



# The Battlefield Buzz



Virginia District Chapter-E Fredericksburg, VA

Region N

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## Chapter Director



### Greetings Chapter E Participants.

I have a coupler of "thank you" to make in this month's article.

First I want to say how much of a good time we had at Wing Ding 37 in Huntsville, AL. Although I was under the weather, I did have the great opportunity to sit and talk with members from Germany, Florida, Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, Maryland and our local chapters from Virginia to name a few. Many laughs and stories was passed around.

Some may already know that 6 of us shared a townhouse in Huntsville and it was a great time...especially having Chef "Sexy One" Gray preparing breakfast with egg master Combs. I woke up after returning home expecting a hot breakfast...then I realized I do the cooking! Thanks guys!

I do want to thank Lyle and Barbara Schrupf for all they did on the trip down to take care of an ailing me! I suffered heat exhaustion and dehydration waiting 4 1/2 hours for a tow. They took care of me (except for giving me yogurt). Thank you guys!

Next to Kevin McAbee for our beautiful and comfortable lodging.

It was an outstanding home and location.

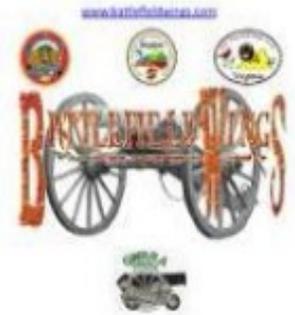
After the second flat, two motorist stopped to lend assistance. One was **Steve Litz** of Litz Racing. He pulled up with two motorcycles on his pickup and told us his shop was just down the road, he would come back with his trailer and take us to a shop...which he did and refused any payment. He took us to **Ken Britt** of Ken's Cycle Center where I know they saved me from bodily harm...death. Under the impression of having a bad value stem, Ken's son in-law racked my Goldwing and tried adding air. The tire exploded like a mini bomb. Seems the sidewall was damaged by the short ride off the highway while flat. I purchased a new tire and stem, Ken's son in-law check my front stem and found it to be damaged and replaced it too. Steve, Ken and his employees and others that offered assistance during our down time demonstrated southern hospitality in all its glory. I would like to thank them all again and offer the same courtesy if they are every in this neck of the woods. I hope that if any of my "E" members every finds themselves in a similar situation, they will find people like Ken and Steve!

Ride Safe

Claude,



GWRRA, REGION N, VIRGINIA DISTRICT CHAPTER VA-E  
BATTLEFIELD WINGS FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA



Chapter's Social Gathering every  
3rd Wednesday of each month

@6:30 pm at the Golden Corral,

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Avenue, Fredericksburg, VA  
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## Membership Enhancement Coordinator

*Gordon Combs*

### Greetings E Team,

Another Wing Ding is in the books. Six of us, Claude, Larry, Greg, Gordon along with Lyle and Barbara left at 6 am on Wednesday morning headed for Huntsville Alabama. After a nice breakfast, we split into 2 groups on I 64 and Greg, Larry and myself put it in high gear, and 12 hours later we were in Alabama. We already booked a room in Scotsboro, Al, so we discussed going in and changing, then riding over to Golden Corral for dinner. Upon check in, the clerk invited us to their free dinner of BBQ and all the fixins. I reminded the guys we were going to Golden Corral, but noooo, Mr. Penny Pincher Larry said "didn't you hear her, she said free" so you can only imagine where we ate dinner.

The next morning after our FREE breakfast, we saddled up and ran down to Birmingham to see the Barber Motor Sport Museum. This place had over 1300 bikes of all years, make and models. I was good for 2 hours, waited 2 more for Greg, but Larry was a kid in a toy store and did not want to go, so we did what we were supposed to do and LEFT HIM there and we headed back upstate to Huntsville and Wing Ding were we registered and got in an hour in the vendor area.

That night, all of us caught up at the townhouse Claude had rented for us. Now this is where being part of the GWRRA family is why I love this group. The 6 of us stayed together for 3 nights, had great fellowship, laughed a lot and learned more about each other (including who snores). Each morning, Larry and I fixed breakfast (with the exception of the last morning where Greg chipped in and fried up 6 pork chops he purchased to add to our eggs, bacon and pancakes). Having breakfast together each morning was a lot of fun and I am so glad we did it that way...thank you Claude. And thank you Larry who rode all the way to Alabama with an electric

griddle strapped on his passenger seat.

We spent the entire next day at Wing Ding where some of us literally emptied our wallets in the vendor area (ask Lyle). We ran into lots of friends from GWRRA and had a great time there. We ran into other Chapter E members Ray and Cathy, Mike G, and Dave R. in addition to former E members Howard and Maria.

Day 3 found all 6 of us at the US Air and Space Center at Huntsville. While there, we saw all of the displays and took a bus tour of the Red Arsenal Army camp where they test all the rocket engines and where NASA has an operations center (I have included some photos). 4 of our group left by 3, but 2 of us (of course Larry, but also me) were like kids in a toy store and did not leave until they closed.

On Sunday morning, we saddled up, left at 7 AM EST and all 6 of us rode home together and I pulled into my driveway at 9:20 PM EST.

My love for my Chapter E family grows greater every time I experience something like this, I sincerely hope you can join us next time.

Gordon Combs 😊

GWRRA University Trainer

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# Membership Enhancement Coordinator

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PHOTOS FROM THE TRIP TO  
WING DING 37



## Chapter Rider's Education

*strategies to live by from Larry...*

### Riding in Rain

Well, its raining as I write this and I just got in from a short ride. So, I guess I'll review some suggestions for dealing with rain this month. All of what I'll say I learned or was reminded of from a guy I worked with in Seattle several years back. He had plenty of experience riding in rain. I know you guys and gals know the basics: roads are more slippery at the beginning of a shower than after the rain has washed them clean, steel plates/rubber railroad track inserts/painted road markings can be very slippery when wet, increased following distances should be used on wet roads, other road users may not see us as well, etc. Here are some of the less talked about tips my coworker brought to my attention.

Buy and carry top shelf raingear. Pay particular attention to the zippers and overflaps for them. Cheaper stuff may keep water out everywhere but the zippers but that is not good enough. If your pants leak, the rest of the ride will be like riding after you peed your pants except not as warm.

Buy and carry gloves made from synthetic materials that will dry out quickly. Gloves with gauntlets allow you to keep your jacket sleeves tucked in the gloves. However, you may like to pull your sleeves over your gloves so water doesn't flow down your sleeves and into the gloves. You need to choose which approach is right for you. My gloves are not waterproof and as long as it isn't cold, I don't see that as a problem. You might. Some gloves have little squeegees on the left glove for wiping face shields and you might find that to be a benefit.

I have heard that RainX can be used on face shields without problems even though the RainX bottle clearly states it should only be used on glass, not plastic. I haven't tested this myself but my friend hasn't had any trouble

with his face shields and he has used RainX for years. He did say he tried FogX for the inside of his face shield and it didn't work at all; he must leave the face shield cracked open. (I'd still be leery of RainX – there are similar products made specifically for plastic but they are pricy.)

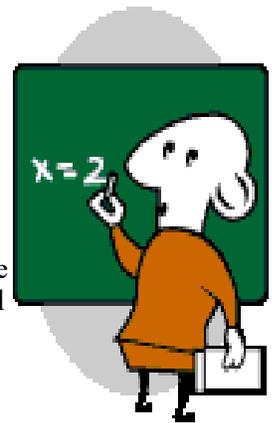
When riding at night, oncoming traffic's headlights are a double whammy – the reflection from the road surface is just as blinding as looking directly at the lights themselves. Because headlights are aimed slightly down, the reflected light may even be more blinding. I experienced this a month or so back and I was very uncomfortable with my ability to see the road clearly. Riding at night and in the rain introduces 2 risk factors so be extra vigilant.

When you stop for gas, do so at a station that has covered pumps to avoid getting water in your gas tank.

If you come upon a steel plate or grating or anything else that looks slick and it's too late to avoid it altogether, try to cross at a 90 degree angle, upright, off the brakes, and with a steady throttle (no acceleration or engine braking).

If you move to Seattle or a similar rainy climate and spend more time in rain than in shine, buy softer tires. They will wear out more quickly but they will grip wet pavement better.

Larry



**Knowledge for safe and fun Motorcycling!!!**



**Ride responsibly...**



## ***RIDE TO CHAPTER C's FALL SPRAWL***

*Even though the weather forecast was not looking good, Larry, Melanie, Julie and myself decided to take the truck and head on down to Chapter C's Fall Sprawl in White Stone, Va, especially since we pre-registered (and Larry was not about to give up his steak). The forecast was right on almost all the way there as we got dumped on a lot, and somewhere over the bridge at Tappahannock, we came to a flooded section of Route 3, that, if we had been on our bikes, would have covered our feet in water. Just a few miles out from the event, the skies cleared and we got there just in time to set up my awning before it rained again. All four of us were hanging onto my awning to keep it from leaving, but some others were not as lucky and a few were destroyed. After a short while the rain cleared and it was a beautiful day until the end of the event. Upon our arrival, we were greeted by other Chapter E members Dan and Martha Jo, Mike and Carol, Bev and Jim and Warren and Debbie, for a total of 12 of us there. Chapter C had an ugliest woman contest, and believe me it lived up to its name, but we all had a good laugh.*



*The games were fun, but we were there for the main event, STEAK, and we were not disappointed. Larry and I set up our own personal table under my awning, set the table with fine China, silverware and a table cloth, had a lit candle, and we treated our ladies to a fine candlelit lunch (how romantic is that). After we gorged ourselves, we settled in for the awards, and lo and behold, Chapter E was the largest Chapter in attendance. I guess the rain lowered the numbers locally. We had a wonderful time after the rain and we were glad we went anyway...you just never know how the weather is going affect these events. And, by the way, it rained almost all the way back home.*

Gordon Combs



## GWRRA Virginia District Chapters



### 2015 CHAPTER DIRECTOR'S - CONTACT INFO - MEETING SITES

Chapter	Area/Location	Chapter Director	Phone # & Email	Monthly Gathering & Website
VA-A	Northern Virginia	Mary O'Connor (11/09)	703-378-3873 maryoc4429@aim.com	2nd Wed - 7:30 PM - Commons Community Center - 5701 Roberts Parkway, Burke, VA 22015 <a href="http://www.gwravaa.org/">www.gwravaa.org/</a>
VA-B	Virginia Beach	Matt & Diana Merciez (7/14)	757-383-2938 rmerciez@gmail.com	2nd Wed - 7 PM - Providence Square Grill - 941 Providence Square Shopping Center - Virginia Beach, VA <a href="http://www.gwravab.net/">www.gwravab.net/</a>
VA-C	Hampton/Newport News	Susan Berry (01/15)	757-810-8915 govtkrldy@verizon.net	2nd Sun - 7 PM - Angelo's Steak & Pancake House - 755 J Clyde Morris Blvd - Newport News <a href="http://www.gwravac.com/">www.gwravac.com/</a>
VA-D	Richmond	Allen & Debbie Dowell (01/13)	804-222-1303 dowellmickey@comcast.net	4th Wed - 7 PM - Candelas Pizzeria & Ristorante Italian - 14235 Midlothian Turnpike <a href="http://www.richmondwings.com/">www.richmondwings.com/</a>
VA-E	Fredericksburg	Claude Revely (01/14)	540-207-7646 seadogw@att.net	3rd Wed - 7:30 PM - Golden Corral - 10320 Spotsylvania Ave - Fredericksburg, VA <a href="http://www.battlefieldwings.com/">www.battlefieldwings.com/</a>
VA-F	Winchester	Stephanie Davis (08/14)	540-664-6430 davis.stephanie80@yahoo.com	4th Sun - 9 AM - Golden Corral - 120 Costello Dr - Winchester, VA <a href="http://www.gwrva-freeservers.com/">www.gwrva-freeservers.com/</a>
VA-H	Abingdon	Paul & Dorothy Baker (11/1-)	276-628-6047 09melle@comcast.net	2nd Tues - 7 PM - Abingdon Moose Lodge - US 19 - Porterfield Hwy - Abingdon
VA-I	Manassas	Jerry & Deborah Keys (1/15)	703-795-4781 iskeagle@comcast.net	2nd Sun - 10 AM - Great American Buffet - 8365 Sudley Rd - Manassas, VA 20109 <a href="http://www.gwravai.org/">www.gwravai.org/</a>
VA-J	South Boston	Doug Poole (01/13)	434-572-2084 wingz57@gmail.com	2nd Mon 7:30 PM - Spare Times Grill - 2026 Bill Tuck Hwy - South Boston, VA
VA-K	Roanoke	Bob Karnes (09/13)	540-947-0261 montvalewater@verizon.net	2nd Mon 7 PM - Great 611 Steak Co - 3830 Franklin Rd - Roanoke, VA <a href="http://www.gwravak.ning.com/">www.gwravak.ning.com/</a>
VA-L	Chesapeake	Jeff & Carm Stobie (01/14)	<a href="mailto:carmias03@verizon.net">carmias03@verizon.net</a>	4th Tues 7 PM - Pops Diner Co - 1432 Greenbrier Parkway - Chesapeake, VA <a href="http://www.gwraval.org/">www.gwraval.org</a>
VA-O	Williamsburg	Ray & Tammy Pierce (04/14)	757-268-6286 rpierce@cox.net wonderwmsan68@cox.net	4th Sun - 5 PM Belgian Waffle & Steakhouse - 14700 Warwick Blvd - Newport News, VA <a href="http://www.gwravao.org/">www.gwravao.org</a>
VA-R	Harrisonburg	Tim & Pam Hoysradt (01/14)	540-471-0098 tmhoysradt@comcast.net	1st Sun - 3 PM - Golden Corral - Exit 247A, Route 33 E (2 miles off I-81) <a href="http://www.vir-gwrva.com/">www.vir-gwrva.com/</a>
VA-U	Hanover	Rob & Cheryl Ramsey (01/13)	276-806-8290 gwrva.vau@gmail.com	3rd Thurs - 6 PM - Anna's Italian Restaurant - 7007 Mechanicsville Turnpike - Hanover Village Shopping Center <a href="http://www.olddominionwings.com/">www.olddominionwings.com/</a>
VA-V	Bedford	Alice Miller (01/13)	540-580-0257 OfferRideVAV@gmail.com	3rd Sun - 3 PM - Original Italian Pizza - 1128 Lynchburg Salem Tpke - #300 - Bedford, VA 24543 <a href="http://www.gwravav.ning.com/">www.gwravav.ning.com/</a>
VA-W	Chester	Bill Martyn (08/10)	804-241-8910 wmartyn@aol.com	2nd Tues - 7 PM - Pietro's Pizza Italian Restaurant - 2601 Osborne Road - Chester, VA <a href="http://www.gwrava-w.org/">www.gwrava-w.org/</a>
VA-X	Salem	Larry Stanton (01/15)	304-922-1401 larry25022W@gmail.com	1st Sat - 3 PM - Evangelical Methodist Church - 1920 Lucas St - Salem, VA <a href="http://www.salemwings.webs.com/">www.salemwings.webs.com/</a>
VA-B1	Tappahannock	Doug & Debbie Harris (01/15)	804-761-6052 757-874-5249 (Deb) pianowz54@hotmail.com	3rd Sun - 2 PM Eat-3pm Gathering Bella Italian Restaurant - 1673 Tappahannock Blvd - Tappahannock, VA

**Thanks to everyone who supported our Fall Sprawl today. It was a BIG success. Even with the bouts of rain I think we did pretty well on avoiding most of it (during the main part of the day at least). We had lots of people and lots of good food. This year we had our first Ms. Fall Sprawl contest. If anyone has any pictures and /or videos, can you please send them my way (chapterc@gwrrvac.com)? I would love to put them on our webpage. Congratulations to all of our contestants for participating and to our Ms. Fall Sprawl, "Ms Danielle" (Daniel Pitts) for winning 1st place.**

**VAC**

  
  
 Region N is in need of a webmaster to administer the region website. Our website, as you know, is often the  
 first impression a potential member gets of GWRRA and  
 we want to make it a positive one. If you are willing to  
 take that position please contact me. I, along with the re-  
 gion staff, will be very grateful for your help.  
 Glenda Keough, Region N Director – GWRRA  
 1149 Abbeville Street  
 Collierville, TN 38017  
 901.494.9053  


# Upcoming ...



September 19		CH-A Fund Raiser	Northern Virginia	-
September 26	VA-E	Triathlon	Lake Anna, VA	<a href="#"><u>Butch, Claude, Gordon, Charlie</u></a>
September 27	VA-E	Triathlon	Lake Anna, VA	<a href="#"><u>Butch, Claude, Mark, Jeff</u></a>
October 1-3		VA - District Rally RITV	Salem, VA	
December 5		CH-E Christmas Party	Fredericksburg, VA	-
December 5	6PM-9PM	CH-D,U,W Christmas Dinner	Henrico, VA	-
December 31	5PM-8PM	CH-D,U,W New Years Eve Dinner	Chester, VA	-
January 1	VA-E	New Year Day Breakfast	Golden Corral, Fredericksburg, Va	-
January 1		CH-DUW Breakfast and New Years Day Ride	Powhatan, VA	-





**Position Needed:**

Looking for someone to be our

***CHAPTER'S HISTORIAN.***

This person will be asked to research our history and document it for possible publication on our web and/or Facebook pages, keep and maintain our photographic records.

Please contact the Chapter Director if interested.



## Rally in the Valley 2015 Schedule of Events

### Thursday, OCT 1

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Virginia District Team Meeting
3:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Registration – Holiday Inn
3:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Vendors Open
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Trike Course - classroom portion (Dogwood 2)
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	ARC Course - classroom portion (Dogwood 1)
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Guitars for Veterans music performance (Ballroom B)
7:30 pm – 8:00 PM	Light Show Classification (vendor area)
8:00 pm – 8:15 PM	Line up for Bike Light Parade (Holiday Inn outside Vendor Area)
8:15 pm – 9:00 PM	Bike Light Parade/Judging/Awards
9:00 pm	50/50 Drawing after lighted bike awards

### Friday, OCT 2

7:30 am – 2:00 PM	CPR/First Aid (Boardroom 1)
8:00 am – 12:50 pm	ARC Range Portion (Civic Center Parking Lot)
8:00 am – 12:50 PM	Trike Range Portion (Civic Center Parking Lot)
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration (Lobby Area in front of Ballroom)
8:00 am – 2:00 pm	Hospitality open (Coffee, tea, goodies donated by VA participants)
9:00 am	<b>Poplar Forest Guided Ride Departs</b> - Holiday Inn
8:30am - 9:30 am	COY Reception (Ballroom B)
9:00 am - 9:50am	District/Region COY Selectees Interviews w/judges (Dogwood 1

&2)

	(closed to Rally attendees)
10:00am - 11:00am	VA District COY Selection - (Ballroom A & B) open to all
9:00 am – 6:00 pm	Vendor Area Open (Food Vendors open at 8:00 am)
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Rider Education Table
10:00 am	Represent your State Bake Off (Boardroom 2)
10:00am – 10:50am	Crash Scene Response Seminar (DogWood 2)
11:00 - 1:00	Region COY 'Selection (Ballroom A & B)
12:00 - 12:50	Co-Rider Seminar (Dogwood 2)
1:00 - 1:50	Helpful Information for new members (Dogwood 2)
2:00 pm – 2:50 pm	Camping 101 (Dogwood 1)
2:00 pm - 2:50 pm	Financial Reporting (Dogwood 2)
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	WINGO (Ballroom B)
3:00 pm - 4:50 pm	C.D. and C.E. Forum w/Asst District Rider ED (Dogwood 2)
5:00 - 6:00	Table Decorating (Ballroom A & B)
6:00 - 6:30	Table Judging
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Opening Ceremony.(Ballroom A & B Combined)
9:00 pm	Ice Cream Social & 50/50 (time is approx)

## Rally in the Valley 2015 Schedule of Events

### Saturday, Oct 3

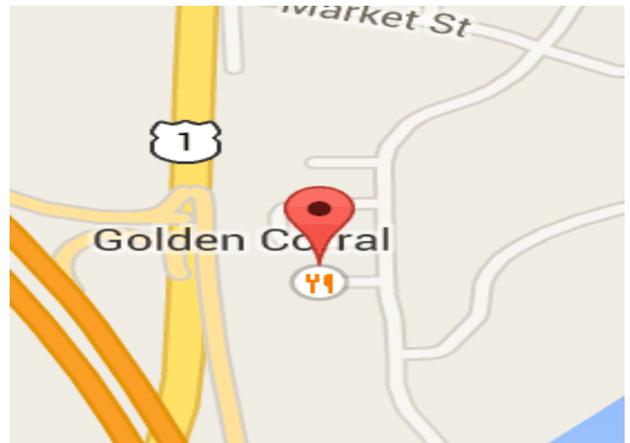
8:00 am – 8:50 am	Masters Breakfast (Ballroom A)
8:00 am – 2:00 pm	Registration – Lobby outside Hospitality area
8:00 am – 2:00 pm	Hospitality area open (coffee, tea, Goodies donated by VA Chapters)
9:00 am -	<b>Guided Ride</b> to Mill Mountain Star and Va Museum of Transportation. Departs 9am-from Holiday Inn. Museum fee \$6.50, Lunch stop accepts <b>CASH ONLY</b>
9:00 am - 9:50 pm	CHOY Seminar (Boardroom 1)
10:00 am - 10:50 pm	Couple of the Year Seminar (Boardroom 1)
9:00 am – 9:50 am	Riding Mountains, Hill & Curves (Dogwood 2)
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Vendors Open
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Blood Drive (Red Cross) – please donate if you can.
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Rider Education table
10:00am – 10:50am	Motorist Awareness Seminar (Dogwood 2)
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Bike Show Classification and Staging
11:00 am – 11:50 pm	Chapter Structure & Organization (Dogwood 2)
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Bike Show Judging/Awards (1:30 -1:45 pm)
12:00 pm - 12:50 pm	Flyers for fun & Profit (Dogwood 1)
12:00 pm - 12:50 pm	Fun Activities Guide (Boardroom1)
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Recruiting and Retention (Boardroom 1)
1:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Riding with new and or inexperienced riders (Dogwood 2)
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Candlelight Ceremony Walk Through (Ballroom)
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Rider Education Prize Drawings (prize pickup by 4:00 pm)
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Practice for Saturday Evening Presentation of Colors (Ballroom)
2:45 pm – 3:15 pm	Gift basket drawings (Reception Area)
5:30 pm	Ballroom Doors open for Banquet
6:00 pm	Buffet Dinner (plated dinner for those that purchased a meal)
7:00 pm – 7:15 pm	Presentation of Colors
7:15 pm	Awards, Recognitions, Presentations, 50/50, Closing

**GWRRR Chapter VA-E  
Fredericksburg, VA**

- Chapter Director ~ Claude Revely
- Assistant Chapter Director ~ Eddie Seale
- Chapter Treasurer ~ Tony Poulakowski
- Rider Educator ~ Larry Gray
- Assistant Rider Educator ~ TBA
- Membership Enhancement Coordinator ~ Gordon Combs
- Motorist Awareness Coordinator ~ Mark Poulakowski
- Chapter Couple ~ Gordon & Julie Combs
- Honorary Chapter Couple ~ Dannie and Carole Hays
- Triathlon Coordinator ~ Gordon Combs
- Triathlon On-Site Coordinator ~ Butch Groves
- Ways and Means Coordinator ~ Julie Combs
- Goodies Coordinator ~ Richard Wilson Jr. *in memoriam*
- Hosts and Welcome Coordinator ~ Nancy Groves
- Recognition/Special Awards ~ Dave Rowson
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- Phone Tree Coordinator ~ Ellen Smith
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Charlie Smith, Eddie Seale, Dan Fritz
- Technical Coordinators ~ Greg Kestner, Larry Gray
- Newsletter Editor ~ TBA
- Webdude ~ Rob Hardisty
- Chapter Pride Coordinator ~ Nancy Groves

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At chapter "E" we emphasize that we indeed are a team of riders/co-riders interested in Goldwings, motorcycle riding, good food and most of all, having fun. Some think that we are mostly interested in eating. You will need to join and be the judge! Come on out and join us! We would love to see you! We meet to eat at 6:30 pm on the third Wednesday of each month and the chapter meeting starts at 7:30pm. We are located **10320 Spotsylvania Avenue, Fredericksburg, VA 22408**, about 50 miles south of Washington D.C. and about 50 miles north of Richmond, VA.

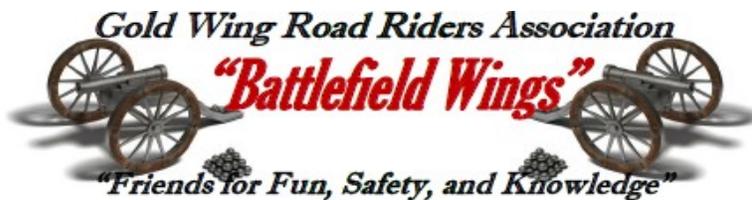


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Please submit all articles and pictures to the following address; [seadoggw@att.net](mailto:seadoggw@att.net). Thanks and safe riding!!!