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Chapter B Captures not only the Tennessee traveling plaque but they also captured the Region N Wanderer Plaque. They will both be up for grabs April 5th at our regular chapter gathering at Shoney's.

Join us the **First Tuesday**
each month at
Shoney's Restaurant
2405 Andersonville Hwy,
Andersonville, TN 37716
Ph. 865-494-7295
(Rt 61 Museum exit)
Exit 122 off I-75,
just north of Knoxville.
Eat at 6:30 PM
and our social starts
promptly at 7:30 PM.
Next Social:
April 5th 2011

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From your Chapter Directors, Tom and Kathy Peck



Hi Everyone,

Well it's been nearly 2 months since we had a newsletter so we got a lot of catching up to do this month. Chuck & Pat, Kathy and I had a wonderful time in Hawaii even though we had to evacuate during the tsunami on the Big Island. Now let me tell you, that was an experience to say the least after seeing the devastating videos of the tsunami while it was hitting Japan. We survived and were able to finish our time in the Islands pretty much as we planned.

Spring Fling is right around the corner and will be here before we know it. Hope all who wanted to stay with everyone in the cabins have made all their arrangements. Other arrangements are being discussed for dinner in the cabin—more on that later.

Those who are interested in a little chapter competition will need to be there Thursday evening. The competition of sort will be an amateur rodeo and will be after the campfire dinner that will be served at 6:00 pm.

We have been asked to help once again at the bike show (either classifying or staging) so let us know if you are available 11 to 1 on Saturday. We need 4 people.

Spring Fling should be another fun Convention as always!! Hope you all have Pre-Registered, all statistical awards are based on pre-registration only so make sure you sign up early. Make sure to checkout the District web site for the entire schedule of all the week-end activities. To take advantage of some of the many Seminars and other Rider education classes being offered make sure you sign up early so you don't get left out. Remember the more you participate the more fun!!!! Lets all at Chapter B make our presence known.

Hope to see you there!!

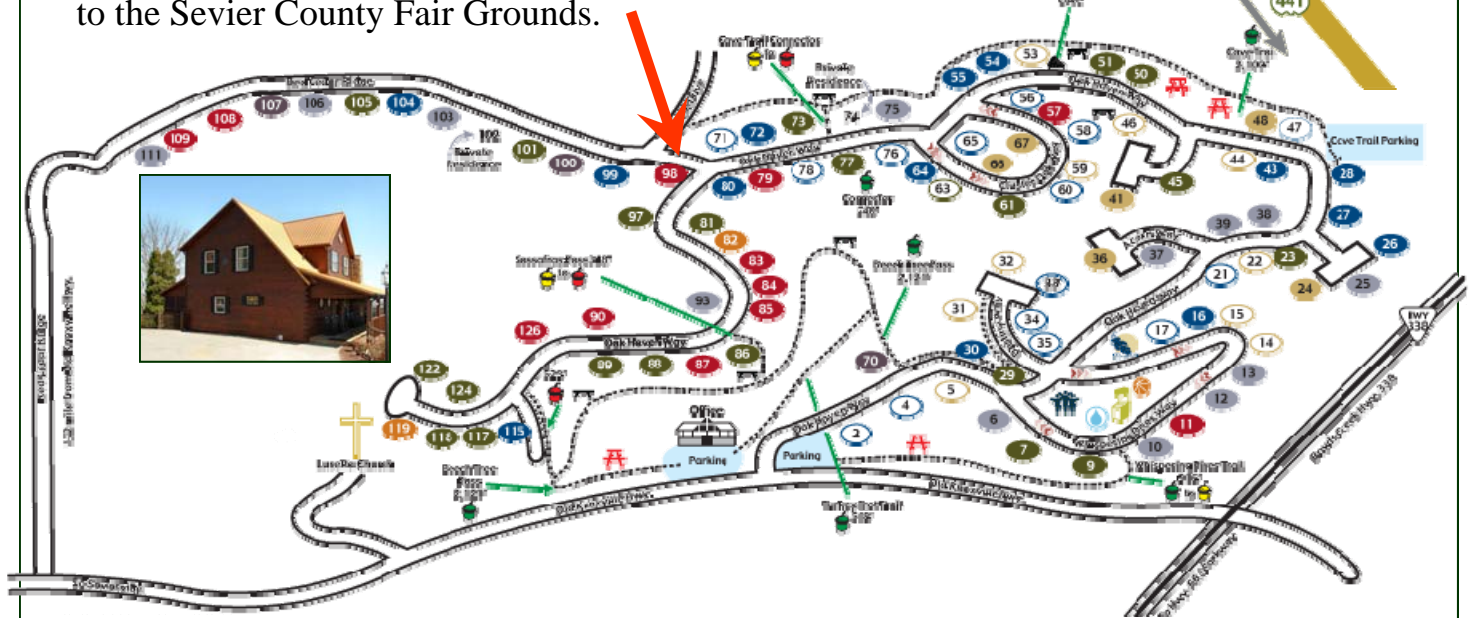
Tom

Tennessee "Spring Fling" 2011

Davy Crockett Days

April 14-16, 2011

- Directions to our Chapter B Headquarters, Cabin #98 at Oak Haven Resort—Exit 407, TN 66; 4-1 miles to Boyd's Creek and turn right; 1.3 miles to Old Knoxville Hwy and turn left; go just past the entrance to Oak Haven Resort and turn right onto Red Cedar Ridge Road; turn right on Oak Haven Way at top of hill; Cabin 98 is immediately on your right.
- Rally Site—Continue past Oak Haven Resort on Old Knoxville Hwy for 3 miles to the Sevier County Fair Grounds.



- Any of our Chapter B participants can come to the Cabin for lunch on Friday or Saturday. Sandwich fixin's will be available. A dinner of lasagna, salad, garlic bread, coffee and iced tea will be served for all of our Busy Bees following the awards ceremony Saturday—approximately 6:30 or 7 PM. We'll charge \$6 per person and will ask at the Tuesday night Social for a show of hands who might be there.



And now a Word from your Assistant Chapter Director : Scott Seal

The Chapter Y FunDay ride was a huge success! Beautiful weather, great friends, exciting day, raising money for a great cause and as a bonus we were able to capture 2 plaques, The TN Traveling Plaque and the Region N Wanderer Plaque.

We started our day with our kickstands up at 0830 (for those with kickstands) at the Weigle's on Emory Road at the Powell Exit (112). Bill DeGuire was in the lead and Chuck Talley brought up the rear with our group heading towards Murfreesboro.



There were lots of games available for those who wanted to try their skill to win door prize tickets, and silent auctions for the ones who wished to bid on the items they had there. We did have a couple of door prize winners in our group but no major prize winner which probably turned out to be a good thing because no one brought their trailer to haul it in.

With the fund raisers and gatherings we (GWRRA) have, I really love seeing friends and meeting new friends for the first time and to be able to share what we have with everyone overall.



When we arrived at the Sloan's Honda dealership, we noticed that a couple of us were in need of some assistance—nothing major, just a couple of bulbs. But Sloan's dealership was more than eager to help us with our small problems and I must say that I was well pleased with them and the service that I (we) received there, especially for the price.



I believe everyone had a great time there and I look forward to the next adventure with my family and friends of Chapter B. So Ride Safe and keep the rubber side down, till next time.

Scott

Editor's Note: This ride was so much fun that we actually had 2 articles submitted about it! See the next page.

More About the Ride to Murfreesboro and Chapter Y's FunDay

Plans for our first Chapter B ride of the year began with an e-mail invitation from Burt to join him for a Sat. ride and a phone call from Mike and Linda suggesting a ride to Murfreesboro to attend TN-Y's "Fun Day" at Sloan's Motorcycle Shop. Plans were put together and sent via e-mail and on Sat. morning, 8:30am, 7 bikes and 10 members left Weigle's on Emory Rd. headed for Murfreesboro. Mark had made plans to join up with the group as we traveled I-40, bringing us up to 8 bikes, 11 members. (Burt, Mike & Linda, Bill & Merrilee, Glynda, Peanut, Scott, Mark, Chuck & Pat)



Chapter Y did a great job providing a "fun day", with lots of door prizes, games, auction items and food, while raising needed funds for St. Jude's Hospital.

Later in the day when plaques were awarded, our group was surprised (but proud) to receive both the TN Traveling plaque AND the Region N plaque. (It's great to receive awards and recognition for just enjoying a ride with our chapter friends.)

By the time we loaded the plaques on the bikes and headed back towards Knoxville, the CB conversation turned to "Where're we gonna stop for dinner?" About 20 minutes later, we were all seated at Cracker Barrel. (Too bad we don't receive awards for "frequent foodies" or something like that).

Daylight had turned to dark by the time we arrived home--but it was a "fun day" and being with friends (who are like family) makes riding together a special occasion.

Our first pit stop along the way brought our attention to the fact that we were without our Chapter Directors, Tom and Kathy (who were still in Hawaii) and therefore, left without cookies. If you've ever traveled with this group, you know Kathy ALWAYS bakes a big batch of Neiman-Markus cookies and shares them when we stop for a break. After some discussion, we decided we had to overlook it and hit the road again. (hungry as we were!)

The ride that began under cloudy skies and chilly, eventually warmed up, and the clouds moved out, giving us a beautiful day for the 200 mile trip.

Pat Talley

Kathy and I want to make sure you all know how much we appreciate you all for taking this first ride and making it a success, even though we weren't there to take the lead. You guys are great and we're certainly proud to be your Chapter Directors.

We hope you'll decide to take the same kind of leadership in attending Chapter F's Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 9. Once again, we'll be away—this time attending the Ride for Kids in Jacksonville, FL. My brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Bee (most of you have met them) are on the task force there and can certainly use our support.

We'll have flyers for the Egg Hunt at the social and hope that some of you will decide to go.



Tom

Winter Fiesta—What a Great Time We Had!!!



Buzz won 2nd place in the Mascot Contest.



2nd Place in Crazy Sombrero



Largest Chapter in Division

From Our Members . . .

A few months back I asked who would be interested in trying your hand at shooting some archery. A few hands went up. The planning meeting was very busy so it never came up there. If you are still interested in trying, see me at the next meeting and I'll see what I can put together.



Here is a picture of one of my targets at 20 yards. It's a 10 arrow group. While I can't promise you will be shooting like this, I can promise you a good time with lots of laughs and some great hamburgers after at 5 Guys.

Yours in Friendship,

Burt



Deluxe Detail Tote that holds all kinds of bike cleaners and other cleaning items at the recommendation of Eddie Rogers. I opened the box, but haven't used anything in the tote. This is the link for it in case you would like to look at it. <http://www.purevictorypolishes.com/product/90975> By the way, I have a 1987 Chevrolet S-10 Pickup for sale. It is in pretty good shape and runs good. In case you know of anyone looking for one. Call me at 865-859-0488

Glynda

In Memoriam

Everyone at Chapter B in Knoxville would like to offer our sincere condolences to family and friends in the passing of our dear friend and fellow GWRRA life member Howard Keith. He was an active participant in Chapter C, Kingsport.

Howard was very proud of the fact that he had attended every Chapter B Chili Cook-off during the 17 years our event has been held in Knoxville. Howard will be missed by all.



Chapter Educator Section

The Smart Corner

By Dave Roberts, Chapter Educator



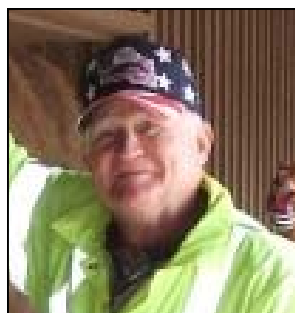
Some years ago, right after we joined GWRRA, Betty and I took a trip to the Florida Rally with a bunch of our new friends from Chapter B. (This is the trip where I received a U-Haul trailer as a birthday gift, but that's a long story.) We had a fun trip down to Florida, with the usual laughs, and side trips which always seem to be part of any long Gold Wing trip-- You know, Friends for FUN, SAFETY, and KNOWLEDGE..

When we arrived at the Rally, we were encouraged to get involved in the Rider Education program and the Florida staff was teaching a combined First Aid and CPR class for FREE. What a Deal. The class lasted All DAY. Now, I was a Boy Scout so I knew a little about First Aid, but I still learned a few new things. The kicker was the CPR training - you see, I had NEVER been certified in CPR. I finally was able to satisfy the instructor that I could revive "Oscar" so I was given a brand new First Aid and CPR card which was recorded in my Rider Education file as part of the Levels program. I got a nice patch and I

promptly forgot about my training cause I would never use it. Little did I know.

Late one evening, the following August, (the Florida Rally is in March) I was out riding my tractor mowing the front lawn, when I noticed the bicycle riders coming by my house as they returned to Anchor Park. This was not unusual, as a big group of bicycle riders pass my house most Wednesday evenings during the Summer for some kind of group ride. (I wonder if they stop at Dairy Queens?)

As I turned around to make another pass with the mower, suddenly there was a bike rider lying on his back in the edge of the yard. His bike was next to him upside down with the wheels still spinning. What Happened? He wasn't there just a second ago. A girl on a bike had stopped just down the street and was looking back at the guy, so my first thought was that he was clowning around. I throttled the tractor down so I could be heard and yelled: "Hey Man, are you OK?" No response. This was Serious!!



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Chapter Educator Section (Continued)

I jumped off the tractor, ran to the man, got right down in his face and said: "Are you OK". I got No Response except some moaning. I ran to the front door and yelled for Betty to call 911 and then returned to the man's side. A funny thing happened as I ran through the yard: My GWRRA First Aid and CPR training kicked in, and It just happened without me knowing it. I reacted as I had been trained to do.

I was finishing my mental checklist, when another cyclist (who just happened to be an Emergency Room Doctor) stopped and the two of us started CPR. I did the compressions, he did the rescue breathing, and we continued until the Paramedics arrived. The Doctor and the Paramedics worked on the man for the good part of an hour before they transported him to the Hospital.

I was reminded of that event last February as I was sitting in a Medic First Aid CPR refresher at the District Winter Event at Fall Creek Falls. One of the videos showed a scene which was very similar to my experience. The Medic training has been completed updated and is very well done with video's that are very relevant to today. The Tennessee District has purchased the aides ("Oscars" and AED's) which help make the training very real, and the class, taught by Gary and Patti Hamilton, was concise, to the point, and was completed in four hours.

Why should you care about all of this? Well I hope you will be motivated to get trained so you that when you are faced with a situation like I was, your training will just "KICK IN".

Who knows; Someone you love may need your training someday.



**Thanks, everybody, for coming out to help us put together our 2011 Ride and Event Schedule!
We worked hard and then we played games.**



The ride schedule is the next to the last page in the newsletter. Tear it off and hang it on your refrigerator or bulletin board so you can refer to it often.

Bring Your Wing Ding Registrations Tuesday Night and Save \$5

GWRRA has said that if we send 10 registrations in as a group we'll save \$5 on each. Sooooo . . . Bring your checkbook or your credit card Tuesday night, fill out a registration form and give it to Kathy. We'll have registration forms available for you or you can use the one in the Wing World magazine. Refer to your April issue pages 74 through 81 for information about Wing Ding so you'll know which things to sign-up for when you register.



Sign-up to Volunteer for our Ride for Kids July 31

Wally Maliskey has agreed to serve as our Ride for Kids volunteer coordinator for Chapter B. We'll have a sign-up sheet available Tuesday night so you can indicate if you plan to volunteer. We'll ask for your name, phone number, email address, and what, if anything, you did last year at the ride.

The ride will be held Sunday, July 31, at Pellissippi State Community College, near Lenoir City. Volunteers arrive at 6:30 or 7 AM; registration begins at 8 AM, and the ride will begin at 10 AM. Mandatory training for all volunteers is scheduled for Thursday, July 28 at 7 PM at the Comfort Inn, Oak Ridge.

The Ride for Kids benefits the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, and the KIDS really appreciate all the volunteers do the day of the Ride!

Be sure to visit Hardees during the next couple of months!

All the Hardees restaurants in middle and east Tennessee have agreed to collect donations for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation from now through May 9! How great is that! Be sure to visit your local Hardees—early and often! All the money collected in east Tennessee will be presented at our ride July 31.

Our chapter began our ride this past Saturday to Cumberland Lake at the Hardees in LaFollette and thanked them for their support. Tom is pictured here with Melinda Jordan, our LaFollette Hardees manager who told me she'll be at our Ride for sure!

On a related note, J& M Enterprises at Wing Ding each year holds a dance and raises funds for a charity. This year their charity is the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation and funds raised there will also be presented at our Knoxville Ride. The dance will be Thursday night, July 7—try to make it a point to attend and support J & M's fund-raising effort.



"Chapter Visitation"



Chapter **B** meets the **1st Tuesday** each month at **Shoney's** Clinton Exit 122 off I-75 North Eat at 6:30 pm meeting at 7:30 pm.
Call Tom & Kathy Peck 423-907-9712

Chapter **F** meets the **2nd Tuesday** each month at **Golden Corral 2905** West Andrew Johnson Hwy (Highway 11E) Morristown Eat at 6:30 pm meeting at 7:30 pm.
Call George & Lanora Baker 865-231-7948

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. (Next to Cracker Barrel, behind Chili's)
Call Robert & Trudy Ashcraft 865-376-6403

Chapter **A2** meets the **4th Monday** each month at the **Ryan's Steakhouse**, 1053 Hunter Xing, Alcoa Eat at 6:00 pm meeting at 7:00 pm
Call Darrell Dunn & Julie Lang; 865-323-9481

Chapter **G2** meets the **1st Monday** each month at IHOP 1802 Parkway Sevierville, TN 37862 Eat @ 6:30, Gathering @ 7:30
Call Beth & Dale Hodge 865-748-1059

Chapter **T** meets the **4th Tuesday** Each month Chapter T meets at Shoney's 316E Emory Rd Eat at 6:00 pm/Meet at 7:00 pm
Call Gordon & Alicia Catlett 865-740-3086



New Chapter T-Shirts \$20
Chapter "Bee" Embroidered Hats: \$12
Place you Order with Pat Talley



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

INVENTORY CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING:

Tennessee Pins (Shape of State).....\$4.00 ea.
TN-B Hanger Bars..... 2.00
Black/Gold 4" GWRRA Patch..... 5.00
Black/Gold 10" GWRRA Patch..... 12.00
Red/Blue/Yellow 10" GWRRA Patch..... 12.00
New Chapter B 25 Year Patch.....Free to Chapter B members
GWRRA Blinking Buttons..... 2.50
Chapter B Ball Caps...Now Available..... 12.00
Ladies Yellow HatsNow Available..... 15.00

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, Region N 4" Patch, 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



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3/11 Charles Dodson
3/21 Susan Kohlman
3/22 Dave Roberts
3/26 Tom Peck
3/27 Ken Cutsinger
4/8 Cindy Cox
4/12 Debbie Rhoads
4/16 Wayne Smith



3/24 Bill & Merrilee DeGuire

If we missed your Birthday or Anniversary make sure you contact Bobbie Beeler so we can update our records. We want to recognize everyone's Birthday and Anniversary each month, not only at our meetings but in this Newsletter. Check the info on the Sign-in sheet at our Monthly gathering.

Note from your Editors:

Let us know if there is anything you would like to see in your Newsletter just let us know. Items for sale, pictures, items of interest, business ads, clip art etc. You can email them to us at tomkatpeck@msn.com Remember this publication is yours!!! If there is any personal information you wish not to be public info please let Tom or Kathy Peck know so we can accommodate you wishes.

TN-B 2011 Ride and Event Schedule

APRIL

- 4/9: **TN-F Easter Egg Hunt**, Morristown
- 4/14-16: **Spring Fling** (Tom & Kathy Peck)
- 4/30-5/1: **Waterfall Ride**, might be just one day, (Mike & Linda Bridges)

MAY

- 5/7: **TN-A FunDay**, Nashville, TN
- 5/12: **Thursday Dinner Ride**, Dinner Bell, Sweetwater, TN
- 5/15: **Middle TN Ride for Kids**, Franklin, TN (Tom & Kathy Peck)
- 5/14-22: **Branson, MO** (Kathy Peck)
- 5/21: **Roane Mountain Steak Out** (Chuck & Pat Talley)

JUNE

- 6/2: **Thursday Dinner Ride**, Rickard's Ridge, Cove Lake State Park, LaFollette, TN
- 6/4: **TN-Q FunDay**, Clarksville, TN
- 6/18: **RC & Moon Pie Festival**, Bell Buckle, TN
- 6/25: **Progressive Dinner Ride** (Tom & Kathy Peck)

JULY

- 7/6-9: **Wing Ding**, Knoxville, TN
- 7/14: **Thursday Dinner Ride** to Pig & Chick, Bean Station, TN (Chuck & Pat Talley)
- 7/22: **Smokies Baseball Game**, Sevierville, TN (Jerry & Irene Ciesla)
- 7/31: **Knoxville Ride for Kids**, Pellissippi State Community College (Tom & Kathy Peck)

AUGUST

- 8/13: **Natural Tunnel State Park**, Scott County VA (Chuck & Pat Talley)
- 8/27: **Pool Party at Wagner's** (Burt & Helga Wagner)

SEPTEMBER

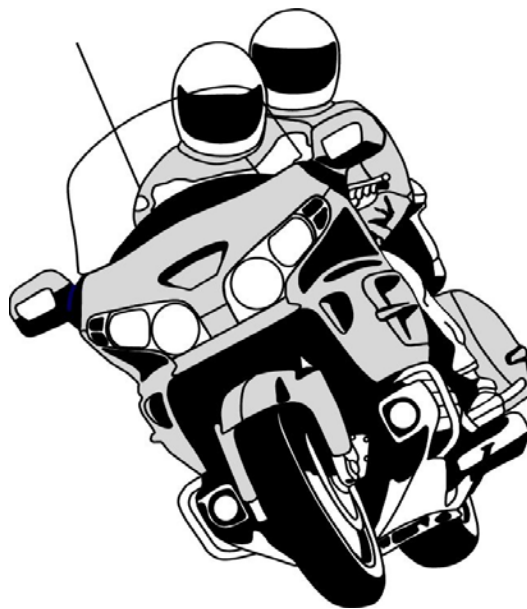
- 9/16: **Wings Across TN Picnic Lunch** (Tom & Kathy Peck)
- 9/17-24: **Savannah, GA; Daytona Beach, FL; Wings Over the Smokies**

OCTOBER

- 10/1: **Pumpkin Festival**, Alardt, TN
- 10/8-9: **Stone Mountain, GA**
- 10/21-23: **TN-Y Fall Color Ride**, Sweetwater, TN

Still to be added to our calendar are an overnight ride to Helen, GA, a ride to Shaker Village in KY, a ride to Muddy Pond, TN, game nights, and our Christmas Party.

Chuck Talley
Ride
Coordinator



Come Ride With Us!

April 2011