



# “River City Wings, NC-E2”

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## THE VIEW FROM THE CD'S WINDSHIELD

By: Lee Fortier, Chapter Director

**W**e have had four good rides since last edition, and La Pantera (my black GL-1800) is now just shy of 40,000 miles. I also participated in a short ride with the Blue Knights recently – a great way to add some miles to the bikes odometer, and Sandy and I are looking forward to this month's dinner ride to Big Daddy's. When I got up this morning and went outside, it felt cool. I thought I had opened the wrong door, but in fact it was only 64 degrees at 6:45 a.m. Could it be that the dog days of summer are over – in mid August?? I almost got the heated gear out of storage, but then realized that is months away. We still need to be aware of heat and its inherent dangers to motorcyclists. It was really, really hot on a recent ride. How hot was it? It was so hot that I took off my Joe Rocket armored jacket (which I very seldom ever do) and rode instead with a long sleeved wicking, fast drying polyester shirt and leather vest. General question: when was the last time you saw Lee without armor on? It is a rare occasion, and it needs to be above 90 degrees and sunny, but my rationale is that I am more likely to get hurt from heat exhaustion than road rash under those circumstances. 90 degrees or less, I have the jacket on.

The current Wing World has an excellent article about a recent accident involving multiple motorcycles, and described the degree of personal injury received by each rider and how the more gear they had on the better they were protected. In one case, a rider was wearing an armored jacket and leather gloves. His only damage was to the wrist area “between” the jacket and the glove. N.C. law only mandates that we wear a helmet when we ride a motorcycle; the other (protective gear) options are up to us. I'm reminded of a phrase I used to use as your Rider Educator: “if there is a part of your body you want to use later on in life, cover it!” I think that is still very sound advice.

Don't forget our August social coming up the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, we hope to see many of you in attendance at the Golden Corral for a fine meal and some good fellowship.

Lee & Sandy Fortier, Chapter Directors, NC-E2

We meet on the fourth (4th)  
Thursday of each month at  
Golden Corral  
406 Halstead Blvd.  
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We eat at 6:30 & meet at 7:30.  
**Come Join Us and the Fun!**

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## 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.

## NC District Update

from Dennis and Kathy Hull



### Wings Over the Smokies

#### Additional accommodations

Lodging is becoming somewhat hard to find in the Fletcher area during *Wings Over the Smokies*. A new hotel has rooms and they will love to have Gold Wings stay with them. *Mountain Inn and Suites*, 447 Naples Road, Hendersonville, NC is one exit south of the Fletcher exit, [www.mountaininnairport.com](http://www.mountaininnairport.com), email - [info@mountaininnairport.com](mailto:info@mountaininnairport.com), 828-684-0040, and our contact at the inn is Jerry Warren

#### Ice Cream Social rather than a Talent Show

Due to a lack of participation in early registration for the Talent Show we have decided to cancel that event... Thanks to suggestions we have received from several folks we have made a highly scientific determination that Gold Wings must love ice cream, and we feel that having an ice cream social after Opening Ceremonies would be a great way to bring friends together.

## Wuz-Up !

A few months ago, at a dinner ride into Edenton, our chapter and about 15 hungry members had a lovely meal at a restaurant called "Nothin' Fancy Café & Market". The meal we had there was wonderful and the menu that night was able to satisfy everyone. Since that time Harriet and I have been back twice. We have discovered that they make the best "corn bread" we have ever eaten. So I asked the manager for the recipe--- and here it is. Follow the directions for the most delicious, moist, and best southern corn bread you ever had.

2 (12 oz.) or 3 (8 Oz.) boxes of corn muffin mix

1 can of cream style corn

2 eggs

1 8 oz. sour cream

1 Tablespoon sugar

1 Stick butter (unsalted)

Mix 1<sup>st</sup> 5 ingredients well. Melt butter in baking pan (approximately) 9 x 13. Bake in oven at 350 degrees, for 45 minutes, or until golden brown.

ENJOY

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Remember---you can't be cool on a bike

Harriet and Malcolm

Activities Directors





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

Ron & Billie Johnson

Ron and Billie have had an extremely busy and hectic month, being that they have moved to a new home, and have not reconnected with the world wide web. We appreciate them as our Chapter Couple, and admire them for being so gung-ho on chasing the Couples Plaque whenever they have an opportunity.

Their words of wisdom for the month is to have fun and be safe traveling the roads and highways. We'll look for an update from them in the September issue. Editor



It's that time again for school bells to be ringing and we will be collecting school supplies for students. Please bring your donations to our August social and we will see that the items are delivered to the local school system.

### Food Pantry Donations

Thanks to everyone who participates in our monthly Food Pantry drive. August donations will be Cereal and Soup. Toiletry Items are being collected too.

### Chapter Member Celebrations for August

#### Birthdays

Glen Barnett ~ August 6  
Ervin Adams ~ August 13  
Will Sampson ~ August 18  
Jane Suggs ~ August 23  
Harriett Marquit ~ August 26

#### Anniversaries

Ron & Billie Johnson ~ August 4  
Ervin & Janis Adams ~ August 4  
Frank & Shirley Chappell ~ August 8

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

**by David Squires, Rider Educator**

By Harold Breuninger, former South Carolina DE

It's not whatcha know that can kill ya; it's whatcha don't know that ya have to worry about!

How many times have you heard someone say (and perhaps have said yourself), "I don't need an Experienced Rider Course. I've been riding for (XXXX) years; I used to race bikes; I ride/rode dirt; yada, yada; yada!"

Well, I challenge you Riders to answer the following few questions, and maybe your Co-Riders should check out your answers before they risk their life and limb on the back seat:

1. What should take place before I can apply full front brakes?
2. What three motorcycle maneuvers can consume all available traction?
3. What are the two ways of stopping while leaned over in a curve?
4. If I inadvertently lock up the rear wheel while braking on pavement, what should I immediately do?
5. If I enter a curve much too fast what should I do? What should I not do?

#### For The Answers

If you missed any of the above questions, you owe it to yourself and your Co-Rider to take an ERC at the earliest possible opportunity. Contact your Chapter Educator or the District Educator to enroll. DO NOT PROCRASTINATE! Your life depends upon it.

#### Take The CHALLENGE - Answers

1. To avoid locking up the front wheel, a steady and progressive squeeze of the front brake lever should commence as motorcycle weight shifts forward and the front forks begin to compress.
2. Braking Force; Side Force and Driving Force.
3. (a) Normal Stop: Straighten the motorcycle as you gradually apply the brakes coming to a stop with the bike vertical and the handlebars square.  
(b) Emergency Stop: Immediately straighten the motorcycle before applying the brakes. After it is vertical, apply maximum straight-line braking.
4. Keep the rear wheel locked and keep your head and eyes up until fully stopped.
5. Hold a steady throttle; look fully through the curve; and lean the motorcycle more by pressing on the inside handgrip. Do not look down or at the shoulder of the road; do not close the throttle or apply the brakes.



The Elizabeth City National Night Out Against Crime was a success. Water Street and Waterfront Park were filled to capacity with food vendors, demonstrations, games, Police Officers and Firefighters, along with vintage cars, Monster Trucks that crush cars and of course a long line of Motorcycles shined to the nth degree. I was most impressed with the K-9 demonstrations by local Police Officers and Military Police Officers. My advice to anyone that is stopped by a K-9 unit, don't move a muscle once the officer has commanded you not to. For if you do, you won't have to worry about the jiggly muscle on your underarm any longer; the K-9 officer will have torn it to shreds.

**River City Wings , NC-E2**, was well represented at the event. Those attending and enjoying the evening were **Steve and Darlene Lawson, Jay, Charlene and Allison Cutrell, Frank and Shirley Chappell, Billie and Ron Johnson, Kathy and Francis Pugh, Bob and Kathy Morton, Eddie Williams, Larry Hughes, Paul Ledbetter, Jim Tomlinson and myself**, for a total of 16. **Thank you** to everyone that came out to support us and the Police Department. **A Big thanks to Turner's Honda, too, for the use of the tent and tables.**

The DJ for the evening assisted us in getting the word out about **Motorcycle Awareness**. Our signs flanked the tent and sidewalk, along with our GWRRA Chapter banner, information on riding safety and the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation.

The Bike Show had 2 classes; Crotch rockets and Other. Larry Hughes won in the Other class, and he didn't even know his bike was being judged. Congratulations Larry.

It may have been a "warm" evening, but everyone had a great time talking, looking and visiting with friends. We hope to be a part of next year's event as well.

Be safe and when I have all of the pictures from the evening, I'll share them on the chapter website.

Pat Boyce

*Photos courtesy of Paul Ledbetter*

### 2008 Activity Calendar and Events

#### 2nd. Thursday Dinner Ride

- Sept. 18-20 Wings Over the Smokies  
Oct. 9-11 Va. District Rally  
October 25 NC-B Lawn Mower Pull  
Dec. 6 Gifts on Cycles  
Dec. 20 Chapter Christmas Party

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#### **What is the benefit of belonging to a "Chapter?" [top](#)**

Many Members feel the Chapter is the single most important benefit of belonging to GWRRA and for many reasons, some of which are stated below.

**New Friends:** Countless new friends are made with a common interest. It provides an opportunity to ride our Gold Wings with our friends.

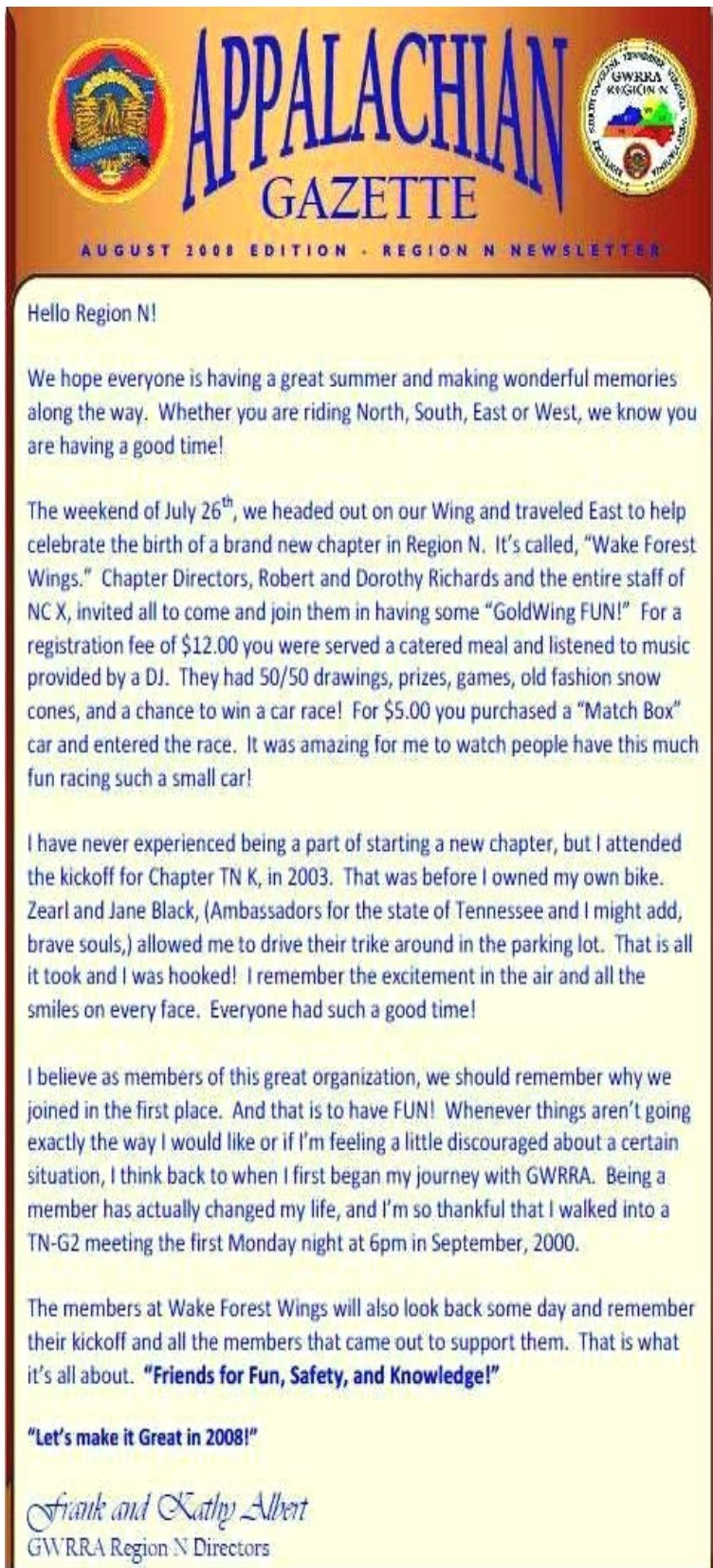
**Safe Riding:** Safe riding is promoted to make our riding experience even more enjoyable. Skills and safety techniques are learned.

*Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge: You really get an opportunity to live the motto of "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge."*

When you receive your Wing World magazine, you will find an "Officers Listing" by District with contact information to locate a chapter within riding distance of where you live.

The best advice that can be offered is to attend a Chapter meeting (sometimes referred to as a "gathering" or "get-together"). These meetings (normally monthly) basically are social events that try to offer something for everyone. New ideas are always welcome!

You don't "join" a Chapter; you are a Member of GWRRA and a "participant" of a Chapter or Chapters. You can participate in as many or as few activities and meetings as you wish! There are no applications or fees needed to participate in a GWRRA Chapter. With over 900 chapters, when you travel you're never far from "home."



The image shows the cover of the Appalachian Gazette, August 2008 Edition, Region N Newsletter. The cover features the title 'APPALACHIAN GAZETTE' in large, stylized blue letters. Below the title, it says 'AUGUST 2008 EDITION - REGION N NEWSLETTER'. There are two circular logos: one on the left with a mountain scene and one on the right with the text 'GWRRA REGION N'. The background is a warm, golden-brown color.

Hello Region N!

We hope everyone is having a great summer and making wonderful memories along the way. Whether you are riding North, South, East or West, we know you are having a good time!

The weekend of July 26<sup>th</sup>, we headed out on our Wing and traveled East to help celebrate the birth of a brand new chapter in Region N. It's called, "Wake Forest Wings." Chapter Directors, Robert and Dorothy Richards and the entire staff of NC X, invited all to come and join them in having some "GoldWing FUN!" For a registration fee of \$12.00 you were served a catered meal and listened to music provided by a DJ. They had 50/50 drawings, prizes, games, old fashion snow cones, and a chance to win a car race! For \$5.00 you purchased a "Match Box" car and entered the race. It was amazing for me to watch people have this much fun racing such a small car!

I have never experienced being a part of starting a new chapter, but I attended the kickoff for Chapter TN K, in 2003. That was before I owned my own bike. Zearl and Jane Black, (Ambassadors for the state of Tennessee and I might add, brave souls,) allowed me to drive their trike around in the parking lot. That is all it took and I was hooked! I remember the excitement in the air and all the smiles on every face. Everyone had such a good time!

I believe as members of this great organization, we should remember why we joined in the first place. And that is to have FUN! Whenever things aren't going exactly the way I would like or if I'm feeling a little discouraged about a certain situation, I think back to when I first began my journey with GWRRA. Being a member has actually changed my life, and I'm so thankful that I walked into a TN-G2 meeting the first Monday night at 6pm in September, 2000.

The members at Wake Forest Wings will also look back some day and remember their kickoff and all the members that came out to support them. That is what it's all about. **"Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge!"**

**"Let's make it Great in 2008!"**

*Frank and Kathy Albert*  
GWRRA Region N Directors

## RIDE COORDINATOR'S REPORT by Lee Fortier

With Darlene and Steve Lawson stepping down as our Chapter Ride Coordinators, we want to thank them for their past efforts on behalf of the Chapter and our members. Therefore, the Chapter is looking for new a new Ride Coordinator to take on the task of planning, organizing, and leading our future rides. If you are interested in applying for this important staff position within our Chapter, just let Sandy or Lee know, and we'll get right up with you.

This past month saw a number of rides. We had a plaque attack ride to NC-D2 New Bern to try and capture the Eastern Traveler plaque, and Pat, M.C., Bernie, and Lee had a great ride, but alas, did not capture the plaque. Later that week on Saturday, we tried to rustle up a large contingent to celebrate the birth of NC-X and attend their gala opening. Pat, M.C. Larry Hughes, and Lee had a wonderful ride out and back, and enjoyed a terrific catered meal.

We had our ride to Deadwood on Saturday August 2, with eighteen people indicating they would be attending. We were able to "wrangle" reservations in a restaurant that doesn't take reservations, and I was getting worried as Clyde and Jane Suggs, and Sandy and Lee held onto a table for eighteen. Although there were 10 folk that could not make it Pappy and Kathleen showed up with six guests so we spread out and kind of filled in the table. The food was good, and the Rib-Eye seemed to be the choice of most. Lastly came the National Night Out Against Crime in Elizabeth City and we had eighteen people participate – well done NC-E2!

Thursday, August 14 is our monthly dinner ride and we are going to Big Daddy's in Elizabeth City. I hope we get a lot of riders because the weather looks good, and someone really "stuffed the box" with chances to get us to go there. Not mentioning who the stuffer was, but "we" know who you are.... Hopefully we will see many of you at Big Daddy's. In the meantime, ride safe, leave a cushion, and ride defensively.

Lee Fortier

**Editor's note:** The Big Daddy's Dinner Ride was attended by 21 chapter members. We had the room to ourselves and each table was buzzing with chatter and laughter. Great time was had by all. I think the person that "stuffed the box" was present....!!!!!!



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