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Chapter B Knoxville Tennessee  
June 2016 Newsletter**

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## From Your Senior Chapter B Directors, Tom & Kathy Peck



Hi Everyone,

June is on the horizon as we prepare to head out for our Chapter ride to Branson. Last year someone suggested Branson for a week and the Missouri District Rally just happened to be in Branson the weekend after we arrive. Several remember the last ride to Branson a few years back and had a fantastic time not only while at Branson but the ride over and back added to the enjoyment of the entire trip.

As you will see from the articles in this month's newsletter some have been very busy; take some time and read the articles and if you missed the event you can be thinking about next year since most are annual events.


I think the cold weather has finally past and things will be warming up and the riding season will be in full gear. I hope you all enjoy this memorial weekend, and remember the real meaning of the holiday. Thanks to all of our Veterans and keep them all in your prayers.

We are looking forward to you joining us at one of our next events; check the Ride/Event schedule on our Chapter B web site at [www.tn-b.org](http://www.tn-b.org) You will find the latest updates on our schedule so you can plan to visit during one of our events.

I would like to thank all those who attended the 33rd annual Steak Out at Roan Mountain this past May 21st. I was a very proud chapter director as I accepted the plaque for the largest Tennessee Chapter in attendance. Again Thank you all.

**Tom**


# Happy Memorial Day



## WATCH FOR MOTORCYCLES!

**May is Motorcycle Awareness Month**

Transportation officials are reminding  
motorcycle riders and also for drivers of vehicles  
to be safety-minded



and to watch for  
each other on the  
roadways this summer.

# Our Spring Trip

By Brian Richards

During a mini-vacation to Myrtle Beach the weekend after TN Spring Fling, we had the opportunity to visit the Myrtle Beach Chapter, SC-J, at their monthly gathering. They made us very welcome and as we have attended the Region A and the SC District Rallies the last couple of years, we already knew several of the chapter members, which was nice. It just reinforced that "Family" feeling that is so prevalent throughout GWRRA ... we are all part of a VERY large family. And it sure adds to the "FUN" factor!

Since their chapter gathering was the evening before Mother's Day, the Chapter Directors had 2 bunches of yellow with orange tips roses and they handed out a single rose to all the mothers in attendance, so Loretta received a very pretty rose, which we were able to preserve well enough on the ride home so she could continue to enjoy it for a few days after Mother's Day.

We were sitting with their Chapter Treasurer, and went in with them to buy a strip of 50/25-25 tickets, and WOW, we actually won one of the 25-25s, so it was an even better chapter visitation than we had expected. We also were there to enjoy their announcement of their new 2016/2017 Chapter Couple of the Year. They had an interesting way of announcing. The current Chapter Couple first read an explanation of what the reasoning is behind the whole Couple of the Year Program, of it being a way for the chapter to honor that couple that went "above and beyond" in supporting the chapter, District, Region,



GWRRA, over the previous year, that couple that the chapter could rely on to be there to help with events, etc., mostly the verbiage taken out of the official guidance from GWRRA. Then they read a description about the couple, and finally announced who the couple was that had been selected. It was neat to be there to join in with the celebration. Here is a picture of us with the Chapter Directors. It was a very enjoyable evening with GWRRA friends.

We enjoyed our mini-vacation, this was our first time to Myrtle Beach, a tourist stop that was on our bucket list. During the day on Saturday, which was a really nice day weather-wise, before we needed to head to the SC-J chapter gathering, we did some riding along the ocean-front roads through Myrtle Beach, North Myrtle Beach, and the other sections in-between. One of Loretta's favorite things to do on a ride is to ride through the towns and admire the houses, landscaped yards, etc., so that was what we did. We rode through a lot of different areas along the ocean, and saw some fantastic houses and yards and gardens. Most all of them were obviously WAY out of OUR price range (not that we were looking to move), but it was nice to see some of those beautiful homes – of course we would NOT have wanted to try to take care of them! LOL!

# Cook Out at Jack & Debs

We attended the annual cook-out at Jack & Debbie Burnett's on Saturday, May 14, along with 13 other chapter members, and boy did we all have a great time. Most everyone met up at the Cracker Barrel at exit 398 as set up in the planning. After some tire-kicking and general camaraderie, and at least one quickly grabbed breakfast, the group left for the ride to the Burnett's. It was a nice ride, pleasant weather, just a tad away from being slightly cool, but those of us that were riding had the proper gear on, so it was okay.

After arriving we all quickly got into the mood, and there was a lot of laughter of fun being had by all. There was a little segregation for a while as some of the guys went into the garage and checked out Jack & Debbie's two Harley's, the sharp looking Mustang, and some of the other things Jack had in there, while the ladies did some yakking, and food preparation for the goodies many of us brought. Jack received his marching orders to get those hamburgers and hot dogs going on the grill.

Soon Jack, with extensive assistance from Chef Scott, got a big pan filled with cooked hamburgers and hot dogs, and brought it into the house, announcing that it was time to eat. Well, as good members of GWRRA, you didn't have to holler twice, we were all lined up at the counter trying to decide amongst all the possibilities, of what foods we wanted to put on our plates ... I'm sure that some of us were wishing we had big platters instead of the regular round plates we had – more room for all that great food!

Well, after such a great lunch (during which time it was commented how quiet it had gotten), we all started figuring what we wanted to do, and there were groups spread in many different areas. Some were sitting out on the patio just shooting the breeze, one group started a marbles tournament, and another group started a rousing game of 5-Crowns.

This wonderful way to spend time with friends, and also let all that great food settle, went on for a few hours, till people started thinking about dinner. So some more hamburgers were grilled up, the hot dogs that were left were warmed up, and everyone went through the counter line, loading up their plates for another great meal.

After “dinner”, there was more gatherings, most of us sitting down for a game of “Pass the Trash”. And you know how those games go. LOTS of laughter and all-in-fun cut-throat playing! LOL. And others did some more talking.

Soon it was getting late and we all started figuring it was probably time to leave for the ride/drive home. It was a really fantastic day of fun with friends and, of course great food. We want to extend our gracious thanks to Jack & Debbie for their wonderful hospitality. For those of you that were not able to join us this year, we sincerely hope that you will recognize how much fun we all had, and can work things out with your schedules so that you will be able to join us next year.

***Brian Richards***



# Dinner Ride



Sixteen members were able to attend the chapter's May Dinner Ride to Slappy's BBQ on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, and we all had a nice time. Good fun, great friends, tasty food, what more could you ask for?

The weather was comfortable enough that we were all able to sit at the picnic tables outside under a big pole structure that Slappy's has put up, expanding his available eating area, guess he must be doing pretty good to need to make more seating

room available. While we were eating, the owner came out to talk with us, check to make sure we were all happy with the food and the service.

And speaking of service, we had a gentleman and a lady that were doing some serious running to keep up with us, and I have to say that they did a pretty good job of keeping on top of things, considering how many of us were there.

*Brian Richards*



# Region N Ride in

May 20-21 we attended the first “rally” held by Region N for what I understand is 7 years. They had it at the Hungry Mother State Park just outside Marion VA. It was not structured like what we usually expect at a rally, there were no seminars or riding courses, no vendors, etc., just a couple days to get together, have fun, and play games. Each of the 5 Districts in Region N were requested to come up with a couple games that could be played. They had it set up that members purchased a bag full of tokens, then you could go to whichever games you thought you wanted to play and give them a token to play. Each game had some method of assigning points, and as you played the games and accumulated points, they were written down on a card that came with the bag of tokens. When you were all done, you turned in your card and received the same number of tickets that you had points. Each District was also requested to bring in items to be used as game prizes, and you put your tickets into the appropriate tub for the prize you wanted. They had a bunch of REALLY nice prizes, well worth trying for, which Loretta and I did, but our usual luck held true to form, we didn’t win anything, but we DID have fun. And Tom won one of the 50/25-25 from the Friday drawing.

They also played bingo for cash, a dollar a card, with the winner getting half the money collected for that game. Loretta played several games (that’s her in the hi-vis green jacket), and she even won one game - I think her winnings were just about enough to cover the cost of the games she played, but what the heck, I know she had a good time, and that’s what it is all about. I even decided to get in on the act and I played what ended up being the last game, which was a “cover-all” and when the winner yelled bingo, I thought something along the line of



“crap”, as I had only needed one more number, oh well, maybe next time.

At the closing, after giving out all the game prizes, and the 50/25-25, before everyone left, Glenda, Region N Director, made an announcement that there was one more thing that she wanted to do, and she called Patti Hamilton up front. She told the story that many of us know about from last year’s Spring Fling. In the Chapter Challenge, Patti had selected a “watermelon seed spitting” contest and had gone out to purchase several watermelons to be used. The contest was for each chapter team to cut their watermelon into slices, each member was to eat their slice and try to spit the seeds into a cup “down range”. When the chapter team members cut into the watermelons it was discovered that Patti had purchased seedless watermelons! Well there was a lot of good-natured ribbing done then, and periodically since then Patti has had to endure more teasing. Well Glenda wasn’t going to let it slide either, she had Patti come up and said she had a special presentation, and proceeded to give Patti a tiara with a fake slice of watermelon on top. Everyone got a good chuckle and it looked like Patti took it with good grace, as we would expect from her.

When we first arrived there and picked up our registration packet and got our armbands, we found a header pin with the Region Ride-N logo on it, and a “2016 Marion, VA” hanger bar in the envelope for each of us, so it appears that this

Ride-N may be a recurring event. We sure hope so, we had a really fun time and look forward to it again next year.

***Brian Richards***

## Roan Mountain Steak Out



## Chapter C May 21st 2016



We were very happy to be able to figure out that we would be able to attend the TN-C Roan Mountain Steakout Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, as the activities at the Region Ride-N ended early enough to allow whoever wanted to, to be able to leave and head to the Roan Mountain State Park. Quite a bunch of us quickly packed up and got moving after the Ride-N was done. We made it to Roan Mountain in plenty of time to get involved with some of the fun activities. When we got there, Tom Peck and Scott Seal were in the horse-shoe pitching tournament, and we heard that our newest member Denise James had won the Rolling Pin Throwing contest, our congratulations to her.

Of course, knowing Chapter B members, there were two spirited games of 5-Crowns going on at two different sections of the table. Since Loretta and I thoroughly enjoy playing, we quickly put our dibs in for joining the next game. We ended up playing a couple games until it was time to line up for getting our food, and as usual, for any of you that have been there before, you know how long that line gets. But TN-C has their routine down pat, and they do a fantastic job of serving all those hungry GWRRA members! We want to give a special thanks to Scott and Amy, we had not originally signed up for going to the Steakout, figuring we would be at the Region Ride-N all day, so we had not registered or paid for the steak dinner. When we got there, we asked if they had any extra dinner tokens, and were told not at that time, but they would wait to see if anyone cancelled. About ½ hour before

dinner time, a member of the TN-C registration team came up to me at the table and said they had received a cancellation, if we still wanted to purchase a dinner, so we were able to join in. But that gave us a slightly different problem, it was listed on the registration that those that wanted dinner were required to bring their own plates and silverware, and obviously we didn't have anything with us. Scott immediately told us that they had extra plates and silverware that we could use, which was really awesome, thanks again Scott & Amy.

After dinner, they had their "closing", where they gave out the awards, and they had a couple plaques, the Tennessee District Traveling plaque, which is awarded by total mileage calculated for every member from the visiting chapter, on the miles from the visiting chapter's gathering place to the TN-C gathering place, and TN-Z, Columbia won that, they had a good number of members there, and they are one of the furthest chapters so they had a LOT of miles. TN-C also had the East Tennessee traveling plaque, which is a ticket draw, each member of the visiting East TN chapters got a ticket, one was drawn, and TN-B unfortunately did not win, darn, TN-F Morristown were the lucky winners - maybe we'll have to get a group together to ride to the next TN-F gathering to see if we can get lucky. But great news, Yippee, TN-B received the plaque for the largest Tennessee Chapter in attendance, we had 19 members there!

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## *Roan Mountain Steak Out, continued*



In addition to winning the largest Chapter in attendance **Denise James** won First Place in the rolling Pin Toss. Tom and Scott won the first round in the Horseshoe pitching contest but were beat out by the eventual winners of the game.



Friday at the Region N Ride In Tom won a 50/50 drawing \$122.00. We left the rally to get a bite to eat and ended up at a place that not only had a special on a steak dinner but had the huge chandelier hanging from the ceiling. Happy's was a good pick in Marion, Virginia.



# Region N District Rally Schedule

2016 Rally Schedule		
<p><b>TENNESSEE DISTRICT</b> Spring Fling 2016 A SMOKY MOUNTAIN ROUNDUP April 28-30 Pigeon Forge TN Join us for roottin' tootin'g</p>  	<p>APPALACIAN REGION "N" is having a <b>REGION RIDE 'N'</b> May 20<sup>th</sup> &amp; 21<sup>st</sup> Hungry Mother State Park Marion VA And YOU are invited!!!</p> 	<p><b>West Virginia District</b> 2016 <i>"Down Home Reunion Event"</i></p>  <p>Summersville WV <b>SAVE THE DATE!!!</b> July 22 &amp; 23 2016</p> 
<p><b>KENTUCKY DISTRICT</b> PRESENTS THE 2016 BLAST</p>  <p>Cave City KY August 18 - 20</p>	<p><b>Big Success</b></p> <p>2016 September 22-24 Cherokee NC</p> 	<p><b>Virginia District</b> RALLY IN THE VALLEY</p>  <p>October 6 - 8 Holiday Inn — Tanglewood Roanoke VA</p>

## Dates set for 2017 Spring Fling: April 20-22

There will be a sign-up for those who are CONSIDERING staying with the Chapter in a rental cabin during Spring Fling. (Fun time with the Chapter B family whether you attend the rally or not.)



# "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. Mel & Renee McInerney  
865-809-1466

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 Elizabeth & Earl Smith 585-737-9823

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 Gather-  
ing at 7:00pm. TN Call Richard & Connie  
**Pendleton**, 423-245-8484

Chapter **A2** meets the **3rd Monday** each month  
at O'Charlie's Eat at 6pm Meet at 6:30, 364  
Fountain View Circle Spring Brook Center,  
Newly appointed CD Larry & Margret Borne,  
Phone: 865-856-6179.

Chapter **T** meets the **4th Tuesday** Each month at  
the Shoney's 315 Emory Rd, Powell  
Eat at 6:00 pm/Meet at 7:00 pm CD:  
Bobby Cash 865-705-7657

## Lets go Visit!

Chapter **C2** meets the 3rd **Saturday** at Shoney's,  
4148 US 127, Crossville, Eat at 8:00 am  
Gathering at 9:00 am CD Buddy & Brenda  
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- Tennessee visitation pins (Shape of State).....\$4.00 ea.
- TN-B Hanger Bars ..... 2.00
- Region N 4" Patch . ..... 6.00
- 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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6/6 John Hooper  
6/8 Betty Roberts  
6/13 Scott Seal



6/9 Glenn & Susan Riedel  
6/15 Kyle & Bobbie Beeler  
6/25 Troy & Maryjane Simcox

# TN-B 2016 Ride and Event Schedule



*Brian Richards  
Chapter B Ride  
Coordinator*

**April** 28-30, Thu-Sat - TN District "Spring Fling" Rally, Pigeon Forge

Apr 28, Thu - Dinner ride during Spring Fling, Joe's Crab Shack, meet there at 6:30pm

**May** 03, Tue - TN-B monthly Chapter Gathering, at Shoney's, 6pm dinner, 7pm gathering

May 04, Wed - TN-C 17th St. Jude Golf Tournament, Blountville, 1pm

May 07, Sat - Chapter ride to Pig & Chick, Rogersville

May 14, Sat - Chapter cook-out at Jack & Debbie Burnett's, meet at I-40 exit 398 at 9am

May 15, Sun - Mid-TN Ride For Kids®

May 17, Tue - Dinner ride, Slappy's BBQ, near I-75 exit 117, meet there at 6:30pm

May 20-21, Fri-Sat - Region N mini-Rally, Hungry Mother State Park, Marion, VA

May 20-21, Fri-Sat - TN-C 33<sup>rd</sup> Roan Mountain Steakout

May 28-29, Sat-Sun - Chapter weekend ride to Lane motor museum in Nashville, TN

May 30-31, Mon-Tue - Chapter ride to Branson, MO

**June** 01-05, Wed-Sun - Chapter ride to Branson, MO and visit to MO District Rally

Jun 07, Tue - TN-B monthly Chapter Gathering, at Shoney's, 6pm dinner, 7pm gathering

Jun 10, Fri - Chapter ride to Smokie's game, meet at Cracker Barrel at I-40 exit 398 at 5pm  
Jun 16, Thu - Dinner ride, Ridge BBQ, Cove State Lake Park, near I-75 exit 132, meet there at 6:30pm

Jun 18, Sat - Chapter ride to Stern's KY railroad museum

Jun 25, Sat - TN-B Ride For Kids® BBQ at Deals Gap Lodge, leave from Honda Knoxville, time TBA

**July** 02, Sat - Chapter ride to Mayfield dairy tour followed by dinner at Dinner Bell in Sweetwater

Jul 05, Tue - TN-B monthly Chapter Gathering, at Shoney's, 6pm dinner, 7pm gathering

Jul 08-10, Fri-Sun - Chapter Saturday ride TBD

Jul 16, Sat - Chapter ride to Green Tomato, Mooresburg

Jul 19, Tue - Dinner ride, TBD

Jul 22-23, Fri-Sat - WV District Rally, Summersville WV

Jul 30, Sat - Chapter ride to Amis Mill, Rogersville

**August** 02, Tue - TN-B monthly Chapter Gathering, at Shoney's, 6pm dinner, 7pm gathering

Aug 04, Thu - TN-C 7<sup>th</sup> Putt-Putt Tournament, Kingsport

Aug 06, Sat - Chapter ride to Carver's Apple orchard, Cosby

Aug 13-14, Sat-Sun - weekend ride to Barber Motorsports museum & Little Mountain state park

Aug 16, Tue - Dinner ride, Concord Lakeside Tavern, meet there at 6:30pm

Aug 19-20, Fri-Sat - KY District Rally, Cave City, KY

Aug 30-Sep 01, Tue-Wed - Wing Ding, Billings, MT

**September** 06, Tue - TN-B monthly Chapter Gathering, at Shoney's, 6pm dinner, 7pm gathering

Sep 16, Fri - TN-B "Wings Across TN" lunch, at Honda of Knoxville, 11am

Sep 17, Sat - Chapter ride to Cookie Jar café, Dunlap

Sep 20, Tue - Dinner ride, Hot Rod's, Maryville, meet there at 6:30pm

Sep 22-24, Thu-Sat - NC District Rally, Cherokee, NC

**October** 04, Tue - TN-B monthly Chapter Gathering, at Shoney's, 6pm dinner, 7pm gathering

Oct 06-08, Thu-Sat - VA District Rally, Tanglewood Mall, Roanoke, VA

Oct 07, Fri - Ride For Kids® training, Clinton Harley Davidson, 7pm

Oct 08, Sat - Ride For Kids®, early registration & info booth at Honda of Knoxville, all day

Oct 09, Sun - Ride For Kids®, registration 12pm

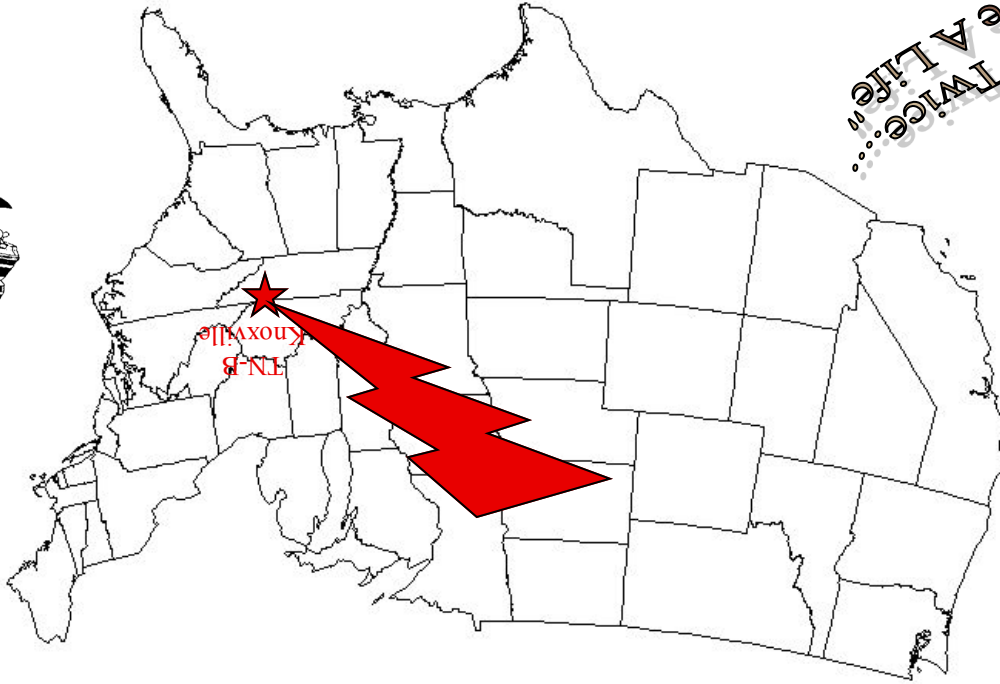
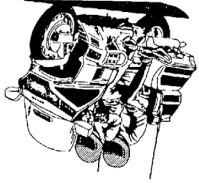
Oct 18, Tue - Dinner ride, Apple Barn, Sevierville, meet there at 6:30pm

Oct 22, Sat - TN-B Fall Colors Ride

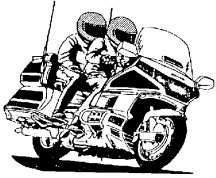
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Enjoying the Mountains of East Tennessee!

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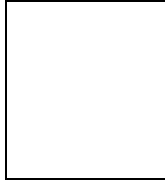


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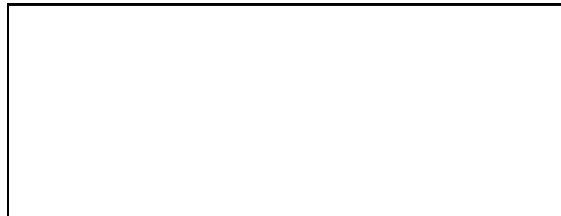
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