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Award winning M-B, Spring Fling



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Eat at 6:30 PM
and our social starts
promptly at 7:30 PM.

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May 5th 2011

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From your Chapter Directors, Tom and Kathy Peck



Hi Everyone,

You can always tell when summer time in Tennessee is in full gear when the Dogwoods are in full bloom and the Spring Fling is upon us. What a great time we all had at this years convention held in Sevierville at the fair grounds. The weather was a bit difficult at times but everyone made the best of the weekend. At least it didn't snow!

The cabin facilities that Kathy had set up worked out very well, especially for the Lasagna dinner Saturday evening. Too bad the weather was threatening and some were not able to make it for dinner; they were missed.

The hot tubs got a pretty good workout and the sunrise from the enclosed deck was breath taking each morning—at least that is what I was told if you know what I mean.

During the awards ceremony Chapter B was announced as the largest chapter in attendance in the small chapter category. Thanks to all those who pre-registered for the rally. We were honored as Senior Chapter Directors and presented a really nice patch recently introduced by the GWRRA Director Mike Stiger, who was there to explain the new program to the audience.

Kathy won 2nd place in the Poker Run and pocked a quick \$25. We were also honored as the Tennessee Chapter Directors of the Year and awarded the "Lanny Stewart Memorial Award" What a huge honor for everyone in our Chapter B since it was all our participants who contributed to the success of our chapter that made this award possible. Thanks to all of you Bee's! We want to thank you all for making us look good!

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From your Chapter Directors, Tom and Kathy Peck, *Continued*

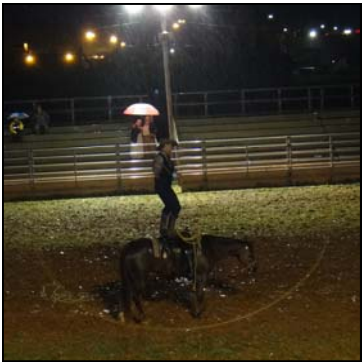


At least it didn't rain like it did for the Rodeo! The show must go on, and thanks to all those who provided such a great program mud and all. Also thanks to those who stepped up and participated in the Chapter Rodeo, always more fun at these events when you participate. Look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Enjoy the Photos!

Doug Cox was presented a plaque for having the lowest membership number in attendance. With number 000606, Doug joined GWRRA way back in January of 1979 and eventually started Chapter B and was the first Chapter Director. Back in those days they called the director position an "Area Representative", ARs or Area Reps as they were known. A very special Spring Fling for us would be an understatement!

Also I wanted to give a special thanks to everyone who helped out at the Bike Show. Even though there was a little confusion and the wind blew all our paperwork all over and the bike entrants had to drive through mud puddles, we got through with the show and complaints were minimal.

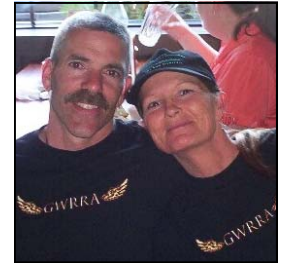


More Spring Fling Photos



TN-T 1ST ANNUAL SCAVENGER RIDE

What an awesome sunny Saturday afternoon we had 4-23, for a group ride with our sister Chapter T. We all met at the Lowe's East Town Mall, and Chapter "Bee" was able to ride as a group. I'm sure most of you have been on an actual scavenger hunt at least once in your life, but this was truly a new experience for me, and I would certainly do it again. We headed out to count the number of Churches we see from the highway (Churches Only, Not Signs) and the number of barn "quilts" we see from the highway. With Tom & Kathy in the Lead and Chuck & Pat on the cleanup crew (last bike), our group of seven bikes and eleven folks hit the Happy Riding Trails.



The overall ride was about 133 miles, but our group got in about 160 miles on this most fascinating road trip we were on. I think Chapter "B" had a total of 85 or 86 churches and 11 barn quilts, although the actual totals were 87 churches and 17 quilts. They presented each Bike Rider with a very nice Certificate of Accomplishment Scavenger Extraordinaire.



Our first stop was approximately 33 miles to the Cherokee Dam overlook area (TVA Pkwy) rest stop off of 92, where we riders now know the dam's height and length when it was completed. After our very knowledgeable and relaxing stop, back onto 92 with about a nice 3 hour ride ahead of us. As best I can recall, we rode the wonderful back roads through Newport, Morristown, Bean Station and Luttrell.

For more photos, please visit Chapter T website.

Cindy Cox



I think it was the missing hardware store sometime after Newport and somewhere off 25E that had us a bit misplaced for a while. As bike riding troopers we just rode on, still counting churches and dodging lots of road kill. It was thanks to Kathy's Global Positioning Spouse (GPS) that finally got us back on track and back to the Cracker Barrel to meet up with Chapter T for dinner.





Plaque Chasing



Tuesday evening, April 26, Chapter B turned out in force to see if they could capture the East Tennessee traveling plaque from our friends at Chapter T's monthly social.



Notification went out about Chapter T having the sectional plaque and Shoney's on Emory Road became packed with Goldwingers from Chapters C, B, and O.

We had 9 folks show up and we gave it a try but Chapter C showed up in force. Chapter C won the plaque and it will be available at their Steak Out next month. Kathy and I along with Doug & Cindy, Mike & Linda, Gary, Peanut, and Burt joined the group. Burt rode his motorcycle even with all the threatening weather. He commented if it started raining he could be home before he got wet since you could almost throw a rock from Shoney's and hit his house.

Lots of good stuff discussed and information passed out. When the 50/50 drawing came Peanut and Gary took home the Gold. Congratulations to Gary & Peanut. Our daughter Tammy was in from Texas and went down for dinner with us at Shoney's. Tammy was a long time GWRRA member but we couldn't count her since she was not a current member with a current membership card. Don't forget your membership card when you go chasing plaques.

Always fun visiting with our neighboring chapters and its exciting seeing Chapter T having such a fun time at their gatherings.



*Submitted by
Tom Peck*



Our dinner ride to Lake Cumberland State Park

Chuck and Pat Talley, our ride leaders, took us on some great roads, and the weatherman cooperated beautifully.



Items For Sale



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



Honda 2003 450 Foreman ES 4-wheel drive. Excellent condition, tires in good shape and new battery. Asking \$3500 Contact Glenn or Susan Riedel 423-562-8659

Progressive Dinner Ride - June 25

Hope you've marked your calendar for our Chapter B Progressive Dinner Ride, Saturday, June 25. We'll do 2 of our favorite things—eat and ride—and then eat and ride again—and then eat and ride again—and then eat and ride again! We'll need four folks to host the stops, two or three couples/individuals to help with food at each stop.

At the Chapter Social, let Pat Talley know if you would like to host a stop or help with the food. We'll do appetizers, salads, entrees and desserts at our 4 stops. As soon as we know who our volunteers are, we'll be able to set up the route for the day.

This will be lots of fun and we're really looking forward to it!

Or July Chapter B Social has been CANCELLED so that our participants may attend the Wing Ding Welcome Party at the Knoxville Zoo.

Chapter Educator Section

The Smart Corner

Dave Roberts, Chapter Educator

The Invisible Man

The sun was balancing gently on the horizon as I packed up my gear after a long day of amusing the fish with my clumsy efforts. I was stowing the tackle box in the back of the truck when the sun abruptly winked out behind a large bank of very dark clouds.

The sun lost its battle with the clouds and sank below the horizon, leaving the heavily tree-lined road in a darkness that blended into the blacktop. Storm winds set the tops of the pine trees swaying, bringing down flurries of slippery pine needles and occasional pine cones. The first drops of rain were huge, splatting on the windshield and causing the pine needles to stick to it. The wipers only smeared them. All I could do was turn the wipers on high and hope the rain would wash the needles off.

Obligingly, the rain became a full-force pressure wash. The needles disappeared, but so did everything else. I crept along, the headlights' beam absorbed by the darkness. A sudden movement caused by a falling branch reminded me there might well be deer, rabbits, or other animals on the side of the road, ready to cross without warning. I leaned as close to the windshield as I could get, eyes straining to see ahead and to the sides at the same time. I knew it wasn't safe to stop because there was no place to pull over.

I thought I saw the red eye glow of an animal. Looking ahead, I saw it flickering between the swipes of the wipers. I immediately hit the brakes, glad for the anti-lock option I'd chosen. I juddered to a halt about ten feet from the animal, which hadn't moved. I turned off my lights briefly so it would move on, but it remained.

I finally crept closer. As my headlights cut through the watery darkness, I saw it wasn't an animal, but a black motorcycle stopped in the middle of the road. The rider was making futile swipes at his face shield, succeeding only in creating greater smears. His black leather jacket and pants

were no match for the rain, and he was soaked from the top of his black helmet to the soles of his black boots. He finally pushed the face shield up, started the bike, and continued his miserable trek.

In a very short moment, he became the Invisible Man. Although the weather and the terrain helped to hide him, he had become invisible long before he ever slung a leg over his bike. He had done it by unknowing choice, by following tradition.

When he bought his motorcycle, he took that first sometimes fatal step. He chose the most popular color for a bike—black. Black is the traditional color for everything motorcycle that's not chrome. Black helmet, jacket, pants, boots, gloves, all to match the black motorcycle. Black can also be the color of death and mourning.

Black, far from being the friendly identifying color of the motorcycle community, is a rider's major enemy. The majority of the time, especially when contrast is poor, such as dawn, dusk, dappled shade, or darkness, black disappears into the environment. Dress a rider in black from head to toe, put him on a black bike, especially one with a small, low taillight, and he's the Invisible Man. He cannot be seen until the very last moment, and that's sometimes too late.

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Can you see me now???



Chapter Educator Section (Continued)

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The typical car driver is not motorcycle-aware, and a bike suddenly appearing seemingly out of nowhere may slow the driver's reaction time or cause him to make the wrong decision. When there's a collision of this type, is it the driver's fault, or the rider's? Both were culpable, but it is the rider who must bear more of the blame. He made himself nearly impossible to see, and it worked. He chose to be the Invisible Man.

Could he have become the Visible Man instead and avoided the price he paid? Yes, and all it would have taken was the right choices beginning when he bought his motorcycle.

His biggest mistake was to follow motorcycle tradition in making everything about him and his bike, except for the fancy bits of chrome, black. He should have heeded the old saw, "Bright is right." A light- or bright-colored motorcycle should have been the first item on his list.

His next choice should have been a full-face white helmet with highly-reflective material all around it. No color matches or fancy graphics, just plain white. The first thing a motorist sees, or fails to see, is the rider's helmet, because it's the highest part visible. Next seen is the upper body, then the lower body and the motorcycle. By that time, the driver is too close for comfort.

While the bike and rider don't have to look like a circus wagon, bright clothing and reflective material, especially on the upper body, are a must. A rider wanting the black leather look can wear a reflective orange vest while on the bike and tuck it

into a saddlebag or tank bag when he arrives.

Adding extra lights on the back and sides of the bike creates greater visibility, too. Seeing a black-dressed rider on a black bike from the side is almost impossible. There's virtually no contrast. Add a few lights and the riders' bright clothing, and the bike suddenly appears.

Our miserable Invisible Man? He made it home that night because I followed at a safe distance behind him until he pulled into his driveway. He might not be so lucky next time.

Thank you Jackie Vaughan for posting this article from your www.wheels-in-motion.com web site, visit this site for additional motorcycle safety related articles

GWRRA Levels Program What level have you attained??

Check with Dave Roberts and enroll now!!



Level I



Level II



Level III



Level IV

Advanced Rider Course May 14th at the Pellissippi State Community College.

Knoxville Riders Education Program (KREP) has made a new and improved riders course now available. This course was developed by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation to help improve the experienced riders skills. I would like to recommend anyone who enjoys riding their motorcycle and want to take advantage of the latest riding techniques that will improve your skills and improve your confidence on their 2 wheeler.

The course cost is \$95 and you can sign up online or just give them a call. Contact Angela Branson at 865-539-7166 at Pellissippi. You can also visit the KREP web site www.krep-tn.com to sign up, just follow the links to the Pellissippi to register for a class. As of this date the May 14th class still has openings. The Rider courses available are also listed on the KREP web site. So far we have 3 riders signed up from chapter B so come on out and join us. The skills you will learn may save your life!

Gold Wing Road Riders Association

Chapter TN-Q Fun Day and Fun Ride

June 4th 9:00am - 3:30pm

SPONSORED BY:

Mid-South MotoPlex

730 Economy Drive, Clarksville, TN 37043



COST: \$10.00 Includes Fun Ride, Lunch and 1 Door Prize ticket

EVENTS:

9:00 Registration Opens

10:00-2:00 Fun Ride

First Bike Out @ 10:00, Last Bike Out @ 12:00

Last Bike In by 2:00

Draw first 2 cards on site, 2 on ride, and 1 upon your return

(May purchase additional cards @ \$1.00 each, max is 3 cards per hand)

Initial hand included with each full registration

Additional Hands (Unlimited), available for \$5.00 each

12:00-2:00 Lunch (Hot Dog, Chips, Dessert & Drink)



9:00-2:00 Game booths, you will have a chance to win additional door prize tickets
(Door Prize tickets must be placed in selected door prize containers)

8:00am - 2:00pm Silent Auctions, 50/25/25 Ticket Sales

3:00pm Silent Auction, Door Prizes, 50/25/25 Drawing and Winning Hand Awards

Vendors will be open from 9:00am-4:00pm

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital



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28th Annual Roan Mountain Steakout

Tennessee Chapter C-- Tri City Wings



May 21, 2011

Roan Mountain State Park
Roan Mountain, Tennessee

Come enjoy a NY Strip Steak with all the trimmings grilled in the fresh
Upper East Tennessee Mountain Air

First steak served
at 5 pm



Saturday fun and games
at 10 AM
Including 2 Escorted Rides

Bean Supper May 20 at 6pm

"Bring your own"
plate, fork & knife!!!!



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\$1000 Grand Prize, Door Prizes, 50/50 Drawings, Awards
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For Info Call (423) 245-8484 or (423) 239-3867

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to RENT

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463 Hobbs Hollow Road
Blountville, TN 37617

Deadline for Registration should be
mailed on or before May 13TH 2011.

Name _____ State/Chapter _____ Age _____ Miles _____

Co rider _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone# _____

T-shirt (\$15 each) Med ___ LG ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL ___ Total \$ _____

Number for Bean Supper (\$5 Each) _____ Total \$ _____

Number of Steaks needed (\$15 Each) _____ Total \$ _____ Grand Total \$ _____

I/We agree to conform/comply with the ideals governing this event. I/We agree to hold harmless the GWRRRA, cosponsors or property owners for any loss/injury to self/property in which I/We may become involved by reason of participation in the event. I/We also agree to assume responsibility for any property which I/We knowingly damage. I/We have read this form. Please Sign Below.

Rider _____ Co rider _____

"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



423-562-1962 or talleylakeside03@peoplepc.com



5/1 Marvin Owens
5/12 Linda Bridges
5/19 Tim Casey
5/23 John Rives
5/29 Kathy Peck



5/30 Brian & Loretta Richards

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 Chapter B Social has been CANCELLED so that our Chapter participants may attend the Wing Ding Welcome Party at the Knoxville Zoo

MAY

- **5/7: TN-A FunDay**, Mt. Juliet, TN, **let Tom & Kathy know if you'd like to ride over.**
- **5/12: Thursday Dinner Ride**, Dinner Bell, Sweetwater, TN, **leave Weigel's on Emory Road at 5:30 p.m., or meet at restaurant at 6:30 p.m.**
- **5/15: Middle TN Ride for Kids**, Franklin, TN (Tom & Kathy Peck)
- **5/14-22: Branson, MO** (Kathy Peck)
- **5/21: Roane Mountain Steak Out** (Chuck & Pat Talley)

JUNE

- **6/2: Thursday Dinner Ride**, Rickard's Ridge, Cove Lake State Park, LaFollette, TN, **meet at restaurant at 6:30 p.m.**
- **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
- **6/25: Progressive Dinner Ride** (Tom & Kathy Peck) **see note on page 7.**

JULY

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