

IMPORTANT WINGS OVER THE SMOKIES 2016 ANNOUNCEMENT

On July 22, the Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians informed us, the NC District would not be able to utilize the Acquoni Expo Center building for our rally this year. However, while the structure would not be accessible, the surrounding grounds would remain available for our event.

When riding mountain curves like those we all love to explore on the roads surrounding Cherokee, we understand the importance of being prepared for unforeseen challenges. Your North Carolina District Team was able to handle this sudden turn and are ready and even more excited to bring you the 33rd Annual Wings over the Smokies®:

District Newsletter Editor, Steve Craig remarked the popular phrase, *“Back to our Roots” has a new meaning for all of us* and District team member, Susan Womack mentioned, *“Under the Blanket” is now, “Under the Tent”*.

Life member, NC ADE Sid Chambers recalls when the annual NC rally brought 10,000 attendees and countless vendors together in a muddy parking lot. *Sid recently commented our “Throw Back Thursday” will take place on September 22, 2016 in a paved parking lot!* (located at 1501 Acquino Road in Cherokee NC).

Sue Langley, the District’s new MEPC *“can hardly wait for the FUN to begin!”* while Ron Chapman, from the NC team invites members to *“come have FUN in the great outdoors!”*

While most of the event activities scheduled will take place, we no longer can accommodate the Friday evening meal or the Masters’ Breakfast. Without a suitable venue available in Cherokee, plans have been made to include pre-paid meal refund checks in the packets registrants will pick up at the rally. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.

Because the North Carolina members are so fortunate to have such magnificent mountain scenery to enjoy as the backdrop for WINGS OVER THE SMOKIES 2016® the entire NC team continues to be wholeheartedly committed to the event and are excited about all the special preparations made just for YOU! We appreciate your confidence and steadfast support in the team.

We look forward to seeing you next month in Cherokee NC September 22-24th for the “The Revival of Wings Over the Smokies®; Revisiting our Mountain Memories” (and making new ones!)

*Your North Carolina District Directors
Roy & Cindy Bryant
and the
North Carolina District Team*

