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Region N NC District GWRRA NC – C2, Smithfield, NC

Chapter NC-C2

# FRIENDS for FUN, SAFETY, and KNOWLEDGE February, 2015

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# "The Wingin' News"

Meetings held at PARKSIDE CAFÉ in Pine Level the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month: It is Located on Hwy 70 ALT East, I-95 Exit 97, 2 miles on the right past the Robbins Nest Restaurant. We eat at 6:30 and meet at 7:30 PM.

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# From your Chapter Team Leader, Frankie Medlin

Happy Valentine's Day!!!! Here we are getting ready to move into the second month of 2015 and the LOVE month of the year. For those of you that have someone special to LOVE, "love the one you're with". Some of you may remember hearing this before and may remember who said it. I did "love the one I was with" and am so glad I did. Now on to loving somebody else.....I just love our new Chapter Couple, Tom and Linda Tipton. We announced our new

Chapter Couple at our January meeting and you will be reading their first newsletter article in this newsletter. As Chapter Team Leader, I find it a real privilege to be the leader of such a great chapter and I hope all of you will know how sincere I am when I tell how I love and appreciate each one of our team members. So, as Ronald Barbour said and Crosby, Stills and Nash sung "Love the One You're With".

Our new Ride Coordinators, Charles and Sue Langley led us on our first ride of the year, as ten of our C2 members traveled to Sanford for the New Year's Resolution Ride. I am sure they will tell about the January rides we went on in this newsletter. Look for a sneak preview of upcoming rides in our newsletter and details of upcoming rides at our meeting each month, so don't miss out by missing our meeting or our newsletter.

It will be "CHILI" at the Smithfield Moose Lodge on February 21<sup>st</sup>. We are busy planning for our big event and flyers are on our web site and on the District web site, also. We will have our detail planning meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at Parkside Café.

On February 13<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Valentine's Day, we will meet at Selma Pizza Inn, next door to Tractor Supply at the intersection of Hwy 70 and Hwy 301, Selma. Join us there at 6 PM before going to Kerney and Connie's where we will tie up any loose ends and go thru our supplies, games and other stuff to load for the big day. Our February Dinner Ride will be our Valentine Party. Since this is a Friday night, as soon as we finish tying up loose ends, we plan to play some marbles.

We ask that all C2 members make sure they can be at both February 3<sup>rd</sup> and February 13<sup>th</sup> meetings to help us prepare for our big day. We will need ALL of our members to make our special day come off without any hitches, so plan to be there for both of these nights. I cannot say thank you enough to all of you for all you can do to help make our 2015 Chili Cook-off the best ever. Please make contact with any of our members that haven't been with us lately and encourage them to meet with us and plan to help us with the Chili Cook-off. We hope to have more members to help make our Chapter even better in 2015. Reach out and touch someone and bring them in to visit. Hopefully, they will enjoy it so much, they will come back.

We still have a few rooms left in our block of rooms reserved at Great Smokies Inn for Wings Over the Smokies 2015. We also have the room up front reserved for games at night. We look forward to another great rally in Cherokee in July.

Remember, we plan some of our impromptu rides at marbles on Friday nights at Wendy's so come join us for fun on Friday nights. Fun multiplies and divides when we share it with others. We are always offering to teach others how to play marbles as they stop by to ask about our game. Come join us any Friday night that you can.

For those of you outside of our chapter, we invite you to visit with us at our gathering anytime. If you have visited us or are a regular visitor each month, please continue to come and visit. We meet the first Tuesday of each month at Parkside Café, 2176 US Hwy 70A East, Pine Level, NC except in February. Our February gathering will be February 21st at our Chili Cook-off.

Members please consider writing an article for our newsletter and send it to Judy by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. You can help Judy do an even better job as she puts a great newsletter together each month.

Let's ride for FUN, FRIENDS and SAFETY......RIDE SAFE!!

Frankie Medlin, Your C-2 Team Leader





Stephen Sawyer February 19 Beverly Branch February 20 Edna and Wallace Truelove February 18



"Have You Heard?"
... A couple in our chapter tried to wear the other's heated riding gear! They didn't fit very well!!!!

Somewhere in this newsletter, we have hidden someone's GWRRA Member number. Be sure to look to see if it's your number. Each month we will have something special for anyone who has found their member number and who tells where they found it before the meeting starts. Maybe it will be YOU!!!!!



# From your Assistant Chapter Director, Tom Tipton

As we venture into a new year we think of years past and what the future holds. Not knowing our "Fate", trying to image what and how we can plan on the future. Can we change what the future holds? I do not think we can predict the future. I do believe we sure can prepare for it if we place ourselves in the right frame of mind and try to pack our brains with the knowledge needed. We must be open to suggestions and plan our day to day on the information that we believe to be the most helpful. The future of our motorcycle riding time we have left is what keeps me ticking.

How do we do that? Anything worth learning and remembering is worth doing and learning in steps. The steps that are taken are all different for each person. This is exactly what GWRRA has in place for the Rider Level Program. The Level Program is learned and applied in steps, these steps can be crawled, walked or ran through! The Rider decides what steps and the frequency he or she will take. Not taking advantage of the Rider Level Program is not preparing one's self for the Safe Riding Time a rider has left. This also should concern the Co-Rider, ask yourself as a Co-Rider, Do I know my Rider is doing everything he or she can do to prepare "US, both rider and co-rider" for a ride that will be as safe as we can possibly be? I don't know about the other co-riders, mine (Linda Tipton) will not get on the back of our bike without knowing that!..... Make one thing for certain in your motorcycle riding life, Expect the best, Prepare for the Worst......

I would like to congratulate C-2 for installing yourself into the Rider Level Program. As you have, we should be proud that most of our motorcycling members have. Our Chapter Educator Sammy Langley is up to the task of proving we have one of the best Education Programs in the District, not to mention one of the best, if not the best, Educators in the District. I never balk at the chance to speak of the great job that our Educator does. He always insures that we are *Planning on Expecting the best, and preparing on the worst!...... Education and Practice are Key!* 

Your ACD tom tipton

### Motor awareness defined:

Make sure you are visible to the other Riders and automobile drivers that have a big
problem seeing you and your prize possession, NOT YOUR
MOTORCYCLE vour Co-Rider !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Shari Langley
New Member Enhancement Coordinator for NC-C2

There are a number of GWRRA members assigned to NC-C2 that do not actively participate in chapter activities. We hope we will be able to draw some of these members into our group activities.

Hopefully, we all will work on contacting these members and will add to our active membership. If any of you know some of these members, please contact them and talk with them about what you enjoy about our chapter and invite them to join us.

These members are celebrating their GWRRA anniversaries in January or February.

Steve Ashinhurst	January 17
Michael Dunn	January 24
Kerney Eason	February 1
Art Granillo	February 19
Greg Hodak	January 30
Charles Langley	February 5
Sammy Langley	January 6
Braxton Lynch	January 1
Ethelene Swisher	February 1

### EAT and MEET

Chapter Director, Frankie Medlin called the January gathering to order. Frankie reminded everyone that the February gathering will not be held on the usual first Tuesday but will be held on February 21st at the Chili Cook-Off. Special blessings went out to the sick. The District Chapter Couple of the Year, Roy and Cindy Bryant were recognized. Roy and Cindy recognized and introduced the new Chapter Couple for NC-C2, Tom and Linda Tipton. Roy and Cindy presented Tom and Linda with a free ticket for the motorcycle that is to be given away at Wings Over the Smokies. Also presented at the gathering was "Hawkeye" a stuffed Pink Flamingo which is the new mascot for the Chapter Couple of the Year.

Tom Tipton, Assistant Chapter Director, recognized the visitors.

District Educators, George and Susan Huttman, presented Frankie with a Hillbilly Hoedown Calendar. Cheer Coordinator, Debbie Lewis was introduced. If you have any

changes, birthdays, anniversaries, marriages, etc., be sure to inform Debbie. Nonie Roberson, Sunshine Lady, made her presentation for birthdays. Wayne Branch had a January birthday. He and Nonie had a birthday dance.

It was noted that the Operations Meeting will be held January 31st in Burlington. Make note - February 21st is the date for the NC-C2 Chili Cook-Off. There will be a meeting for NC-C2 members only on February 3rd at Parkside Restaurant to discuss the work schedules for the Chili Cook-Off. Please try to attend.

The NC-C2 Valentine Party will be held at the Pizza Inn at Smithfield. After our meal, everyone will go to Kerney and Connie's to do inventory and check supplies for the Chili Cook-Off.

Vest Drawing was won by NC-K2 Fayetteville. Sammy Langley, Chapter Educator, talked about "Ride to Be Seen", gear, lights, etc. Tom Tipton and Sammy Langley were presented their Level 4 patches for the Master Tour Rider Program. Co-Rider and Motorist Awareness Courses will be given at the Swap Meet in Durham in March. Dale Petzold, NC-D2 won the meal ticket for the meeting.

Sue Langley made a Pineapple Cake to be raffled off. The cake was won by Dean Holton, NC-F2 Garner. It was announced that Charles and Sue Langley will be the new Ride Co-ordinators for NC-C2.

50/50 \$46.00 Frankie Medlin NC-C2 Smithfield \$45.00 Wayne Branch NC-C2 Smithfield

Linda Hairr Reporter





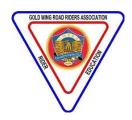
Welcome 2015, a new year and new beginnings. New beginnings for both returning couples in the Couple Of The Year program as well as the new couples just entering into the program. Get on board to have a wonderful time as you travel representing your chapter. This is the beginning of the "best job you will ever have" position within Gold Wing Road Riders Association. Your Chapter Team Leader choose you because you are special and your entire chapter is there to support you.

Your support team just begins at the chapter level. We, as your District Couple are here to help you, as well as Robert and Donna Ferguson, District MECP. Do not hesitate to call on us any time you have a question or need assistance with issues you cannot resolve.

We are going to try to visit all chapters within the District of North Carolina to welcome each Chapter Couple. We have already started the New Year out with some visitations and we have something special for the Chapter Couples as we visit. We encourage ALL chapters to select that "special" couple to be their ambassadors. So far in our visits, a Chapter Couple has been in place. We are looking for-ward to meeting each of you as we travel. We will probably meet several of you at the first District event of the year which is the Operations meeting. Here you will also have the opportunity to meet other Chapter Couples. You all will form a special bond that will grow throughout the year. This will be a year you will not easily forget. Let's let the FUN begin with 2015.

Happy New Year! Roy & Cindy Bryant: NC District Couple of the Year

# Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge





### DRIVING SYSTEM

This time of the year, it is a good time to re-enforce some good riding techniques. A good topic to pick would be something that could be used when driving their cars such as the technique of SEE (Scan, Evaluate and Execute). Compare the action of the motorcycle vs. four-wheel vehicles. Have the member's practice the head checks when changing lanes and use that turn signal. The driving technique of four wheels vs. riding a motorcycle is similar, although there are more actions when riding a motorcycle.059213 If we practice the SEE process in a four-wheeler then perhaps the process will be there when you ride your motorcycle. Bad habits are hard to break but developing good habits are the ones you do not want to loose.

### **CLOSURE**

Closing time and I am not talking of one for the road closing time. When we approach an object from behind, we must first put our Scan in to gear. Look for an out. Path of least resistance. Then the next step Evaluate, how fast are we closing in on this object. This judgment has to be made in seconds. Remember you are travel 88 feet per second at 60 mph. Then Execute; cover clutch, brake lever, feet over shifter & rear brake pedal or roll on throttle. All these items can be used in many different situations. You may need to panic stop, if so, do not forget to tell your co-rider you are doing a fast stop. If you need to pass the slower object, you are ready to shift and move on. As I always say, "Every situation is like a snow flake. They are all different" You have to adapt the SEE process to each situation and after the hazard has passed, you will be glad you had some Rider Education.

### LEVELS I, II, III, & IV

Don't forget to keep a check on your levels! Keep them up to date, also plan to update your levels!

Ride Smart & Be Safe! Charles Langley, C-2 Chapter Educator

CONGRATULATIONS to Tom Tipton and Sammy Langley for earning their Level 4 patches for the Master Tour Rider Program.



# 2015-2016 NC-C<sub>2</sub> Chapter Couple Tom and Linda Tipton



We are getting started visiting and trying to represent C2 and to just do half of what our previous Chapter Couple has done. If we can somehow just do half, we will still be doing more than most hah! They (Charles and Sue Langley) will be a hard act to follow. C2 will and already miss them as Chapter couple.

Linda and I are scheduling the eastern part of our District first. We have decided to email C2 on our plans of visitations. So C2 members that want to visit other chapters with us will be able to tell where we are going to be, maybe we will be able to meet up some place to ride in together. We have visited 5 chapters and are enjoying every minute of the visiting and seeing our chapter members supporting us. Thanks!

The many miles we have traveled already hasn't put a dent in the miles we have before us. We will be trying to add pictures next. This new job we have agreed to is a challenge thus far, Hard to catch up. We are having a hard enough time putting on the right heated gear ........ Mine fits Linda fine ...... Linda's gear has proven to be just a tad too small for me. The C2 members that joined us at NC-Q's meeting got a laugh out of us over that.

A special thanks goes out to Charles and Sue for traveling with us and showing us the ropes .......

To be Continued! We hope!

C-2 2015 / 2016 Chapter Couple Tom and Linda Tipton

# **Ride Coordinators**



Hey y'all,

Our first group ride of the year was on New Year's day to Sanford S2's Resolution Ride. They had a great day weather wise and great food! Jim and Sue Hayes did a fine job along beside all of the others getting ready for a fun filled event.



Our 2015-2016 Chapter Couple was introduced at our January 6th meeting. We are very happy to have Tom and Linda Tipton representing C2!!! They are a mighty fine couple. Congratulations!!!



On January 10th Tom and Linda were announced as Chapter Couple at Laurinburg's meeting for their first visit on their new journey. We wish them lots of good times and sweet memories!!

C-2 Chapter Couple Tom and Linda Tipton We would also like to congratulate Tom Tipton and Sammy Langley for continuing their levels. They received their Masters Tour Level IV at our January meeting presented by Susan Huttman, District Ride Educator. Great job fellows!!!!



Frankie Medlin, Tom Tipton, Charles and Sue Langley were also presented rocker bars for completing their Road Captain's Course. We are all getting as much safe riding knowledge as possible.

Our first scheduled calendar ride was January 17th to Wilmington Q. Charles and I were very excited to see so many of our chapter members there. Even our newest members, Wayne and Beverly Branch were with us!! You all made us happppy!!!!! Thank you for taking our first event to heart.

Our February dinner ride is scheduled on February 13th. Frankie will be giving all the details.

Take care and keep smiling. Love you. Charles and Sue

# Sudoku

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Fill in the blanks so that each row, each column, and each of the nine 3x3 grids contain one each of the numbers 1 through 9



# From the Brain of your Webmaster......C a n d i s M e d l i n

Since February is the shortest month of the year I decided to keep this month's article short and sweet. February is the month that we celebrate Valentine's Day. Call me a cynic if you would like, but I see no need in having any such day. If you love someone, should you not show it every day in a million different ways.... Just something you might want to think about.

As most of you know, this is the month our chapter host our Annual Chili Cookoff. For it to be a successful event, we must all pull together and each take a job to make the day go off without a hitch. If we all pitch in, then it can be a fun day for all of us and for all of those from our other family chapters throughout the state and even a couple of other states who have come to spend the day with us.

As some of you might know, I have been having some back issues the last week or so; so we haven't been traveling as much as I would like, especially by trike. Here's to feeling better and traveling more. Unfortunately, this will be the first time in three years that we have not had the Region N Wandering Plaque at our chili cookoff. It will be given away again on the same day as our very own February event, maybe next year. Hope we all get to do some more visiting and traveling as the days get warmer.

If you haven't been coming to marbles at Wendy's on Friday nights or it has been awhile since you have been able to join us; please come any Friday you can and be sure to bring a few friends along. We always enjoy teaching new people how to play. It is a highlight of my week and as I said before I hate the nights that I have to work and can't be there.

As you continue to have any thoughts or ideas on how we can improve or better serve C2 or any others that may visit our website, please let me know. I still need pictures of all our members' two wheel; three wheels or four wheel rides for our photo section so that we can show how diverse our group is. And to also show that no matter how or what we ride, we would love to have anyone join us for lots of fun and fellowship. I am putting the pictures I have on our web site. If you would like a better picture or there's not one of you on our site, send me one or get with me and I will take one. You can email me a picture to nc\_C2\_smithfield@yahoo.com.

Let's Ride, Candis Medlin 919-815-6824 nc\_C2\_smithfield@yahoo.com 

### HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY - FEBRUARY 14, 2015 !!!!!!!!

Tuesday, February 3rd, Gathering at Parkside Café for Chili Cook-off Planning

February Dinner Ride – February 13<sup>th</sup> – Valentine Party at Selma Pizza Inn

February 13<sup>th</sup> – After Valentine Party, we will go to Kerney and Connie's to tie up loose ends for Chili Cook-off and play marbles after we get everything loaded.

Friday nights – Game night at Wendy's in Selma (Come play marbles or any other game.)

Some impromptu rides are planned on Friday nights at Wendy's, so call us if you can't be at Wendy's to find out if we are planning one.

Remember, we can have more than one ride a month. If anyone has somewhere you would like for us to plan to ride to, please let Charles and Sue know and they will make plans for the group to go.



Wings Over the Smokies July 9 – 11, 2015 Cherokee, NC



WING DING 37 September 3 – 6, 2015 Huntsville, Alabama



## **SPRING FLING**

THE TENNESSEE DISTRICT CONVENTION
"SOUTHERN FAMILY REUNION"
CAMP JORDAN ARENA, EAST RIDGE TENNESSEE
April 23—25, 2015









### Chili Cook-Off

Entry Fee......Free First Place.....\$100 Second Place...\$ 50 Third Place....\$ 25

\*Judging starts at 11:30

Smithfield Moose Lodge 402 JR Road Selma, N. C. 27576 Saturday, February 21, 2015 9:00 AM Start 12:30 PM Eat 2:00 PM Gathering

## (This will be our February gathering)

Directions: At intersection of 70A and I-95 Hwy. Take service road in front of J.R.'s Discount Store.

Moose Lodge is on right at the end of road.

If you like Chili, this is for you!

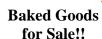




\$5.00 at the door gets you all the Chili and fixings you can eat!!











### **LIABILITY RELEASE:**

I/WE 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.

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nights to Sunday afternoons		and mtgs at 7 PMMonroe chapter is now Matthews		Famous Barb-q, 707 Sullivan RD. (Highway 21)		then to Kerney and Connie's for Chili Cook-off Prep

# **March 2015**

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