

# Gold Wing Road Riders Association



CHAPTER E  
FREDERICKSBURG, VA

BATTLEFIELD WINGS  
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Home of  
**2000 District Couple – Mike & Keri Nelson**  
**Chapter “E” Couple**  
**Ed & Wanda Hoferkamp**

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Come to Our Chapter Gathering the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of Each Month  
Eat at 6:30pm, Meeting Begins at 7:30pm  
Piccadilly’s Cafeteria Located in Front of Spotsylvania Mall on Rt. 3  
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At Piccadilly’s at 7 pm

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## Chapter Director News

By Dave & Sharron Calahan

### WHERE DID SUMMER GO ??

Wow, it's already October as I write this article for September (what's wrong with this picture?☺)

Well, as you've already figured out, September's Newsletter is a little late. Kathy's computer decided that IT needed a vacation, and it took a little while to convince it to return to the fold.

September was a really busy month, not only for us personally, but for riding and events also. We started on the 8<sup>th</sup>, with a dinner ride to Pope's Creek to visit our friends at Robertson's, for some delicious (as always) seafood. Then on to Manassas on the 9<sup>th</sup>, for Chapter I's Poker Run and picnic in Locust Shade Park (great ride and quality door prizes). Chapter VA-E's P.R. Day @ Wal-Mart on the 10<sup>th</sup> saw a good turnout of members and their bikes, for what proved to be a "Show and Tell" for numerous visitors to our little "Commune" in the parking lot.

The next weekend found some Chapter "E" members in Kilmarnock, VA at Chapter C's Annual "Fall Sprawl", while other Chapter E members participated in the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation's Annual "RIDE4KIDS" in Columbia, MD., on Sunday, the 17<sup>th</sup>.

The weekend of the 23<sup>rd</sup> was a weekend of "relative" rest. That is to say, all my relatives wanted

us to stay home so they could rest (not worry about us☺)! !

This past weekend featured another "double-header" on Saturday. We attended Chapter A's Poker Run, which started at Manassas Honda, and ended in Locust Shade Park; and we managed to squeeze in a couple hours of the Annual Police Rodeo, held at Fair Lakes Mall in Fairfax, VA. Sunday found us on our October Dinner Ride to L.W. Bogart's near Montross, VA.

Whew! ! ! I'm tired from just typing all that activity ☺, but I'd do it all over again (I think I can, I think I can, I think I can . . . ), any way . . .

Now that October is upon us, we will be losing that valuable commodity – Daylight! Soon, we will turn back the clocks, and prepare for another winter. But the next BIIIGGGG activity is (drum roll, please) . . . RALLY-IN-THE-VALLEY ! ! ! ! I hope everyone intends to attend, even if only for the day on Saturday. This is such a great event! The feedback from people I've met over the Internet is very complimentary about our District Rally. It is considered by many to be one of the best rallies East Of The Mississippi!! (And that's the truth ☺ !)

Sharron is beginning to "pack" as I'm writing this, looks like she plans to stay for TWO weeks!! Well, I've got to do my packing too (lets see ; ; ; toothbrush, socks, underwear, OK, I'm done!!)

SEE Y"ALL AT RALLY-IN-THE-VALLEY ! ! !

'Til then,  
Ride SMART, Ride SAFE, . . .  
but RIDE!!

Dave & Sharron

## Couple of the Year

By Ed & Wanda Hoeferkamp

We traveled a little bit this month, both bike and car, first in the car to attend Wanda's family reunion in Springfield, Mo. Then we spent three days in Branson, Mo. where we saw 5 shows and had a wonderful time. We saw a lot of Wings as this was the weekend of the Ozark jubilee.

We attended our Chapter E gathering where we were happy to announce that Frankie and Deloris Chapman will be the Chapter E C. O. Y. for 2001. They are a gracious and outgoing couple and Chapter E can be proud to have them as Chapter ambassadors. Let's all give them our support. We went to their home to explain the C. O. Y. program and they are great hosts, as all of you who attended the breakfast they hosted last Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> know. We are sure they will enjoy themselves representing Chapter E.

This past weekend we attended Chapter A Yahtzee run along with Dave, Sharron, Dan, Martha Jo, and from there rode to see the Police Rodeo in Fairfax, Va. We were really impressed with the skill of the Police on Harleys, as they rode through the serpentine course set up to test not only the rider ability but the bike also. Try making a 180-degree turn in the length of your bike while not

hitting any cones. We left the rodeo and continued on the to park where Chapter A completed their run for the closing and disbursement of the prizes and money of course. Chapter A and Z came away the big winners.

That evening we went to Mike and Keri Nelson's home and talked about the C. O. Y. competition and formulated our plan for Rally in the Valley. They treated us to a wonderful dinner and later we played dominos. With Alexander, Keri and Mike, you all know by now that Keri was the winner, but Mike says she won because son Alex failed to double her a few times. We had a fun evening. Thanks Mike, Keri, and Alex.

October 1<sup>st</sup> we along with 16 bikes went on a ride and had after noon dinner at Bogart's restaurant, which is approximately 60 miles east of Fredericksburg. A great ride, good weather and all participants had a wonderful time.

SEE YOU ALL IN RITV, HAVE A GREAT TIME.

RIDE SAFE

**Rider Education Report**

By Greg Kestner



**SLIPPERY NEW TIRES**

It may be true of all new motorcycle tires, but it is known by owners of 1100 & 1200 Goldwings that the tire mold release agent is quite slick and reduces traction for the first several miles before it wears off. Perhaps the release agent for the white letters is slicker. Many riders have had there Wings slide-out on exit ramps after installing new tires. Owners of 1500's haven't experienced this problem as often, but it still can happen. I personally haven't noticed a traction problem after installing new tires, but a friend recently told me of how, after a new rear tire installation, he spun his rear tire on his driveway (asphalt with sealer). It spun so easily that he thought his clutch was slipping, then it caught traction, rocketing him towards other parked vehicles. He stopped in time, and quickly realized the cause. He smartly decided to ride around the neighborhood for a while, carefully, to "scrub-in" the tires, wearing-off the release agent. It will partially wash off, but that may not be an option, depending on where the tires are installed. Remember to be careful for several miles when you get that new rubber!

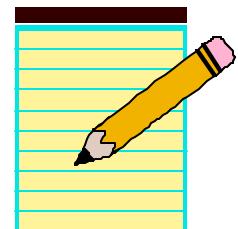
See you on the road,  
Greg and Karen

**Web Page News**



As some of you know by now, the web page is under construction at a new web site. The new site is [www.battlefieldwings.freeservers.com](http://www.battlefieldwings.freeservers.com) New ideas are being thought of and plans are being worked out. Please be patient but still visit the site. Thanks for your support and interest.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



**Oct. 1: SUNDAY** Dinner Ride to L.W. Bogart's, Northern Neck. Meet @ Pit Stop on Rt. 3 @1pm. Leave @1:15. Call Karen to make reservation.

**Oct. 6-8: RALLY IN THE VALLEY.** Fri. dress is Fushia shirts with vests, Sat. dress is Black shirts with fushia ties. Luncheon Sat at 1100 at camp of Lloyd and Mary.

**Oct. 14:** VA-O Hobo Stew  
10am

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Poker Run 9am

**Oct. 15:** VA-E FREE FALL  
FANTASY FUN RUN Curtis  
Park 1<sup>st</sup> Bike out at 10am.

**Oct. 20:** Pot Luck at Ed &  
Wanda's 7 pm

**Oct. 21:** VA-Z Fall Farkle Run  
1<sup>st</sup> Bike out at 9am.

**Oct. 28:** VA-W Halloween  
Party.



### What we did, Where we went, & Who did it.

By: Everyone

**Sept. 4:** Word went out that there was a group gathering at the Frost Diner in Warrenton, for breakfast, pack or purchase a box lunch, and then head out 29-211 to the ever luring Skyline Drive. Weather started out misty and overcast but with a whole day to have fun with friends, who could pass it up. Those who couldn't were: Lloyd & Mary, Dave and Sharron, Dan and Martha Jo, Greg & Karen, and Butch. The final three arrived late at the diner due to other commitments, and commenced to scamper towards the hills, looking for food along the way. We finally heard some familiar voices on the CB as we were nearing the parkway and agreed to muster at the parking lot and re-group. This was Karen's first entry into group riding and Martha Jo's first on a

1200, and Sharron, grinning from ear to ear, had a ball also. In fact, she nearly gathered in the only 4 legged critter of the day. Either Bambi or her mate, decided to check out Sharron's reflexes. Glad to report she did A-Okay! No soiled depends, and the handle bar grips will return to normal size within a month or two. We did encounter a couple of those long slithering critters during the day, but no other signs of wildlife to perk up the fun-seekers. After finding an ideal vacant pull-over, the tail trunks were popped and lunch was consumed on the rock wall. See photos in log-book of trip. After a brief lunch, the group headed homeward but not until stopping at a roadside establishment to fill up on ice cream and sundaes. A typical Goldwinging happening! PapaRotzE...

**Sept. 8:** We headed out by bike and 4 wheelers to Robertson's at Pope's Creek to take in a night of crab and shrimp eating. Those who didn't want seafood enjoyed other items from the menu. Those going were Warren & Debbie, their daughter Jennifer and her friend Hollie (nicknamed the Hat Sisters), Ray & Kathy, Ken & Shari, Greg & Karen, Butch, Nancy and Mary Lynn, and Dave & Sharron. The ride over was great, food was good, and company of course as always was wonderful. You missed a fun evening.

**Sept 9 :** It was a great day as Dave & Sharron and Greg and Karen (the girls were on their bikes) ventured off to Chapter I's Poker Run. We met up with Bob Dorminey who was already there.

The luck was there for us again: the Calahans and Kestners won the 50/50, Sharron won a \$100.00 Gift Certificate to Manassas Honda, Dave won a set of back off lights, and Karen won a battery tender. The food was great, the games were fun and the ride was fantastic. After an enjoyable day, we decided to take a ride to Ashburn, VA and then out to Town and Country for a nice dinner. It was another enjoyable day.

**Sept. 10:** This was another day for Chapter E to get out and show the community our bikes. We had a PR day at Wal Mart and what a turn out we had. Dave & Sharron, Ken & Shari, Greg & Karen, Ray & Kathy, Lloyd, Mary and CoCo, Butch, Nancy & MaryLynn, Ed, Dave Burget, Dan & Martha Jo, Mike & Alex Nelson, and Joe Pittman stopped by. Truck N America was there with an enclosed trailer to haul your motorcycle in. A total of 15 bikes were on display for the community. Several people stopped by looking and asking questions. Thanks to Wal Mart for the use of their parking lot and thanks to Dan Fritz for arranging the day.

After the PR, Ken & Shari, Karen & Greg, Ray & Kathy, Butch, Nancy and MaryLynn headed out for what else?.....dinner!!! We ended up at Applebee's and enjoyed a good dinner and once again good company.

**Sept. 16 :** What a nice day to ride to Fall Sprawl in Kilmarnock, VA. Ken and Shari Mohr and Greg and Karen Kestner left in the morning and met up with the Messners,

Travis', and Renners who camped there. This was a very nice event. We hope to be able to camp there next year. They had a very interesting Scavenger Hunt which was a lot of fun. The stew was delicious and the spaghetti and bread wonderful also. In between lunch and dinner we even got a game of dominoes going. If you haven't been to this, hope you can make it next year. It's very relaxing, fun and a great time to catch up with everyone.

**Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** dawned a chilly 46 degrees F. Quite a difference from this time last week! This morning's ride found several Chapter VA-E members "racing to the sun", in an attempt to soak up a little solar warmth. Although the ride was chilly, the reception at the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation's annual "RIDE 4 KIDS", in Columbia, MD was very warm. These people are some of the "warmest" people you'll ever meet, and with good reason. The PBTFUS "RIDE 4 KIDS" program is put on by motorcyclists, sponsored by the motorcycle industry, and supported by motorcycle riders of all sizes, shapes, and mindsets.

When the Chapter E contingent arrived (Dave & Sharron, Greg & Karen, Butch & Mary Lynn, Dan & Martha Jo, and Jim & Eileen), registration was just getting under way, but there were already several hundred bikes in the Mall parking lot.

Dave, Greg, and Butch were honored with the opportunity to provide a "back seat" for some of the "VIP's". This meant that they got to ride close enough to the

front of the procession to see the police escort bikes, and clear road ahead!

The police-escorted ride took the group of approximately 700+ bikes on a scenic tour of Howard and Montgomery Counties. This is some really beautiful farm country, by the way! The ride was nearly 50 miles, and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The weather was absolutely perfect! Not a cloud was seen in the deep blue sky, all day!

After the ride, there was a presentation program to attend while eating the delicious "bag lunch", lovingly prepared by the family of one of the "recovering" kids, a vibrant red-headed teenager named Christina, who was quoted as saying that she really loved "Rockin' and Ridin' with Dave & Quality Time".

The results announced at the presentation are truly impressive: Total amount collected this year - \$162,030 !! That's \$40,000 more than last year! Our friends from Manassas Honda Riders Club took home "Top Club/Chapter Honors" with a total collected of \$10,760. Manassas Honda received 2<sup>nd</sup> place honors for dealerships.

All in all, this was definitely a day to be remembered. And by the way, we will be doing this again next year. Anyone else interested?

**Sept. 21-23:** This year was my 8<sup>th</sup> year attending the Wings Over the Smokies Rally in North Carolina. As always it is a great rally. However, the years of getting wet and cold have taken the better part of me and so we trailed the bike down. We were

also concerned about the hurricane that was threatening the Florida panhandle and promising lots of rain. Debbie and Warren also trailed their bike ( but that was due to her recent surgery and the weather). The rain held out and we got some great riding in.

Dan & Martha Jo were there also, but we never seemed to cross paths. Congrats once again to Mike and Keri for winning Best Dressed Couple!!! Way to go again!!!

**Sept. 26:** Hot dog roast or bird watching?

You've heard Lloyd say, "Look at the little birdie," just before he clicks the shutter on his favorite camera. But at the hot dog roast on Sept. 26, Lloyd wasn't the one saying anything about little birdies -- they were getting their own attention. Anyone who has been to Dan and Martha Jo's house knows about their dogs and now they have added a couple of birds to their household. While the rest on us were eating hot dogs, green beans and pasta salad, one bird was playing in Marilyn's hair and the other was eyeing Eileen's finger (I don't think he was wanting to get on it, though). It wasn't until after everyone started to leave for the evening that Spock, the African Grey decided to start talking. Instead of saying goodbye, he didn't want to see everyone go so he kept calling, "Come here." Too little, too late, old boy.

And if you have been to Martha Jo and Dan's house, you also know that it is pretty small for 17 people to fit into. But every time it looked like all the chairs were full, Martha Jo was unfolding

another one. Everyone had plenty to eat and someplace to sit while we all shared some good time and good food together (Dan didn't even burn the hot dogs). If you missed it, just ask one of the following people what a good time they had: Dan & Martha Jo, of course; Dave & Sharon; Jim & Eileen; Mike & Carol; Lloyd and Mary; Nancy & Marilyn; Greg, Karen & Alec; and Keri & Alex.

**Sept. 30:** This Saturday morning found Dave & Sharron, Dan & Martha Jo, and Ed & Wanda meeting at the Hardee's on Route 17, to make the trip up to Manassas Honda for Chapter A's "Yahtzee Run". The morning was cool, but everyone found it to be "invigorating"! Upon arrival at the Honda shop, we proceeded to register and "roll the dice".

After a small shopping spree (Sharron remembered to bring the \$100 gift certificate she had @ Chapter I's Poker Run), the group headed for Fair Lakes Mall in Fairfax, VA, to observe the Police Rodeo.

Ken and Shari Mohr were attending in their roles as members of The Blue Knights. Ken was one of the field judges for this fantastic display of riding abilities. You should have seen how some of these people (guys and girls) can ride!! And on Harley Road Kings, no less☺!

The course was laid out so tight, that I don't think a Wing could have done it, even with a really skilled rider. Those cones were so close, that when you stood back, and looked at the whole parking lot, you couldn't tell the course from the obstacles! !

Let me tell you that these LEO's (Law Enforcement Officers) take their riding seriously. The competition was fierce. There were teams from all over the eastern U. S., including Baton Rouge, LA, Cincinnati, OH, Monroeville, PA, Stafford County, NJ, and many more. Our local departments were well represented also, with Fairfax County, Washington DC Metro, U. S. Park Service and others. The toughest competition between departments seemed to be between Baton Rouge and Fairfax. We'll have to check with Ken Mohr to see how it all came out, but I heard that it was still going strong, well after dark!!

We had to depart early, in order to make it down to Locust Shade Park (Quantico) for the picnic at the end of the Chapter A Yahtzee Run. Chapter E came away with several of the game prizes, and several donations for Rally in the Valley door prizes.

A scenic back roads ride to Dan & Martha Jo's followed. While at the Fritz's, Dan revealed his latest "creations" - Table decorations for RIV. I'm sworn to secrecy, but wait 'til you see them, they're terrific!

Dave & Sharron, Dan & Martha Jo, Greg & Karen & Alec (the rider!), and Butch met at M&P Restaurant for dinner, then proceeded to ride to the Carousel in Warrenton for the "traditional" ice cream. Sharron was on her Silver Wing, Karen was on her Shadow, and Alec was riding behind Greg, on the Wing. Way to go, Alec!!

A beautiful day, full of stimulating activities and good company, just goes to show ya, we really are "FRIENDS for FUN, SAFETY, and KNOWLEDGE".



**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Frankie Chapman	12
Dave Calahan	22
Roger Arbogast	26
Milton Hall	27

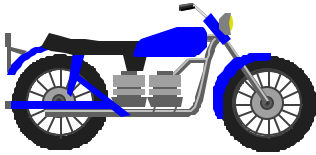
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Dan & Martha Jo Fritz	9
Tom & Kate Powell	12
Malachia & Delphine Johnson	21
Milton & Elizabeth Hall	24



Chapter E is in charge of the door prize table, so start gathering your "good quality" donations. Sign up sheets to help man the door prize table will be available. Because of the intense competition at the "All Chapters Picnic" Chapter E won second choice of seating at Rally in the Valley. Don't forget the Luncheon Sat @11. Friday night

dress is Fuchia shirts and vests.  
Sat. night dinner dress is black shirts with fuchia ties.



### FOR SALE

1998 Honda Shadow 750ACE  
3,300 mi, CB, AM/FM, passenger backrest, windshield, passing lights. \$6,000 obo. Contact Mike or Keri 540-720-6021, or e-mail at [wingvae@sprintmail.com](mailto:wingvae@sprintmail.com)

1995 Goldwing, 75K, garage kept, over \$3000 in accessories, new brakes and all fluids changed, \$11,999. Call Ray @371-9296 or e-mail at [joflute@aol.com](mailto:joflute@aol.com).

1995 Yamaha Virago, red & white with soft side saddle bags and back rest roll bag. 16K, \$3,895 OBO Call Martha Jo Fritz @ 540-286-1142

1988 GoldWing 1500 Beige; 58,000 miles; good condition; some extras , \$7,000  
Call Gary Wall at 757-766-3391

Ron & Marie Tominich have a 1998 Gold Wing Aspencade for sale Black with 2400 Miles \$13,500 firm  
Their number 757-838 1958  
Pager 346-0971

For Sale - 1995 Yamaha Virago 750, Red & White, 4,000 miles.

Comes with windshield and some extra chrome. Asking \$3,500  
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8:30 AM-4:30PM

Once again I would like to attempt to e-mail the newsletter. This would be done in .pdf format and would be able to be read using the Acrobat Reader. This can be downloaded FREE from the District Web page. A survey will be circulated at the meeting to see who might be interested in this. Please respond to this survey. It would stop the problems with not receiving it in the mail as so often happens.

**If anyone could make a crock pot of their favorite Chili and bring it to the Free Fall Fantasy Fun Run on October 15<sup>th</sup> please let Karen know. We need to have some chili and it would help if we had more than one type.**

**If chili is not your dish, how about making a desert to share with everyone????!!**

**Chapter E would like to congratulate Frankie & Deloris Chapman on being selected our "2001 Chapter Couple"**