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## Wing Wars BBQ Contest in Dexter

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Wing Wars BBQ Contest in Dexter With much anticipation, the Robbie D's & Ultimate Flooring Wing Wars circuit was scheduled for today in Dexter. The numbers for the cook teams had grown to over 15 master chefs ready to "pit" against each other in a BBQ wing cookoff.

However, Mother Nature had another idea for this event as strong rains and thunderstorms rolled through the area early Saturday morning creating several team cancellations.

But the morning rain was short lived and by the afternoon, the scheduled Robbie D's & Ultimate Flooring Wing Wars was back into action. Teams from Perryville, Sikeston, Puxico and Dexter rolled into the Dexter Inn parking lot with rotisserie cookers, smokers and kettles to share their cooking skills at the third stop on the Wing Wars tour.

Dallas Buchanan brought one of the most exciting attractions of the day with his BBQ Turtle. Comments throughout the day rang out from cooks, organizers and attendees about "the turtles running around in Dallas's BBQ Pit". Well over 200 pounds of chicken wings were served to attendees of the event throughout the day. Many attendees caught the action while just traveling by the area and caught a glimpse and smell of the BBQ smoke.

Brett and Carter Dorton were able to stop by and get a great sample. "I didn't even know that I liked chicken wings," commented Carter Dorton. Before the day ended, Carter earned the nickname by

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several cook team members as “The Chicken Eater”.

The Wing Wars became the vision of two friends, Jimmy Cantrell and Darrin Johnson. “We basically wanted to get people together for a good time and good food” added Darrin Johnson, owner of Ultimate Flooring and co-sponsor.

[images/Blog Images/show/uj1e](#) Jimmy “Shag” Cantrell is the driving force behind the success of the event. His passion for the project and his ability to encourage participants to join in on the fun has been the key to the growth.

In its second year, the Wing Wars continues to grow in popularity. Originating on the Castor River, events have been held at business locations in Sikeston, Bloomfield and other locations.

This year Wing Wars championship will held at the 2nd Annual King of the River BBQ Cook Off at the Twin Bridges Park in Grassy, Missouri on September 16th and 17th. Proceeds from the event will go to benefit the Marble Hill Optimist, Dreampursuits.org and BA Extreme Relay for Life.

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