



# “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

The big event this past month has to be the *2008 Wings Over the Smokies Rally* that was held in Fletcher, NC from Sep 18 through Sep 20. The RCGWingers from NC-E2 had a wonderful turnout with seventeen in attendance, and eight more who wanted to attend but were unable to.

Lee & Sandy, Francis, Pappy, Wink, Bernie, Malcolm, Wanda & David, Larry & Virginia, George & Millie, Will & Rachael, and Robert & Edna were all present and accounted for. Thursday evening was hotel check-in, rally registration, and a pizza party and bike light show. Our very own Bernie Ausherman was awarded the 2nd place trophy (stock class), beating out eleven other bikes.

Friday, the official E2 ride was to Cherokee, NC, and five of us departed from the Holiday Inn at 10:00 a.m. U.S. 19 felt and looked like the “Dragon” to me; it certainly had its share of turns and twisties. We returned via a different route and found ourselves on the Blue Ridge Parkway with the top down on our 350-Z, and then on a 16-mile stretch of twisties through Pisgah National Forest. Our next “event” for the day was dinner at the J&S Cafeteria in Fletcher prior to opening ceremonies, and Lee, Sandy, Bernie, Malcolm, Larry, Virginia, Lisa Logston, and Tom & Barb Mandras (remember them?) enjoyed a nice sit-down dinner. After opening ceremonies, we were treated to an ice cream social at the rally site – Goldwingers and ice cream – what a combination! Pizza on Thursday, ice cream on Friday, ... we have covered two of the basic food groups already.

Saturday was our day to sell daily 50:50 tickets in and around Davis Arena, and in our history, we were successful in selling \$1,106.00 worth of tickets. At the daily 50:50 drawing, our very own Wanda Squires won the big prize; and oh yes, Wanda also won a beautiful armored mesh jacket from the Rider Education table. Wanda was hot! Wink & Pappy did OK with the daily raffle prizes; Robert & Edna test rode a new trike but didn't like it; Lisa (remember our former treasurer?) test drove a new 3-wheeled stallion; and Malcolm test rode Robert & Edna's trike (but only in the parking lot).

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Closing ceremonies were held at 5:30 on Saturday, and many cash prizes were awarded. No one from E2 won the Silver Wing or the Gold Wing, but Millie Wilmore did win a \$25.00 worker appreciation prize. After the ceremony, we all went 4 miles down the road to the Mills River Restaurant where our Activities Coordinator Malcolm Marquit had made arrangements for our dinner. We were again delighted to have Lisa and Tom & Barb Mandras join us and a good time was had by all.

On Sunday morning, small groups formed up for the ride home, and some elected to travel alone. The important thing is that everyone made it safely home, and I believe everyone had a good time. Next year's WOS rally is only eleven months away – start planning now!! Ride smart, because dumb can really hurt.

### Our Sunshine Lady Reports

Lilliana Brennan

This month we sent four Get well cards and two Sympathy cards. Special prayers go out to Malcolm Marquit who has undergone shoulder replacement surgery. Malcolm continues to recover at Duke Raleigh Hospital. Please keep Lilliana Brennan in your prayers as she undergoes a mastectomy with reconstructive surgery on October 20 in New York City.

**UPDATE** on Malcolm: Will be returning to Elizabeth City on October 17 to a rehabilitation facility. Harriet will be glad to have him home. Let's remember them in our prayers.

### October Birthdays

- Paul Ledbetter, October 2
- Allison Cuthrell, October 5
- Wink Foster, October 6
- Charlene Cuthrell, October 22
- Harold Pipes, October 23
- Nancy Porter, October 24

### October Anniversaries

- Malcolm & Harriet Marquit, October 6
- Herb & Kaye Thomas, October 17
- Paul & Paula Ledbetter, October 24



Think  
Pink.  
October is  
Breast Cancer  
Awareness  
Month

### NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

GWRRA will be starting the process of preparing the 2009 edition of the Gold Book. Please take a moment to make sure the information we have in our system is accurate. You may do so by contacting the Customer Service Department at 800-843-9460, or by logging into your account on our Online Customer Service website. **Updates must be completed no later than November 3, 2008.**

### News from National

### “SANDY’S ANDY’S QUEST” by Sandy & Lee Fortier

As part of the N.C. GWRRA “Gifts on Cycles” Program that supports the “East O’Berry Center”, River City Wings is currently conducting Sandy’s Andy’s Quest, an almost year-long raffle to raise funds for the O’Berry Center. This raffle permits RCGW members to purchase one (or more) 50:50 ticket each time you visit an Andy’s during the month. If you are part of a sponsored NC-E2 chapter ride that visits an Andy’s [and there have been three so far this year], it is a two-fer, meaning you receive “two” tickets for each \$1.00. Technically, if you visit an Andy’s during a month, you can buy tickets that month. But, in reality, the beauty of this quest is that even if you didn’t visit an Andy’s, it is OK to “fib” a bit and purchase as many chances as you want each month! Our purpose is to raise needed funds for our sponsored charity. Instead of raffling a gift basket in November, when our finances start getting stretched, participants have a chance of winning money just in time for the holidays. As of this writing, we have raised \$273.00, half of which will be won by a lucky participant. Everyone has the opportunity to contribute to the O’Berry Center and to win the grand raffle on November 27th.

On Saturday, 9/13/08, Lee & Sandy, Paul & Paula, Steve & Darlene, and Pat set out to visit five Andy’s Restaurants in one day. Five of us started out with breakfast at the Hertford Café, and then we met up with Steve & Darlene in Hertford and set out on our day’s adventure. We rode through the Winfall Andy’s; went to Plymouth (where the Andy’s had closed); stopped at the Columbia Andy’s (and fueled up); and then visited the Bodie Lighthouse complex on the OBX before stopping for lunch at Dirty Dick’s where we met Gloria and Eddie Williams who joined us on 4-wheels for some good OBX eats. Then, to complete our circuit, we proceeded north from OBX and then west to Elizabeth City where we sighted the Southgate Mall Andy’s and finally the Wal-Mart Andy’s. Five Andy’s in one day... 180 miles ... and a delightful motorcycle ride.

Only two months remain (October and November) for you to purchase chances. The more tickets you purchase, the better your chances of winning, and the more we can present to our other charity.

Remember, if you don’t pay, you can’t play the Andy’s game and it only takes one ticket to win!

*Please note: Our November 2nd Thursday Dinner Ride (Nov 13) will be to the Andy’s Restaurant in Moyock. Let’s plan on a big turnout and a chance to purchase two tickets for the price of one.*



### Region N Couple of the Year Thoughts

1. Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape.
2. Silence is often misinterpreted, but never misquoted.
3. Laugh every day – it’s like inner jogging.
4. The most important things in your home are the people.
5. Growing old is inevitable, growing up is optional. (Preach it)
6. A grudge is a heavy thing to carry.
7. We do not remember days, but moments.
8. A mind is like a parachute. It doesn’t work unless it’s open
9. Everything works out in the end. If it hasn’t worked out, it’s not the end.
10. It’s OK to sit on your potty pot now and then. Just remember to flush when you’re done.

Ride Safe and Keep Smiling,

*Alan & Carolyn Little*

2008-2009 Region N Couple of the Year



### From our Rider Educator, David Squires

The following is information I received in envelope to renew my tags. The information is something we should all be aware of and do our part through the resources that are available to us to educate ourselves and others on the fun of riding our motorcycles safely. We also should review the different obstacles that come our way with the changing of seasons. The sun comes up later and goes down sooner. The leaves are falling and with the dew on the ground, become a hazard. The deer are plenty-full and moving. With the changing temperatures, dew on the ground can become ice, especially in the shadows making it hard to see.

North Carolina Motorcycle Safety Facts:

- Motorcycles represent about 2 percent of all registered vehicles in North Carolina, but account for about 10 percent of all fatalities on our roads.
- As of September 1, 2007, 63 percent of all crashes involving motorcycles were single vehicle crashes (motorcycle only).
- Of those crashes involving other vehicles, over half (53 percent) were the fault of the motorcyclist.
- Of those motorcyclists at fault crashes 81 percent occurred when the rider crossed the center-line either while passing another vehicle or while negotiating a curve.
- Of those crashes where the other vehicle was at fault, 57 percent were failure to yield right of way at an intersection and 43 percent were turning left across the motorcycle's path.

The majority (82.7 percent) of motorcycle fatal crashes occurred because of the fault of the motorcyclist.

Rider Safety Tips – What you can do to reduce your chances of being involved in a motorcycle crash.

- Get properly trained. North Carolina has several programs available through the Community College System Motorcycle Safety Education Program, (800)428-7433, and the N.C. State Highway Patrol BikeSafe-NC Program, (919)662-4430. Commercial programs such as the HD Rider's Edge Program, [Ridersedge.com](http://Ridersedge.com), are also available.

Wear proper riding gear: This includes FMVSS 218 helmet, long pants, long sleeves, full-fingered gloves, over-the-ankle shoes/boots and eye protection. Wear light, bright clothing and something with retro-reflective material to make yourself more visible to others on the road.

For information, visit the Governor's Highway Safety Program Web site at [ncdot.org/programs/GHSP/links/](http://ncdot.org/programs/GHSP/links/).

With the warm days and cool nights, changing colors of fall, let's all get out there and ride. But before we pull out, make sure the surroundings are safe and we are properly attired. We will be looking out for you.

***“Get Ready to Ride”, by Paul Ledbetter***

It seems like every time you pick up a newspaper or turn on the TV or Radio, you read or hear about another motorcycle rider that’s been in an accident. Some just hurt their pride, some are seriously injured, & sadly some accidents are even fatal. As far as I’m concerned even the accidents that only hurt your pride are unacceptable.

As the chapters new Ride Coordinator, I want to let everyone know that all of the chapter rides that are put together in the future are going to have one common thread. “Rider and Passenger Safety” From what I’ve read and seen GWRRA has one of the best rider education programs available anywhere. What’s even better than that? It’s free! That’s something that’s a rare commodity in today’s world. I’m planning on qualifying as a Road Captain, and I would encourage everyone else that hasn’t already done so to qualify also.

I have some ideas for future rides, but as everyone knows, no one can do a job like this alone. I’m going to need all of the chapter members to help me out by telling me where you want to go, and what you want to do when you get there. Whether it’s an evening Ice Cream ride, or a three day weekend to the mountains, let me know. I’ll plan the ride and even if I can’t go I’ll find Road Captains that can.

You’ll find a couple of flyers for poker runs in this months newsletter\*\*. One in Virginia and one in Elizabeth City. There’s also a car/bike show that’s going on in Virginia. Starting next month I’ll be sending out ride information to you in your email.

For those of you that haven’t met me yet and haven’t been to a social for a while, why not come out to the Golden Corral for this months social? That would be a great time for us to meet, you could give me some of your ride ideas, and who knows you might even win the 50/50 and walk out with a bonus.

Do you remember the first motorcycle or scooter that you rode? That was a great feeling wasn’t it? Join us in a ride and you might just feel that way again

Ride Safe and Ride Often!

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**North Carolina News  
Congratulations to the**

**Winners at  
Wings Over  
the  
Smokies**



**Our Own,  
Bernie  
Ausherman**

**Bernie Ausherman NC-E2  
Second Place Class 1**

**Tony & Janice Barker NC-G**



**NC District Couple, 2009**

## RIDE COORDINATOR'S REPORT by Lee Fortier

Not a lot of Chapter riding to report on since Wings Over the Smokies. That was such a great time for eighteen of us that maybe we burned out a bit? Nah! We did manage to have our 2nd Thursday dinner ride this month, and eight of us enjoyed fine dining at the Cypress Creek Grille in Elizabeth City. Pat & M.C., Shirley and Frank, Paula and Paul, and Sandy and Lee had a nice meal and enjoyed each other's company. We were expecting several other couples, but times being what they are, they weren't able to join us at the last moment.

Don't lose heart, we have many exciting rides coming up shortly, and to help us out with ride management and organization, there will be an announcement at our October social that should dramatically improve the quantity and quality of our Fall riding schedule and enjoyment. Stay tuned and watch your e-mail for upcoming rides.

There is an interesting article in the new Wing World about proper protective clothing while riding on a motorcycle. You will recall that my mantra when I was your Rider Educator was, "if there is any part of your body that you would like to continue using in the future... cover it up!" Gordon Murphy (Wing World, Nov 2008, p.8) says, "if you were to go outside and pull one of your fingers across the parking lot pavement for about a foot, you would probably end up with a sore finger ...now think of the pain you would have to endure if you took a spill while traveling at highway speeds and your hands, arms and legs were not protected." Think about how many of us have simply fallen down, onto concrete, at only walking speed and scraped up hands or knees? So, let's try and cover up and protect as much of our bodies as possible, and always ride as safely as we know how (*because dumb can really hurt*).

### 2008 Activity Calendar and Events

#### 2nd. Thursday Dinner Ride

October 25 NC-B Lawn Mower Pull

Dec. 6 Gifts on Cycles

Dec. 20 Chapter Christmas Party

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!



Food Pantry Items for the Months of **October** and **November** are Yams, Snap Beans and Dressing.

Thank you for caring.



### THANKS FOR YOUR GIVING & GIVING by Sandy Fortier

One thing I have learned over the past several years is that Goldwingers are very generous, caring and giving people. Whether it is to support a fellow Goldwinger or his/her family member, a fellow cyclist, a family in need, or a charitable fundraiser, Goldwingers are there to lend a hand and to support a cause. The generosity of members has impressed me over and over again. Do I even have to mention the overwhelming support of our members to the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. The hours and hours of time donated to fundraising and the thousands of dollars raised over the year - Wow! We ask every month for your support for something – the Chapter through the 50/50, the Food Bank through donations of food, Andy Quest for the O’Berry Center, the schools through donations of school supplies. And every month you come through: Unselfishly.

This past month has been a roller coaster ride (mostly downhill) for the stock market and economy in general. We’ve watched our retirement accounts shrink and unemployment skyrocket. The talking heads all say recovery will take quite a while. Meanwhile, the needs of others will undoubtedly increase. Our churches and local charities will be extending their helping hands, and they will need to get their resources from somewhere. I know you will once again try to come through. So what I am about to say may sound funny – even alien.

Please, give what you can but don’t give more than you can afford or feel comfortable giving. Choose those charities you want to support and identify most with. I know that whatever you choose to give to whichever organization's you select, they will be most appreciative. Also remember, there are ways to support organizations in ways that will not cost you anything. Here are some ideas:

- \*Go through your cupboards and donate those food items you haven’t used in months. Fall is a great time to clean those cupboards.
- \*If you buy milk at Food Lion and receive coupons that you won’t be using, donate them to the Food Bank. This also applies to the coupons you receive towards free turkeys.
- \*Buy a “buy one, get one free” item and donate the second item.
- \*Clean out your drawers and donate the small shampoos and soap and coffee packets from hotel stays. I know I tend to hoard them for who knows what.
- \*Donate those out-of-date, out-of-size, no longer wanted clothes to your favorite charitable resale organization (Hope Line, Salvation Army, GoodWill, etc.)
- \*Donate the toys you get with fast food children’s meals to the Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation. They collect new toys for children every Christmas.
- \*Donate your time – probably the most difficult thing to do.

Thank you for your extreme generosity throughout the year. But please remember, give what you can but don’t give more than you can afford. Better days are around the corner.


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