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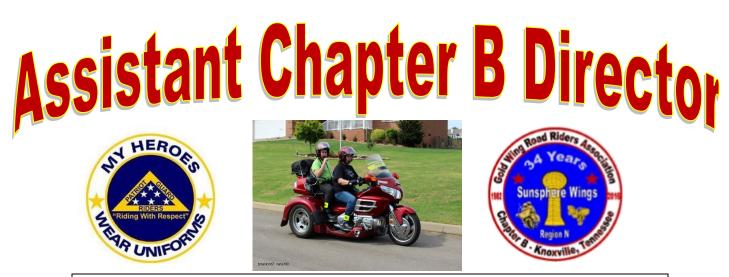


Aloha everyone from Hawaii,

Here it is our 3rd week on the island of Kauai. Last week we got married on Thursday, beautiful day after having a pouring down rain the 2 days before. Started to worry a little about our outside wedding but the skies cleared and things went off without a hitch. Merrilee's niece, LaChelle was her maid of honor and my brother Jimmy was my best man. Had a very nice ceremony was very nice in the Hawaiian tradition. Everyone was busy either taking pictures or doing facetime with the kids. Got a few pictures but the good ones the photographer took. I will have access to the good pics in a couple weeks and will share them with you all then. I'll send out a link so you'll be able to see them all if you want. Friday LaChelle and Geof took a helicopter ride then we all met for a dinner cruise up the Napali coast. Beautiful evening complete with that famous sunset. LaChelle & Geof had to catch their flight back home to Illinois. Saturday comes and we had to move from one end of the island to the other, brother Jim & Sarah get to spend the rest of their week till Tuesday when they head back to Jacksonville Florida. Weather has been fantastic except for the rain just before the wedding.

Hope you all are enjoying those east Tennessee colors and are enjoying some great rides. Got a couple weeks to honeymoon before we have to come home. Hope to see you all soon.

Tom and Merrilee



An invitation from Larry Hale:

As many of you know, Vickie and I ride with the Patriot Guard Riders. For those who are not familiar with the group, the PGR is a nationwide organization who, at the request of the family, will participate in the funerals of veterans, as well as First Responders (Police Officers, Firefighters and EMS... the folks who protect us all). We help the family to pay tribute and honor their fallen warriors. Our involvement is usually standing a silent flag line during the visitation and sometimes an escort and flag line at the graveside service. By special request, we've also served as pallbearers, we've done the folding of the flag and presentation to the family, and we've even served as part of the Honor Guard doing the 21gun salute. For those homeless veterans (those two words should NEVER have to be used together), we also BECOME the family so there will be SOMEONE there to say goodbye. Veterans Day is coming up and the local PGR have been invited to participate in two parades in this area. We would love to have some of the club join us to ride to show your appreciation for this very deserving group. You do not have to be a veteran, you don't even have to be a member of the PGR. We only ride to support the folks that have given so much for all of us and our way of life. There will be plenty of veterans attending the parade, so come out and shake some hands of the folks who have proudly served our country!

Knoxville parade – Friday, November 10

We will meet at the Hardee's in South Clinton at 7:30, KSU at 8:15 to ride in as a group so no one gets lost. Parade steps off at 10:45 am.

Knoxville folks, if you don't want to ride to Clinton, get with me and let's pick a place to meet up so you can ride in the rest of the way with us.

Clinton parade – Saturday, November 11

Meet at the Hardee's in South Clinton at 8:00, KSU 8:30 to ride to the staging area. Parade steps off at 10:00 am.

If you have large US flags and can fly them on your bike for the parade, please do. Only other flags permitted are military branch flags, PGR flags, KIA-MIA flags. Request from the organizers of the parade:

PLEASE, NO CONFEDERATE FLAGS – no one living now served in that war and we are not trying to make a political statement of any kind. Thanks for understanding.

Larry Hale

Senior Ride Captain, Patriot Guard Riders, Greater Knoxville area

Chapter Educator Section



November often starts the slowdown of our riding season. We don't get as many nice weather days to ride, and this usually causes the car drivers to put us motorcyclists further off their mental radar screens.

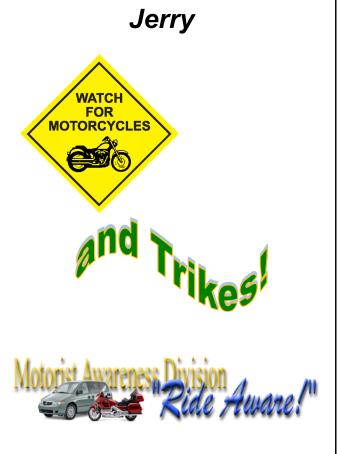
We understand that riding a motorcycle is more dangerous than riding in a car, but there's more to the story. Riding a motorcycle is 38 times more dangerous than driving a car. In fatal motorcycle crashes the motorcycle is the striking vehicle 97% of the time! Also, 50% of all fatal motorcycle crashes involve only a single vehicle; meaning that the bike either ran off the road or struck an object or animal. Thirty five percent of crashes with an animal were fatal to the the motorcyclist, (remember our deer population here).

Relative to crashes involving cars with motorcycles, recent studies have found that high visibility clothing is actually NOT noticed by car drivers as much as we thought it would be noticed. Car drivers tend to notice a motorcycles lighting more easily. I believe that BOTH extra lighting and hi-viz clothing should continue to be used together.

Intersections continue to be our most dangerous location for crashes. Two-thirds of all motorcycle / car crashes occur at intersections including 50% of fatal motorcyclist crashes. While nearly 60% of motorcycle crashes occur with another vehicle, almost half involved at least one of the vehicles making a turn at the intersection.

So during our temporary "off season" when a good riding day pops up, be extra careful approaching, entering, and exiting intersections.

Until next time, ride safer.



TECHNICAL ADVISOR

By Roy Jennings



How to install led lights on your Goldwing without having a ton of wires going to the battery

First, you decide how and where you want to put your lights. Remove the seat and battery access cover to gain access to the battery. Then you want to install a switch on the right or left handle bar to turn the lights on and off. This switch will get its power from a wire that is hot when the key is turned on enabling you to turn the lights on and off at will. The switch will have a hot wire + and a negative wire plus 3 or more wires to control the lights. Each one of the lights will have a plus wire to go to this switch and the other wire to go to the ground bank described below. The lights come with double sided tape to hold them on. Clean the area with alcohol where you want to put the lights. Run at least a 22gauge wire from a wire that is powered with the key on for your hot wire and install a grounding block (available from Electrical Connections) to attach the ground wires to eliminating attached all of the ground wires to the battery. From time to time you may have to reinstall the lights using double sided tape.

Roy

November

Tuesday – 7th, Election Day...monthly meeting, same time same bat channel (we will pass around a menu sheet for Christmas DinDin.....)

Saturday – 11th Veteran's Day, tentative game day at my house....desserts should be in red white and blue...just a game day**CANCELLED**.....will reschedule in January ish.....

Fall Ride

Our Fall ride started out on a beautiful clear and crisp morning, the temp at ride time was around 48 degrees. We had a great turn out, 11 in total counting Jerry and Irene's sister and brother in law. We started out from Caryville and headed toward Cumberland Gap National Historical park and a ride up to the Pinnacle overlook. The view from here is magnificent, you can look down over Cumberland Gap, Middlesboro and the surrounding area. I was hoping to see some fall colors but there was very little that was turning but it was still a nice ride up. After leaving the overlook we headed on toward Middlesboro and on to Pineville were we turned off on to HWY 92 toward Williamsburg KY, this is a nice motorcycle road with nice sweeping curves and some nice scenery. We took a short break in Williamsburg to shed a few clothes as the weather was warming up before heading on up 25 to 90 were we did start seeing a little color change then over to DuPont Lodge Restaurant for lunch. I had never been here before and was looking forward to it. I thought the food and the environment were very nice and there are some great views from the terrace, well worthy of a return trip for me. After a hearty lunch we made our way down to Cumberland falls, which never disappoints and it didn't this time either as you could see rainbows from the mist of the falls. After viewing the falls it was time to start making our way back toward home, Chuck and Pat headed out to 75 to take the fast track back as the rest of us headed out on 90 to take 27 back toward Oneida were some of us split off here and all headed toward home. It was a very beautiful day with great weather and great friends and it always makes look forward to the next ride.

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(Pictures on next page)















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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 F meets the **3rd Thursday** Golden Corral, 2905 West Andrew Johnson Highway, Morristown, TN 37814. Eat 6:30 pm/Meet 7:30 pm CD Elizabeth & Earl Smith 585-737-9823

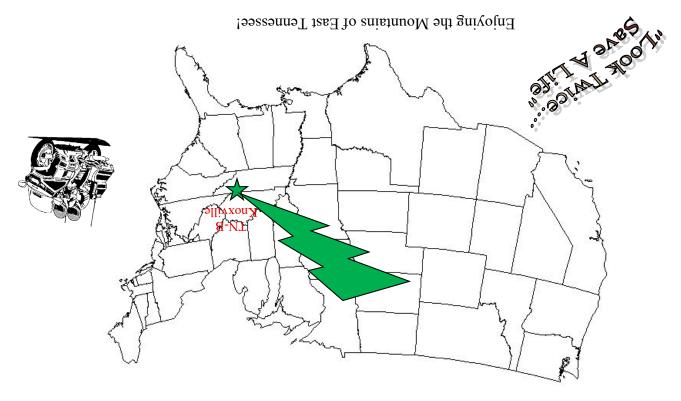
Chapter C meets the **3rd Tuesday** each month at MaMa's House Buffet 2608 N John B Dennis Hwy. Kingsport, Eat at 6:00pm and start the Gathering at 7:00pm. TN Call Richard & Connie Pen**dleton**, 423-245-8484 Chapter A2 meets the **3rd Monday** each month at Shoney's 1021 Lamar Alexander Pkwy Maryville, Eat at 6pm Meeting at 7pm. CD Jim & Joyce Hunsley 217-412-9986

Chapter **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: Bobby Cash 865-705-7657

Lets go Visit!

Chapter C2 meets the 3rd Saturday at Shoney's, 4148 US 127, S Crossville, Eat at 9:00 am Meeting at 10:00 am CD Buddy & Brenda Turner, 931-484-7337





Gold Wing Road Riders Association

