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# “The Wingin’ News”

Meetings held at PARKSIDE CAFÉ in Pine Level the 1<sup>st</sup> 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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From your chapter team leader,  
Frankie Medlin

The month of March has been a real challenge. We began the month right after having our Annual Chili Cook-off so of course we wanted to make sure we had thanked everyone that came for their support. We have continued to travel to visit with as many of our fellow chapters as possible to let them know how much we appreciated their support and how they helped to make our Chili Cook-off the Huge Success it was. We certainly can't say thank you too much to everyone, so we will continue to say it until we feel like we have told everyone how much we appreciate them and their support. The weather going from very cold one day to sunshiny and warm the next has made planning ahead almost impossible. Some of us have ridden every chance we got to take advantage of the beautiful days. Candis and I have had the challenge of having our heat pump go out, but as usual our friends from C2 stepped up and advised us. With all the recommendations and advice, we were able to get all the work done that needed to be done to get updates under our house and a new heat pump put in. Thanks again to our C2 family for your recommendations and advice.

RJ McLamb has done a great job as our C2 webmaster in years passed and we thank him for sitting down with Candis and I to help us get our C2 web site updated. Candis is our new webmaster and has done a wonderful job updating it and adding new looks to some of the tabs on the menu. Candis is now working on setting up Facebook for C2. This will be a learning experience for me, as I don't feel real comfortable with Facebook. I am sure my discomfort with it, is because I don't understand all about it. Our thanks go to Candis for all her hard work and a job well done. She will share information about both of these in her own article in this newsletter.

We were excited to have new faces at our March meeting. Clinton and Kathy Bradner came to our Chili Cook-off for Clinton to be one of our judges and of course we invited them to come to our March meeting. They were in the Goldsboro GWRRA chapter, but have not been GWRRA members recently. Tom Tipton has been talking to them and inviting them to come be a part of our chapter. We were very happy to have them come and ride with us to the H2 Swap Meet and hope to have them ride with us many more times in the future. Please make them feel welcome.

DJ Sawyer was another new smiling face that surprised me at the March meeting. DJ and her husband, Steve, built a new house in Smithfield about four or five years ago. Ronald and I had the pleasure of meeting them when they called Ronald to put locks on their new house as they were preparing to move in.

We spent some time with them while he completed the job and of course talked of our love for Gold Wings. Unfortunately, they had already joined the Garner Chapter before we met and talked to them. We saw them at the Garner Chapter when we visited and crossed paths at rallies, too. Steve's job took them from Smithfield to Virginia for a couple of years and then his job took them to Tennessee. When the new house they had built was put on the market for sale again, they decided to buy it back and move back to Smithfield. Steve is still working in Tennessee but they are living in Smithfield now and decided to move their GWRRA membership to NC-C2. I was surprised and excited to hear they are back in Smithfield and very excited to see DJ and hear her story. We welcome DJ and Steve as C2 members and look forward to Steve having some weekends in Smithfield to spend time riding with us. DJ and Steve are anxious to update their riding skills and knowledge as they come to be with us. DJ, if we can be of any assistance to you while Steve is busy at work or any other time, just let us know. We are your new family, just call on us.

Some of our members have mentioned that they would like for us to review information on Chapter of the Year. DJ Sawyer has agreed to head up a committee to work on this. She needs members to work with her. Please let DJ know if you would like to help with this. She will need for you to share information with her anytime you travel or take part in anything GWRRA related. You can start by giving her a list of anything you have participated in since January 1. We will talk more about this each time we have a staff meeting like the one we are having on March 29.

C2 was represented well for H2 Durham's Swap Meet. It was a beautiful day and we so enjoyed riding our bikes. We had sixteen C2 members attend and we all had a wonderful day. We were very excited to have two new members, Clinton and Kathy Bradner, to join our ride. That beautiful yellow Gold Wing sure helps our group stand out and be more visible to motorist. We look forward to having them riding with us in the future. We may have a few more cold days left, but Spring is just around the corner. Let's ride anytime we can, but remember to ride safe 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. Come and join us in the fun at Wendy's on Friday nights, we really enjoy socializing, playing marbles and dominos.

If you still haven't gotten your registration in for Wings Over the Smokies for September 2014, go ahead and do so as soon as you can. Or if you haven't made your reservation for lodging, let me know if you will need lodging at Great Smokies Inn. I will be calling Great Smokies Inn to confirm our reservations and the price of our reservations and will make sure they still have our rooms as September draws closer. Great Smokies Inn is next door and one of the four within walking distance to the Acquoni Exposition Center.

Check our April and May calendar often for rides, events and visits, we have planned. Check our web site for updates. Candis is planning to keep ride information listed on the web site under Ride Schedule. Keep your email checked for additional 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.

If you want to participate in the Ride Pot, be sure to get your information to Shari during the month. You can put your money and information in an envelope and give it to her at Wendy's on Friday nights or you can email Shari at [slangle537@gmail.com](mailto:slangle537@gmail.com) and give the money to Shari when you see her.

Be sure to plan to be at our April gathering on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Yes, it is April Fool's Day, but that's no fooling, we are having our meeting on Tuesday night, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

As they say on Duck Dynasty "Thank you, thank you, thank you" to all of you for all you do to help make C2 a great team. Your dedication and commitment continue to make it better. For our newest members, we need your new ideas and energy that continue to rejuvenate our seasoned members. This cycle continues to need to be fueled.

Call me or text me at 919-632-2314 or email me at [fmedlin@yahoo.com](mailto: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

Spring has yet to be "**Sprung**." It will soon be "**Hot**" and we will all be asking ourselves, "Have we even had a spring?" as we all do every year. Then before we know it, it's 95 degrees.

As the temps begin to warm, we all are daydreaming of a safe fun filled riding season with all our friends and family. We should make sure that we all get started off on the "SAFE" part of the riding season first. That makes for a great way to start and hopefully a less expensive one!

First things first, we need to look at our tires, make sure that the tread is at a safe measure and that the pressure is correct. Then we must look toward our bike of choice to make sure that it is in tip top shape. Our gear always needs to be updated and to make sure that it is in safe working order.

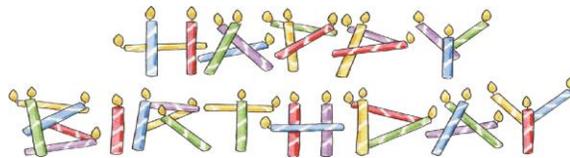
Now we can ride right? **NO not yet !!!!!** It has always been a long standing habit of mine to review a safe riding manual or a ride tip pamphlet of some sort, anything that creates a wrinkle in our gray matter will help to ensure a safe fun filled start to that riding season we have all been looking forward to.

GWRRA has in place **CHAPTER EDUCATORS**. GWRRA requires all chapters to have an Educator. They help work that gray matter with safety tips and examples they speak of at chapter gatherings. Some safety items we remember, some we have forgotten. So before you start on the new riding season it would be a good idea to get some of the questions answered by the many Educators that are in place in our GWRRA District. How do we do that, Tom? We only have one meeting a month. Last counted we have thirty-four GWRRA Chapters in the great state of North Carolina, that part of the meeting agenda is a short chat and or safety briefing from their Educator. I have yet to go to a chapter meeting and not been treated to a safety briefing from their or a stand in Educator. That's one reason but not the only reason I enjoy visiting the many fun filled knowledgeable chapters that I visit in our GWRRA District. All the chapters have very good Educators. I personally think we are blessed with one of the best. So let's continue to visit like we enjoying doing. That ensures we are taking advantage of the many safety tips that our GWRRA District has to offer. Not only will you learn something, you might even make a new friend.

I also would like to welcome to our C2 staff, our new Webmaster. Welcome aboard, Candis. If they have not already, everyone needs to take a look at our updated C2 Web Site, <http://c2goldwings.jimdo.com/>. Candis is whipping it into shape, I'm telling you! WOW!

I know that she is just getting started, what a great job she is doing thus far. Thanks for stepping up and helping our chapter to continue to strive to be the best chapter we can be.

Proud to be your ACD,  
Tom Tipton



Steve Jackson 4/10  
Donna Strallow 4/25  
Dottie Baker 4/21

Jody Ayars 4/12  
Johnny King 4/5

Willa Austin 4/24  
Linda Tipton 4/27

FROM YOUR CHAPTER COUPLE: CHARLES AND SUE LANGLEY



Hey dear friends,

Man, has the month flown by again! Those March winds and the arrival of Spring was here before we could blink our eyes. When we blinked again there were daffodils everywhere and they are so beautiful after a cold winter.



Charles and I, along with other C2 members have really been on the move since January 2014. Special Chili Cook-off invitations were given to almost every chapter in the state and now we are thanking everyone we see for attending 2014 or making plans to Attend in 2015!

Keeping busy with C2 has not stopped our Butterball responsibilities. Thought you might enjoy seeing our feathered buddies also. These big boys have been shipped out and new turkeys arrived March 20. Never a dull moment in Langleyland!!!!



As Chapter Couple, we would like to welcome our newest members, Clinton and Kathy Bradner. They were chili judges before joining us. Isn't that wonderful, helpful, folks? We also welcome Steve and D.J. Sawyer. Good news here also. D.J. is already working on a chapter project! We sure are thankful for new members.

As Spring opens up and we begin to think about planting in our gardens and yards, let's remember to continue to sow bountiful in our chapter and we will reap bountiful! We can certainly see that it is already happening. We are growing for GWRRA!!!!

We would like to thank these special people for teaching us all about leadership. You are some awesome leaders!!!!



Our chapter received the Eastern Travelers Plaque from New Bern. It is very exciting to see many chapters generating interest in visiting and supporting each other. Making new friends and seeing past made friends is so refreshing!

Well, we will say goodbye until we meet again. Always remember to give joy to others and joy will come to you!

We love you,  
Charles and Sue



## Friends For Fun, Safety & Knowledge

The drivers of other vehicles have not had to share the road with motorcycles for a few months and the famous words, “I didn’t see it” will appear. We must take to the defense and use the Search, Identify, Predict, Decide and Execute. The search is a 360 degree search; look all around and to the rear every few seconds. Do your searching aggressively.

As we take to the roadways and byways start with short trips at first and increase your riding stamina with each trip thereafter. Remember to dress in layers to be able to remove some as the day warms up and put some back on as the evening approaches.

You need to refresh you First Aid pouch. Check to see if you need to replace anything that may have been used last year. You might recall there is something else you wanted to add.

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



## EAT, MEET and GREET

Frankie Medlin, Chapter Director, called the March gathering to order at 7:30 p.m. Nonie Roberson, Sunshine Lady, presented St. Patrick's Day "hats" to all the men. Frankie remembered all the sick with prayer. Tom Tipton, Assistant Chapter Director, welcomed the members and guests. Tom also welcomed new members Clinton and Kathy Bradner and D. J. Sawyer.

Sue and Charles Langley, Chapter Couple of the Year for NC-C2 presented the couples plaque. The plaque was brought to NC-C2 by Carol and Tom Scully of NC-E Cary. Charles and Sue won the plaque. The Chapter Couple's meal ticket was won by Donna Lane of NC-F2 Garner. Five Chapter Couples were present.

The "Chapter of the Year" was discussed. It was brought to the Chapter's attention that a lot of requirements would need to be met if we decide to try for it. NC-C2 would need 3 or 4 people to keep up with all the requirements and accomplishments.

A Chapter ride to the Swap Meet was discussed. The Swap Meet is scheduled for March 15th.

Visitation Awards for 2013 were presented:

Tom Tipton	34 Chapters
Linda Hairr	21 Chapters
Jim Hairr	26 Chapters
Candace Medlin	23 Chapters
Frankie Medlin	36 Chapters
Charles Langley	51 Chapters

Charles, Sue, Tom, Candace and Frankie had visits that included two out of state gatherings.

Nonie Roberson, Sunshine Lady recognized the birthdays and anniversaries. Nonie asked that someone take over the duties of mailing cards. Nonie does not have a computer. Debbie Lewis accepted the Sunshine Lady position.

Chapter Educator, Sammy Langley talked about the Chili-Cook-Off. He thanked everyone for working so hard. The Chili Cook-Off was a great success. Sammy also talked about checking tire pressure. Tire pressure can vary widely with temperature changes. Also, everyone needs to keep up with their Levels and keep them current.

A Ride Pot was presented by Shari Langley, Ride Coordinator, for January and February. \$60.00 for January was won by Judy Bankston. \$39.00 for February was won by Kerney Eason.

Kathy Keegan of NC-F2 Garner brought a King Cake to our meeting. The beads were won by David Knight of NC-F2 Garner. The King Cake "baby" was won by Judy Bankston of NC-C2 Smithfield. Beads were also won by Sammy Langley and Joe Austin of NC-C2 Smithfield and Dean Holton of NC-F2 Garner.

The Vest Drawing was won by Terry Lanning of NC-Q Wilmington. A Technical tip was given by Tom Tipton. Wear clothing that can be seen easily and stay out of blind spots.

The Chips-O-Boy game has \$97.00 in the pot. Dean Holding had the winning ticket. Sorry to report, Dean did not win.

A Dinner Ride was discussed for Nik's Pizza in Kenly. This would be March 15th, after the Swap Meet. The tentative time is 5:00 p.m.

We had two 50/50 drawings. \$38.00 was won by Shawn Lane of NC-F2 Garner. The second 50/50 drawing of \$38.00 was won by Tom Tipton of NC-C2 Smithfield.

Reporter  
Linda Hairr



**From the Desk of your Webmaster.....C a n d i s M e d l i n**

**With Spring upon us, it is time to shake of our winter hibernation and get outside and see the new growth and enjoy seeing the flowers bloom. With each Spring comes change and new possibilities. I want to thank RJ McLamb for all the good work he has done over the years setting up and maintaining C2's website. He was ready for a change and I have agreed to take on that challenge, hoping that I can do half as good a job as he has done. I would also like to thank him for his time imparting his knowledge of the website, server/navigational tools and for agreeing to answer any questions I might continue to have. I am constantly tweaking and updating all things as I find out about them. If you have any thoughts or ideas on how we can improve or better serve C2 or any others that visit our website, please let me know. I would like to request any pictures you are willing to share to put on our site; email me at [nc\\_C2\\_smithfield@yahoo.com](mailto:nc_C2_smithfield@yahoo.com). I have some pictures of our 2013 and 2014 Chili Cook-off that I haven't gotten loaded yet.**

**In an effort to help increase our membership and to help us keep current; I am in the process of creating a face book page and hope to have it up and running by our April meeting. I would like to include a picture of all our members' two wheel, three wheel or four wheel rides for our photo section so that we can show how diverse our group is and to show that no matter how or what we ride, we would love to have anyone join us for lots of fun and fellowship. There will be a public Bio for C2 that anyone can access and a private side for just our membership that would include any scheduled activities as well as a two month state wide chapter meeting calendar. This will be another way for our members to contact one another. You will be able to find us at NC-C2 Smithfield.**

**Please be patient and bare with me during this transition while I learn to navigate the ins and outs and try to give you the best web experience possible.**

**Let's Ride,  
Candis Medlin  
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## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.....

Meeting Change – U2 Laurinburg Chapter has changed their meeting place to Captain Larry's, 1695 South Main Street, Laurinburg, NC 28352. They still meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, eating at 2 PM and meeting at 3 PM.

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

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

Flyers for all upcoming events that we are aware of or are on the NC GWRRA web site are now on our own C2 web site <http://c2goldwings.jimdo.com/> under Rally Flyers.

April 5<sup>th</sup> – NC-Y2 Monroe Open House Let's plan a ride to go.

April 19<sup>th</sup> – Dinner Ride to Ted's Steak House in Clinton

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

May 1-3 – SC District Rally (Is anyone interested in going?)

May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Patrick Henry Girls and Boys Home Ride..Is anyone interested in going?

May 4<sup>th</sup> – Triangle Ride for Kids (Is anyone interested in going?)

May 10<sup>th</sup> – High Point Open House 9AM-1PM and come back by S&J Soda Shop for Afternoon Ride

May 17<sup>th</sup> – Fayetteville Mini Rally, let's plan a ride there for this fun day....

May 24<sup>th</sup> – All day beach day (ferry ride and dinner ride)

May 29-31<sup>st</sup> Hillbilly Hoedown (Catawba Meadows Park opens Thursday at 8 am for camping and we will have camp site set up from Thursday morning until Sunday morning. If you are staying at a motel, you can still gather with us at the camp site at Catawba Meadows Park.)

Somebunny  
Loves You

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<b>6</b> F Jacksonville 3	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> B2 Winston Salem 730 (chg Mayflower Rest) P2 Forest City 730 Z Rocky Mount 730	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> A Greensboro 730 T2 Albemarle 730	<b>11</b> Game night at Wendy's	<b>12</b> Bike Course at Maggie Valley L2 Mooresville 10 X2 Wilkesboro 2 U2 Laurinburg 6
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