



# ROCKINGHAM COUNTY WINGS

Chapter NC-W

Eden, NC



NOVEMBER 2011

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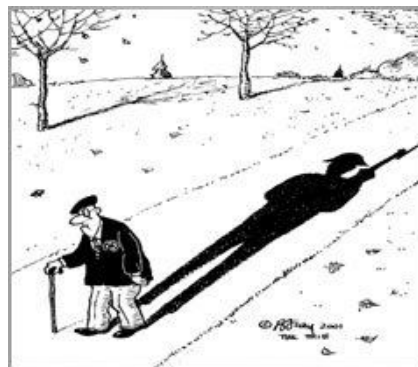
**We gather the 3rd  
Monday at the Golden  
Corral at 1566 Freeway  
Drive, Reidsville, NC  
6:30 meal 7:30 meeting**

**Please visit our website  
at [www.gwrranc.org](http://www.gwrranc.org)**

## FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Some veterans bear visible signs of their service: a missing limb, a jagged scar, a certain look in the eye. Others may carry the evidence inside them: a pin holding a bone together, a piece of shrapnel in the leg - or perhaps another sort of inner steel: the soul's ally forged in the refinery of adversity. Except in parades, however, the men and women who have kept America safe wear no badge or emblem. You can't tell a vet just by looking. He is the cop on the beat who spent six months in Saudi Arabia sweating two gallons a day making sure the armored personnel carriers didn't run out of fuel. He is the bar room loudmouth, dumber than five wooden planks, whose overgrown frat-boy behavior is outweighed a hundred times in the cosmic scales by four hours of exquisite bravery near the 38th parallel. She - or he - is the nurse who fought against futility and went to sleep sobbing every night for two solid years in Da Nang. He is the POW who went away one person and came back another - or didn't come back AT ALL. He is the Quantico drill instructor who has never seen combat - but has saved countless lives by turning slouchy, no-account rednecks and gang members into Marines, and teaching them to watch each other's backs. He is the parade-riding Legionnaire who pins on his ribbons and medals with a prosthetic hand. He is the career quartermaster who watches the ribbons and medals pass him by. He is the three anonymous heroes in The Tomb Of The Unknowns, whose presence at the Arlington National Cemetery must forever preserve the memory of all the anonymous heroes whose valor dies unrecognized with them on the battlefield or in the ocean's sunless deep. He is the old guy bagging groceries at the supermarket - palsied now and aggravatingly slow - who helped liberate a Nazi death camp and who wishes all day long that his wife were still alive to hold him when the nightmares come. Lean over and say "Thank You." That's all most people need, and in most cases it will mean more than any medals they could have been awarded or were awarded. Two little words that mean a lot, "THANK YOU."

SOURCE: Richards, Dean: "What is a Veteran?" [wgnradio](http://www.wgnradio.com/shows/deanrichards/wgnam-dean-richards-what-is-a-veteran-story,0,2516008.story). 16 Nov. 2011.  
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What a great month we've had since our last meeting. The "Hallo-WINGS" ride on October 29<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. Although the weather didn't cooperate as I had hoped, it certainly did not dampen our fun. I truly feel that we made a positive impact on many lives that day, one of which was my own. I've already heard several of you talking about working on your costume for next year. That's what it's all about, having enough fun that you want to do it again.

Our Chapter stew was a big success as well, with us having all of the stew sold before we even started cooking. I appreciate all of you who came out to help with this event. There was some work involved, but we all had a lot of fun while doing it. It's like the old saying goes, "All this fun and money too!" It's our fundraising events like this that allow us to share that "Halloween Cheer" with those who just are not able to get out and enjoy it on their own. As I write this article, I also realize that before we meet, our group will have an opportunity to participate in the "Ride for the Children of Rockingham County" on November 19<sup>th</sup>. This is just another opportunity for us to put a smile on someone's face.

We will not have a Chapter gathering during the month of December. This time is being left for you to spend with your family. We will have two events during the month of December, both occurring on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will participate in "Gifts on Cycles" on that morning and we will have our Annual Christmas Dinner that evening. Please plan to attend these events. These two events will close out 2011.

As this year winds down, I'm left with the feelings of accomplishment and excitement. We have had a successful year and I know that next year is only going to get better.

In last month's article, we discussed how GWRRA is structured and how the positions within our Association are filled with volunteers. From the international level down through regional, district and to the Chapter levels, volunteers step up to support the GWRRA. Within Chapter W, I have been blessed to have a strong support staff and most positions were filled within the 2011 calendar year, with the exception of Membership Enhancement Coordinator.

So you might ask yourself, "What are the responsibilities of the Membership Enhancement Coordinator? Is this a role where I would be willing to step up and serve my fellow Chapter participants?" The responsibilities of the MEC are as follows:

- Develop and maintain a membership listing for the Chapter from the gathering sign-in sheet and provide support for the Chapter Director.
- Be responsible for the sign-in sheet at Chapter gatherings, making sure everyone signs in and checking membership expiration dates.
- Work with the Chapter Director and Team to promote Chapter activities and FUN events for the members.
- Work with membership data from the Area Report (new members, prospective members, expiring and expired memberships, and unassigned zip codes).
- Contact new and prospective members via telephone, e-mail, mail, or in person.
- Complete the contact data columns for contacts made with new and prospective members.
  - Complete and return the list by e-mail to District Membership Enhancement Coordinator.
  - Send a copy to the Chapter Director, District Director, Region Director, and the Region Membership Enhancement Coordinator.
- Review Full Area Report list received in January and July for members in the area who may not be attending Chapter gatherings and may need to be contacted.
- Serve as a liaison to the District Membership Enhancement Coordinator making sure the District Membership Enhancement Coordinator is made aware of any changes to the Chapter Membership Enhancement Coordinator information (new Coordinator, e-mail address, etc.).
- Promote changes positively to help keep politics away from the membership.
- Gather and/or write articles for Chapter Newsletter.

- May be asked to serve on the Couple of the Year selection committee.
- May be asked to serve as the Chapter of the Year Coordinator.

If you feel like you may be interested in taking on this responsibility, please get with me so that I can arrange some time for myself as well as the District Membership Enhancement Coordinator to discuss this position with you. I want to have everyone involved in our Chapter. In addition to the "normal" positions, I foresee the need to have some additional support in the upcoming year to assist with some exciting things we will be doing as a Chapter. Please let me know if you have any desires to take on a more active role within our Chapter.

Ride safe & ride often,  
Chapter Directors, Chapter NC-W  
Glenn & Becky Fargis

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### FROM THE CHAPTER ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Bee Happy, Gold Wingers, and have a Honey of a Day,  
Assistant Chapter Directors, Chapter NC-W  
Ed & Sandy Paisley

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### FROM THE CHAPTER EDUCATORS

As we move out of Summer into Fall and Winter, everyone should start thinking about cold weather gear. Diversity is a luxury that we enjoy here in North Carolina, where we can go from one climate to another very quickly and this can be very dangerous. So you take off for a nice ride to the mountains to see the leaves in mid-morning one Saturday in November. As you climb to higher elevations, do you have your cold weather gear? You're gonna need it, even if its 50 degrees here in the foothills. Are your "omigosh its cold" gloves in the side bag, or are they still at home in the closet making room for that trip in July? How about that electric vest or snowmobile suit or thermal underwear? Exposure should be a concern to each of us, no matter the time of year; it's simply a matter of what end of the spectrum that we prepare against. This Summer we worried about heat and dehydration; now we need to prepare against cold and hypothermia.

Hypothermia is a lower than normal body temperature. That's fine, but what does it really mean? Basically, as your body loses heat, its starts to malfunction. Do your hands work as well when they're cold and numb? Your brain suffers the same problem in the cold. As you get cold, you lose the ability to concentrate and react to changing conditions. This can be fatal on a motorcycle.

How do we avoid hypothermia?? (1) Know your limits; don't ride if it's too cold. If you're riding and you start to get cold, pull off, stop for a cup of coffee, and rest your mind and your body someplace warm until you can continue. If your hands and mind are numb from the cold, are your reactions quick enough to save your life? If you have to ask, then pull over and warm up!! (2) Dress appropriately. This can mean super-thick insulated gloves and electric clothing, or it can simply mean wearing multiple layers for insulation. A pair of thermal underwear or silk liners for that lighter pair of gloves can make all the difference in the world.

The idea is to wear multiple layers of clothing. In this way, you can add layers to keep warm or remove layers if you get overly warm. Wear multiple thin layers as opposed to one heavy layer, and the layers should fit loosely. A wind-proof outer layer is ideal to prevent the wind from chilling you. The idea is insulation, combined with protection from the wind blast of riding at highway speeds. The better your insulation and protection from the wind, the less heat you lose and, thus, reducing your risk of hypothermia.

Remember that we ride as a group. If you're cold, let us know so we can stop and let you put on additional layers. To do anything else is unsafe. Even if you don't have the needed gear on a ride, sing out. Someone in the group will most likely have additional gloves or liners or a sweatshirt to get you to where you're going safely. That's the bottom line; safety. As an individual and as a group, we need to be prepared for colder weather. It may seem silly to start talking about this in early November, but go ahead and put that sweatshirt or heavier set of gloves in the bike. You (or someone else) may need them down the road.

Ride Safe,  
Chapter Educators, Chapter NC-W  
Wayne & Molly Byrd

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### Heated Winter Clothing for Motorcycles

**American Heat. American Made.** *That's Gerbing's Heated Clothing.*

There are days that are just perfect for riding. Spring in the Southwest, Fall in the Northeast and Southeast, and Summer in the Northwest. Each have their own special magic as each season delivers crisp but ride-able mornings, soothing warmth in the afternoon, and long hours for chasing shadows and turning carbons into smiles. Let's see. Did we leave anything out? Oh, yeah . . . Winter. Ugh.

Actually, depending on the location, "Winter" for motorcyclists can be anything from a few months of 30-degree mornings and 50-degree days, all the way to a 5-month depression that also sucks the trailing/leading edges of Fall and Spring into a sub-freezing well. And yet there are days when the roads are dry and the sky is blue. It's cold, but you know you could ride . . . if only. Motorcyclists have been battling the anxiety of cold-weather separation from their machines ever since the first snowflake fell on the seat of Gottlieb Daimler's inaugural two-wheeled steed. Leather. Layers. Wool. Even newspaper has been used to keep the cold at bay. In the 50's, riders used to tell stories about lining themselves with windproof butcher paper before donning tier hides and riding off.

Some 36 years ago a new company, Gerbing's began experimenting with heated clothing. If it worked in electric blankets plumbed with 110V wires, why not in clothing with internal pathways whose narrow cloth tunnels hid 12V wires which could be powered from the bike's electrical system? And thus, an industry was born. Today, that industry is headed by Gerbing's Heated Clothing. With both interior heated liners (jacket liners, vests, and pant liners, as well as heated socks and insoles), plus heated outer jackets, pants, and gloves, the scope of Gerbing's products stand as testament to the number of ways they've found to help keep motorcyclists comfortable as nature dims the daylight and turns down the furnace. But it goes far beyond motorcyclists. Gerbing's has developed and patented an innovative new heating system called "Microwire." Developed for the U.S. Military's Special Ops under a DoD contract, Microwire is thinner, lighter, stronger, and heats faster than anything else on the market. It has to. Our military counts on it. And so do major sport teams, where Microwire has found select uses in the NFL, MLB, even Pro Soccer environments. At the same time, the Company develops special products for the medical industry, helping those with crushing injuries and even lost limbs to keep their appendages warm and reduce unwanted pain while increasing mobility. The same goes for sufferers of Raynaud's Syndrome, where variations of Gerbing's core heat 7V battery-operated line of outdoor products help people maintain feeling and mobility in hands and feet whose warmth and sensation can otherwise disappear at a moment's notice. And the list goes on. Gerbing's success has been founded on the basic principle of "taking care of the customer." In fact, its corporate motto is "Heating the World One Customer at a Time." And that's how it was in the beginning. A customer here, another there. Each spreading the word about these great new products, until the whole world knew the Gerbing name.

Founded in Maple Valley, WA, Gerbing's now boasts corporate headquarters in Tumwater, WA, and has made a commitment to an exciting new future by opening a factory and distribution center in Stoneville, NC. Calling upon the wealth of manufacturing, textile knowledge, and talent in the mid-Atlantic states, Gerbing's has made a

massive commitment to bringing all of their products under the control of their own American factory, and repatriating jobs back to the U.S., starting with their jacket liners, vests, and pant liners. Outerwear and gloves will soon follow. While the lure of cheaper offshore products keeps other companies sending dollars overseas, Jeff Gerbing, the Company's President and CEO has made the commitment, both physical and financial, to bring the jobs home to America where we need them, and to keep the money here as well. "It was simply time," said Mr. Gerbing. "I'd wanted to manufacture in the U.S. for years, but kept hearing from people who said it couldn't be done, that we couldn't compete with offshore manufacturing. But I'm an American and our country needs us now. What's more, I believe in the quality that the American worker can produce. And the team we've been able to put together in North Carolina proves that we can compete with anyone, anywhere in the world. I'm proud, both as a business owner and as an American of what we've been able to accomplish." Gerbing concludes with an enthusiastic smile, "We're home . . . and we're here to stay!"

From its humble beginnings in Maple Valley, to its global growth, to its vibrant new direction "making OUR products with OUR workers for OUR customers," Gerbing's Heated Clothing is an American success story, coming back to its roots for the betterment of its fellow countrymen.

- **Fernando Belair, Director of Sales, GHC**

"Bringing this operation to the USA has not been an easy task; however, it is absolutely one of the best challenges, most fulfilling, and definitely the most rewarding experiences of my entire career. The thought of a company moving its production to this side of the water obviously goes against the grain of today's mainstream American businesses, and it is this commitment that distinguishes our CEO, Jeff Gerbing, from most business leaders. Jeff is firmly committed to proving that America is still 'open for business,' and the USA is still a very viable and global competitor, in any industry. We are blessed with an outstanding team of people at GHC, and especially in our new manufacturing operation. The atmosphere under this roof is one of enthusiasm and determination to produce, 'the absolute best product for the best price with the best service.' From coast to coast this is the Gerbing way!"

We invite you to visit our retail store located at 200 South Henry Street, in Stoneville, NC, and see Jo Ann. I promise she will take great care of you. With a peek through the windows you will get a look into the new manufacturing operation of Gerbing's Heated Clothing. Please visit us online at: [www.gerbing.com](http://www.gerbing.com) and [www.coreheat.net](http://www.coreheat.net). Thank you for your support of Gerbing's Heated Clothing!! We honestly consider it an honor and our privilege to serve you!

- **Ronnie Bullins, COO, GHC**

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### TECH, TIPS, AND TIDBITS

Recently, I was discussing with a co-worker my love for riding motorcycles. While his hobby is somewhat different – bicycling -- he shared some interesting information that could be useful to anyone who shares the risk of sliding to a stop on asphalt. Apparently there was a company, which is no longer in business, that sold a first aid kit that was designed with bicycle racers in mind. The contents of the kit, listed below, are more suited to treating road rash.

First Aid Kit Contents:

(2) 4X4 Reliamed R beveled edge hydrocolloid dressings  
Superior fluid absorption when compared to competitive dressings.

Hibiclens R antiseptic antimicrobial skin cleanser  
Hospital-grade disinfectant soap.

(4) 4X4 Reliamed R sterile, non-woven surgical sponges

Hospital-grade sponges for wound cleaning and absorbing wound exudate.

8 inches (relaxed) Surgilast R size 4 tubular elastic bandage  
 Secures dressings on arm without use of adhesive tape.

8 inches (relaxed) Surgilast R size 5 tubular elastic bandage  
 Secures dressings on leg without use of adhesive tape. Can also be used on the arm.

10 yards X 1-inch Reliamed R hypoallergenic plastic tape  
 Prevents skin reactions in most people.

In addition to the first aid kit suggestion, he also pointed me to an interesting article on the internet. If you wish to read more, you can find this article at the following url.

[http://velonews.competitor.com/2003/05/coaches-panel/ask-the-doctor-with-dawn-richardson\\_3909](http://velonews.competitor.com/2003/05/coaches-panel/ask-the-doctor-with-dawn-richardson_3909)

Thank you to Marcus Henry for sharing this information.

Glenn Fargis

**THE MOTORCYCLING CHEF**

Hey everyone! As you know, Thanksgiving is coming up this week and what are you ever going to do with all of that left over turkey and stuffing? Well I believe I have a solution. First, finish slicing the turkey and remove any excess meat from the carcass. Then chop all meat into bite size pieces. Measure out 3 cups and gather 2 cups of leftover stuffing. Combine both in a bowl with 2 eggs and 1 cup of cheddar cheese. Place in a baking dish and cover lightly with cheese. Bake at 350 degrees until cheese is bubbly and starting to brown. Remove and serve.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and everyone stays safe.

The Motorcycling Chef, Chapter NC-W  
 Daniel Fargis



**FROM THE SUNSHINE LADY**



<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>		<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b>	
Charlie Manley	11/8	Rickey and Carolyn Vernon	12/22
Ed Paisley	11/27		
Glenn Fargis	12/1		
Sandra Burroughs	12/3		
Henry Clark	12/25		

**Thank you to our Veterans & Soldiers.**

11 Ways to Help Veterans on 11.11.11:

1. Give Shelter. Homes for Our Troops constructs houses for severely injured veterans who served after 9/11. Donate equipment or help build a home. (**homesforourtroops.org**).
2. Offer a vet a ride. The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) provides free transportation to men and women unable to travel to VA medical facilities on their own. You can volunteer to drive a DAV van for those in need. (**dav.org/volunteers**)
3. Provide foster care for a pet. Take in the dog or cat of a deployed soldier or a wounded veteran while he or she is on duty or receiving VA medical treatment. (**guardianangelsforsoldierspet.org**)
4. Record a war story. Do you know an old soldier with tales from the front lines? The Library of Congress wants to hear his voice. Go to the website below for tips on conducting an interview or to request a field kit, including biographical data and release forms. (**loc.gov/vets**)
5. Put those old cell phones to good use. Instead of stashing your used phones in the junk drawer, ship them to Cell Phones for Soldiers. For each one donated, the organization will pay for an hour of talk time for troops overseas. (**cellphonesforsoldiers.com**)
6. Donate used DVDs. Drop off movies or television shows at your local VA facility, or mail them to DVDs4Vets, a national organization that distributes them where needed. (**dvds4vets.org**)
7. Cut coupons. Have some expired coupons lying around? Military families can use them for up to six months past their end date. (**coupsfortroops.com**)
8. Contribute to a holiday drive. Operational Gratitude's annual campaign collects clothing, food and more and packs it in gift boxes for service members. Pitch in by offering up items; local residents can sort them on-site. (**operationgratitude.com/volunteer**)
9. Post a care package. Through the organization Kitchen Table Gang, hospitalized veterans and troops abroad can receive personalized parcels containing everything from candy to board games. Get a service member's address from KTG, bundle up items with a note of thanks, and send them off. (**soldierpackages.org**)
10. Share your expertise. MilServe connects volunteers with vets in many areas: financial counseling or legal services; job search guidance; even carpentry, for building wheelchair ramps. (**milserve.org**)
11. Support Big Brothers Big Sisters. The national organization has a special Military Mentoring Program for children with parents in the armed forces. The group carefully pairs kids with adults serving in the military, as well as with veterans and civilians. (**bbbs.org**)

Liz Hester

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**UPCOMING CHAPTER RIDES AND EVENTS**

November 19	Horse Pasture Breakfast	Horse Pasture, VA
November 19	Ride for the Children of Rockingham County	Eden, NC
December 3	Gifts on Cycles	
December 3	Chapter Christmas Party	Stoneville

**2012  
WINGS OVER THE SMOKIES  
LOGO CONTEST  
DEADLINE: JANUARY 15, 2012**

Who will be the designer for the 2012 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Rally logo? The logo selected will be used for the Rally Shirt and Rally Pin.

**GUIDELINES FOR ENTERING CONTEST:**

Limit of 6 colors;  
Colors should be clearly identified;  
Logo does not have to be professionally designed or to perfect scale;  
The name "Wings Over the Smokies" has to be part of the design;  
A Gold Wing motorcycle has to be part of the design;  
As a reminder, this is the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Wings Over the Smokies Rally;  
The theme is "Wild, Wild West".  
Hard copy entries required.

**WHO CAN ENTER?**

Any North Carolina GWRRA Member

**PRIZE AWARD:**

Winner will be recognized at 2012 WOS Closing Ceremonies;  
Winner will receive free registration for the 2013 WOS Rally (and will be 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> registered);  
Winner will receive \$100;  
Winner will have preferred seating, on stage, at the 2012 Rally.  
Winner will pull winning GRAND PRIZE ticket for 2012 Rally.

All entries have to mailed no later than January 15, 2012

Mail to: Andrew & Vickie Butcher  
501 Powell Way  
Archdale, NC 27263

North Carolina District,  
Region N, & Nearby  
Events Calendar

<b>DATE</b>	<b>HOST CHAPTER</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>INFO</b>
	<b>November 2011</b>		
5	NC District Team Meeting	Hawthorne Inn, Winston-Salem, NC	
25	NC-L2 100 MPH Club Ride	Charlotte Motor Speedway, NC	<a href="#">Flyer</a>
	<b>December 2011</b>		
3	Gifts On Cycles	Goldsboro, Butner, Morganton, NC	<a href="#">Link</a>