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Region N



NC District



Chapter NC-C2

GWRRA NC – C2 Smithfield, NC

FRIENDS for FUN, SAFETY, and KNOWLEDGE

MARCH 2017

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"The Wingin' News"

Meetings held at PARKSIDE CAFÉ in Pine Level the 1st Tuesday of each month except the month of February. Meetings are held at the Annual Chili Cook-off at Smithfield Moose Lodge in February.

PARKSIDE CAFÉ' 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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March 2017

Your Chapter Directors Tom and Linda Tipton



WoW !!!! Chili Cook- Off 2017 is in the books!!!!

First, WE (**Linda and I and the rest of NC-C2**) would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that helped **NC-C2** make **Chili Cook-Off 2017** a success !!!!! Believe me, That is a hard days work and everyone hung in there with us (**NC-C2**) just as if you were designated as **C2 members** !!!!! That means so much to us !!!!! **FEBRUARY 25th Chili Cook-Off 2017** proves that all GWRRA Members are Members of all Chapters We thank you !!!!!

Thanks to all of the GWRRA Members that came from every part of the state, we only had a few chapters that were not represented. You all came just to show your support for our (C2's) Fund Raiser / Fun Day activity and to visit with other friends, seeing that being a part of that is so **AWESOME !!!!!** Without all of the support everyone showed it would not be the **FUN DAY** that it is !!!!! We Thank You NC. District so much !!!!!

Special Thanks to our **District Directors (Roy & Cindy Bryant) and the fantastic District Team** for the ongoing support that they give each and every Chapter in their District !!!!! C2 is no exception our **District Directors** along with the **District Team** worked hard Feb 25th to help make **Chili Cook-Off 2017** a success!!! Thank You District Directors & the District Team !!!!! We are so Lucky to have you Guys and Gals !!!!!

Congratulations to **Tenn.-Chapter Y** my brothers chapter in Murfeesboro Tn. Seven/7 of their members took a little Motorcycle ride two/2 in a car of 574 mi. across the mountains to capture the Region N Plaque from us. Thanks for coming Chapter "Y" !!!!! It was a special treat to be able to visit with my brother which is a member of Tenn.-Chapter Y !!!!!

C2
Chapter Directors
linda & tomt

ps. Someone mentioned to me once why I never capitalize our name at the end of our news letter. My response was and always will be. Linda and I understand we are just a little part that keeps C2 going Thanks again C2 for having us !!!!!



2017 Chili Cook-off Facts

- 28 Pots of Chili entered in contest
- 1st Place – Shirley Pruitt (K2 Fayetteville) \$100
- 2nd Place – (tie) Deb Thompson (F2 Garner) and Debbie Lewis (C2 Smithfield) \$50 each
- 14 Special Door Prizes (Prizes worth \$50 or more) 45 Door Prizes (Varying in value)
- Six 50/50 drawings for \$100 each
- Attendance – 231
- A beautiful parking lot full of bikes of all colors
- It was a beautiful day inside and out.

Thanks for coming, plan to come again next year especially if you missed coming this year.



Ride Coordinator – Tom Tipton

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



Fun For Friends Safety & Knowledge

Safety Inspections

Inspections are critical to maintaining a bike and riding safely. This is especially true as we start the riding seasons.

After a string of bad weather days, how many of us have jumped on the bike after it sitting in the garage for weeks, and taken it for a spin. This past week, I went over the bike and discovered that my rear tire was 10 pounds low. If you lose a tire on the bike or trike, well..... it could be deadly. Nothing can prevent having a tire go out after hitting something, but proper maintenance and inspections can go a long way toward decreasing the chances of a break-down along the road. But at least once a week, and especially before long rides (if not also during them), you want to inspect your bike to make sure you are in safe riding condition. I would rather find out at a rest stop that I have a nail in my tire than find out at 70mph!

Motorcycle Safety Prescriptions

Conserve traction and maximize following distances.

When in doubt, slow down.

Look where you're not looking.

Leave yourself an escape route.

Turn your head! Mirrors can tell you "No" but never "Yes."

He/she with the lowest blood pressure wins.

Being dead right is still wrong.

See and be seen.

Ride like they don't see you.....They don't!

Be prepared for the unexpected. (Louis Pasteur – "Chance favors the prepared mind")

Practice makes permanent, not perfect.

Perfect practice makes perfect

Practice the maneuvers you don't like!

Dress for the fall, not for the ride.

Cover only those parts of your anatomy you wish to keep!!

Safety Prescriptions

By David & Dori Dirig; CA-1F

Road Rage

60 % of drivers admitted to losing their tempers behind the wheel during the previous year, and 1% claimed another motorist had physically assaulted them. Dr Ricardo Martinez, Administrator of the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, to help you through your journey:

- Don't take traffic problems personally
- Avoid eye contact with an aggressive driver
- Don't make obscene gestures ("that makes you a player and suddenly it begins to escalate")
- Don't tailgate
- Use your horn sparingly (the polite honk can be misinterpreted)
- Don't block the passing lane (some drivers think you're doing something to them when you do this) don't block the right hand turn lane

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



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



Your motor awareness "Tip".

TCLOCK y our Motorcycle if your lights do not work motorists can not see you!!!!!!
so while you are at it TCLOCK your motorcycle

The TCLOCK Checklist

TCLOCK is an acronym that helps to cover the bike from stem to stern, for a quick inspection:

T- Tires and Wheels

- Tires- Check tread depth, wear and air pressure
- Wheels- See if any spokes are loose or if the rim is bent or cracked. See if it turns freely, but is not loose on the axle.

C- Control Levers

- Inspect levers. Verify they are not bent or broken and move easily.
- Check cables for fraying and lubricate them.
- Check hoses for cracks, leaks, bulges and chaffed areas
- Make sure the throttle moves freely. Closes easily. Lube if needed.

L- Lights & Battery

- Check that the battery terminals are clean and tight and that the electrolyte level is correct. Plus make sure the vent tube is hooked to the vent outlet and not kinked
- Check the turn signals and brake lights for proper operation. Make sure the lenses are not cracked or broken
- Headlight- Check for proper operation and alignment

O- Oil Levels

Check engine oil level plus transmission and primary drive fluid levels

C- Chassis

- Steering Head-Move handlebars back and forth to check for tight spots or binding.
- Hold the front brake and rock the bike front to back to check for any free play in the neck bearings.
- Suspension- Check the front forks and the rear shocks for smooth travel and right air pressure (If equipped)
- Belt- Check tension and visually inspect for any rocks or other objects stuck in it.
- Fasteners- Check for any loose nuts or bolts and tighten if needed

K- Kickstand

Side stand- Check for ease of operation and spring action.

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FRIENDSHIPS

GWRRA friendships are formed in many ways. We ride our motorcycles together and have a good time. We visit with other chapters and have a good time. We have chapter events and have a good time. But it is when we can go fishing on the same day, we have a great time!

After Kerney and Connie Eason spent 2 months in Florida camping with dear friends, they returned home, just in time to help with C2's annual Chili Cook-off. A few days later, Charles and I and Kerney and Connie took our boats to Morehead City for a day of fishing. What a fantastic time we had! When you have GWRRA friends to fish with, that is really special!!



Thank you Kerney and Connie for sharing your day with us, great memories were made and we will be able to look back and smile!!!

We love our GWRRA family,
Charles and Sue Langley
District MEPC



Charles Langley March 18
Frankie Medlin March 27
Tim O'Mally March 30



None listed



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

It was great to see lots of you at the Chili Cook-off. Thanks to so many of you for entering your own chili in the Chili Cook-off Contest. So glad it was a beautiful day so many of you could ride your bikes. It was a beautiful site with a parking lot full of beautiful bikes.

Let's Ride – for fun, for fellowship and
keep safety on the top of your list.....
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North Carolina District Directors Roy and Cindy Bryant



Roy and Cindy are busy handing out tickets for 2017 Grand Prizes at the 2017 Wings Over Smokies. Tickets this year will be \$1 each so we all should be able to sell lots more tickets. Tickets are being handed out to each Chapter Director. Be sure you get your share of tickets to sell and sell as many as possible. You do not have to be present to win!

We will still be in the mountains, just at a different place. There will be different places to enjoy riding to see. Learn all you can and share it with others about places to stay, places to eat and things to see. Word has it that it will be like an ole fashion county fair at Haywood County Fairgrounds on September 28-30, 2017. Make and bring your recipes of jellies, preserves, pickles, etc. Cindy will be sharing more about this as you see them traveling around.

MEMBERS ARE NUMBER ONE!!!!



NC Assistant District Directors East – Austin and Peggy Gauthier

Austin and Peggy are busy traveling around to all the chapters in the East as well as many in other parts of North Carolina. You may see them at other state rallies, too. Call on Austin or Peggy if you need them for anything.





North Carolina District Leadership Trainer Robert and Donna Ferguson

GWRRA TRAINING AND THE ADULT LEARNER

YOU - THE ADULT LEARNER

The way we learn is dependent on the reason why we are learning. Gold Wing University serves the three types of mature students:

- **"Goal-oriented"** learners use education or training to accomplish a specific goal. This is the most common reason for adult learning. A specific need is identified and participation in the appropriate program or seminar will address the need.
- The **"activity-oriented"** learner is motivated by the potential for social contact with others. The student views training as a way to connect with other members who have mutual interests and interact with them.
- A **"learning-oriented"** learner pursues knowledge having a passion for learning. Most students in this group are considered avid readers, enthusiastic participants in groups and eager to take classes for personal educational enrichment.

THE "NEW" GOLD WING UNIVERSITY AND YOU

The "new" GWRRA UNIVERSITY has been designed to meet the interests and needs of YOU - the adult learner. The two main purposes for the University are:

- To be vibrant, dynamic source from which well-trained leaders can continue the practice of education, coaching and mentoring.
- To provide members access to some 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's ***School of Officer and Member Training*** workshops have been designed specifically to help current and future leaders become effective, while having some fun in their leadership positions. All training events will be interactive and given by knowledgeable, trained instructors motivated to work together to achieve the organization's trademark mission of FUN, SAFETY, and KNOWLEDGE. Members and officers can develop the skills needed to support their chapters making gatherings and special chapter events to be efficient, effective and enjoyable. GWRRA's Membership Enhancement and off-bike Rider Education workshops are now integrated into the ***School of Officer and Member Training***.

The Gold Wing University ***School of Rider Education and Safety*** will include all on-bike courses, Medic First Aid (MFA) training and Motorist Awareness (MA) workshops continuing to offer members opportunities to become more proficient and prepared on the bike and off. More information can be found on the Rider Education page of this website.

Please contact your NC District Trainer, Robert and Donna Ferguson at ncdistricttrainer@gmail.com or call 336-685-1025 to plan a University event for your chapter. Encouraging participation will enhance your chapter's life!!!

Region N Director Thoughts



February has been an eventful month for the Keough household. We finally got moved into our new home. Now for the long strenuous job of finding new homes for all of our possessions. To top it all off, at this writing I find myself slowly getting over a case of the crud. For these reasons I am asking that you bear with me and enjoy an article published a little over a year ago.

GOING FOR A RIDE

A long time ago, when I was a little girl, Sunday afternoons were spent with the family. Now, we were a long way from well off, so family outings consisted of a great adventure called "going for a ride". Mom would say "you kids get in the car; we're going for a ride". What adventures we would have on our rides. Sometimes we would stop and pick blackberries or dewberries beside the road bringing home our share of red bugs (chiggers) along with the fruit. Other times we would go into the woods and look for muscadine vines. Dad would shake the tree if we found a vine and the muscadines would clatter to the ground. My two brothers and I would have a ball retrieving the fruit and putting what we did not eat into a bucket to take home for Mom to make jelly out of. Occasionally we would build a fire out in a clearing and roast hot dogs. This was a real treat. Sometimes we would visit Mrs. B., an old time friend of our parents who lived on a farm. We roamed all over that property exploring every inch. Mom would always have to check the bottom of our shoes before we got into the car to make sure we hadn't picked up something from the chickens, cows, cats or dogs on the property. No matter where we went or how many times we went there it was always filled with new things to see and do.

Now I'm all grown up and I still enjoy "going for a ride", only now that ride is on our Gold Wing. There is still nothing like the adventure of getting out into nature and experiencing it on the back of a motorcycle. It doesn't matter how many times we've been down the same road or to the same destination, it's just being out there that does it for me. Whether it's just the two of us or there's a whole gaggle of us, I can't think of anything any more enjoyable. It makes me sad to hear someone say they don't want to go riding because they've "been there, done that". No matter how many times you have been to a place it is never the same. There is always something new to discover or someone new to meet, and if you are riding with others there's a chance that this is somebody's first trip there (what a great chance for you to point out interesting things). There are only so many places we can ride to within the time constraints we have. The joy of riding, not the destination should be our deciding factor. I hope everyone has the chance to experience the old fashioned pastime of "going for a ride" in the modern way....on your motorcycle and I hope you get the same enjoyment out of it as I did as a child on our family adventures.



*Glenda and Alan Keough
"Region N" Directors*

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

March 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
P2 Forest City now meets at CampusPizzeria 101 S Main St. Boiling Springs, NC 28017	Eastern Chapters	G High Point Cabo Grill Mexican Restau & Seafood, 10210 N.Main St., Archdale, NC	1	2 G High Point 630/730 V Statesville 6/7 D Greenville 730	3	4 S2 Sanford 10/11 Y2 Matthews 10/11 G2 Waynesville 3/4
5	6	7 C2 Smithfield 730 at Parkside	8	9 A Greensboro 730 T2 Albemarle 730	10	11 L2 Mooresville 9/10 X2 Wilkesboro 1/2 U2 Laurinburg eat 2 /mtg 3
12 X Wake Forest eat 5 / mtg 6	13 W Eden 730 D2 New Bern 730	14 Z Rocky Mt 730 B2WinstonS730	15	16 F2 Garner 730 H2 Durham 730 E2 Eliz City 700	17 St Patrick's Day	18 H2 Durham Swap Meet Q-Wilmington M2 Hendersonville 9 P2 Forest City 130/230
19 O2 Hickory 5/6	20	21 E Cary 730 L Gastonia 7 M Salisbury	22	23 N Burlington 730	24	25 I Asheville eat at 9/mtg at 10 Y Morganton 6/7
26 K2 Fayetteville 2	27	28 R Thomasville 730	29	30	31	

March 18, 2017 H2 Durham Annual Swap Meet

March 23-25, 2017 Florida District Rally "Gathering of the Wings"

April 8, 2017 Z Rocky Mt. Blessing of the Bikes

April 20-22, 2017 TN District Rally "Spring Fling"

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

April 29, 2017 District Ice Cream Ride (more to be announced later)

September 28-30, 2017 "Wings Over Smokies" at Haywood County Fairgrounds, 758 Crabtree Road, Waynesville, NC

2017 Region N Rally at Johnson City, Tennessee

Holiday Inn – November 2nd - 4th

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

