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Eat at 6:00 PM & our social starts promptly at 7:00 PM
Hope to see you there!!!*



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From Your Senior Chapter B Directors
Tom & Merrilee Peck



Hope your new year has been good so far. We had our ride planning meeting as we kick off 2020 back on the 11th this month. Lot of great ideas were discussed and talked about. As in the past we tried to list all the rides in some sort of format you could easily look at and comment on. Not only will we be publishing this list in this newsletter, but also in our chapter web site for your review. During the next several months we will try to firm up as many of these rides as we can so you can feel confident when you add the schedule to your calendar. The added chili Dump was a favorite especially with the special bread bowls, crowd favorite. Always a good time to see all the special treats to accommodate the sweet tooth.

Tech Day coming soon, see page 6. Look over your Goldwing operators handbook and you will find your maintenance schedule and listed will be what to do at various mileages or time periods. You will be able to determine what you may have missed.

There should be plenty of experienced members who do their own maintenance and are very familure with working on the Goldwing. Service manuals will be available for reference material. One great thing our chapter members have is a vast amount of knowledge and are able to share with our membership and you are all invited to take advantage of this opportunity.

Assistant Chapter Directors



Well the new year has sprung and if all indications are true it's going to be another full year. We had a successful ride planning meeting and a full slate of new rides to look over, so take the time and visit the web site, just click on 2020 ride schedule in the middle of the page and look it over, remember this is not final yet, and we would love to hear your thoughts and feedback. We also have the officers meeting followed by the Winter Event on the 8th which should be a lot of fun. And right around the corner will be Spring Fling. Last year was our first one and we really enjoyed it, especially the talent contest which we are hoping to put something together so Chapter B can enter. Start thinking about a good routine for us to put together so we can show that Chapter B talent and spirit. We also have Roan Mt. Steak Out, another great time and then Chapter B's 2nd annual picnic and when you add the great rides that were brought up it will make for another great year for Chapter B. As always, we look forward to seeing everyone Tuesday night at the meeting.



Happy Trails



BEWARE...



Typically, February has never been a good month for riding, so I now have a good opportunity to go back to a topic that not only pertains to riding, but driving as well, **DISTRACTED DRIVING!** The modern roadway free-for-all is a combination of sensory overload; driver distractions; outdated and decaying infrastructure; population explosion; unfunded driver training; lax requirements for licensing; and no requirement for recurrent training.

Everyone operating a vehicle should want to be the best they can at a task that is very unforgiving. Unfortunately, this isn't so. The biggest mistake drivers make is sensory overload. Distractions have existed forever, but examples while driving include tuning the radio, eating, having a conversation, disciplining children and applying makeup.

We have all seen, maybe even participated in, many more than these examples, but the biggest problem is the mass addiction of connected smartphones. Supercomputers have been miniaturized to several square inches and can now be carried around in a pocket. I have yet to find answering the phone or texting while driving to be more important than my own safety, or that of others.

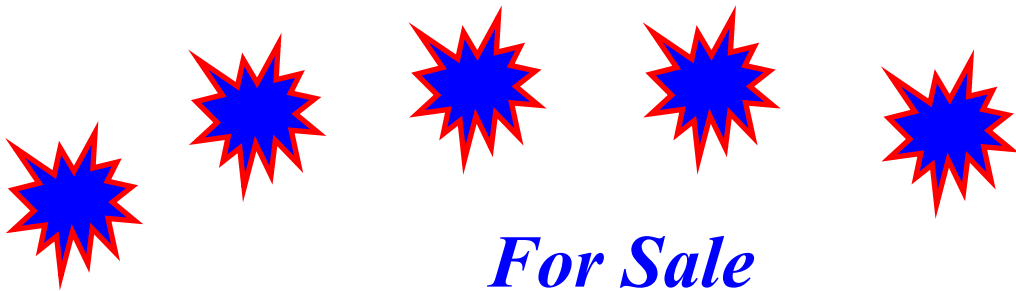
We can't do much to protect ourselves against selfish drivers. However, there are some things we can do to identify those drivers and stay away from them. A stopped vehicle that doesn't move when the light turns green likely has a driver who is busy on the phone. Likewise, a driver with their eyes or head looking down is a good bet that they are busy texting. A vehicle on the freeway easing along at 60 mph, with traffic backing up behind them, is another indication that they are focused elsewhere. (NOT to be confused with drivers from certain regions of the country who are natural lane hogs)

Mentally note the license plate number, the color and make of the car, get past the obstruction and on with your business. It will do no good to point out the error of other people's judgement. Selfish drivers take this as an affront, which is how road rage begins. If you drive the same route on a regular basis, remember and avoid these drivers.

Motorcyclists equipped with Bluetooth technology connected to their phones should be very selective about how they use it. Even though it is "hands free", talking on the phone increases risk in any environment that requires absolute attention, like riding a motorcycle. Even listening to music is a potential distraction, which can reduce your reaction time to potential conflicts. Let calls go to voicemail or pull over before answering if possible.

Catastrophic results occur every day due to people driving distracted. It is not worth the risk of getting hurt or killed, damaging your vehicle or getting arrested for the instant gratification of communication. It can wait!

Until next time, ride safer



For Sale



2 New, never worn women's medium & Large Tour master jackets only \$100 ea.

Contact:

Emily- 865-938-8223

Joann- 423-912-0269



Heel to toe shifter and foot pegs by Kuryakyn with extensions. \$200.00

The heated seat and back rest from my 08. \$700.00

or best offer, Thanks Roy

865-426-6645



Tech Day 2020

March 28th 2020



Lots of members have been asking when are we having our Tech Day. Looking at the calendar it was decided March 28th would work best, its early enough in the riding season yet we should be in a bit milder weather when we could get the motorcycles out from their long sleepy spell during the colder months.

We will be open for business about 10 am. For those doing work on their bike the garage will be open. Bring you own oil and filter or other item needing attention. We will try to get those not doing things to their bike to do some brain storming to see if there is any interest in putting on a SKIT or other entertainment during our Spring Fling in Pigeon Forge APRIL 30, May 1st & 2nd. Put your thinking hats on and lets put Chapter B on the map.

We will be here the entire day and plan to do some hot dogs when everyone gets hungry. I'm sure some will bring some of their favorite desserts, coffee and soft drinks will be provided.

Hopefully it will ne a nice day but if the weather doesn't cooperate we can try again April 1st .



Spring Fling 2020

38th Annual Tennessee District
“Spring Fling” April 30 May
1&2, 2020 Pigeon Forge, TN
Hillbilly Hoe Down



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 Reservations for any one of them can be made by calling 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

Visit the Chapter b's web site at www.tn-b.org for registration forms and other information

2020 Ride Planning 1/11/2020

Ride Planning meeting

What a great turn out to the 2020 ride planning meeting and a very big thank you to Tom and Merrilee for opening their beautiful home and hosting the event. I think the head count was close to 30 and once again we proved that it's impossible for us to have a get together and not have some great vittles to eat. We did the chili dump again this year and boy was it good but Merrilee added a twist and made bread bowls which was a first for me and they worked out great, there were several other dishes and a dessert table that blew my weight loss program right out the window, man we got some great cooks in Chapter B. After lunch we all gathered around and starting coming up with some ride suggestions and it was pretty obvious that some people had really been putting some thought into this. There were nice rides mentioned, day rides, overnights, waterfalls and even some museums. it will be nice to see how the final draft works out. It's always great to get together with our Chapter B family, there are always some nice stories and did I say great food. Seems like food was also a common thread in all the rides also, but we had a great time and hearing all the suggestions I am really looking forward to warm weather.

Stanley



LifeStyle Entertainment

Great news about some of the awesome restaurant DINE FREE values in the Lifestyle Pocket Saver 2020 issue.

We wanted to share some exciting news.

We've added some GREAT new restaurants to the 2020 issue!

Enjoy the Buy One-Get One FREE dining values to many great area restaurants!

Bonefish Grill, Fleming's Steakhouse, Kitchen 919, The Walnut Kitchen and The Melting Pot are just a few of the great restaurants in our 2020 issue!!!

Bonefish Grill has an up to \$25.00 dining value to both of their locations!!! PLUS...Fleming's has an up to \$50.00 dining value in our upcoming 2020 issue!!! AND...The Walnut Kitchen in Maryville has an up to \$40.00 dining value as well!

So...we hope you will take advantage of the great value...and perhaps share this email with friends that might want to purchase the 2020 issue. Order yours now to start enjoying all these restaurant values starting mid November.

Plus...we've added Finn's Restaurant & Tavern (Located in the Old Baker Peters restaurant)...Little Italy and Mama Grits located in Tellico Village...Admiral Pub (Next to Kroger in Farragut)...Stir Fry Cafe...Union Place (in the old Merelli's restaurant-Bearden location)...Parrilla's Cantina (in the old Restaurant Linderhoff location) Cheers at Choto Marina...and many more!!!

Other important news to read!!!

You can go visit Cheers at Choto Marina if you have the current 2019 dining card. Cheers is a bonus restaurant we added so that you can receive an up to \$25.00 value there using card #24 on that visit...plus VIP 10% return visit value as well.

DINE FREE ON US thru 12/31/20...Enjoy nearly \$900.00 in dining value for ONLY \$20.00.

ALSO...this makes a GREAT holiday gift! Why buy a restaurant gift card to one restaurant...when you can gift a family member, friend or employee a dining value to nearly 40 area restaurants they can enjoy thru the whole year...!!!

If you're free for dinner...then Dinner is FREE for you!!!

Lifestyle Pocket Saver is the gift that keeps on giving!



Cabin in the Smokies



https://www.cabinsofthesmokymountains.com/gatlinburg-cabin-rental/The_Gatlinburg_Lodge.html

It's almost time for Chapter B's get away. Please bring your final payment of \$229 to Chapter B's February meeting. If you can't make the meeting please mail me your payment to, 2129 Gatehouse Lane, Powell TN 37849. We will have a meeting for everyone going to the cabin after chapter B's meeting on February 4th. We need to work on setting up a menu and anything else we may need to bring to the cabin.

I've enclosed the floor plan for the cabin, so everyone can look over the floor plans and maybe help you pick out a room. I have a couple that have been requested already. The main level needs to be saved for our family that have a hard time with the steps. The bunk room on the first floor is Peanut, Gary and Diane. The handicap on the first is for Chuck and Pat. Also on the first floor needs to be Mike and Linda, Sam & Lynell, Tom & Merrilee, On the lower level bottom right corner king room is Wally's. Upper level one bunk room is Jerry & Sonya, the other bunk is mine Joann's and Edna's. Please stay after chapter meeting on Tuesday. Day rides are in the planning stages now, suggestions are encouraged!

Technical Bench

Technical Coordinator: Chris Harden



Brakes



Technically brake fluid can't freeze solid like water due to the fact that it is an oil. But it can reach a point where it becomes so thick that it no longer becomes effective at transferring force from the master cylinder to the wheels. The fluid can "gel" or congeal. Base mineral oil has a "working point" of -22C or -30F. But, it will never turn into a solid.

Additives to the base oil can push the limit to -45F or lower. If the temperatures go lower, chances are the pedal will be stiff, but not frozen. After a few stops, the heat of the brakes would warm the fluid. If you are driving in temperatures below -50F, you have a lot more problems than the brake fluid like engine oil and coolant. Theoretically, the ABS pump on some vehicles could have problems if it activates and the brake fluid is thick enough. This could introduce air bubbles into the brake fluid. Also, since brake fluid is hydroscopic (absorbs water), the additional water can influence the viscosity at lower temperatures.

No, DOT 3,4 and 5.1 brake fluid will not freeze preventing you from stopping altogether. Chances are if you have experienced a hard brake pedal in the winter, it is condensation in the brake booster or vacuum supply hose that has frozen.

Honda recommends DOT 4 brake fluid, and the industry as a whole recommends replacing brake fluid every 3 years.

On The Road Again

Tennessee District Winter Event 2020



WHEN
February 8 2020

WHERE
James E. Ward Agricultural and Community Center
945 Baddour Parkway, Lebanon TN 37087

Our theme for this event is "On The Road Again"
Focus of the theme is on "More riding events and
Rider Safety"

Operations meeting 9:00 am

Winter event 12:00 Noon

Scrap Book, Mascot
& Table decorating
Contests



We will have 50-25-25
ticket sales and drawing.



Point of contact for more information.

Dennis Peterson
Tennessee District Director
931-302-5283
gwrratn.dd@gmail.com

We will have a
Chapter Challenge

The District will
furnish a light
lunch.

DATE	DESTINATION	RIDE CAPTAIN
3/28	Tech Day and Spring Fling planning at Tom & Merrilee's place	
4/4		
4/11		
4/18	Natural Tunnel	Richard James
4/22-28	Gatlinburg Lodge Ride out to lunch 4/24 English Mt. Trout Farm	Jerry Ridinger
4/30-5/2	Spring Fling Pigeon Forge	
5/9	Farmer's Daughter Chucky, Tn	David Underwood
5/15-16	Roan Mountain Steak Out	
5/23	Shoneys 134 to Harrogate to Corbin Bubby's to eat	Bill Sowder
5/30	Chapter B Picnic Norris Dam State Park Shelter	
6/6	Waterfall Ride	Chris Harden
6/13	Hot Springs, NC Smoky Mt. Diner (great breakfast) Iron Horse (also good food)	Jerry Ridinger
6/19	Smokies Ballgame	Jerry Ciesla
6/20	Bell Buckle Tn. RC Moon Pie Festival	Dave Roberts
6/27	Wheels through Time	
6/30	Wing Ding Springfield Mo. 6/30-7/4	Tom Peck
7/4		
7/11	Brushy Mountain Prison	Sam Queener
7/18	Blue Ridge Parkway Harbor Inn Asheville, NC Meal	Jerry Ridinger
7/25		
8/1	Tellico Visitors Center (gun and telephone museums)	Jerry Ciesla
8/8	Sequoia Museum	Jerry Ciesla
8/15-16	Barber Museum	
8/22-23	Boone, NC Daniel Boone Inn family style breakfast Overnight	Jerry Ridinger
8/29	Foothills Pkwy ending at Calhoun's Lenoir City	Kyle Beeler
9/5	Michigan Ride	Wally Malinsky
9/12	Gray, Tn Fossil museum (live dig sign)	David Underwood
9/18-19	Stone Mountain Georgia Overnight	Jerry Ridinger
9/26	Chattaoga to Chatsworth, Ga (can tie this in with Stone Mt. above)	Wally Malinsky
10/3	Apple Festival Irwin, Tn Covered Bridge	Jerry Ridinger
10/10	Cherohala Skyway	Chris Harden
10/17	Train Depot Niota, TN	Dave Roberts
10/23-24	Hwy 77 Noah's Ark and Creation Museum Kentucky 2 Overnights	Wally Malinsky
-25		
10/31	Helen, Ga	Robert Burnett



"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: Lee Ann & Wilburn Hayes 423-497-2945

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 Gene & Donna Dunn 631-848-9435

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 Eat at 6:30 pm The new place is Ruby Tuesdays, 2316 N Main St, Crossville, TN. 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
INVENTORY CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING:
Tennessee visitation pins (Shape of State).....\$4.00 ea.



- TN-B Hanger Bars 2.00
- 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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Happy Birthday

Joann Smith Feb 1st
David Underwood Feb 23rd



Lennie & Sherrill Martin
Marvin & Carolyn Owens Feb 2nd