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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.

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From your Chapter Team
Leader, Frankie Medlin
(1/2 of a great team)



Here we are, getting ready to start the second half of the year, 2013. Do you ever feel like you are walking with only one leg? Well, that's kinda the way I feel as I plan for the next half of the year. Even though Ronald talked to me a lot about what he wanted to accomplish this year as Chapter Team Leader, I sometimes feel that I just don't have the ump to make all of it happen. I feel like I am walking with only one leg. I keep going over in my head all of his thoughts and wishes for the chapter. I know with all of the support that I have gotten and continue to get from C-2 members, it will all come together. I don't have to make it all happen; all I have to do is lead the way for all of you to make it happen.

It still doesn't seem real that Ronald has left us and is riding his Golden Wing on a Higher Plane. It has been over a month now. Some people never leave us, their spirit and zest for life has a way of implanting its self in us for the rest of our lives. Ronald seemed to have that affect on many of us, so let's allow that spirit and zest for life to keep us going.

If you haven't already done so, please continue to pray for his daughter, son and their families. They continue, just as we do, to miss him terribly. You can send them a card or note to: The Ronald Barbour Family, 2420 NC Hwy 42 West, Clayton, NC 27520.

Since our last newsletter, several of us from C-2 went to The Second Annual Hillbilly Hoedown. They honored Ronald and I with a hand carved Hillbilly for traveling around the state and promoting their great event. We enjoyed it so much last year, that we told everyone everywhere we went how beautiful the park was and what a great event it was. This year's Hillbilly Hoedown seemed like it had three or four times as many campers and the park was even more beautiful. If you didn't go this year, you will definitely want to put it on your calendar for next year. Watch out for the dates for next year's event.



C-2 had five prospective members visiting at our June gathering. Be sure you make them feel apart of us and encourage them to jump right in and ride and travel with us.

Another very important event that Ronald and I have done for the last three years is to volunteer at an adult handicap camp for a week in June. I did go and volunteer this year. We had 108 campers and most of them have been coming each year, so they came looking for Ronald. When they were told that he had passed away, they were very sad. At one of the devotionals, a candle was lit for him as a memorial moment.

Traveling has slowed down some, but we have been able to collect 34 of the 36 yellow visitation cards for NC Chapters. We need to plan a trip to visit Winston Salem and Hendersonville, so let me know if any of you would like to get in on that visit. A perfect time to visit Winston Salem would be to go to their Care Bear Ride on July 20. Let me know if you can go with us. Charles and Sue have had their bike down for a couple of weeks, but it is back together and they are out riding it again. We were glad they were able to ride it all the way home from Hillbilly Hoedown, even if it did have a noise.

C-2 had a good showing with eleven at the Garner gathering tonight. Charles and Sue carried the Eastern Couples' Plaque to give it away, but since there weren't any Eastern Couples there to capture it, they will be taking it to Wake Forest for the Birthday Party on Saturday. It was really good to have Tom and Linda Tipton travel to Garner with us for the gathering. Our ride pot for June and July should be quite healthy, since we will have two months to ride and travel and put our \$1 into it. If you travel with two or more of our members to any designated location, be sure to give your \$1 to Shari Langley for the Ride Pot.

We look forward to going to Wake Forest this Saturday to help Chapter X celebrate their 5th Birthday with a party. Then we will travel to K2 Fayetteville Sunday right after church to try to capture the Eastern Travelers Plaque. Then on July 11th, we will travel to Greensboro to try to capture the Tarheel Traveler's Plaque. Plan to ride along with us. If there are any other events or chapters that you would like to visit, just give me a holler, we will make a ride of it.

And don't forget, if you can travel to Greenville, SC for Wing Ding 35...plan on doing so. Wing Ding isn't always so close by, so take advantage of it and go this year. Several of our members have already made reservations to go. If you haven't and would like to, we'll share information with you so you can join us.

Speaking of Conventions.....don't forget our own "Wings Over NC" at Cabarrus Convention Center near Concord, NC. That's in September. You can go on line and get registration forms or I have some that I would love to get to you. Some of us are planning to camp and some will be staying in motels. If you haven't made reservations and don't want to camp, contact Jim and Linda Hairr to find out where they are staying.

At Wings Over NC, there will be a Chapter Challenge again this year. We will need teams of five people to represent our chapter to compete in the different events. I will tell you more about the events as I hear about them. There will be a Chapter Feud (like Family Feud) on Friday night. We will need members of our chapter to be on our C-2 Chapter Feud team. Let me know if you would like to be on any of these teams. We will have a tent set up where we are camping for C-2 members to gather. Plan to gather with us to snack and play games. We might even play some marbles.

We still have tickets for the \$5,000 drawing at Wings Over NC that we need to sell. Please check out tickets and help sell them. This helps to pay us for working at Wings Over NC.

If you did not give me your shirt size at the June meeting and you are planning to go and work, I need it, so email me as soon as you get this newsletter and get it to me. Remember, if you work, you get a free Wings Over NC shirt. The chapter will be paying for each person's shirt that will be working Registration with us. Your choices of shirts

are short sleeve t-shirts in white or safety green or golf style shirts in white or safety green. Sizes of shirts are Small to 4XL. Let me know size, color and style shirts you would like. If you want a shirt, but will not be able to -work, you will need to plan to pay Jim Hairy for your shirt (\$10 for t-shirts and \$12.50 for golf style shirts).

Plan to be with us at our August gathering on Tuesday, August 7, at Parkside Restaurant. Be sure to give any of our visitors a big welcome and make them feel at home. C-2 Rider Educator and Ride Coordinator, Sammy and Shari Langley will be announcing our ride pot for June and July. It should be a good size one, so make sure you ride with us and get your \$1 in it so you will have a chance to win it.

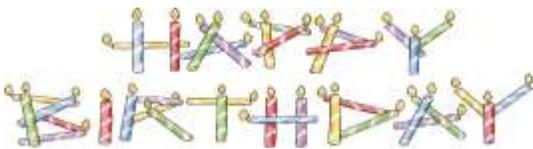
There are lots of events for us to enjoy in July, August, September and October. Pay close attention to July and August Calendar for upcoming events that you might be interested in attending. Contact some of our members and plan to go as a group. Make a ride of it.

The last Convention of the Year is "Rally in the Valley" at Salem, VA, October 10-12. Region N events also happen at this rally as well as some really good riding is to be done there. Talk to some of us about planning to go along with us to this great rally. There is camping on site and motels close by the Salem Civic Center, where the rally is held. We also have some Region N tickets to sell for the fund- raiser for Region N. Help us sell them and at the same time make money for our chapter.

I really appreciate all the dedication, hard work and commitment each one of you continues to give to C-2. I need your support more than you will ever know.

Travel, ride, and enjoy the ride.....
Let's ride for FUN, FRIENDS and SAFETY.....RIDE SAFE!!

Frankie Medlin
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Mike Thomas 7/4



Steve and Hope Jackson 7/30

C-2's 2013
CHAPTER COUPLE
Charles and Sue
Langley



Have we had tons of fun since our last letter! Hill Billy Hoedown was the greatest time of fellowship we have been a part of in a while. We played marbles! Or should I say we learned some more details about the marble game. We stayed out late at the campground to listen to stories and tell stories. Some people had tents, campers, RVs , and even big coach rides, but Charles and I camped at Comfort Inn along with a few other wingers.... .

So we could not stay out all night! That is against Mama's rules anyway. She always told me that I can not hoot with the owls and fly with the eagles!!!! So I always choose to fly with the eagles!!!! On Saturday morning we returned to the campground. We met lots of new friends and found one that I had been searching for since the Monroe Rally. I was so happy to see Ronnie and her husband, Brian from Cornelius. And man, were the steaks delicious!

Before arrival in Morganton, the trike started making a strange noise. We rode on to the campground and right away lots of men diagnosed the ailment. Charles decided we would start back home Sunday morning. That sweet thing brought us back safe and sound..... but she surely was making a grumbling noise. She needed HELP!!!

On Monday morning Charles loaded the poor baby up and they were off to see the Honda doctor. He already knew what was wrong, but didn't tell them. Remember Charles is a Honda mechanic from years back. Sammy started flat track racing when he was 8 years old and it's been on ever since! Sure enough, the dealership said the same sickness had her down as Charles had said



Their fee was over \$4000.WHEE!!! Right away the parts were ordered. Can you guess who the mechanics were? Right! Charles and Sammy and a good lifetime school friend, Shelton offered his big COOL shop for the operation to take place in. Charles worked diligently every day and sometimes even late night. By the following Saturday afternoon he was giving her a bath making her road ready. I am so very thankful for the mechanical knowledge that my husband and son have been given from the Lord. More money to buy gas to visit as Chapter couple , right Jim?

Now we are looking forward to Wing Ding! Hope to see you there. Take care and have a great time

She is ready to go! !!!!!!!



Let's Ride,
Charles and Sue



Friends For Fun, Safety & Knowledge JULY 4TH

July, the month we, from the United States, celebrate our independence. Red, White and Blue for the land of the free and home of the brave: three great colors. I cannot say, in enough words, how wonderful it is to see our armed forces respected, as they should be. They are out there fighting for freedom everywhere.

SUMMER RIDING

We are into the great time of the year for some hot summer riding. There are many areas that have not been as fortunate to have good riding conditions. All the adversities of riding have been out there. Some of the unfortunate have had the high winds, floods, tornados and cold weather. Make sure you look at the weather forecast for the entire area you will be riding into before leaving, even for short day trips. More than once I have seen it rain on one side of the street and not the other.

WHAT TO CHECK

With the large amounts of moisture, we have had this season; there may be a few parts on the Gold Wing that will need attention. We have drain tubes to be emptied and cables to check for lubrication. Side stands and center stands that have run in water for many miles may need some lubrication. While I am on the subject of water, remember your body requires a lot of water on hot days as we ride. I was one who loved to stop for a thirst quencher. I was under the opinion that my desired drink relieved my thirst problem while adding my electrolytes back to my body. I found out that the drink I like so well was mostly sugar. Not all drinks are helping. Check the ingredients. Some more of the “too late smart” – “too soon old”.

When we pack, we need to be ready for the different conditions. I know that when Shari and I go to any Rally or on weekend trips, we will pack it all. More often than not, we come home with half of what we hauled for miles, not touched. Her statement is, “it is there if we need it”. I think she is still using the Girl Scout motto “Be Prepared”.

C-2 Chapter Educator
Charles Langley



EAT, MEET and GREET

Chapter Director, Frankie Medlin, welcomed everyone to the June gathering. Frankie returned thanks for the meal and asked everyone to remember the sick. Two plaques were given away. The Eastern Travelers' Plaque was won by Corky Lee of NC-Q2, Dunn. The Couples' Plaque was won by Rod and Marty Chandler of NC-F2- Garner. Walter and Bernadette Snider, ADD East, welcomed everyone to the meeting and talked about “Chapter Challenge” which will be held at Wings Over North Carolina again. The NC-C2 members were recognized by Frankie. All the chapters present were also recognized.

Chapter Educator and Ride Coordinator, Sammy Langley talked about the Levels Program and split-second reaction. Sammy also said to be sure to Thank your co-rider “co-pilot” for the extra set of eyes when you are riding. Be sure and watch for digital

signs on highways that say “Watch and look for motorcycles.”

“Hawkeye”, the pink flamingo was introduced as the new NC-C2 mascot. Hawkeye will be awarded to a NC-C2 member each month. A log of his activities is requested for the month that you have him. All the rules for the mascot will be revealed at the next meeting.

A check was given to Sue and Charles Langley, NC-C2 Chapter Couple of the Year for traveling money.

A drawing was held for guessing the number of red hots in the jar that Frankie prepared ahead of time. Everyone guessed the number of red hots in the jar. The winner was Wallace Truelove of NC-C2. Wallace received three extra 50/50 tickets as the prize. Birthdays and anniversaries were celebrated.

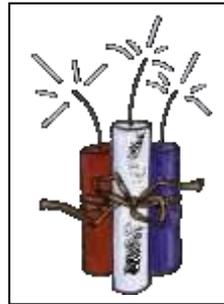
The Vest Drawing was won by Jim Hairr and Charles Langley of NC-C2. They won four each extra 50/50 tickets. A meal ticket for the Couple of the Year was won by NC-C2 Sue Langley.

A Black Walnut cake was won by Mary Felton of NC-S2 Sanford. A Orange cake was won by Judy Bankston of NC-C2 Smithfield. A basket with cleaning products and a \$25.00 gift certificate was won by Scott Hudson of NC-Q2 Dunn.

Shari Langley Ride, Coordinator, collected \$42.00 for the Ride Pot. It was won by Sammy Langley, Ride Coordinator. Door prizes were given away.

50/50 prizes \$35.00 Judy Bankston, NC-C2 Smithfield
\$35.00 Pat Joyner, NC-D2 New Bern
\$30.00 Corky Lee , NC-Q2 Dunn

Linda Hairr
Reporter



A WORD OF WISDOM FROM REGION N COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Besides visiting chapter gatherings, be sure to check your district and the neighboring districts' calendars to check for chapter events/fun days near you. They would love to have your support. Ride whenever you can, but be sure and do your T-CLOCS before you mount up. When we checked our tires before we left on this trip the rear tire was down to 28 psi. After pumping it up we found a small nail hole in the middle of the rear tire tread. Evidently during a short ride the night before with a friend to show him the Roanoke Star we hit a nail. After a stop by the Honda shop and a 2 ½ hour wait, we were on our way with a brand new E3. We sure hated to get rid of that tire with only 8k miles on it but it could have been much worse.

Tommy and Gayle Wilson
Region N Couple Of The Year



A Word From "Hawkeye"

Let me introduce our new friend, "Hawkeye", the newest adopted member of our chapter. Sammy and Shari Langley found "Hawkeye" wandering around at the NC Zoo when they were there last month. Since C-2 had the pink flamingo as their mascot, Sammy and Shari were surprised to see this young male flamingo wandering around without a home. When they stopped to check him out and found out he was looking for a home, they were very gracious and invited him to come home with them to join C-2 Smithfield Chapter. "Hawkeye" was very excited when they told him that the pink flamingo was C-2's mascot and that C-2 didn't have an actual mascot to ride with them. As fate would have it, "Hawkeye" was to be adopted by C-2 and would fill the order that Ronald had been trying to find, a male pink flamingo that loved to ride Goldwings as much as he did. Of course, when Sammy and Shari brought "Hawkeye" to Frankie and told her about their adventure and how they met "Hawkeye", she was thrilled, especially since Ronald had wanted to find one so badly.

"Hawkeye" came home with Frankie from the June C-2 gathering. The first thing he got to do when they got home was to meet "Casey" and "Darla", Frankie's four legged adopted child and grandchild that lives at "Medlin Manor". Casey is a ten year old border collie/bulldog that was Ronald's pride and joy. Darla is Candis' little 2 year old Jackhuahua. Frankie explained to "Hawkeye" that he must stay high up on a perch so that neither of them could get hold of him. Now, Casey is pretty laid back and doesn't seem to pay much attention to "Hawkeye". But Darla is rather precocious and seems to want to play with anything that moves.

Sooooo, Hawkeye has been practicing how still he can sit. This will certainly help him to be a good co-rider, since they are suppose to sit still when riding.

"Hawkeye" has traveled with Frankie to the mountains camping, to see the beauty of "Pretty Place" and to spend a week volunteering at "Special Days", a handicap camp for adults. He rode in the car with Frankie in the rain to Salisbury's gathering on Tuesday night and then to Garner's gathering on Thursday night. Then on Saturday, June 22, they traveled to Wake Forest for their 5th Birthday Party and Chapter gathering.

Plans are being made now to travel to "Wing Ding" in Greenville, SC for "Hawkeye's" first GWRRA Convention.

As members of C-2, you will have the opportunity to invite "Hawkeye" into your home to spend a month with you. Word has it that Kerney Eason just can't wait for him to come to his house to spend a month.

Who will invite "Hawkeye" home next?



JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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7 Jacksonville 3	-F 8 C Charlotte 730 X Wake Forest (chg) 730	9 P2 Forest City 730 Z Rocky Mount 730	10 G High Point 730	11 A Greensboro 730 T2 Albemarle 730	12	13 E2 Eliz City 530 L2 Mooresville 10 X2 Wilkesboro 2 U2 Laurinburg 6 G2 Waynesville 4
14 Dunn 2	Q2 15 D2 New Bern 730 W Eden 730	16 E Cary 730 L Gastonia 7 M Salisbury 7	17	18 F2 Garner 730 H2 Durham 730	19	20 B2 Winston Salem CareBear930A S2 Sanford 10 M2 Hendersonville 9 Q Wilmington 6
21 Hickory 6	O2 22	23 R Thomasville 730	24	25 N Burlington 730	26	27 I Asheville 10 Y Morganton 10
28 Fayetteville 2	K2 29	30	31			

AUGUST

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HERE'S CHANGES THAT ARE CURRENTLY ON THE NC GWRRA WEB SITE:

<http://www.gwrranc.org/>



NC-A2, Lexington, will **CANCEL** their gathering for **JULY ONLY**.

NC-B2, Winston-Salem, will **CHANGE** their gathering **DATE** for **JULY ONLY** to be held at their Care Bear Ride event on July 20th. Meeting time should be around 10:45 - 11:00 AM at their ride destination, which is the Moose Lodge. Visit their ride flyer for more information.

NC-C2, Smithfield, will **CANCEL** their gathering for **JULY ONLY**.

NC-F, Jacksonville, will **CANCEL** their gathering for **JULY ONLY**.

NC-G, High Point, will **CHANGE** their gathering **DATE** for **JULY ONLY** to be held on July 10th due to Wing Ding and Independence Day. Same Place & Time.

NC-G2, Waynesville, will **CHANGE** their gathering **DATE** for **JULY ONLY** to be held on July 13th due to Wing Ding and Independence Day. Same Place & Time.

NC-V, Statesville, will **CANCEL** their gathering for **JULY ONLY**.

NC-X, Wake Forest, will **CHANGE** their gathering **DATE & TIME** beginning in **JULY** to be held on the 2nd Monday, eat at 6:30 PM, gather at 7:30 PM. Same place.

NC-Y2, Monroe, will **CANCEL** their gathering for **JULY ONLY**.

