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*Join us the First Tuesday each month at Shoney's Restaurant  
2405 Andersonville Hwy, Clinton, TN 37716, Exit 122 off I-75  
(Rt. 61 Museum exit) Just north of Knoxville, Ph. 865-494-7295  
Eat at 6:00 PM & our social starts promptly at 7:00 PM  
Hope to see you there!!!*



***Wing Ding 41 2019 located in Nashville Tennessee.  
You can visit the new Wing Ding 41 web site and view  
many of the special events and activities. Go to  
<https://wing-ding.org>, Just click on the registration  
button. Make sure you look over the entire page to  
see all the attractions in the Nashville area. On the  
web site is a video showing the surrounding area of  
Nashville and the Gaylord Opryland rally site. Looks  
like another fun time, make your plans to join us,  
who knows you might even win a new 2019 Gold-  
wing!!! Remember you have to have a ticket to win.***

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Your Senior Chapter B Directors  
Tom & Merrilee Peck



Hi everyone, out on the road as I try to get something for our CD newsletter. We left home Sunday afternoon, the 21st. Of course we were headed north so we decided to go up 25E to Corbin to bypass the back up on the mountain. Traffic was bad wherever we rode. Lots of rain also, took us forever to get near Columbus Ohio for the night. Lots more rain the next day. Finally arrived in Niagara on the lake where we checked into a college dorm for a couple days while we explored Niagara falls. The weather finally turned nice as we headed back to the US and north east back toward Canada. Vermont, New Hampshire, an into Maine where we stopped for the evening. Merrilee is seeing some beautiful countryside for the first time in the Northeast. Our plan will be to head on northeast and into New Brunswick then on to Nova Scotia

I plan to lead our ride to Muddy Pond on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August and I will be posting all the details when we return from our trip. Ride should be fun so mark your calendars and make sure to join us.

*Tom*



# Assistant Chapter Directors



Hard to believe it's August already, seems like this year is flying by. We have had our share of rain and heat this year but in between that there have been some great rides. We still have some really nice rides left on the schedule and as the temps start to cool just a bit it should make for a little more pleasant outing. We also have a couple of nice rides in August, one to Muddy Pond and Chris is setting up another ride on the 24th and we have Wing Ding coming up at the end of the month and being right here in Tennessee again makes it a plus. Make sure to be checking on the web site for ride updates and has anyone seen Buzz? If you are a ride leader make sure to get ride details out to Tom early so he can post them on the web site under the ride schedule and if you have info you would like sent out to the group drop Tom or myself an email and we'll be glad to get it out to everyone. I look forward to seeing everyone at our August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Stanley & Patty Rinehart

TN-B Assistant Chapter Directors



# Happy Trails



August is usually the hottest month of the year and brings special concerns for us in motorcycle land. Car and truck drivers will be isolating themselves from the heat with "rolled" up windows and air conditioning keeping them comfortable. Also, they are more likely to come into your lane as they're not hearing most outside roadway sounds. I've also found that many newer cars with blindspot monitoring devices DO NOT recognize motorcycles.

Another problem we face here in East Tennessee are the Moto-tourists coming from outside of our region and often not paying proper attention to the roadway and having more concern looking for various attractions. Watch out for those RV's, cars, and vehicles with travel trailers with out of state license plates. Sudden lane changes, etc. should be on your mind. Remember, in the motorcycle world SIZE MATTERS!

Above all, we need to keep that extreme heat in mind. Carry a soft cooler with bottles of cold water to stay hydrated. Heat exhaustion and heat stroke can happen quickly. Wear ventilated armored riding jackets for protection from the roadway as well as keeping your forearms covered to prevent rapid dehydration. Different types of cooling wraps and evaporative cooling vests under your jacket will also help keep your body temperature normal. Often, frequent breaks when the temps go to 85 and above makes for a much safer ride.

until next time, ride safer  
Jerry



*For Sale*



2012 White GL1800 , like new condition, loaded with extras including Bluetooth, Fog Lights, Air Wings, Custom Seat, Passenger arm rest, Comfort package, Trailer Hitch, and lots of extra chrome and lights. Tires are like new, just 300 miles on the rear tire. Extra rear tire and rim, 12,000 OBO, can text picture, call John Hooper (865) 3878985 or text



# GWRRA



## Explanation of the GWRRA Rider Education Levels Program...

The GWRRA Rider Education Program (REP) is intended to make the motorcycle environment safer by reducing injuries and fatalities and increasing motorcyclist skills and awareness. The REP does not propose to have all the answers. However, our close-working relationship with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF), as well as additional GWRRA programs and studies, has provided a wealth of information for use in establishing a comprehensive Rider Education Program. Through Commitment, Education and Application, we can reduce our accident rate significantly. Listed below are several benefits of a fully implemented GWRRA Rider Education Program at the Chapter level:

- Increased rider knowledge
- Increased rider safety skills
- Prevention of accidents
- Reduced injuries
- Reduced fatalities
- Improved general public image of motorcyclists
- Enhanced enjoyment of motorcycle riding



The motorcycle community is already realizing many positive benefits from the GWRRA Rider Education Program. Through the efforts of the Rider Education Officers and participation of the membership and others, we will reach our goal of establishing the safest motorcycle environment possible.

One of the safety programs that GWRRA and our District is asking everyone to look at is the Riders Education Program and to be specific the level's Program. There are four levels to the program and each level is geared to make you a better rider and co-rider. Level 1 is as simple as saying that you are committing to riding safe then filling out the paper work and submitting it to our District Educator. I have just filled mine out and submitted it and look forward to working my way up through the other levels. I will have a members list at the meeting that will show where your current status is at and will have some forms for those wanting to get started. You can also go on the national web site and see your own status info that GWRRA has on you. To see it go to GWRRA (<http://gwrro.org/>) and click on the officer's tab and click on Rider Education. From here you can click on the levels program tab on the left side to read all about it or also on the left side click on My RE. Information then log in, your login name will be your membership number and your password will be the numbers of you address plus the expiration date on your membership card so for example if you address was 230 and you expiration date was 5/19 then your password would be 2300519. Once in you can see your GWRRA information, it's that simple. Hopefully everyone will join me and let's have some fun getting through other levels to make our favorite pass time a safe one.

Stanley

**Just a Follow up, I think we have everyone signed up for Level 1 but a few that thought that the group riding class that Brian Richards put on went toward Level 2 is not correct. If Tom has not already got with the people that wrote checks for Level 2 patches he will shortly.**

# A message from The Sunshine Lady



Breaking news.....after a scientific testing and voting....the 6 day cabin rental has won by an overwhelming majority....remember we are getting an extra night free, if you want it....the cost difference between 4 and 6 nights is \$14.00. Of course everyone can come and go as they please...Also with all the info I put out, I forgot the dates, Wednesday April 22 to Tuesday April 28th.....duh !!!

Aug meeting need \$80.00 (if haven't paid) for down payment....

Nov meeting, first installment of \$229.00.....

Feb meeting, last installment of \$229.00 per room.....

Emily's address is:

Emily "Lulu" Lewis  
2129 Gatehouse Lane  
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# Technical Bench



Technical Coordinator: Chris Harden

As we are into full blown riding season it is important not to let things slide by as far as maintenance on bikes after looking around I come up with a pre ride inspection for motorcycles to help catch problems before they become big ones it also makes for a safer trip



- \_\_\_ T Tires Check air pressure Wheels And Brakes
- \_\_\_ C Controls. Check levers hoses , cables and throttle operation
- \_\_\_ L Lights and Electrical Switch operations
- \_\_\_ O Oil And Fluids Check all fluid levels and hydraulics and look for leaks
- \_\_\_ C Chassis , Check drive train and suspension for proper operation and adjust suspension according to load
- \_\_\_ S Side stand (kickstand) make sure it is working properly and operates correctly

# Copper Hill Ride

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The ride to Copperhill TN was a beautiful one, we started out the morning checking tire pressures and fixing some small things and off we went the first stop was just a break at Weigel's then off to Tellico Plains where we stopped for a 30 min break at the museum . I wished we would have had more time there and it will make a good place to revisit. After leaving there we traveled through Coker creek and turtle town and Duck town to our destination, Copperhill TN and having a nice

lunch at the Burra Burra restaurant by the river. After that we saddled up the bikes and a short trip later were at the overlook at the Ocoee where the water was running hard and the sun was shining bright. After basting in the sun we hopped back on our mighty steeds winding down the road back to 411 then after a brief stop for fuel we were off to A&W Drive in for ice cream and floats what a way to end the ride.

Submitted by Chris Harden





# Beckley West Virginia

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Well we made another trip to WV and as always it didn't disappoint us, what a beautiful state. We had another large group and Richard laid out a great trip and did a great job keeping the group together. We all came together to start the trip in Mooresburg and had a great ride up. The motel we stayed out was nice and centrally located for the rides that were set up. I think there were 23 of us all together which always makes for a challenge

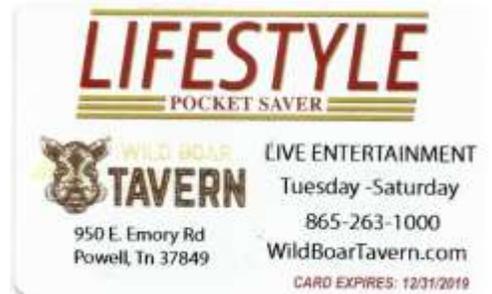


keeping that many bikes together. One of our outings was to the New River Gorge Bridge and man is that thing impressive, the temps were nice and the sun was out shining. After leaving the bridge we did a lunch stop in Fayetteville, very nice slice of America. We all broke up and headed out to eat, a lot of us ended up at Pints and Pie's and on Richards recommendation we had the pizza and man was that thing good, Not saying it's the best I ever eat but I can't think of one that is better. Another outing we did was to the Beckley Exhibition coal mine tour and I have to say I was not real crazy about going underground but it did turn out to be very interesting and we really enjoyed ourselves, not to mention it

was 52 degree's inside there so a nice break from the heat. We rode mining cars on a track inside and had a tour guide that walked us through how mining has changed over the years. We also made a trip to Twin Falls, what a beautiful ride in and a very nice resort as well. I would be great to set up a fall ride one year and go back to see the fall colors, West Virginia is a truly beautiful state and I want to thank Richard and Denise for putting together a great ride.



# LifeStyle Entertain-



*Need Suggestions for the next Dinner Ride*



**COME  
AND GET  
IT!!!**



Robert Burnett 8/28  
Peanut 8/26  
Merrilee Peck 8/20  
Donna Hemphill 8/24



Roy and Joyce 8/2

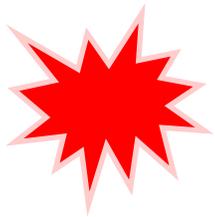


# GWRRA Wing Ding

## Nashville TN



August 27th—31st





# "Chapter Visitation"



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 **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 **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 **T** meets the **4th Saturday** Each month at the Golden Corral 6621 Clinton Hwy 37921 Eat at 9:00 am/Meet at 10:00 am CD: Bobby Cash 865-705-7657

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 Bruce & Gayle Babcock 865-344-7194

## Lets go Visit!

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 3rd **Thursday** at Shoney's, 4148 US 127, S Crossville, Eat at 6:30 pm Meeting at 7:00 pm Chapter Director is Randy Ryan. 985-201-3791

### New Chapter Golf Shirts see Pat Place your Order with Pat Talley



Give me a call, email me or see you at the next meeting  
**INVENTORY CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING:**

Tennessee visitation pins (Shape of State).....\$4.00 ea.

- TN-B Hanger Bars ..... 2.00
- Red/ White 4" GWRRA Patch ..... 6.00
- Black/Gold 4" GWRRA Patch..... 6.00
- Black/Gold 10" GWRRA Patch..... 14.00
- Red/White 10" GWRRA Patch..... 14.00
- Blue & Red District Patch ..... 5.00
- TN District Pin ..... 4.00

**Chapter B 25 Year Patch.....Free to Chapter B members**

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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