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The Gold Wing Road Riders Association is a social group who enjoys riding motorcycles, especially the Honda Gold Wing.

Our Motto is "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge." We plan rides and other activities that allow us to meet people with similar interest. Come visit us and find out what you may be missing.

Check out our Web site at : www.tn-b.org and stay up to date with all our activities and join us when you can. We would love to have you.

We publish a monthly newsletter and provide this to all our members and visitors. You can also view the newsletter on our web site.

Join us and see why there are more than 85,000 members all over the world in 52 countries and in all 50 states.

GWRRA Makes a Difference!

Join us the **First Tuesday**
each month,
at **Shoney's Restaurant**,
2405 Andersonville Hwy,
Andersonville, TN 37716,
865-494-7295

(Rt 61 Museum exit)
Exit 122 off I-75,
just north of Knoxville.
Eat at 6:30 PM
and the gathering starts
promptly at 7:30 PM.
Next Gathering: August 3rd
See Y'all there!!!

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**From your Chapter
Directors,
Tom and Kathy Peck**



Here we are, one week into our trip to Niagara Falls and other Canadian Provinces. Kind of difficult to work on the newsletter while on the road traveling on the Goldwing but who ever said life was easy!

Off we went to Niagara Falls with a few of our friends and what a great ride it was!! Well at least until the sky opened up riding through West Virginia. Those streams of water coming off the hillside can sure sneak up on you riding the back roads. Even though we didn't hit the big downpour the accumulated rain draining onto the road can be scary.

Well we did survive to ride another day and was that day beautiful. US Route 119 and US 219 were great heading north into Pennsylvania and into New York where we crossed into Canada.

After checking into our rooms we all met for dinner and a stroll around the falls. What a fun trip. As Kathy and I & rallied all weekend with the Goldwingers the others got all checked out on the site-seeing stuff in and around the falls for the next several days.

Hope you all have a happy riding season and also a safe one. As we continue our trip we will be thinking about all our chapter members and wishing you were all along with us enjoying the sites. Hopefully by the time you get this newsletter you all will be planning to come to the Chapter gathering Tuesday and support Scott and Amy as they conduct the gathering.

See you all soon and remember to "Ride Safe"

Tom & Kathy



PROGRESSIVE MEMBERSHIP DRAWING

One lucky Chapter "B" participant's GWRRA membership number will be drawn at each gathering. If that member is present and can show a current GWRRA membership card, they will win \$20!

If card is expired or not available to show, an additional \$5 will be placed in the drawing for the following month. So get your cards out, check the expiration date and make sure you have it with you Tuesday!



Wear Your Chapter Shirt and you'll receive an extra 50/25/25 ticket!

Anyone, including our visitors, wearing a chapter shirt or vest, will be given an extra 50/25/25 ticket.

So wear your chapter shirt and show your chapter spirit!

Introducing our NEW Chapter B "WAY TO GO!" Award

Be ready to nominate one of our chapter participants for this monthly prestigious award. Anyone who has done something kind, helpful, noteworthy, above-and-beyond-the-call-of duty . . . (you get the picture) is deserving of this award. Congratulations to Mike Bridges, who won our "Way to Go" Award in July.

Officer Certification Program

Registration is **NOW OPEN** for the OCP class that will be held in Lebanon, TN on August 28th - 29th. For more information contact **Tony Boquet** to register at trikers2@comcast.net or call him at (615) 599-8266



Niagara Falls Here We Come (Or how to wear the same pair of jeans for 3 days)

On Tuesday, July 20, 2010, 7 brave souls set out on a 900 mile ride to Niagara Falls (Ontario, Canada).

The weather was beautiful starting out. The riders were Tom and Kathy Peck, Joann Smith, Tom and Debbie Rhoads and the Harley riders, Jack and Debbie Burnett. We would have gone further the first day but Tom Peck could not pass up any place

serving sausage and biscuits. Every town had a McDonald's and Tom stopped and ate.

We rode to Wise, VA where we picked up Jack and Debbie Burnett, who live in the Kingsport area. Every-

thing went well until we reached Charleston, West Virginia where the rain started. As long as we were moving we were okay. But then we had to stop for that LONG red light and we got completely soaked.

Driving on into the mountains, we drove through water flooding onto the road. Then the call of surrender came over the CB's; Tom Rhoads had to pull over and put his WUSSY Suit on (rain suit). On our way again, we arrived in Westin, WVA where we thought we would spend the night. All hotels were full, even on a Tuesday night! We back pedaled a short distance and stayed in Sutton, WVA.

After a good nights sleep and a great breakfast, we all started out in rain gear, but soon

the weather improved. Into Pennsylvania we rode, seeing the beautiful scenery, old towns and farmlands make you understand why motorcyclists take the back roads.

An unplanned side trip to Shanksville, PA was put on the agenda. This was where Flight 93 crashed on September 11. Currently it is a temporary memorial, they are constructing a permanent one. Afterwards we rode to Dubois, PA where we spent the night. The next morning we had about

175 miles to Niagara Falls, fantastic weather! We arrived about 2:00 p.m.

In Niagara Falls, we gathered for dinner at the Skylon Tower revolving restaurant. The restaurant slowly rotates 360 degrees for a magnificent view of the Falls. The dinner was great until we found out every time we got refills on our

tea or coke we got charged at least \$3.45. \$13.00 for 4 glasses of tea! After that we asked if refills were free!



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Niagara Falls Here We Come (continued)



Ohio and West Virginia. Steubenville, OH was our first night stop, then on to Pikeville, KY for the second night, where once again all the rooms were full, due to a flood and FEMA and Red Cross workers took all the rooms. So on we went to Wise, VA. On Monday we rode about 405 miles, long day! Tuesday we rode to Jack and Debbie's home. They gave us a tour of their beautiful home that they had remodeled. Our group now was down to 3, Joann, Tom and Debbie. In Knoxville, we waved goodbye to Joann and arrived home about noon.

Tom and Kathy then left to go to their lodging and the rally. While in Niagara, we did the tourist things. We rode the Maid of the Mist, Niagara Fury (it was great), Journey Behind the Falls and a walk along the rapids.

Sunday morning we all left in rain gear. Tom Rhoads was leading to the poor demise of the others. Tom now appreciates what it takes to be in the front and he hopes that was the last time. We came back a different route and saw a lot of steam plants! Jack, Debbie, Tom and Debbie are retired TVA employees. Jack, Debbie Burnett and Tom Rhoads are retired from Kingston Steam Plant so they all enjoyed this sight.

We traveled along the Ohio River through



This was the first long ride for all of us except Tom and Kathy. I now know what it takes to ride for days. I know you should check the lug nuts on your trailer for tightness at home instead of in a gas station 500 miles away. I know that my behind gets sore quickly, but with more long trips planned, maybe I can get my behind calloused like Tom Peck's and ride longer in a day.

We had a great trip with beautiful scenery and excellent companionship!

NOTE: This article was written by Tom Rhoads, except the part about his wussy suit, which was discussed and approved by the rest of the group.



Update from your traveling Chapter Directors

Today is Saturday, July 31, and we've traveled over 2000 miles, visited Niagara Falls and attended 2 rallies in Canada! Dave and Betty joined us in Niagara Falls the same day we split off from the other chapter members; they rode 750 miles that day from home!



wick, where we spent the night in a 150 yr-old B & B (see photo).

The Canadians here at the rally in Prince Edward Island have treated us great! We had a guided ride yesterday morning another today, with about 20-25 bikes each day.

The Region K Rally was great! Our ice cream ride took us by the falls. And the ice cream was so tasty we had to back again the next day after we rode the Aero car across the whirlpool.



The 4 of us left Niagara Falls and headed back onto the states to ride through the Adirondack mountains in New York and then through Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine on our way to St. Martins, New Bruns-



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Update from your traveling Chapter Directors (continued)

A stop for ice cream on each ride of course was in the plans. When we stopped today, one of the riders bought a lottery ticket for each person on the ride, and wouldn't you know it that Tom's ticket netted him \$100!



Prince Edward Island grows a lot of potatoes—in fact we were told that they supply about 50% of MacDonald's French fries! And they love to load their potatoes with everything. (see photo).



We have a parade yet today, then closing ceremonies, a talent (less) show, and a light parade. Tomorrow we'll stay on



the island and do some more riding and end up tomorrow night at a show with Celtic fiddling and step-dancing. From



there we'll tour Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. Having a ball and wish you were all with us. We'll be thinking of you at the gathering Tuesday night.

Tom and Kathy

OUTER BANKS TRIP SEPT.25-OCT.1, 2010

Total trip will be around 1,500 miles, depending on any extra riding we do. Actual distance from Knoxville to Cedar Island Ferry (where you board the ferry to Ocrakoke Island) is 547 miles. Riding the Outer Banks is probably around 100 miles, taking you into Virginia Beach. Return ride will bring us through VA into TN.

- We already have a ride planned to attend "Wings Over the Smokies" in Fletcher, NC on Sat. Sept.25, so for those who plan to ride the Outer Banks, we can shorten our trip by leaving from there on **Saturday afternoon**. We would ride about 109 miles, then spend the night around Statesville, NC.
- **Sunday morning**, we would ride 295 miles into Morehead City, spend the night, because lodging is better there than at Cedar Island.
- **Monday**—Ride 40 mi. to catch the ferry at Cedar Island, taking us to Ocrakoke Island. Ferry ride is \$10 for motorcycles,

\$15 if you tow a trailer.(2 hr. ride) Visit the Graveyard of the Atlantic museum (no charge, donations accepted) Several lighthouses along the way. Ride to next ferry (free) taking us to Hatteras Island. Ride on to spend the night at Kill Devil Hill.

- **Tuesday**—Visit the Wright Brothers National Monument (\$4 charge) then drive on into VA Beach in the afternoon. Lots of motels right on the Boardwalk. Motel rates are reasonable at this time of the year, through the week.
- **Wednesday**—Rest up in VA Beach, spending another night, if the group desires.
- **Thursday**—Head for home, scenic route, spending the night along the way.
- **Friday**—Arrive Home!!!

Chuck and Pat Talley
423-562-1962

Pool Party At Burt & Helga's House

Saturday, August 21st. 1pm until ???

Burt & Helga will be supplying hot dogs, hamburgers, pop, and music. **If you like you can bring a dish to pass. PLEASE RSVP so Burt knows how much food to have on hand.**

Remember, this is a swimming party, bring your suit and a towel. Burt's pool is 15' x 30' so there is room for all. Some of the decking around Burt's pool is Aluminum and can get quite hot in the sun, so bring something to wear

on your feet. If you really do not want to swim, come anyway and have some fun. This is a family event.

From I-75 exit 112 West. Just past the Hardee's make a right up Blueberry Rd. Go up the hill, just past the 'S' turn to the 2nd house on the left. You will see the '4'-car garage.

Burt & Helga Wagner
7809 Blueberry Rd.
Powell, TN – H: 865/938-0221 - C:865/318-0883
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Blue Ridge Parkway Ride



Chapter Educator Section

The Smart Corner

By way of introduction, I'm calling this new rider education column "The Smart Corner", not because I'm smart, but because I remember an old English Police motorcycle instructor telling us to "make the smart corner". Even though that was a very long time ago, the old guy's way of telling his students to think ahead while riding is still just as valid today as it was 40 years ago.

Tom tells me that some of our newer members may not know me, and I hope over the next little while to get to know you all. I started riding in 1959 with a tricked up Cushman Eagle, and I've been riding ever since. The many years and miles of riding does not make me an expert, but those years and miles have taught me a healthy respect for what can happen in just a moment of carelessness on a motorcycle.

A proper mental attitude is the most important piece of equipment that a rider can possess, and GWRRA rider education level 1 states that all riders and co-riders will ride with an attitude for safety. This is something all of us can do as we throw a leg over our bikes, we can put our mind in gear; or "make the smart corner".

Ride Smart .
Dave Roberts



PERIMETER RUN

Remember...in lieu of the District Picnic, there will be a Perimeter Run held on September 9-12. Check the District website for a detailed itinerary about this new event.



- 9/9 - Spend night in Kimball.**
- 9/10 - Spend night in Union City.**
- 9/11 - Spend night in Caryville.**
- 9/12 - Spend night in Kimball.**

For Sale Items



I have a Tour-Master jacket for sale see picture above... Very nice jacket. like brand new, Its a man small, I wore it, I wear a lady small/Med it is lined very nice , We are asking \$60.00 for it.
Contact Sherri Esau email at sherriesau@yahoo.com or Ph # 865-661-



Brand new, never worn **Teknic** brand leather riding jacket with a removable cold weather liner. size XL.

Internal armor protection in the shoulders and elbow.

\$125

Contact: Jerry Ciesla

at cell # 773-259-6896

2 Brand new mesh with armor riding jackets, never worn size L & XL color blue exactly as the picture shows with Goldwing emblem on the back. Check with Chuck and Pat Talley 423-562-1962 Priced very reasonably





"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 Alvin & Josie Nelson 865-977-9096

Chapter **G2** meets the **1st Monday** each month at Mr. Gatti's, 1431 Parkway, 37862. It is on the corner of the Rt. 66 Parkway and Nascar Dr., across from Wal-Mart Eat at 6:30 Meet at 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 Carroll & Pat Bales 865-687-2986



New Chapter T-Shirts \$20
Chapter "Bee" Embroidered Hats: \$15
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 HatsNow Available..... 15.00
- 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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Merrilee DeGuire—Aug 20
Peanut Davis—Aug 26
Bill Walters—Aug 26



Roy & Joyce Jennings—Aug 2
Tom & Debbie Rhoads—Aug 9
Calvin & Sherri Esau—Aug 15

If we missed your Birthday or Anniversary make sure you contact Betty or Merrilee 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 2010 Ride Schedule

Thursday-Saturday, August 5-7, KY Rally, Somerset, KY.

Saturday, August 14, Fall Creek Falls Ride

Saturday, August 21, Pool Party at Wagner's
(See the article on page 8)

Saturday, August 28, Chapter Leadership Skills Program, Lebanon, TN.

Friday-Sunday, September 10-12, TN District Perimeter Ride

Saturday, September 25, Wings Over the Smokies, Fletcher, NC. (Day Ride on Saturday)

Saturday-Friday, September 25-October 1, Outer Banks, (Note: This is change from the previous schedule)

Thursday-Saturday, October 7-9, VA Rally, Salem, VA.

Sunday, October 17, Knoxville Ride for Kids (Training Thursday Oct 14)

Saturday, November 6, Cumberland Playhouse—Brigadoon

Friday, November 19, Game Night, 7 PM

Saturday, November 20, TN District Operations Meeting.

Saturday, December 4, Chapter Christmas Party

Friday, December 17, Game Night, 7 PM

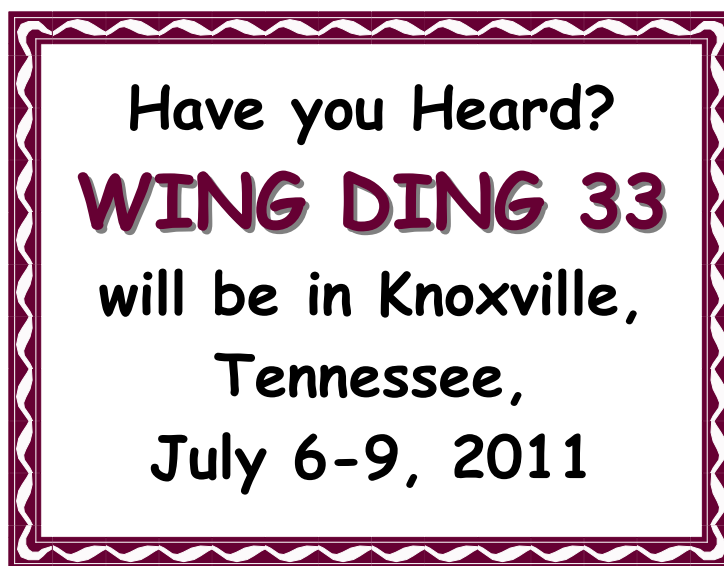
Game Nights: In the cooler months we'll plan to have Game Nights the 3rd Friday of each month.

We'll be looking for volunteers to host!

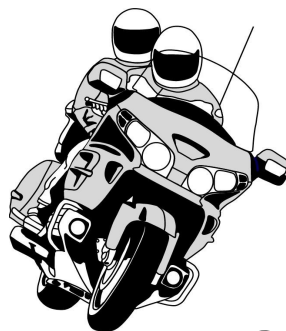
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Check the newsletter and web-site regularly for updates and more information!

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Come Ride With Us!!!



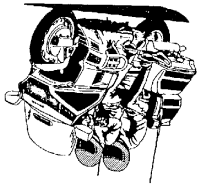
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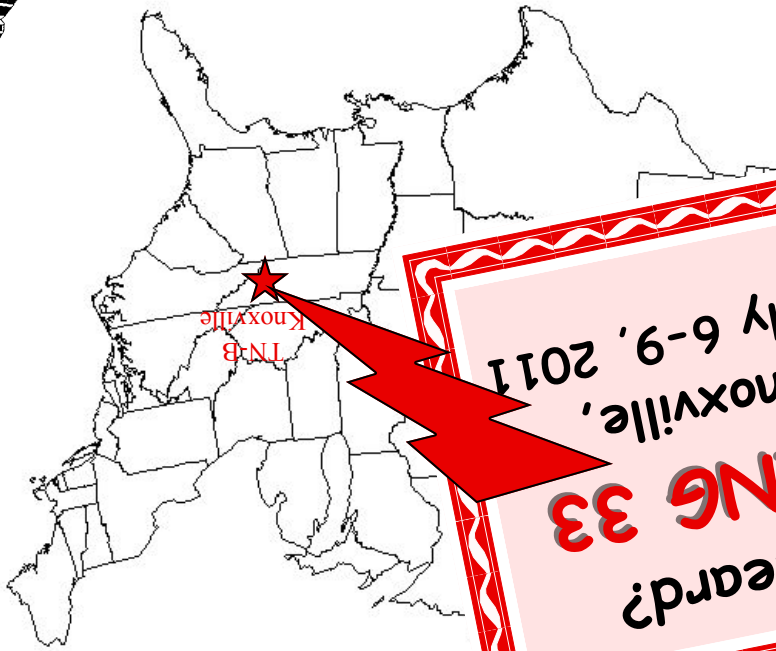
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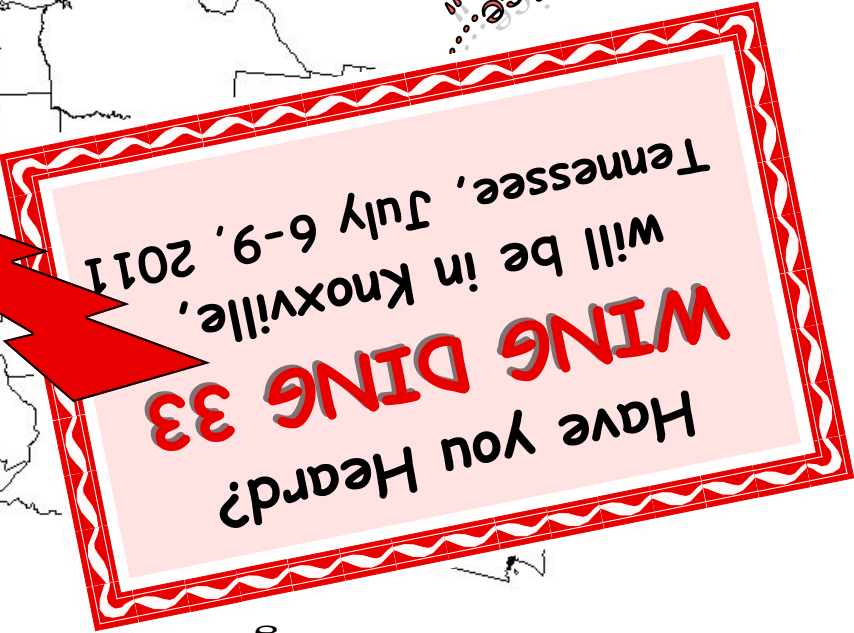
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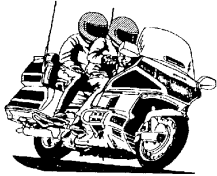
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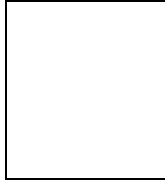


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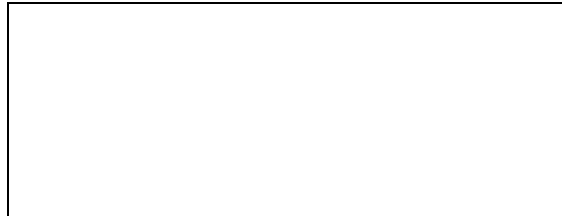
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