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**Wing Ding 43
June 28 – July 2, 2022 Shreveport
Louisiana Convention Center**

We will be planning a trip to Wing Ding 43 as a Chapter B group. Contact Dave if you are interested in going with us to Shreveport



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Hi Everyone,

Summertime has finally made it to East Tennessee, plenty of rain to make everything green and beautiful. Some have already taken some trips, some are gone on their trip as we speak. Our annual picnic has come and gone, bigger and better than ever, already booked at the Norris Dam Park for next year June 3rd, 2023. Big thanks to Wally and all his crew for once again making this event a great success. Thanks to all who were able to make it this year, what will next year bring??

Wing Ding is just around the corner and will be on us before we know it. Looks like we have quite a group going this year and are looking forward to the trip down to Shreveport to celebrate Wing Ding 43. Dave has planned up an interesting ride down so it should be fun and relaxing. Remember, Wing Ding is always held the hottest time of the year so you know its going to be hot! Lot of ways to keep cool on the trip down so make sure you're ready. Lots of cool riding gear available so make sure you check out all your options. Always plenty of liquids to keep yourself hydrated and there will be plenty of stops along the way to relax and cool down. Always best to have your equipment checked out and ready for the long trip. Tires and coolant are always top priority this time of the year and a good time to have a fresh oil change. Many will be hauling a trailer for all their stuff and we all always pack way too much stuff. Make sure to go through all your things and have not forgotten something as we all do. We will share contact information so we can get together while there. Usually we try to plan a night out and find a great place to eat. So do your homework and research some options so we can all decide the where and when we will get together. And one thing not to forget, you can't win a Goldwing if you don't have a ticket!!!!



TOM

Assistant Chapter Directors



Assistant Chapter Directors
Stanley & Patty Rinehart



Hard to imagine that we are half way through another year, time seems to be going by so fast. We are fresh off another great Spring Fling and what a great time it was. Unfortunately, me and Patty missed last month's meeting but I still want to take the time to thank everyone that participated in it, I think I counted 21 Chapter B members that showed up and we were the largest TN chapter there; that says a lot and was much appreciated. I want to thank all of the people that worked at the event and those that helped in the talent contest and I want to give a big shout out to Emily for once again creating the best Couple of the Year basket there and to Mark for coming up with a fun and entertaining skit for the talent show and to everyone for showing up and participating. This is what makes it so much fun to go to and participate in these Rallies. There are more great times ahead this year so we need to make the most of them but we need a little help and one way to help is by coming up with some rides. Our ride schedule has plenty of open dates and we need ride suggestions to fill them and they don't have to be long rides just another great day for us to get together as a group and have a good time, plus there is Wing Ding right around the corner. We look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting.



Stanley



Happy Trails



Motorist Awareness Division
"Ride Aware!"



Slip Sliding Away – Riding on Wet Pavement

Simon and Garfunkel's 1975 song Slip Sliding Away has a lyric in the final verse that says 'We work our jobs, collect our pay. Believe we're gliding down the highway when in fact we're slip sliding' away'. Unfortunately, every year many motorcyclists believe they are 'gliding down the highway' when suddenly they find themselves 'slip sliding away' and often the cause is wet pavement.

Although most smart motorcyclists try to ride on when it is not raining riding on wet pavement is something we will all encounter eventually, especially on longer trips when we have to ride through rain storms.

It is the general consensus that wet pavement has about 80 percent of the friction of clean, dry pavement. The most important word in that sentence is 'clean' pavement. The fact of the matter is pavement is rarely clean (unless freshly laid) because vehicles drip oil, coolant, grease and leave rubber particles and other things on the pavement which makes the 80% an impossibility most of the time. All these contaminants get mashed into the pavement to create a very slick surface in the rain. Now a good solid rain over a few hours will often times flush a lot of this debris off the road surface but that only means that when it first rains the road is the most slick!

There are lots of tips to avoid 'slip sliding away' when riding our Wings in wet conditions. Here are just a few of them to help remind us about how to ride safety in the rain.

Slow Down – Of course this is the most logical thing to do. Slow down so you can avoid puddles on the road and navigate the curves more safely.

Use Deliberate and Smooth Motions – I grew up driving in snow and ice and the same advice applies in those conditions as well. Don't turn hard, brake or accelerate too quickly. Handle your bike smoothly and deliberately with no quick moves and especially allow more time for stopping.

Find a Safe Track – Most of us do this anyways, it is just more important in the rain. A rule of thumb is a wheel track from the vehicle or motorcycle in front of you is your best track as it has already displaced standing water out from that part of the road surface as its tire went over it. Less water equals more traction.

Avoid the Shiny-Smooth Surfaces – These portions of the pavement are slick even in dry conditions but very slippery when wet. Painted lines, manhole covers, metal plates and even tar snakes.

Avoid Puddles – On dry pavement you can see potholes but in the rain conditions they can often just appear as puddles. Also, you don't know how deep those puddles are and hydroplaning is a real threat.

Avoid the Rainbows! - These beauties are created by heavy oil concentrations and are super slick. Avoid them at all costs, especially on curves.

There are many more tips for wet riding we could write. The most important thing is to slow down and be aware that you are on a slick surface and you have to adjust your riding accordingly. If we all do that we won't be 'slip sliding away' and will get to our destination in spite of what Simon and Garfunkel might think!

Happy Trails!
Scott





Technical Coordinator: Chris Harden

Today we are talking about a very important part of a Goldwing or Spider that we take for granted it's the windshield . The windshield protects us from everything from bugs to diverting air around the driver and passenger creating a comfort bubble around them. If you look at them there several sizes and designs to achieve specific needs. But over time the materials break down and will change from crystal clear to foggy and when the light hits it will make a stat burst effect from fine check cracks which at that time should be replaced. This is not a huge job normally takes about a hour to do. I'm not going to go into the details of changing it but on a Goldwing it does have a adjustment on both sides to raise and lower the windshield which sometimes needs adjusted so if this need arises it also is a simple procedure. When I started investigating windshields I found Most motorcycle windshields are made of either acrylic or polycarbonate. Acrylic is the most common choice, mostly because it is the least expensive. It appears shinier and won't yellow over time. But it does scratch easier and can shatter upon impact. This is common for the industry.



Chris



Spring Fling 2022

This years Spring Fling turned out to be another fun time, Patty and I took the camper and set up camp about two blocks behind the event at Pine Mountain RV resort along with the Jennings and Sowder's, this made the event so much nicer without having to get into the main drive traffic in Pigeon Forge, I can see why staying at the hosting Hotel can be so nice. There were a lot of events set for



this year and it really did make for a fun time. Me and Patty started our first day there by helping out at the Riders ED table, some people look at this like work but we enjoy doing it, you meet so many people that way, after we were done



there, they had the Couple of the Year Reunion which is another thing we really enjoy going to. When we left there, we went back to the campsite to get ready for our cookout and talent show rehearsal. Everyone came to the camp site to practice the skit for the talent show and enjoy some good food. We had a really fun time practicing for the talent show, I

think this may be more fun than being in the talent show, with all the bloopers it makes for so much fun. As soon as we got done practicing for the talent show Patty and I had to head back to the event to be Judges for the Light show, we always enjoy doing this and seeing the great job people have done on their bikes with the lights. Day two had us at the event early to be in a CPR/First Aid class, this was a four-hour class and we had some great instructors, I have to say this was well worth the time and money as the training was excellent. The main part of the class was CPR



but a lot of first aid was covered as well. That afternoon we had our Talent show sound check and walk through, Mark did a great job with the skit and once again Emily came through



with some nice props. After the walk through it was back to the campground before heading back for the talent show. The talent show was a lot of fun, we had a few hiccups but got through it and I have to say it was entertaining and a lot of fun to be in and to beat it all we came in 3rd so we are making ground on this thing. The Chapter that came in 1st really deserved it as they had a great skit. Saturday had us starting out working the Riders Ed table again, Patty and Tom also signed up for the Corn Hole competition and I have to say they did pretty good, we also had John Thompson win 1st place for the Trike class in the Bike show. Saturday also was the last day and closing ceremonies. There were a couple of new announcements of interest, one is they are moving the event to Johnson City next year which will be a lot easier without all the traffic and we have a new District Director, Dennis is stepping down And Gary Hamilton is taking back over. All in all, we had a great time, we



stayed busy and didn't even get to enjoy some of the other stuff that was there. We will be looking forward to next year and a new location.

Happy 40th Chp B

Once again all the Chapter B membership turned out for their annual Chapter Picnic. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the formation of Chapter B here in Knoxville Tennessee. Back in the day Knoxville was chosen as the location of the 1982 Worlds fair and what would be a better place to start a Goldwing Road Riders Association chapter than Knoxville. During the summer of 1982, Doug Cox member number 606, gathered several excited Goldwingers together with the idea of forming a Local chapter in the Knoxville area. Finally Chapter B would be chartered and over the next 40 years the Chapter had its ups and downs but these days is proud to have a healthy and excited membership. Many of the early years saw an annual Chili Cook Off always held during the off season in January each year. This event eventually gave way to an Annual Chapter B Picnic. This year the picnic was held at the Norris Dam Shelter #2 and had approximately 50 members and their families enjoy a beautiful sunny day at the Lake, good friends, good food and many hard workers presented their biggest picnic in their history. What a better way to celebrate their 40th anniversary than a record breaking Chapter Picnic. The weather could not have been better and everyone had a great time, already looking forward to 2023, same location, June 3rd. Mark your calendars now.



HAPPY 40TH

June 4th Chapter B Annual Picnic



Chapter B Picnic

Well we have another successful Chapter B picnic in the books and man what a fun day it was, but this one also had a little more importance than previous ones as this was also the back drop for Chapter B's 40th Anniversary. We had a great turn out again this year as I think everyone really enjoys this one event and for Patty and myself it is the one thing we look the most forward to every year. It's always great to get together with friends and enjoy the day and enjoy we did. We had hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings to go with them and a lot of wonderful side dishes and has always been well documented we have some great cooks in Chapter B. Once again, I made the same mortal sin as always and ate way too much because not only were the hamburgers, hot dogs and side dishes great there were some great desserts as well. I would like to thank everyone that help put this all together, from the setting of the tables to laying all the food out and helping with the serving and also for the great cooks that we had as Wally and Scott did a great job on the grills and to Wally for once again having a lot of the accessory equipment needed to pull something like this off. But not only did we have great food but music as well, as once again Chris rolled in with the sound system and it sounded great and he had an excellent play list going. There were also some games set up and we really enjoyed getting out and playing some cornhole, I think there also ended up being some card games going on as well. After lunch we were able to get a lot of the Chapter B members together for a group shot that we want to submit to Wing World magazine to commemorate the 40th year of Chapter B's charter. Patty and I had a great time talking to friends and spending time together and this is what Chapter life is all about and what we were all looking for when we found GWRRA, riding, friends and above all fun. No event like this can be pulled off by just one or two people, it takes a lot of people and as always, we have had the members that are willing to step up and put in the work to make such a wonderful day become reality, we had a great time and will be looking forward to next year.

Stanley

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June 28th – July 2nd..... Wing Ding #43...Shreveport, La, [Click here for more info on Wing Ding 43](#)

Wing Ding 43 – The Worlds Largest Touring Motorcyclist Rally (wing-ding.org)

Dave Roberts will be leading a group of Chapter B folks.

Sunday June 26th, Depart Flying J Watt Road Exit 369 0800 hrs Arrive Best Western Plus Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, (931) 244-7446 I have six rooms —mention my name when you call.

Depart: 0800 for Natchez Trace. Ride down the Natchez Trace Parkway—leisurely 260 mile ride-maybe a picnic.

Arrive: Monday June 27th : Drury Inn & Suites Jackson Ridgeland 610 East County Line Road Ridgeland, MS 39157 Ph: 601-956-6100

Home:

Depart 0800 for Shreveport Louisiana Arrive Shreveport Hilton, Wing Ding 1200 hrs Depart for Knoxville immediately after closing on Saturday July 2nd, Wing Ding Folks: Assuming that no-one else in Chapter B wins a Gold Wing, we plan to leave Shreveport immediately after Closing Ceremony. or around 1630 hrs.—(Note: I will wear the “lucky Hat”.) We will ride to Pearl MS which is just east of Jackson, about 220 miles or 3 1/2 hours of seat time. Should arrive before dark. Reservations at : Fairfield Inn 407 Riverwind Dr. Pearl, MS 39208, 601 936 3434, they had plenty of availability when I called. We can walk to the Cracker Barrel which is just across the street.

This is all contingent on the weather—but the plan is to be back in Knoxville on Sunday, so that you can enjoy the rest of the holiday with your family. Contact Dave Roberts for further information 865 748 9738

Should arrive in Knoxville Sunday July 3,

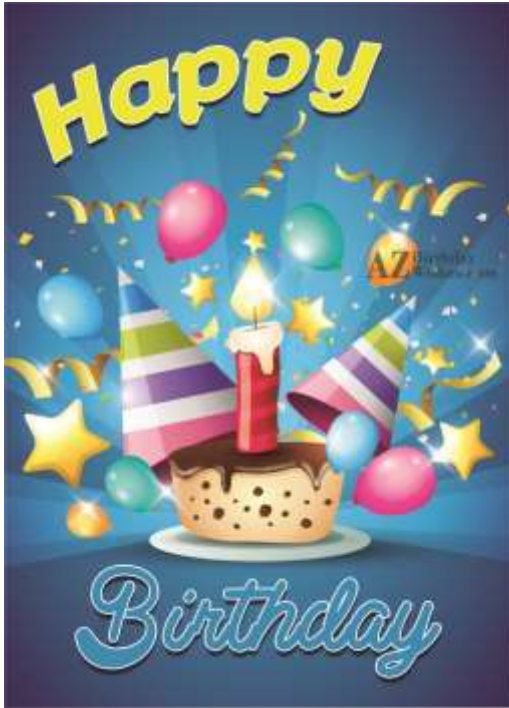
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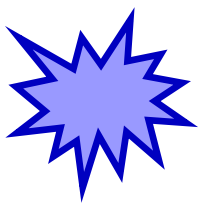
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Betty Roberts	June 8th
Scott Seal	June 13th
Judy Truax	June 16th

Troy and Mary Jane	June 25th
Kyle & Bobbie Beeler	June 15th



Chapter B Ride Schedule



June 11th....Ride to Portsmouth Ohio to visit the flood wall Murals. Meet at Shoney's exit 134 Caryville for a 9am Departure, we will do a head count at our June 7th meeting to see how much interest we have in this ride. The ride will require an overnight stay in the Ashland Ky area Recommend the Quality Inn, and those going will need to make their own reservations. Plan is to visit the Murals then ride west towards Higginsport Ohio where we will cross the Ohio River on the Augusta Ferry, have brunch at the Old Time Country Store and Restaurant in Augusta Ky After leaving Augusta we will ride south towards Cynthiana Ky. where we will pick up I-75 and continue south to Knoxville. Approx 290 miles each day mostly back roads in Kentucky and Ohio, Contact Tom for further information. Please let me know if you plan to go on this ride, email me at tomkatpeck@msn.com Need a head count NLT 6/7 to determine who will be going on this ride.

June 28th – July 2nd..... Wing Ding #43...Shreveport, La, Click here for more info on Wing Ding

Sept 25th 5 Day Plop Ride to Danville, KY, 25th to 30th.... depart Hardees's in Wartburg at 1030 and meet the others on US 27N near Huntsville @ the Fill N Food Marathon Gas station at 1130, contact Wally for more details



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You might consider buying some tickets and use them as a gift to family or friends.

Remember Scott will handle the necessary paperwork for the lucky winner when it comes to the background check etc, Ask Scott if you have any questions.

"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
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Chapter **A2** meets the **3rd Monday** each month at Shoney's 1021 Lamar Alexander Pkwy Maryville, Eat at 6pm Meeting at 7pm. Chapter Directors Todd & Melanie Freeman 865-963-1051

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 6:00 pm Lacosta Restaurant 138 The Crossing Crossville, TN. Meeting at 7:00 pm Chapter Director is Randy & Stephanie Ryan 985-201-3791

Chapter **C** meets the **3rd Tuesday** each month at Randall's Restaurant Hwy 11W and 120 Old Union Rd, Church Hill TN Eat at 6:00pm and the Gathering starts at 7:00pm. Tom & Carolyn Jarrell 423-383-0339

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