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GWRRA Sun Sphere Wings Chapter B Knoxville Tennessee December 2013 Newsletter

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Merry Christmas



Happy NEW YEAR



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From Your Senior Chapter B Directors, Tom & Kathy Peck



Hi Everyone,

Well here we are and its December already and the cold weather arrives and should be with us for a couple months. I hope everyone has their babies all tucked away for the winter. Whether it's a two wheeler or your trike make sure they are all put away properly so they will be ready when the weather warms up.

As you know as the year comes to a close and our favorite pass-time slows a bit we still have lots of activities to keep up with during the holiday and on into next year. We always talk about a New Year's Day ride, then there's our Chili Cook Off, then the District winter event and right into the spring riding season. Everything will be here before we know it.

We hadn't planned on doing a newsletter since we are not having an official chapter gathering but since we are having our annual planning meeting the same 1st Tuesday at the same place (Shoney's) we thought we could put together a few good words and especially send out some holiday cheer.

Chili Cook off planning meeting is Tuesday Dec 3rd at Shoney's; we will do our planning for the 2014 event as we always do so everything goes off without a hitch. Make sure you all come out and help us make this 20th annual Chapter B event another success for all our friends throughout Tennessee.

And of course our Chapter Christmas Party will be this Saturday at Mike and Linda Bridges home. We'll have more details tomorrow night, and then we'll be sure to send out a reminder email with directions. Don't miss it!

See you soon!

Ride safe! or should I say Drive safe!

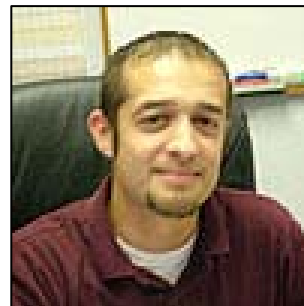
Tom



President's Message

submitted by: **Abel Gallardo**

GWRRRA President



The Big News

You asked for it, and we listened.

For years, Wing Ding has fallen around July 4th. It's the middle of the summer, there are fireworks and it's a generally fun time to get out and ride. But it's not been without it's problems. Adverse weather conditions, high gas prices and other considerations have made it an event that not every Member could attend. You've been telling us that you want to change the date - and we've listened.

In 2015, Wing Ding will be held over Labor Day weekend. That's September 2-6, 2015. Mark your calendars.

As we've mentioned before, there are quite a few reasons why this works out better for everyone, but let's bring up a few of the obvious ones. First off, traveling across the country in the middle of the summer can take its toll on you, both physically and financially. Whether you're riding a GL1800, 1500, 1200 or pulling a trailer, gas prices aren't cheap and they traditionally go up during the summer months. When do they go back down? That's right, the end of the summer, right around Labor Day. In addition, hotel prices go down as well, which means there are more options available for better prices. So financially, Labor Day weekend offers quite a few benefits.

Then there's the physical aspect of things. Some years, Wing Ding is drenched in rain, making driving on two wheels a bit sketchy - and certainly not the safest option. Then there's the heat and humidity, which can also wear you down, particularly if you're wearing all the gear, all the time (which, of course, you should). Know when it cools down? Late August and early September. You may be catching on to a trend here.

Behind the scenes, there's another advantage that most Members might not know about. Everyone wants to travel during the summer, and that means that hotels, restaurants and other areas can raise their prices accordingly. It also means that they're usually booked, which gives us at the Home Office a more difficult time to find cities that Members want to visit. By moving the event to Labor Day, more options open up. Cities that Members loved from previous Wing Dings become available and new ones - sometimes coastal cities - also are now looking at Wing Ding. But most important of all is the reason that brought the Home Office to this decision to begin with: *You asked for it.*

You - the Members - make up GWRRRA, and without you, there would be no Wing Ding to attend. You asked us to shift Wing Ding's date. You wanted a schedule that would give you more time to spend with your family, didn't interfere with other major events and saved you money in the process. You asked, and we listened.

Of course, all that leaves the obvious question: Where is Wing Ding 2015, anyway? Well we can't answer that one for you yet, but you will find out come Wing Ding 2014. We'll see you there.



2014 TN District Convention "Winter Event" Registration Form



CUPID'S CAPERS - REVISITED

February 15, 2014
Lane Agri-Park
Murfreesboro, TN

Rider _____ (M or F) GWRRA # _____ Exp. _____ Age _____

Co-Rider _____ (M or F) GWRRA # _____ Exp. _____ Age _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ State/Chapter _____

E-mail Address: _____ (Confirmations will be sent via e-mail)
(No email = no written confirmation)

GWRRA Members – **EARLY** \$12.50 x _____ = \$ _____ ***** NOW through 5 pm December 31, 2013

GWRRA Members \$15.00 x _____ = \$ _____ ***** January 1 – Day of Event

Non Members \$20.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Total Registration Fees \$ _____

For PREREGISTRATION and STATISTICAL AWARDS, your registration MUST be post-marked by **December 31, 2013**.

Make check payable to: TN GWRRA

Are you attending this convention for the first time? _____

Mail to: Richard & Becky Griffin
TN GWRRA
2217 Strickland Dr.
Murfreesboro, TN 37127

Is this your first convention ever? _____

I/We agree to conform and comply with the ideas governing this convention. I/We further agree to hold harmless GWRRA, co-sponsoring organizations, or any property owner(s) for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved by reason of participation in the convention. I/We also agree to assume responsibility for any property which we knowingly damage.

Rider _____ Date _____ Co-Rider _____ Date _____

Charter Cruise, February 14-21, 2015

Plans are in the works for a great
Caribbean Cruise
in a little more than a year from now!

The easiest way to find out about
this cruise is to Google
Princess Cruise R508.

This cruise, a 7-day cruise
from Ft. Lauderdale, FL,
leaves February 14, 2015,
on the Ruby Princess.



Lynell is working with a travel agent to get us
the best deal possible. The more we have cruising
with us, the less expensive it will be for each of us.
For now, put the dates on your calendar and tell
your friends about it. Yes, invite your friends and
family. The more the merrier!

GWRRRA Weekend at the Opry

Final details are announced of the up-
coming event in Nashville, Tennessee next Labor
Day at the Opryland Resort & Convention Cen-
ter. The dates will be Friday, August 29, 2014
through Sunday, August 31, 2014 and will be a
purely social, FUN event for our Members.

We have negotiated an incredible rate at
the Opryland Resort beginning at \$110, including
their resort fee. The event registration fee will be
ONLY \$15 for Members and includes a T-shirt
and a pin. As mentioned, it will an event filled
with optional tours, a dinner/dance, opening/
closing fun events and optional tickets for the
Grand Ole Opry.

Please see the website at [http://
opryevent.gwrra.org](http://opryevent.gwrra.org) for all the details, registra-
tion and schedule information, or call 800-843-
9460 for more information. There are limited
rooms available so register early! This event will
sell out quickly. See you there.



FYI: We have already made our
reservations. Won't you join us?

Tom and Kathy Peck

Chapter Educator Section

A few Group Riding Techniques suggested by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF)

- 1) The first thing you want to do is organize the ride. This can be as informal as standing around in a parking lot, or as formal as a special meeting to hand out maps and cell phone numbers
- 2) Remember that riding in a group does not mean you surrender any decision-making when it comes to your safety. Ride your own ride, and don't go any faster than you feel comfortable going.
- 3) When picking your route and the stops you'll make along it, consider the stamina of the group, the experience of all the riders, and the limits of the motorcycles in the group. Remember, these are your friends. If it's going to be a long ride, be sure to take a few breaks along the way.
- 4) All riders are also responsible for making sure their motorcycles are mechanically up to the task. Before you even meet up with the group, make sure you've got plenty of fuel in the tank, and that you've taken care of all those maintenance issues. Not sure what to check? Use [T-CLOCS](#). You really don't want to be the reason for stopping the group for something mechanical you could have prevented.
- 5) If it's going to be a large group, consider establishing a buddy system among the riders, or divide the group into smaller five- or seven-rider packs. That way, if something goes wrong, you don't have 25 motorcycles sitting on the side of a busy highway. Also, smaller groups can more easily navigate through city streets
- 6) On the road, motorcyclists should have at least a 2-second cushion in front and behind them. If you want to keep the group tight, consider a staggered formation. Leave enough room per lane so each rider can maneuver side-to-side if need be. Avoid side-by-side formations as they shrink your space cushion
- 7) Trikes and sidecars should stay in the center of the lane, and should be given the same amount of cushion as if they were a car, a slight stagger is helpful.
- 8) As turns get sharper, or as visibility decreases, move back to a single file formation. You'll also want to use single file when entering or exiting a highway
- 9) When parking, try to get the group off the roadway as quickly as possible. If you can, arrange in advance to have pull-through parking at your destination, or at the very least, make sure there is ample parking for your size group



"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 & Kathy Peck 423-907-9712

Chapter **F** meets the **2nd Tuesday** Golden Corral, 2905 West Andrew Johnson Highway, Morristown, TN 37814. Eat 6:30 pm/Meet 7:30 pm
CDs:George & Lanora Baker; 423-231-7948

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) James Whitener

Chapter **A2** meets the **4th Monday** each month at Ryan's Buffet, 1053 Hunters Crossing, Alcoa TN 37701 Call Dale & Ernest Hall, 423-295-2356

Chapter **G2** meets the **1st Monday** each month at IHOP 1802 Parkway Sevierville, TN 37862
Eat at 6:00, Gathering at 7:00
Roland & Peggy Groleau, 865-313-0425

Chapter **T** meets the **4th Tuesday** Each month at the IHOP 5604 Merchant Drive exit 108/ I-75
Eat at 6:00 pm/Meet at 7:00 pm
CDs: Kimberly and Robert Burleson; 623-236-6645

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 Saturday** at Ryan's, 2854 North Main, Crossville Eat at 8:00 am Gathering at 9:00 am David and Dianna Hamby



New Chapter Golf Shirts see Pat
Chapter "Bee" Embroidered Hats: \$12
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 visitation pins (Shape of State).....\$4.00 ea.
- TN-B Hanger Bars 2.00
- Region N 4" Patch 6.00
- 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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- 12/7 Lynell Queener
- 12/11 Frank Balzer
- 12/21 Irene Ciesla
- 12/22 Larry Elliott
- 12/26 Chuck Talley
- 12/29 Sam Chandler



12/29 Doug & Cindy Cox

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Officers of GWRRA updates are listed to the left. Join everyone at Chapter B in welcoming all the new folks aboard the Gold Wing Road Riders Association. Check you Wing World magazine for these new position their contact information.

Spring Fling 2014, Camp Jordan, Chattanooga, TN

Be sure to put the dates of April 24-26 on your calendar and make your room reservations NOW!

Call the Best Western Plus Arbour Inn and Suites, 6710 Ringgold Rd, Chattanooga, TN 37412, at 423-893-7979. Room rates are \$80 for a King or 2 Doubles, or \$90 for a King or Double Suite. You need to stay Friday and Saturday night in order to get this rate, and there is a 7 day cancellation policy. We will stay Thursday thru Sunday.

When the Best Western fills up you can call the Holiday Inn Express and Suites, 1441 North Smith St, Chattanooga, TN 37412 at 423-308-0111. \$84.99 for a King or 2 Doubles, or \$94.99 for a King or Double Suite.

Don't delay! Make your reservations now!

Wing Ding 36, Madison, Wisconsin, July 2-5, 2014

Those of us who attended Wing Ding 35 in Greenville really had a great time - even in spite of the rain. We can start now to plan for next year's Wing Ding in Madison, WI.

I've checked out a lot of places to stay and this is what I have come up with. GrandStay Residential Suites. All rooms have a kitchen. Some are 2-bedroom and some one-bedroom with private bedroom. The rates are very reasonable. 2-bedroom suite \$116.10, 1-bedroom suite \$80.10, room with 2 queen beds \$89.10. (all beds are queens). Tax is additional at 14.5 %.

Booking.com gives this hotel a 9.2 *wonderful* rating (out of 10). Trip Advisor ranks this hotel at #8 out of 62 hotels.

I have reserved three (3) 2-bedroom suites from Monday 6/30 thru Sunday 7/6. That may be all the 2-bedrooms they have - it would not let me reserve more. If you would like to stay in one that I have reserved, just let me know - and it's OK if you change your mind. **So far we have all of these 6 rooms spoken for except for one—if you would like that room let me know.** They can be cancelled the day of. And we can change the dates on any or all of the rooms. I just thought it was a good idea to reserve while rooms are still available.

The hotel is about 12 miles and 15 minutes from the rally site. This is the website to check out the hotel and/or to make reservations. <http://www.grandstaymadison.com/>. FYI, GWRRA's rates for nicer hotels is quite a bit more. So I think this first-rate hotel is a good value for us.

Check out the web-site and let me know if you want to stay in one of the 2-bedrooms I have reserved. Or make your own reservation.

TN-B 2014 Ride and Event Schedule

JANUARY

- 1/18: Saturday, Chapter B Chili Cook-Off, Halls Senior Center

FEBRUARY

- 2/15: Saturday, TN District Winter Event, Murfreesboro

MARCH

- 3/29: Saturday, Knoxville Honda Ride

APRIL

- 4/10-12: Thu-Sat, Louisiana Rally, Lafayette
- 4/12: Saturday, Dale Hollow Lodge
- 4/19: Saturday, Knoxville Honda Ride
- 4/23-26: Thu-Sat, Spring Fling, East Ridge TN

MAY

- 5/9-11: Th-Sat, Stone Mountain, GA
- 5/17: Saturday, Roane Mtn Steak-out
- 5/31: Saturday, Little Shepherd's Trail, KY

JUNE

- 6/6-8: Fri-Sun, Helen, GA
- 6/14: Saturday, Roane Mountain State Park, Rhododendrons
- 6/20: Fri, Smokies Baseball Game
- June 28: Saturday, Knoxville Honda Ride, Deals Gap BBQ for RFK

JULY

- 7/2-5: Wed-Sat, Wing Ding 36, Madison, WI
- 7/27: Sun, Ride for Kids, Oak Ridge Civic Center

AUGUST

- 8/16: Saturday, Natural Tunnel
- 8/29-31, Fri-Sun, GWRRA Weekend at the Opry, Nashville, TN

SEPTEMBER

- 9/6: Saturday, Carver's Apple Orchard
- 9/12, Friday, Wings Across TN Lunch at Concord Park
- 9/19-21: Fri-Sun, NC-Hot Springs, Lake Lure and Waterfalls (*Note the change—the original dated conflicted with Wings Across TN*)
- 9/25-27: Thur-Sat, Wings Over the Smokies, Cherokee, NC

OCTOBER

- 10/4: Saturday, Muddy Pond & Pumpkin Festival in Allardt, TN
- 10/25: Saturday, Knoxville Honda Ride
- 10/31-11/2: Fri-Sun, UT-SC Away Football Game

NOVEMBER

- 11/15 or 11/22: Saturday, Ride Planning Meeting

DECEMBER

- 12/6 or 13: TN-B Christmas Party

FEBRUARY 2015

- 2/14-21: Sat-Sat, TN-B Caribbean Cruise, from Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Ruby Princess

Wally Maliskey
Ride Coordinator



Come Ride With Us!