



# “River City Wings, NC-E2”

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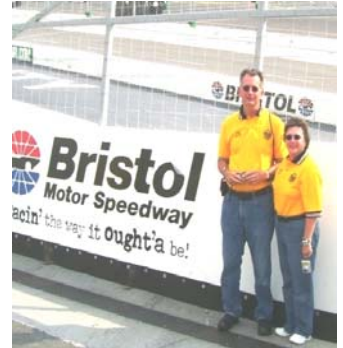
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## THE VIEW FROM THE CD’S WINDSHIELD

By: Lee Fortier, Chapter Director

Sandy and I just returned from a really nice ride on the 1800 down to Edenton, NC for dinner at Waterman’s, accompanied by George and Millie on their 1500. When we arrived at the Restaurant, Paul and Paula, and Clyde and Jane were already there, having opted for their four-wheeled vehicles.



A very nice table for eight was arranged for us on the second level, and the service and the meal were both quite good. The random drawing from the “Stuff the Box” dinner options is working really well so far.

There was a great deal of chatter about Wing-Ding and how that experience went. I was disappointed to hear that the drill team/top gun event was rained out, and that due to showers in the area, the grand parade didn’t establish a new Guinness record for the most motorcycles of the same brand in a single parade. But otherwise, it sounded like good meals abounded and despite the huge size of this event, the E2’ers were able to hook up with one another at least once. The conversation quickly turned to one of what’s next? And that of course brought up Wings over the Smokies which unbelievably is only a little more than two months away. NC-E2 already has seventeen folks signed up for WOS, and I’m sure that we will get some late registrants as well. It would be nice if we got to a nice round number like... twenty! Maybe there are a small handful of undecided in the Chapter who will decide to attend later. WOS is a wonderful rally with lots to do and almost two hundred vendors; all of whom are quite willing to take your \$\$\$\$ in exchange for safety chrome, safety lights, and safety clothing. In addition, there is clearly no shortage of bling, tires, trailers, trikes, campers, etc. WOS remains my favorite rally of all, and Sandy and I are looking forward to attending once again.

We have a couple of special rides coming up soon: the NC-X inaugural chapter meeting on **July 26** and a special dinner ride to Deadwood on Saturday, **August 2**. Both of these rides will be fun, and I know we have a lot of folks that are looking forward to the Deadwood dinner ride. Please try and reserve these dates on your calendars so you don’t miss out on them.

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We meet on the fourth (4th)  
Thursday of each month at  
Golden Corral  
406 Halstead Blvd.  
Elizabeth City, NC.

We eat at 6:30 & meet at 7:30.  
**Come Join Us and the Fun!**

*Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge*

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Last months Food Bank contributions were excellent, and we continue to support the folks in need at a time when their needs are becoming greater and greater as the economy seems to slip further and further into the abyss. I know they appreciate your donations, and please know that Sandy and I also appreciate the way you all step up when the need arises, whether it is to support the Ride for Kids, the O'Berry Center, or the Food Bank. So to you all, a big "Thank you"!

I think our monthly socials are becoming more fun each month, and we hope that you will continue to try and attend each month. The Golden Corral provides quality food with a large variety of offerings at a very, very reasonable price. We look forward to seeing many if not most of you on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m.

***"Ride smart, because dumb can really hurt."***

Lee & Sandy Fortier, CD's

**North Carolina District News**

**WINGS OVER THE SMOKIES**

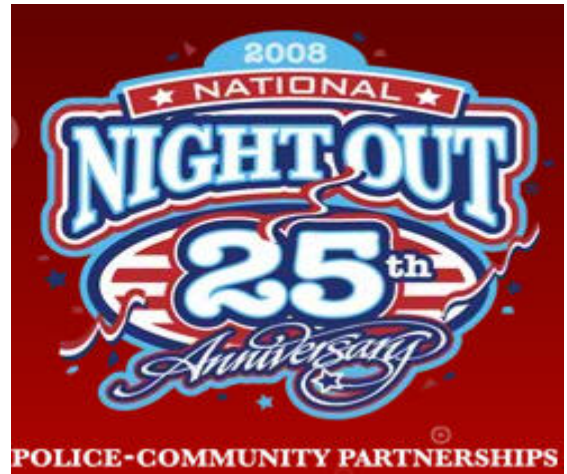
**September 18, 19 & 20 , 2008**

**River City Wings to sell Daily 50/50 tickets on Saturday, Sept. 20. Please let Lee and Sandy know the hours you would like to help.**

**Weather permitting, scenic tours of the area have been planned.**

## National Night Out 2008!

The 25th Annual National Night Out, a unique crime and drug prevention event, has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 5, 2008. We invite you and your community to be part of our Night Out Team.



River City Wings will be on hand to show our support for the 25th Anniversary of the National Night Out Against Crime. All Chapter members are invited to be at the event with their bikes. There will be information available for GWRRA, Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation and the Motorcycle Awareness Foundation.

Be at the Thursday night social to hear what Officer Carter has to say about the event on Tuesday, August 5.



## Our Chapter Couple for 2008 Our Chapter Couple for 2008

**Ron & Billie Johnson**

Like everyone else I'm writing about my trip to Wing Ding. We decided that traveling the old state highways is the only way to go. Our first day we took Highway 17 to 301 into Fayetteville where we stayed the night at our sons house. The next morning my son and grandson rode with us as far as Highway 9 in South Carolina where we had lunch and parted ways. That was the first time we were able to all ride together like that. It was a very nice country ride all the way to Spartanburg. We took the most direct route from there to Greenville which meant we had to ride the Interstate. We checked into the Crown Plaza Hotel and were fortunate to get a room on the 6th floor facing downtown. I say this because we had the best display of fireworks ever. Those big balls of color looked like they were aimed directly at us. It was spectacular. My only regret was that we never made it downtown. Most of our time was spent at the rally site checking out all the vendors and visiting with our friends and meeting a whole lot more. There was so much going on you didn't know what to do first. The weather reports weren't sounding very good so we cut our trip short by a day. We took the same route back to our son's house and this time our son and granddaughter rode with us back to Elizabeth City. The rain was hot on our trail all the way to Hertford where we were bombarded by a torrential down pouring. We pulled off the road and were able to find a carport to seek refuge till the rain eased up enough that we could make it on home. The entire trip was wonderful even the rain. Now it's time to chase a plaque or two and get ready for the trip to Chapter X. We look forward to visiting with everyone there.

Ron & Billie Johnson



## ***Our Rider Educator speaks.....***

by **David Squires, Rider Educator**



### ***Afternoon Showers .....***

With summer riding, comes the chance of afternoon showers. The showers can come up quickly, regardless of where you are riding. When it rains, one big priority is to keep warm and dry. The traditional way is to add a layer of waterproof rain gear over your normal riding gear.


We have a lot of different styles, features and qualities of motorcycling rain gear from which to choose. For traveling, you want rain gear that packs small and light. One-piece rain suits pack up into a smaller package than a two-piece, but a one-piece is more difficult to put on. It is a lot easier to slip your boots through the larger legs of rain pants and then put on a separate jacket.

There are many fabric riding suits that are reasonably water resistant that will work for travel or commuting available in both one-piece and two-piece. For travel, it is more practical to have a two-piece with multiple layers that can be added or removed. For commuting, a one-piece style may be better, because you would be putting on and removing in a building, rather than on the side of the road.

Today's adventure touring fabric riding gear is water-resistant enough to weather wet days without adding an additional layer of waterproof rain gear over the outside.

Regardless of which type of rain gear you prefer, you should always be prepared for the rain when you have to ride in it.

The safest thing to do when you run into rain, is to do the Goldwing thing; find a coffee or ice cream place, and sit back and enjoy the rain for at least a half hour. This will give the dirt and oil time to be cleaned off the roadway.



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## RIDE COORDINATOR'S REPORT by Darlene & Steve Lawson



The Wing Ding in Greenville, South Carolina was fantastic!!! There were so many vendors there, that it took us two days just to look at all the stuff. We took a trailer and didn't have room to put a Pepsi in when we left there on Saturday. Congratulations to Larry Hughes for taking first place in his bike class. Believe me that was really something with the 10,000 Gold Wingers that were there. We met some really wonderful and colorful people there from all over the US and Canada. It was a very interesting to see the different bikes and all of the fresh ideas that you could do to your bike to improve the style or look of it.

Billie, Ron, Steve and I went to the Mall, so that Ron could find the perfect trunks to go swimming in and let me tell you what an adventure! First he is very, very picky about trunks to match his hair and then to add to that, when he decided to try them on after some urging from Billie, He went into the Junior girls changing room and we had to stand guard at the door because some girls thought that they should be in there too!! It was very comical. I don't think that her boyfriend found it quite as funny as we did.

There were 12 of our Chapter that attended. Pat and MC Boyce, Francis and Kathy Pugh, Ron and Billie Johnson, Larry and Virginia Hughes, Clyde and Jane Suggs, and Steve and Darlene Lawson. We all met up with each other at various intervals throughout the Wing Ding. Each kind of did their own agenda and stayed different hotels. I don't think that I can say enough how much fun we had.

Pat, MC, Steve, and Darlene went on a Poker Run on July 13, for a 4-year-old adorable little girl named Ella that has a brain tumor and chemo has not helped so far. She told Pat and I how happy she was that we were there. I thought that I was going to cry! She has a big smile and was excited to see the riders. Her father took her on a ride in the parking lot on his Harley and I have never seen a child smile so big!! They raised over \$15,000.00 for her. I can't stress the importance enough of how money is needed for these children.

We had a good time and I think that we had the only three Gold Wings there!

Remember to ride safe.

Darlene and Steve

### 2008 Activity Calendar and Events

#### 2nd. Thursday Dinner Ride

July 26

Kick Off for Chapter X

Wake Forest Wings

August 2

DeadWood Dinner Ride

August 5

Night Out Against Crime

Sept. 18-20

Wings Over the Smokies

**River City Wing Chapter Social, this Thursday,**

**July 24, 2008.**

**Mark your calendar and come enjoy the fellowship.**

**Eat at 6:30, meet at 7:30, Golden Corral**

**Guest, Officer Ginny Carter, from the  
Elizabeth City Police Department**

**Food Pantry Donations**

Thanks to everyone who participates in our monthly Food Pantry drive. July donations will be Cereal and Soup.



The Gold Wing Riders Association visited the children at the Shriners Hospital for Children in Greenville Wednesday morning bringing presents and a chance for the young patients to look at and sometimes sit on the huge Gold Wing bikes and trikes. (OWEN RILEY JR./Staff)

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## Wuz-Up !

### Part two



Dinner in Amish Country, *(continued from the June Issue)*

A feature of the Retread Rally is the fact that there are at least 7-8 guided tours each day. Some of the tours leave early in the morning and some leave in the afternoon. The mileage is always posted so you can choose the one most convenient to your schedule. The most popular tours are the covered bridge tour and the rides to the chocolate and pretzel factories. I led the "16 covered bridge ride," a 110 miles round trip and stopping at a great Pa. diner for lunch.

With restaurants too numerous to mention, recommended is "Good and Plenty", (the rally dinner is held here, that's right, the entire rally attendance eats together) a restaurant that serves the famous "7 Sweets and 7 Sours", and serves it family style, and the other two most famous, is Millers and Shady Maple, which are buffet style. The ride to Shady Maple is fantastic on a bike, it will take you through some of the most beautiful farmlands in the countryside and includes about a quarter mile of a mountainous twisty road. Another very good restaurant is the Bird-In-Hand Inn in Bird-In-Hand, for breakfasts and lunch, where Harriet and I always stay.

Good and Plenty restaurant served the following for the rally meal; Five bean salad, coleslaw, apple butter, cottage cheese, chow chow, relish, fruit salad, iced tea, home made lemonade, and fresh baked bread all of this on the table when you sit down. The next course consisted of sliced ham, sliced roast beef, smoked sausage, meat loaf, and of course their famous southern fried chicken. This is accompanied by mashed potatoes, green beans, stuffing, and Pennsylvania Dutch noodles.



Two kinds of gravy is also passed around, one for meat and one for chicken. For dessert, home made vanilla, and chocolate ice cream and oh I almost forgot. Apple, blueberry and dry bottom shoofly pies. And let me tell you it is not easy to get on your bike after a meal like that.

There is also a local farmers market adjacent to the Bird-In-Hand Inn which sells local produce, home baked cakes and pies as well as local cheeses, including a souvenir shop. The farmers market in indoors.

Usually at the dinner, awards are presented, and I am always amazed at the award for the oldest rider to ride to the rally. This year the award was presented to the oldest female rider, age 75, and the oldest male rider was 81, with tears in his eyes. That's great. The feature prize was a box containing 500, yes 500 one dollar gold coins and was raffled off for a \$5.00 a ticket. And no we did not win. But my friend's girlfriend did,

All of the above with the exception of the rides thru the countryside is within 25 miles of of Bird-In Hand. A visit to this wonderland is very worthwhile, and is only about 425 miles from Elizabeth City. A breakfast ride for most.

One more thing to keep in mind is the fact that Gettysburg is only about an hour and a half from Bird-In-Hand. A motorcycle ride through the battlefields and seeing all of the memorials and war museums is quite a memorable experience. But that's another story for another day.

The only down side is you will be cleaning horse poop off your bike for a year, and by that time, it is time to go back.

*Remember You Can't Be Cool on a Bike*

Harriet and Malcolm

Thank you Malcolm, you sold me. Newsletter Editor, Pat



From our Correspondence Secretary,  
Lilliana Brennan

The month of June saw two deaths in our Gold Wing family. . John Cooper, long time member of Chapter G and Hubert Lewis, long time member of Chapter B. Also, the son of Ron and Marianne Balsler, Chapter Couple of Fayetteville Chapter, died. Those of you who knew our former members, Chris and Bambi Toupin, will be saddened to hear that their son, Lee, died last month also. A total of four sympathy cards were sent last month.

Congratulations to our former member, David Shaffer, who has announced his engagement to Laura Cor tez. No date has been set for the wedding.



Dinner Ride to **Deadwood Restaurant** in Bear Grass, Saturday, August 2. This is always a favorite for the Chapter, our Blue Knight and Red Knight riding friends.

Our Website is: [www.rcgw.org](http://www.rcgw.org)

There are a lot of pictures and information posted there, so pay a visit soon!

Also, when we travel or when you're in our area, we use **CB Channel 30!**

Chapter Member Celebrations for July Birthdays

July 13, Billie Johnson  
July 15, Francis Pugh  
July 19, Jay Cutrell

Anniversaries

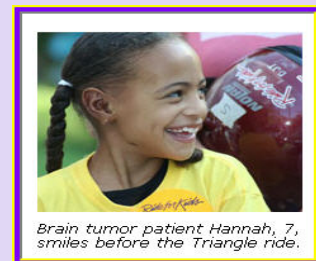
July 17, Glen & Holly Barnett  
July 25, Mason & Emily Cannon

### *Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation News*

Sam's Club has come through once again for **River City Wings** with a donation of \$500. 00 through their matching grant program. Please join me in sending a warm thank you for their generous donation.

Also, Steve and Darlene Lawson, winners of the Rebel 250 at the 2008 **Triangle Ride for Kids®**, donated the bike back for sale and with the help of Mrs. Virginia Wine, will be donating the retail sale amount back to RFK. Thank you to these chapter members and Turner's Honda.

We are well on our way towards having a sizeable sum to take to Cary for 2009. Remember this if for the Kids, and working together will make you feel good. Come join us in 2009.



Brain tumor patient Hannah, 7, smiles before the Triangle ride.



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