



# "The Buzz"



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# Merry Christmas



*Join us the First Tuesday each month at Shoney's Restaurant  
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From Your Senior Chapter B Directors  
Tom & Merrilee Peck



Aloha from the beautiful islands of Hawaii. We are spending our last week on the Big Island as we check out all the sites and get ready to celebrate Thanksgiving at the Volcano's national park at the Kilauea Military Camp. Volcano seems to be sleeping these days, no activity.

Trying to give a little thought about our Ride planning meeting next January 11<sup>th</sup> has been on my mind, sure like to remind everyone to take some time over the holidays to think about riding those Goldwings. It's Always good therapy during some of those cold winter days. The plan for the day will be to have lunch, we will have some hamburgers and hot dogs, soft drinks will be provided, along with Ice Tea. After lunch we will sit around and discuss some ride we might want to put on our upcoming schedule for 2020. Take some time and research your ride such as, where and when to meet, and a brief summary of the ride and the day or weekend. When we get our ideas together I will compile it and try to put it into some sort of a format we all will be able to easily understand. Finally we will do some snacking around and play some of our favorite games, kick some tires and sit around and visit.



Tom & Merrilee

# Assistant Chapter Directors



Wow, the last newsletter of the year and what a year it has been. We have had a great year of riding and fellowshiping together and as I sit here enjoying Thanksgiving with my family and looking back over the past year I realize that I have a lot more to be thankful for. As I think back to when Patty and I wandered into our first GWRRRA Chapter B meeting, we were looking to find people that we could enjoy riding with and spending time with, not an easy a task as some would think but boy did we strike oil. We have been really fortunate to have come across so many people that share the same feelings. We always look forward to the monthly meetings and to the rides and events and spending time with our GWRRRA and Chapter B family, so for this we are very thankful. We have had a great year for Chapter B, we had a good riding season with some wonderful rides, we have saw new people join our group, new ride leaders and new officers step up and most of all we have had a safe and healthy riding season and while there have been a few mishaps everyone has come out ok. So as we are saying goodbye to this year, wait not yet! we still have one more thing to look forward to, our Christmas Party, and Mike and Linda Bridges have graciously offered to open their wonderful home for us to all fellowship together. We will also be announcing the 2020 couple of the year and the individual of the year. And as is always the case with Chapter B there is always something to look forward to. We have our ride planning meeting January 11<sup>th</sup> at Tom and Merrilee's house and that is always a good time so start thinking about some good rides to add to the list and let's plan on another memorable year. We look forward to seeing everyone at our December 3rd meeting.



Stanley

# Happy Trails



December usually slows our riding time down due to weather and various holiday activities. Giving your bike a nap for the winter is not unheard of, however an occasional nice day may pop up causing an impromptu ride. Upon returning home take care to properly clean your bike if local road authorities have applied salt or brine solution at any time prior to your ride. The slightest bit of moisture on the roadway kicks this stuff up onto your bike and if allowed to stay on your bike will cause damage while the bike is parked in your garage.

Morning black ice or sudden afternoon temperature drops can turn any water on the pavement into ice. Also, keep in mind the car drivers who are often distracted, are not seeing as many motorcycles as during the warmer months. Be careful out there and have a happy holiday season. See you soon at the chapter Christmas party.

One more thing, if anyone is interested in a one year old Ultimate seat for a 1800 Goldwing (not the new ones) see me at the chapter meeting. It's not heated but it does have a rider backrest and rain cover, and it will fit a trike that has an extra fuel tank.

Until next time, ride safer

Jerry

# Technical Bench

New Technical Coordinator: Chris Harden



## Ten Steps to Winterize your Motorcycle

by BikeBandit | May 4, 2018 | Uncategorized | 0 comments

*If your idea of storing your bike for winter is just throwing a cover over it, you may be in for some nasty surprises come spring time. The last thing you want to find out when riding season starts is that your bike won't, so use these tips to make sure your bike is as ready as you are when it's time to ride!*

***Yikes...this is not what we mean by "winterizing" your bike!***



We may not want to admit it, but winter is just around the corner. And as the air cools off and the snow starts falling, most of us begrudgingly store our bikes and impatiently wait for spring to ride again.

But storing your bike in the winter isn't as simple and just throwing a cover over it and hopping in the car. In order to keep your motorcycle in top running condition, there is some work that needs to be done before storing it for several months (talk about adding insult to the injury of not being able to ride!)

However, if you properly get your bike ready for winter storage, it'll make getting it running again when the riding season begins a whole lot easier, and prevent any unwanted surprises such as dead batteries, corrosion, and rust spots (or worse.)

Depending on what kind of motorcycle you ride there may be different things that will need to be addressed, but there is some general wisdom on how to get it ready to be stored for the winter. Your main enemy during winter storage is damage from *moisture*, so most of our winterizing efforts will be aimed at keeping that away from your bike. In addition, we'll give some love to your fuel system, battery, tires, and all your moving parts as well.

With just a little prep work using these ten simple steps, you'll save yourself a lot of time and hassle come spring time, and your bike will be ready to hit the road as soon as you are!

# Ten Simple Steps to Winterize Your Motorcycle

## 1) Surface Prep

Washing your bike when nobody will see it for a few months anyway can be a drag, but giving your bike a thorough cleaning before storage is important; letting bug guts or water spots sit on your paint can corrode the finish permanently. Wash your bike and dry it completely to get all the moisture off the surfaces (an electric leaf blower is a great way to get all the nooks and crannies really dry.)

Add a coat of wax, which will act as a barrier against moisture and rust. Finally, spray exposed metal surface with WD-40 to displace all moisture (fun fact: the WD in “WD-40” stands for water displacement) and to give them a protective coating against corrosion.

## 2) Change Oil and Filter

Change your [oil](#) and [filter](#). It's better for your lubrication system to have fresh oil sitting in it for several months than to have used, broken down oil in it, not to mention the last thing you'll want to do when riding season begins is change the oil before you can go ride. Using a winter weight oil like 5W30 can help it start up easier come spring time as well.

If you're going to be storing your bike for a long time (4-6 months or more) you will want to protect your engine's internals against moisture by coating them lightly with oil. You may not be able to see it with your naked eye, but the cold winter air is perfect for moisture to gather in your engine and cause rust to form on your pistons and cylinder walls.

In order to do this, remove the spark plugs and put a little squirt (about a tablespoon) of engine oil into the holes, then turn your engine over a few times to coat the cylinder walls by spinning the rear wheel with the bike in gear. Once everything is coated, replace the [spark plugs](#).

## 3) Lube Moving Parts

Keeping moving parts [lubed](#) during the winter will help keep moisture from building up on them and causing any rusting or binding. Any part of your motorcycle that needs to be lubed at any point should be lubed again before storage. Some parts to check are: chain drive, cables, controls, fork surfaces, and any other pivot points.



***This isn't what we meant by "winterizing your bike" either (but hey, whatever works!)***

#### 4) Prep Fuel System

Gas tanks have a tendency to rust when not in use, and untreated pump gas breaks down and becomes gummy over time. To prevent rusting and make sure your fuel is ready to run after a few months in storage, you'll want to fill your tank completely with fuel treated with a product like [Sta-Bil Fuel Stabilizer](#).

On your last ride of the season, stop in at the gas station nearest to where you will be storing your bike and add the proper amount of fuel stabilizer, then top off the tank. A full tank will keep moisture from building up on the tank walls, and adding the stabilizer before the short ride home will help mix the gas and stabilizer together and run it through your fuel system before storage.

*Note: Another method that some advocate is to drain the tank and fuel system completely. This is more troublesome to do, and requires that you treat the inside of the tank with fogging oil to prevent rusting. This method may be preferred for very long-term storage (6 months or more), but for winter storage, a full tank of treated fuel is easier and completely safe to do for both carbureted and fuel-injected bikes.*

#### 5) Safeguard Battery

Batteries have a tendency to self-discharge when sitting over time, especially when they remain hooked up to the bike. The easiest way to combat this is to hook up a battery tender like the [Battery Tender Super Smart Junior](#) which uses smart technology to monitor the charge and keep the battery topped off without overcharging. Normally you should pull the battery from the bike for storage, but with a smart tender you can also connect the tender with the battery left in the bike. Before doing this, make sure the electrodes are clean and corrosion free; if necessary, clean them off and give them a light coating of grease.

#### 6) Protect Tires

If your tires are left to sit in the same position all winter long, they could develop flat spots. Keeping the tires off of the ground will prevent this, so if you have [Motorcycle Stands](#), put the bike up on them for storage. If you don't have stands, try to get at least the rear tire off the ground, or you can rotate your tires by rolling your motorcycle slightly every few weeks. If you need to leave your tires down on concrete, put a piece of carpet or plywood under them to keep any moisture from seeping into them.

**Everyone has their own idea of “winter storage.” Do whatcha have to do!**



#### 7) Check Coolant/Anti-freeze

If you'll be storing your bike somewhere that gets below freezing, make sure you have adequate levels of [anti-freeze](#) in your coolant system. This is very important; if you run straight water in your coolant system and it freezes, you could come back to a cracked head in the spring!

#### 8) Plug Out Pests

Mice and other rodents are notorious for hiding from the cold inside exhaust pipes and making homes out of air filters. In order to avoid any furry surprises when it's time to ride again, plug up your pipes with an exhaust plug like the [BikeMaster Rubber Muffler Plug](#). You can also simply stuff your air intake and the ends of your exhaust with some plastic bags – but do use bright colored bags or tie something to them so you don't forget take them out when you fire up the bike!

#### 9) Keep it Covered

With your motorcycle fully prepped for winter, invest in a proper [motorcycle cover](#). A quality motorcycle cover will not only keep dust off the bike, but will keep the moisture out so it doesn't get trapped underneath it, and create corrosion or rust. If you're storing it outside, be sure to get a cover with tie downs to prevent it from blowing loose in wind. If you're storing it inside you're in much better shape, but you should still use a cover to prevent dust from building up on it.

#### 10) Theft Protection

If you're storing your bike outside, bear in mind that being parked unattended for months at a time makes it an easy target for theft. In addition to protecting your bike from weather, using a cover will conceal it from view, and securing it with a heavy lock and chain can give you some peace of mind. If you'll be storing your bike anywhere it can be accessed by others, read our guide on [How To Keep Your Motorcycle From Getting Stolen](#), and consider investing in some security measures.

With your bike fully prepared for a few months of hibernation, you'll find that the winter is the perfect time to get done any maintenance or upgrade projects that you've had on your mind. BikeBandit.com sells all kinds of upgrades that will make you feel like you're hopping on a whole new motorcycle come spring time. You may not be able to ride in the snow, but nothing is stopping you from getting your hands a little greasy and actually starting one of those projects that you've been thinking about all season!

*Chris*



# Chapter Christmas Party



*Date: Dec 14th  
Time: 2 pm*

*Location: Mike & Linda Bridges Home  
7505 Inverrary Circle*

*Plus*

*Couple of the year/ Individual of the Year selection*



**HOST HOTEL**

*Evergreen Smoky Mountain Lodge and Convention Center  
4010 Parkway*

*For Reservations Call 865-453-1876*

*Rates Start at \$88.00 / night Wed thru Sat.*

*Be sure to mention GWRRA to get the special rate.*

*This is the Host Hotel and the location  
for the vendors and all activities to include  
the Talent Show and Closing*

**Additional Host Hotels**

*The following hotels are each part of*

**SMOKY MOUNTAIN RESORTS**

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their reservation center at 1-800-523-3919.*

**COUNTRY CASCADES**

*204 Sharon Drive*

*Rates starting at \$95.00 per night*

**CREEKSTONE INN**

*4034 River Road S.*

*Rates starting at \$88.00 per night*

*Be sure to mention GWRRA to get the special rate.*



**38th Annual  
Tennessee District**

**“Spring Fling”**

**April 30 May 1&2, 2020**

**Pigeon Forge, TN**

**Hillbilly Hoe Down**



**Registration Please Print Clearly**

Rider \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_  
GWRRA # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Position \_\_\_\_\_ Is this your first TN District Rally? Y N  
Circle all that apply: Male Female 1UP 2UP Bike Trike Sidecar Other  
Co-Rider \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_  
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Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Distance to Rally (one way) \_\_\_\_\_

**Liability Release**

**All Registrants Must Sign**

We agree to hold harmless GWRRA, the co-sponsoring organization, and any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property by any reason by participating in this rally.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Must be pre-registered for Master's Breakfast; tickets will not be sold on-site.**

**\*\* 1 Grand Prize ticket included with Pre-Registration**

Day pass will be available on site for \$15.00 Per Day.

Note: All refunds are subject to \$15 handling fee. No refunds after April 15, 2020, without the District Director's approval.

**Early Bird Deadline March 2, 2020**

Early Bird prize is \$100.00 by DRAWING

First Grand Prize is \$1,000.00 second Grand Prize is \$500.00

All Pre-registration forms must be received by

April 1, 2020

**All full registrations will increase by \$5.00 after April 10, 2020**

GWRRA Members \$30 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Life Members \$25 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Non-Members \$35 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
13-15 Year Olds \$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
12 Years Old and under FREE with a paying Adult  
Master's Breakfast\* \$15 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Grand Prize Tickets \*\* \$1 ea or 6 for \$5.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Registration total \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Shirt Orders**

SS Tee S, M, L, XL - \$16 / 2XL & up - \$19

Size \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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LS Tee S, M, L, XL - \$20 / 2XL & up - \$23

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SS Golf S, M, L, XL - \$27 / 2XL & up - \$29

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**Shirt Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

After closing Dinner Show \$39.50 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Soul of Motown  
The Grand Majestic Theater  
2330 Parkway, Pigeon Forge TN

The show is after Closing Saturday 8:15 PM. There will be an all you can eat buffet before the show at 7:15 PM. Cost is \$39.50 per person.

You must Pre-register on this registration. Tickets will be in your packets

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# "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



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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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lynell Queener 12/7

Alicia Hickman 12/14

Chuck Talley 12/26

Julie Harden 12/31

Sonya Ridinger 12/13

Wade Killion 12/24



Doug&Cindy Cox 12/9

Jerry & Sonya Ridinger 12/19