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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!

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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 gathering starts promptly at 7:30 PM. Next Gathering: not until January 4th Chapter Planning meeting at Shoney's December 7th

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From Your Chapter Directors, Tom and Kathy Peck

Hi Everyone,

Hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends. Kathy and I were able to meet with some family. With our kids scattered all over the world its hard to get everyone together to enjoy the holiday season. We rode the bike to Charlotte, NC for the Thanksgiving weekend and met up with my brother and his wife Bee; many of you met them at WOS back in September. They rode up from Jacksonville, Florida. The local NC chapter sponsored a charity event at the Lowe's Motor Speedway for the 2nd year now, that enabled those who were in the mood for some excitement to join the 100 MPH club. That's right—3 laps around the NASCAR high bank for a donation to the chapters charity.



From Your Chapter Directors (Continued)



Off we went in the first of 3 groups from the pit area out on the track in the #1 turn where

the high banks is the steepest. We had to make sure we had enough speed up to negotiate the extreme high angle of the track. The pace



car got up to speed as we dropped down the back stretch and into the tri oval and onto the front stretch. Since the pace car was only running about 85 we had to back off and then make a run in order to get above 100 MPH, not a problem, just had to watch for others who might not be able to get their speed up as fast as the GL1800 does.



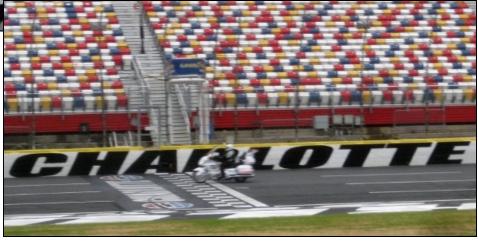
able go being in the front of our group 1. As she pulled off the track and into the winners circle she was so excited, "I did it she shouted!"



The weather held off in the Charlotte area for us to make this year's event at the track a huge success. Too bad the weather in the Knoxville area was so lousy since several others had planned to ride over Friday for the ride on the Speedway. We were able to leave Wednesday and share some family time on Thanksgiving with Jimmy & Bee. Bet you would never guess where we had Thanksgiving dinner. The only place open anywhere near where we were staying was none other then Shoney's!! They served up a pretty good dinner turkey and all the extras.



After we made our 3 laps I got back in line and turned HERGW over to Kathy so she could make a run at joining the 100 MPH club. I stood by in the pit area and was able to take a few pictures as Kathy and the 3rd group came roaring by. As I watched Kathy moved to the rear of the pack and sure enough here she comes even faster than I was



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! Congratulations to Cindy Cox membership number 000606-01, Cindy didn't have her membership card so we will add another \$5 for our next drawing



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

Don't forget about our 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-callof duty . . . (you get the picture) is deserving of this award. Mark Kohlman won our "Way to Go" Award in November



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10th Improm ptu Ride



The weather turned out to be a very mild November day so we sent out the work to see if anyone wanted to go for a ride. Burt, Chuck, Tom & Glynda on her new

Trike showed up at Shoney's on Emory road early for breakfast. Suggestions were put out on the table

up the back roads towards the Pinnacle overlook in the Cumberland Gap National Park. Glynda had never been to the overlook so it was a spe-



cial treat for her. Several different ways back to Knoxville were again discussed and we headed north towards Pineville where we stopped for lunch, pizza seemed to be a good idea so we got a



couple and they ended up being more than enough for the 4 of us. Heading on North on 25E then across KY92 towards Williamsburg then Jellico where we picked up 297

down through Elk Valley where we stopped at Rt where we might go and it was decided to take a ride 63 and I-75 where we got gas and then head back south on the super slab where Chuck & I split off at the Lafollette exit as Burt and Glynda headed back to Knoxville. Really nice ride, no one knew where we were going or how long we would ride but as it always turns out it don't get much better than a afternoon on the 2 wheeler. Hope to see you on the next impromptu ride.





Submitted by: Tom Peck

Acts of Kindness, by Gary Davis



Our Chapter, TN-B, out of Knoxville, TN went on a ride to the Fletcher, NC rally and then on to the Outer Banks of North Carolina. The next day we continued on to Virginia Beach. Most of the ride from Fletcher, NC to the Outer Banks was made in heavy rains. This was due to the tropical depression that was travelling up the east coast and accompanied us almost the whole time.

When we left Virginia Beach in a light rain, it did not appear to be too bad. However it was not long before we encountered heavy downpours again. This continued until we approached the town of Danville, Virginia. We made a gas stop there. When I tried to pull away from the gas pumps, my trike would not move without jerking.

After getting off the trike we observed that the brake caliper had lost the top pin and the caliper had fallen down on the wheel. Since it was getting late, we decided to spend the night in Danville and try to find the parts to fix it in the morning. A friend, Herbert Davis (Peanut), suggested tying up the caliper with a coat hanger and just using the front brake temporarily to get to the motel. This worked very well for a quick fix.

I was in luck as there was a Honda dealer listed in the phone book less than a mile away. The next morning, Peanut said he would stay with me, so we told the rest of the group to continue on the trip. Then Peanut and I started out to find Triangle Cycle, 2104 Riverside Drive. They were located on the main street through Danville and were opened when we got there.

When we arrived, they were just moving all the beautiful cycles and four wheelers out for display. They explained they would look at my 2003 Valkyrie with a Motor Tike conversion as soon as they got the rest of the motorcycles out of the shop area and on display.

During this time I got to meet the owner, Rusty Reynolds, who explained that they would take care of us first since we were broken down while on a trip. He instructed me to take the trike around to the back and enter the service shop where I met the mechanic, Robbie Deal, and explained the problem. He jacked the trike up and had the caliper off in minutes. He took the lower pin to the parts department and they tried for a long time to find a match.



I had always heard that the rear ends used on a motor Trike were from a Ford Mustang, so Peanut went up to the Ford dealer to try to match up the pin. They said they would not be able to match them without the make and year of the rear end. They would not open any packages to try to match one up. He came back to Triangle Cycle.

Acts of Kindness (Continued)

Rusty loaned me a computer so I could contact Motor Trike to find out what brake calipers were used so we could match up the parts to it. Since there was a one hour time difference, we had to wait on a response.

After a short wait, Motor Trike answered my inquiry and informed me that they did not put disc brakes on their conversions and it must have been put on by Dan Stocker, the man from whom I

bought the trike. (I later found out they were put on by a Motor Trike dealer). Since he passed away just before I bought the Trike from his widow, I could not get the information.

Since it was now around lunch time and we did not have any parts to fix it, I asked the mechanic to put it back together so we could look around to see if we could find the parts. We went to O'Reilly's Auto parts with a Dorman catalog number provided about the time we were leaving by e-mail from Motor Trike. They must have found out who put the Trike together. The salesman at O'Reilly Auto Parts informed us they could get the parts shipped in to arrive around four PM that afternoon from Raleigh about 2 hours away. We ordered the parts and went to Burger King down the street.

After eating we sat and discussed our options. We were not sure the parts would get there in time for Triangle Cycle to put it back together again that evening. We went back to ask them how late we could get there with the parts in order to have them put the pins and brakes back on. They informed me they would stay over until they had it ready. I ask Rusty why he would do that for some one he hardly knew and he told me that he had been broken down on the road before and if I ever saw him beside the road to stop and help.

True to their word the parts arrived at O'Reilly Auto Parts at 4:15. We paid and took off for Triangle Cycle again. Rusty told me to take it straight to the mechanic who took everything back apart and had it all assembled in less than an hour. I tried to give him a tip but he



refused it.

I tested the brakes and they were as good as when I started the trip. I went around to pay the bill and was surprised at how low it was. We left Danville with a good feeling about the people in this town. We continued on toward Knoxville without any more trouble.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people at Triangle Cycles for their kindness and prompt

attention to my Trike to get us on the road as soon as possible. I also appreciate all the calls they made for us. I would definitely recommend them to anyone. They even caught me to tell me O'Reilly's called to tell me my cell phone was still on charge up at their place and not to forget it. Special thanks to them also. I would also like to thank Motor Trike for taking the time to research that did the conversion and to send me the information.

I would also like to thank Peanut for all his help running around to find parts and for staying to help. All the people in TN Chapter B were great to be with on this trip. They are a special group.







I recently did the Toys For Tots ride here in Knoxville. Having ridden the same ride 10 of





the last 12 years in Chicago I thought I'd make a few comparisons between the two events. While they are both sponsored by the Marines to raise toys for children the similarities end there.

The Chicago ride is held the 1st Sunday in December. Most years that puts the temperatures in the teens with snow on the ground. Of course here it was 60 and sunny. Since no one else showed up I guess a bit cool for most of our riders.

In spite of the colder weather, if it is dry Chicago will have around 12,000 bikes. Here in Knoxville I would estimate there were around 500 to 700. In both places this is mostly a Harley event with the Harley riders in Chicago being the much 'harder core' rider.

The route in Chicago goes along a major street (Western Ave). That would be like having it here on Kingston Pike. The ride here went through a far less congested area ending at Chilhowie Park. While the

police and staff do a great job of traffic control, you can imagine how long it takes 12,000 bikes to travel down the street. Drivers soon get mad when they have been sitting for 1 or 2 hours waiting for the parade of bikes. This always causes problems with cars pulling across the roadway resulting in one or two accidents every year. Show off biker's caused one or two more.

But the biggest difference between the two rides is the behavior of the bikers.

Everyone here conducted themselves very well giving biker's positive press the whole time. In Chicago it's a very different story. Alcohol is a very big problem. Because the parade is so long people will start to line up at 6am to be at the front, and many start drinking as soon as they get there. It's not unusual for someone to have a case of beer and a bottle of whiskey in their saddlebags. So, for hour's there is drinking before the ride even gets started. We all know the problems caused by mixing alcohol and motorcycles.

Other bikers are parked along the route watching the thousands of bikes go by, many in taverns. When they have had enough they pull into the parade of bikes. You can imagine the confusion; first with so many bikes, then more bikes pulling in when they have been drinking. It can make for some white knuckle riding. Here in Knoxville the only thing a saw being drunk was coffee and water. While the Chicago organizers and police do everything they can, with that many bikes and that much traffic they have their hands full just trying to keep people from getting killed.

Finally Chicago has no Buddy's BBQ waiting at the end. Most go to eat in a restaurant or to a tavern for more drinking.

I look forward to the ride here again next year, as my experience was very positive.

Yours in Friendship'

Burt





THE SMART CORNER



What color is your riding jacket? I began thinking about colors and visibility as I was reading the NEWS SENTINEL awhile back because of the following article:

" Sevier couple killed in motorcycle wreck

Sevierville-- A Sevier County couple were fatally injured Tuesday afternoon when the motorcycle they were on collided with a van on Boyd's Creek Highway, authorities announced Wednesday.

The victims were identified as driver -----------, and passenger -----, both 26. The couple was reportedly married and resided in Sevier County, according to Sevierville Police Department spokesman Bob Stahlke.

The accident occurred around 5:51 p.m. when an eastbound van driven by------, 38, attempted to turn left onto Island Boulevard. The ----- motorcycle was headed westbound on Boyd's Creek Highway.

{The motorcycle driver} was transported to the University of Tennessee Medical Center via Life star, while {the motorcycle passenger} was transported to LeConte Medical Center by the Sevier County Ambulance Service. Each was pronounced dead at the respective facility."

As I finished reading this, I wondered if the car

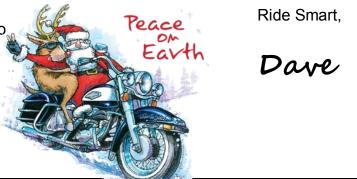
driver saw them, and why did he turn in front of them? Why didn't the motorcycle get stopped before colliding with the van. We may not ever get all of the answers, but we can all learn something from this tragedy.

This accident is the classic (most numerous) two vehicle collision involving a motorcycle, with a car turning left in front of an oncoming bike; and almost every time the car driver states, "I didn't see the motorcycle".

Why don't car drivers see us? Well, there are a lot of answers to that question, and GWRRA started the MAD program to try to help car drivers look for motorcycles. "Look twice, save a life". But, what can you do to avoid the classic "car turns left in front of the motorcycle" accident?

First, wear bright colored clothing which will help make you more visible to oncoming drivers and turn on any extra lights (fog lights) you may have; anything to make you stand out . Next, you must be ready for the car that turns right in front of you by practicing panic stops. I suggest (once again) that you attend an ERC where you can practice panic stops and other maneuvers that will help you be ready for that car that turns in front of you.

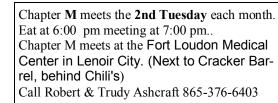
And finally, Ride Aware----always ride watching out for the other guy, because if he's a typical car driver, he's NOT watching for you.



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 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 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 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

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| 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 |
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| GWRRA Blinking Buttons | 2.50 |
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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 423-562-1962 or talleylakeside03@peoplepc.com



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 <u>tomkatpeck@msn.com</u> 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.



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Doug & Cindy Cox 12/9 Terry & Carol Lockwood 12/22



TN-B 2010 Ride Schedule

<u>Saturday, December 4,</u> Chapter Christmas Party, Community club house, Norris Lake—more details at the Chapter Gathering

Friday, December 17, Game Night, 7 PM

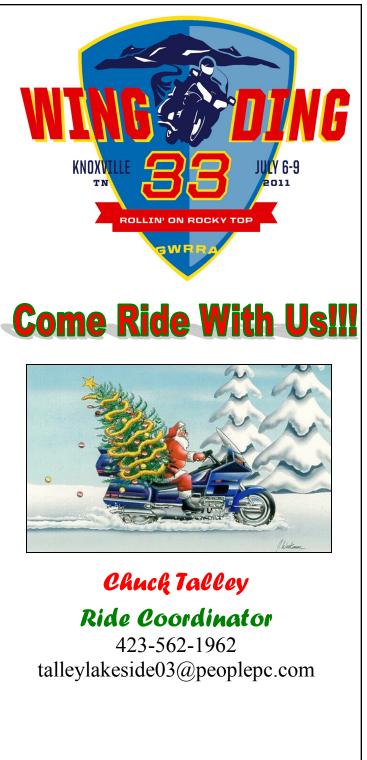
<u>Saturday January 29th</u> Chili Cook Off 2011, Senior Center Halls , TN

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!

"Red Highlighted entries are scheduled Chapter B Rides"

Check the newsletter and web-site regularly for updates and more information! www.tn-b.org







Technology and Communication

I thought it would be a good opportunity to remind everyone about some of the communication tools you might not be aware of.

- First of all we have our monthly newsletter distributed to all of our chapter B members, all the District staff, and to all of the Chapter Directors throughout Tennessee.
- Next you have our Chapter B web site <u>www.tn-b.org</u> where you will find a multitude of information. For those comfortable with the internet and all the access to the world wide web you will find a calendar of events, current and past newsletters, and links to our Region and National web sites.

As Chapter Directors we try to forward much of the correspondence to you from District, Region and National. All have monthly newsletters where you will find a lot of information about GWRRA.

The National web site has their new <u>e-</u> <u>newsletter</u> that I have forwarded to you in the past. If you would like to view past months e-newsletters just go to <u>www.gwrra.org</u> and page down to the bottom of the opening page where you will fine the e-newsletter button. Take some time and check out the other Divisions within your organization such as our Rider Education, Membership Enhancement and Leadership Training. Also, you'll find a link to GWRRA's FaceBook page.

If you are planning your trip for next year you might want to check out the other Regions form the drop down menu under "GWRRA Regional Operations. All the Regions web sites have links to their Districts and the District web site will guide you to all their Chapters. Always fun to stop and visit different GWRRA activities when you are out on the road. Kathy & I along with Dave and Betty stopped in to visit our Canadian neighbors while we visited the Region K and Region L Provincial rallies this past summer, great times.

Sure is nice to be living in such a fantastic communication age!!

Tom



Lake. Heading south on I-75 from Caryville take exit 122 off and turn left toward Andersonville. Continue through Andersonville by Big Ridge State Park until you come to a Y intersection bear left as you will be taking Rt 170. There should be a sign pointing to Hickory Star Boat Dock. Then straight ahead approximate 4 to 5 miles and you will top a long hill and you will see a sign on the left that says Hickory Point Subdivision (Emerald Bay may be mentioned also). Turn left and proceed on that road past the second gate to the intersection. Turn left and proceed down the hill until you come to the clubhouse on the left.

From exit 112 (Emory Road) go East on Emory Road until you pass Beaver Dam Baptist Church and turn left on Maynardville Highway until you come to the first red light in Maynardville. Turn left toward Hickory Star Boat Dock until you come to the stop sign. Turn right and proceed straight ahead approximate 4 to 5 miles and you will top a long hill and you will see a sign on the left that says Hickory Point Subdivision (Emerald Bay may be mentioned also). Turn left and proceed on that road past the second gate to the intersection. Turn left and proceed down the hill until you come to the clubhouse on the left.

From I-640 at Broadway, head North through Fountain City and proceed through Halls to Maynardville to the first traffic light. Turn left toward Hickory Star Boat Dock until you come to the stop sign. Turn right and proceed straight ahead approximate 4 to 5 miles and you will top a long hill and you will see a sign on the left that says Hickory Point Subdivision (Emerald Bay may be mentioned also). Turn left and proceed on that road past the second gate to the intersection. Turn left and proceed down the hill until you come to the clubhouse on the left..

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