing. When a person's bucket is emptied he is very different that when it is full. You say to a person whose bucket is empty. That is a pretty tie you have and he may reply in a very irritated, defensive manner. Although there is a limit to such an analogy, there are people who seem to have holes in their buckets. When a person has a hole in his bucket, he irritates lots of people by trying to get his dipper in their buckets. This is when he really needs somebody to pour it in his bucket because he keeps losing. The story of our lives is the interplay of the bucket and dipper. Everyone has both. The unyielding secret of the bucket and the dipper is that when you fill another's bucket it does not take anything out of your own bucket. The level in our own bucket gets higher we fill another's, and on the other hand, when we dip into another's bucket we do not fill our own... we lose a little.

For a variety of reason, people hesitate filling the bucket of another and consequently do experience the fun, joy happiness, fulfillment, and satisfaction connected with making another person happy. Some reasons for this hesitancy are that people think it sounds "fakey" or the other person will be suspicious of the motive, or it is "brown-nosing" Therefore, let us put aside our dipper and resolve to touch someone's life in order to fill their bucket.

I guess by now everyone is filled with turkey and started putting up their Christmas trees. I feel like we have just put it away.

### **December Birthdays**

### **December Anniversaries**

Preacher Clifford Britton 1

David Steele 20

None

I know it may be hard during the next month and half, but keep the smiles Close by, you don't know how many you may need. I think with God in our hearts we will be just fine. You also need to remember Never But Never give up, if you do you are a goner.

We will be having a meeting on December 7th

Don't for our Christmas Party on December 1st and

O'Berry on December 2nd

Greetings from your ACD's – Chapter Educator

Isn't our little playground beautiful this time of the year? All the fields filled with mature crops like cotton, corn, peanuts, sage and soybeans. All the trees sparkling with their bright colored leaves makes one sure what a beautiful world we live in and are able to enjoy at no expense. Riding a bike through it is just icing on the cake. As the season changes so does the temperatures which causes us to wear different riding apparel so there's no excuse not to wear your safety gear. Ha! How's that for a backdoor approach.

I found the following information about riding jackets on the internet and thought it was worth sharing. ***RIDER ED 'GIMME 5' (Bob Berry) Buyer Beware (Or At Least Be Informed) When It's Time To Replace Your Riding Jacket***

Buying a motorcycle helmet that will do its job when needed is pretty simple. Just look for the DOT sticker and stamp and you have a helmet that will do its job when needed. If your headgear also has a Snell rating, so much the better. The rest of your choice is all about fit, color, comfort and design.

But, during my recent search for a new riding jacket, I discovered (once again) how much I didn't know about the subject. So, what follows are things to consider, and for you to decide what is fact and what may be "marketing." Sources include marketing materials from several manufacturers that shall remain nameless and several industry magazines and Web sites. For exhaustive detail on the European standards, visit: <http://www.pva-ppe.org.uk/standards.htm>.

When many of us were in our teens, jacket choice was pretty simple – tough black leather. But now we have leather in multiple weights, and materials like Cordora, Ballistic Nylon, and Kevlar. Which is best? The answer is, "The one you are going to wear." Anything beats riding in a T-shirt. But how do you know the one you are going to wear will do the job when it's needed? There are no officially approved safety standards in the U.S. for motorcycle jackets. The American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) may try to change that in the future, but, for now, we are limited to the CE (Conformite Europeen) standard used widely in Europe and adopted by some American manufactures. Testing of body armor to meet the CE standard is similar to the U.S. DOT tests for helmets.

The difficulty is that some jackets have a "CE Approved" label which only means that the body armor used in the jacket is approved, not the jacket material itself. So, claims such as "abrasion resistant," "shock absorbing," "impact resistant," may be misleading. For a jacket to live up to those claims, it would have to meet the PPE standards (Personal Protective Equipment) set in England in 1995.

Some mesh jackets have a Polyurethane coating that reportedly may melt into the skin when sliding on asphalt. Others are equipped with body armor that would easily fail CE criteria and provide little protection in the event of an unplanned separation of you and your Wing.

When that happens, research tells us that there are critical areas of the body needing the most protection. The area of the most frequent impacts includes knees, hips, elbows and shoulders. So, ensure that your proposed purchase offers good protection in those areas.

While protection of other upper body parts may not require as much armor, abrasion resistance, seam strength and tear resistance are important considerations. The minimum requirement to meet "high abrasion resistance" (sliding on your back, for example) is 4 seconds. An ordinary pair of denim jeans provides 0.6 seconds and a single layer of 1.4 mm cow hide will last 5.8 seconds.

The material itself should have a tear-strength strong enough to repel a sharp object from penetrating the outer layer, and jackets should be lined with a slippery material to allow your body to slide against the external shell, further reducing the risk of your skin being penetrated by sharp objects that get through the outer layer. Additionally the lining should have a high melting point, to ensure it does not melt into your skin under friction from road surfing.

None of the protective material will do you any good if the seams separate under stress. A test reported in Motorcycle News, in the UK found only 4 out of 18 leather suits from the major European manufacturers, passed all the tests against the European Standard. Twelve of these suits failed the burst test due to either thread and/or leather failure.

Look closely at the seams. Seams in the critical areas should have at least one row of concealed or protected stitching, to hold the seam together after the visible stitching has been worn away against the road surface. Check the stitching. It should be regular with no dropped stitches, which indicate a potentially weakened seam.

Leather should have 11-14 stitches per 5 cm, fabric should have 13-16 stitches per 5 cm. Too few stitches means the seam will be too weak, but too many stitches will actually weaken the fabric. Additional layers should be double stitched.

Getting the answers to all of this requires some research. Magazine reviews and motorcycle Web sites are a good place to start. I've had good luck talking directly with the jacket manufacturers. Most are pretty straightforward with their responses to my questions. So, which jacket is best? To repeat – "the one you are going to wear." Choose yours for comfort, utility, visibility, good looks, and price. Then add a little homework to ensure that the jacket will perform well at the critical time. Get out and enjoy nature every opportunity you have! Gerald and Ronnie, ACD's, Chapter Educator , MADD

# December 2017

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ATTENTION: Another reminder Christmas Party on Dec 1st same location as in the past still looking some talent for the party. O'Berry Center on Dec 2nd. We will meet at Hardee's at the corner of Moye & Memorial Drive leaving at 8:30. If you wish to be in the parade please line up to do so. I do need a head count if you plan to go.

There is not a puzzle in this month newsletter, I didn't have time and felt you didn't

Have time to do it

