



# 'The Buzz'



## GWRR SunSphere Wings Chapter B Knoxville Tennessee Special Wing Ding 33 July 2011 Newsletter

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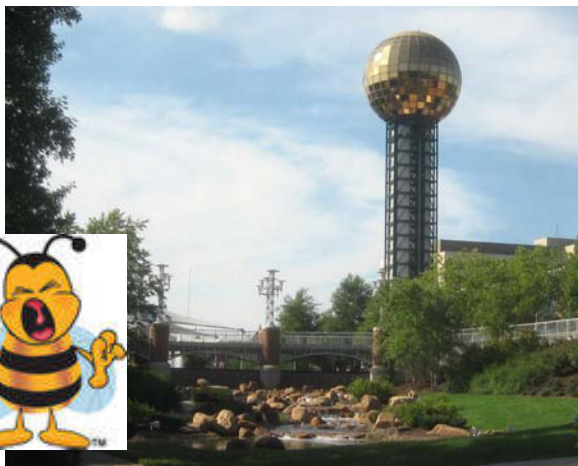
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Eat at 6:30 PM  
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**No Social in July**  
**See you at Wing Ding!**

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

## **Welcome to Wing Ding 33**

Well, summertime is here big time and with it comes the GWRRA annual convention being held here in Knoxville again. Best I can figure the first Wing Ding held in Knoxville was in 1985, then again in 1987 and for the 3rd time in 1990. So Goldwings are not new to Knoxville.

The Knoxville area has a long tradition with GWRRA dating back to the late 70's and eventually kicking off our very own chapter B in 1982. As a matter of fact our very own Doug Cox was the first Area Representative, what we now call the Chapter Director. We are very lucky to have Doug & Cindy part of our active chapter after all these years. I wouldn't be surprised if Doug has the lowest GWRRA number at Wing Ding this year!

Lots of activities scheduled this next week and I wanted to get this newsletter out to highlight a few things we have planned. I hope you all have your contact list we passed out awhile back and will call us anytime if you have any questions about anything we have planned. Also check you email regularly if we need to get any info out to you.

Please note also, that Mark Kohlman, will be a vendor at Wing ding this year. Stop by and see him at booth #206—it's just to the left of the entrance to the vendors.

Make sure you look over the Wing Ding schedule and make yourself your own schedule from it. Have a Great Wing Ding; it should be one of the biggest and best!

And don't forget, since we're not having a chapter social this month, we'll hold a planning meeting instead. We'll meet at Shoney's, our regular meeting place, Tuesday, July 12, at 7:00 PM. All our regular participants are invited to attend to help us make some decisions that will affect us all. We'll be discussing chili cook-off, the lunch for the Wings Across Tennessee riders, our chapter Christmas party, and other things. Come on out and help us plan!

***Tom & Kathy***

# Our Archery Day



You can see from the pictures Scott was a ringer. While the bow he was shooting was old, he had no problem keeping his shots near the bull. Chuck and Greg kept getting better each time they shot. I think we have some real potential Olympic shooters in the chapter.



On June 11<sup>th</sup>, four of us headed over to the Smoky Mountain Archery club to try our hand at shooting archery. Our Assistant Chapter Director, Scott, brought his own equipment; Of course Burt had his own stuff and Greg and Chuck used the club's.



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# Our Archery Day continued ...

Gary had a bit of an accident when he launched an arrow through his hand and had to be taken to the hospital. Luckily the injury wasn't too serious. It just goes to prove that it only takes a moment of not paying attention to get hurt in any sport. Ask to see his hand at the next meeting.



Afterwards Helga joined us at Five Guys for a burger and some conversation. I think everyone had a good time. Any time anyone wants to give archery a try just talk to me and we can go to the range.

Yours In Friendship,

**Burt**



# Our Ride to the RC Cola and Moon Pie Festival

What???? Where??? Those were the two most asked questions at a recent Chapter B meeting. I seem to remember, even our ride coordinator said *"Where the heck is Bell Buckle, Tennessee. Is that a joke or something?"* Well, we made a believer out of Chuck! He tried out almost all the food on site (heard by this reporter by someone else listening in to another secret conversation)!

The RC and Moon Pie Festival had its 17th annual run on June 18th, 2011. Chapter B, being the adventurous bunch that we are, found one of the most unusually named festivals around. Attendees were: Tom and Kathy, Mike and Linda, Chuck and Pat, Gary and Diane, Dave, Mark and new found friends from Chapter M, Frank and Patty, from chapter M.

Bell Buckle, TN is in Bedford County in the middle of Tennessee in the middle of NOWHERE surrounded by some really beautiful country. It was established in 1852 as an old railroad village and now consists of preserved and restored Victorian homes and churches. They have an approximate population of 500 folks who love living there!

We met at the Cracker Barrel in Harriman @ 8:00 AM, had a great breakfast and headed out. The temperature was cool and the sky overcast which made ideal riding conditions. By the time we reached Bell Buckle, we were ready to come out of the jackets. It was hot and humid! We arrived just in time to see the parade, the King, Grand Marshall (or something like that) was

leading, but had this strange, white, large, round "thing" around his neck.....hmmmm. It kinda looked like the bottom part of a toilet seat.

The Festival had the largest ever Moon Pie and lots of bottles of RC Cola. Have you ever had a gooey fried delicacy on a stick that tastes like funnel cake, powdered sugar, chocolate, marshmallow and graham cracker? It's a FRIED MOON PIE, and pretty darned good. Fried oreos, twinkies and snickers were also available for those who just had to have their sugar rush! Lots of vendors were on site, some of them food, some ice cream, some jewelry, some antiques, but no motorcycle vendors in site.

We had a little run in with mother nature on the trip, but not really anything bad, just a couple of rain-suits-on, rain-suits-off episodes. A little rain is so much better than 98 degree temps, agree? After stopping at Gondolier's in Harriman for another great meal, we were on our way home with approximately 400 miles on the bike.

PS. On the way down and back we passed a sign saying we were passing over "Killed Calf River". What??? That sparked a lively discussion. Who has a camera? Oops! None available, but trust us, it is there!!!

*Submitted by: Linda Bridges*

*Take a look at6 all the pics on the next page.*

# Our Ride to the RC Cola and Moon Pie Festival



See next page for the history of the Moon Pie!



# History of the Moon Pie

In his book, "The Great American MoonPie Handbook", Mr. Dickson had written of the MoonPie's® lost history. Not long after his book was published, he received a telephone call from Earl Mitchell, Jr., identifying his deceased father, Earl Mitchell, Sr., as the person responsible for the invention of the MoonPie®.

Mr. Mitchell's story goes like this ... Early in the 1900s, while servicing his territory of Kentucky, Tennessee and West

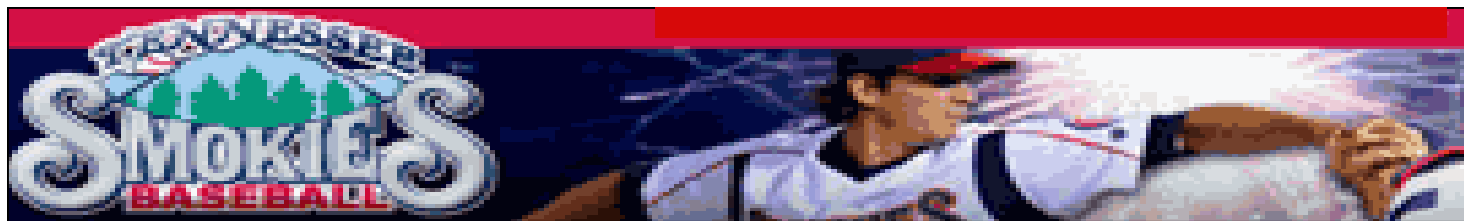
Virginia, Mr. Mitchell was visiting a company store that catered to the coal miners. He asked them what they might enjoy as a snack. The miners said they wanted something for their lunch pails. It had to be solid and filling. "About

how big?!" Mr. Mitchell asked. Well about that time the moon was rising, so a miner held out his big hands, framing the moon and said, "About that big!"

So, with that in mind, Mr. Mitchell headed back to the bakery with an idea. Upon his return he noticed some of the workers dipping graham cookies

into marshmallow and laying them on the window sill to harden. So they added another cookie and a generous coating of chocolate and sent them back

for the workers to try. In fact, they sent MoonPie® samples around with their other salespeople, too. The response they got back was so enormous that the MoonPie® became a regular item for the bakery.



I thought that maybe you could put in a little note about the chapter outing to the TN Smokies game coming up on July 22 seeing as a bunch of regulars weren't at the June meeting. We'll make July 10th as last call for anyone wanting tickets to the game to be seated together as a group. They need to call me to commit to the ticket purchase at (773) 259-6896 on or before that date. I'll be ordering the tickets the following day. See the next page for more details.

*Thanks, Jerry Ciesla*



Friday, July 22nd is the Chapter B outing to see the Tennessee Smokies baseball game in Kodak, TN. The ballpark is located just north of I-40 at exit #407.

- If you are interested in going we will be getting the tickets in advance to be seated together as a group.
- Please come in chapter attire and we'll be announced as a group during the game.
- **Payment of \$9 per ticket is required no later than July 10.**

- We'll meet between 5:30 and 5:50 PM at the stadium's East gate to distribute the game tickets.
- Arriving on time means that we can dine as soon as the gates open at 6 PM and have time to get to our seats before the game starts at 7:15.
- The stadium restaurant offers a Friday seafood & salad buffet or you can order from their menu, or if you prefer the regular ball park foods (Hot dogs, etc.) are always available.



*Come join us for a 9 inning vacation! Oh yeah, a free fireworks show follows the game!*



***Jerry and Irene Ciesla***





# CPR and First Aid Training

On Sunday, June 26th, CPR and First Aid Classes were held at the home of Mike and Linda Bridges. Gary Hamilton, commonly known as "Thumper" to those of us who have been around for awhile,



was our very astute instructor. Joining Mike & Linda were Tom & Kathy Peck and Lloyd Pitney from Chapter T.

In a 4 hour period, we learned about personal safety when helping a victim, basic life supporting



skills, clearing and protecting airways, breathing, chest compressions, CPR, how to use an AED, controlling bleeding, choking, managing shock, caring for illness and many more skills—all of which we hopefully will never need to use.



Hopefully everyone will have an opportunity to take this very valuable training in the future.

*Submitted by:  
Linda Bridges*



We were given gloves, a mouth guard, BasicPlus student guide and other valuable tools to carry on our bikes just in case.



# Our Progressive Dinner Ride - What great food and what great fun!



A great turn-out at Weigels' to begin the ride



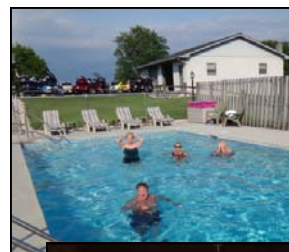
1st Stop—Kyle & Bobbie's for appetizers



2nd Stop—Mike & Linda's for salads



3rd Stop—Tom & Kathy's for the main course



And the final stop—at JoAnn's for dessert

# Chapter Educator Section

## The Smart Corner

Dave Roberts, Chapter Educator

### Good News; Bad News



#### Good News:

It's almost here-- WING DING 33. For those of you who have never been to Wing Ding, you're in for a real treat. There will be so much to do and so little time to do it. I do hope that you will take advantage of the rider education seminars that will be available every day, as there's something for everyone. So take a look at you daily program, and get started on your Rider Ed Levels. Everything you need will be offered, including team riding-- more about that in a minute.

#### Bad News:

From the Knoxville News Sentinel, June 12, 2011. *Motorcyclist killed in Interstate Crash:* "Dandridge-- A Bean Station man was killed Saturday in a motorcycle crash at the junction of Interstate-40 and Interstate-81. Timothy Light, 49 died after his 2005 Harley Davidson made contact with another 2005 Harley Davidson driven by Kenneth Hobbs, 52, according to a report from Tennessee Highway Patrol Trooper John Woods. Hobbs, and his female passenger, both of Lenoir City, were injured. Both motorcycles made contact and traveled into the grassy area between the interstates, the report said. Hobbs' motorcycle came to rest in the grass, but Light's motorcycle struck the guardrail. Test showed that Light had been drinking according to Woods. All motorcyclists were wearing helmets. The report said criminal charges were pending. "

Like most motorcycle accident reports, this one raises more questions than it answers. Were they riding together? If not, why did they collide on an interstate highway, the safest of

all roads. Of course when alcohol is involved, all bets are off, but that still doesn't explain how two motorcycles traveling in the same direction on an interstate highway ran together. Maybe it was road rage. and thus the pending criminal charges. We don't know, but we can draw some lessons from this tragedy.

- First lesson; NEVER, NEVER, throw your leg over a motorcycle after consuming alcohol PERIOD. It's just not worth it. Remember how I have told you that riding a motorcycle increases your risk, but rider education seeks to mitigate that risk, riding under the influence throws all your education out the window, so DON'T DO IT.
- Second lesson: Riding in a group can be a lot of fun, but, like a lot of things, group riding requires some extra effort on your part.

Case in point: when a motorcycle in the group has to pull off the road for an unscheduled stop, the leader will continue with the group until he can find a safe spot for the whole group to pull off the road. Notice that I said "off the road". Pulling over to the side of the road should be considered an emergency so only the bike involved along with the rear guard should pull over. This will minimize the collision hazard with other vehicles and the rear guard will be in radio contact with the leader to assess the situation.

There are other skills required to ride safely in a group and all you need to know about team riding will be covered in a seminars at Wing Ding.

I hope you will take advantage of this terrific opportunity.

See you at Wing Ding!!  
Ride Smart.

**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 **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 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

**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 Ball Caps...Now Available..... 12.00
- Ladies Yellow Hats .....Now 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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7/5 Bobbie Beeler  
7/6 Cheryl Law  
7/14 Debra Bailey  
7/22 Mark Kohlman



7/4 Mark & Susan Kohlman  
7/25 Gary & Dianah Davis

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](mailto: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 2011 Ride and Event Schedule

## Please Note:

**Our July 5th Chapter B Social has been CANCELLED so that our Chapter participants may attend the Wing Ding Welcome Party at the Knoxville Zoo**

## OCTOBER

- 10/1: Pumpkin Festival, Alardt, TN
- 10/8-9: Stone Mountain, GA
- 10/21-23: TN-Y Fall Color Ride, Sweetwater, TN

*Still to be added to our calendar is a ride to Shaker Village in KY, a ride to Muddy Pond, TN, game nights, and our Christmas Party.*

## JULY

- 7/6-9: Wing Ding, Knoxville, TN
- **7/12, Tuesday: Planning Meeting, Shoney's, 7 PM (Tom and Kathy Peck)**
- 7/14: Thursday Dinner Ride to Pig & Chick, Bean Station, TN (Chuck & Pat Talley)
- 7/22: Smokies Baseball Game, Sevierville, TN (Jerry & Irene Ciesla)
- 7/31: Knoxville Ride for Kids, Pellissippi State Community College (Tom & Kathy Peck)

## AUGUST

- 8/13: Natural Tunnel State Park, Scott County VA (Chuck & Pat Talley)
- 8/27: Pool Party at Wagner's (Burt & Helga Wagner)

## SEPTEMBER

- 9/16: Wings Across TN Picnic Lunch (Tom & Kathy Peck)
- 9/17-24: Savannah, GA; Daytona Beach, FL; Wings Over the Smokies

**Chuck Talley  
Ride  
Coordinator**



**Come Ride With Us!**

July 2011