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Our Group at Spring Fling

Mark your calendars for next year:
April 25, 26 & 27

IN CHATTANOOGA!!!

Join us the **First Tuesday**
each month at
Shoney's Restaurant
2405 Andersonville Hwy
Clinton, 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
Hope to see Y'all there!!!

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From Your Sr. Chapter Directors, Tom and Kathy Peck



TN-B had a great time at Spring Fling and we were proud of all our "Busy Bees"! Be sure to see the photos on pages 9 & 10.

This year the district staff decided to include some guided rides as part of the rally, and we were asked to lead one. As Saturday arrived we knew we were going to have a great ride. Our route took us south towards Gatlinburg, and around the bypass to the Sugarland Visitors Center where we headed west on the Little River Road. This road is one of the prettiest roads in the National Park. About 25 miles or so we arrived at Metcalf Bottoms; this is one of the many very nice picnic grounds in the park.

As per request, Kathy had brought along some of her homemade cookies at our rest stop. Plenty of cookies to snack on and several new folks to meet and chat with from around the country who decided to sign up for our ride. One thing I might mention, even though there were 9 trikes who were along there were 10 two wheelers—boy that's a first in awhile that trikes didn't outnumber the 2-wheelers on a ride.

After kicking some tires and a cookie/potty break we headed on towards Townsend where we picked up Route 321 back into Pigeon Forge, as we all said our goodbyes over the CB radios, and back to the Majestic Theater and the convention site.

Thanks to the Bee's who came along on the ride—Joann, Emily, Glenda, Roy & Joyce, and a very special thanks to Wally who jumped in to be the lead bike in group two since we had so many bikes for the ride. Others pitched in to do the drag rider duties and the ride went off without a hitch. It's always nice to lead a ride with folks who know how to ride in a group as evident by the almost precision riding formation of the group. We had GWRRA members from Memphis, Jackson, and Nashville, Tennessee; West Virginia; and Delaware.

Tom



Our Trip to the Gulf Coast, Tom & Kathy Peck *Continued from last month*

After our brief stay in Biloxi getting our final drive repaired, we were ready to roll down the road once again. We got an early start and headed across I-10 towards Texas. The sky started to look very interesting as we hit Monroe, Louisiana and sure enough, the skies opened up. We decided to tuck it in and ride out the storm; problem was there wasn't a window of opportunity anywhere.

We kept looking for an overpass to pull under as the rain intensified. Finally we we found one and as we stopped I found myself putting my boot into about 8" of water. Thank goodness for CruiserWorks boots! Off we went again looking this time for an exit that we found not far up the road.

On with the rain suits, and off we went again About 5 miles up the road the sun came out once again; hardly any rain came down there, should have pressed on.

We arrived in Marshall in time to change our wet clothes and make our way to the rally for opening ceremonies. Good seeing all the friends we have met over the years in Region H. As always the rally was fun; We even spotted Elvis at the block party in downtown Marshall on a beautiful Texas evening.

From Marshall we headed west and a little

bad. Some of you may remember the tornados that hit the Dallas area a few weeks back—well as we watched the rain come down and the wind blow, the tornados were all around us. Had the bike all tucked in and covered up; the only problem we experienced was the TV—it was out for a couple hours.

We toured around the Texas countryside and



south to a resort on Lake Palestine not far from Tyler, Texas. Nice restful few days as we got caught up on laundry and rest while the weather turned off



even took a short trip over to Troup, where we toured the Motortrike factory located out in the middle of nowhere. We got a personal tour of the plant and boy was the tour fantastic! They have a first class facility and make one of the premier trikes on the market.

Our week stay in Texas came to an end as we were off once again this time to New Orleans where we met up with our friends Red & Brenda. We put our bike in their garage for safe keeping. Off to Red's favorite seafood place and being right along the river and the Gulf that is saying something. All I can say is

"WOW! Is that Cajun stuff good!" As much crawfish, shrimp and crabs as anyone could eat. We learned how to pinch off the heads and push up the tasty meat from the tail. I won't tell you about sucking the good stuff out of the head!! We will definitely visit that place again very soon.

Our Trip to the Gulf Coast, Tom & Kathy Peck *Continued*

Red & Brenda loaned us their car as we headed to the cruise terminal for a 5-day Carnival cruise down to Mexico. The 2 ports of call were wonderful and the cruise there was one of the smoothest ever. There was lots of fun in the sun and on the beach along with a high speed boat to an island resort for a restful afternoon on the beach.



After the rally, we watched the weather forecast and saw the storms coming across from the west so we changed our plans for returning home; instead of stopping overnight in Birmingham and finishing our trip Monday we cancelled our reservations and got an early start on Sunday. We made the 780-mile trip from Lafayette to our house and got home about dusk.

The morning turned out to be perfect, as we watched the sun come up over the Atchafalaya Swamp on I-10. We turned north up into Mississippi where we took I-20/I-59 all the way to Chattanooga.

Arriving back in New Orleans, we hopped into Red & Brenda's really cool VW Jetta, a new 45-mpg Turbo Diesel, and headed back to their house so we could load up the bike and then on to Lafayette. Since Red and Brenda had to leave earlier that week to help set for the rally, we just parked the car in the driveway and off we went.

As we were enjoying the sunset off to our left, just south of Lenoir City, I saw this bright yellow object up in front of us heading north on I-75. As we approached the yellow object we realized it was Kyle and Bobbie on their trike and Mike and Linda leading the way, they had been out for a ride to Chattanooga on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. We slowed a bit and visited on the CB radio then said our goodbye's.

The Louisiana rally always has a Mardi Gras theme and as usual it provided a lot of really wild and crazy outfits at the Mardi Gras parade and dance. Lots of vendors

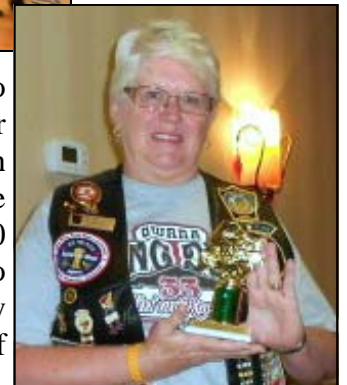


We were anxious to get home so we cranked it back up to cruising speed and off we



and good food available on site. Light show around the motel and tire kicking is always a good time. We even got to play the washboards to zydeco music! And guess who won the long distance co-rider award!

went. It's always good to get home and relax after another wonderful month long spring trip. We logged right at 4000 miles . . . and I'm ready to head out again. Just say the word and we'll be off and running.



Ride to Bryson City, North Carolina



Thanks, Burt, for
planning and leading
this ride!



And
thanks,
Wally,
for



putting to-
gether our
great dinner
ride!

On the Road to Daytona for Bike Week, by Roy Jennings

On the 14th of March, I joined a group of 12 co-workers and some of their wives for an exciting 4-day trip to Daytona Beach for Bike Week. Our Road Captain was Billy Akin, who was making this his 35th year to Bike week.

We left Lenoir City at 7am on I-75S running single file down the interstate stopping in Rome, Georgia for breakfast. Then on to St. Augustine using the HOV lane thru Atlanta making good time.

Safety was our main concern. We came upon some road construction with uneven lanes about 20 miles or so south of Atlanta. We were riding in the inside lane on 75S, when a driver talking on a cell phone in the outside lane decided to move to the left without looking, causing one of our riders to swerve to the left onto some uneven pavement—experience is what kept this from becoming a tragedy. This incident made us more aware of the constant dangers facing motorcyclists.

We proceeded on to St. Augustine arriving there around 5pm without any problems. Af-

ter dinner, we reflected on the trip down and planned each day's activities. The next morning, we went sight seeing in St Augustine before the ride down to Daytona, where we visited a lot of vendors each day and returned home safe and sound on Saturday the 17th of March. A great trip.



Roy



Come Ride with Tom and Kathy through Kentucky Horse Country

- **When: Saturday May 12, 8: 30 AM**
- **Where: Shoney's Caryville, I-75, Exit 134** (Some of us will be meeting for breakfast at 7:30)
- **What: This 330-mile ride** will take us up I-75 to the Lexington, KY area, where we'll hop off the interstate for a close look at some famous horse farms and lots of beautiful thoroughbreds.
- **Rest Breaks:** Approximately every hour to one-hour-and-15-minutes.
- **Lunch:** at the **Nicholasville Inn** in Nicholasville, KY
- **The Ride Back:** We'll take **US-27** back to the Caryville Shoney's with a **planned arri-**

val at 5 PM (our arrival time depends on how much time we spend at the **Dairy Queen** in Somerset!)



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Kentucky Horse Country Ride *Continued*

These are some of the things we'll see:

Along the way we'll pass by **The Thoroughbred Center**, with room for 1,000 horses, which are brought here from around the world to begin the transformation from awkward to colt or filly into a racehorse.

We'll see the **Walmac Farm**, which has produced some of the most important stallions of the of the 20th century, including the great **Nureyev**.

And then on to the **Gainesway Farm**, one of the Bluegrass's premier Thoroughbred farms. Formerly owned by the late John Gaines, who started the **Breeders' Cup**, it is now owned by the family of the late South African tycoon Graham Beck, and it encompasses parts of the former C.V. Whitney and Greentree Stud farms and the original Gainesway acreage.

We'll go by **Elmendorf Farm** and **Spendthrift Farm**. Elmendorf dates to the 1800s and got its name from one of the owners, Daniel Swigert, who named it after his wife's grandmother, Blandina Elmendorf. If his wife, Annette, was flattered by this, she was not so pleased when he named one of his stallions **Spendthrift**, after her extravagance. She retaliated by naming Spendthrift's younger brother Miser.

Swigert's great-grandson, Leslie Combs, named his entire farm Spendthrift, and it was on this farm that some of the great Thoroughbreds stood at stud: **Swaps, Foolish Pleasure, Majestic Prince, Affirmed and the greatest of them all, Nashua**, who at the time of his sale in 1955 was the most expensive horse in history, commanding \$1,251,200.

Then we'll see **Domino Farm**, named for the 1893 Horse of the Year, **Domino**, who lived here. This farm and the adjoining farm, **Dixiana**, are now owned by a Florida businessman.

Next, it's the **Jot 'em Down Store**, named after the fictional country store in Arkansas made famous by the comedy duo **Lum and Abner** in their radio broadcasts of the 1930s & '40s. And

then on to **Castleton Lyons**, originally known just as Castleton that was begun by John Breckinridge, a Kentuckian who was U.S. attorney general under President Thomas Jefferson. It has a rich 200-year history, featuring at various times Thoroughbreds, Standardbreds and Saddlebreds. When Tony Ryan of Ireland bought Castleton Lyons in 2001, he set about returning it to its Thoroughbred roots. Ryan died in 2007.

We'll pass a long, tree-lined entrance to a vast mansion where Jay Gatsby would feel right at home. This is **Spindletop Hall**, the palatial former estate of Pansy Yount, widow of Frank Yount, who made a fortune with the Spindletop oil gusher in Beaumont, Texas. At the time it was built in the 30s, it was the most opulent home in Lexington. The mansion is now used by UK as its faculty/alumni club.

We'll end our horse country tour going by **Calumet Farm** and the famous **Keeneland Race Track**. Only 11 horses have won the Triple Crown during its 89 year history, and 2 of them were from Calumet Farm: **Whirlaway** in 1941 and **Citation** in 1948.

This is probably more information than you needed but I found it interesting and wanted to share it with you all. Originally we had planned to combine this ride with a visit to the Shaker Village Museum, but as we began our planning we discovered 2 things: 1) they can't both be done in the same day, and 2) Shaker Village will be hosting a special free entry to local residents that weekend and the place will be packed. (Tickets are normally \$15). So, we're going to ride horse country.

***Come Ride
With Us!***



Lotsa Layers Lasagna

Ingredients:

- 1 1-pound package polska kielbasa, diced into 1/4-inch cubes
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 8 ounces fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1 5-ounce package fresh spinach, cleaned & spun dry
- 1 15-ounce container ricotta cheese
- 4 ounces fresh goat cheese
- 1 cup shredded parmesan
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 1-pound package no-boil lasagna noodles
- 2 15-ounce jars Alfredo sauce (or 4 cups homemade)
- 1 2-ounce ball fresh mozzarella, thinly sliced

Directions:

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 1 hour, 15 minutes
Makes: 12 servings

1. Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Brown polska kielbasa, stirring constantly, about 4 minutes.
3. Add garlic and sauté 30 seconds. Add mushrooms and sauté until browned, about 4 minutes.
4. Turn off heat. Add spinach and stir, allowing the heat from the pan to wilt the spinach.

5. Make filling by mixing ricotta, goat cheese, parmesan and egg in a large bowl until combined.
6. Place 1/3 of kielbasa mixture into the bottom of a glass baking dish. Top with lasagna noodles.
7. Top lasagna noodles with 1/3 Kielbasa mixture and 1/2 of cheese mixture. Pour 1/3 Alfredo sauce over. Top with lasagna noodles.
8. Place remaining 1/3 kielbasa mixture, remaining 1/2 of cheese mixture and 1/3 of Alfredo sauce over noodles. Top with another layer of lasagna noodles.
9. Top noodles with remaining sauce. Place slices of fresh mozzarella on top.
10. Wrap baking dish tightly with foil. Bake 50-60 minutes, until bubbly.
11. Remove foil and bake an additional 15 minutes, until excess liquid is absorbed. Remove from oven and let stand 10 minutes. Serve and enjoy!

Hope you all Enjoy!

Cindy Cox



Spring Fling

Did we have FUN?

See Photos
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The girls worked, while the guys ...





Meanwhile, back at the cabin . . .



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Chapter Educator Section

The Smart Corner

Dave Roberts, Chapter Educator

The month of April started off with a bang, particularly if you live in the state of Arkansas. In what will go down as the most infamous motorcycle accident in the history of the state, Bobby Petrino lost control of his motorcycle on April 1st, and 11 days later lost his job as the University of Arkansas head football coach.

I've tried to piece together from published reports what actually happened, but the media didn't speak to the accident so much as it focused on the mysterious passenger that Coach Petrino tried to hide; his mistress.

As I understand it, Coach Petrino tried to talk the first persons who arrived at the scene out of calling 911, hitched a ride back to town, had someone (not clear just who) drop the young lady off at her car, called a friendly State Trooper who collected him in a parking lot, and THEN was transported to the emergency room by the State Trooper.

Coach Petrino arrived at the Hospital in obvious pain and was diagnosed with multiple abrasions on his face and neck, (he wasn't wearing a helmet) broken ribs, and a compressed vertebra in his neck. He looked like he had fallen down in a foot stomping contest when he appeared at a news conference a couple days later wearing a complete neck brace.

How would you have handled this if you had been the first person to arrive at the accident scene? Would you have called 911? What if the compressed vertebra had actually contacted Coach Petrino's spinal column? How would you have handled the situation?

GWRRA has an excellent seminar, "Motorcycle Crash Scene Response" which covers all you should do in the event of a crash, and I encourage you to take the seminar when you have an opportunity.

Until you take the seminar, here are just a few things to think about when you come upon the scene of an accident.

- **DON'T ADD MORE VICTIMS.** All this means is secure the scene so that oncoming traffic will not hit you or the crash victims. This may mean parking your motorcycle up the road (or in the road) so the traffic will slow down BEFORE they arrive at the scene.
- **COMMUNICATE.** Talk to the victims (if you can) and try to assess their injuries so you can pass along to first responders. Get Help. Call 911 and be as detailed as you can be. (Send someone to get help if you're out of cell phone range)
- **STAY CALM.** Keep the victims as calm as you can. Render first aid, if you are qualified, from the first aid kit that you carry on your bike. (Now you know why we want you to take the first aid course)

Every accident is different with different road conditions (interstate, back roads, etc.) and different circumstances, but the GWRRA seminar will give you the confidence you will need if you are the first person to arrive at an accident scene.

LESSON LEARNED? I guess you could say: If you're going to fool around on a Hog in Hog country on April Fool's day, you'd better know how to ride the curves.

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 6:30 pm meeting at 7:30 pm.
Call Tom & Kathy Peck 423-907-9712

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 **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 Shoney's Restaurant 2810 Alcoa Hwy Alcoa, Tn 37701
Dale & Ernest Hall, 423-295-2356

Chapter **G2** meets the **1st Monday** each month at IHOP 1802 Parkway Sevierville, TN 37862
Eat at 6:30, Gathering at 7:30
Roland & Peggy Groleau, 865-313-0425

Chapter **T** meets the **4th Tuesday** Each month at QQ's Pizza, 7002 Maynardville Hwy, Halls Center Shopping Plaza.
Eat at 6:00 pm/Meet at 7:00 pm
Call Brian & Loretta Richards 865-332-3966

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 Pendleton, 423-245-8484

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



New Chapter T-Shirts \$20
Chapter "Bee" Embroidered Hats: \$12
Place your 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**
- Chapter B Ball Caps...Now Available..... 12.00

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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- 5/1 Marvin Owens
- 5/12 Linda Bridges
- 5/23 John Rives
- 5/29 Kathy Peck



happy anniversary

No Anniversaries
for May

TN-B 2012 Ride and Event Schedule

MAY

- **5/12: KY Back Roads & Horse Farms**—Leave Caryville Shoney's I-75, Exit 134, at 8:30 AM, Tom and Kathy Peck, 423-912-0860 (see article pages 6-7)
- **5/15 Tuesday: Dinner Ride**—TBA
- **5/19: 29th Annual Roane Mountain Steakout**

JUNE

- **6/2: Natural Tunnel, Duffield, VA, and Pig & Chick Restaurant, Rogersville, TN**
- **6/8 Friday: Dinner Ride**—Smokies Baseball
- **6/14-16: GA Rally, Dillard House, Dillard, GA**
- **6/16-23: Charleston, NC & Savannah, GA**
- **6/30: TN-B Progressive Dinner Ride**—Beeler, Talley, DeGuire, Smith

JULY

- **7/4-7: Wing Ding, Fort Wayne, IN**
- **7/21: Cherohala and the Dragon**
- **7/26, Thursday: RFK Volunteer Training, Comfort Inn Oak Ridge, 7:00 PM**
- **7/28, Saturday: Alternate RFK volunteer Training, Time TBA**
- **7/29: Knoxville Ride for Kids, Pellissippi State Community College**
- **7/30 -8/4: Blue Ridge Parkway**

AUGUST

- **8/18: Pool Party, Burt and Helga's**
- **8/21 Tuesday: Dinner Ride**—TBA
- **8/25: Wheels Through Time Museum, Maggie Valley, NC**

SEPTEMBER

- **9/8: Pall Mall & Muddy Pond, TN, Forbes General Store for lunch**
- **9/18 Tuesday: Dinner Ride**—TBA
- **9/21-23: Wings Across Tennessee, Bristol to Memphis, TN-B will host the Friday lunch at Concord Park**
- **9/21-29: Panama City, FL; Biloxi, MS; New Orleans, LA; Natchez Trace**

OCTOBER

- **10/23 Tuesday: Dinner Ride**—TBA

NOVEMBER

- **11/3: 2013 Ride Planning Meeting**
- **11/17: Tennessee District Ops Meeting, Murfreesboro; Note: this is for all officers—CDs, ACDs, Chapter Educators, Membership Enhancement Coordinators, and Treasurers**

DECEMBER

- **Christmas Party**—TBA

Note: Most of our Dinner Rides are planned for either Tuesday or Thursday, during the weeks in between our chapter gatherings. The following restaurants will be plugged into our schedule:

- **The Grease Rack, Newport, TN**
- **Allison's Catfish Cabin, Greenback, TN**
- **Dinner Bell, Sweetwater, TN**
- **Pine Mountain State Park, Pineville, KY**
- **Whitestone's, Kingston, TN**
- **Rickard's Ridge, Cove Lake State Park, Caryville, TN**



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