

# GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION



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Catawba Valley Wings

## NC 02 "CATAWBA VALLEY 'WINGS & THINGS'"

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#### Chapter NC- 02 HICKORY NC

Next Meeting

**BRING DOOR PRIZES!!**

Sunday, January 16, 2011

Eat at 5 PM Meet at 6 PM

Libby Hill

Hwy 70 in front of Lowe's  
Hickory, NC

Third Sunday of Each Month

#### Trivia Question:

What is the coldest place on Earth?

(find the answer somewhere in this newsletter)

#### Visit our web site:

[Catawbavalleywings.com](http://Catawbavalleywings.com)

Bring Can Goods to the Meeting

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# Happy Birthday

# Happy Anniversary

Charles Janus – December 3  
 Beverly Chapman-December 17  
 Gerald Southers – December 20  
 Sara Shelly – December 22  
 Archie Reynolds – January 10  
 Barbara Janus – January 19

David & Martha Propst – December 22  
 Ted & Med MacMillan – December 31



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## HELP US TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY

IT'S WINTER AND FOLKS ARE IN NEED OF FOOD

NC 02 is continuing our food drive in 2011 for folks in our community who are in need.

Please bring can goods, pasta, or any grocery items which would have a sustainable shelf life. As we collect these items, Barbara and Charles Janus have been delivering the goods to local agencies to be distributed to those in need.

Small pop-top cans are needed for the homeless.

**NC 02 is makin a difference –  
 please help us continue to make this project a  
 success.**

# FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTOR - NC-02

What a busy time!

November 26<sup>th</sup>, Ron "Whiskers" Sipe and I rode to Charlotte Motor Speedway and did the 100 mph thing, which put us into the 100 MPH Club.

Thursday, December 2, Lamar, Ron, Charles, & I purchased the goodies that we took to J. Iverson Riddle Center. We bought \$227.00 worth of gifts for the residents. After that we traveled to J. Iverson and worked their parade for several hours. I found out several days later that our own Steve Pruitt was in that large Coke truck. Who knew?

December the 4<sup>th</sup> we had 19 members from NC-02 go to the J. Iverson Center for their Christmas party. Ron & I each rode a residents during the motorcycle parade. Our Chapter also presented a check to J. Iverson during the party.

Next on our agenda is our Christmas party at Philadelphia Luther Church in Granite Falls. We start our party at 6:00 pm. We have a lot of good food to enjoy that night. We will also play our usual dirty Santa that night.

Lou & I want to thank all those members that kept their positions for the coming year. Special thanks to Ron & Bev for stepping up to be our ACD'S, and to Steve Pruitt for taking over the Ride Coordinator position. Steve will let us know about our January 1<sup>st</sup> ride.

Also a special thanks to Archie & Brenda for their years of service to our Chapter and for their remaining active members with us.

If you have any suggestion on new things to do or how to improve any of our activities, please let us know. We are always open to suggestions for improvements and we will always like to know of any problems that you may have.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Johnny & Lou Perry



## Christmas Prayer

As Christmas candles glisten  
And church bells ring once more  
May happiness surround you,  
May peace knock upon your door.

As trees are gay with tinsel  
And Santa Claus appears,  
May all the joy of friendship  
Be yours throughout the years.

As well-remembered carols  
Ring out upon the air,  
God bless and keep you safely...  
This is my Christmas Prayer.

# From Chapter NC 02 - ACDs

## Christmas, and the Spirit of Giving

The first Saturday in December is always the beginning of the Christmas Season for us. The Goldwing Christmas party at J Iverson Riddle Center always puts us in the Christmas spirit. The spirit of giving, especially to those who truly need our help.

The Staff and Residents of the Riddle Center are always so grateful for what little we contribute to what has to be a very vast need for the 320 residents.

As do some of our other NC 02 members, Ronald and I sponsor one of the residents at J Iverson Riddle. Shopping for his gifts is always something we enjoy doing together.

These days, it really is not hard to find someone who needs our help – not just at Christmas - but all through the year.

---Just as God knew we needed the ongoing help of the One he sent to us that first Christmas.

Ron and Bev Chapman

### A Christmas Song

Why do bells at Christmas ring?  
Why do little children sing?

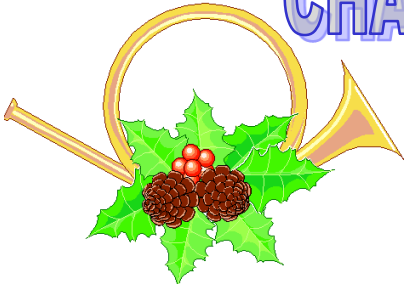
Once a lovely shining star  
Seen by shepherds from afar  
Gently moved until its light  
Made a manger's cradle bright.

There a darling baby lay,  
Pillowed soft upon the hay,  
And his mother sang and smiled:  
"This is Christ, the holy child."

And that's why the bells for Christmas  
ring,  
And why the little children sing.



**Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Was Born**



### “Baby, It’s Cold Outside”

This song reminded me that the weather is changing outside. It is not what I like to ride my two wheeler in. That means that I am going to leave it parked a lot more than I am riding. So with that in mind, I need to do some things to prepare it for next season.

I know some of us ride more than others doing these months, but I am willing to bet you won’t ride it as much as you did in September or July or even April. So with the down time it wants to be taken care of also. What to do? Here some suggestions. You may have others and for sure do them.

Gas. The bottom line is that it will go bad after a bit. I have recommended Stabil for the last couple years. That is good. There is another product on the market that I like better. It is called Star Tron. I found mine at Wal Mart in the marine section. This is an enzyme treatment. It is designed to keep the alcohol from separating and becoming water like. It is a little more expensive, but I think well worth the extra. You use less so the price per tank is very reasonable. It also keeps the gas from going bad.

Battery. The ions in the battery need to be charged frequently. That is why I recommend putting it on a trickle charge. I know I have seen a lot of the bikes with some wires for this purpose. For the rest of us, we probably need to take the cover off and attach the charger straight to the battery. If you don’t have electric close by, take the battery out and put the charger on in the shop, house, or basement. Where ever you can get by with putting it. It is extra work, but being able to spin the motor when you put it back in will be worth the effort.

Tires. Take the weight off the front tire. It doesn’t take much lifting but it is recommended to not leave the weight on it all winter. I don’t think you need to worry about having the correct pressure until you decide to ride.

Antifreeze. Make sure you have enough protection for the cold. Last year it got down in the single digits. We don’t normally have to worry about it freezing from riding and most of us keep it parked in an enclosed building. Just be aware of this.

Oil. Go ahead and change it now. That way you have fresh oil on all the parts for the duration of the winter.

Maintenance. For those things we have been putting off, now is the time to do them. Enough on that.

Anything else that needs to be done, you can make up your list. Hope this will remind us (me especially) to do some preparation for next season.

Ya’ll have a wonderful Christmas and enjoy your families. As we celebrate this season remember those who could use a little more. Merry Christmas!!!

# Julie Kochert's Computer Tip for the Month

Like many of you, I field hundreds of incoming e-mail messages each day. Processing them all--from opening the inbox to making good decisions about which items to act on, which to file for reference, which to delete, and [which to mark as spam](#)--takes more than just time and energy. It takes planning. Here are some useful tactics to [add to your e-mail strategy](#) so you can tame you inbox and work more productively.

Note: These tips aren't fancy--they're basic. But even highly productive people stand to benefit from reviewing sound fundamentals for effective work habits. None of the ideas here are entirely my own (many of them come out of PC websites and even company polices). I will admit that I don't practice all of them as diligently as I can.

## **Zero your inbox.**

When was the last time your inbox was completely empty? Most people haven't seen an uncluttered inbox since they set up their mail account. And that's a shame, because attaining the state known colloquially as "[inbox zero](#)" is one of the most liberating experiences a person can have in the Internet age.

It's a transient feeling, of course, because new messages are likely to arrive at any minute. But if you process everything in your inbox effectively and strategically, you can keep your list of pending messages down to a manageable size throughout the day and shut down your PC with the knowledge that, though new messages may come in overnight, you've addressed everything that came your way today.

If you really want to master your mail fully, an [empty inbox should be among your daily objectives](#).

## **Use folders sparingly.**

E-mail folders can be useful for organizing old messages that you want to keep for reference, keeping your inbox clear of old clutter. ([In Gmail](#), folders are known as "labels," though the idea is the same.) Beware the urge to create more folders (and especially subfolders) than you can consciously track from day to day.

The purpose of folders is to make old messages easy to find, and the more folders you have, the less successfully they fulfill that purpose. When your folder list gets so long that you can't see all of them all in one glance, you're unlikely to maintain adequate awareness of what's in them, which ones require attention, and which are just storing aging detritus. So avoid having more folders than you need for tracking active projects.

Use [whatever folders you keep](#) as "trusted buckets" that you check periodically during their useful life. For instance, I have a folder where I keep important documents and messages from my boss that I know I'll need to refer to later. I have an Pc folder that holds tips and trick I need, and so on. I review the contents of these folders about once a quarter and remove any messages that have been adequately addressed or are no longer relevant.

Every message worth keeping that doesn't go into one of my seven or eight [active folders gets archived](#) in Gmail, and is available via a quick search. Pulling up a three-year-old message from my boss about an important past project that we want to revisit or refer to usually takes me only about 20 seconds with a search. Hunting through dozens of cluttered folders in my sidebar might take 10 minutes or more--and might not turn up the needed message at all.

Julie



# New Members @ NC 02!!

## Whiskers

Undergraduate: Lenoir Rhyne University

Masters Degree: Western Carolina University

Taught school at Oxford Elementary School for 31 years....mostly 6th grade

I am now retired and keep 2 grandkids (2 & 4 years old) about 3 days a week for about 11 hours a day. I have been doing that since they were 3 months old.

I have completed the Motorcycle Safety Foundation Instructors Course

2001 1800 with about 98,000 miles

Claire was a high school bus driver at the time.....saw her.....visited the Rifle Range where she was instructing 4-H rifle club (didn't ask her for a date until she graduated)

## Claire

Graduated from Bunker Hill High School

Employed at Cargo Transporters trucking company for about 26 years

4-H Honor Club Member

Lifetime NRA member

## Children:

### Marie

Oldest daughter

Graduated from Duke University

Teaching science at Berkley Prep School in Tamp, FL

Married: husband has PH D from Duke in Marine Biology and teaches at Eckard College in St. Petersburg

### Elizabeth

Youngest daughter

Attended Carolina for 2 years....graduated from Lenoir Rhyne University

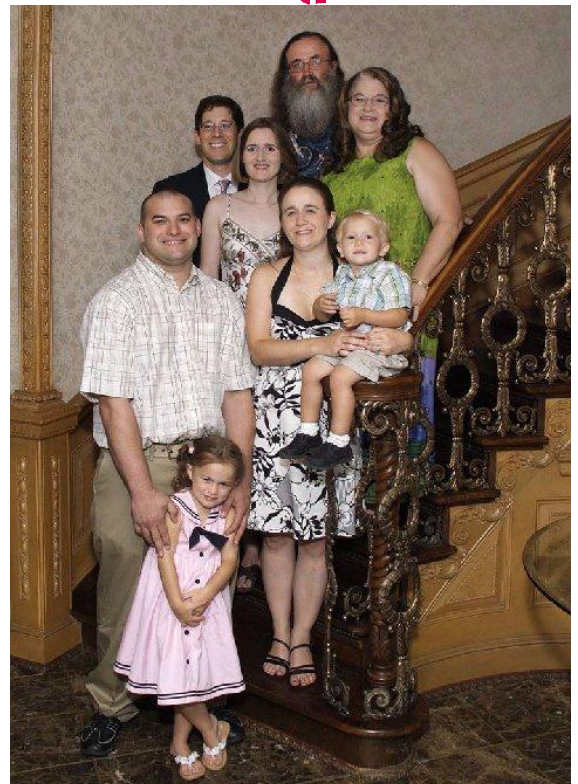
RN Nurse on the heart floor at Frye Hospital in Hickory

Married.....mother of our 2 grandkids.....Madelyn 4 & Cayden 2

Husband is a mechanic at Clark Tire on 321 in Granite Falls



Claire and I both enjoy camping with our motorcycle Bunkhouse camper or our 26' camper.....especially with the grandkids.





**“Greetings from the NC Assistant  
District Directors- West”  
Tom & Dina Towey**



Dina and I have been married for 26 years. We both grew up in Delanco, New Jersey, before moving to Waynesville, North Carolina in 1993. We love living and riding our Gold Wing trike in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina. We purchased our Gold Wing trike in August of 2007 and joined GWRRA NC-G2 Waynesville chapter a month later. We have enjoyed riding with GWRRA members, attending chapter gatherings, events and we have had a lot of FUN with our chapter. We have been chapter directors since January 2009 and we will become Level IV Master Tour riders this December.

I have been self employed in the construction field for over 35 years. Recently I have changed careers and have been working for Mountain Trikes in Waynesville building trikes. Dina has worked for the state of North Carolina for over 16 years and is currently working at Western Carolina University.

We are looking forward to being a part of the NC District Team and to serve the members of North Carolina.

**Tom & Dina Towey**

# Sounds like FUN to me – What do YOU think?

## Membership Enhancement Program

### Couple of the Year and So Much More!

Some of the reasons you were honored to represent your Chapter as the Couple of the Year can be found in those simple letters **C**ouple **O**f the **Y**ear.

**C**ouple - You are a **caring** couple who are concerned about your fellow Chapter Members. You are a **cheerful** couple whom others think of and smile. You are a **creative** couple coming up with new ideas and new ways to look at an issue.

**O**f - You are an **outgoing** couple who welcome others into the Chapter. You are an **optimistic** couple shining a positive light on any situation. You are an **open-minded** couple who are willing to listen to all sides of any topic.

**Y**ear - You are a couple who is **young-at-heart**. You are a couple who **yearns** to ride every chance you get. You are a couple who say “**yeah**” when people talk about GWRRA as you are excited about the organization.

These are the same reasons why you would represent your Chapter in the District Selection to become the next District Couple of the Year!

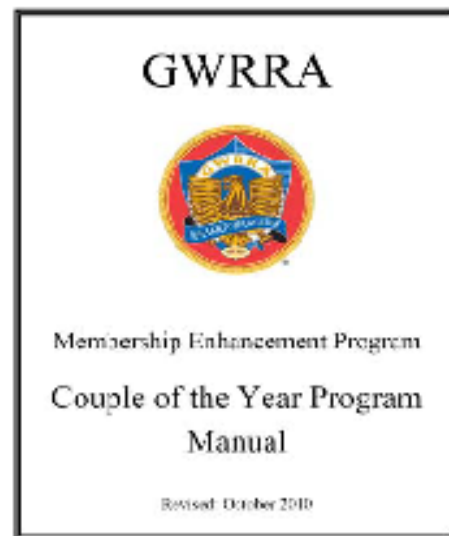
The time is approaching for each of the wonderful Chapter Couples to make your Chapter proud by being a part of the District Selection process. If you are honored by being selected, there is only one requirement; represent the District at the Region Selection process.

You will continue to support your Chapter and GWRRA if you were not selected ... that is a given.

Phillip and Terri Kozlowski  
Chapter Directors, Georgia Chapter D

The Couple of the Year Manual was recently updated. Go to the link below to download or print the latest revision.

<http://med.gwrro.org/coupleoftheyear.html>



# CHAPTER MEETING CHANGES

## December 2010

**NC-C**, Charlotte, will **CANCEL** their meeting for **DECEMBER ONLY**.

**NC-G**, High Point, will **CANCEL** their meeting for **DECEMBER ONLY**.

**NC-G2**, Waynesville, will **CANCEL** their meeting for **DECEMBER ONLY**.

**NC-I**, Asheville, will **CANCEL** their meeting for **DECEMBER ONLY**.

**NC-K2**, Fayetteville, will **CANCEL** their meeting for **DECEMBER ONLY**.

**NC-L**, Gastonia, will **CANCEL** their meeting for **DECEMBER ONLY**.

**NC-N**, Burlington, will **CANCEL** their meeting for **DECEMBER ONLY**.

**NC-Q**, Wilmington, will **CANCEL** their meeting for **DECEMBER ONLY**.

**NC-Q2**, Dunn/Benson, will **CANCEL** their meeting for **DECEMBER ONLY**.

**NC-R**, Thomasville, will **CANCEL** their meeting for **DECEMBER ONLY**.

**NC-S2**, Sanford, will **CANCEL** their meeting for **DECEMBER ONLY**.

**NC-T2**, Albemarle, will **CANCEL** their meeting for **DECEMBER ONLY**.

**NC-U2**, Laurinburg, will **CANCEL** their meeting for **DECEMBER ONLY**.

**NC-W**, Eden, will **CANCEL** their meeting for **DECEMBER ONLY**.

**NC-W2**, Jefferson, will **CANCEL** all future meetings.

**NC-X**, Wake Forest, will **CANCEL** their meeting for **DECEMBER ONLY**.

**NC-X2**, Mt. Airy, will **CANCEL** their meeting for **DECEMBER ONLY**.

**NC-Y**, Morganton, will **CANCEL** their meeting for **DECEMBER ONLY**.

**NC-Y2**, Monroe, will **CANCEL** their meeting for **DECEMBER ONLY**.

**Merry Christmas**

# 2011 EVENT CALENDAR

## January

15th-16th Horizon Class  
29th Operations Meeting

## FEBRUARY

5th Leadership Training Program  
12th Leadership Training Program  
19th NC-C2 Smithfield, Chili Cookoff

## March

5th-6th OCP Training  
19th NC-H2 Durham, Swap Meet  
26th NC-Y2 Monroe Poker Run

## APRIL

2nd NC-G High Point Open House  
9th NC-L2 Mooresville Open House  
10th NC-E2 Elizabeth City Ride For Kids  
14th-16th Spring Fling – TN Convention  
30th NC-L Gastonia & NC-C Charlotte Poker Run/Fund Day

## MAY

1st NC-E Cary Ride For Kids  
7th NC-D2 Winston Salem Open House  
14th NC-A Greensboro Fun Fest  
15th NC-C2 Hickory Poker Run  
21st NC-W Eden Poker Run  
20th NC-F2 Gamer Open House

## June

1st NC-A2 Lexington Care Bear Ride  
11th NC-Q2 Dunn Fun Day  
16th-18th WVA Convention  
25th NC-R Thomasville Care Bear

## JULY

6th-9th WING DING

## AUGUST

4th-6th KY Convention  
13th NC-T2 School Tool Ride  
21st NC Couples Picnic  
27th NC-S2 Sanford Open House & Meeting

## September

22nd-24th NC Convention –  
“WINGS OVER SMOKIES”

## October

1st NC-Y Morganton Open House  
6th-8th VA Convention  
15th-16th OCP Training  
22nd NC-G High Point, Angels In Heaven Ride

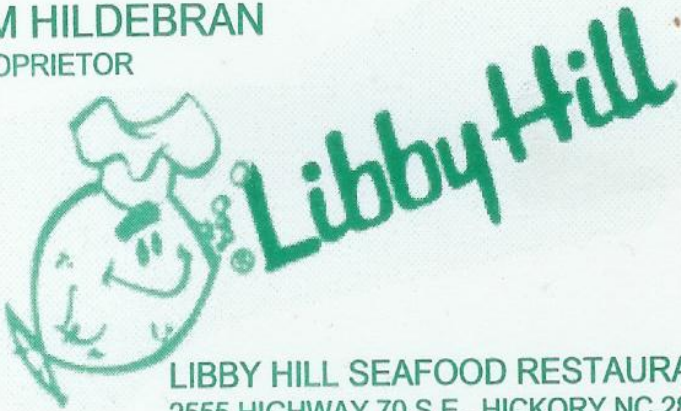
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5th NC District Team Meeting

## December

3rd Gifts on Cycles

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