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**GWRRA SunSphere Wings
Chapter B Knoxville Tennessee
February 2011 Newsletter**

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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!

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:
February 1st 2011

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**From your Chapter
Directors,
Tom and Kathy Peck**

Hello Everyone,

I'd like to thank everyone for all their support for our annual Chili Cook-Off this year; what a great way to start off the new year. Our Busy Bee's were out working hard to make our event a great success again for the 17th year here at Chapter B. We are already looking forward to next year. Thanks also to all our donors for the nice auction items and door prizes - lots of hard work by everyone.

Now that we have the Chili Cook-Off behind us we can concentrate on our ride/activity schedule. We have set up a dinner meeting at our home so we can get together and plan for all of our events of 2011. We will plan rides, dinner gatherings, game nights, pool parties, First Aid and CPR training, overnight rides, day rides, weekend rides, evenings at sporting events, an afternoon at the Playhouse, etc. Remember, anything goes, so bring your ideas and suggestions. This will be one of the most important meetings we will have for our Chapter so the more input we get from all our membership the better our calendar will be and the better participation we will have because everyone helped put the schedule together.

Some of the things you can do in preparation for the meeting is find out as much information as you can about your suggested ride or activity. Timing, suggested route, cost and so on, that will help folks decide if they can make the ride or activity we end up with on the calendar. Remember to mark your calendar for 11 a.m. Saturday February 19th at Tom & Kathy's place. We will have directions on how to get there at the gathering Tuesday at Shoney's; hope to see you there.

Remember, the District Winter Event is coming up February 12th; there are 8 from Chapter B so far I know who are planning to go so check your schedule for the 12th and join us for the winter event at Fall Creek Falls—always a lot of fun and enjoyment. Hope you can make it!

Tom

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!



Wear Your Chapter Shirt

and you'll receive an extra 50/50 ticket!

Anyone, including our visitors, wearing a chapter shirt or vest, will be given an extra 50/50 ticket.

So wear your chapter shirt and show your chapter spirit!

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-call-of duty . . . (you get the picture) is deserving of this award.



17th Annual TN-B Chili Cook-Off



Chapter B's 17th Annual Chili Cook-Off was a huge success. Our numbers were down a little bit, with 157 in attendance this year, representing 9



GWRRRA chapters and one other motorcycle club. Still, we were able to raise

a whopping \$3800 for charities: The Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

You've often heard us say that the real purpose of our event is to have FUN - in keeping with our motto



Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge - and that any money we raise is just icing on the cake. I think everyone in attendance can agree that we achieved our FUN goal - the Men's Beauty Pageant was a hoot! And didn't our fashion coordinators and makeup consultants do a great job of making them presentable (?)! FYI: that activity alone raised more than \$600! *(Continued next page)*



17th Annual TN-B Chili Cook-Off (Continued)



Our Chapter B participants have asked us to say a very special thank you to all of you who attended, willingly (or maybe unwillingly) participated and donated so generously. And we as Chapter Directors can't say enough thank-yous



to our own Busy Bees for all the hard work they put in, both before the Chili Cook-Off and during the event. More than \$3000 was donated to our cause in the form of food and drinks, door prizes, auction items, and cash donations. We couldn't do this without the generosity of the businesses & individuals who give so generously each year.

Congratulations go to the following award winners:

- **TN-M:** Largest GWRRA Chapter in Attendance with 23 (TN-C was a close second with 21)



- **Long Distance:** A friend of TN-M from Michigan (we didn't get his name - sorry)
- **Knoxville Riders:** Largest non-GWRRA club with 13 present - wasn't it great to have them with us!

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17th Annual TN-B Chili Cook-Off (Continued)



- Lance Lambert, Knoxville Riders: Hottest Chili
- Joyce Jennings, TN-B: Best Traditional Chili
- Rick Buchanan, TN-C: Most Creative Chili

Thanks again, everyone who came, worked, played and/or donated. We had lots of fun and plan to do it all again about the same time next year.



*In grateful appreciation,
Tom and Kathy Peck
TN-B Chapter Directors*



- Edna Gibson, TN-M: Crowd Favorite
- Barbara Lambert, Knoxville Riders: Spilled Chili Award
- Dennis Peterson, TN-Q: Beauty Pageant Winner



Chapter Educator Section

The Smart Corner

By Dave Roberts, Chapter Educator



Last month we talked about cold-weather riding, and making sure that you are prepared for the ride. Now I know it's still cold outside but Ground Hog day is coming up, and spring is just around the corner. What about you're Goldwing? Is it ready for the ride?

Motorcycles have become so reliable that it's easy to take them for granted. Back when I started riding, you were cautioned about carefully examining your clutch cable and avoiding holding the clutch lever in while you waited at a light, lest the cable break and propel you into crossing traffic. These days the recommendation is to keep your bike in gear with clutch in to permit an immediate escape if a car veers toward you. (Goldwings have hydraulically actuated clutches, thus no broken cables.) In the bad old days, fasteners routinely vibrated off bikes, spokes broke, steering head bearings needed regular attention, drum brakes required cleaning, ignition point timing and gap had to be monitored closely, and you needed to check your oil frequently to see how much had leaked or burned.

Tremendous strides in the quality of materials, the design of components, and manufacturing tolerances have given us much more reliable machines, and the Honda Goldwing is one of the most reliable motorcycles ever built. That said, it is tempting to simply assume that everything is right and nothing hangs on the brink of failure. But as the service tech at a shop once said to me, "You know what they say about assume." It

is therefore prudent to pay attention to the mechanics of your motorcycle. Check those things that you can see or get a wrench on. Feel or measure for proper adjustment. And, most of all, be sure that your last ride didn't do some damage that will spoil your next one. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation has developed a simple checklist, summarized with the acronym T-CLOCK, for the headings of each section.

Although this is usually described as a "pre-ride" inspection, the best and most convenient time to perform it is shortly after your last ride. (This is REALLY important if your last ride was a couple of months ago.)

One of the best ways to find problems is through the post-ride cleaning many riders give their bikes. (Ask Tom Peck about this.) I have no doubt that riders who routinely clean their motorcycles do uncover the small problems that would become big problems much earlier than riders who simply walk around their bikes, look them over and shake a few pieces to make sure they are attached. Loose pieces, small leaks, the first signs of corrosion and components out of whack are much more obvious when you are touching every external part of your bike. As Ben Franklin said, "Cleanliness is next to Godliness", and this is particularly true for motorcycles.

THE T-CLOCK INSPECTION

The [Motorcycle Safety Foundation](#) created the T-CLOCK mnemonic as a memory and organization ad for a pre-ride safety check of a typical motorcycle. Each letter represents a particular inspection category, as follows:

- T - Tires & Wheels
- C - Controls
- L - Lights & Electrics
- O - Oil
- C - Chassis
- K - Kickstand



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Chapter Educator Section (Continued)

TIRES AND WHEELS

Tires: Pressure correct (cold), tread condition. No cuts, bulges, puncture of foreign objects.

Wheels: rims true; no free play when flexed; bearing seals intact; spin freely.

Brakes: Firm feel; sufficient pad depth, no leaks or links in hoses or cables.

CONTROLS

Lever: Pivot bolt and nut; action and position correct; pivots lubed.

Hoses: Check for damage or leaks, proper routing.

Throttle: Snaps closed freely when released; no excess play.

LIGHTS

Brake and Taillights: All filaments work; both levers actuate brake light.

Headlight: All filaments work; properly aimed; no damage. Hi and Low beams

Lenses: Clean; no condensation; tight.

Reflectors: Clean; intact.

Turn Signals: proper function

Battery: Fluid level; terminals clean and tight; held down securely; vent tube not kinked or mis-routed.

Wiring: Check for pinching or fraying; properly routed; no corrosion.

OIL AND FLUIDS

Levels: Brake fluid, Clutch fluid level oil, final drive, coolant, fuel.

Leaks: Check all systems for leaks.

Condition: Check color of brake fluid & coolant.

CHASSIS

Frame: Paint lifting or peeling may indicate cracking.

Steering head & swingarm bearings: Lift wheels off floor, grab lower fork legs and pull and push to feel for play; repeat at rear. Turn fork to feel for detents in bearings.

Suspension: Smooth movement; proper adjustment; no leaks.

Fasteners: Look for missing or loose threaded fasteners, clips, pins.

KICKSTAND

Sidestand: Retracts firmly; no bending or damage; cut-out switch operates; spring intact.

Centerstand: Retracts firmly, no damage.

Among the potential threats to your safety while riding, mechanical failure is fairly low on the list. Wearing bright colors or practicing your braking are much more important. But that won't matter much if the nail you missed causes a tire to blow out or if the recently installed drain plug in your drive shaft housing falls out in heavy fast-moving traffic, locking up the rear wheel.

Motorcycles are more reliable than they have ever been, but that still doesn't mean you can ignore your Goldwing's mechanicals completely.

Therefore, make sure you are ready for the ride, and your Goldwing is ready for you.

Dave



TN-B's 2011 Individual of the Year



JOANN SMITH

JoAnn and Harvey Smith moved from Ohio to LaFollette, Tennessee in 1972, to become owners of Springs Dock, which they operated for 19 years. These were great times for them, welcoming countless people to Norris Lake and making hundreds of new friends. As in any self-owned business, they worked endless hours in managing the restaurant and dock, but even with all the work, it was an enjoyable experience.

Cancer claimed Harvey's life just a few years after they sold their business. Most of our chapter participants did not have the pleasure of meeting or knowing him, but all who did speak highly of him.

JoAnn has been with Chapter B for only a couple of years now. She learned to drive the Goldwing Trike they owned and she can stay up with the best of the drivers. She loves riding, had always ridden bikes as a co-rider, but now drives her own, as many of our women friends do.

JoAnn has 4 daughters and 6 grandchildren. Family occupies a lot of her time. She loves to travel, go to the beach, watch football or

sports of any kind (she's a Lady Vol's fan) and one grandson plays football now in high school. She's active in her church and does all the cooking for their VBS each summer. By the way, some of us can attest to her good cooking!!

She and Harvey owned a place in Florida at one time and she still loves spending time in that state. Her German shepherd, Maggie, is 2 1/2 years old and is a bundle of energy and love.

JoAnn is an asset to our chapter. She volunteers her time and talents for the annual Chili Cook-Off to benefit St. Jude and the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, and also helps with the Ride for Kids.

She takes off on her Wing just about any time we call her up for a ride. Many Saturdays, she and Peanut Davis, and Gary and Dianah Davis take off for the whole day.

Joann is a special lady, an asset to our Chapter, and we look forward to more fun times together. We are all so glad to call her our friend.

Reprinted from September 2009 BUZZ, original article submitted by Merrilee DeGuire

Editors Note: JoAnn currently serves as our Chapter Treasurer. In the past 3 years she has brought in more than \$700 in cash donations for our Chili Cook-Off. This year she donated the beautiful diamond ring to be given away at our Chili Cook-Off, raising \$500 for the kids. We are so fortunate to have JoAnn as part of our Chapter B Family.

"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 **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 **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)
Call Robert & Trudy Ashcraft 865-376-6403

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 **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 **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 Gordon & Alicia Catlett 865-740-3086



New Chapter T-Shirts \$20
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 Pins (Shape of State).....\$4.00 ea.
- 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
- New Chapter B 25 Year Patch.....Free to Chapter B members**
- GWRRA Blinking Buttons..... 2.50
- Chapter B HatsNow Available..... 15.00
- Ladies Yellow HatsNow Available..... 15.00

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



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- JoAnn—1/1
- Bill DeGuire—2/2
- Glenn Riedel—2/6
- Mike Wilson—2/12
- Ann Cutsinger—2/17
- David Underwood—2/23



None in February

If we missed your Birthday or Anniversary make sure you contact Bobbie Beeler so we can update our records. We want to recognize everyone's Birthday and Anniversary each month, not only at our meetings but in this Newsletter. Check the info on the Sign-in sheet at our Monthly gathering.

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 tomkatpeck@msn.com 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.

Game Night at Chuck and Pat's



ITEMS FOR SALE



2005 Nissan Frontier LE 2WD King cab pickup. Dark Grey metallic with matching aluminum cap. Top of the line Frontier. 265HP V6 with full

ABS and 4 wheel disk brakes. 5 speed auto w/cruise. Class II hitch and factory wiring. Factory coated bed with aluminum tie-down system. 17 inch factory wheels with locks. Factory running boards and Fog lights. Air and power everything. Custom seats and carpet with factory all-weather mats. CD player. Sliding windows on truck and cap. Four opening doors. Non-smoker. All 60K maintenance performed. New original tires at 45K. This is a NICE truck!



NADA and Kelly Blue Book put value between \$13,800 and \$14,500.

Best offer over \$13,500. Located near Knoxville, TN. ALL

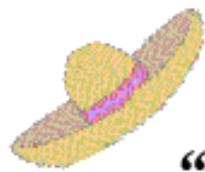
maint. records, keys and manuals, including shop manual on CD. More photos by email.

Mark Kohlman. 865-379-7229 or cell 865-919-2333, mkohlman@stepshirts.com





GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION
of
TENNESSEE
Invites you to
“Winter Fiesta”
SATURDAY, February 12, 2011



Fall Creek Falls State Park Conference Center
2536 Lakeside Dr.
Pikeville, TN

“EARLY BIRD PRIZE”
Early Registration by January 15, 2011

Tentative Schedule

- 9:00 am Registration Opens
- 10:00 am Opening
- 10:30 am PARTY FUN Begins with Games, Seminars & Contests
- 4:30 pm Prizes/Drawings
- 6:00 pm Awards & Fiesta Party Dance with “Scooter Davis”

GWRRA of TN reserves the right to alter this event.

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REGISTRATION

Rider _____ Member \$12.50 x _____ = \$ _____

Co-Rider _____ Non-Member \$15.00 x _____ = \$ _____
& On site

Address _____ Total = \$ _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Chapter _____ GWRRA Number(s) _____

Children 16 and younger—no charge!



**REGISTRATIONS MUST
BE RECEIVED BY
FEBRUARY 5, 2011**

AGREEMENT

I/We agree to conform and comply with the ideals governing this event. I/ We further agree to hold harmless GWRRA, co-sponsoring organizations or any property owner or owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/We may become involved by reason or participation in this event.

I/We also agree to assume responsibility for any property which I/We knowingly damage.

I/ We have read this form. Must sign below

Rider _____ Date _____

Co-Rider _____ Date _____

TN-B 2011 Ride Schedule

Check the newsletter and web-site regularly for updates and more information!

www.tn-b.org

Saturday, February 12

Winter Fiesta

Fall Creek Falls State Park

Pikeville, TN, Registration \$12.50

for more info <http://www.tngwrra.org/>

Saturday February 19

Ride Planning Meeting

Tom and Kathy Peck's Place

153 Deerwood Lane, LaFollette, TN,

423-907-9712

11:00 a.m., lunch provided.

Thursday-Saturday, April 14-16

Spring Fling

Sevier County Fairgrounds

See Kathy for lodging info.

Saturday-Sunday, May 14-22

Ride to Branson, MO

See Kathy for details

Wednesday-Saturday, July 6-9

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Knoxville, TN



Come Ride With Us!!!

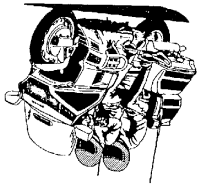


Chuck Talley

Ride Coordinator

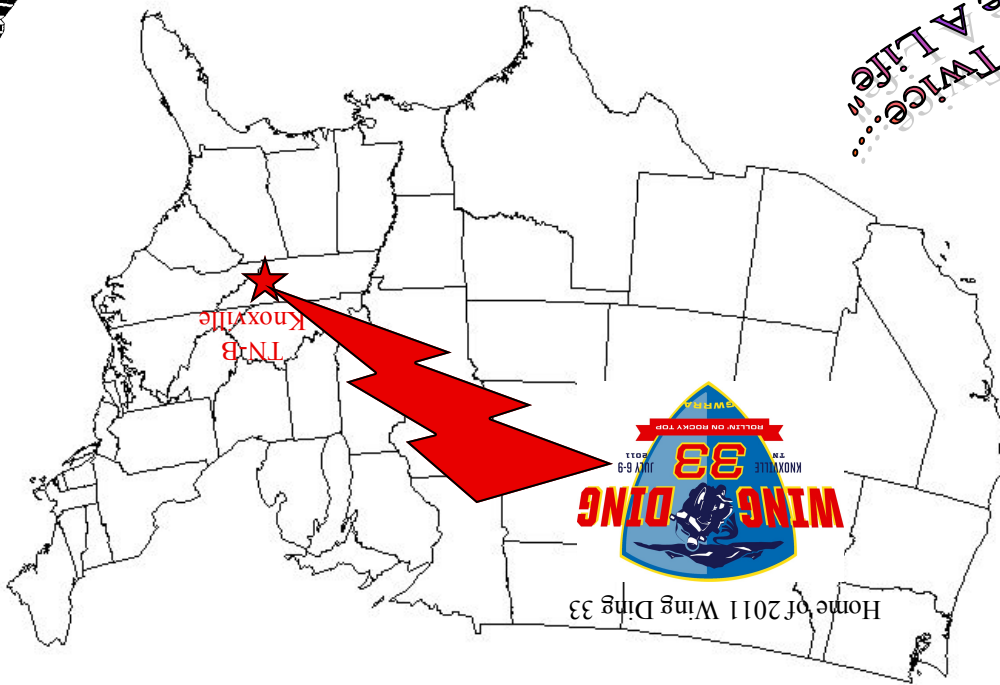
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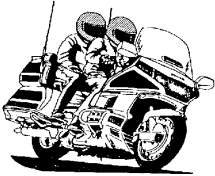


Enjoying the Mountains of East Tennessee!

"Look Twice...
Save A Life"



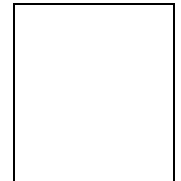
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To:



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