



GWRRA



Region N



NC District



Chapter NC-C2

GWRRA NC – C2 Smithfield, NC

FRIENDS for FUN, SAFETY, and KNOWLEDGE

January 2017

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"The Wingin' News"

Meetings held at PARKSIDE CAFÉ in Pine Level the 1st Tuesday of each month
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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January 2017

Your Chapter Directors Tom and Linda Tipton

Happy New Year!!!! We hope everyone had a great Christmas and continue to have the best 2017 one can have!!!!!!

Let's all start off the New Year the same way, thinking of someone else first! We don't believe one can go wrong doing that! Treating others as you would like to be treated is one way of life worth living, I promise.

Let's all make a promise to enjoy the company of others and to help each other as if we were getting paid for it. Then everyone would be as happy as Linda and I are! I can and will continue to serve others first,..... anyway we hope everyone gets the idea.

Linda and I would like to thank everyone for being and doing what they have for C2 and participating as much as everyone could for the past year, with your continued support we both
Thank You!

Linda & tomt



Ride Coordinator – Tom Tipton

Watch for an email, if a ride is planned during the month!



Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge

Too Enthusiastic

Let's take a look at what enthusiasm is: it is an absorbing possession of the mind by any interest or pursuit; lively interest, keen interest. Enthusiasm is the energy and force that builds momentum of the human soul and mind. The energy, which has as its central element is the will, produces a force of character and is the sustaining power of all great actions.

Enthusiasm keeps you young at heart. It is the sparkle in your eyes when you see a friend, it is the swagger in your walk, it is the grip of your handshake, and the irresistible urge to hug someone to show you care and are happy to see them. Samuel Ullman said that, "We grow old by deserting our ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul." The true secret to never growing old is to carry the child like spirit into old age which means never losing your enthusiasm.

There is real magic in being enthusiastic. It absolutely makes the difference between mediocrity and accomplishment. So, those people who told me I was too enthusiastic are not going to affect me. If anything it gives me more enthusiasm to...stay young at heart...to continue to be successful...to have more FUN ...and to keep growing. How enthusiastic are you?

So lets start a new year with lots of zeal & effort to have lots of fun being safe & learning all we can too help others.

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 any GWRRA function
During all the classes they offer
Be sure to register soon & take the classes.

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



Shari and Charles "Sammy" Langley
with Zoey (their granddaughter)



Member Enhancement Program Coordinators (MEC)

Charles and Sue Langley 919-222-2810

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Anytime is a great time to invite some new friends to our chapter meetings! They don't have to have a Goldwing, just need to love riding or have an interest in motorcycles. If you know of someone who might be interested in chapter life and motorcycles, let Charles and Sue know or just bring them along with you, and introduce them at the meeting.

Hope you had a great Thanksgiving, Christmas and that your New Year has gotten off to a good start!



Edna Truelove
Wayne Byrd

January 11
January 13



No anniversaries noted



Denise & Ervin Blake Region N Membership Enhancement Program Coordinators



We cannot tell you how important we believe that the Membership Enhancement Program (MEP) is to our Districts and Chapters. The MEP is the glue that holds all of us together! It is what puts the "FUN" in GWRRA.

Any group of people can get together and go for a ride on their motorcycles; but it is the FUN that brings us back and makes us a family. The Membership Enhancement Coordinators (MEC) should work with the Chapter Director to "run" the chapter. If you have two people working together for the chapter, it makes the positions' responsibilities a lot easier to handle. The burden of running the Chapter does not just fall on the Chapter Director alone.

The Membership Enhancement Coordinators have a very large responsibility in their regions, districts, and the chapters. Take the Area Report List for example. If you have a member that is great at talking with people, they could be the person to make contact with the members on the list. That person would be your lifeline for a healthy chapter. Use the ARL to your full advantage, contact all prospective members. Give a call to the members whose memberships are nearing expiration...they may not even realize that their renewal date is coming up!

The prospective members could bring new life to your Chapter. You never know...you may be contacting your replacement as an officer for the chapter. Communication has a key role in our organization. If you do not communicate with the membership, those people will (sooner or later) fade away and you will never see them again. Communication between the MEP officers is very helpful. Gathering and logging information may lead to finding the thread that keeps the membership together.

As we read the newsletters from around the Districts and Chapters, we can see that plans for activities for 2017 are already set. There are a lot of things already planned for next year and we are always looking for some new FUN things to do. There are the Five District Rally's held within the Region "N";

Tennessee Spring Fling will be April 20-22 in Pigeon Forge, TN; the Virginia Rally In the Valley will be July 6-8 in Roanoke, Va.; the West Virginia Rally will be in July; Kentucky Blast will be August 18-19 in Cave City; and North Carolina WOTS will be September 28-30 in a new location this year. Region "N" is in full speed planning for their 2nd Rally at the Holiday Inn, Johnson City, Tennessee on November 2-4th with a Pirates theme. FUN is being planned for everyone for 2017. There are also many Chapter Events being planned.

Wing Ding 39 will be in Gaylord, Texas, from August 2nd thru September 2nd, 2017. Also, there is going to be another Region "N" Ride-IN to be held sometime in May of next year. As more information becomes available, we will get it out to all of you. If you have some FUN activity ideas, please let someone on the Region Team know so we can help get the word out.

The holiday season always brings out the best in people. It's heartwarming to see how our GWRRA family helps those in need. Many chapters have charities that they support during this time of the year.

As 2016 ends, I would like to take this opportunity to convey a huge THANK YOU to all the members for your service to GWRRA. THANK YOU, as well, to ALL the District and Chapter officers...without you, there would be no GWRRA.

Ervin and I would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please be safe over the holidays! We look forward to spending another great year with ALL of you having FUN at whatever we are doing.

Denise & Ervin Blake

Region N Membership Enhancement Program Coordinators



2017 NC-C2 Chapter Couple

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

What will  bring for you, for C2 (our wonderful chapter)? Join in on the fun and see. Be sure to let me know if there's something I need to add to our web site. Here's hoping your 2017 has started off just the way you planned and it continues to go that way.

**Let's Ride – for fun, for fellowship and
keep safety on the top of your list.....
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Eat and Meet for December 2016

Our C2 Meeting was opened by Chapter Director Tom Tipton by introducing our guest chapters who were present. They were as follows: E Cary, F2 Garner, D2 New Bern and Z Rocky Mount. Other guests present were Assistant District Directors Austin and Peggy Gauthier, District MECP Charles and Sue Langley and District Couple George and Brenda Harper. The prayer for blessing our meal and for others was lead by Sammy Langley. All Veterans present were acknowledged and we all participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom shared with us that 14 chapters participated in the Food Drive and thanked everyone who contributed to such a worthy cause. The couples' plaque was won by Peggy Gauthier and the meal ticket. Sue Langley spoke on behalf of she and Charles concerning being our C2 Chapter Couple and how enjoyable it had been and making life long friends. Present with us was Dean and Faye Holton who had been Chapter Couples and members since 1998. Assistant District Directors Austin and Peggy Gauthier thanked all who participated in the O'Berry event and to date \$6,247 had been contributed plus gifts. Tom reminded us of Sanford's New Years Ride and Soup Cook Off on January 1, 2017. District Couple George and Brenda Harper spoke on preparing 150 plates at O'Berry and enjoying the event for the second time. They also have visited 30 chapters during 2016. Chapter Educator Sammy Langley challenged us to not have any motorcycle crashes in the coming year. Also, be educated and prepared to help save a life by keeping our REP levels up to date. We were encouraged by David from Garner, to become organ donors if not already one.

The cake made by Connie Eason, was won by Pat Joyner. She shared it with everyone. Vest drawings were won by Austin, gift card for one dozen doughnuts and Donna who won \$10 gift card to Taco Bell and Dean Holton won \$10 to Subway. Pick a box was \$5 to DJ Sawyer and another \$5 to a Garner couple. Judy Bankston won a dozen Krispy Creme doughnuts gift card. Mike Thomas won the candy jar count. A Christmas tree made by Linda Tipton was won by Sue Langley. A game played by two couples to wrap a Christmas gift with one arm of each tied together. It was won by George and Brenda!

Birthdays and anniversaries of members and guests were acknowledged by Sunshine Lady Connie Eason. Door prizes were distributed by Tom, Sammy and Jim. The 50/50's were won by David from Garner and Kenny Baker C2.

Tom and Frankie promoted our February Chili Cook Off for 2/25/2017! All are encouraged to come be with us for a fun day.

Reporter: Dottie Baker



North Carolina District Directors Roy and Cindy Bryant

December came in, it's moving so fast and we are having more fun. Cindy and I had the pleasure of visiting "Gifts on Cycles" at the Murdoch Center this year. Every time we visit these centers at this time of year, it ignites the feeling of Christmas in us. We really enjoyed our visit and yes, our boss Libby Jennings put us to work. That's all good, as that is what we stand for, helping anyway we can.

From the reports I have received from Jerry & Judie (ADD-West) and Austin & Peggy (ADD-East), these centers' celebrations went well also. The attendance was down across the state so let's start now with our planning to attend next year and make it the biggest event ever. I know you can do it because North Carolina is the BEST.

We are working on Wings Over The Smokies®. There are many areas that need to be approached before an event flyer can be made available for your registration. Things are looking good as your District Team works to get another great year into motion.

We are pushing very hard to have things ready and in order for the 2017 Operations meeting. Speaking of the OPS meeting...it is January 28, 2017 at the Ramada Inn in Burlington, NC. Start time is 9:00 AM with breakouts for Couple of the Year, Member Enhancement Coordinators and Rider Educators. Chapter Directors should make sure these chapter team members attend. If you as the Chapter Director cannot attend, please make sure the Assistant Chapter Director attends. So much information is available and you don't want to miss out on anything. We will also be serving lunch.

Now, away from business, Cindy and I want to thank each and every one of you for your support during our first year as your District Directors. Without you, we would not have a reason to hold this position. We believe in the North Carolina members and want to be available to help you. We are always ready to listen to you. We are ready for another year and we know who to turn to if we need help.

Now.....go enjoy your family.....blood related or extended....and remember.....from our house to yours.....

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

MEMBERS ARE NUMBER ONE!!!!

Roy & Cindy Bryant

NC District Directors



NC Assistant District Directors East – Austin and Peggy Gauthier

Hello,
Peggy & I are proud to represent North Carolina as the new Assistant District Director's East. We started out in Johnson City Tenn. at the Region N Rally; our thoughts & prayers are with those who had to endure that terrible forest fire that destroyed so many business', home's, and lives. We made our way on to Burlington for the Toys for Tots ride, what a good turn out for the kids.

Merry Christmas, Thank you Everyone all for your dedication and support to the O'Berry Center; the Eastern Chapters are a hard working team of people. Making these ADD's Proud! The staff at the O'Berry Center out did themselves AGAIN, everything was decorated simply beautiful. The food was delicious & plentiful, "Kerney" always makes us look good. The Christmas float was loaded with Carolers and we sang or made a joyful noise; but we had fun. There were at least 15 or more Goldwings in the parade; it was so much fun; the residents were smiling and singing along.

It's hard to believe another year has almost come to an end. We'll be starting the New year off running & having fun; let's start out supporting & visiting each other. Ride safe, Check your T- Clocks, and update your medical information. Remember Sanford's New Year's Day Resolution Ride & Soup Cook-off. Then on to January Operations Meeting in Burlington; By then it's chilly enough for Smithfield's Chili Cook-off in February.

Chapter Z will be sponsoring our 3rd annual Blessing of the Bikes on April 8th at Bonjangles, East Raleigh Blvd. Rocky Mount N.C.

Well in Ending — Let's Not Rush Out Christmas!! Eat plenty of food, rest when possible, spend quality time with loved ones.

Start the New Year off safe, take all classes needed & just have fun — let's visit each other's chapter's often.

Hope you had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
Austin and Peggy Gauthier
Asst. District Directors - East



North Carolina District Leadership Trainer Robert and Donna Ferguson

Hi All,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and looking forward to the Holiday Season!. Many have asked me what's up with LTP? I've already heard many questions about the new modules. What is GWRRA University? What is different about the "NEW" University?

Lets start at the top -

What is the GWRRA University? GWRRA University is an all-encompassing education and training institution with two main purposes—

- 1) a vibrant, dynamic source from which well-trained leaders can continue the practice of education, coaching and mentoring;
- 2) to provide Members access to some of the finest safety, professional and personal, education and training in the world.

This is the education and training they would have to pay thousands of dollars for somewhere else. The University is to become the keystone sup-orting the organization as it is today and developing leaders for the organization of the future.

What is different about the "NEW" University?

Besides the creation of a top-quality education and training institution which unites and creates a synergy between training and rider education, here are just a few of the benefits com-ing soon:

- Members having immediate, personal access to their information in one, overall GWRRA University database.
- A series of training programs designed specifically to help current and future leaders be effective, while having some fun in their leadership positions.
- Certifications and renewals done with the ease of a few key clicks.
- 100% of our GWRRA training experiences are fun and given by knowledgeable, lively, trained instructors.
- A 50% to 70% reduction in current GW paperwork.

We are also partnering with the Membership Enhancement Program. The Membership Enhancement Program has two significant components:

- Provide GWRRA members with varied ways to experience FUN with like-minded people who all share the common thread that holds GWRRA together – the love of motorcycle riding.
- Connect with NEW, PROSPECTIVE, and CURRENT members to ensure the continued health and growth of GWRRA.

Our goal is to provide our Membership Enhancement Coordinators (MECs) with a skill set and toolbox designed to support them in their endeavors. When our MECs are informed and supported, our membership has more FUN, and the entire organization benefits!

GWRRA University is the vehicle that provides the opportunity for MECs and other interested parties to gain the skills needed to be able to fulfill this important position. Training opportunities are offered through the Officer & Member Training section of the University. A variety of Membership Enhancement courses are available that are designed to provide the MEC with the tools needed to provide FUN opportunities to our members. In addition, Membership Enhancement Program courses in GWRRA University will provide insight on how to have FUN and create lasting friendships when reaching out to our new members. But that's not all...there are courses for the membership that are designed to help them grow in their understanding of all that GWRRA is and how they can be involved.

At this time, new courses are being developed, and all of the existing courses are being reviewed and refreshed. Stay tuned as we journey into the new GWRRA University process!

Hope each and everyone of you enjoyed the holidays.

Robert and Donna Ferguson

GWRRA NC District Trainers

ITCP? Ask me how!



Region N Director Thoughts



Looks (and feels) like Old Man Winter has finally decided to make an appearance. I, for one, like the colder temps. The short dreary days not so much. I am pretty much a hibernator in the winter and that is just fine with me. I hope everyone is staying warm and cozy.

Alan & I want to send our heartfelt sympathy to all of you who were directly affected by the horrible fires in the Smokies late last month and on into this month. I can't even begin to imagine what you have gone through and are continuing to deal with. Please know that your GWRRA family is here for you whatever you need. If you have suffered a loss in these fires we hope you will let us know so that we can help any way we can. I know we had firefighters on the front line and I want to express to them how much their commitment means to all of us. These were some brave men and women who put themselves in harm's way to stop the advancement of a killer fire.

2017 will bring with it new leadership in two of our Districts. Virginia has new Directors who took office back on the first weekend of October. Still, **John & Kathy Skinner** are in their first year leading the great state of Virginia. Please join with me in welcoming them to their new position.

January 1st will welcome a new West Virginia District Director, **George Murphy**. I have total confidence that George will do a fantastic job in his new role. If you see George be sure to congratulate him, and if he asks for your help make the effort to step up and help keep West Virginia a successful district. We want to thank Bill and Beth Ann McCormick for their leadership during the past years.

We had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We spent the day with our son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren. It was great to get to spend time with them and I especially enjoyed being able to go to their home and not having to do all the cooking and cleaning up. I hope each of you had a blessed Thanksgiving Day.

We will have a rather plain Christmas this year. We are trying to get things packed up to make the move to our new home sometime the first part of January, so we have decided not to break out all the Christmas decorations this year. It's a good thing that Christmas doesn't rely on decorations alone. We will still be able to spend time with those we love and celebrate the true meaning of this holy time of the year. We hope that you have a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year. Here's hoping that 2017 brings you peace, love, and the warmth of good friends to spend time with.



Until next time, remember to ride safe, ride often, and above all else have FUN.

*Glenda and Alan Keough
"Region N" Directors*



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Smithfield

Chili Cook-Off

Entry Fee.....Free
First Place.....\$100
Second Place...\$ 50
Third Place.....\$ 25

Smithfield Moose Lodge
402 JR Road
Selma, N. C. 27576

Saturday
February 25, 2017
9:00 AM Start
12:30 PM Eat
2:00 PM Gathering

***Judging starts at 11:30**

(This will be our February gathering)

Directions: At intersection of 70A and I-95 Hwy. Take service road in front of J.R.'s Discount Store.

Moose Lodge is on right around the corner.



If you like Chili, this is for you!



\$10.00 at the door gets you all the Chili and fixings you can eat!!



Lots of Games!!



Free Coffee!!



Baked Goods for Sale!!



Lots of Door Prizes!!

LIABILITY RELEASE:

I/WE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS GWRRA, THE CO-SPONSORING ORGANIZATION (S), AND ANY PROPERTY OWNERS FOR ANY LOSS OR INJURY TO SELF OR PROPERTY BY REASON OF PARTICIPATING IN THIS EVENT.

Rider: _____ Chapter: _____

Co-Rider: _____ Chapter: _____

2017 Dates to Remember.....Flyers for events are on District Web Site

If you plan to visit any chapters and I hope you will, be sure to check the District Web Site to make sure they are having a meeting. Steve Craig does a good job of keeping this information updated as he is notified of cancellations.

January 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
P2 Forest City now meets at Don's, 619 Oakland Rd, Spindale, NC 28160	Eastern Chapters	G High Point Cabo Grill Mexican Restau & Seafood, 10210 N.Main St., Archdale, NC				
1 S2 Sanford New Year's Resolution Ride	2	3 C2 Smithfield 730 at Parkside	4	5 G High Point 730 Eat at 630pm V Statesville 6/7 D Greenville 730	6	7 S2-Sanford-11 Y2 Matthews 10
8 X Wake Forest eat 5 / mtg 6 moved to next Sunday Jan 15th	9	10 Z Rocky Mt 730 B2WinstonS730 P2 Forest City 730	11	12 A Greensboro 730 Region N Plaque T2 Albemarle 730	13	14 I Asheville 9 eat at 11/mtg at 12 G2 Waynesville 4 L2 Mooresville 930 X2 Wilkesboro 2 U2 Laurinburg eat 2 /mtg 3
15 O2 Hickory 6	16 W Eden 730 D2 New Bern 730	17 E Cary 730 L Gastonia-7 M Salisbury	18	19 F2 Garner 730 H2 Durham 730 E2 Eliz City 700	20	21 Q-Wilmington-6 M2 Hendersonville 9
22 K2 Fayetteville 2	23	24 R Thomasville 730 Chili Cook-off Planning Mtg	25	26 N Burlington 730	27	28 Y Morganton 7
29	30	31				

February 25, 2017 C2 Smithfield Chili Cook-off

April 26-29, 2017 Chapter X2 Wilkesboro Ride to Williamstown, Kentucky to see ARK

2017 Region N Rally at Johnson City, Tennessee

Holiday Inn – November 2nd - 4th

-----Put it on your calendar and plan to attend.....