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Chapter NC–C2

FRIENDS for FUN, SAFETY, and KNOWLEDGE

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“The Wingin’ News”

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From your Chapter Team Leader, Frankie Medlin

The Month of August has taken us to different places and has challenged us with different sets of circumstances. How have we handled ourselves, have we been able to endure and been able to come out proud of the way we have handled ourselves? Hopefully, we can say we have.

Yes, we were all surprised and disappointed when we received the email telling us Bob “Goose” and Dorothy Richards had been dismissed as our District Directors. Goose and Dorothy have been great leaders for North Carolina and the many other states that have supported North Carolina District at the last two rallies in 2014 and 2015.

Many of our North Carolina members as well as GWRRA members from other states have requested the North Carolina rally be moved back to Cherokee, NC for years. Goose and Dorothy explored possibilities looking for places for our rally and boy did they come up with a winner. The Acquoni Expo Center, in the heart of Cherokee, was a big find and has been a very enjoyable rally for “going back to our roots”. We thank Goose and Dorothy for all the hard work finding this great location and for leading all the hard work over the last two years of putting a great team together that worked and played together as they put on two fantastic rallies. With great leaders comes lots of support. Please continue to tell Goose and Dorothy how much you appreciate all the hard work they have done and how much you appreciate the professional way they have lead our District. As you continue to think of things you appreciate that Goose and Dorothy did for us all, be sure to continue to tell them how much you appreciated them. As Goose and Dorothy ask us to do, we will try to keep moving forward to make North Carolina District the best it can be in Region N.

Even though this has been quite a blow to us, we need to remain positive and try to keep moving forward as a great Chapter, which will in turn help us to move forward as a great District.

We have a lot of blessings recently: thankful that Charles Langley’s blockage could be corrected with a stint and that he is still recuperating well, that Nonie Roberson’s son, Paul is recuperating from his all day surgery and Nonie is home after staying with him and caring for him while his wife kept their business going, that Eddie Lewis continues to recuperate after being a very sick man and having to have his gall bladder removed before he was able to get rid of any of the pain, and that Connie continues to recuperate from her knee injury and the unfortunate deer accident. Please continue to keep Kenny’s dad in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to help take care of him. I thank all of you for your thoughts and prayers as I continue to recuperate from the accident in April. Some days it seems mighty slow, but then I am reminded that even though I wasn’t aware of what went on, I have a lot to be thankful for each day. Hopefully, the

doctors will release me in October and I will be able to ride again. Yes, I am looking seriously at trikes. My Prius has been a good substitute since I haven't been able to ride a bike, but I look forward to getting back on a trike to enjoy the fresh air during the fall.

We wish Joe and Willa a safe trip to Wing Ding as they travel to meet up with a group to ride there together.

Thank you all for working to keep our chapter moving forward
Let's ride for FUN, FRIENDS and SAFE TY.....RIDE SAFE!!!

Frankie Medlin, NC-C2 Chapter Director

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From your Assistant Chapter
Director,
Tom Tipton

As we venture towards another Years END. We must ask ourselves.

Have we had a good year? If not Why?

Have we put forth an effort to do everything that we wanted to?

Have we treated people the way we want to be treated?

Have we given enough of ourselves to our loved ones?

Have we made sure that what we say is what we do?

Have we been honest with ourselves, family, and friends?

Have we given enough of ourselves to things and causes that are more important and bigger than one's self?

Have YOU AND I figured out that we are not as important as we think we are?

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Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge



RIDE SMARTER

One of the major decisions we need to address is namely, to ride or not to ride! It does not matter what the reason, if you are not prepared physically or mentally, DO NOT RIDE! Being under the weather so to speak, missing medications or having just started new medications, worries about other life issues, are all reasons to “call the ride”. I realize many of us are not in the best of physical condition due to life style; however, those things which affect our mental outlook are vital to whether or not we should be on a motorcycle. In other words, we need to feel “right” to be able to stay on top of our riding game; anything less brings potential problems.

Having said that, this is the time we should be preparing for those long motorcycle tours. Many of our membership are preparing for Wing Ding, which can be a far piece of road for some riders and co-riders. The idea for many of us is to climb on the motorcycle and head off down the road for distant destinations without having done any or little riding. Talk about all sorts of problems associated with the first paragraph! The “old dog” says to start easy with shorter rides lasting only an hour or two, a hundred miles or so, and then start stretching time and distance out. Remember, we just ain’t as young as most of us once were, so to speak.

Ease into the riding season rather than pushing the limits without the warm up.

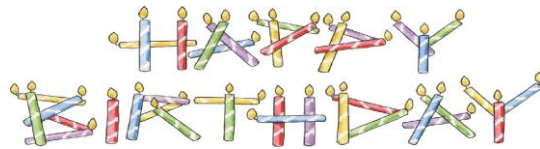
Let’s discuss riding length both in distance and time as mentioned above. The question we need to address to ourselves is, how far is too far, and how long is too long? Both of these questions are interrelated. Again, consider the age, health, riding time, and physical attributes of both the rider and co-rider. Most of us don’t have “iron butts”, and so have no business attempting all day rides covering hundreds of miles. It takes the joy out of riding if either the rider or co-rider becomes tired, uncomfortable; and some more issues that the reader can factor in here. And these symptoms lead to mental breakdowns as far as riding skills and decision making during these long days. Therefore, address length and time whether riding alone or with a group. Set markers of how long to ride, how far that will be, where the stops occur, and so forth. Pick out the factors which make the ride enjoyable, safe, and reasonable. For instance, for my wife Shari and myself, 350 miles plus or minus is a good day, leaving us rested, and able to enjoy the days ride. Sure, there are days we ride longer, and some days less in distance and time, so the 350 are an average.

We all recognize that parts of the country we ride in during the riding season get hot. We can use many methods and types of clothing to combat the heat factor, but remember, even these items are only temporary measures. If it is not imperative to make a certain

destination before the day ends, who says we have to “march on”? Take refuge in a movie theatre, shopping mall, or similar facility during the hottest part of the day, and then continue after it cools down enough to be comfortable and SAFE to finish the ride. Who said Dairy Queen was only for ice cream? If we notice our “old dog”, where is it? Laying up in the shade, you “betcha”! Chasing rabbits can wait till it cools down a tad. That is a great philosophy for us riders and co-riders as well. Ride smart by not pressing on when temperatures become unbearable and make us unsafe to be on the road.

Remember, you the rider, and your co-rider are the only ones who can make the decisions necessary to ride smarter and therefore safer. You can fill in the blanks of this article using it as a thought process to develop your own strategies for riding throughout the season. Our head is to be used for something other than to carry our helmet on, so use our decision-making ability to make our riding season the best season yet.

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



Sue Langley September 19



Charles and Sue Langley September 27



WING DING 37
September 3 – 6, 2015
Huntsville, AL

EAT and MEET

Our August meeting was opened by Tom Tipton welcoming our guests. Each chapter announced their Eat and Meet dates and times along with any upcoming events. Those presents were as follows: NC-E Cary, NC K-2 Fayetteville, NC F-2 Garner, NC-D Greenville, NC D-2 New Bern, NC S-2 Sanford. Tom led all in the pledge of allegiance. Chapter Director, Frankie Medlin, led us in a blessing for the food and several prayers requests given. Frankie shared the invitation from Chapters X2 and Y for a picnic on August 29 which will be held in Wilkesboro. There will several rides to choose from as well as games from 8 AM until 8 PM.

We welcomed special guests, our new District Couple, Corky and Allyson Lee for 2015- 16. Also present were Steve and Mary Craig, District Staff Newsletter Editor and Webmaster. Steve announced the 2016 Wings Over the Smokies will be held September 22-24, 2016 in Cherokee at the same place.

Chapter NC-2 Educator, Sammy Langley was congratulated by all for his being named Educator of the year for 2015 and was presented this title at Wings Over the Smokies this year. Sammy then spoke on first aid kits and encouraged us to keep them up to date and check them at least once a year. On August 1 we had the Medic First Aid course which was attended by 22 members. We all learned new uses for "Walmart bags"! Sammy shared that he and Shari came up on a motorcyclist who had hit a deer, when on the way home from our class. Encouraged us to keep alert as possible while riding.

Frankie announced the C-2 will have our Christmas party on December 12, here at Parkside Cafe at 6:30 PM. Birthday and Anniversaries for the month were announced. Kerney talked to us about the October Myrtle Beach event and encouraged us to make reservations. Ride coordinators, Charles and Sue Langley, discussed upcoming rides which next will be McLean's in Zebulon and they will advise us of the date soon.

Door prizes were passed out by Tom, Jim, Kerney and Sammy.

The cake raffle was won by Pat Joyner, NC D-2, New Bern. She cut it and shared with everyone. It was made by Dottie Baker.

The Vest drawing was won by Mike Thomas, NC E, Cary. The Couples meal ticket was won by Tom and Linda Tipton.

The 50/50 drawings of two \$30 were won by: 1st Allyson Lee and 2nd by Corky Lee!!!! Their lucky night!

Reporter: Dottie Baker



2015-2016 NC-C2 Chapter Couple Tom and Linda Tipton



We are still enjoying visiting the Eastern part of our District. Making sure to be where the Couples of the Year Traveling Plaque is, putting ourselves at the right place at right time to receive the Couples Plaque if our name is drawn. We continue to make many friends at Chapter gatherings. We have bonded with the other Chapter Couple's. They are family to us. We have become very close to Dale and Jane, Greenville's Chapter Couple of the Year. Where they go, we go. They can't shake us, Ha! Ha! Ha! Even if they try!!!! We want to thank them for becoming part of our extended Family.

Last year's C2's Couple of the Year, Charles and Sue Langley continue to travel with us without regret!

Thanks again Charles and Sue.

We mostly focus on the Eastern part of our District for the Plaque. The plaque will be retired soon and we want as many chances as we can get to keep the Plaque for C2.

Without our Chapters continued support this journey would not be worth it!

Thanks C2 for your continued support!

tom & linda



Greetings from your Road Captain and Ride Coordinators:

Making Memories....

This month the Road Crew has been very busy. Along with visiting other chapters, we even took a trip on the ferry again with Kerney and Connie joining the regular crew. We also rode on separate journeys. It's with great joy I can tell you that Tom and Linda visited his mother and other members of his family in Tennessee. Mamas love to see their children come back home, no matter how grown-up the children are!!!!

Charles and I enjoyed being in the mountains, visiting other chapters, and touring Biltmore Estate. What a fascinating place!!!!

Kerney and Connie were in Virginia, also making memories. I'm sure that all of you made many special memories since our last newsletter. Whether we leave home or enjoy being in our home, make every day special with the ones you love!!:-) :-) :-) :-)

LIFE IS SHORT.....MAKE IT SWEET

Love,
Charles and Sue

P.S. I am so happy to report that our Medic First Aid class was wonderful. As a chapter, we are continuing to keep on top of our goals. Safety and Knowledge are the keys to great riding!



Visiting with the Hendersonville Chapter. We also visited Greensboro and Hickory. Friends everywhere!!!!



Love you,
Charles and Sue



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

I really just have one thought this month. Sincerity, what does being sincere mean to us. Is it as simple as saying what we mean and meaning what we say or is it something a little more complicated than that. Webster's defines sincere as wholehearted, heartfelt, hearty, unfeigned mean genuine in feeling. Sincerity stresses absence of hypocrisy, feigning, or any falsifying embellishment or exaggeration. Do we strive to treat those we love this way or do we just always think there will be a new day? Do we cherish those we love and appreciate and tell them so or do we just assume they know?



Now that school is starting back for most kids let's remember to watch out for buses and children crossing the road. Now that the days start getting cooler and shorter, let's remember to wear our layers so that we don't get caught out in the cold.

I have made all updates that I am aware of for our website, if you see anything I have missed or that you would like to see included please let me know.

Let's Ride – for fun, for fellowship and keep safety on the top of your list.....
You can email me and/or send a picture to nc_C2_smithfield@yahoo.com.

Let's Ride,
Candis Medlin
919-815-6824

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.....

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

September 11, 2015 Nine Eleven Ride planned and hosted by Chapter D Greenville – We will get details from them and announce at our Sept gathering

September 12, 2015 C2 Dinner Ride

September 26, 2015 Chapter A Fall Fun Fest, 6371 Burnt Poplar Rd, Greensboro

October 1-3, 2015 27th Annual Rally in the Valley

Come Discover America at this year's Rally In The Valley!

Held at the Holiday Inn Tanglewood in Roanoke, Virginia.

Our Rally has something for everyone. Numerous vendors, ERC & Trike courses Lighted Bike Show guided and unguided rides through the surrounding

Mountains including the Blue Ridge Parkway. Pre-registration prices till September 25, but don't wait. For more information, visit our website at www.gwrrava.org/RITV.html.

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Happy Labor Day!

The first Monday of September means that white clothes are out, sales [are in](#), summer holidays are over and classes begin. For many of us (but far from [all of us](#)), it's a [welcome day off of work or school](#), ahead of what is likely to be a busier month than the last.



Outgoing Region Directors

A New Chapter

No, I'm not talking about another new GWRRA Chapter Kicking Off in Region N although we have had two this year, VA B-1 and KY B-1. What are the odds! The new Chapter that I'm talking about is the one that is starting in mine and Angie's life.

The present Chapter started in 1993 when we joined GWRRA. This happened at a very opportune time for us. We had not long been dating and were from different backgrounds. As a native Richmonder, I had lifelong friends here. Angie (as you all know) came from Ethiopia, lived in Northern Virginia and Maryland, and came to the Richmond area much later in life. Our circles of friends did not intersect. Upon joining GWRRA, that all changed, and changed quickly. Soon we had made tons of friends, we got married GWRRA style with the ceremony being performed by our Chapter Director (the lawyers are still checking on the legality of our nuptials!). We made a huge circle of friends that has spanned over two decades. Our closest and dearest friends are a result of that simple act of joining a Gold Wing Association. We have traveled far and wide. We have ridden the bike over a lot of North America and have racked up over Half a Million miles, each and every one of them safe, because of our training in motorcycle safety. There is no doubt that we have had tons of fun along the way.....

The new Chapter that I referred to at the start of the article is the one we embark on. Things change, priorities shift, life sometimes just happens. We have enjoyed once again serving the Members of Region N. Now it is time to move on. We will always cherish the friendships we made, and the many experiences we have had as a result of our involvement in GWRRA. We can only hope that you all get as much from this Association as we have. The memories and education will last a lifetime.

We bid you all smooth roads and dry weather on your journeys.

Farewell and God Bless.

Mike & Angie



We asked. You answered. We listened. We're changing.

Dear GWRRA Members,

Bobby and I appreciate your support, hard work and the Fun you had at Wings Over The Smokies. There are so many of you who have said what a great time you had and that is our goal. Many of you were right there with us helping at a moment's notice. I want to say a special THANK YOU again to those who were with me in the Hospitality Room. Most of you were not "scheduled" to be there but showed up and offered to help and then stayed for the duration. When I asked for help from one couple I got a whole chapter. Men were vacuuming and washing dishes it was AWESOME!

At one point the hospitality room was so full I was a little worried about the food vendors, but when I walked outside people were lined up with them also. We hope not only the food vendors had a great experience but all of our vendors. We would like to thank them for supporting our rally by attending and contributing prizes.

We are already looking to September 22, 2016 to begin getting things in motion for next year. Although we love to hear the praises for our work we need to hear constructive criticism on what would make it better.

However, before we can get to 2016 we have to finish 2015. Our Grand Finale every year is Gifts on Cycles. Not only is it our effort to give to those who are less fortunate but for those in the EAST it's our kickoff to Christmas. For us it's like a huge Christmas Party for the members, for O'Berry and for us. We look forward to seeing you there. Make an effort to come especially if you have never been. Take a tour of the facility and learn what they are all about. The staff and the residents are remarkable people. They use the abilities people have even through disability. There is hope in that and there is joy in seeing what they accomplish.

I do want to apologize to those members who were embarrassed by the errors that were made not only at WOS but in the weeks since. We are here for you and ask your forgiveness in this matter. Take some time but please don't let this steal your joy. We look forward to seeing your smiles.

Until we meet again, keep your wheels on the pavement!

Bobby and Susan Womack

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