



# “River City Wings, NC-E2”

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Region N, Gold Wing Road Riders Association  
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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!**

## THE VIEW FROM THE CD'S WINDSHIELD

by Lee Fortier, Chapter Director



It is hard to believe that our Chapter Christmas Party is only about 13 weeks away; Thanksgiving will soon be upon us; and can you believe that some retail stores are already putting out Christmas stuff? In other words, 2008 will soon be just a memory.

However, some of those memories will linger for a lifetime; like how I felt after participating in our first Ride for Kids (unbelievable, absolutely unbelievable), or driving on the track at Bristol Motor Speedway (Wow!), or returning from a two-wheeled dinner ride in Virginia on Rt. 17 in the middle of a horrendous lightning storm (I did laundry the next morning). I know (hope) that each of you has also experienced something memorable this year as a result of your participation in Goldwing ... let's cherish those memories.

The close of 2008 also means that Sandy and I will have been the Chapter Directors for a year. This means that it is time to begin the process of succession planning, thinking about who the staff will be for 2009, thinking about who might want to step up into a leadership position within the Chapter. A volunteer organization such as ours can only be successful if people keep stepping forward, if people are willing to give of their time and efforts to maintain or improve an organization. I guess this is really a call for interested people to step forward. Who “might” want to become the Chapter Director? The Asst. Chapter Director? The Rider Educator? Couple of the Year? Ride Coordinator? Activities Coordinator? Ways & Means Coordinator? Secretary? Etc.

We are fortunate to have both current members and new members, and former members who appear to be returning to the fold. I would encourage each of you to consider the possibility of applying for a position on the staff, and we can then work together to match skill sets with openings and create an awesome staff for 2009 and beyond. Please let me know at 252-426-1878 or at [doceduca-tion@mchsi.com](mailto:doceduca-tion@mchsi.com) if you are interested in becoming a member of our 2009 River city Wings Staff.

Finally, I have started to see some leaves in my yard, and while most are storm damage, a few appear to have fallen on their own. This coincides with an article I just read about the danger that motorcycles face from wet or damp leaves on the road, and especially in shaded areas. In between those times when it is too hot or too cold, let's watch out for those damp leaves in the turns and shaded twisties. Let's be careful out there. Lee

### Our Sunshine Lady Reports

Lilliana Brennan

This month we sent four Get well cards and two Sympathy cards. Special prayers go out to Shirley Chappell, who lost her mom last month, and also underwent gall bladder surgery. Her husband Frank, also has undergone heart catheterization with successful results. Lil Brennan will be having breast cancer surgery on Thursday, 9/4, followed by radiation treatments.

### Chapter Member Celebrations for September

#### Birthdays

Wanda Squires - 9/7  
M.C. Boyce - 9/15  
Darlene Lawson - 9/16  
Ron Johnson - 9/22

#### Anniversaries

Harold & Charlotte Pipes - 9/20  
David & Wanda Squires - 9/29

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## It's That Time Again.....

to update the Gold Book Service Directory. Having the Gold Book Service Directory at your fingertips is just one of the many great benefits of being a GWRRA Member. When you travel, you're never more than a phone call away from a fellow Member who is willing to offer you assistance should you ever need it. The following is a list of the codes with the services you may be willing to provide:

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5. Tools available
6. Tour guide (local area)

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## ***A chapter in the life of a Chapter***

What is motorcycling all about anyway? I'm sure everyone has a different answer to that question, but to most, I think the following answer will do, at least it does it for me.

Getting up early in the morning, checking out my bike, and putting on my riding gear in preparation for a days ride. I like riding through the winding roads of flat lands and making my way around farms, forests and through towns that seem to be stuck in the 1950's. It makes me feel like a cowboy on a horse coming into town to buy supplies. On the other hand riding through mountains, around those squiggly twisting roads, under railroad bridges, and around lakes sure does make me high as well.

Riding your bikes on rides like those are only one phase of motorcycling. Another phase of biking can be even greater, and I am speaking (writing) about camaraderie. Meeting up with the guys/girls can be even more exciting than the ride itself. An ice cream ride, what is that, is that exciting on its own? Or does meeting up with your buddies, kicking tires, and riding in formation while telling stories on your CB make it so? So now put the idea of riding together with camaraderie, and now you have a motorcycle club that we call "River City Goldwings" Chapter NC-E2 which is part of a national and international organization that we are all members of. The only added ingredient is a table of organization within the chapter, like a CD and ACD and a full staff to organize chapter events.

This chapter was started about five years ago and grew to a membership of 70-75 members within a year, even won the award for "Chapter of the Year" and has prospered until now. The original CD left after three years of great leadership and handed the directorship to the very capable hands of Pat and MC Boyce. We all know that under their leadership the chapter remained healthy and continued to prosper. One of the reasons we have continued to remain a great chapter is because of the work that you the members have done. Without your help and the guidance of our CD and staff we would have no chapter at all. Now it is 2008, and the Fortier's, Lee and Sandy have taken over as CD's, we still have the nucleus of a great chapter, a chapter that has the potential of being the "Chapter of the Year" again, but it can only be done with your help and support

Let's talk about help. The staff is short of staff. We need people to step up and contribute their time and energy to make this chapter the kind of chapter it can be, the kind of chapter you want it to be. People make the chapter, people are the chapter, it is for us to enjoy, and take pride in being a chapter member. Remember you and our staff make it happen, so be part of it and volunteer your help. It is a win-win situation

Let's talk about money. Here is where I loose you. But don't go yet. You have to realize that we are a non profit organization and the only money we get for the chapter comes from the 50-50 at each meeting and our selling of 50/50 tickets at Wings Over the Smokies. Think of it. We give all of our money to charity, like *Ride for Kids*®, and other charities and leave only the money from the 50-50 for us. Each year we have our annual Christmas dinner and charge the members only half of the value of the ticket, the other half comes from the treasury along with any other items or expenses we may have. Even the door prizes are donated and given away. We do not take any money from the membership except for the 50-50.

It is very important to support our chapter in the following ways.

- ***Participating in our Monthly Social***
- ***Volunteering your time***
- ***Supporting our 50-50***
- ***Participating in our poker runs, chapter rides and District rallies***

I feel that this is only a chapter in our chapter's history, a time when the membership needs to step up to the plate and try to make their chapter better and take advantage of what our chapter offers, and what rewards are out there and we can again become "Chapter of the Year". Come on and join us for our rides, dinners, socials, rallies and of course our annual Christmas party.

Your support can only make it better.

Remember: you can't be cool on a bike.

Harriet and Malcolm

Activities Directors.

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**Two Up = Heads Up**, *original author Jackie Vaughan, TX-I, Educator*

The person who occupies the back seat of a motorcycle has always been called the passenger. Now they're called co-riders and it isn't simply to be politically correct. The word passenger suggests a person who has no responsibilities for the operation of the machine; one who is simply along for the ride. A co-rider, on the other hand, shares some of the responsibilities for the safe operation of the motorcycle.

Sitting in the back seat means a lot more freedom to enjoy the scenery without worrying about the technical part of the ride. But with the freedom comes responsibility. A co-rider does not have the right to bury herself in a book or take a nap. A blanked out person on the back seat is of absolutely no help and may even be an additional danger if the ride has to brake or swerve suddenly. Her reflexive action (such as to grab the rider wherever she can or to lean away) will probably be exactly the wrong ones.

The co-rider should ride as exactly that, a co-rider. Not a passenger, but a second rider. While it is always preferable that the co-rider has had a motorcycle safety course, even the normal street skills used in everyday driving will help in spotting hazards. Being an extra pair of eyes for the rider doesn't mean being a back-seat nag. It means spotting hazards and knowing how the rider normally reacts and being ready to help in that effort. If the rider does not show that reaction, the co-rider should speak up.

An experienced co-rider knows how hard her rider brakes during normal braking, and whether hard-line braking will be necessary. She prepares herself by holding the grab rails and bracing her feet. She does not slide forward, banging helmets and pushing the rider onto the tank. She knows when it's OK to move around, and lets her rider know when she will make a move, such as scratching her ankle, which will affect the balance of the bike.

The rider also has the responsibility to communicate with his co-rider. He should let her know when a nasty bump is coming up or if he wants to counterweight a turn. He shouldn't play "surprise" just because he finds her reactions funny.

Two-up riding is a team sport. And that means working together to make the ride fun and safe for both.

Remember T-CLOCK.

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## Only We Can Turn This Around

### Our point of view

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Chapter door prizes...do we? Or don't we? Some feel that they are a nuisance and some feel that they are fun, sending you home at the close of a chapter gathering with something you have won; we agree on the latter.

Let's take a look at our Chapter Christmas Parties where we exchange gifts in various ways. First we have to decide on what we are going to spend for a gift; some chapters set a \$10 limit, some a \$15 limit. No matter the limit, you leave with a gift that took someone's thought in purchasing and is worthy of taking home, in fact some of us even brag about our treasures when we are leaving the party. This is ONLY possible because we have taken the time to find a gift we ourselves would like to have or have received.....chapter door prizes are no different.

If, and only if chapter door prizes are going to be a success, we have to stop seeing how little we can spend on them. It is discouraging for some members to spend \$3, \$4 or even \$5 on a door prize and leave with a 79 cent or less door prize or in some cases, with nothing! We believe some sort of a standard should be set, whether it be \$3, \$4 or whatever; in this way, we spend that amount and leave with a door prize of the same value.

We believe something else has to be fixed; guide lines are needed for giving out door prize tickets. We have visited several chapters who still have door prizes. However, in some cases the way in which the door prize tickets are given out seems unfair; some people get three tickets, some two tickets, others get only one ticket. In doing this, some people who have brought a door prize leave with nothing.....how long are they going to do that? We feel that in order to insure that everyone who brings a door prize leaves with a door prize, you must bring a door prize in order to receive a door prize ticket, one door prize, one ticket, it is that simple.

All of us go shopping and all stores have sales. When you are shopping, keep the purchase of door prizes in the back of your mind. When you find something on sale worthy of being a door prize, why not buy several at one time keeping them on hand; running out to purchase a door prize on the way to a chapter gathering can be a nuisance.

Door prizes are ONLY what we make it; just like the saying goes, "Garbage in, garbage out"

***Hey, in North Carolina, We Can Do It!!!***

Ted & Meredith MacMillan

## Ride Report by Lee Fortier

The weather was not particularly cooperative this past month, but we did manage to get some quality saddle-time in nonetheless. And speaking of weather, have you noticed that we can ride once again with our proper riding gear on and not lose a gallon of bodily fluids per hour? Ahhhhh, spring and fall, don't you just love it?

Pat & M.C. Boyce decided one day last month that they wanted some ice cream; so, they put two and two together, connected the dots (so to speak), and said, "Hey, let's do a GoldWing ride for ice cream to the Border Station!" An E-Mail was sent out to the Chapter and lo and behold, we had a marvelous turnout for the ride. Pat led the ride and M.C. was the drag. Of particular note were three strangers that we hadn't seen in a while, but were absolutely delighted to have them back in the formation. Malcolm Marquit was back aboard his K-Saki, and Robert and Cathy Morton were aboard their 1500 and Bergmans. Cathy has that Scooter truly tricked out with all the gadgets and electronics. She has amassed 10,000 miles on that scooter so far! "You go, Girl!" Sandy and Lee were aboard La Pantera, and Lee enjoyed his first Blizzard at the Dairy Queen. What? It was the "Snickers" flavored one. Mmmmm. We were met at the Dairy Queen by "The Adams Family" and "The Benton Family," and Gale rides a Yamaha Venture. Since I am a former Yamaha Venture Royale owner/rider, we had a nice chat about the finer points of owning a Venture. Anyone out there with an idea for a ride? Just let us know and we can make a Chapter ride out of it.

We had planned on supporting the "Pirates Run" event to be held at the OBX Harley Dealership on Saturday 9/6, but the event was postponed until a later date due to the threat of Hurricane Hanna. This was a Red Knight sponsored event, with proceeds to benefit adolescent burn victims. Stay tuned for more info as to when this event will be rescheduled.

I made a decision to change our September 2nd Thursday dinner ride to Tuesday – just to see if it was a better, or more convenient day for members to participate. Not sure if it was the change, or the weather, but it now seems that it wasn't a very good idea. My Bad! *We are definitely back to the 2nd Thursday of each month*, so mark your calendars for **October 9, November 13, and December 11**. Those are our remaining dinner rides for 2008.

Coming up, we have a planned "big-loop, Andy's Restaurant ride" scheduled for Saturday, **9/13**; Wings Over the Smokies from **9/18-9/20**; and our September social on Thursday **9/25** at the Golden Corral

### [2008 Activity Calendar and Events](#)

#### [2nd. Thursday Dinner Ride](#)

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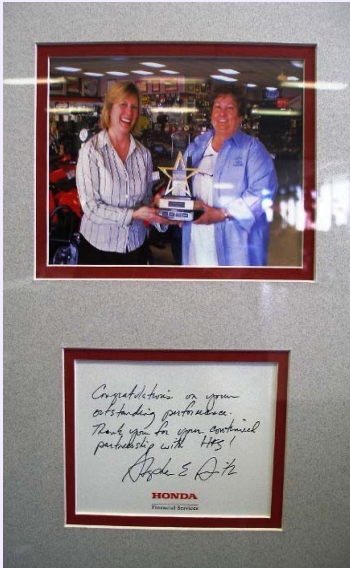
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## Spotlight on a Winner



River City Wings would like to congratulate Mrs. Virginia Wine of Turner's Honda for receiving a prestigious award for being one of the top 10 Honda dealers for 5 consecutive years. Mrs. Virginia has also been awarded, on another occasion, a 4-wheeler for being in the top 3 dealers in North Carolina.

Congratulations Mrs. Virginia and thank you for all that you and the staff of Turner's Honda does for River City Wings.

Stop in soon and see the award for yourself, plus, we all know the 2009 GoldWing will be out shortly.



Sandy's Andy ride was attended by Lee & Sandy, Paul & Paula, Darlene & Steve and Pat. Eddie and Gloria Williams met up with us for lunch. Be sure to get your tickets at the next Social for a chance to win half of the pot.



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