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# **NEWSLETTER**

#### **DECEMBER 2021**

### **WINGMASTERS - NC-C2 - SMITHFIELD, NC**

Meetings: 1st Tuesday of each month

Location: PARKSIDE CAFÉ in Pine Level Address: 2176 U.S. Hwy 70A E, Selma, NC 27576 Hwy 70 ALT East, I-95 Exit 97

We eat at 6:00 p.m. and meet at 7:00 p.m.

#### From Your Newsletter Editor

First, many thanks to Frankie Medlin, Candis Medlin, Sandra Jones and Tom Tipton for their words of encouragement, assistance and input in getting this Newsletter out by the end of the year. C-2 has not sent a newsletter out in sometime and we are excited to get this first brief version out before the end of 2021, especially since we DO NOT WANT YOU TO MISS our CHILI COOKOFF February 19, 2022! Reminder and details below. SAVE THE DATE!!

2021 was filled with many great rides, meals shared, and stops for ice cream, of course. We ended the year together with a Christmas party on December 16th. All 29 active members were present. A special night of good food, fun, games and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

~ Hope your New Year is filled with good health, long safe rides and things that delight your soul. ~

## **Story Time**

Re: C-2's Chapter Director, Sandra Jones



When Sandra Jones became C-2's Chapter Director, she was asked to write about how she came to know GWRRA and Gerald. Here is her story:

My first recollection of GWRRA began in February 2017. My husband had passed away in 2016 from lung cancer. Dottie called and asked if I would be interested in helping her with the concession stand at "Chili Cook Off?" Kenny had to work that Saturday. Kenny & Dottie Baker had been members of GWRRA for a few years. I have known Dottie since I was 13 and she was 15. She married my brother when she was 19. So if Dottie asked me to help, I knew it was an ok place to be on a Saturday. But Chili Cook Off??? What on earth is a chilly cook off? I SOON FOUND OUT. Then in February of 2018, Dottie & Kenny asked me to help again, and I said sure. It was a lot of work with fun mixed in. I have enjoyed Chili Cook off every year.

I am getting ahead of myself a little bit. Unbeknown to me, 2 things I used to do would bring Gerald and myself together. I used to have a straw bale garden. I started gardening around 2011. And I used to teach Gerald's grandson, Owen (age 6 at the time), Sunday school. The family would invite me to Owen's birthday parties, so all I knew was Gerald was Aaron's father and Owen's grandfather. But I did find Gerald interesting. We made small talk about gardening, and stuff. Gerald appeared to be interested in straw bale gardening and I enjoyed the conversation.

One day after William passed away, I saw Gerald's son Aaron & wife, Jessie in Walmart and Aaron said he wished me and his daddy would start seeing each other. I wasn't uninterested, but I was not interested either, if that makes any sense. Anyway, Jessie called me and asked was I going to have the straw bale garden that year (2017). I wanted a garden, but not sure how to get bales to the house. She (Jessie) said contact Gerald on Facebook, he could help me. It seemed innocent enough, so I did. Two weeks passed and no answer. Jessie calls and asked did I try to contact Gerald? I said yes, on Facebook, but if he is not interested just leave it alone. As fate would have it, Gerald had been hacked on FB a year earlier and I had sent a message on the old FB pages. So I sent a message to the active Facebook page. Gerald and I sent messages back and forth and then exchanged phone numbers. Gerald knew all about GWRRA and our first date was to a Tuesday night NC C2 meeting. And I guess you might say "the rest is history."

# **C-2 Chapter Meetings**

January 2022 – Tuesday, January 4, 2022 February 2022 – At Chili Cook-Off (details below)

**Chapter Rides**No Ride in January 2022

### NC-C2 Smithfield's ANNUAL Chili Cook-Off

Entry Fee......Free First Place.....\$200 Second Place....\$75.00 Third Place.....\$50.00 Smithfield Moose Lodge 402 JR Road Selma N.C. 27576 Saturday
February 19<sup>th</sup> 2022
9:00 AM Start
Eat as soon as Judging is over

#### MEET/GATHER 12:30 PM

### \*All Chili to be Judged must be on Chili Judging table by 11:00am\*

(This will be our February Gathering)
Directions: at intersection of 70A and I-95 HWY.
Take service road in front of Denny's & JR's Discount store
Moose Lodge is on Right at the end of road.

# \*ALL REGISTRATIONS AT DOOR\*





If you like Chili this is for YOU!

\$10.00 at the door gets YOU all the Chili and Fixings YOU can eat!

<u>Free Coffee!</u> <u>Free Pop Corn!</u> <u>Baked Goods For Sale</u> <u>Lots and Lots of Very Nice Door Prizes!</u>

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# Ride Safe!



# Thought for the Day

It is better to dance in the rain than to sit under a leaking roof.

# **Keep Smiling and Laughing!**



"I'm looking to buy a motorcycle that makes me look cool, young, attractive, thinner and lowers my cholesterol."