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Ride For Kids THIS SUNDAY

Sunday July 31st come out and ride with us. This year our ride will leave the Pellissippi State Community College jus north of I-40 on the Pellissippi Parkway west of Knoxville. Registration opens at 8 am and ends at 9:45 and the ride will start promptly at 10 am. Coffee and donuts will be provided before the ride and there will be a lunch for everyone at the end of the ride. Come out and help us raise some funds to help provide research for this terrible childhood disease. Meet some of our STARS who will be out to tell their story and thank you all for coming out.

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 Hope to see Y'all there!!! Next gathering: August 2

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From your Sr. Chapter Directors, Tom and Kathy Peck

Hi Everyone,

Wow what a month we have had, July arrived HOT and exciting. With Wing Ding in town and lots of old friends from all over the country, what a fun time we had. Things got off to a roaring start as some of our Goldwing friends showed up the weekend before Wing Ding started. The gang from Florida, as we called them, all on their Goldwings rolled in to stay with us, and the Canadian gang rolled in and several stayed with Dave & Betty.

Plenty of mountain riding was had by all to pretty much use up a couple days and the lake provided some much need relaxation out in the boat and in the water on a hot day. One of the highlights of the week with our Floridians was the "Fire on the Water" fireworks display at Sequoia Marina and then the next night at Deerfield Resort. The special grill out and pool party at Dave's & Betty's place, as Chapter B invited many of our Canadian friends we met over the years of touring in Canada, was outstanding! We owe a great big thank you to Dave and Betty!

One of the great things about GWRRA is all the friends you can meet as you travel on the Goldwing—friendships that last a life time and renewed every year when Wing Ding time comes around, sharing your home with good friends and getting together to kick tires and even do some riding—doesn't get much better than that!

We hope you all are enjoying summer time in Knoxville, just remember all those cold days this past winter, give me a hot summer day anytime. Enjoy the heat while you can is all I can say; cooler weather is just around the corner and will be here way too soon as you all know.

We still have several organized rides on the calendar so make sure you check out the newsletter as well as our chapter web site for the latest information on the rides. Feel free to contact us if you need further details about the rides or if you have any questions at all. It's never too early to be thinking about next year's ride schedule, make sure you jot down that thought if you hear about a fun place or some particular destination we can put on the calendar next year. Also, it is never too early to get those plans together for Wing Ding 34 that is being held in Fort Wayne, Indiana once again next year. Many people even wanted the National office to announce the 2013 location so they could do some planning in the future—and they did! It's Greenville, South Carolina; many of us know what a great location that is for Wing Ding to be held.

Last but not least I would like to announce the appointment of our new District Directors for Tennessee. Richard & Becky Griffin will take over the position August 1st and will soon announce their new District staff. Keep your eye on the District web site at www.tngwrra.org for all the latest information. We will pass along any information we get to keep you all informed.

Tom & Kathy

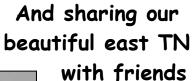
A Great Visit with our Florida Friends



Coolin' off in the lake



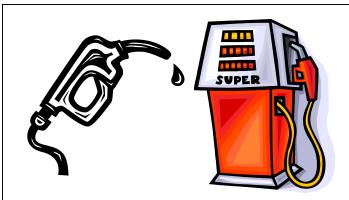
Enjoying the fireworks







ALCOHOL AND MOTORCYCLES DON'T MIK

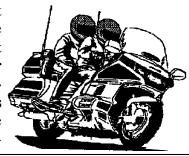


The August issue of the American Motorcyclist, by the AMA had an article called "ALCOHOL AND MOTORCYCLES DON'T MIX And That Includes Your Gas Tank." I've taken the liberty to reprint a couple of what I felt were the most important paragraphs. If you want to read the entire article pick up a copy of the magazine.

"Late last year, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved a new gasoline formulation that contains up to 15 percent alcohol by volume, also known as E15. Never heard of it? In the coming months you probably will, as ethanol-based E15 will become an important issue for the on- and off-highway motorcycling and all-terrain vehicle (AN) communities.

"In a nutshell, E15 may appear at a fueling station near you and you need to be careful-in fact very careful where you use this new fuel. In October 2010, the EPA approved E15 for use in model year 2007 and newer light-duty vehicles (cars, light-duty trucks and medium duty passenger vehicles). In January 2011, it added model year 2001-06 light-duty vehicles to the approved list. Because flexible-fuel vehicles are approved to use E85 (85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline), they may also use E15.

"More important to riders, though, are the vehicles and engines that are not approved for E15, which currently include all motorcycles and ATVs. Also on the unapproved list are vehi-



cles with heavy-duty engines, such as school buses, transit buses and delivery trucks; off-road vehicles, such as boats and snowmobiles; small engines, such as lawnmowers and chain saws; and all cars older than 2001. While the AMA applauds efforts to make our nation more energy efficient, the problem is that E15 burns hotter than gasoline that contains a lesser amount of ethanol. In engines not designed to dissipate that extra heat, damage in the form of premature wear can result.

"Although this is a concern in all motorcycles, it's particularly problematic for air-cooled engines found in many bikes. When you consider everything in your garage, storage shed and basement that runs on gasoline, you may discover you have more E15 non-approved vehicles and engines than approved ones. To double-check whether an engine shouldn't use E15, review the owner's manual for anything you own that runs on gasoline. Check the fuel requirements-it's likely that you'll find a statement that you should only use gasoline with no more than 10 percent ethanol by volume or you'll void the warranty. So, what should you do? Keep an eye out for E15, and avoid it.

"At this time, you shouldn't use it in your vehicle. Even if E15 is eventually authorized for use in newer motorcycles and APIs, pay careful attention to the manufacturer's warnings.

"Finally, when it comes to alcohol and motorcycling, alcohol in our gas tank shouldn't be our only concern. A large number of motorcycle crashes resulting in serious injury or death reveal that alcohol consumption was involved with riders and/or the drivers in the other vehicles.

"When it comes to alcohol and motorcycles, they just don't mix."

Yours In Friendship,

Burt Wagner



Wing Ding in our Home Town!





And then . . . on to the zoo

Dinner at Calhoun's





Emily's first big ride!

And guess what? We're eating again! This time at Puleo's



Thanks, Dave and Betty, for Hosting our International Pool Party!



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Product Review

Like most of us I like to keep my bike clean and polished. I have three shelves in my garage full of cleaners and high-end wax products. Up to this point my favorite has been Meguiar's Tech Wax paste. It provides a good shine, no dreaded white stuff, and is easy to work with.

I saw a can of Collinite 476S at a car show and asked the guy if it was what he used on his car. He told me 'it was the best he had ever used.' So, I got a can. Here is what the manufacture said about this product.

"Super DoubleCoat Auto Wax #476S by Collinite is guaranteed to outshine and outlast any other car wax or protective coating. That's why Collinite calls it the permanent auto wax. Get a full year of paint protection from this detergent-proof, weather-proof car wax.

Super DoubleCoat Auto Wax #476S is a paste wax that behaves like a paint sealant. One application provides up to a year of protection through any and all weather conditions. It provides a clear barrier against rain, salt, pollution, bugs, the sun, and all the typical road grime."

Putting it on my bike and on my Mustang I noticed it was harder to work with than the Meguiar's. Since is isn't as yellow as most waxes, it was also harder to see how much you were using. Bit it did go on evenly. I also noticed you must give it plenty of time to dry before taking it off and required a lot more effort to remove.

The \$64,000 question, how does it look? The shine is very high and deep. After two buffings, one with a micro fiber cloth, and one with a special lint free soft cloth I have, I would put this shine up against any other wax's.

I can't tell you how long it will last yet, but it looks mighty good to me.

Yours In Friendship,

Burt



And it looks like we're eating again...

this time at Rickard's Ridge at Cove Lake State Park



Much accomplished at our planning meeting



Thanks, everybody for coming out and helping us plan for our upcoming events. This is a run-down of the things we discussed:

- Those who volunteered to help at our Wings Across Tennessee picnic lunch, Friday, September 16, at the Cove in Concord Park, are:
 - JoAnn, Debbie, Wally, Chuck & Pat, Emily, Mike & Linda, Dave & Betty, Tom & Kathy

Wally will supply the paper products; Kathy the 2-liter drinks, cookies and chips; Dave the ice. Chick-fil-A will provide sandwiches for 75. Plan to be there by 10:30 a.m. If anyone else wants to help, let Kathy know.

• Our Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 3 at the awesome home of Mike and Linda Bridges—thanks guys for volunteering to open your home to us!

- Our July 14 dinner ride to Pig-n-Chick was changed to Rickard's Ridge. It turned out to be a longer ride than we thought!
- It was decided that \$1000 of our Chili Cook-off would go to St. Jude and the remainder (\$2800) to the Ride for Kids. The premiums and extra bike tickets from the donation will be distributed among those who worked the Chili Cookoff and the Ride for Kids.
- The Chapter of the Year Program was discussed several suggestions were made as to who might coordinate the program for us. Still looking for a volunteer.
- And Chuck showed up as a tacky tourist! What's that all about?



Chapter Educator Section The Smart Corner Dave Roberts,

The article below was taken form a web site search. There are many articles available these days now that the Trike has become so popular. Many of our members own or are contemplating the advantages of owning a Trike. Many of you are seasoned Trike riders and have learned over a period of time some of the characteristics of this three wheel experience.

I would encourage you to share your experience with some of our other new Trikers. There are many new maintenance concerns as well as riding techniques that you will need to consider as you move to a Trike. Take time and find out all you can to make your new experience safe and enjoyable.

Our condolences go out to Dave and Betty with the recent death of Betty's father in Nashville.

Chapter Educator



How To Ride a Motorcycle Trike

Learning to ride a motorcycle trike is not as easy as it looks. Here are some pointers to get you going as a triker.

Here's How to Ride a Motorcycle Trike:

- 1. The motorcycle trike controls are exactly the same as on a motorcycle. However, the steering is different and you need to get used to it.
- Start out driving the trike in a parking lot with your right hand in your back pocket. Leave the trike in first gear, steer it around the lot and do some figure-8s. Get used to the long pushes to turn corners.
- 3. You steer a trike much like a car. You will find it easiest to use a push-pull steering technique. That is, when you want to turn right, pull the right grip toward you while pushing the left grip away from you. Similarly, for a left turn, pull the left grip toward you while pushing the right grip away from you. This technique is especially useful making turns on twisties. You will find it much easier to pull the grip on a hard turn than trying to only push the grip.

- 4. You need to spend some time getting familiar with steering and evasive maneuvers. Your mind will keep telling you that you are on a bike. Train yourself to steer, not countersteer.
- 5. Don't try to put your foot down when you stop. The rear wheel will run over it
- 6. Remember that the trike is wide and you have to compensate when you pull in next to a gasoline island or a toll plaza.
- 7. Drive the trike in a traffic lane positioned much like a car.
- 8. Turning long sweepers will be easy. Doing twisties will take some technique and a certain amount of muscle.
- 9. Trikes can be altered to have more rake. This makes steering easier but judgment mistakes are easier to make too.
- 10. Tight turns or decreasing radius turns on entrance and exit ramps are noticeably more difficult and require steady pressure.

Do not assume that since you've been riding motorcycles for 30 years, that you already know how to ride a trike. You may find yourself in the ditch!



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 **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 **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 **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 **A2** meets the **4th Monday** each month at the IHOP, Next to the Home Depot 6:00 pm meeting at 7:00 pm Call Darrell Dunn & Julie Lang; 865-323-9481

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



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TN-B Hanger Bars	. 2.00
Black/Gold 4" GWRRA Patch	. 5.00
Black/Gold 10" GWRRA Patch	12.00
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New Chapter B 25 Year PatchFree to C	Chapter B members
GWRRA Blinking Buttons	2.50
Chapter B Ball CapsNow 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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Note from your Editors:

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8/20 Merrilee DeGuire 8/26 Peanut Davis Bill Walters 8/26



8/2 Roy & Joyce Jennings 8/9 Tom & Debbie Rhoads

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.

TN-B 2011 Ride and Event Schedule

JULY

• 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) Workers be there at 10:30 a.m.
- 9/17-24: Savannah, GA; St. Augustine, FL
- 9/222-24: Wings Over the Smokies, Fletcher, NC

OCTOBER

- 10/1: Pumpkin Festival, Alardt, TN
- 10/6-9: Virginia Rally, Salem, VA
- 10/8-9: Stone Mountain, GA
- 10/14-16: Helen, Georgia, (Wally Maliskey)
- 10/21-23: TN-Y Fall Color Ride, Sweetwater, TN

NOVEMBER

• 11/19: TN Task Force Meeting

DECEMBER

 12/3, Saturday: Chapter B Christmas Party, Mike and Linda Bridges home

Still to be added to our calendar is a ride to Shaker Village in KY, a ride to Muddy Pond, TN, and game nights.



Chuck Talley Ride Coordinator



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