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The Blues brothers team up with some of the Branson group for another fun filled evening at the Legends variety show, Joann, Tom, Kathy, Larry and Glynda.

Join us the **First Tuesday** each month at

Shoney's Restaurant
2405 Andersonville Hwy,
Andersonville, 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.

Next Social:
June 7th 2011

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From your Sr. Chapter Directors, Tom and Kathy Peck



Cool stop for an overnight in Hayti, Missouri, on our way to Branson.

Here we are almost half the year is over and good-bye to the cooler weather. Seems like it's either too cold or too hot. I think I prefer cold rather than hot for riding. There are many different ways you can fix being too cold but I haven't found many ways to cool off while riding the bike on these extremely hot days. Well, at least we will always have something to complain about!!

Our Chapter already has several fun rides and activities under their belt this year with many others on the schedule. Wing Ding is just around the corner and the excitement is building everyday, Hope you all plan to attend what may be a record-breaking event this year for our annual Gold Wing Road Riders convention. Many of you may not have known that Knoxville has hosted 3 other Wing Dings in the past and has always been a favorite location of many over the years who have been long-time members. The unique location we have and the excellent riding opportunities the Smoky Mountains offer makes Knoxville a very good venue for such an event as Wing Ding.

Stay in touch through our Chapter B web-site for all the latest upcoming events and last minute changes. You may want to visit the TN District and Region N web-sites for state- and region-wide activities. These web-sites can be accessed from our Chapter B web-site as well as many other links to archived newsletters, special links for shopping for accessories, parts etc. Always let me know if you have trouble with any of the links or pages on www.tn-b.org.

Hope to see you all next Tuesday evening at our June chapter gathering. **Remember, we will not be having a regularly scheduled July gathering on the 5th due to all the activities going on during Wing Ding.** We will have a newsletter for July so your help sending in articles are strongly suggested.

Tom & Kathy

Roane Mountain Steak-Out





On May 14th, JoAnn Smith, Glynda McDonald, Jack and Debbie Burnett (from Kingsport), Larry Cox (from Chapter M) and Tom and Debbie Rhoads left for Branson, MO.



Tom and Kathy Peck had an Advanced Rider Course (along with Dave Roberts) and would meet us in Franklin, TN that evening.



The weather was in the 50's and 60's and the sky was threatening with rain clouds. First stop was Rockwood, TN where we picked up Wally Maliskey and headed for lunch at Ivan's (now the Rockwood Grill).

As we were leaving the restaurant, the sky opened up and poured. This was before we could get our rain suits on. After a 30 minute delay we're on our way to Franklin via the back roads. Wally's friend, Anthony from Cookeville, joined us there the next morning.

The weather was not looking very good Sunday morning; everybody except Tom and Kathy rode on toward our next stop trying to

beat the rain. Tom and Kathy attended the Ride for Kids in Franklin, which raised an outstanding amount—more than \$107,000! They would catch up with us later.



After the rain, the weather turned cold and very windy. NO windows of opportunity were showing anywhere! Everyone but Joann left their heated gear at home, so we were very cold. We stopped at a Wal-Mart for sweatshirts and thermal underwear, but they had put all winter wear away for the summer.





After spending the night in Hayti, MO, we left Monday morning with a strong wind in our face. But soon, with Tom Peck leading, he found that

window of opportunity and it turned into a beautiful day and a great scenic ride. Tom Peck was head horseman; Tom Rhoads was the last in line so you know what that made him! We got to see the swollen Mississippi River with the water overflowing the banks for several miles. The 3-day-ride was a total 725 miles.



Wednesday afternoon we went to the Hughes Brothers show that starred 5 brothers, their wives, sisters and all 29 children of the brothers. It was an amazing show. That night we went to a dinner show to see SIX. There were no instruments as their voices made all the music, which included drums, guitars etc. It was very entertaining and we were all impressed.



Friday morning we took off for our return trip home. Again it took 2 days, but beautiful weather this time. It was a great trip, wish you all could have been there.

We stayed at the Wyndham at the Meadows in Branson. Very nice resort condos, but we didn't have time to enjoy all it had to offer. Tuesday evening, Debbie and Jack Burnett and Debbie and Tom Rhoads went to a dinner show on a paddleboat while the others went to a Legends show.



**Tom and
Debbie
Rhoads**

Ride to the Dinner Bell ...



Soft serve ice cream and home-made desserts rounded off our dining experience.

We met an old-time Chapter B member, who had an evening free from his busy truck driving schedule, to join us for the ride to Sweetwater. Good to meet Martin Shafer and his friend Vicky.

Twenty Ch. B members took a short ride south to Sweetwater on Thursday, May 12 to the Dinner Bell Restaurant for, you guessed it, dinner. A quick call a few days earlier secured ample immediate seating for our group in the restaurant's party room.

Whether ordering off the menu or grazing at their home cooked buffet, everyone seemed to have happy tummies when it was time to leave! The buffet featured fresh salads, 3 home-made soups (including a chicken gumbo that was outstanding), pot roast with vegetables, juicy broasted chicken, tilapia, country steak with gravy, and more.



It would be safe to say the Dinner Bell Restaurant will probably be on the repeat list of favorites for a future Chapter B dinner ride.

Thanks to Jerry Ciesla for arranging our dinner ride and for writing this great article!



Try you hand at Archery with friends in a safe controlled environment .

For those of you who have shown an interest in trying your hand at archery I've set up a date (**June 11th at 10:30am**). We have nothing on our schedule and my archery club has nothing on their schedule. Please try to be on time and **I'll meet you at the main gate to sign you in**. All this has to be done because our club is on TWRA property and they are quite picky.

I'd advise coming by car as the entrance to the range is on a gravel road and you probably wouldn't like driving your bike on it. If you have your own equipment feel free to bring it as long as it is safe.

Range is located at the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency Range, 2327 Rifle Range Rd, Knoxville. Their phone is [865/594-6279](tel:8655946279). If you need directions let me know.

Please e-mail or call me directly if you are coming as I have to give TWA a count.
(burtsr@gmail.com - [865/318-0883](tel:8653180883))

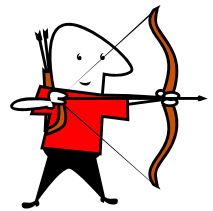
The cost is \$5.50 to get in the TWA gate for ALL and \$5.00 additional for shooters. I'll handle the money and please bring correct change. I know \$5.50 is a weird number but that is what they charge. People are welcome to come and just watch if they want but will have to pay the \$5.50 gate fee.

I will be the Range Safety Officer for this event. Keep in mind that shooting archery is not unlike shooting a gun, you can be seriously hurt or even killed. However it is a lot of fun if you use common sense. **Safety first at all times.**

After we play for a while we will go to 5 Guys hamburgers on Emery Rd. for lunch.

Call me if you have any questions.

Yours In Friendship,
Burt



Items For Sale



Trunk bag, Fits all models. Zipper/Velcro main compartment closures with side zippered pouches. Condition Like new! \$25 see Tom Peck



2 Brand new mesh with armor riding jackets, never worn size L & XL color blue exactly as the picture shows with Goldwing emblem on the back.
Check with Chuck and Pat Talley
423-562-1962 \$ 65.00 each



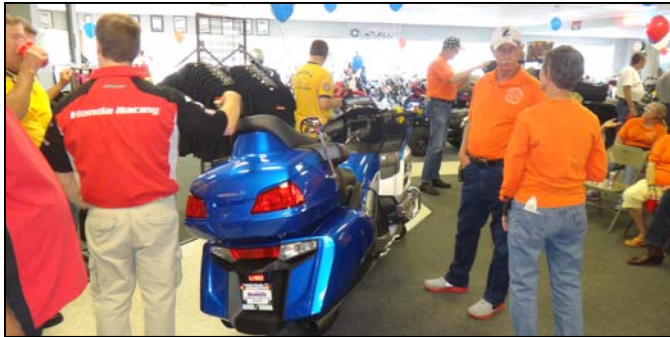
The 2012 Goldwing



A big thanks goes out to Knoxville Honda after a great evening at their store on Clinton Highway. Several of us met at our meeting place at the Wal-Mart in LaFollette and headed south on Rt. 25W about 5pm so we would arrive at Knoxville Honda by 6pm. We arrived to meet over 50 Goldwingers milling around in the parking lot and inside the showroom.



Chris Cox, the Honda service rep, answered many of the questions everyone had about the new model of the GL1800, thanks to him for this special evening. What a great time everyone had seeing the new Goldwing and visiting with other Goldwingers. A big thanks goes out to Tyler Carr and the Knoxville Honda staff who set up the special evening and opened up the store for the pizza party.



Tyler Carr had the Pizza ordered and it arrived right on time. After a few introductions where Tyler introduced their Honda service rep who showed a video that detailed all the features of the new 2012 Goldwing. After the short intro everyone tore into the Pizza and drinks were available for everyone to enjoy.



We found out special consideration has been given to trike owners for service on their trikes. Special discounts on parts and accessories were made available to our Goldwing family so make sure you consider giving them a call next time you need service on your Goldwing whether a 2 wheeler or a trike.

We caught wind of a really nice ice cream stop just off I-75 on Emory Rd so off went part of the LaFollette crew for a beautiful evening ride for ice cream. To our surprise bunches of other Goldwingers showed up for a continuation of our tire kicking and meeting new motorcyclists.



After most were finished eating Tyler excited and then came riding in on the new Blue 2012 Goldwing. Tyler showed his very impressive riding skills as he rode down between all the parked motorcycles on the showroom floor winding around with the new and improved digital surround sound speakers blasting. As he parked we discovered he had his i-pod plugged into the new USB connection in the trunk and controlled on the handlebar and displayed on the dash.



The 17th Annual RC Moon Pie Festival in Bell Buckle, Tennessee

Saturday June 18, 2011. A jam packed day of fun—there is plenty of country and bluegrass music, a parade, clogging dancers, Moon Pie games, crafts, the synchronized wading extravaganza, and cutting of the world's largest Moon Pie!

The LaFollette gang will leave MacDonald's at 6:45 a.m. and meet up with the rest at Cracker Barrel in Harriman at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast. Then it's on to Bell buckle via back

roads where we'll arrive at around noon (11:00 a.m. Central Time).

We'll cruise the festival, have lunch there, and plan to leave around 3 or 4 p.m. our time in order to make it home by 8 or 9 p.m., traveling interstate part of the way. You can figure on about 380-400 miles round trip—so this is a good day for all you SERIOUS riders.

Please let Chuck Talley, our ride coordinator, know if you plan to come along.

Chapter B Progressive Dinner Ride

- **When:** Saturday, June 25, 10 :00 a.m.
- **What:** Ride to 4 different homes for lots of Food, Fellowship, and a Dip in the Pool! We'll spend about an hour and a half at each home with a leisurely ride in between stops.
- **Where:** Leave Weigel's on Emory Road at 10:00 a.m. and ride to:
 - First Stop:** Kyle and Bobbie Beeler's, 200 Linford Rd, Knoxville, for Appetizers (maybe breakfast type appetizers this early in the day).
 - Second Stop:** Mike and Linda Bridges, 7505 Inverrary Circle, Knoxville, for the Salad Course.
 - Third Stop:** Tom and Kathy Peck's, 153 Deerwood Lane, LaFollette, for the Main course (hamburgers and hot dogs).
 - Fourth Stop:** JoAnn Smith's, 710 Carr Wynn Road, LaFollette, for Dessert and a Swim in the Pool for those who are interested.
- **Cost:** \$10 per person. We'll be collecting money at our June gathering so we can get an idea of how many to prepare for.
- We expect to arrive at JoAnn's at about 5:30 so we'll have 2 or 3 hours of daylight for eating and swimming before time to head for home.

Be sure to put this on your calendar!

It will be a great day for fellowship and fun!

Chapter Educator Section

The Smart Corner

Dave Roberts, Chapter Educator

The Smart Corner



I've been ranting at you about safety for the last several months, so I thought we would have a little quiz just for the fun of it. Have a go at answering the following questions and we will discuss at the gathering on Tuesday

1) The most important piece of safety equipment you will ever own is:

- A bright colored riding jacket
- B full face helmet
- C safety chrome
- D. your brain

2) T-CLOCK is:

- A. a kind of alarm clock
- B. a pre-ride check-list
- C. another word for the clock function in your Gold Wing
- D. transportation clockenspiel (a BMW term)

3) You can find Gold Wing recommended tire inflation pressures in:

- A. the trunk on the underside of the lid
- B. owner's handbook
- C. Gold Book
- D. on the sidewall of the tire
- E. I have a Trike and I don't care

4) The maximum weight capacity of a GL 1800 is :

- A. 417 lbs
- B. 425 lbs
- C. 430 lbs
- D. I have a Trike and I don't care

5) Adding safety chrome has no effect on the weight capacity of a Gold Wing.

- A. True
- B. False

6) The front brake supplies how much of the total stopping power of your Gold Wing?

- A. About one quarter
- B. About one half
- C. About three quarters
- D. All of the stopping power

7) The best way to stop quickly is to:

- A. Use the front brake only
- B. Use the rear brake first
- C. Throttle down and use the front brake
- D. Use both brakes at the same time

8) Applying the front brake on a Gold Wing applies some rear brake pressure.

- A. True
- b. False

9) The MSF's SEE strategy stands for:

- A. Scan Evaluate Exit
- B. Scan Evaluate Execute
- C. Search Evaluate Execute
- D. Search Execute Exit

10) The most common collision between a car and a motorcycle is :

- A. Car pulls out of a side street into the path of the motorcycle
- B. Car rear ends motorcycle at a red light
- C. Car side swipes motorcycle while changing lanes on an Interstate Highway
- D. Car turns left in front of the on coming motorcycle

11) In most car motorcycle collisions, the car driver actually saw the motorcycle.

- A. True
- B. False

How did you do? We will have a little discussion and the answers of Tuesday, night at the gathering. See you there and in the meantime, Ride Smart.

Dave



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 at the JUNE chapter gathering since the July gathering has been cancelled due to Wing Ding.**

- 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



"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 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



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6/8 Betty Roberts
6/13 Scott Seal
6/24 Steve Evans



6/5 Charles & Becky Dodson
6/6 Burt & Helga Wagner
6/9 Glenn & Susan Riedel
6/15 Kyle & Bobbie Beeler

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 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

JUNE

- **6/2: Thursday Dinner Ride**, Knoxville Honda, meet at 6:00 pm, eat Pizza 6:15 see new 2012 Gold-wing
- **6/4: TN-Q FunDay**, Clarksville, TN, let Tom & Kathy know if you'd like to ride over.
- **6/18: RC & Moon Pie Festival**, Bell Buckle, TN, leave LaFollette McDonalds at 6:45 a.m.; meet at Cracker Barrel in Harriman at 8 a.m. for breakfast, leave there at 9 a.m., Tom Peck 423-907-9712
- **6/25: Progressive Dinner Ride**, meet at Weigel's on Emory Road at 10:a.m. to ride for FOOD at 4 stops! See page 9 for details.

JULY

- **7/6-9: Wing Ding**, Knoxville, TN
- **7/14: Thursday Dinner Ride** to Pig & Chick, Bean Station, TN (Chuck & Pat Talley)
- 7/16-17 Helen Georgia overnight (Wally)
- **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**

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 are an overnight ride to Helen, GA, a ride to Shaker Village in KY, a ride to Muddy Pond, TN, game nights, and our Christmas Party.

Chuck Talley
Ride
Coordinator



Come Ride With Us!

May 2011