



# "The Buzz"



**GWRRRA SunSphere Wings  
Chapter B Knoxville Tennessee  
Aug 2018 Newsletter**

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Eat at 6:00 PM & our social starts promptly at 7:00 PM**

***Wing Ding 40  
Aug 28th thru Sept 1st  
2018  
This Year held in our Home  
Town of Knoxville, Tennessee***

***Make your Reservations Now***



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From Your Senior Chapter B Director  
Tom Peck



Hi Everyone,

Well its sure been a busy month for Chapter B, lots of rides, places to eat, ball games and just good old some really hot weather. Summer time in Tennessee is always a toss up. Seems like a lot of rain this year especially the month of July, not supposed to rain much in July. Can't remember when its been so Hot during the afternoons, thank goodness for those evening cool downs. Several great rides, Air Force museum, Green Tomato, chasing down the sectional plaque, ball game, fund raising for the pediatric brain tumor foundation and a chance to use our LifeStyle cards.

This month will be the last chance before the big Wing Ding comes to Knoxville. We captured the East Tennessee traveling plaque from Chapter F at their regularly scheduled chapter gathering at the Golden Corral in Morristown. Hopefully we will have a big crowd at our monthly gathering. Make sure you make the meeting, always fun when visitors show up.

Like to thank all our ride captains for planning and leading our rides, our groups seem to be getting larger and larger. Thanks to all our membership for showing up on time and welcoming many of the new folks showing up for our rides. All your group riding skills really show up when the groups get bigger. Thanks again for keeping our group closer and safer.

We will continue using our Lifestyle dinner outings, make sure you stay in touch at our tn-b.org web site, you will notice a new special button on our ride schedule page. Visit the web site often you will have all the latest information on our plans for upcoming rides and events. Ride safe; see you all soon.

Tom

# Assistant Chapter Directors



## Greetings Chapter B

Wow what a year this is turning into, not only have we been on some great rides but on a personal note I have been asked to be Chapter B's Assistant Chapter Director (ACD). I would like to take just a moment to express how proud and honored I am to have been asked, especially with so many deserving people that we have participating in Chapter B. I would like to take a minute and thank Vickie Litterell for the fine job that she has done for the last year and a half and also, I would like to express what the Chapter has meant to me and Patty. Since we have been participating in the GWRRRA and Chapter B we have been greeted by so many wonderful and thoughtful people and we have always had a wonderful time. We look forward to helping and supporting Chapter B and

hopefully in some small measure paying back all that we have been able to receive. There are still some great rides left this year not to mention the Wing Ding being right around the corner and right here in our own back yard and with the updates that Tom has been doing on the Chapter web page and the ride schedule it is even easier to keep up with events that are coming up for everyone to participate in. Patty and I look forward to seeing everyone at our next gathering.

Stanley & Patty Reinhart  
Assistant Chapter TN-B Directors

# Happy Trails



"Watch out for the other guy"

That was the catch phrase associated with my driver's education course back when I was a teenager. Yikes, that was 50 years ago! How time flies. Although automotive technology has advanced enormously since then, drivers have also found new ways to be distracted.

While cars and trucks are not inherently dangerous, like when they are parked, the people driving the vehicles on the roads can be. We all have our favorite local places to ride and return to them often, however some drivers seem reluctant to allow your safe passage. There are more than 220 million licensed drivers in this country, many quite competent, but I am up against many others who are distracted, drunk, drugged or hopelessly incompetent. Or just plain stupid...inattention qualifies.

Although roads have improved, I'm probably more afraid of big highways going through cities than any little country two lanner. Yeah, you always need to be mindful of deer at dawn and dusk, but that's already programmed in to your motorcycle skills. Some riders love the Interstates, and I'm happy for them. One of the reasons I live where I do is because of the back roads, be they minor state routes, or the "tertiary" local roads; you know, the roads that are commonly know as the "skinny" roads with no center lines because they're a little less wide than the regular state routes. A little extra caution is needed on these roads for farm equipment and other odd vehicles.

Tapping the computer keys I found that worldwide there are more than a billion drivers, and roughly a million people die every year in vehicular accidents, including lots of hapless pedestrians. The U.S. averages some 10 vehicular deaths per 100,000 inhabitants annually. So as the old Sarge used to warn his officers before going out on the street; "Let's be careful out there".....and watch out for the other guy!

**See you soon and remember to ride safe**





## For Sale



Set Saddlebags, right, left and center filler removed from the trike conversion, like new. Make offer. Make small trailer or storage unit to plug into your trailer hitch, no nicks or scratches anywhere. Contact Tom or Merrilee Peck if interested. 423-494-9818/ 865-256-1250



Backrest for GL1800. like new, make offer  
  
Contact Tom or Merrilee Peck if interested. 423-494-9818/ 865-256-1250



Arai full face helmets, very good condition complete with J&M headsets size xl and medium.  
  
Contact Tom or Merrilee Peck if interested. 423-494-9818/ 865-256-1250

I have several Helmets available, most are full face ARAI Profile with J & M head sets installed some open face. Several different sizes from Small to XX Large. These helmets are all in good shape but are not the flip up type. Pearl White, Pearl Blue, Red & Black striped colors. If you're interested give me a call. Tom Peck 423-907-9712/423-494-9818, will sell very reasonable, make offer. Also have Trike take off parts, several model years



Trailer Hitch, new, receiver type. Make offer  
  
Contact Tom or Merrilee Peck if interested. 423-494-9818/ 865-256-1250

# Night at the Ball Park

Our annual evening at the Smokies ball park once again, Hot Hot. This year Wally and his Ride for Kids Task Force put together a fund raising activity for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. Selling numbered tennis balls that would be thrown onto the field with hopes one would bounce into a marked circle and win a prize. Nice group who showed up, sold bags of tennis balls and raised some money for the kids. Thanks Wally, Emily, Jerry and the Task Force for all your work.



# Wing Ding 40 Knoxville TN

AUG. 28 - SEPT. 1, 2018  
GWRRA PRESENTS  
**WING DING 40**  
KNOXVILLE TENNESSEE  
SINCE 1979



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*Weekend Ride to the Air Force Museum, Dayton Ohio*



Space Shuttle cockpit

Our trip to the Air Force museum was just a little interesting. It rained and then rained some more. We all got checked into our hotel

Merrilee said her room looked like a Chinese laundry. The next day we went to the Air Force museum because of the rain some of us put our rain gear inside in the lockers. Sounds like a good idea just wait. We are all going to meet back up at noon in the cafeteria Tom, Merrilee and myself headed back to the new wing with the Presidential Planes We saw President Roosevelt's plane it had an elevator since he was in a wheel chair. It was all very interesting to see how they all changed thru the years. Because



Tom worked on jet engines he had a lot of knowledge to tell us about. We finished up that part just a little before noon, so we headed off to

meet everyone in the cafeteria. Merrilee and myself got in line to order lunch. Just as we got up to order the fire alarm went off. Everyone evacuated outside. After about an hour or so it started raining. Rain suits are inside in the lockers. So, we got just a little wet.

Later that night we went to Young's Dairy for dinner, it was wonderful and of course you can't go to Young's without ice cream. Sunday, we headed home: oh of course it rained all the way home. Despite the rain we had a good time



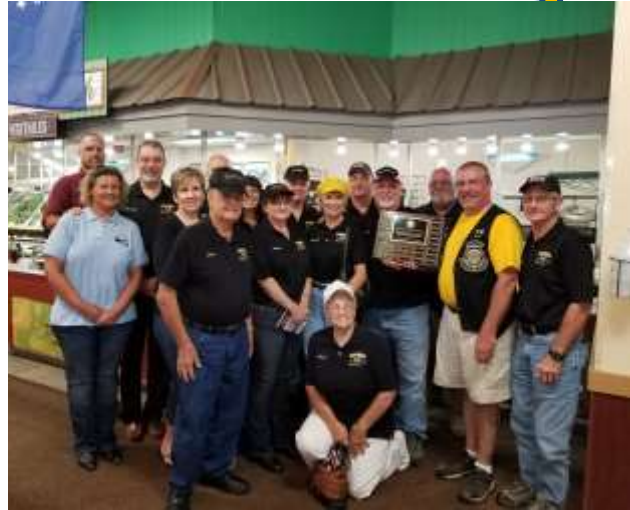
hanging out with our chapter B family. Just want to say thanks to Dave Roberts for a wet ride to and from Ohio. Really Dave you are an excellent leader. You take time to make sure everyone of us were okay. I really appreciate you.

Emily



# Chasing the sectional Plaque

The call went out to head over to Morristown one evening to pay Chapter F a visit and see if we could capture the East Tennessee traveling plaque. Wow!! What a turn out. Beautiful evening, a bit warm as usual but the ride home was fantastic. Thank you all for showing up. We accomplished our goal as our ticket was drawn and we brought the plaque back to Chapter B. The plaque will be available August 7th at our regularly scheduled gathering at



## *Green Tomato Dinner Ride*



Another hot day as we all met at the Shoney's on Rutledge Pike to prepare for our annual ride to the Green Tomato restaurant in Moorestown. Just so happens this was the same day as the famous Tomato festival held annually in Rutledge. Some rode back after our visit to the Green Tomato to enjoy the festivities. Like to welcome, Sandra Lewellyn who showed up on her Spyder and make her first group ride with us. She did a great job in the group. Also good to see Wade & Janice on their beautiful gold trike, first time to ride with our group. Lennie & Sherrill

made their debut on the Trike Merrilee sold them awhile back, he says they are really enjoying the new 3 wheeler over 4000 miles in such a short time since they bought it. Jeff (shorty) & Diane showed up, 1st time for them since moving to Tennessee from the Boston area.

As usual, the Green Tomato was ready for our group of over 30, the service was great and the food was very good. As we departed we headed up the mountain to the Veteran's overlook up on the Clinch mountain. After a few photo ops the group pretty much split up and headed home in different directions after a wonderful day of hanging out with our Chapter B family. Big thanks to Kyle for planning the ride and leading such a large group. We had our 3 yr old granddaughter with us so we were tagging along in the 4 wheeler.





# Technical Coordinator Roy Jennings



*A Few words from  
the Chief*



## Technical Article on How to Squirrel/Mouse Proof your Gold Wings Air Filter

How many times, when replacing the air filter on our motorcycles/trikes we find the air filter all chewed up and sometimes a nest of hickory nuts or acorns on top of it. There is a remedy for this. When I had my trike up at Vics Cycle in Corbin Ky to have the coolant changed, he placed screens over the ends of the vents coming out of the air box. This is a very good idea, it keeps the varmints out, because they are looking for a warm place to hide. This especially true if you keep your motorcycle/trike on the carport or in an unheated building.



I just love those Goldwing air filters,  
they are so warm and quiet

# LifeStyle Entertainment Card



Next use of our card will be Aug 9th which is a Thursday evening at Pero's just off Emory Rd where Aubrey's used to be. The address is 7535 Conner Road Powell, TN 37849 Ph# 865-512-9351 meet at our usual time of 6:30 pm. Bring your card! Be thinking about our next place to visit so we can make plans. I have created an addition to our Ride schedule so it has a place you can go to and fine out the latest place and location for our next outing. Just go to [tn-b.org](http://tn-b.org) web site and click on the "Ride Schedule" you will see a button that says "Lifestyle Schedule", just click on it and visit the page where all the information will be posted.

## Welcome Some of our New Members



Wade & Janice (MotorTrike)



Jeff (Shorty) & Diane Johnson  
GL1800



Sandra Lewellyn (Spider)

### WAY TO GO SANDRA!

We have a new rider among us! Sandra rode her new spider with us on Saturday to the Green Tomato. Coming back we had some pretty good curves. I hope we didn't scare you. She did an excellent job, we are all proud of you and are looking forward to riding with you again.

Emily



# Upcoming Rides



**Chapter B Ride Schedule. Check out [tn-b.org](http://tn-b.org) web site for latest details**

Aug 11 <sup>th</sup>	Promise Land	Overnight, David and Robert to lead	David Underwood Robert Burnett
Aug 18 <sup>th</sup>	Open		
Aug 28 <sup>th</sup>	Wing Ding	Aug 28 <sup>th</sup> through Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> Pool Party	Dave Roberts
Sept 8 <sup>th</sup>	Fields of the Woods	Day Ride, Bible Park Day Meet at Shoney's Exit 122 for breakfast at 9 am	Stanley Rinehart
Sept 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Lilly Bluff Overlook	Day Ride Meet at Shoney's exit 134	Stanley Rinehart
Sept 25 <sup>th</sup>	Ride for kids	Deals Gap Ride for Kids	Wally
Nov 10 <sup>th</sup>	Savannah/ Charleston	Nov 10th thru 16 <sup>th</sup> 465 mile overnights in Lexington Ga 1 <sup>st</sup> night on the road, Final details TBA	Kyle Beeler





# "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 & Merrilee Peck  
423-907-9712 / 423-494-9818

Chapter **A2** meets the **3rd Monday** each month at Shoney's 1021 Lamar Alexander Pkwy Maryville, Eat at 6pm Meeting at 7pm. Chapter Directors Bob Mack Jr. and Margie Pagano 865-376-5090.

Chapter **M** meets the **2nd Tuesday** each month. Eat at 6:00 pm meeting at 7:00 pm..  
Chapter M meets at 550 Fort Loudon Medical Center Dr in Lenoir City. CD Brian & Loretta Richards 865-249-6173

Chapter **T** meets the **4th Saturday** Each month at the Golden Corral 6621 Clinton Hwy 37921  
Eat at 9:00 am/Meet at 10:00 am CD:  
Bobby Cash 865-705-7657

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 Bruce & Gayle Babcock 865-344-7194

Lets go Visit!

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 **C2** meets the 3rd **Thursday** at Shoney's, 4148 US 127, S Crossville, Eat at 6:30 pm Meeting at 7:00 pm Chapter Director is Randy Ryan. 985-201-3791



**New Chapter Golf Shirts see Pat**  
**Chapter "Bee" Embroidered Hats: \$12**  
**Place your Order with Pat Talley**



Give me a call, email me or see you at the next meeting

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- 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"



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Peanut (Herbert Davis Aug 26th  
Chris Harden Aug 8th  
Merrilee Peck Aug 20th  
Robert Burnett Aug 25th



Chris & Julie Harden Aug 25th  
Roy & Joyce Jennings Aug 2nd