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NC District

Chapter NC-C2

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“The Wingin’ News”

Meetings held at PARKSIDE CAFÉ in Pine Level the 1st Tuesday of each month: It is Located on Hwy 70 ALT East, I-95 Exit 97, 2 miles on the right past the Robbins Nest Restaurant. We eat at 6:30 and meet at 7:30 PM.

FRIENDS for FUN, SAFETY, and KNOWLEDGE

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!



Chapter Team Leader: Frankie Medlin

WOW!! What else can I say? We have all been working hard to make sure we got the word out and got everything done to make 2014 Chili Cook-off the best it could be. We did it, it was a HUGE SUCCESS. We had 251 visitors to come to be with us and enjoy the beautiful day. The weather was great; many of our visitors were able to ride their bikes. One of our visitors had a little mishap as he turned into our parking lot, but thankfully he wasn't really hurt. When I asked him yesterday how he was, he answered that only his pride was injured. Twenty-seven of the thirty-four North Carolina chapters were represented at this year's Chili Cook-off. NC-C, Charlotte Chapter was recognized for visiting the Chili Cook-off for the first time this year. VA Chapter J and VA Chapter C were welcomed for coming from out of state for the first time, also. We certainly hope this is the first year of many years for all three of them. NC-D2 New Bern with 27 present, NC-K2 Fayetteville with 16 present, NC-H2 Durham with 13 present, NC-T2 Albemarle with 13 present, NC-G High Point with 12 present and NC-U2 Laurinburg with 12 present had record attendance. We want to thank all of you in all of the chapters for coming to have fun with us and for all your support.

This year's Chili Cook-off had thirty-eight chili entries from fourteen different NC chapters and one entry from Virginia. Congratulations to Todd Meadows from NC-D2 New Bern for winning FIRST PLACE, to Jennifer Jones from NC-X2 Wilkesboro for winning SECOND PLACE and to Mike Humphries from NC-P2 Forest City for winning THIRD PLACE. A special THANK YOU to Mike Humphries for putting up the \$50 bounty that perhaps increased participation in the contest. Thanks to Mike Parrish, Clinton Bradner, John Roberson and Sue Guy for doing such a great job as judges for our contest. Our four judges found it very difficult to do all the taste testing for thirty-eight pots of chili. They were given a paper with 38 numbers and were asked to taste each pot and put a number from 1-20 (20 being the best chili ever). After all the judging was done, judges' sheets were tallied and the three #s with the highest scores were matched with the names from the registration list.

Thanks to twenty-six faithful C2 members for all your preparations, donations, endless hours of work and for showing up and working so hard all day Saturday to make 2014 Chili Cook-off A HUGE SUCCESS. It was a real pleasure for me to stand up and represent all of you and to say the many thanks to all of those that came from so far away to enjoy the fun day with us. I must be the luckiest Chapter Team Leader around to have such a great chapter to support me and to work so hard making all this happen and happen so well. It was a great day, a fun day and a very rewarding day, even though we were all very tired at the end of it, it was a good tired.

Now, all we have to do is to make sure all of our fellow chapters know how much we appreciate them coming to share the day with us. Some of us plan to continue to visit our fellow chapters and will certainly tell them as we visit how much we appreciate their friendship and support. Come and visit with us.

C2 was represented yesterday by five of us as we visited NC-K2 Fayetteville for their February gathering. It was a beautiful day and we so enjoyed riding our bikes. We may have a few more cold days left, but the beginning of our 2014 riding season is peeping through. Let's ride anytime we can, but remember to ride safe. Do your TCLOC inspections and watch all vehicles around you as you ride. Call a friend and see if they can ride, too.

Let's continue to invite others that have an interest in motorcycle riding and motorcycle safety to come ride with us. Be sure to tell them about our monthly gathering at Parkside Café and give them directions on how to get there. Another way to get them to visit is to invite them to come be with us at Wendy's on Friday nights. Wendy's Night seems to still be a fun event and something many of us look forward to. They even sent Chili to our Chili Cook-off. Come and join us in the fun at Wendy's on Friday nights, we really enjoy socializing, playing marbles and dominos.

Many of our C2 members have gotten their registrations in for Wings Over the Smokies for September 2014 and have also made their registrations for their lodging. Please let me know if you will need lodging at Great Smokies Inn by our March 4th Gathering. I will be calling Great Smokies Inn to confirm our reservations and the price of our reservations and will make sure they still have rooms for any of you that do not have room reservations, yet. It seems that prices are very varied at some of the motels, so you will probably want to check the prices of your room as September draws closer. I was told by one of the motels that as time got closer, we might even want to cancel our reservation and remake it, if we wanted better prices. We have blocked a group of rooms at the Great Smokies Inn for your convenience (it is next door and one of the four within walking distance to the Acquoni Exposition Center). If you haven't reserved your room, please go ahead and call now so we can release the rooms that we will not need for our group. You can cancel your room later, if you do not need it. To reserve your room, call 828-497-2020 and ask for a room blocked by Frankie Medlin, C-2 Chapter. Tell them what kind of room you need. Our room rates are \$64.99 (Thursday) and \$74.99 (Friday-Saturday). That's a reduction in what they quoted us in the beginning.

We are still trying to complete our staff, so if you have not agreed to take a position on our staff, we need you. The more different people we have on our staff, the stronger our chapter will be. If you have not volunteered to plan a ride or event, come on and plan one. The more different people who have input into the planning for the year, the more exciting our year will be. The more active you are in our chapter, the more you will enjoy being part of it. Use your talent or ability to make our chapter more enjoyable for you and everyone else. Check our March and April calendar often for rides, events and visits, we have planned. Keep your email checked for addition rides, visiting and things that come up

during the month. If you have something you would like for us to do, just call me. We will put it out there and probably some of our group will want to join you.

Our ride pot for January and February will be given away at our March gathering, be sure you have given your \$1 to Shari Langley for any January or February rides you have been on by March 4th. Shari will need to get the tickets done ahead of time.

Be sure to be at our March gathering, we will go over anything new we have learned to share with all of you.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all our members for all the dedication and commitment you continue to give. You came through with pots and pots of chili, with lots and lots of baked goods and the donations for the door prizes and the special gifts table were the best. I will never be able to say Thank you enough!!!!!! For our newest members, we need your new ideas and energy to regenerate our seasoned members. This is a cycle that needs to be continually fueled. I know I continue to say it, but it continues to be TRUE.

Call me or text me at 919-632-2314 or email me at fmedlin@yahoo.com with any ideas that you would like for us to try.
Let's ride for FUN, FRIENDS and SAFETY.....RIDE SAFE!!

Frankie Medlin, Your C-2 Team Leader

From your Assistant Chapter Director,
Tom Tipton



As anticipated our yearly fundraiser (the CHILI COOK OFF) was a great success!!!!!!

We have been traveling the GWRRA chapters of the Great State of North Carolina, along with all of the States in our Region to insure this. The travels

have been rewarding to say the least not to mention all of the advertising we have done to help our hopes to turn into a reality that the **CHILI COOK OFF** would be a success.

Thanks to **ALL** that worked so hard to make this year's **CHILI COOK OFF** to be such a successful event for N.C. C-2. With all the endless hours our **TEAM LEADER, TEAM MEMBERS** have spent there was no way this event would fail!!! Linda and I would like to thank everyone personally that worked so hard and advertised so much and helped us two so much to feel we were an intricate part of this successful **EVENT** for C-2.

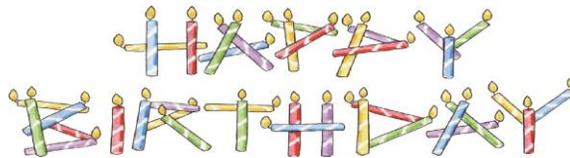
THANKS EVERYONE!

When asked by many other members of GWRRA across this state, how does C-2 get the members to visit so much. My answer is always the same, "It starts at the top and funnels down". Our leadership, our membership has always proved that C-2 is willing to travel for the betterment of our chapter. Our past CD's (Team Leaders) have never turned down a chance to travel this Great State for our chapter. I am proud of our current CD (Team Leader), our Chapter Couple, the many other members for carrying out our chapters traveling tradition. C-2's members, some are able to visit more than others but we all as chapter members understand that traveling and plaque chasing is rewarding to C-2. We as chapter members see, first hand that the visitation we receive to recapture the plaques brings with it funds to operate, and the many new friends and future extended family members we have an opportunity to make.

Tom Tipton
ACD



R.J. and Jan McLamb March 6th



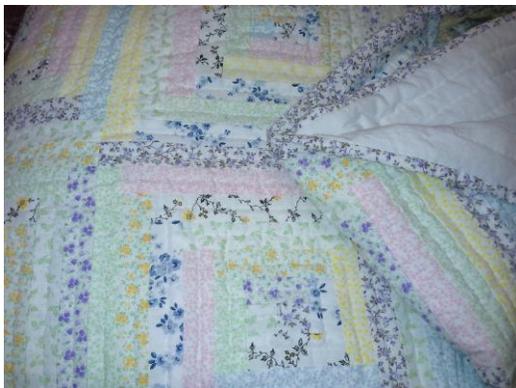
Charles Langley March 18th
Frankie Medlin March 27th

FROM YOUR CHAPTER COUPLE: CHARLES AND SUE LANGLEY



Hello everyone

On a trip to Cherokee Charles bought this beautiful quilt. It is handmade and brings back memories of my childhood. The work that this lady did is almost a lost art. So happy to have this!



While at Cherokee we looked at the site for Wings Over the Smokies 2014. It is a nice area. Jim and Linda Hairr have traveled with us when possible and we have had a super duper good time.

Reckon you think we have been so busy that we haven't had any fun.....NOT SO!!!! We started on a fast pace visiting other chapters and haven't stopped. Only the snow stopped us for a few days. And what a beautiful snow it was in our area. Our daughter Amy made enough snow cream to last until the heat of July! We sampled some and it was delicious!

One of the most important pictures I left out of last month's newsletter is featuring our new ACD Tom Tipton and his mom. Thanks to Mama Tipton we are blessed with Tom and Linda being a burst of spirit to our chapter. Thank you Mama Tipton!!!!



Second, as Charles and Sue, let us say thank you for your prayers and support for Charles. So far all the test have been negative and we are very grateful to our Lord. More tests are to follow so please continue to pray.

Until we meet again, smile a lot and someone will know that you are having fun!

We love you,

Charles and Sue





Friends For Fun, Safety & Knowledge

This is the time of the year I keep a cleared path to the Gold Wings just incase we have a sunshine day. If the weatherman says “warm and sunny”, I am out to check air pressure, warm up the engine and I hope the weatherman is right for once. If the weather is a go, I check the shock pressure and do the rest of my inspection. This will not take long; I look it over with regularity before and after my ride. If you put on new tires at the end of last year’s riding season or first thing after the winter rest, please be careful those first 200 or 300 miles. The cold roads, new tires and road debris can change your traction. I did hear a member say he runs his tires 5 to 7 lbs low in cold weather. The explanation that I got, I will not repeat. The engineer’s from the motorcycle manufacture’s and the tire manufactures spend a lot of time and money to give the proper air pressure in the tires. This will ensure the motorcycle perform and handle as it was designed, in all weather conditions. When bad conditions exist such as cold or wet, we have learned thru the Rider Education Program to adjust our **riding** accordingly.

LEVELS I, II, III, & IV

Don’t forget to keep a check on your levels. To keep them up to date, also to plan to update your levels at Wings Over The Smokies during all the classes they offer. Be sure to register soon & take the classes.

Ride Smart & Be Safe!
Charles Langley
C-2 Chapter Educator



EAT, MEET and GREET

The February gathering of NC-C2 Smithfield was held at the Moose Lodge in Smithfield on February 22, 2014. Before the gathering started, all Chapter Directors were invited to tell about their chapter's gathering and events.

Frankie Medlin, Chapter Director, began the gathering by introducing all NC-C2 chapter members. Also, Jerry Jones, Manager of the Moose Lodge was introduced.

The Region N Plaque was won by NC-P2 Forest City. The distance from Forest City to Smithfield was 224 miles. Forest City also had 5 people present which was required to win the plaque.

The Tarheel Traveler Plaque was also won by NC-P2 Forest City.

The Couple of the Year Plaque was won by Tom Scully of NC-E Cary. Tom also won the drawing for the \$25.00 gift certificate.

A Special Door Prize was awarded to NC-M2 Hendersonville by George Huttman, District Educator.

Rider Educators gave a talk about curves. The Educator count for their records was 277.

Susan and Bobby Womack, ADD East, presented Frankie with her Chapter Belt Buckle. A belt buckle was also awarded to Frankie in honor of Ronald Barbour.

1st Place Winner of Chili Cook-Off
2nd Place Winner of Chili Cook-Off
3rd Place Winner of Chili Cook-Off

Todd Meadows – NC-D2 New Bern
Jennifer Jones – NC-X2 Wilkesboro
Mike Humphrey – NC-P2 Forest City

NC-C2 had 7 \$100.00 drawings

\$100.00	Shannon Douglas	Charlotte NC-C
\$100.00	Ronnie Edwards	Wake Forest NC-X
\$100.00	Todd Meadows	New Bern NC-D2
\$100.00	John Floyd	Newport News Virginia C
\$100.00	Keith Partee	Forest City NC-P2
\$100.00	Paul Johnson	Mooresville NC-L2
\$100.00	Bernadette Snyder	Garner NC-F2

Reporter
Linda Hairr



Special Announcements:

.Bring your copy of your March Newsletter with you to our March gathering so you can make notes on your calendar for special events or rides for March and April.

Friday nights – Game night at Wendy's in Selma (Come play marbles or any other game.)

Thursday night, March 6th – The Information Dinner for the 40 to Phoenix Ride will be held at Carolina Barbecue in Wilmington. If you think you might be interested in riding part of the way with the group or just to get information so you can plan to ride on the ride next year, you might want to go to the information dinner. Ronald and I went to the dinner for the last three years and even rode a leg of the ride one year. You do not have to ride entire ride, you can ride any part of it that you want to and drop off at any point. The group leaves Wrightsville Beach Friday morning, March 7th.

Saturday, March 15th – NC-H2 Durham Annual Swap Meet (9AM-12 noon - lunch at 12, meeting at 1 PM) Pre-registrations must be in by March 3rd. See flyer on NC District Web Site at Events Calendar. Let's plan a ride to go together.

Florida Rally – Thursday – Saturday (20-22)

April 5th – NC-Y2 Monroe Open House: Let's plan a ride to go.

April 24-26 – TN District Rally: This is usually a very good rally. Let me know if you would like to go for a day or two.

April 26 – NC-F2 Garner – Chicken Wing Ding at Team Power Sports



MARCH						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 F Jacksonville 3	3	4 C2 Smithfield 730	5	6 D Greenville 730 G High Point 730 V Statesville 7:30 40 to Phoenix Info Dinner	7 Game night at Wendy's 40 to Phoenix Ride	8 L2 Mooresville 10 X2 Wilkesboro 2 U2 Laurinburg 6
9	10 C Charlotte 730 X Wake Forest 730	11 B2 Winston Salem 730 (chg Mayflower Rest) P2 Forest City 730 Z Rocky Mount 730	12	13 A Greensboro 730 T2 Albemarle 730	14 Game night at Wendy's	15 S2 Sanford 11 M2 Hendersonville 9 Q Wilmington 6 Swap Meet NC-H2@ Mebane Arts Center
16 O2 Hickory 8	17 D2 New Bern 730 W Eden 730	18 E Cary 730 L Gastonia 7 M Salisbury 7	19	20 F2 Garner 730 H2 Durham 730 E2 Elizabeth City FLORIDA DISTRICT	21 Game night at Wendy's	22 I Asheville 10 Y Morganton 7 S2 Sanford 11C CONVENTION 20-22
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