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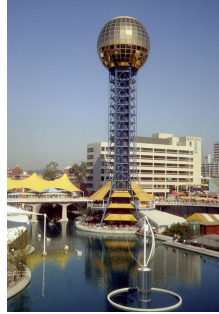
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(Rt. 61 Museum exit)
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just north of Knoxville
Eat at 6:30 PM
and our social starts
promptly at 7:30 PM
Hope to see Y'all there!!!

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From Your Sr. Chapter Directors, Tom and Kathy Peck



Our annual trip to the Florida got off to a great start with the wonderful weather we have had in Tennessee and really throughout the country. Seems we didn't have much of a winter and then went right into summer-time. We left on a Friday and headed down the super slab across I-40 and I-26 out of Asheville, NC, and on down south where we picked up I-95 south on into Jacksonville, FL.

As many of you know my brother, Jim, and his lovely wife B live in Jacksonville. B has been battling breast cancer and has had quite an ordeal the past several months. It was great to see her on a very positive note. As we pulled into their place they were having a "Freedom Party" as she is now free to get back on their Goldwing and ride once again. Her doctor released her and boy was she excited. After spending the weekend with them they decided to ride on down to Orlando and spend some relaxing quiet time with us at our place in Orange Lake Resort.

We did some touring around in central Florida visiting the strawberry farm for their famous Strawberry short cake. This is always a treat during strawberry season that will end at the end of March. Always fun to enjoy the orange blossom and strawberry fragrance out in the countryside; just that alone makes the trip worth the ride down. One of the best parts of this time was having lunch and riding for strawberries with old friends Jim and Brenda Pennington, who winter in Lakeland, and the next day riding to Mt. Dora for a picnic and meeting up with Gary and Dianah Davis.

The Florida rally was fun; best part was seeing many of our old friends we've met over the years as part of our GWRRA family, and we even got in a game of miniature golf. Jim & B headed back north so Jim could get ready to go back to work, and Kathy and I rallied around through the weekend. Although we knew we were going to win the 2012 Goldwing since it was a pearl white one and would match our bike, well no such luck, maybe next year.

Sunday we packed up and headed north up through the middle of the state on US 27 picking up Route 98 west along the Gulf coast. As we approached Panama City we pulled into one of our favorite places on the beach, Toucan's Seafood in Mexico Beach. The restaurant was right on the beach and was full of kids in the white sand. Lots of the kids were in the water so it must have been warm enough to enjoy.

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From Your Sr. Chapter Directors, *Continued*

Tyndall Air Force Base is located just east of Panama City right on the Gulf; we checked in for a couple nights on the base. Always good to see those fighter jets doing touch and go's as they roared through the skies. We rode into Panama City to celebrate my birthday that night, another annual event I look forward to.



Wednesday we were off towards Biloxi again hugging the Gulf as we headed west. Lots of spring-breakers everywhere as we made our way to Fort Morgan state park. We pulled in right after the ferry pulled out; we checked the bill board and saw the next ferry would leave in about 2 hours or so we got out the blankets and cards, found ourselves a shade tree, threw the blankets on the pine needles and played a couple rounds of 5 crowns. Kathy took a snooze and I toured the old fort where there were a couple old bunkers still standing. Construction began in 1819, completed in 1834. The large brick fort serviced the Civil War, Spanish-American War and both world wars. It played a major role during the Battle of Mobile Bay (1864). Pretty cool history lesson. We boarded the ferry for about an hour ride across Mobile Bay to Dauphin Island. It was about 2 hours to Biloxi from where we got off the ferry.

How many of you remember Forrest Gump's shrimping buddy Bubba Blue? Well Bubba was from Bayou La Batre where he and Forrest had their shrimp boat business. The shrimp boats were docked and ready to go as we rode through the little town. Just a little trivia!!

After getting gas in Bayou La Batre we headed towards Biloxi on Rt 188 where we picked up Rt 90 again.

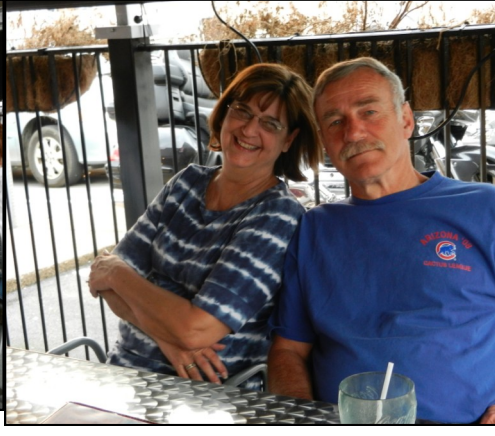
I started hearing a rumbling noise and thought it was the road condition so I turned off the tunes and gave a better listen. Well after checking out the differential oil and listening to the drive train while on the center stand I determined something bad was developing in the final drive.

Next day out came the good old Gold Book and a call to a local GWRRA member, and after I told him my dilemma he said it must be my lucky day. Seems like he had a shop in his garage and had a rear end assembly he removed from a bike he triked for his wife a few years ago. He had just gotten back into town after being out of town on business and he mentioned I was lucky he was home.

Well, after a few hours at his place I had the replacement final drive installed and road-tested. Everything checked out and that terrible noise was gone. KZ and Terry Kleinheitz, long-time acquaintances, saved our trip for us!

Later on that evening we met them at one of their favorite sea food places where we had their famous snow crab legs Cajun style. We could have stayed and talked all night – in fact they had to throw us out so they could close! Good ole friends and crab legs then back to the room to get a good night sleep so we can get up early and head west to Marshall, Texas, and the Region H rally. To be continued next month (we have about 10 days in Texas to go, then meeting up with friends in new Orleans, a 5-day cruise, and the Louisiana Rally – wish you all were here!)





Despite the weather forecast, bikes, trikes, and four wheelers made their way to Hot Rods 50's Diner in Maryville on Tuesday, March 20th. There were 14 of us there to enjoy dinner. Mark Kohlman stopped by and delivered t-shirts and Mike and Linda Bridges joined us for dessert. The threat of thunderstorms made for a short evening for some. The rest of us stayed around and closed the Diner for the night. Looking forward to the next dinner ride scheduled for Thursday, April 19th.





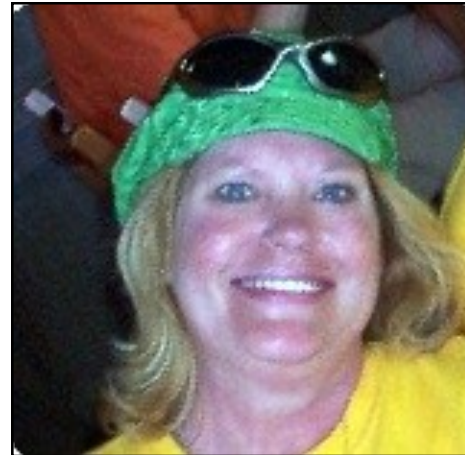
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Honda Yamaha of Knoxville Open House Event

It turned out to be a beautiful day to dust off the Bikes and Trikes (for those of us who haven't ridden yet) and head on out to the Honda Yamaha Open House, Saturday March 31st. We actually had a great turn out by the Chapter "B" Family to Support Honda Yamaha of Knoxville in their new venture with Motor trike!

A Special Thanks to Honda Yamaha and General George, for providing complimentary Barbecue Sandwiches, Chips, Ice Cold Drinks, and Rice Krispy Treats! Honda Yamaha also gave out tickets for the free drawings held about every half hour. Of course there were lots of winners today, but only two lucky people received any prizes (that we know of) from Chapter "B." That would be our Lucky Members Mike & Linda Bridges, Chapter Couple of the Year! Congratulations Mike and Linda.

We would also like to give a very Special Thank You to Wally Maliskey and Joann Smith, for Manning the Ride for Kids Booth Today at the Honda Yamaha Event. Last but not least, a shout out goes to Doug and Cindy Cox for Bringing a Friend with them, Pat Reynolds (Scooter Trash) joined us in riding today on her Honda Scooter. Pat had nothing but good things to say about all the members she met there. Everyone was so nice!

*Safe and Happy Riding, **Cindy Cox***





2012 TN District Convention "Spring Fling" Registration Form
 April 26 – 28, 2012
 The Grand Majestic Theatre
 Pigeon Forge, TN
 (Note: \$5.00 fee for cancellation)



Rider _____ (M or F) GWRRA # _____ Exp. _____ Age _____

Co-Rider _____ (M or F) GWRRA # _____ Exp. _____ Age _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ State/Chapter _____ Miles to Convention _____ One up _____ Two up _____

E-mail Address: _____ (Confirmations will be sent via e-mail)

TN Participant ONLY \$20.00 x _____ = \$ _____

*** BEFORE March 23, 2012

For PREREGISTRATION and STATISTICAL AWARDS, your registration MUST be post-marked by April 7, 2012. After April 7, 2012 and on-site, registrations will be \$5.00 more.

GWRRA Participant \$30.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Non Member \$35.00 x _____ = \$ _____

15-17 years old \$15.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Total Registration Fees \$ _____

EARLY BIRDS: Registrations postmarked by March 1, 2012 will receive a chance on the early bird drawing of \$200 CASH!!

Are you attending this convention for the first time? _____

Is this your first convention ever? _____

DAY PASSES (for visiting Vendors ONLY) will be sold onsite for \$10.00 each

Shirt Order Form

Short Sleeved T-Shirts

SM _____ M _____ LG _____ XL _____ x \$17 = \$ _____

XXL _____ XXXL _____ x \$19 = \$ _____

Long Sleeved T-Shirts

SM _____ M _____ LG _____ XL _____ x \$19 = \$ _____

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M _____ M _____ LG _____ XL _____ x \$23 = \$ _____

XXL _____ XXXL _____ x \$25 = \$ _____

Long Sleeved Golf Shirts

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Total SHIRT order = \$ _____

Total Registration = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____

Make check payable to: TN GWRRA

Mail to: Richard & Becky Griffin

TN GWRRA

1921 Warmingfield Dr.

Murfreesboro, TN 37127

I/We agree to conform and comply with the ideas governing this convention. I/We further agree to hold harmless GWRRA, co-sponsoring organizations, or any property owner(s) for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/We may become involved by reason of participation in the convention. I/We also agree to assume responsibility for any property which we knowingly damage.

Rider _____ Date _____

Co-Rider _____ Date _____

Spring Fling Work Schedule

Friday, April 27th	8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	10:00 AM - NOON
Chapter M	4 People	2 People
Chapter T	2 People	4 People
NOON - 2:00 PM		2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Chapter B	4 People	2 People
Chapter L	2 People	4 People
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM		
Chapter S	4 People	
Saturday, April 28th	8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	10:00 AM - NOON
Chapter A	4 People	2 People
Chapter O	2 People	4 People
NOON - 2:00 PM		2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Chapter Q	4 People	2 People
Chapter Z	2 People	4 People

Need Some Volunteers

April 14th Ride Information

This is from Burt Wagner, who will lead this ride.....April 14th.....thanks Burt....

Leaving The Shoney's on Emery Rd & I-75 (exit 112) at 9am.

If you wish to have some breakfast come around 8:15am or so and I should be there.

Please make sure you have a full tank of gas. From the Shoney's we will go down to Maryville and take the Foothills Parkway down to Deal's gap.

Then Hwy 28 to 281 and on to Bryson City for some BBQ.

Bring cash as the restaurant does not take credit cards.

After lunch we will take Hwy 23 to 209 north to Hwy 25 and back east.

The ride will be about 250 miles will enough variance in the roads for everyone.

We will be close to 40 most of the way home and can just jump on the highway if it starts to get to late

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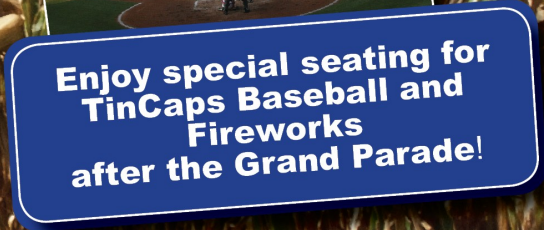
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July 4-7, 2012

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Chapter Educator Section

The Smart Corner

Dave Roberts, Chapter Educator

Winter is finally gone, so let the riding season begin! I know that some of you have recently taken a CPR/First Aid class or a seminar or two during this past off-season. This means you are better prepared to help in case one of your riding buddies has an accident or a health issue, or you are prepared to be a better co-rider. Now you are available to spend more time riding now that the season is here. Hopefully you have also taken time to make sure your motorcycle is ready to go, too. You may have done a T-CLOCS, or changed the oil, replaced worn tires, kept your battery charged, or discovered that you needed a new one and replaced it.

There are other things that you can do to be at your best out on the road, too. Many of us have already been out on the road however, it's not too late to sign up for a MSF or GWRRA Rider Course. (Gary Hamilton is teaching a course on April 7th.) How about taking a course at Spring Fling? So what else can you do to get in the right frame of mind and tune up your skills right away? There are a few things you can do as an individual or in a group (such as with your fellow Chapter B members) to be prepared to ride safely and with skill before the season is even two months old.

First, you can practice your skills in an empty, quiet parking lot with smooth pavement that is free of loose gravel or sand. Find an empty church or a school parking lot, or some unused out-of-the-way space at a shopping center safely away from moving vehicles. Choose a time when it is unlikely to be busy, (e.g., a school lot on Sunday) as your safety is of the utmost importance. Work on braking, turning, curves, stopping while in a curve (remember to straighten the handlebars before braking!), and turning when pulling away from a stop. When you practice alone, always remain vigilant to vehicles encroaching on your space.

Second, how about participating in a Parking Lot Practice? Also referred to as a PLP, this is an activity that many Chapters hold at the chapter level. The exercises in a PLP are all spelled out in the Cornering Practice Guide (available on the GWRRA website) along with tips to execute the skills correctly. Any one want to have a Chapter B parking lot practice? Let me know if you're interested and I'll set it

up.

Third, you can attend a Team Riding Seminar. This seminar is particularly good to hold as a chapter because the folks who are normally part of your riding team can all hear the same Team Riding tips. Why would you sit through a Team Riding Seminar? One reason is because most of us ride to various places around the state with our riding friends. And if you know what to expect from the others in your group – your team – you will be more likely to trust them. You will trust them because you'll know they are all going to ride safely and predictably in a staggered formation. That is what the Team Riding Seminar provides you.

Getting back to the bike for a minute, if you have new tires on your bike for the new season, know that the tire manufacturers recommend that you take it easy on those tires for the first 50 – 100 miles. That means go easy in the curves and easy on acceleration to prevent slide-outs. The reason is because the surface of the tire will be slickest (slippery) when new. There are a couple of common explanations why, but the result is the same – reduced traction. The rubber will get scuffed and roughed up enough over that distance during normal riding and the tire's grip will improve. Be particularly careful with new tires on painted stripes and metal plates, and all surfaces that are slick even when your tires aren't.

Remember the old saying that “practice makes perfect”? Well, that's not exactly correct. What we should say is “perfect practice makes perfect”. Practice in a parking lot, by yourself or with others, is good for all of us after the long off-season. It is even more beneficial when you take a rider course where you will receive excellent instruction; and all of us can improve our riding skills. After brushing up your skills, you'll be ready to go out and enjoy a safe riding season.

Ride Smart.

Dave





"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 new location Jan 2012, Shoney's at 1933 West Andrew Johnson Hwy. 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

New Location

Chapter **A2** meets the **4th Monday** each month at Shoney's Restaurant 2810 Alcoa Hwy Alcoa, Tn 37701
Darrell Dunn & Julie Lang; 865-323-9481

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

Chapter **T** meets the **4th Tuesday** Each month at QQ's Pizza , 7002 Maynardville Hwy, Halls Center Shopping Plaza.
Eat at 6:00 pm/Meet at 7:00 pm
Call Brian & Loretta Richards 865-332-3966

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 **4th Saturday** at Ryan's, 2854 North Main, Crossville Eat at 8:00 am Gathering at 9:00 am Call Alex & Diane Alenitsch 239-542-0452



New Chapter T-Shirts \$20
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 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**
- Chapter B Ball Caps...Now Available..... 12.00

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

423-562-1962 or talleylakeside03@gmail.com



- Nagle, Ken 4/2
- Cox, Cindy 4/8
- Rhoads, Debbie 4/12
- Tullock, Jeff 4/21

TN-B 2012 Ride and Event Schedule

APRIL

- 4/14: Bryson City, NC, lunch at BBQ Wagon
- 4/19 Thursday: Dinner Ride—TBA
- 4/26-28: TN Spring Fling, Majestic Theater, Pigeon Forge, TN; Contact Arrowhead Cabin Rentals at 800-557-8168 for great lodging just 7 minutes, 2.5 miles, from the rally site.

MAY

- 5/12: Shaker Village, KY Back Roads
- 5/15 Tuesday: Dinner Ride—TBA
- 5/19: 29th Annual Roane Mountain Steakout

JUNE

- 6/2: Natural Tunnel, Duffield, VA, and Pig & Chick Restaurant, Rogersville, TN
- 6/8 Friday: Dinner Ride—Smokies Baseball
- 6/14-16: GA Rally, Dillard House, Dillard, GA
- 6/16-23: Charleston, NC & Savannah, GA
- 6/30: TN-B Progressive Dinner Ride—Beeler, Talley, DeGuire, Smith

JULY

- 7/4-7: Wing Ding, Fort Wayne, IN
- 7/21: Cherohala and the Dragon
- 7/26, Thursday: RFK Volunteer Training, Comfort Inn Oak Ridge, 7:00 PM
- 7/28, Saturday: Alternate RFK volunteer Training, Time TBA
- 7/29: Knoxville Ride for Kids, Pellissippi State Community College
- 7/30 -8/4: Blue Ridge Parkway

AUGUST

- 8/18: Pool Party, Burt and Helga's
- 8/21 Tuesday: Dinner Ride—TBA
- 8/25: Wheels Through Time Museum, Maggie Valley, NC

SEPTEMBER

- 9/8: Pall Mall & Muddy Pond, TN, Forbes General Store for lunch
- 9/18 Tuesday: Dinner Ride—TBA
- 9/21-23: Wings Across Tennessee, Bristol to Memphis, TN-B will host the Friday lunch at Concord Park
- 9/21-29: Panama City, FL; Biloxi, MS; New Orleans, LA; Natchez Trace

OCTOBER

- 10/23 Tuesday: Dinner Ride—TBA

NOVEMBER

- 11/3: 2013 Ride Planning Meeting
- 11/17: Tennessee District Ops Meeting, Murfreesboro; Note: this is for all officers—CDs, ACDs, Chapter Educators, Membership Enhancement Coordinators, and Treasurers

DECEMBER

- Christmas Party—TBA

Note: Most of our Dinner Rides are planned for either Tuesday or Thursday, during the weeks in between our chapter gatherings. The following restaurants will be plugged into our schedule:

- The Grease Rack, Newport, TN
- Allison's Catfish Cabin, Greenback, TN
- Dinner Bell, Sweetwater, TN
- Pine Mountain State Park, Pineville, KY
- Whitestone's, Kingston, TN
- Hot Rod's 50's Diner, Maryville, TN
- Rickard's Ridge, Cove Lake State Park, Caryville, TN

Come Ride With Us!

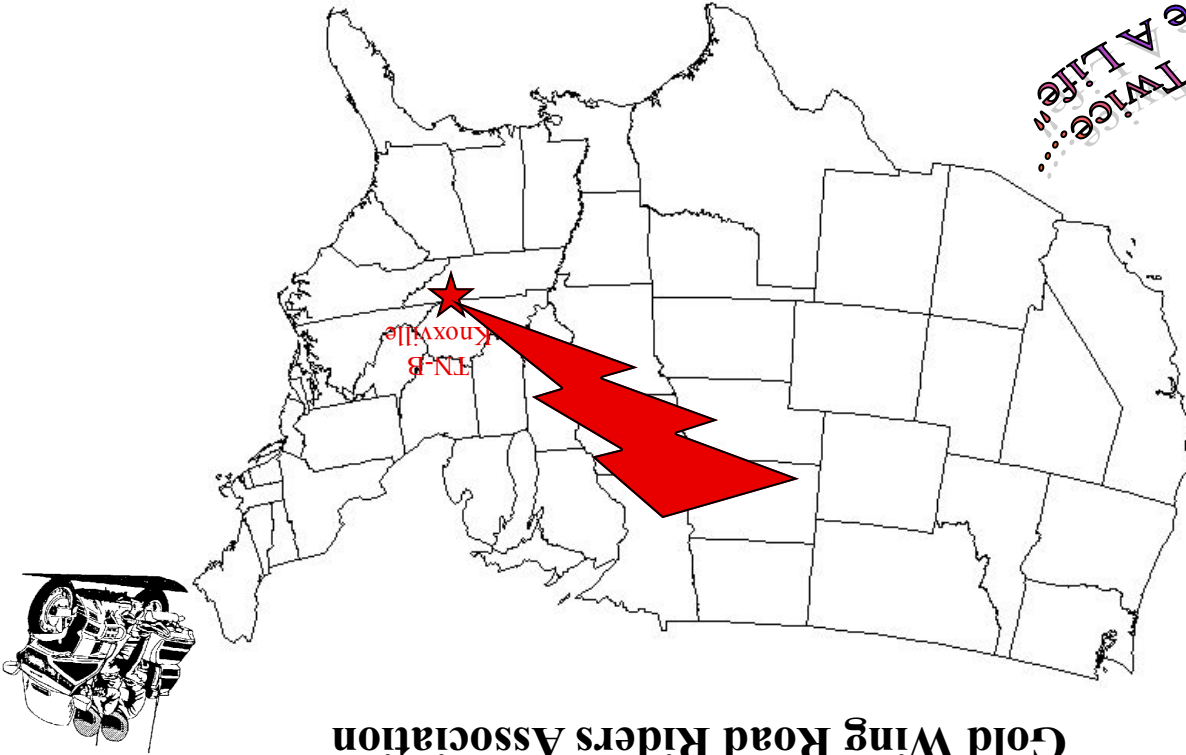
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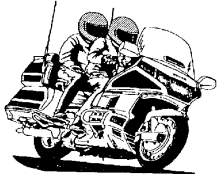


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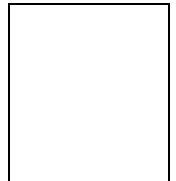
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