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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**

***Just announced!!
Wing Ding 40
Aug 28th thru Sept 1st
2018
Will be held in Knoxville,
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Make your Reservations Now***



Assistant Chapter B Director



A little Humor

A successful gynecologist decides to fulfill his life's dream: give up medical practice and become a motorcycle mechanic. So he gets out of the medical business and enrolls at a mechanic's seminar with Harley Davidson. After weeks of training comes the final examination, taking apart and then re-assembling a randomly chosen Harley engine. He grabs his tools and sets to work, but soon he gets worried: while he is still working on the valve covers, everybody else is already busy with removing the cylinder heads. He falls more and more behind, and as he is just starting to put it all back together, everybody else is already finished. He manages to put the engine back together, barely in time before the exam ends. Because it took him so much longer than everybody else, he goes straight to the teacher to ask how he performed. "Well," the teacher says, "out of one hundred possible points you scored 150." "But how is that possible?" the ex-gynecologist asks. "Well, it breaks down to this: You get fifty points for correctly taking the engine apart. And you get another fifty points for putting it back together perfectly." "And what did I get those additional fifty points for?" "For doing it all through the exhaust!"

For Sale

It is with a lot of thought and heavy heart that I have decided to sell my trike. Its a 2008 loaded Goldwing with under 50k miles. It has a new clutch and front trike tire by Avon. Issues with it...needs a clip put in the top trunk that opens the bottom trunk (a pair of vice grips is doing the job now), needs the bottom trunk rubber fixed or replaced, and body has a few dings. Its a good bike, but is 10 yrs. old. I also have a trailer that I intended to fix and put a wrap on, It is a solid trailer, dry on inside, just needs cosmetic fixes. Call me if interested at 901-598-0205.



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From Your Senior Chapter B Director Tom Peck



Hi Everyone,

Spring has sprung, my pear trees are budding out and soon to have those spring time white blooms, my spring arrival gauge. It won't be long before we can all get the motorcycle out and blow some of the cob webs off them so we can head down the road with our friends. The ride schedule is coming along since we had our planning meeting. I intend to send a draft of the schedule to you all so you can look it over and make any adjustments, deletions/additions before we finalize it and post on our web site.

Look the schedule over and mark your calendars so you can join us on some of the rides we have planned. Looks like we will be going to attend the Ice Bears at the end of the month, hopefully you can help Wally sell some tickets to the event and make lots of money for our Ride for Kids Event. Looking forward to Spring Fling next month, should be fun with everyone hanging out in the huge cabin in the Smokie's. Pat is working up all the details for food etc. for the weekend so see her for any additions or updates.

Lots of fun at the Honda shop for the unveiling of the new Goldwing, good food and fellowship lot of prizes. Hope to see you all at our March gathering at Shoney's at the Clinton exit 122 I-75 north.

Tom

Happy Trails



With March here now, springtime and the start of riding season will be here before you know it. As we grow older we find that more attention to personal health is needed. Various medical conditions develop which affect our quality of riding enjoyment. Shorter trips with more frequent stops often become the norm. Now would be a good time to schedule that annual doctor check-up to get a good evaluation of yourself for the riding season, instead of thinking that all aches and pains are just signs of getting older.

After getting the "All Clear" from the doc, think about how healthy your riding skills are doing. Most of us have had at least a 3 month vacation from riding and may need to get back into a "healthy" riding mindset. Riding skills books can be read and watching instructional videos can help sharpen your skills. Practicing cornering and braking skills in a vacant parking lot will enhance your control of

your bike. And, not far down the road our District staff will probably be scheduling Advanced Rider Courses and Trike Rider Courses; which should be repeated every two to three years by all riders. Think of it as a booster shot for motorcycle riding! The rider coaches that run these courses will identify any areas of your riding that can be improved to further the quality of your riding experience.

Lastly, make sure your bike is road ready for the season before heading out on the highway.

Until next time, ride safer

Jerry



TENNESSEE GWRRA

New Year's Resolution:



RIDE MORE!

For Sale



2004 GL1800 Goldwing Trike 47191 miles. Hannigan trike conversion 2010. Lots of Chrome, custom seat, rare magenta color with beautiful pinstriping. Tall Tulsa windshield, CB, arm rest and many other accessories. Thought the trike was sold but buyer had some health issues and was unable to close the deal. Very well maintained by Bill DeGuire who passed away about a year ago. Merrilee would like to make someone the proud owner of her beautiful Trike. Contact Tom or Merrilee Peck if interested. Asking \$19,500. 423-494-9818/865-256-1250



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-

Planning Meeting 2018

Article submitted by: Brian

Loretta & I had fun joining our friends and attending TN-B's 2018 Ride Planning/eating/game day. We thank the hospitality of our hosts, Tom & Merrilee. As per usual, the food was fantastic, probably ate too much, as expected, oh well. But even better than the food was the camaraderie of all our friends. After sitting and enjoying the food, and all the conversation, it was time for the members to sit around and come up with ideas for chapter rides for this year. From what we heard, there are going to be some really fun times ahead, and we hope to be able to join them on at least some of them.



After the ride planning, it was time to get serious and start the game playing. After a few games of 5-Crowns around a couple different tables, and a few members had to leave for their trip back home, those of us left gathered around the big table for a rousing game of "Pass the Trash". Now you KNOW that we ALL get very serious at this, and there was a lot of competition, down-and-dirty "Gotcha" plays, eliminating those of us that just can't get a break (no, I'm not whining, well, maybe just a little, Merrilee sure picked on me passing me all those Aces!). Eventually it was cut-throat down to Tom and Bobbie, and it was a hard-fought battle, but Tom pulled it out at the end.



Recipes

Here is a recipe that some have asked *about* .

Pineapple Cheese Ball

Nuts (whatever kind you prefer; I use pecans)

8 Oz ..Cream Cheese Sugar to taste

1 small can Pineapple let cream cheese set out until soft. put pineapple into strainer.

Drain all you can of juice out of it. Mix them together.

1/4 cup chopped celery and 2 teaspoons of chopped onions.

Put in refrigerator and let Chill. Chop up the nuts or buy nut pieces.

Take your chilled cheese ball mix and roll in the nuts.

Wrap in wax paper or sealed bowl and put in refrigerator



Submitted by: Lynell



Ride for Kids
Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation®

**Contact Wally for
more information
about Chapter B
night at the Ice
Bears Hockey game**

***Ride for Kids - Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation Knoxville
Civic Coliseum 500 Howard Baker Jr Blvd Knoxville, TN 37915
Saturday March 31st at 7:35pm From \$17***

Join the Knoxville Ice Bears as we team up with the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation to Ride for Kids. \$5 from each ticket that is sold through the link will be donated back to the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. As the world's largest nonprofit dedicated to children and teens with brain tumors, the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation's mission is to care for families along their entire journey, cure every childhood brain tumor, and help survivors and families thrive.

For questions, please contact:

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Technical Coordinator Roy Jennings



*A Few words from
the Chief*



Battery Tender

The importance of placing a battery Tender or maintainer on your motorcycle cannot be stressed enough during the times that the motorcycle is setting in your garage. There are several different makes of these. The battery will lose some of its charge each month that it is not used. In order to maintain a state of charge you must keep a battery Tender hooked up. This keeps the battery from becoming sulfated and it prolongs the life of the battery. Also, a battery tender or maintainer will not charge a completely discharged battery. A battery needs to have some sort of partial charge for the tender or maintainer to recharge it. Also, as a side note, there is a very good article in this month's Wing World magazine concerning the proper way to load and use a trailer behind our motorcycles/trikes.

Roy



Some interesting stuff from our District Director Gary Hamilton



TENNESSEE GWRRA



Spring is fast approaching and everyone is getting ready to ride. Last weekend it was in the low 80's and this morning Wednesday it was 35 degrees and ice on the windshield what's up with that? Just a few more weeks and we will be in Pigeon Forge hosting Spring Fling. Are you ready? This year we had to move around a little bit because of the rod run coming in on our usual weekend. We could not compete with that so we had to move back a week. So everything will be at the Country Cascades Hotel Resort and the building around it, except for talent show and closing ceremonies which will be at the Ramada Convention Center. I think you will be pleased with the new rooms (100+) at the Cascades and the older rooms are being remodeled. This should be completed by the time Spring Fling Arrives. We have Southern Honda Power Sports bringing the new 2018 Gold Wing. We are very pleased that they are coming to our Spring Fling and showing off the new Wing. They are checking to see if their insurance will let them do demo rides, hopefully this will happen. I see on Facebook that a lot of people are taking advantage of the demo rides that are sponsored by the dealers, and the reviews are good. I went down to Chattanooga to attend Chapter V's gathering and was not able to test ride one because it rained straight down that day. The bike is very impressive.

While on the subject of Spring Fling let me cover the Dolly Parton Mountain Adventures dinner show after closing on Saturday. This is a special show just for GWRRA, they normally do not do a show after 6:00 PM but they are doing this show just for us. The show can hold up to 500 people. If you want to bring friend or family bring them. Just complete the registration form for Spring Fling and put their names on the Dinner show portion of the form. If you are only doing a day pass that's ok, just sign up for the show. This has to be done about two weeks before Spring Fling. You cannot get this by calling the theater directly - it must come through our registration. Some people have stated that the show is filled up, not so. The 6:00 show may be full since this show is open to the public, if you registered through Dolly Parton Mountain Adventures you will not be seated with us.

Oh, by the way, each chapter needs to bring a COY Basket to the event. The sale of the baskets helps our District COY's as they travel around the many chapters and districts in preparation of the International COY Selection.

We would like for the chapters to bring something for the hospitality room. Everyone likes to have some where to go and sit down and take a break, and enjoy a snack. Cookies, cakes, candy, crackers etc. whatever you can bring.

To mention a few of the highlights.....Thursday evening we are going to have a 60's theme dance. Come dressed as your favorite 1960's musician or group for the dance and costume contest. Friday, we are having a COY meet and greet and Talent Contest. We have a Masters Breakfast on Saturday morning and the Bike Show.

If you have not registered for Spring Fling get those registrations in soon. We would like to break a record this year.

Upcoming training classes in Medic First Aid. Chapter F Morristown are hosting a MFA Class on March 24th. For information contact Bruce Babcock 865-344-7194 or tnftroup@gmail.com Chapter C is hosting a MFA class on April 28th. For information contact Jerry Fleenor at 423-340-1149. Chapter C-2 is hosting a MFA Class on June 2nd. Information contact MFA coordinator Charlie Huffman at 931-215-1650. There are a limited number of spaces so be sure and call to get a reservation or information.

**Ride safe and have fun Gary & Patti Hamilton
Tennessee District**

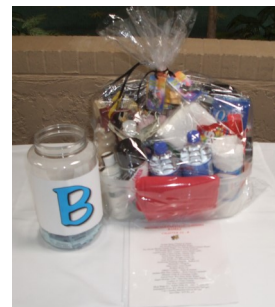
Spring Fling 2018 Cabin



*Just a reminder for those with reservations for cabin for Spring Fling, April 12-15, Mountain Breeze Manor at the Preserve Resort. Balance due by Feb. 11, \$180. You can see me at our Chapter meeting or send me a check before Feb. 11. Let me know if there's any problem or changes.
<http://www.largecabinrentals.com/cabins/mountain-breeze-manor/>*

Pat Talley

Couple of the Year Baskets



Oh, by the way, each chapter needs to bring a COY Basket to the event. The sale of the baskets helps our District COY's as they travel around the many chapters and districts in preparation of the International COY Selection. I need some help putting a basket together. We can get stuff and pay for it out of chapter funds or everyone could bring a little something for the basket, we will discuss at chapter meeting. Remember the Rally theme!!

Couple of the Year 2018

Individual of the Year 2018

Chapter B Couple / Individual

The 2018 Couple of the Year was selected by the previous three Couples of the Year and the surprise announcement was made at our annual Christmas dinner held at the home of Mike and Linda Bridges. Tom and Merrilee were honored to have been chosen as the new "Couple". Since they are newlyweds, this selection by their chapter family was icing on the cake for them.

For those of you who were unable to attend, a delicious and festive dinner was enjoyed. Then, as per tradition, we sat back and relaxed to visit or play games. While Tom and Merrilee were in a very intense marble game with Scott and Peanut, our "busy bees" were quickly re-decorating and "juggling" the special cake for the new Mr. and Mrs. Peck. The worker bees were assisting the Queen bee (Linda) in adding the final touches on the cake icing. There was a cake slide involved and, when it looked like all was well, Lucy (the puppy) got a whiff of yummy cake and jumped quite near, followed by much giggling and noise-making by the worker bees, just in the next room from the "couple", who had no clue. You know our chapter folks—always having a good time, whenever and wherever. Tom and Merrilee were pleasantly surprised with a lovely wedding reception. So much love and planning went into this special event. The decorations, beautiful cake inscribed "Ride with Me Forever", table for 2 also beautifully decorated with lace and frills for the new Mr. and Mrs. Then, heartwarming and generous gifts accompanied the verbal best wishes for a bright new future. We are so blessed to have each other, and to have the love and support of our chapter family is comforting and so welcome. The day was just perfect when suddenly we were presented with the special Couple of the Year crown and tiara and we were announced as the 2018 Couple of the Year. When you think your cup of life is just filling up, up, up to the top, what happens next? It overflows. That's how we felt. Blessed and loved. We thank you for this special honor and will do everything we can to make you proud of us. We certainly love all of you. Thanks to Jerry and Irene Ciesla, who served us well

as the 2017 Couple of the Year.

Emily played a huge part in all the planning for this day and, at that time, there was no selection made for the Individual of the Year. The previous 3 individuals had not communicated and made their combined choice until recently.

NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT: EMILY LEWIS has been selected as the Chapter B 2018 Individual of the Year by unanimous vote. We are excited to make this announcement and Emily works hard for our chapter in many areas, as Sunshine Person, providing candy in a fun bag for birthdays and anniversaries, sending get well and bereavement cards, working industriously with our Ride for Kids events as well as the Task Force, and making herself available to participate and help in numerous ways, so this selection does not come as a great surprise to those of us who know Emily. Congratulations, dear friend, we are honored to have you among us. Thank you to Josh Manis, who was our 2017 Individual of the Year.

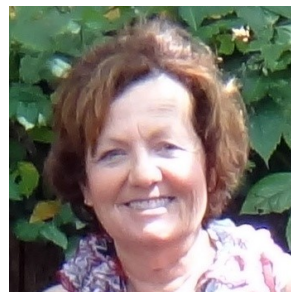
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Tom & Merrilee





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"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. CD Jim & Joyce Hunsley 217-412-9986

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 CD Randy Ryan 985-245-6414



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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- 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"

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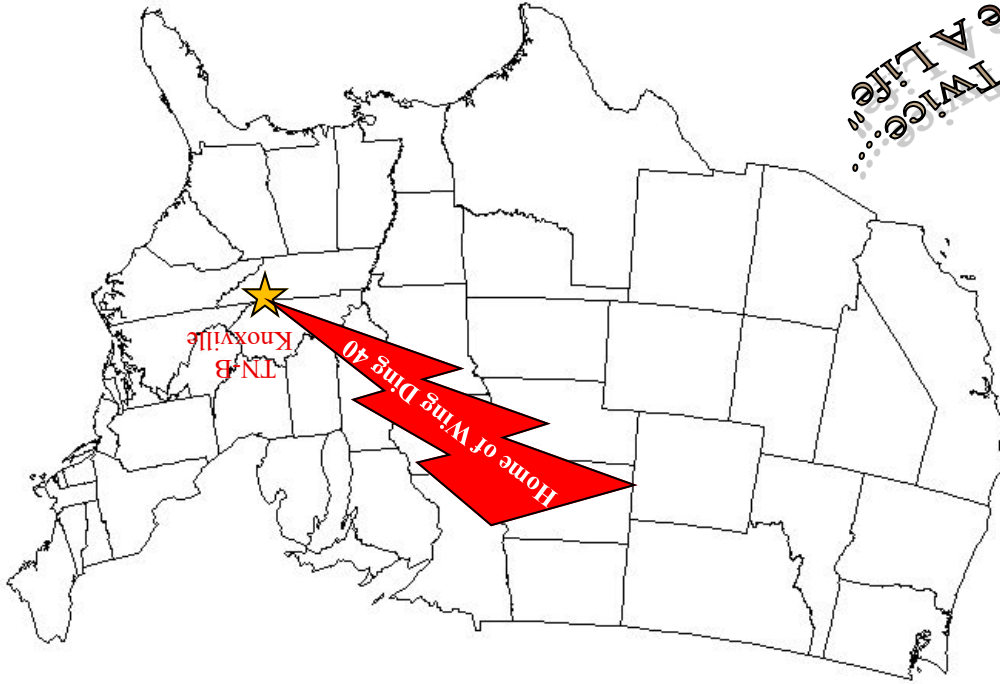
Dave Roberts, Mar 22nd
Sam Queener, Mar 25th
Tom Peck Mar, 26th
Ken Cutsinger, Mar 27th



Bill & Barbara Sowder, Mar 6th
Stanley & Patty Rinehart Mar 10th

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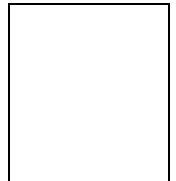


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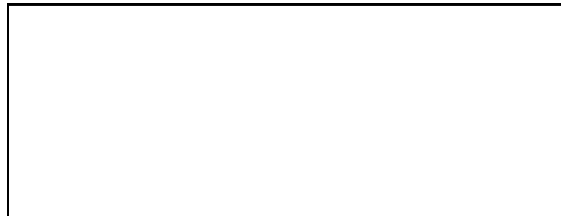
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