

Meeting
 3rd Monday of each
 month at the
 Golden Coral
 400 Hotel Dr.
 New Bern, NC
 EAT: 6:30 PM
 MEET: 7:30 PM
 Visitors Always
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Palace City WINGS

March 2011

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Chapter Director



NC D2

We have been really busy this month. A group of us headed to Sanford to try to capture the Tar Heel Traveler Plaque. We had 4 riders on bikes and it was very cold. They thought they were going to freeze. It was in the 30's when they left New Bern, but it did warm up to the 50's during the day. I tell you we have some tough guys. Well it was not in our cards to get the plaque from Sanford. Morganton was the proud owners of the plaque, so we decided to follow them to Morganton, since they were having their gathering the same day. The guys on the bikes decided to head back to New Bern, those of us in cars headed to Morganton via Mt Airy for their meeting. What a day, I think we all took turns driving. Our trip was worth the effort, we got the coveted plaque.



NC District

We have two of our members had surgery this month. Please pray for Sadie Sanders, who had knee surgery and Frank Hall with hip surgery. They both are healing well, getting ready for spring riding, no doubt.



Region N

We need a head count for workers at WOS, I need to turn in the list in April. If plans go as we hope, we should have a very fun booth this year, all in the theme of Vegas. Any of you up to being Elvis???

Well again we were on the road chasing a plaque; The Region N Plaque was in Greensboro, on March 10th. We plotted our course and away we went. The Plaque was not in our cards again. Chapter Y in Murfreesboro, TN came in and we lost out. Oh well another day.



GWRRA

Check out our ride schedule and activities on our web site. Jordan and Priscilla are updating our web site continuously.

Ride safe and God Bless

Patricia Joyner, CD

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News from GWRRA NC

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We have been working with the Asheville Convention Bureau.

If you have not yet made your reservations for WOS here are a few additional discounts from some of the local hotels.

Brookstone Lodge - \$99.00/night

Homewood Suites by Hilton – 12% discount off of rack rate

Hampton Inn Biltmore Square Mall – 12% discount off of rack rate

Hampton Inn Tunnel Rd -12% discount off of rack rate

Be sure you let them know your are with GWRRA event in September and CVB passed these rates to us.

Andrew and Vickie



What makes your Chapter "special"? How did your Chapter originate? Any special events or people that makes your Chapter "stand out in the crowd?"

Here's your chance to shout it from the mountaintop and let the rest of GWRRA know all about your

Chapter and it's members. Starting in March with CHAPTER "A" of Greensboro, we will be highlighting an article written by your Chapter about your Chapter. If you would like to include a group photo, please feel free to do so. Let us know how you started, how you've grown over the years, and certainly why you are the BEST CHAPTER IN NORTH CAROLINA! Let fellow GWRRA members know why they need to visit your Chapter gatherings and the FUN you have in store for them.



SCHEDULE OF ARTICLES

Chapter "A" (Greensboro)	March 2011
Chapter "A2" (Lexington).....	April 2011
Chapter "B2" (Winston-Salem).....	May 2011
Chapter "C" (Charlotte).....	June 2011
Chapter "C2" (Smithfield).....	July 2011
Chapter "D" (Greenville).....	August 2011
Chapter "D2" (New Bern).....	September 2011
Chapter "E" (Cary).....	October 2011
Chapter "E2" (Elizabeth City).	November 2011
Chapter "F" (Jacksonville).....	December 2011

Chapter Educator



Moving Camouflage makes you invisible - they really may not see you

By: James R. Davis

An article in the March, 2005 issue of the British magazine *Bike* describes a study indicating one reason why it just might be true that when someone claims not to have seen a motorcycle before a collision, they may well be telling the truth. The study identified a phenomenon known as Moving Camouflage and an ancillary concept called the Looming Effect.

Moving Camouflage

When an object approaches you along the same line of sight as a background point of interest, there is very little in the way of visible change of that approaching object and as a result you may not notice it.

Looming Effect

An approaching object always appears to get larger the closer it gets. But the difference in size (the amount of size change) is very small when an object moves from 1000 ft to 900 ft as compared to when it moves from 200 ft to 100 ft. In the latter case the change is dramatic - it can be said to be coming into view as a looming threat. When that happens, the moving camouflage phenomenon ceases to exist. In the diagram above the motorcycle would be at approximately the place where the looming effect would overwhelm the moving camouflage phenomenon and suddenly appear to the driver of the blue car.

The best way to overcome the moving camouflage phenomenon is to vary your lane position as you approach a threatening vehicle to become visible because of a change in your behavior.

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(James R. Davis is a recognized [expert witness](#) in the fields of Motorcycle Safety/Dynamics.)

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Hi all,

It is March and the weather is getting better. I have started to ride again. And I hope all of you will come out and ride with me .We always have a good time. If you can't ride the motorcycle come anyway we, do not care. The object is to have fun!!!!!! **That is what we do!!!!** We went to the chili cook off at Smithfield and had a good time, played games, ate good chili, visited with old friends, won good prizes and enjoyed a good ride there and back. The weather was wonderful.

On Saturday Feb. 26 we went to Sanford to their chapter meet after Tar Heel Traveler Plaque. we did not get it 😞 but we went on to Mount Airy, and then on to Morganton. There we **got the plaque** 😊 . It will be given away at our next meeting.

In March I hope to get our diner rides going again. On March 18 at 6:30 meet me at Bo Jangles in James city for a ride to have dinner at the country kitchen in Morehead city. They have good food and it will be nice ride.

There are several things going on in March that mite interest you.

March 19, at Mebane NC 622 Corregidor sty. there will be a bike show, co-rider seminar(if interested call Larry & Blanche Dean at 919 957-0208) and a special drawing. This is chapter H2's Annual swap meet. Registration 9 am-noons. I will not be able to go (I will be taking an experienced rider course) and I encourage all of you to take a rider course also, it may save your life. This is my 4th one. There is also a Gold Wing demo at Pineville NC 502 N. Polk st.1/2 mile south of I-485. For info. Call 704 889-35009 (You can get free stuff if you show your membership card.)

I hope all you get back to riding soon.

Lilly Lucier

MOTORIST AWARENESS DIVISION

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“Motorcyclists Are Dying To Be Seen”



“MANAGING AREAS OF CONFLICT”

Intersections:

Anywhere two vehicles cross path can create a danger point for both motorcycles and automobiles. This includes driveways, parking lots and side street entrances. The most common crash between cars and motorcycles is at an intersection where the automobile turns left in front of the motorcyclist. Over 40% of all motorcycle crashes occur at intersections.

Automobile Blind Spots:

Motorcycles riding alongside a lane of cars are often out of view of the driver. An inattentive driver may collide with the motorcyclist when the driver changes lanes.

Two lanes traveling the same direction:

Motorcycles may be difficult to see and are susceptible to crashes when they are changing lanes, passing cars or being passed. Crashes often occur when motorists follow motorcycles too closely or try to share their lane.

Large Vehicles

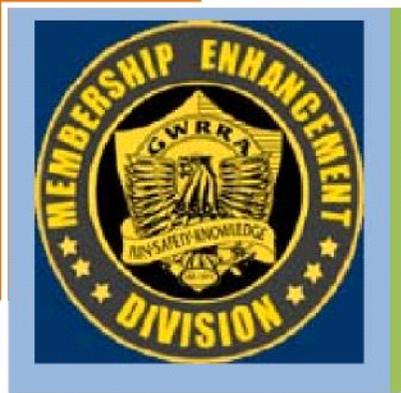
Large vehicles, such as van or trucks can block a motorcycle from a driver's view. To this driver, the motorcyclist may seem to suddenly appear from nowhere.

External Conditions

Weather and road conditions have a greater affect on motorcyclist. Temperate, Rain, uneven road surfaces, even strong gust of wind can move a motorcycle across an entire traffic lane if the rider is not prepared for it. Wind Gust from larger vehicles in other lanes may also create hazardous conditions for the motorcyclist.

Hazardous Road Conditions:

Pot holes, fallen tree limbs, railroad tracks, debris in the road can be problematic for some motorcyclist. Be prepared for maneuvers of the motorcyclist as we address these conditions.



*Charles & Marion
Dudley, NC-DZ
Membership
Enhancement
Coordinators*

HELLO, GOLD WING FAMILY,
Marion and I have been active members of GWRRA and NC-D2
for Four years and are proud for the opportunity to serve our
chapter in this capacity as **Membership Enhancement
Coordinators**. For the second year. It is our goal to encourage
Our **current, Former and New members** alike to get connected. You
can help us to make our Chapter most exciting by **participating in
Chapter functions, recruiting
new members** and **encouraging former
members to reconnect** by using your warm smile
and your number one recruitment tool
which is **your Motorcycle**.



I have some Questions for you:

Would you like to:

1. Partner with a chapter with no applications or Fees needed to participate?
2. Meet countless new friends with common interest?
3. Ride your Motorcycle to lots of events with friends?
4. Emphasize a more enjoyable safe riding experience?
5. Receive training to improve your riding skills and safety techniques?

If you answered yes to any of these, simply join us in New Bern, North Carolina for our monthly Chapter meeting at Golden Corral, 3rd Monday nights at 6:30 to eat and 7:30 to meet.

**GWRRA,
AND NC-D2
WELCOMES YOU
AS A PARTNER IN OUR
EFFORTS TO PROMOTE
MOTORCYCLING THROUGH
"FRIENDS FOR FUN,
SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE.**

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Dear GWRR Members,

This is Ed Price. I have been a Member of GWRR since 1980 and am very proud to hold Member #2085. I volunteered for the very first Wing Ding and have been honored to be an Officer, as well as previous Executive Director of GWRR. I now hold the position of Marketing Director for your Association.

As you may or may not know, we have been conducting polls on our website, www.gwrra.org. In those polls we have asked many questions about a variety of topics. Recently, we wanted to know why you joined GWRR. The results have told us that you joined to meet new friends, for GWRR Programs and for *Wing World* magazine; these were the top three reasons. The next question we asked was, "Why do you stay in GWRR?" and the answers were a little different. The top three answers were GWRR Programs, *Wing World*, and the Gold Book while GWRR Benefit Programs and continued friendships were essentially tied in 4th place.

GWRR and I have been working very hard to offer you, a variety of new benefits that you might want or need. Our goal in this endeavor is to find business partners who are willing to offer a discount program whereby you get a discount on a product or service because you are a Member of GWRR and they help to support your Association. Sometimes these discounts are significant and sometimes not. Sometimes, like insurance programs, they depend on states, zip codes, or your personal information, like FICA scores. The point is, as with Wing Ding, GWRR is bringing you many options, like vendors, that you have a choice to participate with or not.

The process we go through to find these business partners is one of true due diligence. We check to make sure the companies have been in business a long time; they offer a legitimate product or service that could be beneficial to our Members; and that it is offered at a discount. Our agreement with them is varied. Some programs are merely placed on our websites and promoted in our materials and others are more complex in that we share your information with them, so they can send you information that may be of interest to you. However, before you get ready to hang me, we make sure that they do not share your information with anyone else. In addition, we explain to our partners that we do not want our Members receiving any more than one or at the most two mailings from any partner per year.

Remember, you always have the option to OPT OUT of any third party mailings. Just call Member Services at 800-843-9460 or in Phoenix, 623-581-2500 or write them at customerservice@gwrra.org.

I want to impress two things upon you. One, GWRR has been around for 33 years and obviously you have supported your Association through many ways and are a loyal Member. In addition, GWRR has not increased membership dues in twelve years. How many businesses have not raised their rates on their products or services in that amount of time? If GWRR can provide you with Benefit Programs that give you discounts and in turn benefit your Association to help keep your dues low....I say, what is wrong with that?

If you get a mailing from a company that you are not interested in....toss it, right? If you do not want to get any mailings from our partners, OPT OUT, right? Nevertheless, please think about how GWRR has brought you the FRIENDS you have made...has given you the opportunity to gain the riding skills you have...maybe, even saved your life through our Rider Ed Program, as it did mine.

GWRR has always had an "open door" policy; and we want to clear away any misperceptions about our Privacy Policy and how we select and offer Benefit Programs to our Members.

As always, Ride safe...

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