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NC District



Chapter NC-C2

GWRRA NC – C2 Smithfield, NC

FRIENDS for FUN, SAFETY, and KNOWLEDGE

September 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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September 2017

Your Chapter Directors Tom and Linda Tipton

We hope everyone had a safe, fun, and a very productive summer! With the temps in the high ninety's or better, riding becomes not any fun and very unsafe for various reasons. Impaired vision from sweat running in one's eyes, Not being able to make split second decisions from being overheated and or dehydrated , chance of being caught in a summer day down pour having to make the decision do we ride through it because we are on a time schedule, or do we stop? ...I could go on and on, most reasons are common sense. It is easy for me to decide to ride or not to ride all I do is think, will we be comfortable or not, if we will not be comfortable it will not be safe for us to ride... We don't ride!!! **Or the easiest way I make that decision is to listen to that little voice in my ear or better known as Linda !!! "saying we should not be riding" LoL !!!!!.** So with that said. When Linda says it is too hot to ride there is a lot of scientific data to back her up!!! So after many years and miles of riding MC's the older we get sometime the smarter we get. It is easier to say back to her you are right it is too HOT to ride!! Because it may not be the safest day to ride!!! I used to think it was never to hot or cold, hot or wet to ride I must have more common sense this day and time or maybe I am older and have learned that Linda is not just being hard to get along with**HMMMMM or is she? LoL!!!! I will never be able to live this one down!**

Sad to tell linda she could be right again!!!!
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C2 meets the first Tuesday of the month.....
we eat @ 6:30pm meet @ 7:30pm
at Parkside Café in Pine Level
mailing address 2176 US Hwy 70A E Selma, NC 27576

Ya'll come and see us!!!!



Ride Coordinator – Brenda Harper

Watch for an email, Brenda will send when a ride is planned during the month!



Your motor awareness "Tip".

If when you check everything and try to prepare yourself and your motorcycle, things happen that are beyond your control.....



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SMOKIE MOUNTAINS

So what is it like to motorcycle through the Smokies? It is relaxing with all kinds of unique smells, sights, and sound. It is calm with slight moments of intensity and the wind blowing in your face and your eyes taking brief glimpses of beautiful scenery while scanning for danger points. It is smooth riding with glorious horizons. It is Greens, purples, yellows, reds, and whites popping up from all angles. It is rocks and mountains and valleys, hills and streams, and ponds, rivers and dams, and bridges. It is short straight-a-ways and quick curves and long sloping grades all mixed together on narrow and wide roadways. It is the joy of good friends, fresh coffee, hearty meals, and delicious desserts. It is more motorcycles of all shapes, sizes, and sounds ridden by saints and sinners. It is the thrill of the ride and the soothing of the mind. It is views above, below, side by side, ahead and behind. It is the unexpected, the planned, and the hoped for. It is the highs and lows of temperatures rising and falling. It is smokey fog, rain, bright sunshine. It is the sweetness of a quiet Gold Wing smiling at Harley guys grinding by with earplugs blocking loud sounds. It is Sunshine, and shaded roadways. It is reflection and vision. It is thoughts and dreams. It is the wonder of why I waited so long to enjoy? It is the joy of beholding God's creation, full face, up front, and personal. It is gentle meditation and soft prayers.

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.



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



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



Member Enhancement Program Coordinators (MEC)

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Hello!

Hope you have had a wonderful summer. Charles and I are happy that the temperature has come down a bit. Yes, there will be warm days ahead before fall sets in, but we are surely enjoying these cooler days! It has been great to be out and about this month. Every chapter gathering has been a reunion for us.

Charles and I continue to be thankful for all things.....and that includes seeing all of you when we visit your chapter!

Okay!!! The time is almost here.....Wings Over the Smokies!!! Everyone that talks to us is really excited about "The Old Fashioned County Fair". Don't forget to bring your jams, jellies, pickles, or pies. Tom Tipton has already declared that he is going to be the winner of the pie eating contest. I am thinking a Pecan Pie, he is probably thinking a Chocolate Pie. Go Tom!!!!

Of course, let's not forget our attire for the old timey days Fashion Show, that should be very interesting. As for Charles and me, we are ole timey and plan to be there!!

We will be having a Memory Table this year. Hopefully, a lot of memories will be shared.

Something that will be happening for the first time, is a photography session. Only the first 100 people to sign up, so make sure that you take time to check on this event. Thank you, Steve Craig, for giving us such a special keepsake. Who knows, that photograph may be on the memory table in the future!

Last year we all can recall how touching the Memorial Service was. That was such a precious tribute to those that have been a loving part of each other and GWRRA. We deeply respect this part of the program.

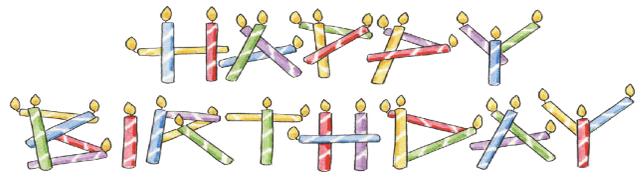
Looking forward to Wings Over the Smokies!

Hope to see you there and all the wild animals!

Love you!

Charles and Sue





Sue Langley

September 19

George and Brenda Harper
Charles and Sue Langley

September 11
September 27



2017 NC-C2 Chapter Couple

Connie and Kerney Eason



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

September is almost here. Be careful if you are out celebrating Labor Day, especially if you are on your motorcycle. Watch for those around you and make sure they keep their distance from you. We enjoyed our Medic First Aid Course in August at Parkside and renewed our knowledge for what to do if we came upon an accident or were in a group that had an accident happen. Continue to load up on water and enjoy ice cream rides. If I'm not with you, it's because I am working.

Ride all you can, but ride safely and stay as cool as possible. Take in as many of the fun days held by our chapters as you can. Keep your eyes on everything around you and enjoy your ride.

**Let's Ride – for fun, for fellowship and
keep safety on the top of your list.....
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EAT AND MEET FOR AUGUST 2017

Chapter C2 opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and honored our Veterans as well. Tom Tipton welcomed our guest chapter who were the following: E Cary, F2 Garner, D Greenville, D2 New Bern, Z Rocky Mount, S2 Sanford and X Wake Forest.

Visiting guests were District Directors Roy and Cindy Bryant, ADD's Alston and Peggy Gautier, MEPC's Charles and Sue Langley, District Educators Tom and Carol Scully and District Couple George and Brenda Harper. All addressed the group with events and updates. ADD's Alston and Peggy swore in chapter C2's new Assistant Directors Kerney and Connie Eason.

The couple's plaque was won by Glen from chapter X Wake Forest. The Eastern Travelers plaques was won by Bobby and Alice from D Greenville. The couple's meal ticket was won by Connie Eason. The vests drawing was won by 3 different people who got Krispy Kreme gift cards. The candy jar was won by Debbie Lewis. A pig picking cake provided by Shari Langley was shared with everyone but not raffled off just donated. The raffle of 2 sets of 100 tickets for the Goldwing bike at WOS, was won both by Sandra Smith.

C2 Chapter Educator Sammy Langley spoke to us on staying hydrated in the summer heat while riding. Tom reminded C2 of our Medic First Aid and CPR class at 9:00 August 12 at Parkside Cafe'.

Sunshine Lady, Connie Eason, recognized all birthdays and anniversaries of those present. Kerney talked on the October 26-29th Myrtle Beach trip. Tom announced our 2018 Chili Cook Off will be February 17, 2018. Mark your calendar. Door prizes were given out by Tom, Roy and Sue. The 50/50's were won by Roy Bryant, Alston Gautier and John Bryant.

Reporter,
Dottie Baker



HAPPY LABOR DAY.....STAY SAFE!!!!



North Carolina District Directors Roy and Cindy Bryant

WOW.....after the District Team planning meeting Saturday, August 5, the entire team is officially in RALLY MODE and ready for W.O.T.S. In planning, you have to start with "openings day" and go over everything hour by hour. Try to cover all the fun we have in store for the event. Since we will be at our new venue this year, it is hard to say just how everything is going to work, but those things will be addressed upon arrival so everything will be in place by the time our gracious workers get there ready to make this year's WOTS a success.

We have one building set up as "Rally Central". It will be everyone's first point of entry housing registration, hospitality, program tables, baskets and all the other fun built in.

Building number two is where you will find all the wonderful inside vendors with outside vendors located in the back of the facility. They are available to supply all your needs.

We have a "barn style area" set up for our classrooms so you can have fun learning about what the new "modules" are all about. Also a huge arena for our special ceremonies.

One thing we all have come accustom to is pavement/asphalt to park on. This year we do not have that luxury. All parking is on hard, packed gravel (not loose rock). This is not something you will sink into, it is solid ground. I will ask you to use a side stand pad if you have one. I DO NOT feel your stand will sink, but just as a precaution, use it....better safe than sorry.

Time is moving so fast, I can't keep up. We are still working on the work schedule. For those that have not turned in your workers sheet and your workers shirt orders, we need them by August 21. We know everyone wants a new rally shirt. WOTS will not be a success without our great workers.

We are doing something new this year with our "vendor" prizes. These prizes come from the vendors to say "Thank You" for giving us the opportunity to be at WOTS. We all enjoy the vendors that come to our rally and many of you wait until this event to buy new stuff. Your purchases at the rally are what bring our vendors back year after year. When you make a purchase with a vendor, you will be given a "vendor" ticket. That ticket goes into a special "cage" and the vendor prizes will be distributed from those tickets. So, visit the vendors, buy some goodies, get your vendor ticket and perhaps win a prize.

OK, I know by now, you have heard that changes will be made in GWRRA. The whole idea behind these changes is to allow chapters to have more fun. Change is not a scary word especially if you focus on the fun part. We will be getting more information at Wing Ding and we will share with everyone at a later time. Not all details are worked out yet and the changes do not even take place until 2018.

Let's enjoy the fun we plan to have thru the remainder of 2017, next year will come soon enough.

MEMBERS ARE NUMBER ONE!!!!

Roy & Cindy Bryant
NC District Directors



NC Assistant District Directors East – Austin and Peggy Gauthier



Hello Ya'll

Wow the time is flying — as of this moment it's only 142 days until Christmas — which makes it 54 days until WOTS, are you ready to have FUN? We've been busy visiting — Went to the WVA District Rally; had tons of fun. We've been out to our Chapters in the East, gathering all those ticket stubs; everyone excited about that Motorcycle, & others prizes to be given away.

All final preparations have been made for everyone to have fun,,; hope you have your registrations in, and reservations made. Time is running out quickly — get your period outfit together to help us laugh & make precious memories.

All the Eastern Chapters are doing well, people are visiting & riding together — it so good to see so many out, enjoying themselves and making new friends.

We're sure by now everyone has heard about the changes coming down the pike in January of 2018; the restructuring of GWRRA — Just remember if it's not broken, it's doesn't need to be repaired. From time to time change is good, keeps us all on our toes; opens our minds to different ways of getting around obstacles. It's getting back to the basic why GWRRA got started in the first place — RIDE, EAT, HAVE FUN & MAKE NEW FRIENDS. Let's all give the changes a chance before making comments, never know you just might like them.

Speaking of new friends, coming home from the WVA District Rally, we made unexpected new friends. Two brothers from Ohio, just out traveling together seeing the world — happened to be in front of us. One on a Spider, and the other on a Yamaha two wheeler; the motorcyclist went down on a damp curve —he hit the ground with a bounce, landed in the fetal position. NC District was out of the car and attended with knowledge & safety to their aide. Once they found out who we were, and the abilities at their disposal — they were two very grateful men. No one was seriously hurt, slight damage to the motorcycle, BUT — ALL THE GEAR, ALL THE TIME SAVED THIS MAN MUCH PAIN. Again it was dressing for the slide -- not the ride, that made it possible for them too continue on with their journey.

We're proud of what we've learned in GWRRA, helping others sure puts a smile on my face. Anyway, see you on the road.

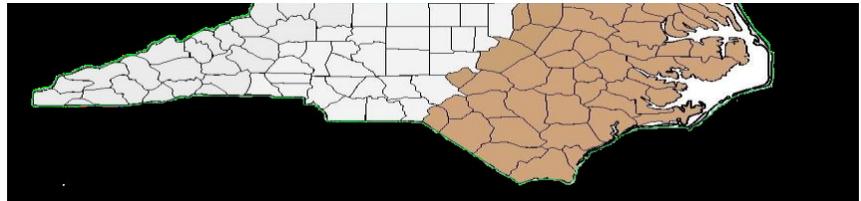
Austin & Peggy Gauthier

ADD's East

Austin's Cell # 252 452 0666

Peggy's Cell # 252 452 5095

We're always just a call away !!



North Carolina/Virginia Training Day – August 26, 2017

O'Berry Neuro-Medical Treatment Center, Goldsboro, NC

This training was held and was very enjoyable and informational. Tom and Carol did a great job of planning for this day. Trainers from Virginia were there to assist Carol and Tom. Susan Huttman, who was NC District Trainer but is now Region Assistant Trainer was there to share in the training. Lots of questions were answered about changes coming our way in GWRRA. Be sure to attend as often as you can when something is held for you to learn more about up coming changes.

WE CAN DO THIS

Frankie Medlin

C2 Newsletter Editor



NC District Leadership Trainers Tom and Carol Scully

WE CAN DO THIS

A number of members may have heard by now that there is a plan to restructure some aspects of GWRRA effective January 1, 2018. If your email was on file with the home office you should have received an email containing links to U-Tube videos featuring Anita Alkire, the President of GWRRA. If you have not seen the videos, there is a link on the GWRRA website under the O Connect Link (under the Officers' tab. In the videos, a number of changes are discussed. The changes are meant to shift the focus to riding and the social aspects of GWRRA with the support of the education programs. This should have a positive effect of revitalizing the Chapters and Districts (states) through fun, friendship and riding. There will be a more relaxed structure to the organizational chart. Chapter life for many of us will not change much since this is the way we are now functioning.

Our focus should be on fun, socialization and riding, as it is in many of the North Carolina chapters. The Chapter Director should be coordinating these activities along with the members of the Chapter Team. The other Chapter Officers will include the Chapter Ride Coordinator, who will be part of the Rider Education program. Their focus should be on rides, ride planning and ride safety.

The Chapter Member Enhancement and Social Coordinator will work closely with the Chapter team to assure the fun aspects at Chapter gathering and Chapter rides.

The Chapter Treasurer will assure there are enough funds in the Chapter treasury to meet the needs of the members.

According to Anita, the focus should be on socialization, camaraderie and rides. 50/50s should provide just enough financial support to meet the member needs. Though not mentioned specifically in the videos, and not listed on the organizational chart currently, there is no change to other chapter positions which support the Chapter and the Chapter Team..

We will still have the COY program and the Chapter of the Year program. Since the districts are the most responsive and aware of the members' needs, the Region level of management is being eliminated. A Region is a specific geographical area within GWRRA. We have been part of Region N, consisting of five states: North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky and West Virginia. With the elimination of the Region, Districts will report directly to the home office and the President of GWRRA.

The Rider Education and Levels Program will become a District responsibility. Training for all members will be held on a quarterly basis. The District Ride Coordinator will focus on District rides, open to all members, including those not yet associated with a Chapter. There are many of us who have discussed and reviewed the changes. Some of us do not like change, but accept it as inevitable. That is a perfectly normal response. However, we need to give this a chance to work.

The home office is trying to relax the rules by having us all go back to having fun, enjoying socializing within the Chapter and District and by riding. We all have questions which should be answered in the coming months. If you have some, please email me and we will try to get one for you. One way we will try to get some answers for you is Question and Answer sessions at the Training Day on August 26th and at Wings Over the Smokies®. Please feel free to join us to learn the latest information and updates. We will also try and keep you updated through the District newsletter.

Carol A. Scully

NC District Trainer, ncdistricttrainer@gmail.com

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

September 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Eastern Chapters					1	2 S2 Sanford 10/11 Y2 Matthews 10/11 G2 Waynesville 3/4
3	4	5 C2 Smithfield 730 at Parkside	6	7 G High Point 630/730 V Statesville 6/7 D Greenville 730	8	9 L2 Mooresville 9/10 X2 Wilkesboro 1/2 U2 Laurinburg e2/m3
10 X Wake Forest eat 5 / mtg 6	11 W Eden 730	12 Z Rocky Mt 730 B2WinstonS730	13	14 A Greensboro 730 T2 Albemarle 730	15	16 Q-Wilmington M2 Hendersonville 9 P2 Forest City 130/230
17 O2 Hickory 5/6	18 D2 New Bern 730	19 E Cary 730 L Gastonia 7 M Salisbury	20	21 F2 Garner 730 H2 Durham 730 E2 Eliz City 700	22	23 I Asheville 9/10 Y Morganton 6/7
24 K2 Fayetteville 2	25	26 R Thomasville 730	27	28 WINGS N Burlington 730	29 OVER	30 SMOKIES

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



*Glenda and Alan Keough
"Region N" Directors*



HAPPY LABOR DAY

**2017 Region N Rally at Johnson City, Tennessee
Holiday Inn – November 2nd - 4th
-----Put it on your calendar and plan to attend.....**