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Join us the **First Tuesday**
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!!!
Next gathering: Nov 1st

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From Your Sr. Chapter Directors, Tom and Kathy Peck

Happy New Year Everyone!

Here we are already in the New Year waiting for another day like we had on the 1st day of this year. Good seeing everyone at Gondoliers on Sunday. We had planned a ride but only 2 bikes showed up to make the trip.

Always good to start the New Year off on the Two Wheeler. I guess we got into a tradition the first 20 years of riding with a Gold Wing chapter; back in the earlier days it was always a challenge to see who would show up in the normally sub-freezing weather in Ohio. Always seemed that no matter how cold it was we always had a huge turnout for the first ride of the new year. The hot chocolate and hot chili made a good break for our ride destination. Doesn't seem to ever get that cold here in Tennessee so I guess its not much of a challenge since we moved south.

Now is the time to think about the 2012 riding season and we will be having our planning and ride schedule meeting in February. Kathy will talk more about that later on in the newsletter. Make sure to jot down some of your favorite destinations so we can bring it up for discussion at the meeting before we publish the final ride/event schedule.

You can print out from this newsletter the registration flyers for the upcoming events in the District or you can just go to the District web site and download them and print out a copy to mail in. Get your registration in early; there are always special prizes for early registration.

We may be adding some new positions to the chapter staff and we will be shifting other positions around. We hope everyone steps forward to take a position within the chapter so you can help make our chapter the best it can be; we want input from all our membership. Your suggestions are always welcome and will always be taken into consideration.



*We want to wish
you all a safe and
happy 2012. And
we hope to see
you all at the
January
gathering!*

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.

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

Tennessee District Events

The **Winter Event 2012** will be January 28th at Fall Creek Falls State Park and the theme is "The Roaring Twenties". This is our first event of the New Year and the district staff is making plans for this to be very unique. There will be contests, games, door prizes, seminars and a lot of FUN. Watch your emails for all the details of the games, contests and seminars that will be coming.

The theme for **Spring Fling** is "Hawaiian Luau" and will be back at the Majestic Theatre in Pigeon Forge, April 26-28, 2012. We are taking reservations for the host hotel, Comfort Suites on Teaster Lane so hurry and get in touch with Becky Griffin, as we only have a few rooms left. This too will be a special event you will not want to miss, watch for upcoming details. Again there will be contests, games, seminars, vendors, and a lot of FUN.

The Roaring Twenties



Games Seminars Contests Dancing Fun!



2012 TN District Convention "Winter Event" Registration Form
January 28, 2012
Fall Creek Falls State Park
Pikeville, 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)

GWRRA Participant EARLY \$10.00 x _____ = \$ _____ ***** BEFORE 5 pm November 19, 2011

GWRRA Participant \$12.50 x _____ = \$ _____

Non Member \$15.00 x _____ = \$ _____

For PREREGISTRATION and STATISTICAL AWARDS, your registration MUST be post-marked by **January 6, 2012**.

Total Registration Fees \$ _____

Make check payable to: TN GWRRA

Are you attending this convention for the first time? _____

Mail to: Richard & Becky Griffin
TN GWRRA
1921 Warmingfield 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 _____



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)



Rider _____ (M or F) GWRRRA # _____ Exp. _____ Age _____
 Co-Rider _____ (M or F) GWRRRA # _____ Exp. _____ Age _____
 Address _____ City/State/Zip _____
 Phone _____ State/Chapter _____ Miles to Convention _____ One up _____ Two up _____
 E-mail Address: _____ (Confirmations will be sent via e-mail)

TN Participant ONLY \$20.00 x _____ = \$ _____
 GWRRRA Participant \$30.00 x _____ = \$ _____
 Non Member \$35.00 x _____ = \$ _____
 15-17 years old \$15.00 x _____ = \$ _____
 Total Registration Fees \$ _____

***** BEFORE March 23, 2012**

For PREREGISTRATION and STATISTICAL AWARDS, your registration MUST be post-marked by April 7, 2012. After April 7, 2012 and on-site, registrations will be \$5.00 more.

EARLY BIRDS: Registrations postmarked by March 1, 2012 will receive a chance on the early bird drawing of \$200 CASH!!

Are you attending this convention for the first time? _____
 Is this your first convention ever? _____

DAY PASSES (for visiting Vendors ONLY) will be sold onsite for \$10.00 each

Shirt Order Form

Short Sleeved T-Shirts
 SM ___ M ___ LG ___ XL ___ x \$17 = \$ _____
 XXL _____ XXXL _____ x \$19 = \$ _____

Long Sleeved T-Shirts
 SM ___ M ___ LG ___ XL ___ x \$19 = \$ _____
 XXL _____ XXXL _____ x \$21 = \$ _____

Short Sleeved Golf Shirts
 M ___ M ___ LG ___ XL ___ x \$23 = \$ _____
 XXL _____ XXXL _____ x \$25 = \$ _____

Long Sleeved Golf Shirts
 SM ___ M ___ LG ___ XL ___ x \$25 = \$ _____
 XXL _____ No 3X avail) x \$27 = \$ _____

Total SHIRT order = \$ _____
 Total Registration = \$ _____
 TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____

Make check payable to: TN GWRRRA

Mail to: Richard & Becky Griffin
 TN GWRRRA
 1921 Warmingfield Dr.
 Murfreesboro, TN 37127

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Rider _____ Date _____
 Co-Rider _____ Date _____

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Scorpion EXO-700 Solid Neon Full Face Helmet:

J&P Part #:

132-1469

Gold Club Original Price:
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- Size Medium
- Previously fit with J&M headsets (not included)
- Slightly worn
- Asking \$150 or best offer. Condition like new.

Features:

- SpeedShift quick-change face shield with no-fog feature
- Kwikwick washable moisture-wicking liner
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Also have new dark smoke face shield for this helmet, listing for \$35.95, still in the wrapper, make offer.

Contact Tom Peck: 423-907-9712 (423-912-0860)

Advertise here . . . It's FREE!



You probably know that we spent our Christmas holiday in Hawaii with son, Jay, his wife and our grandkids. The photo on the left was taken Christmas day at the airport in Maui.



We have Mark Kohlman to thank for the great shirts that say *Merry Christmas* in Hawaiian.

Several kids at the airport did a double take at Grandpa Tom, and we were sure that some of them actually thought he was Santa Claus!

Gold Wing Road Riders Association

Tennessee Chapter B

Presents: The 18th Annual

Chili Cook-Off

January 21st, 2012



Door Prizes Galore!
Auction
50/25/25

Great Location

Halls Senior Center

4410 Crippen Road, Knoxville, TN 37918

Plenty of Paved Parking!!!

I-640 Exit 6, North on
US-441 for 4 miles,
Right on Crippen Rd,
1/2 mile on Left

9:30 am Doors Open
9:30 am - 1:00 pm. Ticket Sales
10:45 am. All Entries In
11:00 am - 12:30 pm . . . Hot Dog/Chili Lunch
1:00 - 2:30 pm . . . Awards, Drawings, Auction
3:00 pm Have a safe trip home!



Awards presented for:

- Hottest Chili
- Most Creative Chili
- Best Traditional Chili
- Crowd Favorite
- and*
- Longest Distance
- Largest Chapter in Attendance

Registration:
\$10 per Person
Children under 10 FREE



Make Checks payable to:

GWRRRA TN-B

And send to:

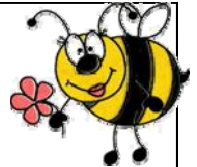
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La Follette, TN 37766

For more information: 423-907-9712 or

tomkatpeck@msn.com



*Proceeds benefit
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the
Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation
Supported by the Ride For Kids®*

Name's _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Chapter _____

Number Attending _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

I/We agree to hold harmless GWRRRA, cosponsoring organizations or any property owners for any loss of injury to self or property in which I/We may become involved by reason of participation in this event. I/We also agree to assume responsibility for any property I/We knowingly damage.

Rider's Signature Date

Co-Rider's Signature Date

Chapter Educator Section

The Smart Corner

Dave Roberts, Chapter Educator



Happy New Year!!

Cold weather always arrives with the New Year in Tennessee, and this year seems to be colder than normal. Now some of you will push your bike over into the corner and wait for spring, while others will press on and ride right through the season. For those of you who want to keep riding, a little review of cold weather riding is in order.

With a little knowledge and a few cold weather tricks, your riding season can be extended. Here are some strategies for dealing with the worst winter has to offer:

Ice

Black ice — really just an ominous name for hard-to-see frozen water on the road — can occur any time the temperature has been near the freezing point, or where frost can form. Gold Wings have an air-temperature thermometer, so you should keep watching that temp as you



The well-dressed rider

How do you mitigate the dangers of cold weather? First of all, cover up. It all boils down to insulating your body. To do that, you need to layer.

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ride. Bridges are susceptible to icing because they are disconnected from the warmth of the earth and cool faster when air temperatures drop. Watch for spots on the road that are shaded from the sun. Well-traveled roads are often better, because passing traffic melts and dries the moisture. If you do feel like you're on an icy patch, don't make any sudden moves, and don't touch the brakes. Pull in the clutch and let the bike coast until you're clear.

Hypothermia

That cold shiver up your spine isn't just uncomfortable. It could also be a warning. Hypothermia occurs when your core body temperature drops significantly, and it can be deadly. Temperatures don't need to be below freezing to induce hypothermia. Wind chill gets worse as wind speeds increase, and the longer you're out, the worse it gets.

One early sign of potential hypothermia occurs when you start feeling cold and you can't decide if you should pull over or not. The answer is always yes, but your judgment may be clouded. Long before this point occurs, you should have pulled into that nice warm cafe and had some hot chocolate or soup.

Uncontrolled shivering and chattering teeth are signs of real danger. You may start to feel dizzy, or even drunk, as your muscles begin to stiffen. Continued exposure may cause the shivering to slow down or even stop, but by then you're in serious trouble.



Synthetics work better for your inner layer than cotton, which holds moisture against your skin. On top of that, wear fleece, wool, or other layers that provide insulation. The idea is to let your body create a warm pocket of air between you and the environment.

Finally, you need to stop the environment from stealing your warm air. Your outer layer needs to block the wind. Leather works; denim, for example, doesn't. These days, we also have a broad array of choices in nylon gear made specifically for motorcycling that provides versatile weather protection with vents, removable liners, waterproof membranes, adjustable fit, etc. If you choose outerwear that isn't waterproof, such as a leather jacket, be sure to carry a rain suit that fits over it. Getting wet robs you of your insulation.

Sealing the area around your neck with a bandanna, or better yet a fleece or wind- and waterproof neck warmer, can make a dramatic difference. A balaclava under the helmet provides a lot of additional comfort for minimal bulk.

No matter how well you dress, if you're on the road long enough, you'll lose more heat than your body can generate. Long riders resort to electrical assistance.

Heated Gear

Heated clothing, which uses your bike's electrical system to power heating elements, makes a huge difference by not just insulating you, but adding heat to the whole equation. Gloves start around \$100. Vests, depending on the style, can go from \$100 to \$200. Socks can range from simple D-cell powered items that sell for around \$25, to \$90 systems that hook into the rest of your electric riding gear. (Betty wears her Gerbing vest on most days during the summer!; but she's very cold-natured.)

For many riders, a vest alone is enough. If you keep your torso warm, your body will focus on pumping warm blood to your extremities. If your torso gets cold, your body will abandon the extremities to try to keep the vital organs warm, and that's when you can

suffer from dangerously numb hands or, possibly, frostbitten toes.

Chemical options

Another option is a lightweight, disposable heat pack, which offers a different kind of protection. Imagine you're out for a ride on a nice fall day. You're so consumed with the changing leaves that you don't notice how far you've ridden. It's getting dark and cold — fast. A bit of quick heat can make all the difference. An outdoor gear store, or even one of the big-box retailers that sell recreational goods, will have chemical packs of the type hunters use. Be careful, because some can produce up to 150 degrees, so don't put them next to bare skin.

Keep hydrated

One last thing to think about — that you might not think about: Drink lots of liquids. Dehydration may be foremost in your mind in the hot months, but you still lose moisture in winter. Cold, dry winter air can suck moisture out of you and you may not notice that you're perspiring.

Riding in the winter can be very rewarding, IF you are prepared so, layer up and take a ride this winter.

Dave



"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 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 **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 Fusion Buffet and Grill, across the street from Mcghee Tyson Airport Alcoa, TN 37701
Call Darrell Dunn & Julie Lang; 865-323-9481

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

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- 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 Ball Caps...Now Available..... 12.00
- 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



423-562-1962 or talleylakeside03@peoplepc.com



- 1/6 Kyle Beeler
- 1/6 Joyce Jennings
- 1/10 Bob McIntyre
- 1/18 Mike Bridges
- 1/29 Roy Jennings



- 1/15 Mike & Linda Bridges
- 1/24 Chuck & Pat Talley

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.

TN-B 2012 Ride and Event Schedule

JANUARY

- 1/21: TN-B Chili-Cook-Off,
Halls Senior Center
9:30 AM to 3:00 PM
- 1/28: District Winter Event,
Fall Creek Falls State Park
The Roaring Twenties



FEBRUARY

- 2/11: Saturday, Ride Planning Meeting,
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)



APRIL

- 4/26-28: TN Spring Fling, Majestic Theater,
Pigeon Forge, TN



Chuck Talley
Ride
Coordinator

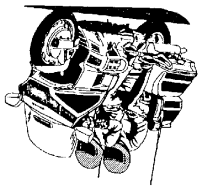
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- 5/19: 29th Annual Roan Mountain Steakout

JULY

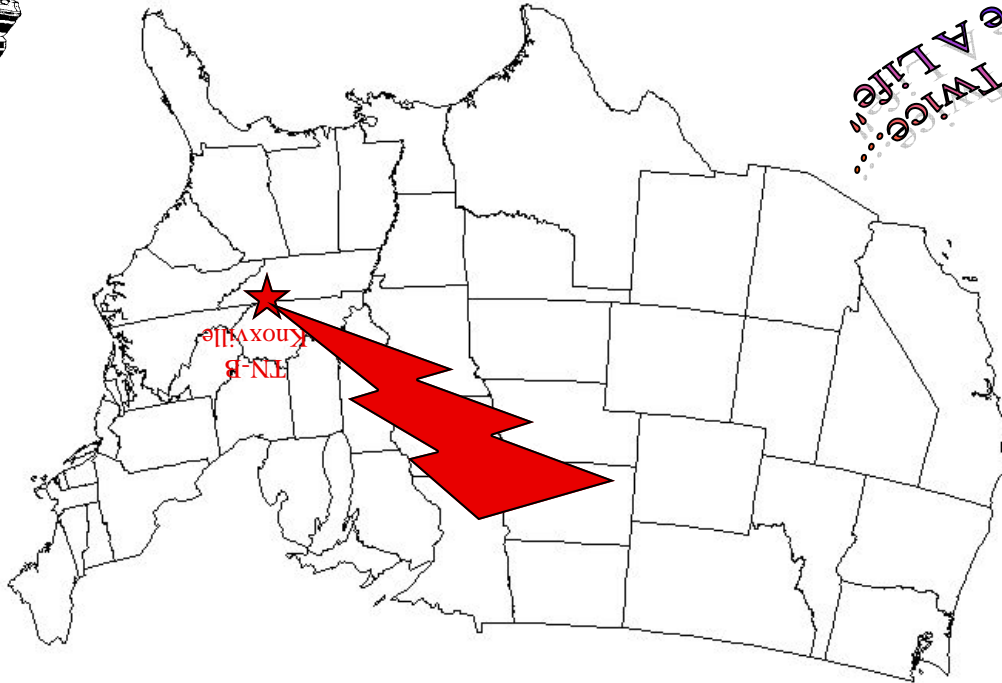
- 7/28: Knoxville Ride for Kids, Pellissippi State
Community College

Come Ride With Us!

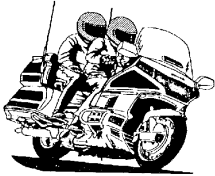


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Save A Life"*



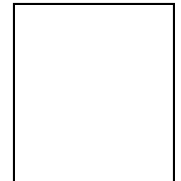
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