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Our April Meeting will be held at Honda of Knoxville with complimentary dinner for Chapter B & T members (by reservation only) catered by Famous Dave's!!!

6:30-8:30 p.m.

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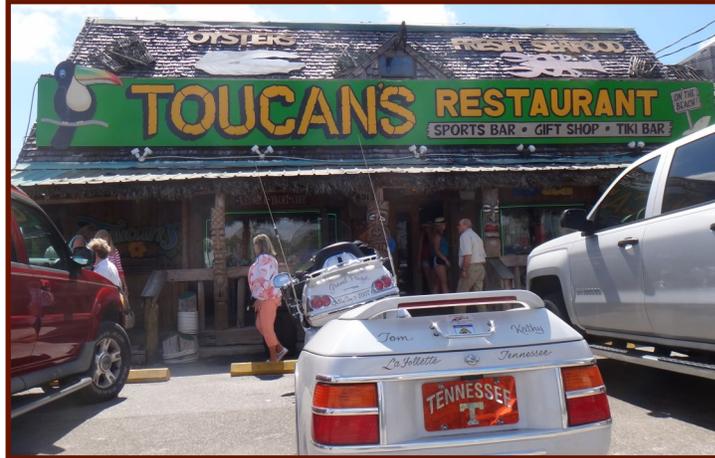
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From Your Senior Chapter B Directors, Tom & Kathy Peck



Sea Food on the Gulf Coast Mexico Beach, FL 2015 doesn't get much better than that! Spring trip to Florida rally then along Gulf coast to the Louisiana rally in Lafayette

Hi Everyone,

Spring has sprung in Tennessee! I guess we could say spring has sprung in the entire southeast part of the country - more on that later on in the newsletter. Weather couldn't have been better for an early season ride; everyone should try it sometime.

Always good to get an early start on the riding season—sure had been an ugly winter with all the ice, extreme cold, snow and whatever else mother nature threw at the past couple months. Time to blow the cob webs off the Goldwing and check things out so you're ready to go. Don't let one of those impromptu rides catch you off guard trying to rush to make the ride. Tires, battery, fluid levels etc. all need to be checked and ready to go.

Never too late to sit down and look at our ride schedule and pick out some of the things you might want to join us on. Always more fun as a group checking out new places to visit and others to share with new folks.

Although our chapter has activities posted don't be afraid to check out some of the rides and activities posted by some of our other chapters throughout our local area and events in the surrounding states; there is always something going on that may interest you.

I'd like to encourage all of you to take advantage of some of the training and riding courses being offered all in an effort to make us better and safer riders. After all, that is what it's all about, Friends for Fun Safety and Knowledge.

If you have comments or suggestions on how to make our chapter more fun and exciting send me a note or share your ideas; we encourage participation at all levels.

Remember, our chapter gathering this month will be at Knoxville Honda. Hope to see you there!

Tom

Recipe's

Roast Chicken with Spring Vegetables

Total Time: 40 min Prep: 5 min Cook: 35 min

Yield: 4 servings

Ingredients:

3 1/2 pounds skin-on, bone-in chicken quarters
Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
1 lemon, halved
3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 pound fingerling or other small potatoes
2 bunches radishes
1 bunch scallions
1 bunch baby carrots
1/4 cup chopped fresh dill

Directions: Preheat the oven to 500 degrees F. Rinse the chicken and pat dry. Season with salt and pepper, then place skin-side up on a rimmed baking sheet. Squeeze 1/2 lemon over the chicken and drizzle with 1 tablespoon olive oil. Roast 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, cut the potatoes and radishes in half and cut the scallions into thirds. Toss the potatoes, radishes, carrots and the remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil in a bowl; season with salt and pepper.

Remove the chicken from the oven and scatter the



vegetables around it. Continue to roast until the vegetables are tender and the chicken is golden and cooked through, about 20 more minutes. Squeeze the remaining 1/2 lemon over the chicken and vegetables. Top with the dill and season with salt.

Per serving: Calories 569; Fat 31 g (Saturated 7 g); Cholesterol 132 mg; Sodium 655 mg; Carbohydrate 27 g; Fiber 5 g; Protein 44 g

Recipe courtesy Food Network Magazine

SOUTHERN STYLE CABBAGE SOUP

Prep time - 20 min

Cook Time- about 45 min

Ingredients:

1 small head of cabbage-chopped
2 lbs of lean ground beef
2 14 1/2 cans of stewed or diced tomatoes
1 can of rotel
2 8 oz cans of tomato sauce
1 large onion chopped
4 stalks of celery finely-chopped
1 small bell pepper finely-chopped
Diced potatoes
2 tbs of salsa; optional
Knorr Beef Broth, makes three cups of broth.
Spices; season to taste.
Cayenne pepper
chili powder

4 garlic cloves
pinch of salt
paprika
black pepper
dash of Tony Chachere's Creole Seasoning. I add a lot!
Dash of Old Bay seasoning
dash of Salt-Free Mrs Dash

Instructions:

Sauté celery, onion, bell pepper and garlic in olive oil and set aside
Brown ground beef and drain off fat.
Lightly toss cabbage in 4 Tbsp butter until cabbage is tender
Add cabbage and other ingredients until cabbage is tender and potatoes are soft
combine all ingredients in Dutch oven or large pot and cook until potatoes are tender.

Tech Day, Co-Rider Seminar and Game Night Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m. to ????:? Tom and Kathy's Place

- Bring your oil and filter, tires to be changed, or your questions for Brian Richards, our Technical Coordinator.
- Come ready to learn how to be a perfect Co-rider.
- Let's play games after all our work is done!
- And of course, Let's Eat!
We'll have hot dogs with all the trimmings, and great soups and salads provided by our members. Sign-up at Knoxville Honda's Open House, or email Kathy.
- For questions, call Tom or Kathy at 423-907-9712.

Directions to Tom and Kathy's Place 153 Deerwood Lane, LaFollette, TN 37766, 423-907-9712

- I-75 North to Exit 134 (Caryville, Jacksboro, LaFollette).
- At bottom of ramp turn right (east) on TN-63/US-25W.
- Turn right in approx. 9 miles, after going thru town, at Traffic Light #10, Cumberland Avenue.
- Road name changes to Old Long Hollow Road (follow signs to Deerfield Resort – every mile or so).
- Turn left in about 3.8 miles onto Cedar Creek Road (just past Coolidge Baptist Church).
- Turn right in about 3.8 miles onto Alder Springs Road.
- Bear right in about 1 mile, up the hill onto Chapman Rd (you'll see signs to Deerfield Resort.)
- You'll come to the guard shack in about a mile – let them know that you're visiting us. Note: the road name changes to Deerfield Way at the guard shack.
- Turn right in about 2 miles at office and tennis courts (you'll still be on Deerfield Way after turning).
- Go down the hill and turn at the first street, Deerwood Lane.
- Our house is the second driveway on the left. You can't miss the sign that says "TomKats Place".

**Note: Your GPS may take you a different way – that's OK.
We prefer this route. See you soon!**

Lets go Visiting

Yippee, we have FINALLY made it to what I think most of us would call officially the 2015 "Riding Season"! And it's about time, I, for one, was definitely feeling withdrawal symptoms! But we're back on the bike regularly, getting around, getting re-acquainted with our friends, visiting chapters, and yes, getting to Rallies. And yes, I just used the "Rally" word that we had all been told was verboten; they were "Conventions". Yeah, right! Well the word has come down that we can now go back to calling them what we all knew all along that they were ... Rallies.

As I said, Loretta & I have been busy lately having our usual fun visiting around to other chapters. Since the last newsletter, we got to the TN-L, Lebanon gathering on March 7th, the TN-M, Lenoir City on March 10th, the TN-A2, Maryville gathering on March 16th, and our friend Sam Law, who lives in Maryville, joined us on the ride down to the TN-O, Cleveland gathering on April 4th.

Between Maryville and Cleveland, we had a heck of a trip, we rode down to Kissimmee, FL to attend the FL District RALLY, then spent some time "goofing off" and "killing time" by riding down to Key West to the end of US-1, saw the sign of the end, rode to the "southern-most point of the United States", then rode back to see the beginning of US-1, then continued back up and traveled along the gulf coast side of Florida all the way around to Lafayette, LA to attend the LA District RALLY.

We really had a great time at both rallies, and the weather was quite pleasant, it CAN be iffy around this time of year. On the ride down to the FL rally, for most of the ride we enjoyed the company of Tom & Kathy, goofed around with them at several things during the rally, then after the rally we went our separate ways till we met up again in Lafayette, and goofed around together again. And we were able to ride back home together after the LA rally. It was a great time, great friendship and camaraderie, we were able to spend one evening in their motel room on the way home, had pizza delivered and played cards. During that night was the only time we had any rain on the trip, and fortunately for us, it stopped before we planned on leaving in the morning for the rest of the ride home, whew!



One other thing we did, but on a sad note instead of our usual enjoyment, we met up with Tom & Kathy and attended the memorial service for George Baker, the previous Chapter Director of the TN-F, Morristown chapter. George had stepped down I think some time last year due to failing health, and passed away on March 29th. There were quite a few GWRRA members in attendance at the memorial, I noticed most of the TN-F members, us four from TN-B, a good number from TN-C, a couple for TN-T, and our TN District Directors.

We are looking forward to our get-together at the Honda of Knoxville dealership for the annual "reveal", as well as the "TN-B Tech Day" at Tom & Kathy's on the 18th, and I am planning on presenting the Rider Education "Co-Rider" seminar and will also have the "Co-Rider II" seminar with me if anyone is interested in attending either or both. For any Co-Riders in the Levels program, the Co-Rider seminar qualifies as the rider course needed to upgrade to or maintain your Level III status.

We are planning on at least a couple more visits to other chapters before Spring Fling, if you are interested in joining us, please let us know and we can coordinate getting together, it is fun to keep involved with our fellow GWRRA TN members.



Brian

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Monday March 31st

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Tech Advisor Section

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At *Tech Advisor: Brian Richards* our last gathering I made the statement that if any members had an idea of something they thought would make a good article, to please let me know and I would look into it. Well, I received a suggestion from Wally, who emailed: *"maybe everything you want to know about tires for da GW...makes, maintenance, size (some put bigger on there), when to replace, wheel balancers etc."*

So I started some research and hopefully the following is information that will prove beneficial to at least some of you. Now for my disclaimer ... I am NOT an expert on tires, and some of the statements below are personal observations, comments from other members, etc., so to some degree, you can take this information with a grain of salt! :o) I am going to try to provide a brief course on tires. This can be an extremely heated topic of discussion, and I have tried to be as objective as possible, trying to be like SGT Friday ... "Just the facts", at least as far as I could find them.

First, I want to start out on the subject for standard 2-wheeled motorcycles. Focusing on the GL1800 model, there are several manufacturer options out there, each with their own pros and cons, which need to be reviewed to meet the specific preferences of the owner, it is important to remember, everyone has an opinion. It is best to factor in your own personal riding style. It would probably be argued that if you're an aggressive rider, you need grip, if you mostly do highway you might prefer long life. Then again, you might be concerned about traction on wet roads. When you look at the different brands, you quickly find that some give more longevity, but have a stiffer ride, or maybe they have more "noise" (what some call the "singing"), others are quieter, others give a "softer" ride, but maybe don't last as many miles, others give real good traction on wet roads but don't last long. There are just so many variables to consider. You, as the rider, have to make up your own mind on what aspects mean the most to you, what makes you the most comfortable. I mentioned the singing, that is

something that can be either a function of our nemesis of "cupping" (which I will discuss later), or a separate idiosyncrasy of that particular brand/model of tire.

Just to get a sampling of opinions from multiple sources, I went to a couple of the GL1800 forum boards that have threads about "what is the best tire for my GL1800?" and the following bullets are a conglomerate of multiple threads. I suggest you review them for each of you to consider from your own personal perspective:

From a consensus of the majority of GL1800 owners posting comments on several of the available internet chat boards, the ranking of favorite tire brand/model is Bridgestone Excedra 1st, Dunlop E3 2nd, Avon Cobra 3rd, Metzler 880 4th, car tires 5th, and the OEM Dunlop 250's last. Least popular seems to be the OEM Dunlop 250, which it is felt is ok on dry, but lacking on wet. Bridgestone Excedra 709/704 is probably the most popular all-around good tire set, with fairly long life and good traction, wet and dry. For longest life, the Dunlop Elite 3 is the tops, and has good traction on dry pavement, but is not so good on wet (but judged to be better than the Dunlop 250). (I personally have tried all of them except the Metzler, and for my style of riding, the Bridgestone on average are the best overall handling and wearing tire.)

The worst tire for traction on wet roads is a toss-up between the Dunlop E3 and the Dunlop D250. The best for traction are the Bridgestone followed very closely by the Avon. The tire that affords the plushiest ride is the Avon. The Metzler 880 is a sticky tire, which generally equates to good traction, but sticky tires do not get as good mileage. A popular combination is the Bridgestone 709 front with the Metzler rear.

I mentioned above about "cupping", which is a common complaint on ALL the brands/models of tires, to a greater or lesser degree, after a variable number of miles. They all do it and you can find all kinds of "reasons" why they do that. Whatever the reason, just know it IS going to happen. The cupping causes a chirping when you're leaning in a curve as the tire "skips" along those high/low spots, and when bad enough, you can even feel that skipping by a bounce in the front.

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Many of us swear that increasing the tire pressure delays the cupping, sometimes by a significant amount of miles. The negative of the increased tire pressure is a much harsher ride. The Honda recommended tire pressures for my 2012 is 36psi front, 41psi rear (you might want to double-check your owner's manual for the recommendations specific to your bike). When I kept it at the recommended pressures, the cupping usually appeared around 4-5,000 miles, progressively getting worse as the miles increased. When I tried using 40 in the front and 43-44 in the rear, I was getting close to 9,000 miles before the cupping got noticeable. I also found that the E3s cupped much quicker than the Excedra's, but that is my personal experience. Brand, style of riding (one-up, two-up, either/both pulling a trailer, etc.) can also significantly impact the cupping.

Another important thing to consider, when you are buying a tire, besides which brand/model to consider, is the age of the tire. Rubber deteriorates over time, degrading even while sitting in a warehouse. There is an easy way for you to check how old that "new" tire is before plopping down your hard earned cash (it has been found that some warehouse distributors have sold as "new" tires that have been sitting on their warehouse shelves for several years). It is easy to identify when a tire was manufactured by reading its Tire Identification Number (TIN), often referred to as the tire's serial number.

TINs are really batch codes that identify the week and year the tire was produced. There will be a code on the sidewall of the tire, starting with "DOT" followed by ten, eleven or twelve letters and/or numbers that identify the manufacturing location, tire size and manufacturer's code, along with the week and year the tire was manufactured. If the code only has 3 numbers at the end, the tire was manufactured prior to 2000, meaning it is over 14 years old and YOU SHOULD NOT BUY IT, a good rule of thumb is to not use a tire over 5 years old. To determine the actual manufacture date, look at those last 4 numbers, the first 2 numbers represent the week of the year it was manufactured, and the last 2 numbers is the year, so in the example to the right, that a number of 5107 would mean the tire was manufactured in the 51st week of 2007.



Some GL1800 owners have put a 70 series tire on the rear instead of the recommended 60 series. One of the most often expressed reasons is that with the larger circumference of the tire, it lowers the number of revolutions of the tire over the same distance, resulting in slightly better mileage, and more significantly, affecting the speed registered on the speedometer, actually bringing the speedometer display closer to the actual speed instead of the roughly 10% high it registers with the stock 60 series.

But there are some negatives that come with using the larger 70 series that you should consider if you are thinking of going to a 70 series. In many instances, putting the bike up on the center-stand still does not get the rear tire off the ground - making it hard to manually turn the tire to get the valve to the bottom so you can check the air pressure. It also raises the back of the bike a tad, and as one rider put it: "First thing I noticed was I'm no longer flat-footed while stopped, I'm 5'9" and was firmly flat-footed with the 60 tire." He also noticed that with the bike slightly tilted forward instead of sitting straight horizontally, he felt he kept sliding forward on the seat and was constantly readjusting his seating position. Some riders of 60-series tires also report the tire rubbing on the underneath of the rear inner fender when they hit bumps, wearing out the tire as well as rubbing a hole into the fender.

Another of Wally's suggestions was about balancers, and I had to make the assumption that he was meaning the beads put inside the tires, or the balancer plates that mount onto the side of the wheel. I am not going to try to get into the balancer plates other than to say that I have talked with a couple of members that are good friends, and one that used to actually race motorcycles and is, in my opinion, an extremely competent rider, who put those plates on their bikes, and all their comments were that after a short period of time, they removed them, they felt a negative result.

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On the other hand, I've heard other members swear by them, so it appears they are another of those "personal preference" issues. But on the beads inside the tires, one initial comment to make, if your bike has the stock Honda Tire Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS), I have been told by several mechanics and Honda Dealer Service Managers that use of them in a TPMS bike will void the warranty on the TPMS, which if you have to replace the system inside the tire, could cost you somewhere around \$500. Using the beads is another of those situations that because I was considering them, I did some research and talked with as many GWRRA members as I could that I could find were using them, and I was not able to find anyone that said they noticed any difference in the handling of their bike when using them. So I guess this is another personal preference issue, decide if you want to try them out, and good luck.

Okay, you say, all this information is fine, and a lot of it pertains to 2-wheelers, but what about trikes? I am definitely not an expert on trikes, but I have checked around, and have some information that hopefully will help. For the rear tires on a trike, there are numerous concepts, suggestions, preferences, etc., way too many for me to list here, as far as the brand, that is most definitely a personal preference issue, other than the recommendation to go with a good quality car tire. But one significant piece of information I have heard from multiple sources is the ever popular "air pressure" requirement. Using car tires on the back of the trike has such an obvious advantage, with a much longer tread life than conventional motorcycle tires, but the normal recommendations from car tire manufacturers for inflation of their tires should NOT be followed by trike owners!

Okay, have I shocked some of you? I'll bet I have. But if you think about it, it is really quite simple - the car tire manufacturers' recommendations for air pressure is based on the tires being mounted on a car - and dealing with a MUCH heavier load on the tires than what they have when on the back of a motorcycle. Using the recommended air pressure will make the tires WAY too hard for a decent ride on your trike, the back-end will most definitely be bouncing around a lot! Some personal research amongst trike riding friends seems to be somewhere in the low 20's for the

psi, or even upper teens depending on the tire, obviously something which would need to be personally adjusted to meet the specific desires of the rider and more importantly, the co-rider. One method to check how the tire is "riding" is to rub chalk in a straight line from edge-to-edge across the entire tread, then go for a ride, when you come back, check the line. If there is still chalk in the middle of the tread but none on either side, there is not enough air, if there is chalk on either side of the tread but not in the middle, there is too much air.

As for the trike's front tire, there are more schools of thought than I have room for here, or detailed knowledge of to be honest. Since the trike does not "lean" like a standard 2-wheeled motorcycle, the specially designed and strengthened side walls of normal motorcycle tires are not considered to be really necessary, and I have heard of some trike owners putting an actual car tire on the front (naturally of a size that will fit reasonably well and not cause any problems with rubbing, etc.). This again is something totally up to the owner. And I was not able to really find any good information, pro or con, about type of tires to put on the front of a trike, but if you have any experiences/comments you would like to share with your fellow members, please forward them to me and I can put an addendum article out in a future newsletter.



Brian

Annual Spring Trip to the Gulf

I can't think of a better excuse for a ride than lets go visiting. As the weather turns from cold winter to more sunny and warmer days, the time for our annual trip takes us to Florida for the Florida rally. The weather was warm for one of our monthly dinner rides so, we packed the trailer and headed out to RJ Courtyard. Good turn out by many of our chapter B membership. After dinner and a visit with everyone we headed out across the Pellissippi into Faragut to spend the night with Dave and Betty. Good to see Dave & Betty who often go along with us on many of our rides.

After a early take off we met Brian & Loretta at the Flying J on Watt Rd. We headed South on I-75 on into Florida. As we approached Ocala we said goodbye to Brian & Loretta as they had to get on down the road since he had to do a seminar earlier the day the rally started.



Many years ago when we were active in a GWRRA chapter in Cincinnati, Ohio, Chapter OH-L was a huge chapter and we made many great friends. After moving to Tennessee we lost touch with many of our riding friends. Recently we reconnected with one of these friends on facebook. After selling their Goldwing back in the early 90's they did not ride for 25 years. As it turned out they retired, moved to Florida, bought a Goldwing and started once again riding and enjoying their Florida GWRRA family. Spent the night telling stories about when we rode together back in the day.



Off to the Rally in Kissimmee, after a short visit with Gary and Dianah Davis in



Leesburg at their winter home. The rally ended up being quite interesting as they pulled our ticket for 2nd place grand prize of \$1000 at closing ceremonies. Just missed the 1st place grand prize a 2015 anniversary edition Goldwing. Kathy can tell you about winning at the bingo table. Good rally!!



No visit to the FL Rally would be complete without a visit to Parkesdale Farms for some strawberry shortcake!

After the rally was over we headed down to Naples to visit some of our snowbird friends from our community and one of my old high school buddies who lives in the Naples area. Weather warmed up in South Florida and we did hit some rain showers as we rode North towards Tampa and along the Gulf Coast. Looked up some other friends who used to belong to the Pigeon Forge Chapter G2. Gene & Betty Knutson moved to Spring Hill and bought a beautiful home near the Gulf Coast just a little North of Tampa. Another good visit and dinner out at their favorite restaurant that evening.

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Annual Spring Trip to the Gulf, Continued



Brian and Loretta took a side trip down to Key West and eventually headed North nearly the same route as we were following. Managed to stop at Toucan's sea food restaurant, great sea food as we watched the kids playing on the beach. We stopped at Tyndall AFB over night where I got my fix of the roar of Jet engines and the smell of JP4. Brings back the good old day as the fighters passed over the base on their training mission.

Off along the Gulf through Panama City Beach and on across the panhandle, since it was Wednesday we got a treat as we made a gas stop in Pensacola. On Wednesdays the Blue Angels practice over the

Naval Base nearby. Another fix as they barrel rolled right over the gas station.

As we crossed the border into Alabama we followed the narrow peninsula to old Ft Morgan, an old civil war fort overlooking the Mobile Bay. Ferries run from Ft Morgan to Dauphin Island almost every hour. After a short wait we loaded the bike on the ferry and off across the bay. Lots of oil rigs in the bay as we landed after about a hour voyage. Back on the bike and across the long bridge then on along the Gulf through Pascagoula and on into Biloxi Mississippi where we spent the night at Keesler AFB.

Thursday morning after a sleep in we were off to Lafayette Louisiana for the District rally held



MOBILE BAY FERRY		FERRY SCHEDULE	
Ft Morgan to Dauphin Island		Dauphin Island to Ft Morgan	Ft Morgan to Dauphin Island
Monday - Friday	6:00 AM	6:00 AM	6:00 AM
Saturday	7:00 AM	7:00 AM	7:00 AM
Sunday	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
Monday - Friday	9:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM
Saturday	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM
Sunday	11:00 AM	11:00 AM	11:00 AM
Monday - Friday	12:00 PM	12:00 PM	12:00 PM
Saturday	1:00 PM	1:00 PM	1:00 PM
Sunday	2:00 PM	2:00 PM	2:00 PM
Monday - Friday	3:00 PM	3:00 PM	3:00 PM
Saturday	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM
Sunday	5:00 PM	5:00 PM	5:00 PM
Monday - Friday	6:00 PM	6:00 PM	6:00 PM
Saturday	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	7:00 PM
Sunday	8:00 PM	8:00 PM	8:00 PM
Monday - Friday	9:00 PM	9:00 PM	9:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 PM	10:00 PM	10:00 PM
Sunday	11:00 PM	11:00 PM	11:00 PM



there. Hit a pretty good thunder storm as we approached the I-10 and I-12 split, really coming down as the traffic got heavy and couldn't see because of the heavy rain we missed our exit to I-12. Time for our first u-turn, good chance to pull under cover and get gas and put on the rain suit. The storm passed after a few miles and the sun was back for the remainder of our trip into Lafayette.



The Louisiana District rally is always fun, good Cajun food and renew old friendships. Always makes the rally more fun when you win one of the daily 50/50's more money for chrome! This year they brought in a live alligator, touch of the Bayou!



Rally was over and time for the ride home, early take off, met up with Brian

and Loretta, hit the super slab spending Sunday night in Gadsden Alabama and home sweet home Monday afternoon. Another fantastic trip great time as always.



Tom & Kathy



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Chapter Educator Section



Well, it appears that spring has finally sprung! I suppose most of you have probably rolled out your bike, given it a quick check-up, and gone out for your first ride of the season. Hey, not so fast! How about a good T-CLOCS inspection after months of storage? Just kidding, I'm sure you all performed a complete inspection.

Knowing that this spring riding season is important to all of us who ride, we need to be concerned about the 4 - wheeled pilots who have not seen us for some time. They all have the latest, greatest techno devices of distraction which can e-mail, text, order pizzas, etc. that they "must have" with them while driving which generally compromises their attention to driving duties, let alone their observation skills. I sometimes worry while stopped at a red light and glance over to see a car driver actually chewing gum!

A good strategy while on your bike and stopped at a red light would be to leave a little extra space as a safety cushion between you and the car that's stopped ahead of you should you need to make a quick escape from an errant driver coming up from behind. Keeping the clutch pulled in and your transmission in first gear seals the deal should you need to actually react quickly to a bad situation. You should also keep one or both brakes applied to allow other drivers to know that you are stopped. I go a step further

and tap my front brake lever a few times causing my brake lights to flash and draw attention when traffic is approaching from the rear.

It's unfortunate that we are forced each new riding season to jump through even more hoops to try and improve our survival chances while trying to enjoy our favorite sport. Maybe one day the laws dealing with distracted driving will carry a large enough penalty that people will stop thinking that driving a car can be done on a part-time basis.

Hope to see you on the road soon!
Until next time, ride safer.

Jerry Ciesla Chapter Educator





"Chapter Visitation"



Chapter **B** meets the **1st Tuesday** each month at **Shoney's** Clinton Exit 122 off I-75 North
Eat at 6:00 pm meeting at 7:00 pm.
Call Tom & Kathy Peck 423-907-9712

Chapter **M** meets the **2nd Tuesday** each month.
Eat at 6:00 pm meeting at 7:00 pm..
Chapter M meets at the Fort Loudon Medical Center in Lenoir City. Mel & Renee McInerney 865-809-1466

Chapter **F** meets the **3rd Thursday** Golden Corral, 2905 West Andrew Johnson Highway, Morristown, TN 37814. Eat 6:30 pm/Meet 7:30 pm CD Bill Potter 865-254-9218

Chapter **C** meets the **3rd Tuesday** each month at MaMa's House Buffet 2608 N John B Dennis Hwy. Kingsport, Eat at 6:00pm and start the Gathering at 7:00pm. TN Call Richard & Connie Pendleton, 423-245-8484

Chapter **A2** meets the **3rd Monday** each month at O'Charlies Eat at 6pm Meet at 6:30, 364 Fountain View Circle Spring Brook Center, CD Wayne Howe & Brandi Ellard 865-924-0136 Note Location Change

Chapter **T** meets the **4th Tuesday** Each month at the Shoney's 315 Emory Rd, Powell
Eat at 6:00 pm/Meet at 7:00 pm CD: Jean Brock 865-567-7877.

Lets go Visit!

Chapter **C2** meets the **3rd Saturday** at Shoney's, 4148 US 127, Crossville, Eat at 8:00 am Gathering at 9:00 am CD Buddy & Brenda Turner, 931-484-7337



New Chapter Golf Shirts see Pat
Chapter "Bee" Embroidered Hats: \$12
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Give me a call, email me or see you at the next meeting

INVENTORY CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Tennessee visitation pins (Shape of State).....\$4.00 ea.
- TN-B Hanger Bars 2.00
- Region N 4" Patch 6.00
- Red/ White 4" GWRRA Patch 6.00
- Black/Gold 4" GWRRA Patch..... 6.00
- Black/Gold 10" GWRRA Patch..... 14.00
- Red/White 10" GWRRA Patch..... 14.00
- Blue & Red District Patch 5.00
- TN District Pin..... 4.00

Chapter B 25 Year Patch.....Free to Chapter B members

We can order so many more goodies - such as - a GWRRA Mouse Pad for your computer, GWRRA Ball Caps in various colors, Coasters, Earrings, Logo Vest Clip Chains, License Plates, Bolo Ties, Happy Face Antenna Ball - and so much more (just too much to list here).

LET'S GO SHOPPING!

See the "Quarter Master"

Pat Talley

423-562-1962 or talleylakeside@gmail.com



- 4/8 Cindy Cox
- 4/12 Debbie Rhoads
- 4/13 Carolyn Owens
- 4/18 Ruth McIntyre



None in April!

TN-B 2015 Ride and Event Schedule



Wally Maliskey Ride Coordinator

APRIL

4/7: *Chapter Gathering at Honda of Knoxville, 6:30—8:30 p.m.*

4/18: Tech Day, Co-Rider Seminar, Game Night, at Tom and Kathy Peck's, 10 a.m. to ???

4/21: Dinner Ride Tuesday night 6:30 p.m., Ched-dars, Kingston Pike and Walker Springs Road

4/23-25: Thu-Sat, Spring Fling, East Ridge, TN

MAY

5/23: Saturday Ride, Old Mill Restaurant in Pi-geon Forge, TBA

5/29-31: Fri-Sun, Air Force Museum, Fairborn, OH, TBA, Wally

JUNE

6/13: Saturday Ride, Amis Mill Restaurant in Rog-ersville, TBA

26-28: Maggie Valley/Wheels Through Time, Mo-tel Smoky Falls Lodge for rooms 2 nights

JULY

7/9-11: Wings Over the Smokies, Cherokee, NC

7/18: Saturday Ride to Cumberland Lake State Park, TBA

7/23: Thursday, Ride for Kids training, Double Tree, Oak Ridge, Time TBA

7/25: Saturday, Ride for Kids training, Double Tree, Oak Ridge, Time TBA

7/26: Sunday, Ride for Kids, at Oak Ridge Civic Center

AUGUST

8/22: Saturday Ride to the Green Tomato in Mooresburg near Bean Station

SEPTEMBER

9/2-5: Wing Ding, Huntsville, AL

9/11: Friday, Wings Across TN Lunch
(*New Location—To Be Announced*)

9/19: Saturday Ride to Jacob Myers Restaurant in Dayton

OCTOBER

10/24: Saturday, Fall Color Ride, TBA

NOVEMBER

11/16: Tuesday Dinner Ride to Ye Ole Steak House, 6:30 pm

DECEMBER

12/1: Monthly Gathering Cancelled—Chili Cook-off Planning Meeting Instead

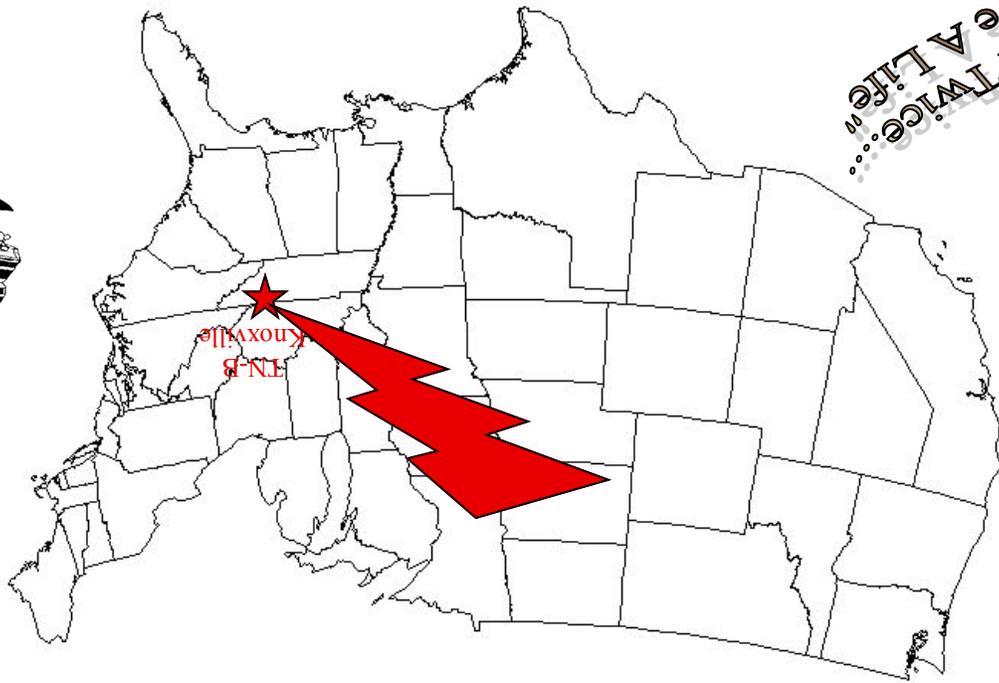
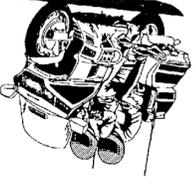
12/5: TN-B Christmas Party, Location TBA

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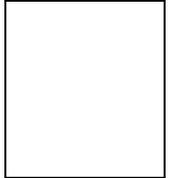
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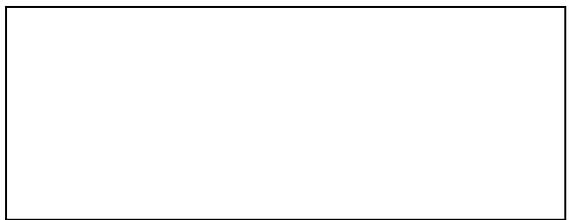
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