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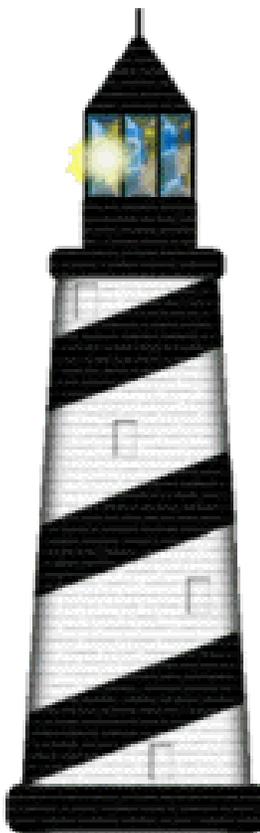
The Beacon

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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C.D. Chat's:

Well, it's that time again to dig down in the knowledgeable brain of mine to think of something to write about. I'm just about down to my last brain cell but here goes.

WOS has come and gone and what a great job Roy and Cindy along with the great staff did. It was a good place to have it and will be back there next year. I hope the tickets for the bike (if there is one) will be the same price next year. If so we will sell them the way we did this year, so get ready. We worked all day on Friday along with David, Barbara, Gerald, Ronnie, John, Gerald Jones, Russell, Frankie me and Alice selling tickets for door prizes and taking care of the silent action baskets. By Saturday afternoon we were tired. Our motel was at a great location, but the beds were awful, and the shower was just as bad. So 3 nights without good sleep and not even a good showers didn't help. Our daughter keeps our little dog when we are gone and she called and Miss Diva had fell off the porch and her porch is high. With all of that we decided to just head home, we had checked out of the motel Saturday morning knowing that we were going to stay somewhere else for the night at that time didn't know it was going to be Greenville. When Alice got the call from Cindy Bryant that she had won the bike she was one excited woman. I had to pull in the rest stop so she could get out of the truck. She missed last year but made up for it this year, seeing old friends made up for not being there last year.

Now lets get down to a word that I have been misinformed on all my life so let me explain it to you. The word FREE which I always thought it meant free with no strings attached, but let me tell you my experience with FREE. To start off on this journey, yes Alice won the bike. Well you have to pay for tags, title and taxes, had a CB put on it and the trip 2 trips back to Hendersonville to get it, had to get insurance on it before we could get tags. With this FREE bike you have two grand in it. I am sure a lot of people would love to pay only a couple of thousand dollars for such a wonderful and beautiful bike. It was almost FREE. We are so happy to be the proud owners.

Another example of FREE to me. You will get a laugh off this. We went to Wake Forest for their October Fest. They were giving a helmet for a door prize. We played the games for door prizes and me and Alice put our tickets in the basket for the helmet. Gerald didn't see anything he really wanted, so he put tickets in for the helmet. At at the drawing Gerald won it, he gave it to me. Well, I went in the Honda dealership to exchange it for a larger size. Well they said it was like a promotional helmet that they had gotten a deal on to give away and they didn't have my size. But they would exchange it for something else and would work out a discount. As you would know they didn't have my size in the helmet that I wanted and it had to be ordered. So when it comes in another trip to Wake Forest. A FREE helmet ended up costing me eighty dollars. So now the moral of this story is don't offer me or give me anything FREE. Nothing is Free. We really had a great time at their October Fest, we had 4 there and that was enough for us to be in the pot for the drawing for the Eastern Traveler Plaque. We brought it back to Greenville, and will be giving away at our November meeting. That so exciting.

Now back to the new bike. The question is: To keep it and trike it. Triking one is not cheap either. If we were 10 years younger there would not be a question. Alice has told me to take my time and be sure of what I really want to do. Which every way we go, we were winners. If we sell the new one what a great return on what money we have in it. If we sell the one that we have it should pay for the trike kit. Anyway you look at it it's a Win-Win deal. Hard to believe that it has been a little stressful, just making sure you make the right decision. We wouldn't change any of the stressful level for what we got. John Bryant from Wake Forest won in 2016, and us from Greenville in 2017. At least John and I had on the same color shirts.



Ride Safe and help someone when you can. **Bobby**



Greetings from your ACD's – Chapter Educator – MADD

Good morning everybody and I do mean morning. It's 6:30AM and here I am trying to put some intelligent thoughts on a piece of paper for others to read. Now that right there is scary!!

Well 2017 "Wings" is in the books and I'm sure Roy and Cindy and their staff are grateful and relieved, but probably already planning for 2018. They all did a great job and we are greatly appreciative and blessed to have them as our District Staff.

Waynesville is a great town and me and others I've heard commenting hope it's there for future years to come. We didn't get to go in any of the downtown stores this year, but next year we'll plan our time better.

Now to fulfill my obligation as your Chapter Educator I must comment on something pertaining to safety. We Educators have heard that our job description is changing. We'll just have to wait to see how that goes. I personally have thoughts that very little will change so far as people riding safer. I've held the Educator position for several years, about 5 I think, and I haven't seen a lot of individuals change their riding "habits". I'm basically referring to riding gear. Throughout the Rider Education program, one of the topics that is stressed is "ALL THE GEAR ALL THE TIME". In my time as Educator I have found that the ones that are going to wear it wear it and the ones that are not, don't. That's just the way it is.

I wear mine for two reasons: first for protection from that dreaded collision and the unexpected whatever. Second I feel obligated as an Educator to set a good example for others. Trust me, when that old sun gets pumping up around 90° and above it's tempting to shed some clothing. To be honest, I've been guilty a few times when I wasn't in a group ride. I guess I was fortunate nothing went wrong. I in no way am trying to put myself above anyone else; everyone has to make his or her own choice including me.

I did not write this article to ruffle anybody's feathers so please don't take offense. The purpose was to maybe get you thinking about "WHAT IF".

I hope your next ride is the best one you've ever been on.

Your ACD's – Chapter Educator – MADD
Gerald and Ronnie



A NOTE FROM YOUR SUNSHINE LADY-Betty

Where has 2017 gone, we are now in the 10th month heading to the 11th. Christmas is right around the corner, one of the busiest times of the year. I love Thanksgiving, just cooking, eating and having a good time with family and friends. We have had a hard last month, but almost finished or maybe better to say we are about finished. I told A. J. we were going to have a house warming when we completed the work, and I said we didn't want any gifts, just some good home cooking food. I bet Bo jangles and Wendy's have missed us and jamming those two pieces of bread together. I told A.J. we had made our nursing home room, because our den we had our bed, eating table, chairs, and a commode but you could not flush it. I would like to thank God for all his help, without him I don't think I could have made it. I could not believe it when Alice called and said they had won the bike, I knew that had to be a joke. I am so happy they did, we knew someone was going to win, but I never thought it would be Bobby and Alice. Everyone that we have talked to really enjoyed the WOS this year, I am sure they did. We wish we could have gone, but just couldn't leave the doors open for the repair people.

Birthdays

Tom Upton 16

Anniversary

Bobby & Alice Manning 10

I would like to say this is Bobby & Alice big 50th Anniversary and also David & Barbara Jones had their big 50th on October 13th

Sure hope I haven't left anyone out, if I have we still would like to wish you a Happy Birthday or a Happy Anniversary. Please keep wear those smiles, believe me I know it is hard sometimes. There are times I think it would be easier to paint one on. And never give up, if you do you are a goner, true again. They say to not live in the past, because it has already gone, and don't live in the future because you are not promised tomorrow, so live only for today. When you think about it, it is very true.

Preacher Cliff Corner: I was reading BYH the other day and all it does is put people down: BLESS YOUR HEART "Bless Your Heart" to everyone who expects and demands personal respect by all other people. Hear this message of God from the pen of the apostle Paul: Philippians 2:3-8 NIV

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interest of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. Who being in the very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on the cross."

What is the main ingredient in WD-40 WD-40 who knew? "Water Displacement #40".

The product began from a search for a rust preventative solvent and degreaser to protect missile parts. WD-40 was created in 1953, by three technicians at the San Diego Rocket Chemical Company. Its name comes from the project that was to find a 'Water Displacement' Compound. They were finally successful for a formulation, with their fortieth attempt, thus WD-40. The 'Convair Company' bought it in bulk to protect their atlas missile parts. Ken East (one of the original founders) says there is nothing in WD-40 that would hurt you.

When you read the 'shower door' part, try it. It's the first thing that has ever cleaned that spotty shower door. If yours is plastic, it works just as well as on glass. It's a miracle! Then try it on your stove-top. It's now shinier than it's ever been. You'll be amazed.

WD-40 Uses:

1. Protects silver from tarnishing.
 2. Removes road tar and grime from cars.
 3. Cleans and lubricates guitar strings.
 4. Gives floor that 'just-waxed' sheen without making them slippery.
 5. Keeps the flies off of Cows, Horses, and other Farm Critters, as well. (Ya gotta love this one!!!)
 6. Restores and cleans chalkboards.
 7. Removes lipstick stains.
 8. Loosens stubborn zippers.
 9. Untangles jewelry chains.
 10. Removes stains from stainless steel sinks.
 11. Removes dirt and grime from the barbecue grill.
 12. Keeps ceramic/terracotta garden pots from oxidizing.
 13. Removes tomato stains from clothing.
 14. Keeps glass shower doors free of water spots.
 15. Camouflages scratches in ceramic and marble floors.
 16. Keeps scissors working smoothly.
 17. Lubricates noisy door hinges on both home and vehicles doors.
 18. It removes that nasty tar and scuff marks from the kitchen flooring. It doesn't seem to harm the finish and you won't have to scrub nearly as hard to get them off. Just remember to open some windows if you have a lot of marks.
 19. Remove those nasty bug guts that will eat away the finish on your car if not removed quickly!
 20. Gives a children's playground gym slide a shine for a super-fast slide.
 21. Lubricates gearshift and mower deck lever for ease of handling on riding mowers.
 22. Rids kids rocking chair and swings of squeaky noises.
 23. Lubricates tracks in sticking home windows and makes them easier to open.
 24. Spraying an umbrella stem makes it easier to open and close.
 25. Restores and cleans padded leather dashboards in vehicles, as well as vinyl bumpers.
 26. Restores and cleans roof racks on vehicles.
 27. Lubricates and stops squeaks in electric fans.
 28. Lubricates wheel sprockets on tricycles, wagons, and bicycles for easy handling.
 29. Lubricates fan belts on washers and dryers and keeps them running smoothly.
 30. Keeps rust from forming on saws and saw blades, and other tools.
 31. Removes grease splatters from stove-tops.
 32. Keeps bathroom mirror from fogging.
 33. Lubricates prosthetic limbs.
 34. Keeps pigeons off the balcony (they hate the smell).
 35. Removes all traces of duct tape.
 - 36. Folks even spray it on their arms, hands, and knees to relieve arthritis pain.**
 - 37 Florida 's favorite use is: 'cleans and removes love bugs from grills and bumpers.'
 38. The favorite use in the state of New York , it protects the Statue of Liberty from the elements.
 39. WD-40 attracts fish. Spray a little on live bait or lures and you will be catching the big one in no time. Also, it's a lot cheaper than the chemical attractants that are made for just that purpose.
- Keep in mind though, using some chemical laced baits or lures for fishing are not allowed in some states.
- 40. Use it for fire ant bites. It takes the sting away immediately and stops the itch.**
 41. It is great for removing crayon from walls. Spray it on the marks and wipe with a clean rag.
 42. Also, if you've discovered that your teenage daughter has washed and dried a tube of lipstick with a load of laundry, saturate the lipstick spots with WD-40 and rewash. Presto! The lipstick is gone!
 43. If you spray it inside a wet distributor cap, it will displace the moisture, allowing the engine to start.
- P.S. As for that Basic, Main Ingredient..... Well.... it's FISH OIL....

REMEMBER: Christmas Party December 1st

You need to turn in your name and money at our November meeting to me. Like the past years the food will be ordered so if you would like something different from what we have been doing please write that on your envelope. I don't know what you want unless you say something. Not saying we will have it but I will check into it. PLEASE have your money in an envelope with your name on it. It will be at Russell & Frankie Spains as in the past years. The party is December 1st and we won't have another meeting until after the party that's why it's important that I get this information at November meeting. We will gather at 6:00 and eat at 6:30. We ask for those that would please bring stuff for the Ronald McDonald House. Our visiting members are welcom

Then December 2nd we will be going to the O'Berry Center, if you have gotten anything that you would like for me to take for you bring to the November meeting.

Amazing Facts About the Squirrel

- There are over 265 species of squirrel worldwide. The smallest is the African pygmy squirrel which is tiny at around 10 cm long, whereas the largest, the Indian giant squirrel is a massive three feet long.
- When a squirrel is scared and feels that it is in danger, it will at first remain motionless. If it is on the ground, it will run to a nearby tree and climb to safety, and if it is already in a tree it will circle the trunk and press up against the bark tightly with its body.
- Squirrels are very trusting animals, and are of the very few wild animal species which will eat out of a person's hand.
- In colder regions such as the UK, squirrels plan ahead in order to survive the challenging winter months. They store nuts and seeds at various locations and return to them throughout the winter to maintain their energy levels when food is scarce.
- Squirrels tend to run in erratic paths. This is intended to deceive potential predators as to its chosen direction so that it may escape.
- Squirrels are extremely intelligent creatures. They are known to put on elaborate bogus food burying displays to deceive onlookers. The fake burials are to trick potential thieves, such as other squirrels or birds, into thinking that they have stored their food stock there. Any observers planning on taking the stash will then focus on the bogus burial site, allowing the squirrel to bury the real stash elsewhere safely.
- Tree-dwelling squirrels such as the grey squirrel build dreys (similar to bird's nests) made of twigs high in trees. They are about the size of a football and are lined with grass, bark, moss and feathers for added comfort and insulation.
- Squirrels communicate with each other through various vocalisations and scent marking. They also use their tails as a signalling device, twitching it when uneasy to alert other squirrels of potential danger.
- There are 44 species of 'flying squirrel'. Rather than actually flying, these species glide using a membrane which stretches from their wrists to their ankles. It allows squirrels to glide naturally like humans do with the aid of a parachute.
- The squirrel is the Native American symbol for preparation, trust and thriftiness.
- **Quick Facts**
- Type: Mammal (Rodent)
- Diet: Omnivore, although they are predominantly herbivorous
- Lifespan: 2-5 years, with larger species tending to live longer
- Size: 8-70 cm long depending on species
- Weight: 10 g – 8 kg depending on species
- Habitat: Adapted to a huge range of habitat from tropical rainforest to semiarid desert
- Range: The Americas, Europe and Asia, with an introduced population in Australasia
- Scientific name: Sciuridae

Who doesn't enjoy watching the little animals playing around in your yard



American Holidays

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APRIL FOOLS DAY

CHRISTMAS

COLUMBUS DAY

FATHER'S DAY

FOURTH OF JULY

GRANDPARENT'S DAY

GROUNDHOG DAY

HALLOWEEN

MOTHER'S DAY

NEW YEAR'S

PRESIDENT'S DAY

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

THANKSGIVING

VALENTINE'S DAY

VETERAN'S DAY

Snap Shots from our September meeting



What a ride it's been since our name was pulled.....
Never would have dreamed in a 100 years that we might win.....
Someone asked us have we broke even after all the years of buying tickets.
We will call it even.....

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Meeting	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Bobby & Alice Manning	11
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