



**FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTORS:**

Hello Chapter E,

Well summer is definitely here, storms and hot temperatures for sure.

The rally is only a couple of weeks away. We still need some help, so if you are planning on attending, please give us a couple hours of your time. Just show up and I promise we will find a job for you.

We have several members in our chapter that need our prayers. So please remember them.

Thanks for all you do.

Kim & Keith Stidham

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**The Fine Line Between Excitement and Disaster**

We all ride motorcycles for different reasons. For some of us, it's inexpensive daily transportation. For some, it's a chance to get away and feel at one with the outdoors. And for others, it's an opportunity to push ourselves, to sharpen our skills and see just what we are capable of, while controlling this heavy, powerful machine

There's no doubt that riding a motorcycle can be exciting - either the good kind of exciting, i.e. the thrill of carving through a sweeper, and the bad kind of exciting - i.e. the kind that costs money...or worse.

I figured that there are several levels to this, and these levels change as our experience and skills change over time.

Learning: "hmm, that's interesting" - When the bike does something unusual, but not scary. For instance, the first time you ride over a metal grate, and find the bike wandering to follow the grate, without your input. You decide to mention it to your friends.

Heightened Awareness: "whoa, what was that?" - When the bike does something unexpected, and you might get a brief shot of adrenaline. For instance, when braking, and your tire briefly loses traction when running over a hot "tar snake." You file that experience away in your memory, noting to avoid braking or turning hard when tar snakes are around.

Excitement: "Holy \*\*\*\*!!" - When you get yourself into an unexpected, potentially dangerous situation, but you manage to properly handle it. For instance, when partway through a sweeping curve, you see gravel on the inner part of the curve - but because of your judicious entry speed, you are able to go wide and miss it, without jeopardizing the safe navigation of the curve. This usually also results in a shot of adrenaline. You tell yourself to pay more attention next time.

Near Disaster: "aughhhh" - When you are in a situation that is out of control, that has a potentially disastrous outcome, yet you somehow make it through unscathed - entirely due to dumb luck! For instance, approaching an intersection too quickly on cold tires on a cold day, braking hard...and sliding right into (or through!) the intersection. This leaves your veins coursing with adrenaline, and your body shaking. You usually swear afterwards to NEVER do that again.

Disaster: BANG - When the "near disaster" situation doesn't end quite so well. You might not even have time for the adrenalin. For instance, when a pick-up truck turns left in front of you, you swerve to miss it, but there is no time, and you hit the truck, destroying your motorcycle, breaking some bones, and sending yourself flying down the road. You might swear afterwards that you will never ride motorcycles again.

And yes, if you have guessed that each of these examples are taken from my own personal experiences, then you are correct. Fortunately for me, as I gained experience (and distance from my teenage years), the Near Disaster and Disaster scenarios have disappeared, leaving me with the occasional Excitement scenario. I'm fine with this.

Without a doubt, experience helps swing the experience spectrum more towards the Learning end and away from the Disaster end, but there are other things that help as well: training, [protective gear](#), a [properly maintained bike](#), and maturity. Maturity? Sure - it's been a long time since I felt the need to [ride at 150 mph on public roads](#), as I did when I was 17. Not to mention having a bike that I've put a lot of time and effort into, and really don't want to wreck!

Think about your own experiences. How many Near Disaster scenarios have you had in the past year? How about Excitement? What could you do differently to become a safer rider?

These are the words and various levels of learning that a Goldwing Rider has experienced and has learned from his mistakes as well as matured over the years from his youthful days as a beginner, hopefully these tips will help you when the time comes. Remember to ride safe and as always remember to wear the proper riding gear out there.

Jerry and Teresa Hill  
Chapter Educators

July 9,10,11 - Wings over the Smokies in Cherokee, NC. The 32nd annual NC District Rally. Grand prizes are a 2015 40th Anniversary Edition Honda Gold Wing and a 2015 Bushtec Quantum trailer.

July 11 - Chapter "E" regular monthly meeting at Carolina Fine Foods in Simpsonville, SC. Eat at 5:30 and meet at 6:30 pm.

July 16,17,18 - 31st annual District Convention "Pirates of the Carolinas". To be held at the Anderson, SC Civic Center. Grand prize is \$1,000.

July 25 - Chapter "G" has the traveling plaque. Details coming about the Plaque Attack!

September 3,4,5,6 - 37th Wing Ding in Huntsville, Alabama at the Von Braun Center. Grand prize choose from a Honda Gold Wing GL-1800, F6B or Valkyrie.

Tim & Miriam Hormell  
Assistant Chapter Directors

HAPPY 4th of July!



Today we celebrate freedom  
Thanks to those who came before.  
Those brave men who fought and died  
In each and every war.  
Freedom always comes at a price  
And while we celebrate.  
We should tip our hats to the heroes  
Who made our country great.

June was a very hot month, not good weather for riding. Carl managed to find one day that was not extremely hot to put together a ride to Lake Lure on June 14 with 3 bikes and 4 members. Thanks Carl for putting this together. From what I hear even tho the number was low the fun was loads of fun.

Our attendance at our get togethers was great.

June 2nd our dinner was at The Whistle Stop hosted by Pat and Kitty Toth. We had 15 members and 2 visitors. Food was good but fellowship was better.

June 9th we were at the Wade Hampton Buffet hosted by Jim Davis. We had 16 in attendance.

June 16th we were at K&W hosted by Skip and Nadine Wiggins. We had 15 members 2 visitors.

June 23rd. Our dinner was at Saluda River Grille hosted by Paul Workman. We had 15 members and 2 visitors.

June 30th we were at the Turtle Shell in Mauldin hosted by Robert and Isabella. There was 10 members and 1 visitors. A good time was had by all.

Our monthly meeting was on June 14th at Carolina Fine Foods. We had 30 members and 5 visitors. We really missed Willis and Sandra who keeps us in stitches with their antics and jokes. Hopefully they will be back in July - so come join us to find out.

We have 2 members of our chapter who need your prayers:

Polly Wells had a hip replacement and is recuperating at home and doing good.

Willis Smith had a problem with his heart again but is doing better and on the road to recovery.

We are looking forward to July and pleasant weather for riding.

Please everyone check you membership cards to make sure are current so we can have more fun together. Have a safe month of riding.

Peggy Holder

MEC



**July Birthdays**

- Teresa Hill - July 3
- Isabel Hartzell - July 16
- Janet Crabtree - July 21
- Angie Brown - July 29

**July Anniversaries**

Vickie & Dennis Sargent

