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Thanks to our entire Chili Cook Off Team!

Come out to this months gathering and help us welcome representatives from Knoxville Honda as they share some of their upcoming events to be held at the dealership. Also get the straight scoop about their new Trike relationship and upcoming Trike dealership.

each month at
Shoney's Restaurant
2405 Andersonville Hwy
Clinton, 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 social starts
promptly at 7:30 PM
Hope to see Y'all there!!!

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From Your Sr. Chapter Directors, Tom and Kathy Peck



Looks like we got through January in pretty good shape; not much of that white stuff if any at all and that is a good thing. As many of you know its been a busy month as we had another successful Chili Cook Off for the 18th year in a row. What a great event, even though our attendance was down a bit due to several other District wide events, we can still feel comfortable about having such a fun-filled chapter event.

We would again like to thank all of our members who always come together to support and promote our fund-raising event each year. We will present the funds to St Jude and the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation during the Ride For Kids on July 29th and the Wings Across Tennessee on Sept 21-22. Make sure you mark you calendars for both of these fun filled annual events.

Every year about this time we like to kick off the our 2012 riding season with a planning meeting where we encourage our entire chapter membership to come and enjoy a fun afternoon where we gather and plan our 2012 chapter rides and events. Make sure you check out the flyer for Saturday Feb 11th at our place again this year. We hope everyone brings their ideas and suggestions so we can all discuss our favorite rides and events we want to put on out Chapter B ride schedule for 2012.

Make sure to jot down some of your favorite rides and whether it would be a 1) day ride (Saturday or Sunday) 2) an overnighter (one or more nights), or maybe 3) and evening dinner ride. Advance planning and commitment are key to making these rides and events a success. Bring any info you can to promote your ride and answer questions etc others might have about the ride. So mark you calendars for February 11th and join us for some good food, and fellowship as we put together our schedule for 2012; see the flyer with directions on the next page.

Tom

Ride Planning Meeting Saturday, February 11, 2012

11:00 a.m.

Tom and Kathy's Place _



153 Deerwood Lane LaFollette, TN 37766 423-907-9712



Come with your suggestions for day rides, dinner rides, overnight rides... We'll share our ideas, have lunch and then finalize our schedule. Then, when our work is done, we'll play games! So bring your favorites!

Directions to Tom and Kathy's Place 153 Deerwood Lane, LaFollette, TN 37766, 423-907-9712

I-75 North to Exit 134 (Caryville, Jacksboro, LaFollette).

At bottom of ramp turn right (east) on TN-63/US-25W.

Turn right in approximately 9 miles, after going thru town, at Traffic Light #10, Cumberland Avenue.

Road name changes to Old Long Hollow Road (follow signs to Deerfield Resort – every mile or so).

Turn left in about 3.8 miles onto Cedar Creek Road (just past Coolidge Baptist Church). Turn right in about 3.8 miles at Fast Freddy's onto Alder Springs Road.

Bear right in about 1 mile, up the hill onto Chapman Rd (you'll see signs to Deerfield Resort.)

You'll come to the guard shack in about a mile – let them know that you're visiting us. Note: the road name changes to Deerfield Way at the guard shack.

Turn right in about 2 miles at office and tennis courts (you'll still be on Deerfield Way after turning).

Go down the hill and turn at the first street, Deerwood Lane.

Our house is the second driveway on the left. You can't miss the sign that says "TomKats Place".

Note: Your GPS may take you a different way – that's OK. We prefer this route. See you soon!

Chili Cook-Off Fun . . .

Thanks to everyone who helped us have soooo much FUN!
Busy, Bees, you were AWESOME!
And to our visitors, we can't thank you enough for helping us to raise
\$4081.79

for our charities,
St. Jude Children's
Research Hospital
and the

Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation.

















Thanks to the generous donation of the beautiful 2 Karat Diamond Ring by JoAnn Smith and her aunt, we were able to raise \$610 for the Kids in the Grand Prize Drawing. Congratulations to John Rives, TN-B, our lucky winner! (John also won the Spilt Chili Award!)







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More Chili Cook-Off Fun

Contest Winners Were:

- Hottest Chili & Crowd Favorite—Ed Grazier, Region N Director
- Best Traditional Chili—Allen and Dottie Wessel. TN District Membership Enhancement Coordinators
- Unique chili—Julie Zahn, TN-G2
- Largest Chapter—TN-M, Lenoir City
- Longest Distance—Jim and Barb
- Panell, TN-K, Dickson, TN







We say a special thanks to Jerry & Leisa Childers, DJ and Photographer! And to Jerry Ciesla, our auctioneer extraordinaire!



Our auction raised



\$1128—that included \$690 from our Tacky Tourist Chapter Challenge. Thanks everybody for playing along with us. What FUN!





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Our attendance was 96 and a half!



What wonderful items were donated. Thanks, everybody!

Cumberland Falls Ride

When I heard the weather was going to be 60 degrees on January 6th, I figured—time for a ride. Having been to Cumberland Falls in Kentucky several times and about a 200 mile round trip ride, I said, "That's perfect; let's go!"

Helga and I met three at the Shoney's on Emory Rd. for a quick breakfast and joined four more at the Weigel's. After jumping one of the bikes, twice, we were on our way a bit later than planned. Temperature was in the mid 40s when we started, but the sun was shining.

Not being one much for the interstate, we headed up 441, then to 25W where we were supposed to meet Chuck and Tom in LaFollette. Since we were behind more than a half hour, Tom and Chuck got tired of waiting and started heading on their own. We could hear them from time to time on the CB but they couldn't hear us. Since we got stuck behind some guy

going 30 mph the whole time we couldn't catch them until we got to the restaurant at the falls.

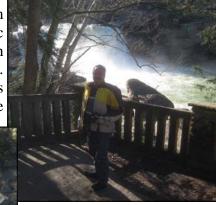
Being offseason, we had the restaurant all to our selves. Lunch wasn't anything

special, again because it was offseason, but the company livened up the atmosphere a lot. After the mandatory group photos in the parking lot, and more at the falls, we got to enjoy the views of the area.

It was my first time to actually see Cumberland Falls though I had been up there three times before. I think I have a new favorite destination. Even though the trees were mostly bare, the place was spectacular.

spectacular.

Already I'm planning a picnic and a fall color run with the wife. Headed home I was actually able to take



our Chapter Director on a road he has never been on—CR 700. Then it was on to 27, 62 and back home about 4pm. The whole day the weather was 64 degrees and sunny.

For those of you fair weather bikers who had one lame excuse or another for not going, you missed a great ride, in great riding weather with great friends.

Yours in Friendship,

Burt





2012 TN District Convention "Spring Fling" Registration Form April 26-28, 2012

The Grand Majestic Theatre Pigeon Forge, TN



(Note: \$5.00 fee for cancellation)

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Advertise here ... It's FREE!

GL1800 Custom H.I.D. Kit - \$125.00

Specially designed, completely plug and play, for the GL1800. Includes everything you need. No molding, no relays, wire cutting, wire stripping necessary. Will not void factory warranty. Xenon HID bubs are High Intensity Discharge Bulbs filled with a mi8xture of 'noble' gasses including Xeon.



There is no filament and uses only 35 watts. Runs much cooler than factory bulbs. If you know how to change the bulbs in your bike installation takes about 30 minutes. I loved these lights. I'm only selling these because I'm getting some interference on my Ham Radio. See Burt



Fleece sweater-jacket

sz L Brand new – ask-

ing \$25/BO

Fleece sweater-jacket sz XLT Brand new – asking \$20/BO



Teknic Hy-

droGuard winter

pants, sz 34x44 –

asking \$30/BO

(2) Timberline reversible yellow-black fleece vest sz L Brand new – asking \$20/BO, ea



Nylon outer-Polyfleece lined riding pants sz Lady's medium - new asking \$30/BO



AeroTex Rain Pants sz XXL Brand new – face-neck riding asking \$30/BO



Honda fleece Gold Wing

iacket sz L - Brand new -

asking \$50 - front view

"Turtle-Fur" hood - new asking \$20/BO



Motorcycle clothing for sale, contact Brian Richards, 865-249-6173, barljr@comcast.

net









Does Anybody recognize Marvin on his new trike? Isn't he pretty in pink?



On the Lighter Side...

Now that the cooler weather is here I've started on my annual maintenance on my GL1800. Like most people I don't want to do things that may violate my extended warranty on the bike. So, I was wondering about changing the following:

- If I change the air in my tires from summer air to winter air do I have to use genuine Honda air? I know a lot of people only use genuine Honda oil. It doesn't mention anything in the owner's manual or in the service manual about what kind of air to use. I know it's important to have the proper amount, what about the proper kind?
- While I was contemplating the air question I picked up a can of squelch. I know having the proper amount of squelch can make riding with a CB a whole lot more enjoyable. I want to be able to hear as far as possible without picking up skip. I just skipped the skip in the store. I always find skip annoying anyhow and usually just tune it out on my CB.
- Speaking of the CB, while I was in the store I got a jar of low SWR. We all know how important a low SWR is. It can mean an extra 10 or 20 yards on your CB transmit.
- Of course I bought some of that new synthetic dehydrated Honda water to fill my headlights.
 Want to be able to see and be seen. The fact it's dehydrated lowered the shipping costs and storage

- in the garage is easier as it takes less space. I figured here I better use the genuine Honda stuff.
- I also decided to change to Synthetic Blinker fluid. I want the extra smoothness when I'm using my turn signals. I don't know why Honda don't make a synthetic version.
- Finally I picked up a set of Muffler bearings. I never like the ball bearing Honda uses. I think the tapered roller bearings do a better job and you can use a little more torque on them for smoother operation.
- Since I clean my bike a lot, I was once accused of polishing my wiring; I also picked up an extra can of elbow grease. Can never have too much of that stuff.

I guess I'll be ready for the summer riding season this year once I get all that stuff installed.

If you wonder where I got all this good stuff here is a link to one of my sources, a place called Kale auto: http://kalecoauto.com. For those of you, who have a little trouble reaching the ground, make sure you check out their motorcycle lowering kit.

Yours in Friendship,

Burt

From our District Directors:

Directors:

Please forward to all your members ASAP. We have a Horizon's Program on the schedule for Feb. 25-26, 2012. It will be Sat from 8am to 530pm, Feb 25th and 8am to 1230pm, Feb 26, at the Comfort Suites in Lebanon, Tn. See application found on the District Web Site www.tngwrra.org

We want to give every member the chance to experience this very informative and fun filled class. Please encourage them to sign up by visiting the District Website, the more we have in the class will make it a lot more FUN.

Thanks for your prompt attention to this,

Richard & Becky Griffin Tennessee District Directors Goldwing Road Riders Association

The Horizon Program

The Horizon Program is a fast track overview of the core LTP curriculum with "hands on" training of practical applications, and an excellent class for potential CDs and staff. Horizon is also a great class for the general membership to learn more about teamwork, self-awareness, interpersonal communication, and building better chapters. Members learn about how to have FUN in GWRRA in a challenging day and a half course filled with lots of surprises. It is typically conducted during the winter/early spring months and not during riding season. It is an interactive program – the more everyone participates, the more everyone learns!

Chapter Educator Section The Smart Corner Dave Roberts, Chapter Educator

ALOHA!

Yes we are out where the only weather decision is whether it will be 80 or 81 degrees each day. I understand that you've had some very mild weather for January and I hope you have had a chance to get out on your GoldWing and "shake some rust off".

If you will recall, at the January gathering, Burt set up a ride up

to Cumberland Falls (you can read about the ride elsewhere in this newsletter). I found myself shaking off a lot of "rust" as I had not been on my motorcycle for a couple of months and I was "rusty". What do I mean by "rusty"? Well, my battery needed a trickle charge overnight (I'm sure you will hear about this at the "Ding-a-Ling" award time) and of course my tires needed attention, but once I go out on the road I found that I was a little "rusty".

I was not looking through the turns, or I was not scanning with my eyes quick enough; so much so, that I had to have a "little talk" with myself to "get my head in the game". Have you had that feeling that "you're just not riding well today"?

It's easy to become a "rusty rider" when you haven't been on your bike for a while, and these mild winter days present a great opportunity to get out and "shake the rust off". BUT, don't fall into the "RUST TRAP". Take it easy for those first few miles and THINK about what you're doing. Remember all of the skills that we have talked about and you've learned in your rider classes.(Now is a good time to sign up for a rider course for this spring so you can be ready for the riding season)

I was still in the glow of that Friday ride to Cumberland Falls when I opened the Sunday Knoxville Sentinel to read the following article:

"KNOXVILLE MAN KILLED IN A MOTORCY-CLE WRECK" . . . A Knoxville man was killed late Friday night when his motorcycle crashed



into a sport utility vehicle the Knox County Sheriff's Office said.

Chief Deputy Eddie Biggs said Mark Seymour, 52, of Knoxville died in the wreck that occurred at 11:42 p.m. Friday on Fountain City road between Dry Gap and Rifle Range roads.

Biggs said Seymour was riding a 2002 Harley-Davidson motorcycle and was passing a car on

the crest of a hill when he hit a 2004 Ford Explorer driven by Michael Jilburt. Seymour hit the front of the SUV and went down the side, Biggs said.

Biggs said deputies found what appeared to be marijuana in a saddle bag on the motorcycle. Deputy Glenn Summerly is investigating the wreck, Biggs said."

I won't even try to comment on this, except to say that there is a family that is now grieving because of another senseless tragedy that involved a motorcycle.

Motorcycles are supposed to bring joy, not tragedy.

RIDE SMART



What a Great Time at Winter Event!



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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 6:30 pm meeting at 7:30 pm. Call Tom & Kathy Peck 423-907-9712

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 **G2** meets the **1st Monday** each month at IHOP 1802 Parkway Sevierville, TN 37862 Eat at 6:30, Gathering at 7:30 Call Beth & Dale Hodge 865-748-1059

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 Pen**dleton**, 423-245-8484

Chapter **F** meets the **2nd Tuesday** each month at new location Jan 2012, Shoney's at 1933 West Andrew Johnson Hwy. 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 Fusion Buffet and Grill, across the street from Mcghee Tyson Airport Alcoa, TN 37701 Call Darrell Dunn & Julie Lang; 865-323-9481

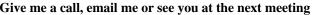
Chapter T meets the 4th Tuesday Each month at QQ's Pizza, 7002 Maynardville Hwy, Halls Center Shopping Plaza.
Eat at 6:00 pm/Meet at 7:00 pm
Call Brian & Loretta Richards 865-332-3966

Chapter C2 meets the 4th Saturday at Ryan's, 2854 North Main, Crossville Eat at 8:00 am Gathering at 9:00 am Call Alex & Diane Alenitsch 239-542-0452



New Chapter T-Shirts \$20

Chapter "Bee" Embroidered Hats: \$12 Place you Order with Pat Talley





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
Chapter B Ball CapsNow Available	le 12.00

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

423-562-1962 or talleylakeside03@gmail.com





2/1 JoAnn Smith 2/2 Marvin Owens 2/2 Bill DeGuire 2/6 Glenn Riedel 2/9 Buddy Jenkins 2/12 Mike Wilson



2/1 Bob & Ruth McIntyre2/2 Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Owens2/29 Jeff & Mary Tullock

TN-B 2012 Ride and Event Schedule

FEBRUARY

- 2/11: Saturday, Ride Planning Meeting, and Game Night, Tom and Kathy Peck's Place, 153 Deerwood Lane, Lafollette, TN, 423-907-9712, 11:00 a.m., lunch provided. (Directions to Peck's Place on page 3)
- 2/25-26: Horizons Program, Lebanon, TN, See Page 9 for more information

MARCH

- 3/17: 17, TN-Y Fun Day, Murfreesboro
- 3/22-24: FL Rally, Kissimmee Why not join Tom



& Kathy in sunny Florida for this great rally?

APRIL

• 4/26-28: TN Spring Fling, Majestic Theater, Pigeon Forge, TN; Contact Arrowhead Cabin Rentals at 800-557-8168 for great lodging just 7 minutes, 2.5 miles, from the rally site.

MAY

- 5/5: TN-A Fun Day, Nashville
- 5/19: 29th Annual Roan Mountain Steakout

JUNE

- 6/2: TNH-Q Fun Day, Clarksville
- 6/14-16: WV Rally, Summersville
- 6/14-16: GA Rally, Dillard House

JULY

- 7/4-7: Wing Ding, Fort Wayne, IN
- 7/26, Thursday: RFK Volunteer Training, Comfort Inn Oak Ridge, 7:00 PM
- 7/28, Saturday: Alternate RFK volunteer Training, Time TBA

• 7/29: Knoxville Ride for Kids, Pellissippi State Community College

AUGUST

• 8/9-11: KY Rally, Frankfort

SEPTEMBER

- 9/2-11: Wings Across Tennessee, Bristol to Memphis, TN-B will host the Friday lunch
- 9/26-28: NC Rally, Concord

OCTOBER

- 10/4-6: VA Rally, Salem
- 10/11-13: MS Rally, Biloxi
- 10/26-28: TN-Y Fall Color Ride

NOVEMBER

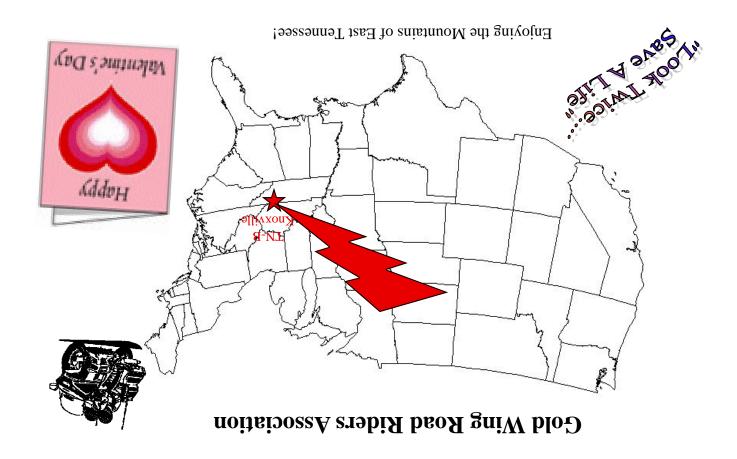
- 11/3: TN-Q Veterans Day Parade, Clarksville
- 11/17: Tennessee District Ops Meeting, Murfreesboro; Note: this is for all officers—CDs, ACDs, Chapter Educators, Membership Enhancement Coordinators, and Treasurers



Wally Maliskey, Ride Coordinator

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Come Ride With Usl







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