

# "The Buzz"

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38th Annual Tennessee District "Spring Fling" April 29-30 May 1, 2021 Pigeon Forge TN Hillbilly Hoe Down



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## From Your Senior Chapter B Directors Tom & Merrilee Peck





## Tom & Merrilee

Hi everyone, happy spring! Finally the good springtime weather has arrived and the riding season is in full swing. Hope you all have those Goldwings ready to rock and roll. We always look forward to getting together for Tech day on the 17th at our place to do some needed maintenance items such as oil changes etc. Always a good time to gather with our chapter friends after a long winter if nothing else but just to visit and kick some tires on how we survived over the off season. Our first ride was a huge success on a cool but sunny spring day. Stanley planed a wonderful route to the Natural Arch and Cumberland Falls. Joining in on the ride was our newly crowned Chapter Couple of the Year Bill & Barbara Sowder and our individual of the Year Robert Burnett along with Steve and Diane Skeens, Tom & Merrilee, Stanley and Patty and John Thompson. Mother nature sure has some great places she created for us to ride our Goldwings to visit and enjoy. The Natural Arch right in our backyard and to Cumberland Falls out of its banks with all the rain made for some amazing site seeing.

As we enter into a new riding season we need to take another look at what we are all about and that's planning and participating in our schedule of events, mostly RIDES! Let's all take another look at some of our favorites rides and share them with Wally so we can get them plugged into our Schedule, several new folks can share some of their favorite places many of our old timers may have never heard of, good example the Natural Arch this past weekend. Just submit your ride, we will get someone to help do the planning and will assign a ride Captain to lead. Getting ideas to fill in the schedule so we can provide some trips everyone can pick and choose from.

# Assistant Chapter Directors







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## Stanley & Patty Rinehart





I hope everyone has made it through the rains ok, and if April showers bring May flowers, then we should be well blessed with flowers this year. Unfortunately, because of the rain we saw Tech day get postponed and that was shaping up to be a great get together but hopefully we will make that one up. On the theme of great get togethers we have Spring Fling in a few weeks and it is looking like there is going to be a lot of interesting activities going on, from the Hillbilly theme to a bike show, a talent contest and a bike light show and even the best dressed Hillbilly and Chapter so it looks like it's going to be a lot of fun. Spring Fling, like any District Rally, needs the support of the Chapters in that District and since this is our District and Rally, we really need to get out and support it. There have been a lot of people working hard to put this thing together but they can always use some extra help, mainly volunteers to help out with different events, like security and some of the different tables that will be set up so if you are interested in helping out just get with me or Tom and we can get you set up. We have a few people lined up to help out but if you would rather not do that then you can show your support by attending and at the very least you will have a good time and man with this last year, we can sure use some of that. I was hoping we could work something up for the talent contest but so far we haven't had any suggestions on what to do but it's still not to late so if you have an idea just let me know. As always, we look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting. 3

# What will be your favorite Costume for Spring Fling















All it takes is a little imagination

## Lets have some fun!!

Kentucky Natural Arch





With Dogwood winter setting in I was worried that the temps were going to be cold for first scheduled Chapter Ride and after watching the weather predictions closely I decided to alter



our original plans of an early start and doing a picnic lunch so we decided to postpone our starting time by an hour and a half and have an early lunch at Shoney's then carry snacks to eat on at our designated stops. We had ten people show up ready to ride and as we pulled out from Shoney's the temp was around 46 degrees but actually felt warmer, maybe because of the sunshine, and plenty of that was to be had as there wasn't a cloud in the sky. We made our ride across the mountain and took high-

way 456 toward Oneida. This is always been a very nice motorcycle ride and a good way to miss a lot of traffic. After getting into Oneida, we took our first break to stretch our legs be-

fore heading back out on 27 to the Natural Arch. While taking our first break I discovered that I had left my phone sitting on the table at Shoney's but after a quick call they assured me they had it and it would be waiting there for us. We reached the Natural Arch and it was evident that we were not the only ones wanting to get out on such a beautiful day and look at such a wonderful sight. The area is well maintained with plenty of picnic areas, restrooms and nice concreted walkways. The viewing platform to look at the



arch is set up right in front of it with an unobstructed view and to say the Arch is amazing is an understatement, it is very impressive and well worth the trip. After sitting and having snacks we mounted up and took a new to me road to go over and see what Cumberland Falls looked like after so much rain.

The temps had come up and were hovering around 57 degrees but again, thanks to the sunshine, felt much warmer and after getting to the Falls it did not disappoint. There was a lot of water rolling over the falls and the area where you can usually go out and look at the falls was blocked off. After leaving the Falls we took another new to me road to start heading back, this turned out to be a really motorcycle friendly road and with the temps around 63 degrees had turned this into a spectacular day. What started out as a day that I was worried would be too cool turned out to be an absolutely beautiful and rewarding day with extra helpings of sunshine, nice roads and good riding temps and to get to share that with friends really made the whole day and our first official Chapter ride a very special day.















# Happy Trails









Well here we are about one full year after all this virus stuff started disrupting our daily activities. Things are getting a little more toward "normal" these days with some rides on the schedule and events like Spring Fling, etc. Remember to exercise reasonable caution to help stop any further spread of the virus.

Some good news for an upcoming chapter outing; Smokies Baseball will be back starting in May. We are trying to schedule a chapter outing for June 11th (Friday) to Smokies Park for an evening game. We are still waiting for the Sevier County officials to set the seating standards for the social distancing requirements for the season at this point. However, if you would like to attend the game please bring a little extra cash to the May chapter gathering to secure seats for the game. Ticket prices have been usually around \$10 each. We will notify everyone about finalizing the event as soon as possible.

Thanks again to everyone for being concerned about my recent health problem. Everything is progressing well and though I can't be on the bike for a little while yet we're going to try to make some rides if possible in the 4 wheeler.

Until next time, ride safer

Jerry

## Items For Sale

2015 Honda Shadow Phantom

750cc

6000 Miles

Saddle bags and rear seat bag

Windshield

AM/FM, USB and Micro SD Card reader radio system

Garage kept

\$ 5,000.00

Jeff Seal,







For sale item submitted by Scott Seal's brother

# Let get to know our Chapter Members







My name is JoAnn Smith. I am a proud mother of four daughters and a German Shephard dog. I was born in Roane County TN. and raised in Dayton, Ohio. I moved back to Tennessee to finish high school. Then I moved back to Ohio. There I met the love of my life and the love of Motorcycles! He was a HARLEY MAN! One day my love decided to buy me my own motorcycle! It was a Honda 450!

Our first long trip was south through Kentucky into Tennessee, through the gorge to Blowing Rock North Carolina. I remember it was raining so much and so hard I almost swore off riding! It took several. trips more trips before I was prepared for Mother Nature!

Many years later I decided to sell my Honda and started to ride a Harley once again. It did not take me long to figure out Hondas rode better! So, Hubby purchased us a 1800 Goldwing in 2003. Then he decided to trike it in 2005. After he passed I found myself without a captain to my bike. It was either get on it or sell it. So, I drug myself up and went to a Chapter B meeting in which the Tallys invited me. Chapter B was a God send! I have had a blast! I have been. places I have only dreamed of going!

I enjoy going to church and worshiping with my church family. I love to cook and had a Food Ministry at my church where we served meals! once a month until the pandemic hit. I enjoy all Tennessee Volunteer. sports, dancing, traveling and reading. Most of all I enjoy my trike and the trips I take with my Chapter B family!





## **Caramel Popcorn**

2 sticks butter
2 c. firmly packed brown sugar
1/2 c. light or dark corn syrup
1/2 t. baking soda
1 t. vanilla
6 qts. popped corn

Ladies, please submit some of your favorite Recipes to Merrilee so they can be used here in this section and we can share them with all our Chapter B members

Melt butter in large saucepan. Stir in brown sugar, syrup and salt. Bring to a boil stirring constantly. Boil without stirring for 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in baking soda and vanilla. Gradually pour over popped corn in 2 large shallow baking or roasting pans. Mix well. Bake at 250 degrees for 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes. Remove from oven and cool completely. Break apart and store in tightly covered container. Makes 5 quarts.

## Frozen Raspberry Salad

1 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese
1/2 c. sugar
1 pt. semi-thawed red raspberries
1 small can crushed pineapple, drained
3 bananas, diced
10 oz. cool whip

Blend cream cheese and sugar; add raspberries and pineapple. Fold in bananas and Cool Whip.

Freeze in 9x13 inch pan. Remove from freezer 1/2 hour before serving.

**Submitted by Merrilee Peck** 





Over the years Chapter B has chosen the Lifestyle program as not only a great fund raiser but provides a good excuse to get together for a ride. You all know how much fun it is to enjoy a new place to eat in our area. With the pandemic we experienced last year it pretty much shut down our Restaurant Rating activities. I plan to pick up some 2021 cards and should be available at our April 6th chapter gathering. Most locations offer a buy one and get one free so one card for each couple works best, individuals always get 1/2 off a menu item. Typically the pocket saver costs \$20 and the chapter get \$4 for their favorite fund raising effort. The more the merrier as we schedule dinner rides using our Lifestyle cards, hope you all participate again this year.



Lennie Martin April 12th Debbie Rhoads April 12th Barbara Sowder April 18th



Richard & Deniese James April 18th

# **Chapter Visita**



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 **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 Gene & Donna Dunn 631-848-9435

Chapter C meets the **3rd Tuesday** each month at Bob Evans, I-26 Boone's Creek Exit, Kingsport, Eat at 6:00pm and start the Gathering at 7:00pm. TN Tom & Carolyn Jarrell 423-383-0339

Chapter A2 meets the 3rd Monday each month at Shoney's 1021 Lamar Alexander Pkwy Maryville, Eat at 6pm Meeting at 7pm. Chapter Directors Bob Mack Jr. and Margie Pagano 865-376-5090.

Chapter T meets the **4th Saturday** Each month at the Down Home Restaurant, 7755 Rutledge Pike, Rutledge TN 37861 Eat at 11:00 am/Meet at 12;:00 Pm CD: Lee Ann & Wilburn Hayes 423-497-2945

Chapter C2 meets the 3rd Thursday at Eat at 6:30 pm The new place is Ruby Tuesdays, 2316 N Main St, Crossville, TN. Meeting at 7:00 pm Chapter Director is Randy Ryan. 985-201-3791

We have several Chapter Shirts, you can choose the one you

like. Pat can order or you can purchase on your own and we can get the embroidering done for you.

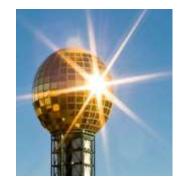


We can order so many more goodies - such as - a GWRRA Mouse Pad for your computer, GWRRA Ball Caps in various colors, Coasters, Earrings, Logo Vest Clip Chains, License Plates, Bolo Ties, Happy Face Antenna Ball - and so much more (just too much to list here).



LET'S GO SHOPPING! See the "Quarter Master" Pat Talley

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Stay Tuned to www.tn-b.org

## **2021 Ride Schedule Wally Maliskey Ride Coordinator**

## **April**

6th.... Shoney's Restaurant 2405 Andersonville Hwy, Clinton, TN Exit 122 off I-75 (Rt. 61 Museum exit) Eat at 6:00 PM & our social starts promptly at 7:00 PM

17th.... Tech Day Tom & Merrilee's Place. Time to get those Goldwings ready for the riding season. We will do minor maintenance item on your Goldwings to get them ready to ride. Meet at Tom & Merrilee' home at Deerfield Resort at 10 am, it's just out of town from Lafollette. Let Wally and Stanley know what food items you will be bringing.

We will have lunch around noon. Remember to bring you own maintenance items. Ladies will be discussing some fun and games for Spring Fling. Everything is the same except for the date changed to the 17th of April this is a reschedule.

24th, Ride for East TN Children's Hospital's Snack and Band Aid fund, will leave a 0930 at exit 398 at the Cracker Barrel parking lot will head up to Tri City's for Lunch with Jess McMurray and donate funds raised.... donations taken at the start of the ride......Wally to lead...

9th, 30th, and May 1st 38th GWRRA District Spring Fling in Pigeon Forge, TN...." Hillbilly" Hoe Down.....

## May

4th .... Shoney's Restaurant 2405 Andersonville Hwy, Clinton, TN Exit 122 off I-75 (Rt. 61 Museum exit) Eat at 6:00 PM & our social starts promptly at 7:00 PM

## June

1st .... Shoney's Restaurant 2405 Andersonville Hwy, Clinton, TN Exit 122 off I-75 (Rt. 61 Museum exit) Eat at 6:00 PM & our social starts promptly at 7:00 PM

5th.... Chapter B Annual Picnic, Norris Dam Picnic Shelter, Picnic Committee planning the day. Stanley to oversea Picnic activities and Picnic Committee

29th - July 3rd.....Wing Ding #42, Springfield MO....

Please send us your ride suggestions