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Check out our Web site at : www.tn-b.org and stay up to date with all our activities and join us when you can. We would love to have you.

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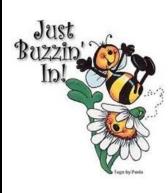
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From your Chapter Directors, Tom and Kathy Peck





Spring time has come in like a lion and Summertime is in high gear. Lots happening here in Chapter B this past month. Several nice rides, a couple trips, and some key planning for the future of our chapter.

Some of you might not know we have a new Executive Director of our association. Mike Stiger previous Director of the Rider Education division has recently taken over the everyday operations of GWRRA. In addition to Mike's appointment Gene Knutson has taken over as the National Director of Rider Education. Gene & Betty have roots here locally in Chapters G2 and Y as well as Tennessee and Region N Rider Education. Congratulations to Mike and Gene on their appointments. Visit the national web site for more information at www.gwrra.org

Many of us will be planning their summer riding season and taking long awaited trips on their Goldwings. Make sure to check the calendar back on page 8 and the Chapter B ride/activity schedule on page 13 when you make your plans. We love to see you on our rides. Already looking forward to the June 4th Friday evening ride to Pine Mountain State Park for dinner.

The Rally season has already taken off all over the country with Spring Fling last month and West Virginia in June. Americade up east is always a popular motorcycle event and several folks will be riding up to enjoy the mountains of New York. We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable riding season and when you return make sure to send us a little article about your trip so we can share it with others who may be considering events like yours in our newsletter. Ride safe

Tom & Kathy



Chuck and Pat Talley captured the Couple of the Year Traveling Plaque at the Roan Mountain Steak-Out

> Come and Get It! Tuesday, June 1

Lots of **great ideas** were suggested at the recent **Planning Meeting**. See below for some of those ideas and watch for more to come! **Thanks everybody for**

coming and helping out!

PROGRESSIVE MEMBERSHIP DRAWING



One lucky Chapter "B" participant's GWRRA membership number will be drawn at the June gathering. If that member is present and can show a current GWRRA membership card, they will win \$20!

If card is expired or not available to show, an additional \$5 will be placed in the drawing for the following month. So get your cards out, check the expiration date and make sure you have it with you Tuesday!

Wear Your Chapter Shirt and you might win an extra 50/25/25 ticket!
Anyone wearing a chapter shirt or vest, including our visitors, will be given a ticket for a drawing to win an extra 50/25/25 ticket.
So wear your chapter shirt and show your

chapter spirit!

Introducing our NEW Chapter B "WAY TO GO!" Award

Be ready to nominate one of our chapter participants for this monthly prestigious award. Anyone who has done something kind, helpful, noteworthy, above-and-beyond-the-callof duty . . . (you get the picture) is deserving of this award. We'll present our first award this month.



TO THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN . . . AND BACK



On Saturday, May 8th, 5 motorcycles and 9 people went on a ride to Maggie Valley, NC. Tom and Kathy Peck, Pat and Chuck Talley, Dianah and Gary Davis, Tom and Debbie Rhoads and Peanut Davis were the gang members for the day.

It was a beautiful day with barely a cloud in the sky when we started out. Temperature was in the high 60's (which we soon found out that this is not nearly warm enough for Dianah). Dianah was content to staying on her own trike at this time.

Our ride took us to Alcoa, Maryville, into Townsend and over to the Visitor's Center. The temperature had cooled a little with overcast skies and the wind that was constantly blowing. From here we took 441 over the Smokies into North Carolina. The temperature dropped to 50 degrees and the wind was very strong. By this time Dianah wanted HEATED CLOTHING!

We got on the Blue Ridge Parkway into Maggie Valley (beautiful scenery). Traffic

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was very light and we proceeded to do what all motorcycle riders do best - we ate lunch! While we ate, Kathy told us how Maggie Valley got its name (I bet not many people know this). The food was good and the companionship was even better! The original plan was for the women to shop and the men to go to the motorcycle museum, but the owner of the restaurant told us about a nice paved loop road into the mountains that has million dollar homes all along the way. What he failed to tell us was the road went almost straight up and had a few sharp cutbacks. But it was enjoyable and we went to the top of the mountain. Somewhere along the way, Dianah ended up on the back of Peanut's

> trike with Chuck's extra socks, somebody's gloves and the heated seat turned to the max!

We proceeded down I-40 to Dandridge and got on Rte. 70 and 25W. By this time Pat wanted ice cream, so we stopped at Sonic to please her.

The rest of us had some just so she wouldn't feel lonely eating by herself. From there we motored on home, everyone getting off at their stops.

This was a very pleasurable ride with great company. Can't wait for the next one!!



Tom and Debbie Rhoads



We've attended Chapter C's Roan Mt. Steak out every year since we joined Chapter B. They do a fantastic job, providing a bean supper on Fri. evening, activities all day Sat., followed by the steak dinner that afternoon. Worth the "trip" over there!

What's the difference between a "trip" and an "adventure"? In our case, about 300 extra miles, and not knowing for sure just where you are or where you're heading.

Since it's about 181 miles from Lafollette to Roan Mt., Gary and Dianah, Jo Ann, Peanut, Chuck (Trail Boss) and I chose to rent a cabin in the State Park again and stay two nights. Peanut worked until noon, but planned to ride his new Trike over and meet us there. The rest of us met Fri. morning at Hardees's and left there about 10:00. We were all on our bikes, except Dianah, who brought so much stuff she had to drive her car. (Actually, I think she might have watched the weather report and wanted to stay dry.)

Jo Ann had mentioned that she'd like to take scenic side roads (she's trying to build stamina for the Niagara Falls trip in July), so the trail boss (Chuck) had mapped out a route that would take us towards Asheville. There





we would pick up the Blue Ridge Parkway, and visit Grandfather Mountain, before cutting off to head for Roan Mt. (We've been there twice in recent years, but unable to go up because of the weather). The weather was absolutely gorgeous as we began our "trip". We stopped for lunch just before jumping on the Parkway.

I think it was at this point that our "trip" began to take on the characteristics of an "adventure". Dianah needed to check in to secure our cabin by 3:00, so it was decided that she would take the shorter route and go on ahead, while the rest of us headed for Grandfather Mt.

Trail Boss had told me it would only be a short distance, maybe 25 extra miles, to go by Grandfather Mt. before heading for Roan Mt., giving us plenty of time to get there before the bean supper at 6:00. Submissive spouse that I am, I went along with the plan....until I began to see the odometer registering a lot more than the 25 extra miles, and we weren't even there yet. " Very sweetly" I began to raise questions as to the likelihood that maybe we'd not thought this through. But by now, it was a "do or die" attitude.

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It was 3:30 by the time we rolled up to the ticket gate at Grandfather Mt. Time was running out...and the tickets to go up the Mt. cost \$15. per person.... so after all this, the only view we got of the Mt. was from the ticket gate.

From here it only gets better. We jump on 19E, which should have taken us over to Roan Mt., and would have, had we been going in the right direction. We finally had to stop for gas, thank goodness, (or we might have ended up in GA), and asked directions. It's now past 4:00, and the first person we asked said we were 1-1/2 hours away. Second person was wearing an official looking uniform, so I figured thinking??) and tour the area. (Hadn't we alhe knew what he was talking about, but he ready done that?) gave us directions over back roads, mountain roads, and curves. At this point, another gen- Boone, NC was our destination, and the ride tleman gave us a better route, one that would over there was beautiful, running alongside a take us right there. It did....but on the wrong huge lake, enjoying the gorgeous flowers and side of Roan Mt. We had arrived on the NC fresh air. By lunchtime, we began to search side and needed to be on the TN side. Only for a nice place to eat, and after passing up all one thing to do....we went over the mountain.



Trail boss got us there just in time to enjoy the bean supper, complete with fried potatoes, cole slaw, hushpuppies, dessert, and cold drinks. So happy we didn't miss it.

Sat. morning, our little group decided we would head out on our own (what were we



the quaint little restaurants in Boone, we pull into a nice looking restaurant parking lot, only to discover they serve drive-through, not even a picnic table around. We ordered anyway, found a couple of benches to sit and devoured our food..it was good... or we were starving.

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Our adventure back to Roan Mt. took us to places unknown. One homestead that I saw had As the Steak Out came to a close, Roy, Charles a plaque out front "settled, 1706". I'm not sure and Becky decided they better take their bikes anyone had been through there since. We did and head for home, the rain was continuing to get to see Grandfather Mt.... again and again, come down. The remainder of the group went from every angle except the top. Meanwhile, as back to the cabin, where, you can guess...games we were wandering around the mountains and of marbles and 5 Crowns were in order before back roads, nine chapter members who had come for the day arrived at the steak out. Bill. Merrilee, Bobbi, Kyle, Scott and Amy came in the car, (bad weather report) and Roy, Charles and Becky rode their bikes. Games were starting... SO

Bobbie, Merrilee and Amy entered the rolling pin toss. I know for a fact Amy has a wicked right arm, but another gal was able to toss that rolling pin over 90 feet. We suspect that she might be a descendant of Paul Bunyan, but nobody was brave enough to question her.



Gary and Peanut had signed up to compete in the horseshoe game, but needless to say, they didparticipate. (Trail Boss and touring group had covered 200 miles before arriving back for steak supper)

before the steaks were to be served. Dark clouds began to roll over the picnic area, then gear, arriving home with a dirty bike and wet the wind and rain sent us all looking for cover. We carried on, even when the wind was so strong that it blew down one of the ticket tents and one of the mess tents. Nothing spoils our fun!! The steaks were done to perfection (over 300 of them), and baked potato, salad, and dessert completed the meal.

When the awards were presented, our group won the Traveling Plaque as well as the Couple of the Year Traveling Plaque. Scott almost took the award for the youngest rider, but after the dust settled, another rider ended up with it.



they headed back home.

Sunday morning brought beautiful weather and sunshine as we left Roan Mt. and took the route n't make it back in time to through Elizabethton and Bluff City, picking up Rt. 11 W at Kingsport, stopping for lunch at The Pig and Chick. We all agreed that it would be a good dinner ride for our group sometime, located about 15 miles east of Bean Station. Our next stop was at the Clinch Mt. overlook, where we The weather was absolutely beautiful...until just lingered a little too long. Before we could make it home, we had to stop and suit up with our rain clothes. Our adventure to Roan Mt. covered almost 700 miles.

> What's the difference between a trip and an adventure?....an adventure is a trip you'll always be talking about.

> We had a great time, with a great bunch of friends, and would love to do it again.



While some of you were attending the Roan Mountain Steak-Out, we were traveling to Franklin, TN, where we rode in the Middle TN Ride for Kids on Sunday. Then it was on to Branson for 4 days (and 4 shows!), and then 2 days of riding in the beautiful mountains of Arkansas and Oklahoma. (Yes we found some mountains in Oklahoma!) The following Sunday it was the Tulsa Ride for Kids, and then 2 days to get home, just in time for our Chapter B planning meeting. Enjoy the pics!

Tom and Kathy



MEET OUR CHAPTER B MEMBERS



Tom and Debbie Rhoads are among the more recent members welcomed into Chapter B. They have been married almost 35 years, have one son, and make their home in Claxton.

Tom retired from TVA after 33 years

service as a Unit Operator. He also served in the Army and fought in the war in Viet Nam. Debbie is also a former TVA employee, working as a Security Investigator for almost 10 years. She currently spends the first months of the year (until April 15) as a tax advisor.

They enjoy traveling and have visited a lot of the National Parks out West, most of the Caribbean Islands, Alaska, Hawaii and Canada. Besides traveling, Tom enjoys scuba diving and Debbie enjoys reading. Their time is also spent working with their church every month at the Second Harvest Food Bank. Tom got the fever to ride a motorcycle just a few years ago. After taking some lessons, he purchased his Goldwing in '08, had it Triked in '09, and he and Debbie are currently looking forward to the ride to Niagara Falls in July.

> Submitted by Pat Talley (Chuck and Pat Talley are our 2010 Chapter "B" Couple of the Year)





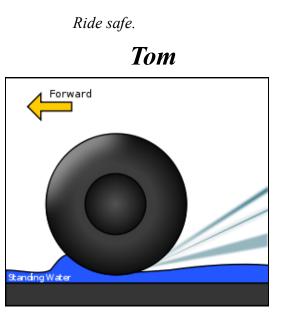


Spring time is always one of our favorite times of the year to ride, the weather is usually not too hot and places are not so crowded. Many of the fun events are also scheduled in the spring. With the beautiful spring riding season also brings the possibility of isolated thunderstorms and downright deluges. As we all know if you ride a motorcycle you better be ready to get wet. What I would like to do in this article is share with you a few experiences and recommendations.

The best thing to do if you ride into an approaching storm is get off the road and wait till the storm passes; usually they are short and narrow bands of rain. If the heavy rain slows and you intend to continue with your ride hopefully you have some good rain gear. Best to pull off in a safe place, hopefully you can find a place to get under cover; a closed bank drive-through, church or service station over hangs work good to stop and wait out the storm or to just put the rain gear on.

Continuing on in the rain can be safe but everyone has a different degree of comfort in the rain. Slow your speed, watch for puddles and standing water on the road. Two wheelers do better that one might expect on wet streets, you have to be more cautious when you accelerate and when you apply your brakes; slow and easy is always the best technique. Those on a trike may feel more stable but those two rear wheels have a much wider footprint than that of a 2-wheeler. The automotive type tires are much more susceptible to hydroplaning. The weight of the trike, light in comparison to a automobile, can become very unstable on wet streets. Those who have not experienced this phenomenon need to know and be aware of hydroplaning. Moving out of a tire track with a 2wheeler to avoid puddles might not be as easy if you have 3 wheels. You might be able to keep the front wheel on the high but the rear wheels are still in the tire tracks that usually have the standing water in them.

Again, it's best to slow down or just pull over until the roads drain from a heavy rain. Just use caution. On your next set of rear tires for your trike you may want to consider a higher water dispersing tread design more favorable to riding on wet highways.



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- Under inflation can cause a tire to deflect inward, raising the tire center and preventing the tread from clearing water.
- Worn tires will hydroplane more easily for lack of tread depth.
- The longer and thinner the contact patch, the less likely a tire will hydroplane.

If the drive wheels hydroplane, there may be a sudden audible rise in engine RPM and indicated speed as they begin to spin. In a broad highway turn, if the front wheels lose traction, you can suddenly begin to drift towards the outside of the bend. If the rear wheels lose traction, the back will begin to slew out sideways into a skid. If both your rear wheels hydroplane at once, you can slide in a straight line, again towards the outside of the bend if in a turn. When any or all of the wheels regain traction, there may be a sudden jerk in whatever direction that wheel is pointed.



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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 Mr. Gatti's, 1431 Parkway, 37862. It is on the corner of the Rt. 66 Parkway and Nascar Dr., across from Wal-Mart Eat at 6:30 Meet at 7:30 Call Beth & Dale Hodge 865-748-1059

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LET'S GO SHOPPING! See the "Ouarter Master" Pat Tallev



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Chapter A2 meets the 4th Monday each month at the Rvan's Steakhouse, 1053 Hunter Xing, Alcoa Eat at 6:00 pm meeting at 7:00 pm Call Alvin & Josie Nelson 865-977-9096

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June 8 Betty Roberts June 13 Scott Seal



June 6 Burt & Helga Wagner June 9 Glenn & Susan Riedel June 15 Kyle & Bobbie Beeler

If we missed your Birthday or Anniversary make sure you contact Betty or Merrilee 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.

TN-B 2010 Ride Schedule

<u>Friday, June 4</u>, **Dinner Ride to Pine Mountain** Lodge, KY, Leave Wal-Mart in LaFollette at 5:30 PM, (45 minute ride). Mountain View Restaurant offers buffet for \$12.49 + tax or order from the menu.

<u>Thursday-Saturday</u>, June 17-19, WV Rally, Summerville, WV

Saturday, June 19, Ride to Cherohala Skyway and Joyce Kilmer Park

Wednesday-Saturday, June 30-July3, Wing Ding, Des Moines, Iowa.

Saturday-Sunday, July 10-11, Blue Ridge Parkway Ride

Saturday-Sunday, July 20-25, Chapter Ride to Niagara Falls



Saturday, July 31, Ride to Muddy Pond, TN

<u>Thursday-Saturday, August 5-7</u>, **KY Rally**, Somerset, KY.

Saturday, August 14, Fall Creek Falls Ride

Saturday, August 21, Pool Party at Wagner's

Saturday, August 28, Chapter Leadership Skills **Program**, Lebanon, TN.

Friday-Sunday, September 10-12, TN District Perimeter Ride

<u>Friday-Sunday, September 17-19</u>, Wings Across Tennessee.

<u>Thursday-Saturday, September 23-25</u>, **Wings Over the Smokies**, Fletcher, NC. (Day Ride on Saturday)

<u>Thursday-Saturday, October 7-9</u>, VA Rally, Salem, VA. Wednesday-Sunday, October 6-10, Outer Banks Ride Sunday, October 17, Knoxville Ride for Kids (Training Thursday Oct 14)

Saturday, November 6, Cumberland Playhouse— Brigadoon

Friday, November 19, Game Night, 7 PM

Saturday, November 20, TN District Operations Meeting.

Saturday, December 4, Chapter Christmas Party

Friday, December 17, Game Night, 7 PM

Game Nights: In the cooler months we'll plan to have Game Nights the 3rd Friday of each month. We'll be looking for volunteers to host!

"Highlighted entries scheduled Chapter B Rides"

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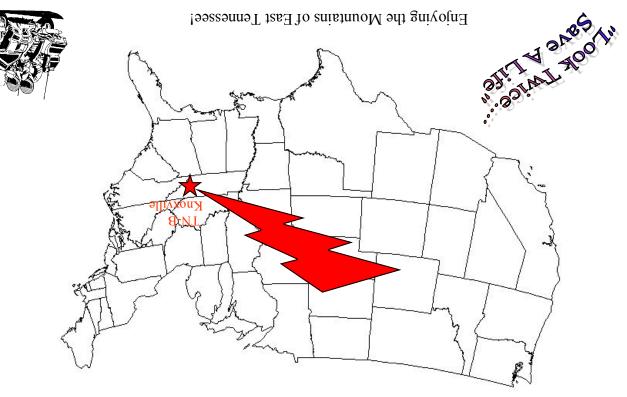




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