

'Regulars' ride and gather for weekend breakfast

By Peggy Mulqueen

In its five year history, Carolina Brewery & Grill in Pittsboro has developed quite a loyal customer following. The breakfast crowd here is no different. Well, maybe just a little.

When a local Sunday morning bikers' breakfast group went looking for a new home, they found a welcome one at Carolina Brewery & Grill. Beginning Mother's Day 2011, the biker meet-up group which comes to Pittsboro from about a 60 mile radius, began assembling here. Raymond Collins suggested the new meeting location and the news spread word-of-mouth through the local biking community. When the weather is nice, you can often find between 50 to 70 friendly motorcyclists gathered at the brewery.

The group is an eclectic mix of men and women who love to eat, gab and talk motorcycles. Their unofficial leader, Willie Nichols, facetiously calls the weekly gathering "The Reverend Wilie's Sunday Morning Feast of the Immaculate Consumption." Riding a 2004 BMW 21150RT, Willy arrives in style to the brewery parking lot and is quickly welcomed by friends.

"This is an excuse to go riding and Carolina Brewery is a destination for us. The brewery has got good people and good food," Nichols told us. While Nichols modestly says he is just a cheerleader for the group, he does hold a position as Ambassador for BMW Motorcycle Owners of America. His enthusiasm for the motorcycle lifestyle is contagious.

Inside the restaurant, diners walk up to the Hopshop Counter and place their orders. The service is fast and friendly, and the simple menu has something for everyone. Breakfast favorites include the Breakfast Burrito, the Biscuit Egg Sandwich, the Scrambler and Biscuits and Gravy. The homemade muffins and cinnamon rolls are also very popular. Fresh brewed Counter Culture coffee is served along with a selection of several juices.

After placing their order, customers choose a table in the dining room. The weekend breakfast crowd includes young families, retirees, bikers and church goers alike. Everyone has a place here and together they can enjoy the casual, friendly atmosphere at Carolina Brewery & Grill. "The portions are good and so are the prices," customer Bill Bullock remarked.

Carolina Brewery & Grill breakfast hours are Saturdays and Sundays from 7 until 11 a.m. Beer To Go and brewery logo merchandise can also be purchased from the Hopshop Counter.

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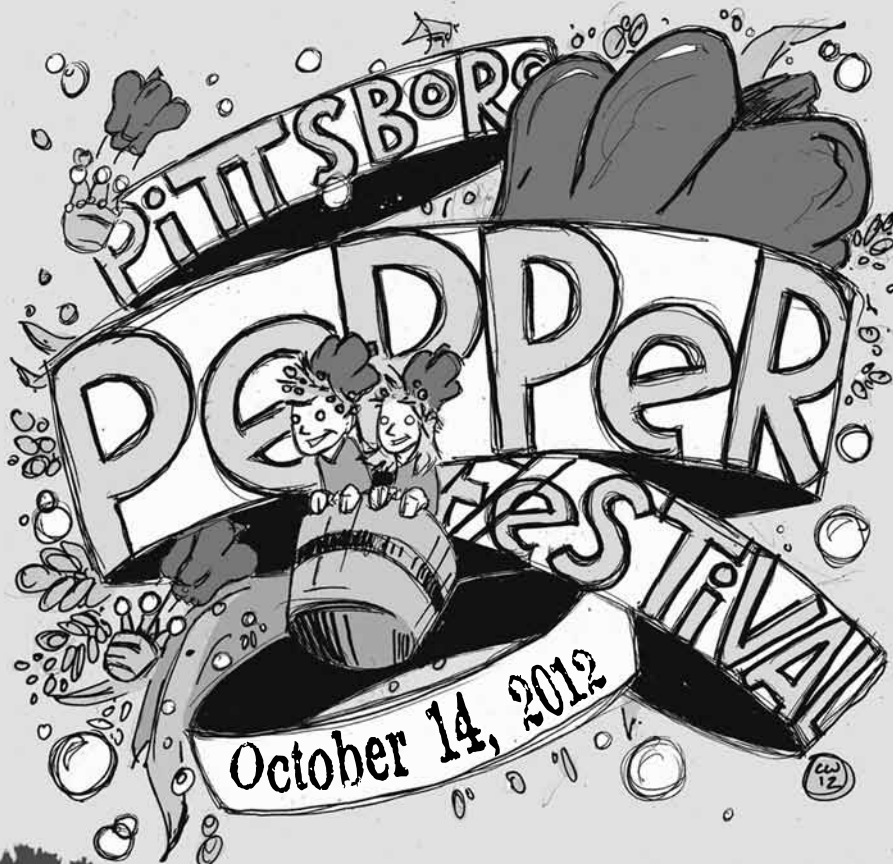
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