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Our July Gathering has been cancelled so that we can all go to Wing Ding!

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From Your Sr. Chapter Directors, Tom and Kathy Peck



Hi Everyone,

June came in like a lion with temps in the 90's, sounds like motorcycle riding time in Tennessee. We already saw Spring Fling come and go, several organized chapter rides and lots of fun and fellowship everywhere.

We got some good newsletter articles and photos to share with you all this month, thanks to all those who contributed to this monthly endeavor. The computer world has made access to information much easier these days but it only works if you use it!!

Seems the old web sites are falling to the side as many are relying more and more on Facebook and Twitter and others. Although great to communicate with its difficult to post and up date some items. From the many questions we receive and other concerns of some I have concluded our Chapter B web site is not being utilized much these days. Lots of information is maintained and updated regularly so please try to check it out from time to time. I hope you all have a Shortcut on the desktop of your computer that takes you directly to <u>www.tn-b.org</u>; try it you'll like it.

Plenty of dinner rides and weekend rides along with other chapter activities are coming up; we look forward to seeing you soon. Wing Ding is right around the corner and I hope everyone is planning to go since its right in our backyard. Greenville, SC is a fun place and it's always better with friends; join us there.

Hope you all are receiving the National newsletter for the latest in GWRRA activities. See you all soon.



Outer Banks Ride

Patti and I left Kingston with Wally about 6:30AM on Saturday the 11th for the Outer Banks and Virginia Beach. We met up with Kyle and Bobbie, Ken and Ann, and Tom and Debbie at Exit 398 off I 40 for breakfast and to prepare for our trip. At exit 59 off we went to meet up with Jack and Debbie at the Harley Dealership. After a short break, pegs up and onward toward Raleigh, NC.

Along the way we stopped for lunch at a cute little restaurant named the Box Car Grille right off Exit 135 in Claremont, NC. We were then seated in the "Kiddy Room" (can't imagine why) for a great lunch. Much to our pleasure, the waitress surprised us with a giant plate of fried pickles. She explained that a lady had a coupon for the pickles and as she

was leaving said to have them brought to the room we were in. They were the best we've ever had.

After a nice, fun lunch, we were pegs up again and on our way to Raleigh. Just about 30 miles before we got to Raleigh, there came a downpour which made riding motorcycles a challenge, not only to see, but to stay together. We finally made it to Best Western and checked into our rooms.

We all were pretty exhausted by this time and decided we would all pitch in and have pizza delivered. After sharing pizza and a few laughs, we all went to our rooms for some well deserved rest. The next morning we got up and had a nice breakfast at the motel and then we were on our way to the Outer Banks. We rode for a few hours and just enjoyed the scenery.

We figured we would pass lots of restaurants along the way but to our surprise that was not the case. Everyone was getting quite hungry as it was well past lunch time, and we began to think we might have to go fish for our lunch.

Then, we found it, Martelle's Feed House



Restaurant in Engelhard, NC. It was in the middle of nowhere and quite busy so we figured we would have a long wait but



no...it was a fantastic buffet...all homemade...it was well worth the wait. The customers were mostly local people on their way home from Church. They were very kind and helpful.

After lunch we drove as far as Nags Head and found that if we took the Outer Banks roads (as

planned) we would be very late getting to the hotel in Virginia Beach so we decided to skip that leg of the trip and went straight to the Best Western at Virginia Beach. We arrived at the motel around 5:30 and after checking in we planned to get together and eat dinner at Cactus Jack's. Funny how plans don't go as planned sometimes! When we got to Cactus Jack's half of us changed our minds and went back to the motel and ate at their restaurant.

The next day we all left the hotel and went north towards the Chesapeake Bay Bridge/ Tunnels. For those who have never taken this drive before, it was exhilarating. Patti kept snapping pictures as we drove. We stopped at the visitor's center for a short rest and to get info and maps of the area. I never stop being awed by God's beautiful handiwork in nature.



It was now getting around lunch time, and we were always hungry so we stopped at the Great Machinpongo Clam Shack off Lankford Hwy in Nassawadox, VA for a bite to eat. It

was a quaint little place and the food was excellent. The restaurant even had a room with freezers of seafood for shipping and they sold several varieties of locally made wines. Of course Patti bought a couple of bottles. Also, Bobbie was getting her fill of She Crab soup. *(continued next page)*

Outer Banks Bide...continued



On the way back to the motel, we stopped at Fort Henry and some walked to the top of the Fort Henry Lighthouse. Patti and I have walked up the lighthouse before so opted to sit this time out. We played a couple of games of corn hole instead. A note of caution, this Fort is guarded so, if you carry firearms, make sure and leave them at the motel.

The day was great...we took lots of pictures. Dinner was at Captain George's (an all you can eat seafood buffet). It had everything you would want on a menu. Bobbie had She Crab soup again. Back at the motel we were all too full and too tired to even play games again.

On Tuesday, we had a do your own thing day. We all met up that evening at Murphy's Restaurant

for dinner. It was a good old Irish Pub type restaurant with a bar and that night just happened to be Trivia night. If you ever need a partner playing Trivia, look up Debbie Rhoads. The answers just kept flying out of her mouth.

The following day we ventured north again toward Yorktown and Jamestown. We took a break at Yorktown Victory Park (where the revolution was



won) and then drove our bikes along the river road taking pictures of sail boats and historical houses and other places in the Park.

We left Yorktown and drove on toward Jamestown stopping at the Beachcomber restaurant for lunch (a small restaurant that made the best grilled cheese sandwiches). At Jamestown we didn't tour the settlement but did drive an 8-mile loop around Jamestown Island crossing over wooden bridges and marsh swamps. The scenery was breathtaking, especially along the Colonial National Historic Highway. On the way out of Jamestown Island we actually saw an eagle in flight...it was just awesome!

We let Ken and Ann pick the place for dinner this night as they were planning to leave the next day. They chose a place called Big Sam's, a favorite of the locals. They made the best dang hot wings I've ever tasted. The food was great even though it took us an hour and half to get seated.

> Ken and Ann left on Thursday and the rest of us sort of did our own thing again. Patti and I went to a timeshare... never again. Thursday night we all got together and caught the trolley to the Black Angus Steak House since we had coupons for



buy one and get one free steak dinners. Do I have to say it...the steak melted in your mouth it was so tender. After dinner, we paid for our senior rate seats and took the trolley back to the motel. Oh, by the way, we finally played some games that day. I believe we all had a Great time. I know Patti and I did.

We met in the lobby Friday morning to load our bikes and take off towards Tennessee (all except Jack and Debbie). Debbie was not feeling well so she and Jack stayed another night at the motel. We wished them well and started our ride towards home. (continued nest page)

Outer Banks Ride...continued



Patti and I rode with Wally, Kyle and Bobbie, and Tom and Debbie until we got near Winston-Salem where we broke off onto routes 321 and 421 on our way to the Roane Mountain Steak out. The scenery was unbelievable all the way to the Steak Out. There were many vineyards and Christmas tree farms along the way and yes we had to stop and pick up a couple bottles of wine.

We stayed overnight at the Best Western in Johnson City and then met up with Tom and Kathy and Bill and Merrilee the next morning while we were checking into the Americourt Hotel. We all drove together to the Steak Out.



Scott and Amy came to the Steak Out later in the afternoon. The food was great even though the weather wasn't the greatest. There was a light rain most of the day. Tom and I got into the horse



shoe tournament and won our first round but lost on the second round.

It was fun playing Five Crowns...I think Bill cheats...lol. After the Steak Out, Patti and I and Tom and Kathy went back to the hotel and played a dice game. Beginners luck...Patti won.



The next morning we woke up to a lobby full of police because, as her story goes, a woman got locked out her room so she went in through a back window but got into the wrong room by mistake only

to be found by the couple on their return from breakfast. Oh well!

Tom, Kathy, Patti and I left the hotel and started up the mountain to Mt. Pisgah Inn for lunch. As we neared the Inn it

seemed like we were riding into the clouds and the clouds were becoming very heavy and dark. We entered the last tunnel before the Inn and when we came out the other side we were met with rain. Luckily it was just a few minutes from the Inn and we didn't get very wet.

Lunch was great. Tom and I had the Rueben Sandwich on Rye. If you are ever in the area, you must try this sandwich...it is delicious. From there we headed home.

Can't wait till the next ride to Ohio!

Submitted by Frank Balzer

Steak Out 2013 After checkin

The 30th annual Chapter C Steak out was, as always, a fun event. Many steak outs have been a bit damp since its always held during the Spring. You will have a hard time finding a better steak anywhere. This year marks 30 years that Chapter C has sponsored this event and they have raised many thousands of dollars for the St Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.



The weatherman was not cooperating much as we headed out in the rain to meet at

our regular meeting places and ride over to the Cracker Barrel at the Strawberry Plains exit. Not much of a group this year, lots of other things going on and the rain

certainly didn't help our turnout. Bill & Merrilee decided the Town Car would be more comfortable and I think Kathy agreed since she bailed off the back seat for a nice dry

back seat in the 4 wheeler at our second stop ay Emory road.



direct route instead of a leisurely ride on the back roads. The rain was not very bad and After breakfast we decided to head over to Roan Mountain the most



we arrived at our motel to check in and meet up with Frank and Patti who spent the night before in the area on their way back form the Outer Banks ride. Many riders were checking in from Chapter Y as the rain pretty much quit. After checking in and taking a break we headed up the road to the State park at Roan Mountain. We arrived just in time for lunch as they were providing a hot dog lunch.



The annual Horseshoe tournament sign up sheet was out so Frank and I decided to sign up. Some of the other games were cancelled due to the wet grass. We won our first round and ended up getting beat by the annual winners Tom Jerrell and Rick Leftwich in the final round. Maybe next year!!.

Scott & Amy showed up after attending a graduation just in time to do some tire kicking with many of the others who make this event one of their special riding activities. Tom and Kathy, Frank and Patti, Bill and Merrilee, and Scott and Amy made the trip and enjoyed some good food but no one won the big bucks that this event is famous for giving away as prizes.

> Chapter C seems to always be able to gather up all the traveling plaques and Chapter Y won most of them to take back to Murfreesboro.

> > The return home ride Sunday was

great as the day turned out the be sunny. We headed back east where we picked up the Blue Ridge Parkway near Asheville. The best part of the parkway is between Asheville and Cherokee, at least that is my opinion anyway.

Just a short ride on the parkway and we came to the Mt. Pisgah Inn where we enjoyed a great lunch. We decided to come back to Knoxville through Maggie Valley and I -40 where we departed ways with Frank and Patti as they headed back the Foothills Parkway on their way home in the Kingston area. Kathy and I made it back taking 25 E on the back roads. The others returned home Saturday evening.

Now is the time to be thinking about next year's Steak Out; make your plans early!

Submitted by: Tom Peck



18th Annual WINGS ACROSS TENNESSEE 2013

SEPTEMBER 13-14, 2013

WINGS ACROSS TENNESSEE, St. Jude Children's Hospital 500 mile benefit ride from Bristol to Memphis. Ride leaves Bristol Friday 9:00AM, Stops in Dickson for the night, Departs Saturday morning 8:30, and Arrives at St. Jude Children's Hospital around 12:00 noon for presentations and tour. Commemorative T-shirts and antenna flags available.

www.stjudeswingsacrosstn.com

Tom Jarrell 423-383-0339

"No child should die in the dawn of life." Danny Thomas

WINGS ACROSS TENNESSEE, Ride to St Jude 18th Annual September 13-14, 2013

Friday 9/13/13

Leave Bristol (Atlas Honda) 9:00 a.m. EDT (I-81, VA exit 5) Arrive Knoxville city limits 11:10 EDT (Meet Knoxville Police motorcycle escort at Exxon on US 11-W) Arrive Cove Shelter/Concord Park 11:55 for lunch (\$5 donation) with TN-B host. Knoxville area Chapters join us here. (Directions to Cove Shelter: Go West on I-40, exit on to I-140 at exit 376, South toward Maryville, exit on to North Shore Drive, go right to Cove Shelter 4 mi) Leave Cove Shelter 12:45 for I-40, exit 373 for fuel. (Police escort) Re-group at Shell Leave Knoxville 1:10 EDT Fuel stop (30 Minutes), Loves/Baxter exit 280, 1:30 CDT Arrive Dickson Comfort Inn, (behind Cracker Barrel) I-40, exit 172 3:30 CDT Saturday 9/16/13 Leave Dickson Comfort Inn 8:30 a.m. CDT Fuel Stop in Jackson I-40, exit 80-A 9:50, Re-group K-Mart (right on Old Hickory Blvd) Leave Jackson 10:30 CDT (Police escort) **DIRECTIONS TO ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL:** I-40 west to Memphis Take exit 1C. (Danny Thomas Blvd) Turn right at first traffic light. (Alabama Ave.) Turn right at first stop sign. (Lauderdale St) Turn right into Hospital. Arrive 12 noon CDT. (Lunch provided by Hospital) **Ride Coordinator: Tom Jarrell 423-383-0339** Motel Info (Mention Wings Across Tennessee, St. Jude Benefit ride for discount rate) Comfort Inn (\$69 plus tax) 2368 Lee Hwy (across street from Atlas Honda) Bristol, VA 276-466-3881 Comfort Inn (\$55 plus tax) Exit 172, I-40, 1085 East Christie Drive, Dickson, TN 615-740-1000





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If you haven't been . . . You need to go. Even if you have been . . . You need to go . . . AGAIN! They are always add-ing and changing exhibits.

Check out this link: www.nationalmuseum.af.mil

We'll be doing breakfast at Shoney's, I-75 Caryville Exit 134 at 8 AM Friday, June 7. Kickstands up (at least for 2-wheeleres) at 9 AM sharp.

Plan on a 325 mile ride that day with some interstate and some back roads and arrival at our Ramada Inn, Fairborn, OH shortly after 5 PM, in time for a good dinner at one of the many restaurants in the area. It will be a leisurely ride with lots of breaks along the way. We'll be leading the group on this day, and Wally will take over from there, taking us to the museum on Saturday, & home again Sunday.

If you haven't already done so you can make your reservation at the Ramada Inn Limited, 2540 University Blvd., Fairborn, OH, 5324, 937-490-2000. Be sure to use corporate code 1000008705 in order to get your 20% GWRRA discount which gets you the room for \$67.99 plus tax. I used www.wyndham.com to make my reservation.

Don't miss out on this great trip!

Tom and Kathy Peck

HYDROPLANING

At the May gathering, we talked a bit about our recent experience of riding in the rain, and the subject of hydroplaning came up. What exactly is hydroplaning and what should you do about it is the subject of this article.

Hydroplaning (or aquaplaning as the Brits say) describes the phenomenon of riding on top of the surface of water-- such as water skiing, or getting "up on plane" in your boat. (If you need more info on water skiing, ask our resident expert, Chuck.) As you can imagine, hydroplaning on water skis is a good thing;; on a motorcycle--not so good --but manageable.

Hydroplaning on your Goldwing occurs when your tires "get up on plane" on a small "cushion" of water that develops between your tires contact patch and the road surface. How does this happen? Well, just like water skiing. You need some standing water on the road, and enough speed to "get up on plane." Your tires are engineered with groves or "tread" in them in order to push standing water out to the sides to keep a "cushion' from developing. BUT; if you are riding on worn tires where the tread is not very deep, or if there is a LOT of standing water on the road-- you're going to have a "cushion".

Now, just because you ride through standing water does not mean you will hydroplane--back in my enduro days, I rode through water up to the tank, and never hydroplaned once. You gotta have SPEED to hydroplane.

As there is a planing speed for your boat, there is a hydroplaning speed for your tires--that is the speed where your tires will climb up on the "cushion" of the water. Hydroplaning depends on a lot of things, but a good rule of thumb is: 10.25 times the square root of your tire pressure will determine your minimum hydroplaning speed. So, for the Honda recommended pressures of 36 psi front, and 41psi rear, the minimum hydroplaning speeds on a GoldWing are: 62 mph front and 66 mph rear. For Trike rear tires with 26 psi, the minimum speed is 53 mph.

The Smart Corner

What does all this mean? If you are riding above 65 mph (with properly inflated tires) in a hard rain or on a road with some standing water you can hydroplane. How will you know? On a Trike you will most likely see your rpm suddenly jump or feel your rear wheels spin a little (someone once said that it was like their clutch was slipping).--your rear tires will hydroplane before your front tire because you are running a lower pressure on the rear tires. The front tire on a regular two-wheeled Gold-Wing will hydroplane first, and the front end will feel light--like the handlebars feel unstable--particularly in a turn.

What do you do if you suspect hydroplaning? SLOW DOWN --gently. Once you get below your minimum speed, you will stop hydroplaning.

None of the above addresses the loss of traction on a wet vs. dry road, but that is a whole different subject.

In summary, hydroplaning is not something to worry about, IF you are riding on good tires, properly inflated and at a speed within your comfort zone.

How do you get comfortable riding in the rain?? Practice, Practice, Practice.

Remember: There is no bad rain; just bad rain gear.

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 6:00 pm meeting at 7:00 pm. Call Tom & Kathy Peck 423-907-9712

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) James Whitener

Chapter G2 meets the 1st Monday each month at IHOP 1802 Parkway Sevierville, TN 37862 Eat at 6:00, Gathering at 7:00 Roland & Peggy Groleau, 865-313-0425

Chapter C meets the **3rd Tuesday** each month at MaMa's House Buffet 2608 N John B Dennis Hwy. Kingsport, Eat at 6:00pm and start the Gathering at 7:00pm. TN Call Richard & Connie Pen**dleton**, 423-245-8484 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 A2 meets the 4th Monday each month at Ryan's Buffet, 1053 Hunters Crossing, Alcoa TN 37701 Call Dale & Ernest Hall, 423-295-2356

Chapter **T** meets the **4th Tuesday** Each month at the IHOP 5604 Merchants Center exit 108/ I-75 Eat at 6:00 pm/Meet at 7:00 pm Call Brian & Loretta Richards 865-332-3966

Chapter C2 meets the 3rd Saturday at Ryan's, 2854 North Main, Crossville Eat at 8:00 am Gathering at 9:00 am Call Alex & Diane Alenitsch 239-542-0452



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See the "Quarter Master" Pat Talley 423-562-1962 or talleylakeside03@gmail.com





6/8 Betty Roberts 6/13 Scott Seal



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

TNFB 2013 Ride and Event Schedule

JUNE

- 6/7-9: Air Force Museum, Dayton, Ohio
- 6/13-15: WV Rally
- 6/15: Saturday, Joe's Crab Shack, Sevierville, TBA
- 6/22: Cumberland Falls and Patriot Restaurant in Williamsburg, KY

JULY

- 7/3-6: Wing Ding 35, Greenville, SC
- 7/13: Saturday, **Pig and Chick**, Rogersville, TBA Time and Meeting Place
- 7/28: Knoxville Ride for Kids, Pellissippi State Community College

AUGUST

- 8/3: Pool Party, JoAnn Smith
- 8/8-10: KY Rally, Frankfurt
- 8/17: Saturday, Jacob Myers, Dayton, TBA Time and Place

SEPTEMBER

- 9/7-8: Indianapolis Ride for Kids
- 9/13: Lunch at Concord Park, Sponsored by TN-B for Wings Across TN Riders
- 9/13-15: Wings Across TN, Ride to St. Jude in Memphis
- 9/17: Tues., Gondoliers, Oak Ridge, 6:30 PM
- 9/26-28: NC Rally, Concord

OCTOBER

- 10/10-12: VA Rally, Salem
- 10/15: Tuesday, Harrison's, Clinton, 6:30 PM
- 10/12-20: St. Augustine, FL

NOVEMBER

• 11/21: Thursday, Rockwood Street Grill, Rockwood 6:30 PM







Hey Gang....

My two topic's this month are planning and raingear. When I plan a ride and figure out mileage and points of interest, I write it down. The tools of the trade are an atlas and Yahoo Maps, I have the Microsoft Streets and Maps, but haven't figured out how to use it and download to Sally (my GPS).

Wally's number one Rule is "it's about the ride". Another wonderful tool is Travelocity, the one Capt Kirk is on their commercial's. This website gives price's and ratings for area motels from people that have stayed there.

Wally's number one Rule is be flexible, be open to suggestions of places to eat, visit, and always "pit stop's". Mr. Murphy will generally jump in on the ride somewhere, so I always factor him in, from flats to trailer problems. The thing I love about riding with our Chapter Bee's is that we are mostly like minded people. We care about others and are willing to help at a drop of a hat, and really just want to have a good time and good food is a must.

My second topic is raingear. You would not think it would be a touchy subject, but it is. Wally's number one rule is "get the best". I know, I go back to ATV riding, but I have tried them all, from Frogg Toggs to Cabela's guidewear. The difference being is along with getting wet, you got muddy, very muddy. I still have the original set of guide wear that is packed in my ATV; it's 13 years old. I know spending \$350-425 on raingear, takes people back. I am here to tell you that one great set of raingear will last you a lifetime. If you spend a 100 bucks every year or two for lesser gear, then it adds up quickly. You have already spent 20, 30 or 40 thousand dollars on a great bike or trike.

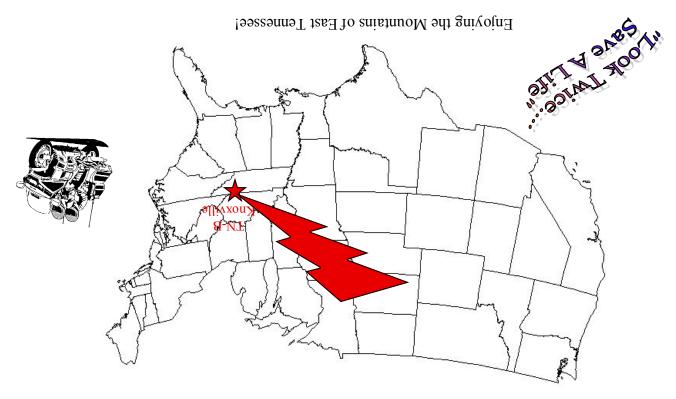
Some things to look for is Velcro, good quality zippers, and pants or bibs that have zippers up the side to go over boots. Also most good raingear has a mesh liner and big side pockets. I prefer a parka style jacket and bib style pants, which give you the best protection.

My suggestion's on rain gear is Cabela's guidewear and Bass Pro 100 mph raingear, I don't know what Gander Mountain has to offer as their best gear. You can catch them on sale, that is why mine don't match in color. Remember to get a size larger to you can get your heated gear under them, and if it is really cold and sunny then I will put my raingear on, because quality Gore-tex will also block wind too. Sorry Tom R it will keep wind in, too...wink wink....

In closing remember comfort and confidence in you raingear is priceless. I speak for most when I make the statement "Don't like riding around with a wet butt".

Safe Travels my Friends.....W

Submitted by: Wally Maliskey



Gold Wing Road Riders Association

