

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

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Couple of the Year – Bob and Hope Carneal
Your Next Gathering will be JANUARY 25, 2012

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

SEE YOU AT THE NEW YEARS EVE DINNER

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GWRRA VA CHAPTER D



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4 Bob and Hope's 5th  Anniversary	5	6	7	8	9	10 Powhatan Parade 
11	12	13	14	15	16 Bill McGill  Happy Birthday Birthday	17
18 Mary Swift's Birthday 	19 Jo Taylor's Birthday 	20	21	22 Lester and Kelly's Anniversary 	23	24
25 Brenda Cook's B'Day  Jesus Birthday	26 Dave Nichols B'Day 	27 Joe and Lucille Washington's Anniv 	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve Rivers Bend Grill 



**RICH AND DEBBIE BONHAM, CHAPTER
DIRECTORS NEWS**

Happy Holidays.

It's hard to believe but here we are in December and the end of 2011 is right around the corner. 2011 has been a very good year for our Chapter. We did lots of fun things and we will continue this into next year. Your staff has already come up with some great ideas of things to do in 2012. We will continue to ride and ride often in 2012. In fact I will have an announcement about a new program for our Chapter at the January meeting. You will want to find out all the details and hopefully participate in this "competition" that I have come up with for 2012. I think it will be fun. But you will have to ride to win this elite honor.

With 2012 we welcome our new Chapter Couple for Chapter D. We will be announcing who that is at our New Year's Eve get together. You will find all the information for that fun evening in this newsletter. Come on out and join the fun on New Year's Eve. We welcome all Chapters to come and join us.

During this time of year and especially in times like the current economic conditions, there are so many folks that are less fortunate than us. Let's be sure to try and give a helping hand if possible. What better way to warm your heart but to offer a special gift to someone in need. The reward is priceless.

As the year closes out and the New Year begins, Debbie and I would like to thank first of all the entire staff of Chapter D. You have made this journey so enjoyable. I am amazed how our staff jumps right in to assist with anything that is asked of them. We thank you. We also thank the entire Chapter D family. The offer to assist is not just limited to staff members; you all are there whenever we need you. We thank you. We also want to thank our local Chapters and all of the support you have shown in 2011. The gatherings are truly a great experience now with so many different Chapters present and participating. Thank you. Lastly, thank you to the entire District Staff for all that you did in 2011. The District is as strong now as ever and the changes you brought in 2011 were very welcome changes. Thank you.

Debbie and I want to be sure to wish you and your families a very Happy Holidays and may 2012 be the best year yet for all of you. From our family to your family, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year. *Rich and Debbie*

New Chapter Contest! Rich is going Postal! Come to the January meeting to find out the details of this new contest.

MARIE REPORTS THE NEWS (GOSSIP, RUMOR & HERESAY) AND SPECIAL EVENTS



DONATIONS TO THE HOMELESS HEARTS ARE

WELCOME We are always collecting the individual soaps, shampoos, conditioners, lotions, etc. that you get from the hotels when traveling. Make sure you collect them for us and we will make sure that they get delivered to the YWCA Battered Women's

shelters. Bring them to our meetings.

Thanks for all your help during the year.



2012 CALENDARS FOR LUCY CORR. If you start to receive 2012 calendars and just don't have a place for all of them, consider donating them to Lucy Corr for their residents.

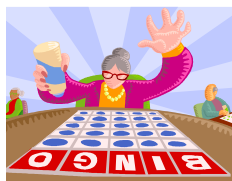
They give every resident a new calendar each year and also provide one to new residents when they move into the complex. Bring them to the Chapter D meetings or give them to a staff member.



TUESDAY RIDES...If the weather is good (or even mediocre) you can guarantee there is a ride planned for somewhere. Tommy Broughton and Ted Nelmes have planned some excellent rides this year and will continue to do so as long as we have people who want to ride. If you want to be added to the Tuesday ride list, let them **know.**



ANNUAL NEW YEARS EVE DINNER WITH CHAPTER D. We do this every year, by celebrating together at dinner and then we can go to our favorite New Year's Eve parties from there. This year New Years Eve is on Saturday, December 31. We'll find a terrific restaurant to meet and let you know all the details.



BINGO AT LUCY CORR VILLAGE is Friday, March 16, 2012 at 6:30. The residents love it when we come to play bingo with them. We bring prizes and every one of them gets prize before they leave. We have stuffed animals, boxes of tissues and creams and lotions for them. Its great fun and the residents love

to play bingo. It's a win, win event. I'll need volunteers to help so mark your calendar and let me know if you want to join us.

Christmas Riddle: Q. How is the Christmas alphabet different from the ordinary alphabet?

Chapter Educator Article by Marty Link

Marty's Musings

Last year, I was asked to do an article on getting a motorcycle ready to store over the winter. More directly it asked what to do when putting the motorcycle away for the winter. My first thought was "Why would anyone want to do that"? We do have some good days during the winter months that are very good for riding. With cold weather starting to settle in, I thought it would be good to address the topic again.

If you asked this of 6 people, you will probably get 10 answers, but here goes with some suggestions and comments.

First, let's assume that all of the fluids were maintained during the riding season. If so, the antifreeze levels and strength should be good over the winter months (a 50/50 mix) with distilled water.

Next, the fuel tank should be topped off to prevent condensation from forming and should include a fuel stabilizer, such as Stabil, to keep from developing a varnish coating on the carbs. Run the engine long enough to get the stabilized fuel into the carb. bowls. Some people may suggest that the fuel tank be emptied and the carbs. run dry, but over the years, in all sorts of engines, I have found it better to keep the carbs. wet. This should keep any seals or gaskets from drying out and leaking when fuel is put in again. Many of our members have moved up to the fuel injected 1800, but the fuel stabilizer will also help protect the injectors. Also new to the market since the original article was written is the Marine Stabil. This does the same job as the original, but does it better and lasts longer.

The other critical item is to keep the battery charged. In addition to making it easy to crank up and ride if the weather turns nice, it will prolong the life of the battery. A trickle charger can be used (no more than 1 to 1 ½ amp.), but a battery maintainer would be better. The trickle charger, if left on for a prolonged time, can boil the fluid out of the battery electrolyte. A battery maintainer senses the state of charge and adjusts the output of the charger accordingly.

As I stated above, there are many opinions on accomplishing this task. These are mine. Some are from personal experience, others from inputs from other people, published articles, etc. If you must store the motorcycle over the winter, keep it dry and ready to roll if we get some good weather and time permits. We will tackle putting it back in service after a winter rest in future articles.

I hope you don't mind my recycling a previous article. I think the subject is well worth covering again.

Marty Link
Assistant Chapter Educator.

Submission of pictures and articles are requested and encouraged. As a Chapter member, this is YOUR newsletter; articles may be submitted on a wide range of topics related to motorcycling and Chapter activities. All articles submitted to this newsletter will be edited at the discretion of the Newsletter Editor and Chapter Director based on available space. E-mail submissions to the newsletter editor at graneth1@verizon.net must be received no later than the 10th of the month to be entered in the current edition. Thanks for your support and articles.

TWO (2) BIKES FOR SALE BY BILLY RUSSELL



FOR SALE: Dark Red 2006 Gold Wing GL1800 with factory navigation and just over 100,000 highway miles. Garage kept since new. Custom paint by Mountain Man. Over \$26,000 invested – lots of chrome and extras including Kuryakyn chrome rack and spoiler, new Avon Cobra tires, Ultimate seat and backrests Muth mirrors with LED signals, KRISS Double Eagle headlight modulator, Honda CB. WAY too much to list here. Any original parts that I have will be included with her (stock heated seat & passenger backrest, Utopia rider backrest, etc.), along with a gallon of Amsoil synthetic oil and a couple of oil filters.

An on-the-tongue cooler rack/basket is installed as well as a chrome rear bumper. Like new. Bike goes for the first \$16,500. The trailer will be sold for \$600 (retails for \$950 + \$79 shipping). Buy both for \$16,800!!

Full list and lots of pictures available

If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please contact me:

- **FOR SALE 2006 Honda VTX 1800S3** - that's the Retro model with chrome spoke wheels, flared fenders, and the top level of factory chrome.



My girl "Blaize" is black and orange (factory) and loaded with chrome. She's dressed out for touring and has about 7000 miles, Switchblade (removable) windshield with storage bag, Cobra sissy bar/backrest/rack, Leather Lyke hard saddle bags, Kuryakyn flame floorboard covers and grips, Kuryakyn power pod on the handlebars, Cee Bailey "Bakup" tilting rider backrest, flame chrome grill insert, Rivco driving lights and light-bar, Kuryakyn brake pedal cover, Kuryakyn Hypercharger with Power Commander, chrome clutch and brake levers, over sized chrome throttle rocker, chrome fender accents, Kuryakyn highway bars, mini soft trunk/cooler.

<https://skydrive.live.com/redir.aspx?cid=a645aab7da9ffe0d&page=play&resid=A645AAB7DA9FFE0D!744>

She has never been laid down and has spent her entire life in a heated and air conditioned garage, taken out only for short rides by a little (?) old man who loves her ... or for a bath. Longest ride has been 200 miles, round trip to D.C. and the only mark on her is a small scratch on the front fender from a leather tool bag (which was disposed of when the scratch was noticed).

She's only been ridden two-up a couple of times!

I'm asking \$8500 - ridiculously low price for this doll.

If you are interested, or know anyone who might be interested in adopting my little (?) girl, please contact me.

Pictures available on request.

Billy WWW Russell 804-784-5844

)"Wrong Way Willie"(
billywrussell@msn.com

FOR SALE: Kuryakyn 8990 driver backrest for a GL1800. Real good condition. The first offer of \$100 gets it. **Tom Westendorf 804-748-7090.**



Well wishes for those ill, injured or hospitalized. Let's please keep these fine folks in our hearts and prayers. If you hear about someone being ill, please pass this info on to Ethel or Rich so we can note this in the newsletter.

Belle hopefully will have her final (we hope) colon surgery soon. We hope this will be all that is needed to make her like new again. She has been in and out of surgery since last April 1. Please keep her in your prayers that this will be soon.

Rich Bonham's dad, Mr. Vaughn Bonham fell and broke his hip back in October. He is doing very well and hopefully will be up and out soon. He turned 90 on October 15. He is currently in rehab recovering.

Jackie Westendorf is undergoing chemo every week. She's not feeling too well so let's all keep her in our thoughts. Please let her know she has many friends that will help support her as she goes through this terrible ordeal.

Ginny Broughton had a second hip replacement surgery on October 18th. We hope Ginny will continue to get along good and recover as fast as she did the first time. She is on crutches for awhile until she heals.

A former long time member of Chapter D, Larry (downtown Larry) Brown has just finished a long round of radiation treatments for prostate cancer. Let's all keep Larry in our thoughts too. Larry and Sue are currently living in Arizona. We miss you guys.

Bob Carneal hurt his back while skiing in Colorado on vacation. We all hope he will be better soon.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES TO CELEBRATE

Birthdays

Bill McGill Dec 16

Mary Swift Dec 18

Jo Taylor Dec 19

Brenda Cook Dec 25

David Nichols Dec 26



Anniversaries

Bob and Hope Carneal (5 years) Dec 4

Lester and Kelly Critton Dec 22

Joe and Lucille Washington Dec 27

If we don't have you listed in your month, please contact either 31132 Ethel Nelmes or Ginny Broughton with the relevant dates. Thanks



THE COOK'S CORNER by Debbie Bonham

Teriyaki Chicken

¾ C soy sauce

¼ C vegetable oil

3 T brown sugar

½ t ground ginger

½ t garlic powder

6 chicken breasts or 12 drumsticks

In a large glass dish, combine the soy sauce, oil, brown sugar, ginger, and garlic powder; mix well. Add chicken; turn to coat. Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour or overnight, turning occasionally. Drain and discard marinade. Place chicken in a single layer in a greased baking dish. Bake at 375° for 35-45 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink.



Look for your Membership # in this Newsletter. If you find it and bring your current membership card to the next dinner meeting (January), you will win ten 50/50 tickets for the drawing at the close of the next monthly meeting. Look for your number in this newsletter. It might be very profitable for you. A member recently won the 50/50 jackpot with his membership # tickets. It might happen to you!



GOLDWING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS

WINGLESS WEEKEND

HOSTED BY THE VIRGINIA DISTRICT

FRIDAY & SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17-18 2012

ATTIRE - SPORTS UNIFORMS & CLOTHING

Crowne Plaza Hotel, 6531 West Broad St, Richmond VA

(877) 227-6963 / (804) 285-9951

Mention GWRRRA when making room reservations

Rooms blocked until February 6, 2012; Room rate \$72 per night single/double

Registration Fee: \$32 per person; \$12 under age 12; FREE under age 2

\$35 for non-GW RRA members; Saturday Day Pass \$10

Pre-Registration due by February 1, 2012

Come and join the FUN

Friday Registration 6 – 8:30 pm

Social Time

Theme Contest:

Best Dressed – Male (Home made & Bought)

Best Dressed – Female (Homemade & Bought)

*Best Theme Dressed – Chapter**

Best Performance (Must have at least 4 members)

Ice Cream Social following performances

Saturday Registration 8 AM – 12 Noon

Seminars

Chapter Competition Games

Hospitality Room

Evening Dinner

Entertainment/Dancing 50/25/15/10

DIRECTIONS FROM NORTH:

TAKE I-95 S, TAKE EXIT 79 OFF OF I-95 S TO GET ON I-64 WEST TOW ARDS RICHMOND / CHARLOTTESVILLE, TAKE EXIT 183B OFF OF I-64 W TOW ARDS WEST BROAD STREET.

HOTEL WILL BE ON THE RIGHT

FROM SOUTH: TAKE I-95 N, TAKE EXIT 79 OFF OF I-95 N TO GET ON I-64 WEST TOW ARDS RICHMOND / CHARLOTTESVILLE, TAKE EXIT 183B OFF OF I-64 W TOW ARDS WEST BROAD STREET. HOTEL WILL BE ON THE RIGHT

FROM EAST: GET ON I-64 WEST BRIEFLY MERGES ONTO TO I-95N, TAKE EXIT 79 OFF OF I-95 N TO GET BACK ON I-64 WEST TOW ARDS RICHMOND / CHARLOTTESVILLE, TAKE EXIT 183B OFF OF I-64 W TOW ARDS WEST BROAD STREET. HOTEL WILL BE ON THE RIGHT

FROM WEST: GET ON I-64 E. TAKE EXIT 183 OFF OF I-64 E TOW ARDS WEST BROAD STREET. GO PAST THE FIRST EXIT ON GLENSIDE AND TAKE THE SECOND EXIT TOW ARDS US 250 / BROAD STREET. HOTEL WILL BE ON THE RIGHT

Deadline for Pre-Registration is February 1, 2012

(You must pre-register to be guaranteed the Saturday Night Plated Dinner "Only first 250 Guaranteed")

No Refunds after February 1, 2012

Return completed form with check payable to GWRRA Virginia

Send check to 1613 Dogwood Rd, Powhatan, VA 23139

Rider GWRRA # Chapter

CO-Rider GWRRA #

Pre-Register - GWRRA Member \$32 x = \$

Pre-Register - Non-GWRRA Member \$35 x = \$

Pre-register for Richmond Historical Tour (Saturday): \$16 x = \$

Pre-register for CPR/First Aid class - (Limited to first 12) \$30 x = \$

CPR is the full certification class

Total: = \$

Plated dinner choice (Choose one): Fried Chicken or Pork Loin

Address: _____

I would like an e-mail registration confirmation

I/We agree to hold harmless GWRRA, the Co-sponsoring organizations and the property owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved by any reason of participation in the event. Rider Signature: _____

Co-Rider Signature: _____

POWHATAN PARADE We all gathered at Frisby's for a bite to eat and some hot coffee before heading off to line up and decorate our bikes for the parade.

It was a very nice day for this time of year. Plenty of sunshine and the temperature reached 52 degrees by my thermometer. We were greeted by the people taking pictures and waving as we worked our way down the route towards the courthouse. In front of the courthouse we stopped as the announcer told about our group and the many miles traveled on these wonderful bikes. He commented on the shine the bikes had and how beautiful they looked. We gave the crowd a big wave and received quite a round of applause. After that we moved on to remove the decorations and some stayed for the rest of the parade while others headed home before the sun went down. We all had a good time and enjoyed the fellowship along with the nice reception we received.

Those who took part are Billy and Lee, Lester and Kelly, Jerry and Gretchen, Rich and Debbie, Ted, Bill, Joe, Steve, Larry, Tom, Lee from Chapter W, my son Scott and one of his daughters, Devyn rode my 1983 and another of my granddaughters, Kendal rode with me.

As always, following the parade I received many good comments about our group and those beautiful bikes. Be proud of what we ride and the company we keep. We'll do it again next year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all, Tommy Broughton



An Ancient Symbol The History of the Christmas Tree

Thousands of years ago, there were people who believed that Evergreen trees were magical. Even in winter, when all the other trees and greenery were brown and bare, the Evergreen stayed strong & green. People saw the Evergreen as a symbol of life and as a sure sign that sunshine & spring would soon return. Candles, or the electric lights we use to decorate our trees today, are also an ancient symbol. They represent the light of spring triumphing over the darkness of winter. In ancient Rome, people decorated their homes and their temples with greenery during a special December feast. It was a happy time. No battles could be fought, the schools were closed and people everywhere joined in the carnival-like atmosphere and gave each other presents.

The Modern Tree

So when did the Christmas tree go indoors? Legend has it that the tradition was begun by Martin Luther in Germany. He was a monk and church reformer who lived from 1483 to 1546. According to the legend, Luther was returning home one wintry night when he saw the stars twinkling in the sky through the tree branches. Luther was amazed by the sight, and when he arrived home, he was eager to tell his family about it. To help them understand he went to the woods and cut down a small fir tree. Luther brought it indoors and decorated it with candles, which represented the stars he had seen. The custom spread in Germany and from there all over the world. In England, the Christmas tree first appeared when Queen Victoria married Prince Albert, who was German. In 1841, Albert set up a Christmas tree at Windsor Castle near London to remind him of his homeland. The Christmas tree custom was brought to the United States by people from England as well as by the German immigrants who came in the 1800's. Whatever its origin, the Christmas tree is a beautiful symbol for everyone who celebrates Christmas.

The Legend of the First Christmas Tree

The night of the Savior's birth, all the living creatures both flora and fauna came to Bethlehem with gifts. The olive tree brought its fruit and the palm its dates, but the little fir tree had no gift to give. So tired it couldn't resist when the big trees pushed it into the background and hid it from view. Then a nearby angel took pity and commanded a cluster of stars to come and rest on its delicate boughs. When the Baby Jesus beheld this lovely lighted tree, he smiled and blessed it declaring henceforth that fir trees should always be filled with lights at Christmas time to please little children.

Answer to Riddle A The Christmas Alphabet has NO EL.



The annual Christmas Party

After much waiting and anticipation the Christmas Party date was finally here. We all dressed up and headed to the Swift Creek Dining Hall at Pocahontas Park. On the way over there, we saw many deer in the road which gave us concern for our drive home after dark. I hope everyone got home safely after the great party. Ted prepared for the evening by putting together a great music venue for dining and dancing. The food was just beyond delicious. And there was plenty of it this year. Everyone went above and beyond making it good and plenty. We saw many of our friends there and some we hadn't seen for awhile. It was very enjoyable. We only wish it could have lasted longer. Maybe next year we can plan to stay and dance into the wee hours. I would like to thank all those on the planning committee for the party. It was a swell time. Merry Christmas to ALL!

Christmas Trivia

1. In Frosty the Snowman, who brought Frosty back to life?*****
2. Who lost \$8,000 in It's a Wonderful life?*****
3. In How the Grinch Stole Christmas, what biological shortcoming made the Grinch so mean?
4. Who tells you she's in town by tap, tap, tappin' at your windowpane?
5. What is the biggest selling Christmas single of all time?
6. What was Scrooge's first name?
7. Where was I when I saw Mommy kissing Santa Claus?
8. What was his name of Rudolph's dog sled driving friend?
9. Who said "God Bless Us, Everyone?"
10. What carol contains the line "O tidings of comfort and joy?"
11. In the Night Before Christmas I sprang from my bed to see what?
12. Name the three reindeer whose names begin with a "D"?
13. In the song "Grandma Got Run over by a Reindeer" what did Grandma go to get?
14. What was the first gift my true love sent on the sixth day of Christmas?
15. In what city did Miracle on 34th Street take place?
16. In It's a Wonderful Life, how did Clarence cleverly save George's life?
17. Who kept time with the Little Drummer boy?
18. In The Night Before Christmas, where were the stockings hung?
19. What is the last ghost called in A Christmas Carol?
20. What color is the Grinch?
21. How many pipers piping did my true love give to me?
22. In the movie The Santa Clause, who starred as the substitute Santa Claus?
23. What was Rudolph's punishment for his red nose?

1. Santa Claus 2. Uncle Billy 3. His heart was two sizes too small 4. Suzy Snowflake
5. "White Christmas" 6. Ebenezer 7. On the Stairs 8. Yukon Cornelius 9. Tiny Tim
10. "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" 11. What was the matter 12. Dasher, Donner, & Dancer
13. Her medication 14. Six geese a laying
15. New York 16. He jumped into the river first 17. The ox and the lamb 18. By the chimney
19. The Ghost of Christmas Yet to come 20. Green 21. Eleven 22. Tim Allen 23. Could not play in Reindeer games



START THE
NEW YEAR
WITH
CHAPTER D!

**Join us for a
wonderful dinner
at
Rivers Bend Grill
5:30 – 8:00 PM
Saturday,
December 31,
2011**

*Check out their menu
at*

<http://www.riversbendgrill.com>

We'll see you there!

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DECEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER



**GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION
MOTTO: FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE**

**Your Next Monthly Gathering will be at Candela's on
Midlothian on JANUARY 25, 2012**



QUOTE OF THE MONTH They err who thinks Santa Claus comes down through the chimney; he really enters through the heart."
~ Mrs. Paul M. Ell.