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Eat at 6:00 PM & our social starts promptly at 7:00 PM*

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From Your Senior Chapter B Directors Tom & Merrilee Peck

Happy 4th of July to Chapter B, hope you all are enjoying the holiday to the fullest with family or friends. Plans for Wing Ding had to change due to a local friend of the family's son suddenly passing at the young age of 40 yrs. old.

Do not guess I will win another Goldwing this year, had to pass on my tickets to someone who would be present to win. We already got the info from the opening ceremony that next year the Wing Ding will be in Shreveport, Louisiana same time, the exact dates will be published everywhere so you will be able to make your reservations early. Be nice if we could plan another group ride, have plenty of time to make plans.

Still lots of rides on the schedule to enjoy plus some Plaques to chase after. I will be announcing the time and date where we can see if we can capture a plaque or two, maybe even go along with Bill & Barbara to help them capture the Couple of the Year Plaque, I will let you know.

The picnic was a huge success, I would like to thank the picnic committee for another job well done for 2021. I think Scott has already reserved the same shelter for next year June 4th, mark your calendar now so it's on your schedule.

Our Lifestyle cards have provided us some real opportunities to visit some new and different places to ride and enjoy a good meal, stay tuned and make sure to let Wally know your next selection for our Lifestyle out. Make sure to reply back to him if planning to attend one so that he can call in the reservations. Restaurants appreciate a “heads up” so they can plan accordingly.

As the scheduled events were shaken up over the pandemic and some rides/events were cancelled, it's never too early to be thinking about the schedule for 2022, early planning always offers many more opportunities than spur of the moment planning, so now is the time to discuss some of the longer more- involved trips. Jot down your ideas so we can talk about it when the time for planning is suddenly upon us. Let's all ride safe, stay hydrated and enjoy the riding this summertime riding season.



Tom & Merrilee

Assistant Chapter Directors



Assistant Chapter Directors
Stanley & Patty Rinehart

With the first half of the year behind us I will have to say it has been a success so far. We have had several nice rides this year, Spring fling, Chapter B Picnic, some rider training courses, and Wing Ding. We are also able to get back out and make use of our Life Style cards for social gatherings and the best part is we still have another half of the year to go. We have some nice rides coming up but there is also plenty of open spots to be filled in. Group rides are a large part of what we do, to have the opportunity to get together with our friends as a group and share the journey and experiences that we get from going on rides as a group and it's always great when we get a new ride leader coming up with a ride. If you have a ride that you would like to suggest or even lead Wally would more than love to hear from you and we can work at getting it into the schedule. Also I would like to ask everyone to look over the Rider Level information I have added to the newsletter, this is important information to help us all be safer riders. As always Patty and I look forward to seeing everyone at our Chapter meeting.

Stanley



Happy Trails



No sense is more important than vision for riding a motorcycle, except maybe "common" sense. Our ability to see, track, navigate and decipher visual signals is extraordinary in both its ability and sophistication of design. Malfunctions of this system can be devastating. Of all the nerve fibers bringing information to the brain for processing, approximately half are related to vision. At the back of everyone's eyeball is a specialized layer known as the retina. The retina has three major areas; 1) Detail-oriented central area, to sense color with a high "pixel" count, 2) Larger surrounding area, oriented to black and white, with a lower resolution, and 3) a blind spot, where the nerve fibers leaving the retina travel back to the brain.

Information is sorted to different areas of the brain to help with deciphering. Our visual camera is equivalent to a 500-megapixel chip, with a dynamic range of 20+ stops (how bright to how dark you can see at once). Modern high end digital cameras have about 50 megapixels, and 12 stops of dynamic range.

With many places like vision centers back up and running aging bikers should visit probably every year or two. If you are starting to have difficulty reading the menu on our various dinner rides and value your eyesight as much as I do, try to make an appointment to have your vision checked so you can maintain your edge while riding.

Until next time, ride safer

Jerry





GWRRA



Explanation of the GWRRA Rider Education Levels Program...

One of the safety programs that GWRRA and our District is asking everyone to look at is the Riders Education Program and to be specific the level's Program. There are four levels to the program and each level is geared to make you a better rider and co-rider. Level 1 is as simple as saying that you are committing to riding safe then filling out the paper work and submitting it to our District Educator. You go on the national web site and see your own status info that GWRRA has on you. To see it go to GWRRA (<http://gwrro.org/>) and click on the officer's tab and click on Rider Education. From here you can click on the levels program tab on the left side to read all about it or also on the left side click on My RE. Information then log in, your login name will be your membership number and your password will be the numbers of you address plus the expiration date on your membership card so for example if you address was 230 and you expiration date was 5/19 then your password would be 2300519. Once in you can see your GWRRA information, it's that simple. Hopefully everyone will join me and let's have some fun getting through other levels to make our favorite pass time a safe one.

Stanley

The GWRRA Rider Education Program (REP) is intended to make the motorcycle environment safer by reducing injuries and fatalities and increasing motorcyclist skills and awareness. The REP does not propose to have all the answers. However, our close-working relationship with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF), as well as additional GWRRA programs and studies, has provided a wealth of information for use in establishing a comprehensive Rider Education Program. Through Commitment, Education and Application, we can reduce our accident rate significantly. Listed below are several benefits of a fully implemented GWRRA Rider Education Program at the Chapter level:

- Increased rider knowledge
- Increased rider safety skills
- Prevention of accidents
- Reduced injuries
- Reduced fatalities
- Improved general public image of motorcyclists
- Enhanced enjoyment of motorcycle riding

The motorcycle community is already realizing many positive benefits from the GWRRA Rider Education Program. Through the efforts of the Rider Education Officers and participation of the membership and others, we will reach our goal of establishing the safest motorcycle environment possible.



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GWRRA Rider Education Levels Program...



Gold Wing Road Riders Association
Rider Education Levels Program
"THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF RIDER EDUCATION"

Level IV
 "Safety by Enhanced Commitment and Preparedness"

- Proper Riding Gear (ATGATT)
All The Gear All The Time
- Carries First Aid Kit on Bike
- Current in BOTH Traditional (hands on) CPR **and** First Aid Training
- Maintains all Level III Requirements and Safe Miles for 1 year
- 25,000 Safe Miles since joining GWRRA



Master Tour Rider
 "The Pinnacle of our Program"

Level III
 "Safety by Preparedness"

- Current in Level II
- Carries First Aid Kit on Bike
- Current in Traditional (Hands On) First Aid **or** CPR
- GWRRA or other approved Rider Course. Co-Riders may use Co-Rider Seminar or 2-Up Riding Course

Level II
 "Safety by Education"

- GWRRA or other approved Rider Course. Co-Riders may use Co-Rider Seminar or 2-Up Riding Course
- 5,000 Safe Miles since joining GWRRA

Level I
 "Safety by Commitment"

- Personal Commitment to participate in Rider Education

Riding Class



ARC/TRC Riding class



I was lucky enough to get into one of the riding courses this past weekend (June 12) to help me work on my Level status and to get some training to help me with being a safer driver. The course was held in Blount County Sheriff's training center, this is also where the 911 center is at. What started as a cloudy day and fog turned out to be a bright and sunny day, I do have to say it was hot and by the end of the day I think a lot of us were hoping it would cloud up and rain. The course last around 5 hours and as hot as it was it was



worth it to get the helpful information that we received. I also have to take my hat off to the trainers as they had to set everything up on that hot asphalt for each riding exercise that we went through and they hung in like real troupers. I am embarrassed to say this was my first ever training class but it want be my last. The instructors did an excellent job in laying out the course's that we were to follow and explaining what they wanted to see with in each exercise. Like many people I have been riding motorcycles since I was very young, but we are never too old to learn new things. The things that were pointed out in every

exercise is stuff that can come into play on any ride on any day. The purpose of the courses is to give us information in becoming a better and safer rider. I ride two up all the time and riding like that adds another level of responsibility to the driver as you have to have the welfare of not just you but your passenger in mind when setting out on a ride. We had eight Chapter B members there, we had two on motorcycles and four on trikes with two co-riders. After



we finished the course, we headed off to get a well-earned meal and head for home. After getting home I received an updated list of Chapter B's members level status. I learned from Roger Crowe that even though we had taken the course and that the district had the info to submit to the main office it is up to each individual to get the proper form to fill out and submit in order to get your level changed. If I looked at it correctly the form you need for levels no through three is a N7 and to get a masters level you need a N9 form, you can

get these on the national site, then the Rider Education tab, and select the REP Officers tab and on the right side you will see level forms or just go to the search box in the top right side of the main page and type in Level Forms. This was a fun and informative course and really look forward to doing more in the future.



Submitted by Stanley Rinehart

Trip To Wing Ding

Hi everyone,

Just back from Wing Ding, our trip got cut short due to the death of a very close family friend. Had a great trip taking several days to make our way to Springfield Missouri for Wing Ding 42. Dave and Betty, Steve, and Diane and Merrilee and I took off Sunday morning early as we took the backroads toward the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green Ky. Hot day and the museum was cool. On the way to the museum, we stopped at the Heritage Park near by and seen a few airplanes on display, many of which I worked on during my 33-year Airforce Career and one that was like the Dave flew while he was in the Airforce. Very nice park and still growing. Spent the first night near Clarksville TN before the next days ride across the Mississippi



on one of the few remaining Ferries running across the Mississippi. I got to say had we not had a good leader we would have never found this Ferry; it was in Hickman KY and nothing but corn and bean fields as far as the eye could see. It was a real challenge to find some shade while we waited for our turn to load the Ferry temps were in the 90's. Quite a long ferry crossing that landed on the shoreline at the bottom of another corn field. The GPS was even lost so we had to fix our direction based on where the sun was so we could head east. Popular Bluff was our next stop for the evening as we hit a good steak and a good steak tance. As we arrived early to get into Awards ceremony They had a block dogs and hamburg-hillside watching a phone call from a and their son at the heart attack and dies while enjoying the lake in their friend's boat. We made the difficult decision to cut our Wing Ding visit short and jump on the bike for an early take off home so we could attend the funeral the next day. Long hot ride but we made it before dark 675 miles on a hot day was quite a poke, plenty of cold water in



the cooler and a good Co-rider we made it home. There will always be another Wing Ding but the support of good friends in times of need sometime trump things not so important. By the way we did hear the Wing Ding 43 will be in Shreveport Louisiana next year.

was in the Airforce.

stop for the pool for some cooling off house withing walking dis-at the Rally site it was a little our room, so we took in the and got our rally registration. party where they provided hot ers as we lounged on the grassy the live band play. Merrilee got close friend here in Jacksboro young age of 40 had a massive friend's boat. We made the difficult decision to cut our Wing Ding visit short and jump on the bike for an early take off home so we could attend the funeral the next day. Long hot ride but we made it before dark 675 miles on a hot day was quite a poke, plenty of cold water in



Submitted by Tom & Merrilee

Technical Coordinator: Chris Harden



Throttle adjustments:

About 80% of all motorcycles that come in the shop need the throttle cables adjusted. It's a simple repair to do and over time cables stretch and so it becomes necessary to adjust the cable. At the handle bars on the throttle side the cables attach to the throttle you will find a 90 degree turn then a nut you loosen the nut and spin the hex head sleeve adding or taking away according to what it needs. Know before you start cranking down on it. It needs a little slack in the cables so ideally the goal should be about 1/8 of an inch free movement in the throttle and that is the same with or without heated grips.

Pre trip inspections: Before your next ride make sure to do the pre trip inspection on your bike, it might catch a problem before it becomes one.

1. Make sure your fluids are fresh and full.



Be sure to check the following:

- √ Oil
- √ Transmission Fluid
- √ Primary Fluid
- √ Brake Fluid
- √ Any other fluids involved in the operation of your motorcycle

2. Make sure your battery has adequate voltage.



There's nothing worse than gathering a group to go for a ride and being the only one whose motorcycle won't start. Pro Tip: Use a battery maintainer or take your battery out and store it in a warm area on a trickle charger.

3. Check all your brakes for proper function.



What you're looking for is a firm pedal and lever feel. In addition, you should occasionally use a flashlight to check for even pad thickness. Check the inside, outside, front and rear.





Technical Coordinator: Chris Harden



4. Make sure your filters are fresh.



Don't let your filters run until they're filthy. The old adage "wait till it breaks to fix it" should not apply with your air and oil filters.

5. Check your tire pressure.



Check your manual to see what the proper rating is for your bike. Inflating to proper tire pressure will help you maintain the life of your tire.

6. Make sure your windshield is clean.



Use a clean, soft cloth and look for a cleaning product with a label that indicates it can be used on acrylic.

7. Check for proper foot peg operation.



A loose foot peg could fall off and hit another rider behind you when you're out riding in a pack.

8. Make sure your seat is secure and comfortable.



Don't just consider yourself; think of your passenger too! When your passenger is uncomfortable, their constant readjustment can cause the motorcycle to shake as it travels down the road. When this happens, those around you may get nervous and send you all the way at the back of the pack.

9. Complete a full electrical check.

Be sure to check the following:

- √ High beams
- √ Low beams
- √ Turn signals (L and R)
- √ Running lights (front and rear)
- √ Brake lights (hand and break levers)



Chapter B Picnic

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Well, another June has come and gone and with it the annual Chapter B Picnic. We had a great turn out show up and there was lots



of great food and fun to be had. We had a few people show up early to help set up all the tables, canopies and grills for the event. Wally had a trailer filled with coolers and tables, along with some canopies and chairs. There was cornhole games set up and Chris showed up with his sound system to add some really nice music to the mix. Wally and Scott took care of the cooking while some of the ladies got the tables set up with food and deserts. We played games till the burgers were ready and after Chuck lead us in prayer we lined up to eat. There was a lot of food and it didn't



take long for us to put a dent in it and I have to say again there are some wonderful cooks in Chapter B. The number of deserts was over whelming and like always I ate too much. After lunch everyone relaxed and socialized while others got into some card games. We also had



a little scare during the day as Linda Bridges started not feeling well. We were really fortunate to have some people that had medical backgrounds on hand that assisted in helping Linda but it was decided she needed to go to the Hospital to be checked out. Rick and Dennis drove her and Mike to meet their daughter in oak Ridge and I am happy to say that our prayers were answered and after keeping her a couple of nights she was ok to go back home. As the day wound down people started thinning out till it was time to clean up and head for home. It was a great day of fun,



food and fellowship and we already have a date for next years Chapter B Picnic which will



June 4th. I would like to thank Wally and Scott for all the great cooking, a special thanks to Wally for all the extra gear he brought, and to all the people that contributed with food, games, music and their time. Also thank you to Dennis and Barbra and Rick for helping out one of our family members in a time of need.



**COME
AND GET
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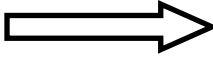


Submitted by Stanley Rinehart

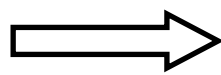
Items For Sale Items

For Sale by Edna Kosier chapter B Member

2005 Honda Goldwing
 Great Condition (Chris has done all work to it,
 he can tell you all he's done, says it is in tip top shape)
 Mileage approx.....111k
 Silver with lots of chrome (Chris painted my kit last yr)
 MP3 Player
 Cruise
 CB
 Extra Lights
 Mirror covers have light
 signals
 Toe/Heel Shifter
 Air Wings
 Passenger Back Wing
 Shield
 Luggage Rack



My number
 865-617-0404
 And I'll talk with him and
 give him information to
 contact my daughter-
 Stephanie Foster..
 865-250-6472..



For Sale

2013 Blue Honda Goldwing GL 1800 Trike with California Side Car Viper Conversion and 2006 Matching Bushtec Quantum GL Trailer. Located in Jackson, MO, 2 hours south of St Louis.

- Mileage-12,177
- Airbag
- Navigation
- ABS
- CB
- Chrome Wheels
- Baker Built Air Wings
- Backrest
- Passenger Arm Rests With Built-In Cup Holder
- Hand Brake
- Tires In Excellent Condition
- Kuryakyn Hand Grips With Throttle Assist
- Rider Cup Holder
- Fog Lights
- Chris Cruz Matching Pinstriping-Bike & Trailer
- Highway Pegs
- Heated Hand Grips
- Misc Chrome Parts

Asking \$29,900.00

Contact: Jere & Sherry Goodman

Jere's Cell # 540.623.0447

Items For Sale Items



FOR SALE

2018 Honda Gold Wing Tour Automatic DCT
CSC Encore Trike
3,200 miles
Ultimate seat
\$37,000.00

Owner: Doug Edwards

Contact: Bob Meck @ thunderchief452@yahoo.com
(I will get interested parties in touch with Doug)



King Kooker LP gas fish fryer, brand new, never used, no fishy smell, new \$75, sell \$40...

See Wally

I have a set of centramatic balancers for a 2010 two wheeler asking 225. Brand new.

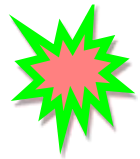
See Scott Seal



Over the years Chapter B has chosen the Lifestyle program as not only a great fund raiser but provides a good excuse to get together for a ride. You all know how much fun it is to enjoy a new place to eat in our area. With the pandemic we experienced last year it pretty much shut down our Restaurant Rating activities. Most locations offer a buy one and get one free so one card for each couple works best, individuals always get 1/2 off a menu item. The pocket saver costs \$20 and the chapter keeps \$6 of this for their favorite fund raising effort. The more the merrier as we schedule dinner rides using our Lifestyle cards, hope you all participate again this year. I will have extra cards available at the Dinner outing, you may purchase your card then.



Lifestyle night out Schedule as of 6/29



July 10th.....Emily has chosen the **Tanasi Bar and Grill #10** on your lifestyle folder, **Saturday, July 10, 2021 at 1300.** We could meet at the Wigel's on the outside of Lenoir City (corner of 321/70) leaving at 1230 or you can meet us there at 1300...

Submitted By: Wally



- Bobbie Beeler 7/5
- Richard James 7/23
- Wally 7/11 **now on Medicare**
- Bill Sowder 7/8

No Anniversaries This month

Ride Schedule

3 month Schedule

To see the full Schedule visit the Chapter B Website



July

6th Shoney's Restaurant 2405 Andersonville Hwy, Clinton, TN Exit 122 off I-75 (Rt. 61 Museum exit) Eat at 6:00 PM & our social starts promptly at 7:00 PM

17thRide to Cumberland Gap....Chris to lead, Meet at Rural King Parking lot 7340 Norris Hwy, Knoxville, leave a 1000

August

3rd Shoney's Restaurant 2405 Andersonville Hwy, Clinton, TN Exit 122 off I-75 (Rt. 61 Museum exit) Eat at 6:00 PM & our social starts promptly at 7:00 PM

September

4 th ... Natural Tunnel, VA pack a lunch, TBA when and where to start.... Stan to lead

7 th Shoney's Restaurant 2405 Andersonville Hwy, Clinton, TN Exit 122 off I-75 (Rt. 61 Museum exit) Eat at 6:00 PM & our social starts promptly at 7:00 PM

18th ride to Bea's Restaurant in Chattanooga, leave Wally's house at 0930...806 N Kingston Ave, Rockwood

24, 25, 263 day ride to Helen, Ga.... We will leave the Wigels before Lenoir City (@ 70/321) at 0830 sharp, Sept 24th



Submitted by Wally

"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 Shoney's 1100 Highway 321 Lenoir City, just off I-75 exit 81, CD Brian & Loretta Richards 865-249-6173

Chapter **T** meets the **4th Saturday** Each month at the Down Home Restaurant, 7755 Rutledge Pike, Rutledge TN 37861
Eat at 11:00 am/Meet at 12:00 Pm 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

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

Chapter **C** meets the **3rd Tuesday** each month at Bob Evans, I-26 Boone's Creek Exit, Kingsport, TN Tom & Carolyn Jarrell
423-383-0339



We have several Chapter Shirts, you can choose the one you like. Pat can order or you can purchase on your own and we can get the embroidering done for you.



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"

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Stay Tuned to
www.tn-b.org

