



# “River City Wings, NC-E2”

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Region N, Gold Wing Road Riders Association  
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## “Behind the Windshield”, by Lee Fortier



It certainly doesn't feel like a month has passed since the Jacksonville, NC New Year's Day "Resolution Day Ride"... hereinafter to be known as the "Very Windy & Very Cold" ride. Time does truly fly, especially when you are having fun ... and I do think we are having fun.

Our January Social was well attended, with almost all the available seating being used. But what made January so special was that we saw some faces that we hadn't seen in quite some time, and we also saw some new, first-time faces. It looks like the information pipeline between Turner's Honda and River City Wings is working well, and we are making personal contact with every new rider we learn about. In addition, our new Asst. Chapter Directors Virginia & Larry Hughes, who have also volunteered to be our Membership Enhancement Coordinators, have been contacting all of our former members or those members who have missed the last 3 or 4 meetings and checking to make sure that they are doing OK, and to invite them to come back to the party and attend a ride or a social with us. A special thanks to Larry & Virginia for their work, and also special thanks to our previously absent members who have decided to rejoin us. *"It's nice to have you back!"*

In fact, we were expecting several other first-time riders to attend in January and darned if one of them (Dr Askew) didn't actually call the Golden Corral and get me on their phone to tell me that he had been unexpectedly called out of town, but that he would be at the Feb social for sure. Another couple e-mailed me the day after our social and expressed regret that they hadn't been able to attend, but also planned on attending in February.

So between the efforts of Larry & Virginia; Pat Boyce who actually chases down Gold Wing riders she sees on the road and invites them to a meeting; and the gang at Turner's who are feeding us information about new Wingers on the road, I am very optimistic and enthusiastic that we will see our membership numbers growing this year. So let's all take up the challenge and encourage the new riders that we meet to attend a River City Wings Social. Recruiting new members is something that we can all do; so if you get the chance, extend an invitation to the social or to a ride. And let's not forget... always be safe out there. *Lee*

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!***

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**RIDER EDUCATION RAMBLINGS**

**By Lee Fortier, Master Tour Rider**

At our January 2009 Social meeting, at the conclusion of the Chapter Educator session, an open forum discussion ensued related to rider education and safety. Long-time E2 member **Richard Gaucher** suggested that it might be interesting and informative if each month a rider or co-rider could share and talk about one of their personal motorcycle experiences that everyone could learn from. These experiences would initially be of the "Oh S\*\*t!" variety; dangerous not to be repeated actions; situations that put us in peril; or things that you hope you will never have to experience again. Yes, we can learn from the mistakes of others – and we should.

Thinking to myself as Richard was offering his suggestion, I had several real-time flashbacks that made me suddenly realize how lucky I had been that I (we) hadn't been hurt on the bike because of my doing something I shouldn't have done (read: dumb!). I'm willing to bet that most of us can relate at least one story that the rest of us can learn from. Now, the trick is to get you to step forward and share that experience with the rest of us. Can you think about that?? Can you remember a less than stellar motorcycle moment?? Want to perhaps prevent one of us from making the same mistake??

Building on the original idea, it was suggested that some of these stories might even be noteworthy enough to be a Rider Educator article for our monthly River City Wings Newsletter. How cool would that be? Our Newsletter is distributed to all the other N.C. Chapters, the Region-N staff and many others, so more riders than just those in our Chapter could possibly benefit from your experience. So, if you have a story to share that could possibly prevent a rider from making the same mistake that you did, why not write it up and submit it to our Newsletter Editor, Ms. Pat Boyce at [phboyce55@yahoo.com](mailto:phboyce55@yahoo.com). Having your article appear in the Newsletter pretty much insures that you will get to discuss your story at a monthly social. Two-for-one!

Our February social will be the kickoff for our new monthly "story-sharing campaign". If you have a story that you would like to share, please let me know brief details at [doceduction@mchsi.com](mailto:doceduction@mchsi.com) and we will schedule you on the agenda.

Special thanks go out to Richard Gaucher for his innovative, information-sharing suggestion; an idea that could very well become a fixed enhancement to our chapter's rider education program.

Let's keep those great ideas coming in....




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## Larry and Virginia Hughes, ACD

We're back.....And glad to be the Assistant Chapter Directors for River City Wings. While we were still active with GWRRA, we have missed being a part of this exceptional chapter and spending time with all the friends we have made by being associated with GWRRA. We returned to the chapter last year thinking that all we wanted to do was come to the meetings. We quickly came to the realization that we were only going to get out of the chapter what we were willing to put in and that just attending the meetings, while enjoyable, wasn't doing it for us.

We spoke with Lee and expressed our interest in participating in the chapter as Assistant Chapter Directors and the support we have received from him and the other members of the staff assured us that we were doing the right thing. We hope the membership of River City Wings will also support our efforts. We are so excited about our chapter and are anxious to do our best to help River City Wings fulfill the mission of GWRRA, "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge".

Larry & Virginia Hughes  
Assistant Chapter Directors  
River City Wings  
NC-E2

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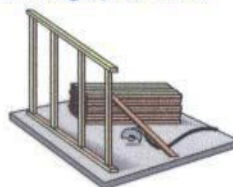


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**Membership Enhancement Coordinators**

We are glad to be serving as Membership Enhancement Coordinators for River City Wings. We have been involved, to various degrees, in this chapter since it was a twinkle in the eye of Jay Cuthrell and he recruited Frank Albert to take on the formation of an Elizabeth City Goldwing chapter. It had been tried once before in the distant past but it fell to the wayside and disbanded. River City Wings took off like a whirlwind and became known throughout the district and region as a chapter to be recognized for our dedication and willingness to work hard for the things that were important to our chapter, our charities and GWRRA. Many people have come and gone over the years and the chapter has continued to grow and be successful.

With our interest in this position, we have started with calling past members who have stopped being active in our chapter and inviting them back. Some of these people are charter members and are a big reason for the early success of our chapter. We feel they could be a great asset again and more importantly, we miss seeing them. Hopefully, they will return. They all seemed glad that we contacted them and let them know that we were thinking about them. Eddie Williams, Richard and Carmen Gaucher and Robert and Cathy Morton were past participants that returned for the January meeting and it was great to see them again. Hopefully we will see more return next month.

This month we will be contacting new Goldwing owners and GWRRA members as we become aware of them and trying to recruit new members from friends and acquaintances. Four potentials were Lauren Mallory (wife of Keith), Judy Alphin (wife of Robert), Milford Creecy and Isaac Respass who all attended their first meeting in January. We had a drawing for first time attendees and Isaac won a free buffet dinner, courtesy of our chapter. They liked what they saw and plan on participating with our chapter and we welcome them.

We will also be contacting members who do not show up for three meetings in a row to check on them and inquire if they are alright or if they are having any difficulty with the chapter. While it is not our intent to pressure people to attend meetings, we want to make sure that any problems there may be are addressed in a timely manner and that the chapter continues to benefit from the input of all our members.

We hope the chapter will support us in this position and we look forward to working with all of you.

Larry & Virginia Hughes



**February Celebrations**

**Birthdays**

Jerry Cartwright, February 17

George Wilmore, February 22

Shirley Chappell, February 27

**Anniversaries**

Pat & MC Boyce, February 22



**2009 Activity Calendar and Events**

- February 28 Smithfield C-2 Chili Cook Off
- March 7 Chapter X, Spaghetti Lunch, Hot Wheels
- March 21 Chapter H2, Swap Meet, Mebane
- March 28 Chapter Y2- Poker Run, Monroe
- April 17-18 Down East Rally
- April 19 VA-L Post Tax Day Poker Run
- April 26 Chapter E-2 Poker Run**
- May 2 Depart for Cary
- May 3 Triangle Ride for Kids, Cary

**NC District News**

**Just wanted to call to your attention that the Wings Over the Smokies Logo Contest Deadline is April 15th.**

**We would like to remind you that we have a Video on the front page of the NC District website to help any member that is interested in the contest.**

**The video will provide members with a look of all the past 25 years of the logos and may help give some members some ideas for the logo contest.**

**Hope this helps and Good Luck to all**

**Bernie & Dottie Motley  
Chapter NC-A2 Newsletter Editors  
NC District Newsletter Editors**

**Win an Outer Banks Weekend !!!!**

**Sun Realty** has once again donated a weekend at the Outer Banks in one of their lovely rental homes overlooking the Atlantic Ocean or the Roanoke Sound. A \$5.00 donation to the **Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation®** gives you the chance to have a relaxing weekend of fun, fishing, friends and food. Tickets are available from Chapter members and will also be available at our Poker Run on April 26, when the winning ticket will be drawn. Visit the website below and envision yourself in any one of their listed homes. Dates offered are from October 1, 2009 thru May 1, 2010.



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**National News**

**New "Where's Wingy" Contest Rules  
GWRRA Members: WIN \$50!**

Here's how the contest works: Each month, search the ads in your *Wing World* magazine and follow these instructions:

- Find "Wingy" (shown here).



- Then:
  - Email your entry to [contest@wingworldmag.com](mailto:contest@wingworldmag.com)
- You may choose to mail your entry to: WW February "Wingy" Contest, 1 W. Deer Valley Road - Suite 300, Phoenix, AZ 85027. All entries must be received before February 1st.

Entries must include your name, mailing address, phone number, GWRRA membership number and the following:

- The page number on which "Wingy" is located.
- The name of the company hosting "Wingy".
- The location in the ad where "Wingy" was found.

A winner will be randomly chosen on February 1st; the lucky winner of the \$50 will be contacted by email or phone. Additionally, the February winner's name will be published in the April issue of *Wing World* magazine. Limit one entry and winner per issue!

So, enjoy the search! And while you are busy

looking for "Wingy", we're sure you will find tons of interesting goodies along the way—maybe even something you "can't live without"!

So, whatcha waiting for? Good luck and Happy Hunting!

**Legal stuff:**

Contest will run for one year, starting with the November issue of *Wing World* magazine, and may be discontinued without notice by the publisher.

By participating in this contest, entrants agree to the specific rules, terms and conditions provided for this particular contest as stated in the Rules given here.

**ELIGIBILITY AND ODDS OF WINNING:**

No purchase necessary to enter. Limit one entry per Member. Multiple entries will not improve chances of winning. Contests are open to any member of GWRRA, except employees of GWRRA, INB Corporation, affiliates, subsidiaries, and successor companies, contest sponsors, advertisers and/or promotion agencies, contest prize suppliers, participating advertisers and immediate family members of anyone so situated. "Immediate family members" shall include spouses, siblings, parents, children, grandparents, and grandchildren, whether as "in-laws", or by current or past marriage, remarriage, adoption, co-habitation or other familial extension, and any other persons residing at the same household location, whether or not related.

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## Upcoming Event at Smithfield

NC-C2 Smithfields annual chili cook off starts at 10:00 am, eat at 12:30 and they will hold their monthly meeting at 1:30 pm. The NC Drill Team will be performing at 11:30 am.



The New NC Drill team also now has a website for your enjoyment at <http://www.ncdrillteam.org/>

We would like to introduce you to the New NC Precision Drill Team members, **Drum Roll Please:**

### **Bob Yates - Team Captain**

Darrell Bell  
Robbie Tew  
Wayne Grant  
Billy Ray Joyner  
Jay Sadler  
Todd Meadows  
Bryan Allen

If you are interested in joining the NC drill team please contact Bob Yates at 252-249-1739 or 252-670-6016 or email him at [bwings@pamlico.net](mailto:bwings@pamlico.net).

They practice each Sunday at the Jones County High School, 1490 NC Highway 58 S., Trenton, NC. Practices are held at 2:00 PM, except in the event of rain, if it rains – No Practice.

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## River City Wings Spring Poker Run



**April 26, 2009**

**REGISTRATION STARTS AT 9:00 am**

**FIRST BIKE OUT AT 10:00 am**

**LAST BIKE OUT AT 11:00 am**



**Start - >** Turner's Honda, 1111 W.  
Ehringhaus Street, Elizabeth City.



**Finish - >** Charles Creek Park  
Riverside Avenue, Elizabeth City

**Poker Hand Check-in at 11:30 am — Meal starts at Noon**  
**Prizes & Awards 'til 2:30 pm**

**Registration is \$15.00 / Rider and \$10 / Co-Rider**

**Free Registration for 2009 GWRRA Chapter Couples**

**Meal included: Hot Dogs, Chili, Baked Beans, Chips, Drinks, Bake Sale!**

**Children not playing a Poker hand — \$5.00**

**Best Hand: \$75 cash, 2nd place \$50 cash & 3rd place \$25 cash.**

**Games of chance: Chinese Raffle Gifts: 50/50 Tickets,**

**Grand Raffle - A 3-day, 2-night Weekend Vacation Beach House**  
**on the Outer Banks, courtesy of "Sun Realty", with a**  
**value of \$1,350.00. Tickets are \$5 each.**

**Proceeds are designated for the Pediatric Brain Tumor**  
**Foundation "Ride for Kids" event in Cary, NC on Sunday, May 3rd**

**Contact Info: Lee Fortier (252) 426-1878**  
**doeducation@mchsi.com or www.rcgw.org**



**Come Ride with Us**  
**It's for the Kids**



**Liability release - Participants agree to hold harmless GWRRA, the co-sponsoring organization(s), and any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property by reason of participating in this event.**