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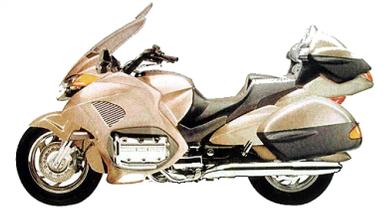
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Join us the **First Tuesday** each month at **Shoney's Restaurant**
2405 Andersonville Hwy, Clinton, TN 37716, Exit 122 off I-75
(Rt. 61 Museum exit) Just north of Knoxville, Ph. 865-494-7295
Eat at 6:00 PM & our social starts promptly at 7:00 PM
Hope to see Y'all there!!!



Bald River Falls on the way home from our Maggie Valley weekend. Wally and Tom & Debbie headed up over the mountain at Deals Gap and were missing from the pic.

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From Your Senior Chapter B Directors,
Tom & Kathy Peck



Picture taken at the Bristol Motor Speedway 5/31/08 after a Chapter C fund raiser for St Jude. Making a donation enabled you to ride your bike 4 laps on the World Famous 1/2 mile Oval



Hi Everyone,

Summer time in Tennessee came in like a lion with the temperatures at record highs and it's only June. Some of us love the hot weather especially when you can plan some rides in the mountains where the temps are much more pleasant.

Our Maggie Valley ride for instance was a good example of this as we noticed about 10 degrees or more difference between the lower and higher elevation mountain roads. Hope you all have some mountain time planned on your next trip out on the bike. Many of you will be heading over to Cherokee NC for the Wings Over the Smokies rally next weekend - always a good time in the mountains.

Never too early to be thinking about Wing Ding in Huntsville coming up over the Labor Day week; lots to do in Huntsville so start making your plans to take it all in.

I hope everyone has the opportunity to visit the new Clinton Highway motorcycle community development going on these past several months. (We know it as Knoxville Honda.) This new and exciting place just about covers all makes and models of 2,3, and 4 wheel fun and enjoyment. Join us in supporting our local dealerships here in the Knoxville area.

Tom

Deals Gap BBQ Fund raiser June 20th 2015

Once again this year the folks at the Deals Gap Motorcycle Resort sponsored our 2nd annual fund raiser for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation through the "Ride For Kids" program. Two groups met and road up to Deals Gap on a beautiful Saturday morning to help set up for the BBQ lunch.

After meeting at Smoky Mountain Harley in Marysville Wally led up the early group, got the grill going and set out all the fixings. Tom & Kathy met the 2nd group and also road up to help with serving



ning up and down the Tail of the Dragon.

Thanks to everyone who came out to help with one of our fund raisers. Everyone seemed to have fun as the disc jockey played the tunes out in the parking lot



area and announced our event.

The event came to an end after 3 pm or so and everyone chipped in to clean up and put all the supplies away. Once again 2 groups headed down the mountain in search of a place to grab a bite to eat after a busy day before heading home.

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lunch.

About 11 am people started to show up as lunch was served. Donations were accepted in a container marked "Donations". As the day progressed the pot started to fill and the donations were counted up for a grand total over \$1600 this year. What a great day; the showers held off and the temps were comfortable.

The crowds came all day with all those there to conquer the Tail of the Dragon. What a site when the large group of little Honda Groms and Ruckus club showed up in force; counted over 200 of these little scooters, not something you expect to find run-

Thanks, Wally, for all the hard work arranging this very worth while event as we prepare for our main event July 26th in Oak Ridge at he Civic Center. Come early have some coffee and donuts, registration opens at 8 am till 9:30 am so the ride can depart promptly at 10:00 am for our approx. 1 hour police escorted ride. And don't forget training Thursday July 23, 7 p.m. at the Double Tree Hotel.



Ride to Amis Mill

The chapter had a scheduled ride on the calendar going to the Amis Mill Restaurant in Rogersville, and at our last chapter monthly gathering, David Underwood was asked to lead the ride, as we all know how well he knows ALL the best ways to get around, the best routes, without a lot of interstate riding. David and I scheduled a day to get together at our home and we sat down at my computer and got busy with the TN DOT map and the GPS software on my computer, and of course his fantastic memory. We worked several different possible routes, trying to find the most interesting, with a couple convenience stops strategically worked out along the way, and we were ready for the



ride. The morning of the ride, Saturday, June 13th, started out really nice, but with couple dark clouds in the sky. Regardless, several members decided to chance the possibility of rain and joined us at the starting point, the Cracker Barrel at exit 398. Besides David, and Loretta & I, there was Vickie, Larry, Sam & Lynell, Frank & Pattie, and after a slight delay due to a dead battery needing to be recharged (it doesn't work well leaving the key in the ignition and turned to the ACC position), Bill & Merilee, and we started out a little later than originally planned, but what the heck, we weren't on a time clock and nobody cared.

Our first "rest stop" was at the Douglas Dam overlook, and what a view, we all enjoyed the stop and the view and the camaraderie/ conversation. Then it was back on the road again. Our next stop was at a Marathon station in Morristown, and we all enjoyed some snacks ... Frank and I both wanting something cool elected to try their slushy drink, and both of us endured the pain of "Brain Freeze"! Oh well, it was still good. Then on to the last section of the ride, ending at the Amis Mill restaurant.



I can't say for sure, but I think just about everyone got something different off the very diverse menu, and from the comments I overheard, everyone was pleased with their selections. Several of us watched as Bill devoured a plate full of huge frog legs! We sat for a while and just enjoyed the company and more conversation. David asked if anyone had any preferences about a route home and made a couple suggestions, including his and our favorite route along Lake Side Drive, back through Blain and to Corryton to our favorite place for a quick "ice cream fix". It was unanimously decided that sounded good (maybe it was the ice cream???) and off we went, with some trepidation due to the really dark sky along our expected route. Oh well. And yes, we DID get into some rain and stopped along the side of the road, and while struggling to put on our gear, the drizzling became a downpour, so we were wet under our rain gear as well as over it.



We got back on the road, and only a couple miles further ... you guessed it, the sun was out. We stopped at the next gas station to get out of our now sauna suits.

As we rode along Lake Side Drive I was listening to the comments over the CB, and you could tell we all were enjoying the ride. As we got to the end of Lake Side Drive at highway 92, where we normally would turn right for the rest of the planned route, David asked if anyone wanted to take a quick side trip to the Cherokee Dam, after all the yeses, we made the left, a quick ride to and along the dam, then back to the original route. After turning off 92 onto Owl Hole Gap road, we headed to a really neat side stop from our route, a water

fall that David and Loretta & I had stopped at many times before, which entranced all the rest of our group.

We got back onto the road and went the rest of the way, with the planned stop for ice cream. Everyone reported being really happy with the day, and from there we all split off to go our own ways home. All told, it was a really nice day.

Submitted by Brian

Tech Advisor Section

... devoted to the care and upkeep of your Motorcycle or Trike

Tech Advisor: Brian Richards

Before I get into this month's subject, I just want to send out a reminder, if there is anything you are interested in or concerned about re any technical issues with your ride, please let me know. I readily admit that I most definitely do NOT know everything, or even a vast majority of things, but whatever, I will do my best to find an answer and put it out - because I bet I can promise that if it is something bothering you, it mostly likely is bothering someone else also. Secondly, if YOU know of an issue and know a/the solution, use me to put that information out, share your hints and tips so we can all benefit, we're all in this together.

Now on to this month's article. I'm sure many of you saw my question to Stu Oltman in his "Workbench" section in the February Wing World magazine, about what has become known as the GL1800 "Stumble". Since that article came out, I have received quite a number of emails, phone calls (members reading the article, finding me listed in their Gold Book, and calling me) and personal conversations from other members, all with the same theme: "I have the same problem, have you found a solution yet?"

Here is a description of what the "Stumble" is, at least to me, and to most of the others that have contacted me telling me of their problem. It is an intermittent problem with a hesitation when we first start out, that has sometimes been dangerous - when I have pulled out of a driveway and turned and have the bike in a lean to make the turn and give it some throttle and it just "stops/bogs down/loses power", the bike naturally wants to fall over, thankfully so far I have been able to control it and get it going again (I have heard from other members that have the same problem that at least a couple of them have actually had the bike totally fall over, thankfully no one seriously hurt ... yet).

The other way it works is I have pulled out of our driveway and gotten straightened out and headed the couple houses worth down our street heading for the Stop sign, and I start to give it only a little throttle, and it almost feels like there is something binding or holding back the fuel, I am only using VERY light pressure on the throttle (it is only a short distance to the Stop), and it doesn't want to move, and the bike is just moving under the initial momentum, I can feel the loss of power, then all of a sudden, like a dam opening up, I get a sudden surge of a significant amount of fuel, meaning power, enough to almost pull a wheelie, that if I am not lined up straight, has been disheartening to say the least.

I have tried different methods of starting out, sometimes waiting till we are both on the bike before starting it and immediately pulling out of the driveway, figuring the "choke" aspect of the bike's system is still active, and other times I have started the bike in the garage, rolled it out into the driveway and left it running while my wife and I put on all our gear, then we get on, get plugged in, usually a total of at least 5-8 minutes, certainly enough time for the engine to warm up and the "choke" to have shut off according to the Honda dealer Service Manager, before I pull out of the driveway.

Under both scenarios, I have had the hesitation, but NOT every time, it was an intermittent problem, and obviously NOT when I had taken it to the dealer for them to check out, I got the usual "if I can't get it to do that, I can't determine what the problem is" response. It most often happened on the first ride of the day, but it sometimes happened when we had gone on a ride, stopped for dinner or something for enough time for the engine to cool off, and it would do it when we left the restaurant, so it is not something that only happens when the bike has been idle for overnight or a couple of days. This had been happening for almost the whole time we have had this bike and at the time I wrote my question to Stu, we had over 59,000 miles on our 2012 GL1800.

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Well, I honestly believe now that the answer to that question of knowing a solution is a resounding "Yes!" I had discussed the problem, just as a topic of conversation, with Lewis Preston, the owner of Electrical Connections (his shop is only 7 miles from our home, and I go there often and we have often worked together on things and he has used my bike as a prototype for a number of products he has developed), and he told me that others of his customers had also discussed the problem with him, and he believed he had come up with something to solve it.

He markets it as "Hon GL18 / F6B ECM Enhancer", price: \$129.95 brand: Electrical Connection Product Code: 08013 (you can see more at: http://electricalconnection.com/index.php?route=product/product&product_id=162#sthash.0YyE3dqe.dpuf) and his website's description is: "The Engine Control Module (ECM) Enhancer adjusts the signal from the OEM Intake Air Temperature (IAT) sensor that is sent to the ECM. This allows the Air Temperature Correction factor that is built into your bike's ECM to be utilized. The ECM is told that the intake air is a little cooler than it is, and the ECM will respond by injecting a fraction more fuel depending on the setting. The ECM Enhancer controller allows you to adjust the fuel map from -4 to +10 % by selecting one of 10 settings. Included is a "stock" setting for no change.

Two improvements we have seen in testing is the removal of the 'stumble' and an improved engine response on acceleration. When under constant load (constant speed), the oxygen sensor in the exhaust will make the ECM correct the fuel/air ratio back to stock. As soon as the system notices an increase in

power, it switches from closed loop (oxygen sensor feedback) back to open loop (no feedback) and will correct the fuel/air ratio by the amount you selected on the controller. The controller is installed by plugging in between the IAT sensor and the bike on top of the airbox.

Installation is completely plug-and-play with the prewired connectors. You can leave the device under the fairing pocket after setting as it's rugged and waterproof. After initial adjusting, typically you do not need to adjust it further. It is suggested that you have the OEM shop manual for installation of this item."

We decided to go ahead and installed his ECM Enhancer on our bike, and this was just about a week before we left on our 4 week cross-country trip. Since he installed it, we have not had one single instance of the Stumble! So if you are having the same problems, you might want to seriously consider contacting Lewis. To us, due to the potential of dropping the bike, it is a serious safety issue, unfortunately one that Honda doesn't seem to want to address, at least not at the local level. You can contact Lewis either through his website, www.electricalconnection.com/ or by phone at 865-219-9192.



Brian

July 18th..Saturday Dinner Ride to Cumberland Lake State Park...Dave Roberts to lead..

Depart Shoney's I-75 Caryville exit 134 at 0900 Saturday 18 July. KICKSTANDS at 0900. Approximately 3 hours (with breaks) to the lodge -back roads. through Big South Fork.

Trip to Maggie Valley



down the dragon. Tom Peck lead the rest of us down the Cherokee Skyway to the Bald River Falls. It was just beautiful.

Friday morning June 26th, Wally, Emily, Frank & Patti, Jerry & Irene, Tom & Debbie, Bryan & Loretta, and Tom & Kathy all headed off to Maggie valley. We started off across the Smoky Mountains. The weather was perfect for a beautiful ride.

We went a little out of our way for a great lunch at the Dillard House. It was great as always. After eating too much I think a lot of us wanted to take a nap.

We headed for our hotel the Smoky Falls Hotel; it was a nice little Mom & Pop hotel. We ate dinner at the hotel. Most of us played cards. Jerry, Irene, Frank & Patti went to Harrah's. The word is that Jerry was a big winner.

The next morning we went to a great pancake place called Joe's in Maggie Valley. After Breakfast we all did our all thing. Some went shopping some went to the Wheels Through Time. About two hours later it started raining so we played cards and relaxed. Even though it rained and we didn't get to ride we still had a good time enjoying each other.

Sunday morning we headed home. Wally, and Tom & Debbie went



I just want to add something about our rides and activities. Someone in our group has worked hard and put a lot time into setting up the events. If possible please try to attend. Thanks to everyone who has worked to setup an event for us.

Emily



Items For Sale



*Pit bull jack, used once,
with Goldwing adapter
\$150.00, Contact Wally
for more info*



Misc items for sale below by
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<p>Men's classic lambskin western leather vest front, size XL, brand new, MSRP \$60, asking \$50</p>	<p>Men's classic lambskin western leather vest back, size XL, brand new, MSRP \$60, asking \$50</p>
<p>Lady's premium buffalo leather vest front, size XL, brand new, MSRP \$40, asking \$30</p>	<p>Lady's premium buffalo leather vest back, size XL, brand new, MSRP \$40, asking \$30</p>
<p>(2 sets, size L and XL) Frogg Toggs, silver, brand new, cost \$42, asking \$35 ea/\$60 for both</p>	<p>Leather motorcycle jacket, sz 46, worn & slightly scuffed, asking \$40</p>

<p>Men's Tour Master Venture Air Mesh Riding Pants, Size 38-40, worn once, \$195 new, asking \$150</p>	<p>Dyna Beads for tire balancing, new, (with TPMS system in our bike, we can't use these), asking \$10</p>
<p>Scala-Rider Q1 Teamset Rider-to-Passenger intercom, brand new, MSRP \$290, asking \$200</p>	<p>(2 sets) Hyper Lights Brand new, MSRP \$100, asking \$75</p>
<p>Add-on rear speaker grill for GL1800 '01-'05, brand new, MSRP \$40, asking \$30</p>	<p>Flash2Pass garage door opener set, brand new, MSRP \$140, asking \$80</p>

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Tourmaster Solution 2 waterproof boots, sz 11, brand new, won't fit, can't return, MSRP \$117, asking \$80



Microsoft Surface with MEEdge StealthPro external Keyboard; Windows RT Quad-Core 1.3GHz 32GB 10.6" dual-camera tablet PC, 2GB RAM, 32GB storage MicroSD card support, MicroSDXC card reader; Microsoft Office Home and Student 2013 RT (Word, PowerPoint, Excel and OneNote). Both in almost new condition, hardly used the tablet, less than 10 hours, the keyboard only used once. Asking \$250.00



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Chapter Educator Section



I know you have all heard me talking on and on about crash avoidance. Well, here we go again. There are two basic types of crashes: multiple-vehicle or single vehicle. Multi-vehicle crashes account for more than half of all motorcyclist fatalities and usually occur when a driver fails to see a rider coming and invades the rider's right-of-way. Distraction and carelessness are often to blame, but even alert drivers are known to commit the same error.

Moto-blind drivers are responsible for a lot of crashes, but nearly half of all fatalities involve only a single rider who couldn't stay in their lane because of an unexpected hazard or a too-fast corner entry. This applies not only to two wheelers but trikes as well. Treating blind curves as your personal racetrack is not wise. Unlike the racetrack, the street includes oncoming traffic, unpredictable curves, and hidden mid-corner hazards. Your odds of extinction shoot sky high if you mistake the street for a racetrack.

Besides tricky corners, the street is also riddled with debris, cracked pavement, tar snakes, railroad tracks, metal grates, and a load of other booby traps that can trip up any rider. Thankfully, surface hazards don't jump in front of you like brain-dead drivers do, meaning that surface problems can be avoided if you see them coming and give yourself enough time and space

to respond. Look well ahead for changes in surface color and texture that might indicate reduced traction. As soon as you can see a traction problem, aim for the clearest part of your lane.

The best riders can avoid desperate situations by being mentally prepared. If you frequently experience close calls or find yourself using heroic measures to avoid crashing, you're doing it wrong. Develop your control skills, but place more importance on your street smarts. Be aware of your surroundings, anticipate problems, and strive to have more talent, traction, and time than is needed.

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

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- 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

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LET'S GO SHOPPING!

See the "Quarter Master"

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7/5 Kyle Beeler
7/11 Wally Maliskey
7/19 Vickie Litterell



7/12 Gary & Dianah Davis
7/14 Mr. & Mrs. David Underwood

TN-B 2015 Ride and Event Schedule



**Wally
Maliskey
Ride
Coordinator**

OCTOBER

10/24: Saturday, Fall Color Ride, TBA

NOVEMBER

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

JULY

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

7/18: Saturday Ride to Cumberland Lake State Park, 9 a.m. Shoney's, I-75 Exit 134, Caryville-LaFollette, 3 hour ride on back roads to Park for lunch

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

7/26: Sunday, Ride for Kids, at Oak Ridge Civic Center, Registration 8-9:30 a.m.

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, McFee Park, Farragut, TN

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

DECEMBER

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

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

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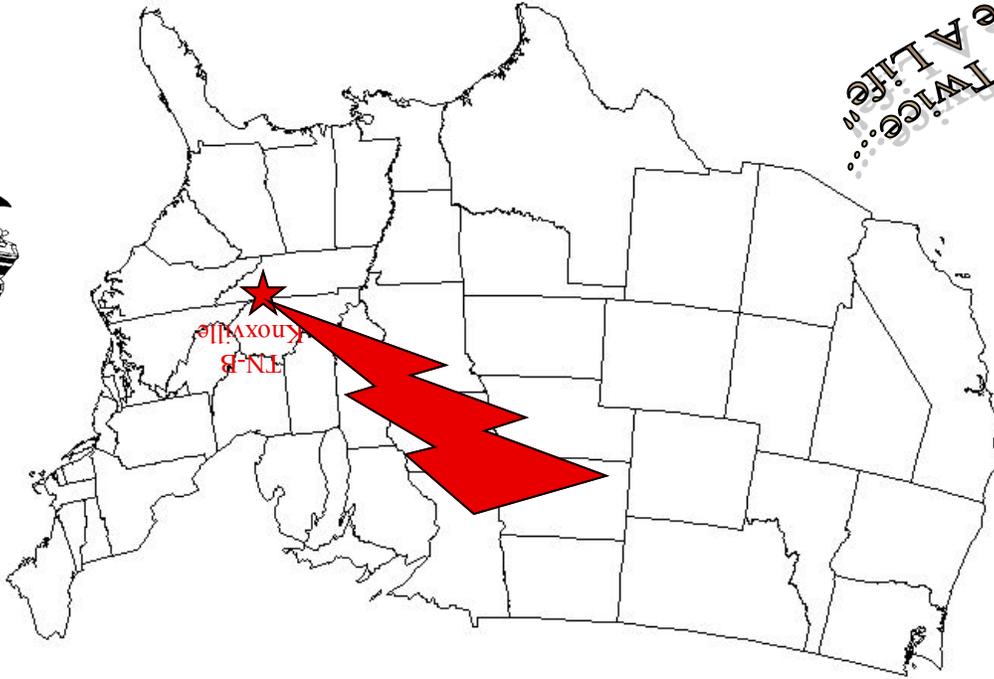
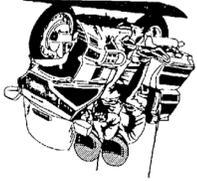
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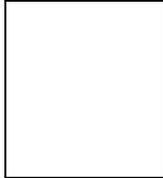


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