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Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge
Chapter NC-D Greenville, N.C.

We meet the first Thursday night of each month at:
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Happy
Thanksgiving

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!

Where has it gone? The years get faster and faster before you turn around it's Christmas time again. Almost all chapters has cancelled their December meeting due to the time frame that the members have. If you plan to go somewhere please call ahead.

Now is party time, O'Berry time and time with the family. We hope that everyone will have a great Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

We had a great November meeting and I'm always trying to do something different at each meeting. Everyone liked the way we greeted our visitors, it was different. I look for things at other meetings so if anyone has new idea please share.

Things are going to get very busy from now until the end of the year. We cancelled our December meeting due our Christmas party and the O'Berry Center. Three days straight is a little much for some of our older members. (me for 1) Things have been set for our Christmas party, the women has it all planned out.

Something will be different this year at the O'Berry Center, I have heard that they will be a special visitor there. We hope that all of you will decide to ride to the O'Berry Center it is a true blessing. Our group gets smaller each year this is one of those rides you can do on 2,3 or 4 wheels. We are getting up in years but we can still try to get together once in awhile. Our friendship is there. Let's not let things fade away, be active in one way or another. We can still do things we once did maybe not as fast. Picking the right time seems to be the problem, it's either too hot to cold or we have something else already planned. The few rides we have had brings up old memories we have had some really good times.

As you have already heard there will be new Chief's (DD) next year. Glenn and Joy will be stepping up and Roy and Cindy is taking a break for awhile. Roy and Cindy had done an outstand job for GWRRA. So we know there will be some changes coming our way.

Glenn & Joy have already had their meeting with their staff and WOS was talked about. How to top last year theme is the question.

Seems like this time of the year we reflect back on things and people that came and left footprints in our hearts. I would like to share the list of members of Chapter D that left big footprints in the heart of the chapter. Alice & I were lucky enough to have known them all. Hope I haven't forgotten anyone. If I have please let me know

George Manning	Merl Vernon	Shirley Kilby	Horace Wainwright	Tommy Fisher	Marvin Whaley
Harry Register	Wilma Swisher	Bob Swisher	Barbara Williams	Frank Price	Lillian Price
Frank Qualliotine	Cecil Morgan	Kincy Reel	Wayne Cliff	Joyce Spain	Jack Heath
Betsy Varnell	Alice Hardison	Billy Baker	Linda Baker	P.D. Varnell	Jean Fisher
Dalton Wainwright	Lou Wainwright	Butch Denton	H.C. Kinsaul	Alice Hardison	S.G. Williams
Sam Smith	Barbara Ellis	Thurston James		Billy Joyner	

Big O Qualliotine (Not sure if we ever knew his birth name) They all are greatly missed

As always help someone when you can—Bobby

Did you Know?

Folic acid cuts colon cancer risk. Long-term use of a multivitamin containing folic acid, a B-complex vitamin, may reduce the risk of colon cancer according to a 14-year study of 90,000 women by Harvard Medical School. The protection the women received from taking the vitamin increased with duration of use. Those who took it for 5 years had a 20% reduction in risk of the cancer, those who took it for 15 years had a 75% risk reduction.



Greetings from your ACD'S – COY

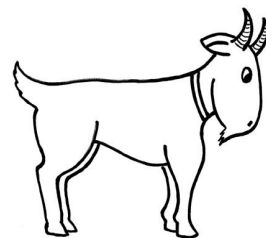
This year is winding down but we're still in "Fast Forward": Pumpkin Day (Halloween) has come and gone and Turkey Day (Thanksgiving) is upon us. Ho! Ho! Ho! is next and not that far away. Why couldn't Christmas have come this often when we were young?? I'm thankful now that it didn't because I'd be about 200 years old.

Not much going on in the Wilson family at the present. We have been to the mountains five times since the last week of September. The last time was the first week of November and the leaves were the prettiest that trip. One of those trips was to watch our grandson play travel ball in Asheville. Our daughter booked the trip and we were all excited to be staying at a working goat farm. This was the first time Colleen (our daughter) had booked with Airbnb and she was pleased to have found such a unique place to stay. Well, we arrived in Asheville around 9:30 on Friday night and were riding in circles trying to find the driveway to our destination. She finally had to call the people to get clearer directions and found that we had passed the hidden driveway several times. We turned around and drove right to the location and waited for someone to unlock the gate. We looked down the drive and a heavily bearded man wearing a long red knit shirt that resembled long red drawers with a flap, walking down the lane. **THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN OUR SIGN!!!** He unlocked the gate and we drove through and up a very rocky and rutted lane to the house. The house was up a hill with a flight of steps that had no railing and our son-in-law warned us that the first step was wobbly so we needed to step carefully. When we reached the porch, there was a dog pen with two large dogs barking and growling ferociously and trying to get their heads through the wire which made us think they really did not like us. We then walked into the house and on the sofa to the right was a very large pit bull stretched out and asleep on the sofa. In front of us was a mattress on the floor which we later found out why that was there. The wife came and introduced herself to us and led us to the rooms we would be using. We did not know it then, but Wes (our son-in-law) had turned around and walked back to the car as soon as he had entered the house. The entrance to our rooms was a swinging **saloon door which was about 3 feet off the floor** (that is significant as you'll learn shortly). The lady then took us to the kitchen and showed us where everything was, which was easy to see since the cabinets had no doors and nothing to keep all the dog hair off the dishes. When she cut on the light, we saw she had a black eye and bruises on her face. We did not comment but she immediately said, "he did not do this"!! What do you think we took from that statement!? Our granddaughter then asked about the goats and she opened the dining room door and **LO AN BEHOLD**, there was the cutest bearded billy goat. She then told us that after we were in bed, those (vicious dogs, we thought) came in and slept in the living room.(remember the door to our rooms) At that time we realized Wes was not with us so we started looking for him and found that he was in the car calling motels! Colleen went out to talk to him and he said "Not No, but Hell No, I'm not staying here!!" Colleen came back and we all (except Wes) went into the bedroom and she asked her daddy what she should do. He told her he would go with her to tell the couple that we were not staying, so in they went. The man told Colleen it was a working goat farm and not the Ritz, but that gave us no comfort and we did not feel it was a safe place to stay. The lady told Colleen that she could not give her a refund since we did not give her 24 hours' notice and Colleen told her that was fine, she didn't want a refund! Finally, we left and joined Wes in the car and went to the motel he had found online. I know it is not nearly as funny for you to read this as it was for it to happen to us, but I wish we could have videoed the reactions we all had throughout the entire adventure.

This has certainly not been the summer for wonderful, relaxing vacations but it sure has been a memorable one!! Who would like to go on vacation with us next year??

I guess we'll be staying around home for a while now because I think winter (32° at 11am) has arrived. The next event for Chapter D is our Christmas party on December 6th and O'Berry the next day. We hope to see a lot of you at both events. Alice is "so kind" to not "MAKE US" do a newsletter in December so this one is IT for this year. Ronnie and I have had a good time this year being the COY of Chapter D visiting other Chapters and having them visit us is the best part. The friendly competition for the plaque is fun also. We look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces in the future. Hug a child or and Old person every chance you get. There's not that much difference. Everyone appreciates a good hug' even Evelyn!!!

Gerald and Ronnie, ACD's, COY





Preacher Cliff is having a birthday on Dec 1st



Turkey Word Search Puzzle

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TAKE to Christmas Party
 and give to Ronnie

You can't make this stuff up, and it's interesting.

Do you like to read a good murder mystery? Not even Law and Order would attempt to capture this mess. This is an unbelievable twist of fate! At the 1994 annual awards dinner given for Forensic Science (AAFS), President, Dr. Don Harper Mills astounded his audience with the legal complications of a bizarre death.

Here is the story:

On March 23, 1994, the medical examiner viewed the body of Ronald Opus, and concluded that he died from a shotgun wound to the head.

Mr. Opus had jumped from the top of a ten-story building intending to commit suicide. He left a note to the effect indicating his despondency. As he fell past the ninth floor, his life was interrupted by a shotgun blast passing through a window, which killed him instantly. Neither the shooter nor the deceased was aware that a safety net had been installed just below the eighth floor level to protect some building workers, and that Ronald Opus would not have been able to complete his suicide the way he had planned.

The room on the ninth floor from which the shotgun blast emanated, was occupied by an elderly man and his wife. They were arguing vigorously and he was threatening her with a shotgun! The man was so upset that when he pulled the trigger, he completely missed his wife, and the pellets went through the window, striking Mr. Opus.

When one intends to kill subject 'A' but kills subject 'B' in the attempt, one is guilty of the murder of subject 'B.'

When confronted with the murder charge, the old man and his wife were both adamant, and both said that they thought the shotgun was not loaded. The old man said it was a long-standing habit to threaten his wife with the unloaded shotgun. He had no intention to murder her. Therefore the killing of Mr. Opus appeared to be an accident; that is, assuming the gun had been accidentally loaded.

The continuing investigation turned up a witness who saw the old couple's son loading the shotgun about six weeks prior to the fatal accident. It transpired that the old lady had cut off her son's financial support and the son, knowing the propensity of his father to use the shotgun threateningly, loaded the gun with the expectation that his father would shoot his mother.

Since the loader of the gun was aware of this, he was guilty of the murder even though he didn't actually pull the trigger. The case now becomes one of murder on the part of the son for the death of Ronald Opus.

Now comes the exquisite twist...

Further investigation revealed that the son was, in fact, Ronald Opus. He had become increasingly despondent over the failure of his attempt to engineer his mother's murder. This led him to jump off the ten-story building on March 23rd, only to be killed by a shotgun blast passing through the ninth story window. The son, Ronald Opus, had actually murdered himself. So the medical examiner closed the case as a suicide.

A true story from Associated Press.

Pharmacist to customer: "Sir, please understand, to buy an anti-depression pill you need a proper prescription ...
Simply showing marriage certificate and wife's picture is not enough !

Bookseller conducting a market survey asked a woman – "Which book has helped you most in your life?"
The woman replied, "My husband's check book!!"

A prospective husband in a book store "Do you have a book called 'Husband – the Master of the House?'"
Sales girl: "Sir, fiction and comics are on the 1st floor!"

Someone asked an old man: "Even after 70 years, you still call your wife – darling, honey, luv. What's the secret?" Old man: "I forgot her name and I'm scared to ask her."

COOL MESSAGE BY A WIFE: Dear Mother-in-law, Don't teach me how to handle my children. I am living with one of yours and he needs a lot of improvement!?

When a married man says, I WILL THINK ABOUT IT - what he really means is that he doesn't know his wife's opinion yet.

Thanks Gene for this page

Reminders and Updates:

- ☺ No meeting in December
- ☺ Christmas Party on the 6th of December at the same place as in the past few years. Please bring a flashlight with you due to the fact it can have some dark spots around the barn. All the food and drinks will be provided but if you would like to bring a dessert that would fine, I think there will be a banana pudding there. We will be eating at 6:30.

Also we will be doing the food drive for the Ronald McDonald House. This is a small list that they had on their wish list.

- Individual Snacks, Chips, • Pudding/Fruit Cups, • Canned Frosting, • Easy Noodle Soups
- Coffee Creamer, • Napkins, • Iced Tea Bags, • Paper Plates/Bowls, • Canned Chicken
- Canned Pasta, • Brownie, Cake & Muffin Mix, • Pop Tarts, • Easy Mac, • Aluminum Foil
- Sugar, • Toilet Bowl Cleaner, • Laundry Stain Remover, • Paper Towels, • Bleach
- Gas Cards. • New Toys, Bathroom tissue, I'm sure they can use anything we can give.

Of course, the following day we will going to O'Berry Center, which is always a blessings. Hope we have a good group going. The chapter did good with our fund raiser this year so I'm sure our donation will be greatly appreciated.

Since we're not having a meeting there is a puzzle in this newsletter and there will be a drawing for it bring and give it to Ronnie or Gerald at the Christmas party.

Also, we will have our normal Guessing basket at the party, it is all Christmas items in it. Out side of these two things there will not be any chapter stuff. We are going to enjoy each other and have a good time.

Our tree at the party, everyone please bring something that you have made and hang of the tree, doesn't have fancy. Homemade even it's just a pc of paper and you draw a Christmas tree on it



I was getting out my Christmas stuff today and this is the one piece that is always on my tree, As far back as I can remember it was always on our tree when I was a child. It brings lots of good memories back to be. I know it's 60 years or older. Growing up sometimes we would have a cedar tree or a pine tree, there was always lots of homemade candy around the tree. Mama was the candy maker in the neighborhood, It would be great to have a pc of pull candy today.

Just sharing - Alice

December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Preacher Cliff	2	3	4	5 No Meeting	6 Christmas Party	7 O'Berry Center
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