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Your Senior Chapter B Directors Tom & Merrilee Peck



This month's article from out west brought to you by Honda Goldwing. Sure has been a great trip so far. Always a few bumps along the way but overall good. As the summer progressed and the pandemic progressed, I wasn't sure if this trip would ever happen. Finally, at the last minute we decided to go for it. My friend Mike drove up in his pickup with his Goldwing loaded in the back and pulling his newly purchased Dart trailer. Now how do we get that Goldwing unloaded. Drove around the community and looked for an embankment where we could back the truck in and roll the Wing out the back. No ramps of course so out it came. Next day we were off on our adventure. Mike's lifelong dream was to visit Sturgis. Told him I was not interested in going to Sturgis but we could stop in the area so he could make a showing one day, meanwhile we visited Yellowstone Park. Been there several times over the years but Merrilee has never been. On the way a huge Buffalo herd. Got to see Old Faithful go off on our way to West Yellowstone. Got in just as it started to rain, lucky our motel had an underground garage. Wanted to make the Great Loop around the park, road closed so had to do quite a bit of back tracking. Still lots to see, the sites are awesome. Left out the NorthEast gate and up over Beartooth Pass and into Billings Montana. Had to address some bike issues with Mike's 04 Wing. Seems like what we thought might be water in the gas ended up being a bad ECU the bikes Computer. It won't idle, but at highway speeds it works fine. Toured Little Big Horn National Battlefield and walked up to the monument honoring the soldiers. So many graves. General Custer's body was transferred to Arlington. Stopped in Keystone South Dakota and spent a couple days visiting Mt Rushmore and Crazy Horse, took a ride though Custer State park and got right in he middle of a Buffalo herd blocking the road. Merrilee will tell you all about that experience later. Spent one day in Rapid City so Mike could make an appearance in Sturgis then Sunday head back east.

Tom and Merrilee Senior Chapter Directors

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Greetings everyone, I wish I could say that we would be at this months meeting but unfortunately I sustained a knee injury that will require a little surgery, what I didn't know was before I can have the surgery I have to have the covid-19 test then I have to be quarantined till my surgery date, just another reminder of the crazy times we are living in. For me this is just another reminder that with the increased cases of covid-19 that is being reported every day and knowing that some of us fall into the high-risk category that this is just another thing to take into consideration when planning rides and outings to make sure we keep ourselves safe. As many know Tom and Merrilee are off on another adventure out west and with me laid up it is nice to know that we have people ready to step up and help out. Wally has volunteered to run this month's meeting and I have no doubt he will do a great job; I just hate I want be there to hear him or to see everyone. Till next month everyone stay safe.

Stanley & Patty Rinehart
TN-B Assistant Chapter Directors



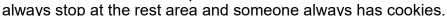
A Socially Distanced Ride

Back at the winter ride planning meeting, we all had decided to put the Moon Pie Festival in Bell Buckle on the schedule. Since I had mentioned it, I got elected to lead the ride, and sure enough the festival got cancelled due to the WU FLU. Tom and I discussed going ahead with a ride following the general route that we took to the Festival 7 or 8 years ago.



So, on a beautiful Saturday, (June 20th) 14 of us (3 bikes and 6 trikes) left the Flying J at Watt Road promptly at 9:30 am. The group was:

Dave and Betty, Robert, John and Ann, Sam and Lenell, Jerry and Sonja, Peanut, Joann, Kyle, with Tom and Merrily riding at the back. First stop was the rest area on I-75 south at MM 46, and as is the Chapter B custom- Merrilee broke out the cookies. If the chapter heads south on I 75, it seems like we





We continued south on I-75 and across Chattanooga on I-24 to the next stop at the Loves Travel Plaza right after crossing Nickajack lake. Some folks took advantage of the Mickey D's while most everyone gassed up—-socially distanced of course. Proceeding up the mountain, we left the interstate at Monteagle where Tom pointed out the site of the District Rally back in the 1980's. We detoured through the beautiful gothic campus of the University of the South in Sewanee which was established during the Coal boom of the 1850's.

We rode down the mountain to the lunch stop in Cowan, the site of the Cumberland Mountain railroad tunnel —completed in 1853 and still in use today. After lunch it was back up the mountain to Tracy City through Coalmont and the old Grundy County Coal fields. We then passed through Gruetli-Laager (site of a 19th century Swiss Colony) before descending the mountain to Dunlap, our final stop.

We had a 4:00 reservation at Wally's Fine Dining so we did not tarry long in Dunlap—it was getting really warm as we pushed up the valley on US 27 to Rockwood arriving at Wally's house a little after 4:00

Wally and his helper crew had a huge spread waiting for us—(I ate too much.) and everyone headed home separately after eating.

A big thank you to Wally and his helpers for an outstanding meal.

Hope everyone had fun , and thanks for riding with us.

Dave and Betty









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 Offic ers and participation of the membership and others, we will reach our goal of es tablishing 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://gwrra.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

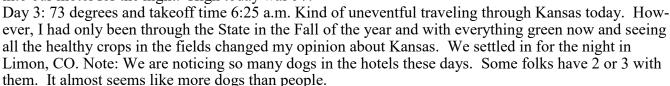
2020 is the year we need to get out and get enrolled in the Riders Level Program or work on moving up a level, everyone wants to ride safe and ride with safe riders.

HEADING WEST

Here we sit in our room in Keystone, South Dakota getting ready to head back east and back home. Wow what a trip we have had.

Tom's longtime friend, Mike Botos, hauled his bike from Florida and offloaded it at our house. We headed out on 7-21-20 and traveled I-40 West to 24 and lunched in Paducah in the Market Street area, enjoying the colorful murals along the levee. Crossed the bridge at Chester, Illinois, and spent the night in Perryville, MO.

Day 2: We drove through the St. Louis area and traveled I-70 through Kansas City and on to Topeka, KS. Toured the Evel Knievel Museum before checking into our motel for the night. High today was 97.



Day 4: 62 degrees when we started out. Drove past Denver on I-25 and north through the canyon on 36 to Estes Park, This was actually a short drive and we were planning to visit my high school friend and her husband who live there. We lunched in Longmont on the way to Estes and, as always, the landscape is varied and beautiful in Colorado. In Estes Park, we toured the Stanley Hotel. Note: The State of Colorado was very restrictive with the masks. Most inside dining was not available, and EVERYONE was

wearing masks, even walking across a parking lot from car to building. We enjoyed our overnight stay with the Barrow friends and were able to dine that evening outside at a nice restaurant on Lake Estes. Our friends drove us through their town and it was very crowded with people everywhere. They told us that once this pandemic got into full swing, here came tourists from all over the country. Traffic in this small town was unreal. We saw and took pictures in town of some elk and calves. The elk feel right at home in Estes Park. Tom and I were there in 2013 with Kathy and Bill. That year, we stayed in Breckenridge and rode the bikes every day to some point in Colorado. Such a fun trip then too.

Day 5: We started out trying to enter Rocky Mountain National Park (trail ridge parkway). Our friends were right. They said we would need to call ahead several

days to make a time entry reservation appointment. We tried doing this, even went online, to no avail. That morning we were told we could enter the park after 5 p.m. or before 6 am., but otherwise would have to reserve a day and time. We took Rt. 7 to 72 to 119 and lunched at Central City at Dostal Alley Brew Pub & Casino. All seating was outside and to use the restrooms our temperatures were taken and, of course we had to wear masks when we entered the building. Drove through rain between there and Frisco. Stayed overnight in Eagle, CO.

Day 6: 56 degrees at 8 a.m. Took the dirty bikes through a car wash. Took lots of pictures and videos. Lunched in Rifle, CO. We saw a few antelope and a mule deer streaked across in front of us in Gypsum, CO. Mike was experiencing some engine problems and thought he got some water when he filled up



once and we didn't. Turned out he was stopping twice as much as we were to fill up his tank. I had dressed warmer this morning but had to shed a few layers as the temperature rose to 86. From Hwy 13 and then I-80 to Rock Springs, WY. After the car wash this morning, we had 26-mile stretches of dirt and gravel roads due to construction so it was necessary to take the bikes through another car wash. They not only look better when they are clean, I think they drive and ride better. The Grand Tetons are beautiful mountains.



HEADING WEST

Day 7: Destination is West Yellowstone, Montana. Yay, my first time to this wonderful State. This was a 440-mile day. Spent some time in Jackson Hole, WY. A unique town I had always heard about. There is a square with an antlered arch at each corner of the little park in the middle of the square. The arches are huge and so unique. There was a stagecoach pulled by horses taking tourists for rides around the square. It was necessary for the guys to work on Mike's bike there just off the square in a parking area. We went into a large gallery and what beautiful art pieces. Some were large western scenes. I loved the white wolf pictures and the Remington pieces. There



were life-size sculptures also. As we entered through the South gate of Yellowstone, we saw buffalo along-side the road ahead of us. Cars were slowing down. As we got up to the buffalo, one charged our trike (was it because it is red?) and it was quite scary. I could have reached out and patted him on the head, but he seemed to have a bad attitude. We also saw a bear, but I could not get a picture. He looked at Tom and turned and went over a little hill. In arriving at our hotel in West Yellowstone, MT., it was rather late, we were starving and found that there was a 3 hour wait to get a pizza, which was just across the street. We booked our rooms at the Stagecoach Inn, a nice old hotel with lots of taxidermy animals in the lobby. We stayed 2 nights here so we could really see Yellowstone National Park.

Wyoming was lax with the masks; nothing like Colorado. However, Montana seemed to be stricter. We could not eat in the enormous breakfast room at the hotel. Wear a mask to pick up your food and either find a place in the lobby or eat in your room. Bummer.

Day 8: We drove through the park today and saw 4 buffalo, 2 black bears, some elk and young ones. Geysers were on our drive and we got caught in rain returning to the Inn. We had our best meal so far that evening at The Outpost near our hotel. Homemade chicken noodle soup for the guys and homemade beef stew for me. The guys also had hamburger steak meals they said were yummy. We needed "comfort" food. Shopped at a great store called "Seldom Seen" and bought some souvenirs for the "grands". Old Faithful was a highlight of this trip so far.

Day 9: Traveled past some geysers to little town of Mammoth, saw several elk in woods near the road. Drove 18 miles only to find the road closed due to sink holes; had to backtrack. Cold this morning. Only 55 at 8:40 a.m. but got up to 97 for a high.

Day 10: Checked out of West Yellowstone, MT. Drove several miles only to find that the Grand Loop road was closed. Backtracked again and retraced the route from yesterday. Had to leave the Park through the East gate instead of the North but traveled over Beartooth Pass (breathtaking). Then took I-90 E to 190 with our destination Billings, Montana. Went by the Honda Shop there and made an appt. tomorrow for Mike's bike to be checked.

Day 11: Spent 2 ½ hours at the Honda Shop and then our destination was Keystone, SD. Drove in and out of Wyoming to get to Keystone. Thought we would have rain but didn't happen. Was so windy my head and helmet were constantly on the move. Beautiful country and took lots of pictures.

Day 12: Saw Mt. Rushmore and Crazy Horse today and took a wildlife tour which was quite an adventure.



There must have been 500 or more buffalo on this drive. A 2-hour wait on the bike with the road ahead of us lined with vehicles waiting for the buffalo to get off the road so they could move on. When we drove through, the buffalo were everywhere, all around the trike—behind, in front, on each side and the hillsides were covered with them. Some running and charging each other. Mothers with calves, big bulls bullying others. No park rangers around. I don't care if I never see another buffalo. It was a hair-raising experience. I have had enough wildlife for a while. We plan to spend tomorrow night in South Dakota and then start heading home. It has been a wonderful trip and one we will always remember.

Happy Trails







When a nice day arrives (no rain and not too hot) we all like to take a ride on one of our favorite backroads. With a reduced amount of traffic these days most car drivers move along at speeds a little more than the posted limits. I for one do not like tailgaters, especially when on my motorcycle. My usual reaction to a tailgater when I'm on the bike is to find the nearest place where I can pull off safely and let Mr. Speed Racer go ahead as fast as he would like to go. Remember, size matters! A car or truck driver who doesn't like motorcycles will always win.

But what if you're on a two lane backroad with no traffic behind your bike and you come upon a car that's being driven 5 to 10 miles per hour under the speed limit? Could it be an "advanced age" driver being very cautious or maybe a driver using a cellphone? Be cautious as you think about passing the car because the driver may be slowing down to make a left turn that he/she failed to signal. Sometimes delaying a pass(and possibly a crash) could you allow you enough time to see the side road ahead where the car driver may be turning.

Until next time, ride safer

Jerry



Where Is Elrod



A couple of weeks ago, I received the GroupWorks post that Chapter T was organizing a Saturday ride on July 18th with a picnic lunch stop at Elrod Springs. Now I'd never heard of Elrod Springs, so being the curious sort, I decided to tag along.

The ride departed from the Baptist Church in Luttrell with John and Ann Hooper in the lead— we made our way up Tater Valley Road to Cracker Neck Road to Bullen Valley Road to Highway 25E and headed north. We turned off 25E and proceeded along the Clinch river on Hwy. 33 to Hwy. 31 where we stopped for a short break at Clinch River Market. This stop brought back memories of a Honda Hoot Poker Run when Bill, Merrilee, Betty and I manned a check point—now that was back in the day (the last Honda Hoot was in 2008), Proceeding south we turned off 31 on to Elrod Falls Road and few miles later— Elrod Falls.—This is a neat place and when you consider it's on private property, it's really amazing that the owner's allow people access (They even have a paved road.). While at Elrod Falls, we did a picnic lunch and had a lot of great conversation while practicing social distancing. The nice break at the falls ended and we continued on Hwy. 31 crossing Clinch Mountain over to Hwy. 11W. (Looked like the Green Tomato was doing a land office business.) We stopped in Bean Station at Aunt B's for some delicious ice cream to help cool us off---(way too much ice cream—but it was hot!). My thanks to Chapter T and John and Ann Hooper (ride leader). Wilburn and Lee Ann Hayes, (Chapter T Directors) Lloyd and Judy Pitney, Tom and Renee Mc Daniel (new couple from Wisconsin) and Brian and Loretta Richards from Chapter M, for such a fun day.

Once again these good folks proved what I've said about GWRRA: it gives you a reason to ride your Gold Wing, and great people to share the ride with.

Dave Roberts







Technical Bench







Technical Coordinator: Chris Harden

Blue tooth systems with today's technology the big crave is Bluetooth headsets as everyone is aware headsets have always had a cable connecting the bike to the helmet but know with the high demand for use of phones or I tunes there is a solution and this works on both Goldwings and Spiders. This is SENA FREEWIRE system which allows you to hook up Bluetooth devices to your bike along with wireless headsets you have all the benefits of your bike along with accessing your phones and driving instructions from GPS to phone calls this type systems are found on 2018 and newer Goldwings through apple car play that comes with the bike.

Know some people prefer to be old school with cords with gadgets hanging all over their bikes I wanted to address a issue you sometimes face which is radio noise or a buzzing alternator sound if you run across this that's usually a ground issue they make a device called a ground fault isolator which helps this problem its simple to install and is very affective but the largest cause I have found is so simple its often overlooked which is loose battery cables so never overlook the simple fix

Chris





A Cabin Update

Cabin news.

Everyone has sent refund from April 2020 stay. So now we are looking forward to April 2021. Let's hope this virus will be over by then. We still have one room to rent out. If not we will have to divide the price of that room among all of us. So let's try to get it rented. We will go over meals and all the fun we have as the time gets closer. Until then everyone stay safe and healthy. Emily





August Ride Schedule

Here is the latest I can figure on...you might as well throw in some mask and keep them on the bikes...



<u>Aug</u>

4th

... Regular club meeting at Shoney's (I-75 & 61) Meeting starts 1900....

15th

... Chapter B will be to meet a Shoney's in the Caryville/Lafollette area at the exit 134 off I-75 so we can leave there at 9:30 am Look like about 140 miles to Red Boiling Springs approx. 3 hrs. or so. We will head up I-75 and take Rt 63 west over through Huntsville and Allardt and follow Rte. 52 all the way. Should be plenty of time to make a couple stops along the way. We will try to be there by 1 pm or so our time, we will meet up with everyone else there and lunch is scheduled at **12:30 Central time per flyer.** I need a head count from all Chapter B folks so I can let Patti know NLT August 8th. This is an impromptu ride set up by District to promote inter-chapter visitation. Should be a fun ride! Join us if you can, let me know if you are going. Flyer attached

Those that live on the Oak Ridge Side of the country, we can meet somewhere and go up 27 past Sunbright and meet them at US 27 and Hiway 52... and join the crowd.....





Ride Coordinator Wally Maliskey

TN District Ride In....

Chapters Lets meet for Lunch at the beautiful and interesting

The Thomas House Hotel 520 East Main Street Red Boiling Springs, TN 37150 615-699-3006

http://www.thomashousehotel.com/

August 15, 2020 at 12:30 (central time)

I spoke to the chef and he is reserving the dining hall for our group only. The dining hall will seat up to 150 people and I would like to give the chef a head count by Aug 8th

RSVP to pattihamilton@charter.net

Lunch is served at 12:30

All you can eat \$15.09/person (includes tax)

Fried Chicken

Country Ham

Country vegetables; green beans, corn, potatoes etc

Dessert

Coffee, Tea and water

The Thomas House is a cool and mysterious hideaway resting high atop a gently rolling hillside on the outer edge of Red Boiling Springs' city limits. One of the city's oldest and most beautiful landmarks, it has been a vital part of the community since 1890.

Please bring your mask to use in the buffet line

LifeStyle Entertain-











Robert Burnett 28 th Peanut 26 th Merrilee Peck 20 th Donna Hemphill 24 th Edna Kosier 12 th





Roy and Joyce Jennings 8/2



"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 **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 Bruce & Gayle Babcock 865-344-7194

Chapter C meets the **3rd Tuesday** each month at Bob Evans Restaurant, just off I-26, exit 16 Boones Creek Johnson City TN Eat at 6:00pm and start the Gathering at 7:00pm. TN Call Thomas & 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 Golden Corral 6621 Clinton Hwy 37921 Eat at 9:00 am/Meet at 10:00 am CD: Bobby Cash 865-705-7657

Lets go Visit!

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







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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