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Just north of Knoxville
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Eat at 6:00 PM and our social
starts promptly at 7:00 PM
Hope to see Y'all there!!!



24 riders turned out for Honda Knoxville's first sponsored ride to benefit the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation through the "Ride for Kids" program. After donuts and coffee, and checking out all the Vintage Motorcycles on display, we took off to ride the Devils Triangle followed by a wonderful scenic ride in the Crossville and Rockwood area. Dinner was a new treat at the Roane Street Grill.

New event T-Shirts were passed out for a donation to the PBTf The Knoxville Ride will be held this year in Oak Ridge at the Civic Center on July 27th. Stay tuned for the next Knoxville Honda ride coming up in May.

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From Your Senior Chapter B Directors, Tom & Kathy Peck



Hi Everyone,

Another Spring Fling has come and gone and this year Mother Nature was on our side. The weekend weather was perfect. Many of us who were able to get away on Thursday met to ride down as a group. After getting to the rally site and checking-in some of us made our way to a really great buffet called Jenkins. There were many places to visit while in the area so everyone took off in different directions to enjoy their favorite places in Chattanooga.

A BIG Thanks goes out to those who volunteered to help out on our Chapter assignment working on Saturday to do security in the arena main entrance. Always fun, get to meet lots of people on that assignment. Dinner once again, this time Italian; I think everyone went out with a full belly!

After dinner several of us went to the Arena where the District had some entrainment. The entertainer was a one man show, he was a tribute artist who preformed many oldies by our favorite singers. There was a lot of crowd involvement as the guys and girls answered questions about the songs being performed. As the evening progressed everyone agreed they were definitely entertained—what a talented guy!!

More rallying and shopping at the vendor area and the closing ceremonies came Saturday evening. Betty won a case of oil but none of us hit the big bucks or the grand prize. The weather that evening was so nice we decided a little ride would be in order so off we went south and on into Georgia as we finally ended up in Dalton at a Western Sizzling Steak House. Nice ride and good food. We all went off in different directions to return home the following day.

Ride Safe!

Tom



endeavors. I am so looking forward to our adventures together this year (especially if we get cookies on all the rides, hint hint). Take care and keep the rubber side down so we can meet on the next kickstand up adventure, no disrespect to the trikes. Love you all and See you Tuesday, come hungry.

Scott (ACD)

Well it seems that another riding season is officially upon us at last. I hope everyone remembers to condition your bike/trike and most importantly, yourself. Take care to ensure that your bike is good but also remember to keep yourself hydrated, take breaks and stop when you feel the need. We are not in any type of a race when we are riding, we are here for the fun of the ride, the fellowship and the memories that we create. So lets make the best of them and support others as they support us in our



Region N has come up with a fund raiser to help with some of their expenses. Last year a request went out throughout our 5 State Region N for their members to submit their favorite Recipes so they could be consolidated into a Region N Cookbook. Contact: Tom or Kathy or Pat



Region N Cookbook



Order yours now!

Your favorite home cooking recipes from Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia, North Carolina and Virginia



NASHVILLE, (AP) - Tennessee is kicking off **Motorcycle Awareness Month** in an effort to decrease traffic accidents and deaths. A kickoff to the campaign took place at Opry Mills in Nashville on May 2nd, featuring Kendell Poole, director of the Governor's Highway Safety Office, Transportation Commissioner John Schroer and Col. Tracy Trott, the commander of the Tennessee Highway Patrol. More than 2,800 motorcyclists crashed last year, resulting in 135 deaths. Since the beginning of this year, there have been 337 motorcycle crashes and 14 fatalities.

On the Road Again . . .

We left home Tuesday afternoon March 18th to meet up with our Chapter B gang for our scheduled dinner ride to Double Dogs over off Hardin Valley. Since we were heading west Frank and Patti put us up for the evening so we didn't have to make the hour and a half trip back home in the Lafollette area. First night we stayed at Little Rock Air Force Base; that was right on the way to our National Park destination in Hot Springs Arkansas. Been through Hot Springs several time over the years but never realized that there was a National Park right in the middle of the town. We visited Bath House Row and went through many of the old bath houses that cropped over the Hot Springs back in the late 1800's and into the early 1900's where the Hot Springs brought visitors from all over the world.

Next day we were in Abilene, Texas where we stayed at Dyess Air Force Base, where I lived for 3 years while in the Air Force back in the day. We visited with 3 of our kids who live in that area over the weekend before heading out on a very cool and breezy Sunday afternoon towards Hobbs, New Mexico for another night before our next National Park visit, Carlsbad Caverns.

Talk about a big hole in the ground! We walked the entire Cavern trail for nearly 3 miles. Our feet and legs were sore for the next couple days. On the way south we stopped off at another National Park, the Guadalupe Mountains NP. We found out this place was a favorite hiking place and not a place you could drive through, so we chose to head on down the road and rest up from our caverns hike.

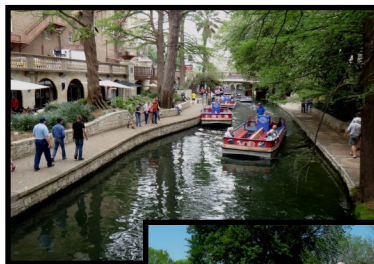
Next destination would be the Big Bend NP and now we are talking way down in southwest Texas. We spent a couple days in an old railroad town of Van Horn, Texas - now we are talking the middle of nowhere. Kathy located a site-seeing tour we could go on so we booked it and had our own private

tour of the McVay Red Rock Ranch. The sites were breathtaking. Highlight of the tour was when we spotted a huge big horn ram on top of one of the mountain peaks. Got a couple good shots with the zoom, hope you got a chance to check out my FB post; I added a picture of this big guy.

That evening it rained for the first time in quite awhile and brought a little cooler weather for our departure the next day. On the way to Big Bend NP we rode the Fort Davis scenic loop—a little piece of heaven in an otherwise barren area. We spent the evening in Terlingua, very near the park entrance. We met several Goldwingers who were staying at the same motel that evening. After we topped off the fuel tank the next morning off we went to explore the Big Bend NP. We rode more than 200 miles in the park and saw all the sites there were to see on the paved roads; there were many other dirt and gravel roads we chose to pass on. The Rio Grande River provided the border of the park and of Texas and Mexico. The temps climbed to 93 as we were pretty much as south as possible without going into Mexico.

North out of the park that evening and now it was time to head east towards Del Rio and the Texas Hill country. The next couple hours you would have thought you were in Colorado as we rode the mountains and curvy roads. Texas 337 is one of those roads that have its own T-Shirt named after this road—The 3 Sisters.

The hill country continued on into Canyon Lake which is a town on a huge lake just north of San Antonio. Kathy booked us a nice condo on the lake and we will visit San Antonio and the surrounding countryside over the next several days before heading north to Marshall Texas and the Region H GWR-RA rally on the weekend.



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On the Road Again . . . Continued



I was able to work in an Advanced Rider Course (ARC) while we were at the rally, Kathy updated her level 4 status by taking a Co-Rider course. Had a fun time at a ranch one evening and a very good BBQ dinner, all part of the rally registration.



Weather front came in the evening after the closing ceremonies so we decided to head south that evening to Lake Conroe where we enjoyed a relaxing week on the lake just north of Houston. I was able to renew some old friendships with some long lost cousins who lived in the Houston area—always good to visit with family.



The Louisiana rally was kicking off the weekend after the Marshall rally so we headed to Lafayette for another chance to visit with old friends. In our Louisiana and Region H Goldwing family. All I can say is those Louisiana folks know how to put on a fun time at

a rally.

The highlight of the rally is always the Friday night mardi gras parade and dance. Theme costumes are always the crowd favorite with all



the Chapter participation. Prizes and awards were passed out and we all had lots of fun a usual.

Sunday came along and we rode to New Orleans and met up with my brother and his wife B. B said

New Orleans was on her bucket list of places to visit so they drove over from Jacksonville for a fun filled weekend in the Big Easy. Of course we did all the

tourist things like a mule drawn carriage-ride around town, Café Du Monde for some of those famous Beignets, the French Quarter and of course Dinner at Mulate's and some good ole Cajun Cuisine. Pat O'Brien's had some awesome drinks; ask

me about those Hurricanes, another favorite while watching the dueling pianos



Well, all good trips eventually have to come to an end but overall another fantastic Spring Motorcycle trip. Trip home from New Orleans turned a bit cool and windy as we arrived back in Tennessee. A month on the road and we were able to visit 5 National Parks several National Historical Sites, traveled in 9 states over 5K miles on our 2008 Goldwing. You can always know you had a good trip when you never had the rain suit out of the saddlebag once.

Dale Hollow Ride - A Learning Experience for Us

This may be very important information for Goldwingers and others with cycles that have computer controls:



Stanley Rhinehart came over and suggested that when we got to the Lodge for dinner we could try a hard shut down and unhook the battery and leave it unhooked until after dinner.

While trying to stop the beeping on our CB as we were on our Chapter B ride to Dale Hollow Lodge, somehow I was able to confuse the computer enough that the computer lost its way. The only control that it allowed itself to make was the intercom and that would not turn off even with the ignition key in the off position. I checked the fuses, which were ok, but couldn't think of what else to do.

While Patti and I were planning to leave the ride and go home so as not to hold up the group,



After a push-off start, we got to the Lodge and did as Stanley had suggested. We went in to eat and when we got back to the trike we hooked up the battery and everything was working perfectly.

I want to give thanks to Stanley and to share this information to everyone in case their computers get confused and makes everything go a little crazy on the controls.

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Frank Balzer



More About the Dale Hollow Ride



Hi Everyone,

Sorry about your luck to all who missed the Dale Hollow Lodge lunch ride. What a beautiful day. There was 20 of us who were blessed with a great ride and lunch. Scenery was fantastic and the friendship great.

If it had happened after we had eaten lunch (several had lots of beans) there would probably have been some accusations about the foul air permeating the beautiful countryside.

On the way up to Kentucky we ran up behind a pig manure truck. We were stuck behind it for about 15 miles. It was enough to make a buzzard sick. The smell was awful and suspicions arose on everyone's mind. About 3 who were with us immediately came to everyone's thoughts. Evidently they were innocent, for a change and the blame went to the manure truck. Because of the beauty of the day, they were soon out of danger of finger-pointing and snarls.



Hope all of you can make the next ride with us. What a great bunch to be with as much as possible.

See you soon!

Chuck Talley





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Further info, Tom Peck has other
pictures on request

Ad from Chapter A



District, Region and International News



TENNESSEE GWRRA

Congratulations to Gary and Patti Hamilton for being appointed as the new Tennessee District Director effective May 1st 2014. The announcement was made at the closing ceremonies during Spring Fling this past weekend in Chattanooga. Their previous position as District Educator will make his selection a smooth transition as many of the previous District staff have been promoted or retained so the new team will have a seamless change.

Wing Ding 36, Madison, Wisconsin, July 2-5, 2014

Those of us who attended Wing Ding 35 in Greenville really had a great time - even in spite of the rain. We can start now to plan for next year's Wing Ding in Madison, WI.

I've checked out a lot of places to stay and this is what I have come up with. GrandStay Residential Suites. All rooms have a kitchen. Some are 2-bedroom and some one-bedroom with private bedroom. The rates are very reasonable. 2-bedroom suite \$116.10, 1-bedroom suite \$80.10, room with 2 queen beds \$89.10. (all beds are queens). Tax is additional at 14.5 %.

Booking.com gives this hotel a 9.2 *wonderful* rating (out of 10). Trip Advisor ranks this hotel at #8 out of 62 hotels.

I have reserved three (3) 2-bedroom suites from Monday 6/30 thru Sunday 7/6. That may be all the 2-bedrooms they have - it would not let me reserve more. If you would like to stay in one that I have reserved, just let me know - and it's OK if you change your mind. **So far we have all of these 6 rooms spoken for except for one—if you would like that room let me know.** They can be cancelled the day of. And we can change the dates on any or all of the rooms. I just thought it was a good idea to reserve while rooms are still available.

The hotel is about 12 miles and 15 minutes from the rally site. This is the website to check out the hotel and/or to make reservations. <http://www.grandstaymadison.com/>. FYI, GWRRA's rates for nicer hotels is quite a bit more. So I think this first-rate hotel is a good value for us.

Check out the web-site and let me know if you want to stay in one of the 2-bedrooms I have reserved. Or make your own reservation.

Kathy

Member Photo's

TO ALL MEMBERS:

We would like everyone to take a moment and submit a snap shot of yourselves on your bikes to Tom and Kathy so they may add them to the "OUR MEMBERS" section of our Chapter B web-site. www.tn-b.org

You may pull up the web-site up on your computers to see what has already been submitted by others.

We feel it will be a great advantage to those like Frank who has a bad memory for names! Check out the new postings now.



**Chapter B Couple of the Year 2014,
Frank and Patti Balzer**

GWRRA Weekend at the Opry

Final details are announced of the upcoming event in Nashville, Tennessee next Labor Day at the Opryland Resort & Convention Center. The dates will be Friday, August 29, 2014 through Sunday, August 31, 2014 and will be a purely social, FUN event for our Members. We have negotiated an incredible rate at the Opryland Resort beginning at \$110, including their resort fee. The event registration fee will be ONLY \$15 for Members and includes a T-shirt and a pin. As mentioned, it will be an event filled with optional tours, a dinner/dance, opening/closing fun events and optional tickets for the Grand Ole Opry. Please see the website at <http://opryevent.gwrra.org> for all the details, registration and schedule information, or call 800-843-9460 for more information. There are limited rooms available so register early! This event will sell out quickly. See you there.



FYI: We have already made
our reservations.
Won't you join us?

Tom and Kathy Peck



Ride Coordinator report for: May 2014

Contact Wally for any updates or changes

Show up for one of the 6 Rides sponsored by Honda Knoxville and get your shirt!



Hi Gang..... (Call me if you have any questions about the schedule)

May 9, 10, 11 Stone Mtn, Ga..

Here is the website for it, kind of look it over - looks like \$10 to park, not sure about motorcycles and \$27ish for day pass but there looks like a lot to do and most of it is included in price, with the laser show starting after dark..

You need to do this on the internet and go to the hotel's website and get the 2-day reservation...is like \$71.00 plus tax per night. <http://www.stonemountainpark.com>.

The motel is Best Western..Stone Mtn
1595 E Park Place Blvd
Stone Mtn, GA 30087
770-465-1022

We will be leaving Exit 398 on I-40 Strawberry Plains, Cracker Barrel at 0830 May 9th ..remember don't eat too much..Dillard House on Friday for lunch (sorry I can't help myself)..that puts us on the right side of Atlanta to hopefully get there about 1500 ish or earlier..



June 6th - 8th Helen, GA <http://www.helenga.org/>

Meet June 6th Lenoir City Shoney's...be ready to go 0900..we will shortcut to 411 to 64 and follow the Ocoee to Copper Hill and down to Blue Ridge and GA 60 toward Helen, the old way..coming back, we usually be do 441 thru the park but we just did it May unless we will be going the other way (backwards). we'll figure something out...I think there are balloon races.

Baymont Inn
Cornelia, GA 30531
1105 Hwy 441 Business
706-778-3600

Oct 11-18th 2014—Panama City Beach Ride????

This would be a nonish-Chapter ride.. But we had such a good time last OCT of 12. We (one's that went) would like to go again . . . pool time, card playing, site seeing, walking the beach (no signs for the blonde ladies) and EATIN' good...Contact Wally for further information.

Hampton Inn Lagrange near Callaway Gardens
100 Willis Circle, LaGrange, Georgia, 30240, USA
TEL: 1-706-845-1115 FAX: 1-706-845-8010

Sea Side Villa ...Panama City Beach...manager's name is Dennis Sobanski. good Irish name....good guy..

Chapter TN-B Cruise, Feb 14-21, 2015

| Da | Port / Date | Arrive | Depart |
|----|---|----------|---------|
| 1 | Ft. Lauderdale, Florida Saturday, February 14 | | 4:00 PM |
| 2 | Princess Cays, Bahamas Sunday, February 15 | 9:00 AM | 4:00 PM |
| 3 | At Sea Monday, February 16 | | |
| 4 | St. Maarten Tuesday, February 17 | 10:00 AM | 6:00 PM |
| 5 | St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands Wednesday, February 18 | 7:00 AM | 4:00 PM |
| 6 | At Sea Thursday, February 19 | | |
| 7 | Nassau, Bahamas Friday, February 20 | 12:00 PM | 7:00 PM |
| 8 | Ft. Lauderdale, Florida Saturday, February 21 | 7:00 AM | |

Important Announcement!

Princess Cruises has changed our ship to the Caribbean Princess. All other information should be the same.



Prices Start At:

| | Inside Cabin | Oceanview | Balcony | Suite |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------|---------|---------|
| Per Person/Double Occupancy | \$854 | \$954 | \$1,364 | \$2,504 |
| Single: | \$1,303 | \$1,464 | \$2,623 | \$4,903 |
| Deposit (per cabin) | \$340 | \$370 | \$520 | \$1,000 |

- Prices include taxes, port fees, and vacation insurance.
- Deposits are fully refundable until Nov 24, 2014.
- Includes \$25 per person onboard credit.
- Gratuities are additional.
- Discounts for Past Cruisers will apply as they are made available.
- Veterans qualify for \$100 on-board credit. Visit Princess website for application.
- FYI: Tom and Kathy Peck will do 6 PM dining.

To make your reservation,
contact Scott at 800-232-7447, and give him the
Group Name **“Tennessee Chapter B”**

For more information go to www.princess.com or
contact Kathy Peck at 423-907-9712 or tomkatpeck@msn.com.

Chapter Educator Section

"I never saw him" is something heard all too often at the scene of a motorcycle crash. To help riders stand out in traffic and compensate for inattentive car drivers, the Motorcycle Safety Foundation has posted a new tip sheet and public service announcement called "Pretend You Are Invisible."

"Motorcyclists should pretend they are invisible to car drivers," said Ken Glaser, MSF's director of special projects. "If you assume others on the road can't see you on a motorcycle, you will tend to ride in a hyper-aware mindset and notice much more detail of your surroundings. Pretending you cannot be seen by others will help you take the initiative to ride more responsibly and defensively."

To see the new PSA, riders should visit the Safety Tips section of msf-usa.org to download Quick Tips.

"Quick Tips: Pretend You Are Invisible" suggests ways to be more detectable to car drivers, such as wearing a brightly colored helmet and easy-to-see riding gear that stands out, using the headlight, and taking an approved rider training course to learn how to maneuver the motorcycle in emergencies.

"We hope that safety-minded organizations and publications will pass Quick Tips on to their audiences and encourage motorcyclists to make themselves more visible on the road," Glaser said. "We also encourage riders to make the wise choice to protect themselves by wearing all the gear, all the time."

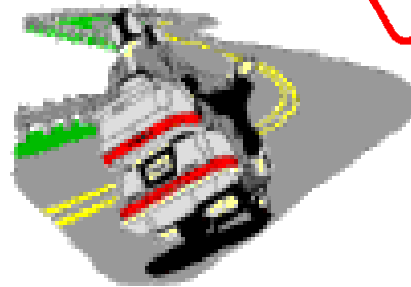
The MSF Quick Tips collection also includes:
"Should You Ride A Motorcycle?"
"If You Ride A Motorcycle"
"T-CLOCS" Pre-Ride Inspection Checklist
"Ten Things All Car & Truck Drivers Should Know About Motorcycles"
"Riding With A Passenger"
"Group Riding"

"Alcohol Awareness"
"Preventing Motorcycle Theft"

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation® promotes safety through rider training and education, operator licensing tests and public information programs. The MSF works with the federal government, state agencies, the military and others to offer training for all skill levels so riders can enjoy a lifetime of safe, responsible motorcycling. Standards established by the MSF® have been recognized worldwide since 1973.

The MSF is a not-for-profit organization sponsored by BMW, BRP, Ducati, Harley-Davidson, Honda, Kawasaki, KTM, Piaggio, Polaris Motorcycles, Suzuki, Triumph and Yamaha. For safety information or to enroll in the Rider Course nearest you, visit www.msf-usa.org or call (800) 446-9227.

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 **F** meets the **2nd Tuesday** Golden Corral, 2905 West Andrew Johnson Highway, Morristown, TN 37814. Eat 6:30 pm/Meet 7:30 pm CD Bill Potter 865-254-9218

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 **A2** meets the **4th Saturday** each month at Ryan's Buffet, Eat at 9 am Meet at 10 am, 1053 Hunters Crossing, Alcoa TN 37701 Call CD Dale & Ernest Hall, 423-295-2356

Chapter **G2** meets the **1st Monday** each month at IHOP 1802 Parkway Sevierville, TN 37862
Eat at 6:00, Gathering at 7:00

Chapter **T** meets the **4th Tuesday** Each month at the IHOP 5604 Merchant Drive exit 108/ I-75
Eat at 6:00 pm/Meet at 7:00 pm CDs: Kimberly and Robert Burleson; 623-236-6645

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 CD David and Dianna Hamby 931-510-5595



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Give me a call, email me or see you at the next meeting

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- 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"
Pat Talley

423-562-1962 or talleylakeside@gmail.com



- May 1 Marvin Owens
- May 12 Mike Bridges
- May 23 John Rives
- May 26 Barbara Chandler
- May 29 Kathy Peck



- May 25 Sam & Lynell Queener
- May 30 Brian & Loretta Richards

Off to Region H... Region Rally and LA Rally

Recently Loretta and I had the pleasure of attending two rallies that we had not attended previously, first, April 3-5 was the Region H Rally in Marshall Texas. Our good friends Tommy and Gayle Wilson, the current GWRRA International Couple of the Year rode from their home in Virginia to our home, spent the night, then the four of us left for the ride to Marshall, TX.



During the ride they mentioned they were staying in that general area after the rally so they could also attend the Louisiana District Rally the following weekend in Lafayette, and they mentioned how much fun that rally was, trying to convince us to go. We had heard similar comments from several other friends, so during our ride, Loretta and I discussed the idea and decided since we were already in that part of the country, it made sense to take advantage of the opportunity and stay the extra week so we could also attend the Louisiana rally.

Tommy and Gayle greased the skids a little for us by talking with Merlin & Beverly Mayon, the Louisiana District Directors, who were at Marshall for the rally, before we arrived. When we got there to pick up our Region H Rally registration package, Tommy introduced us to them, we talked and they allowed us to register for their rally right there at the Region H Rally registration table, which was awesome.

I had been in contact with Jack Wagner, Region H Director previously about their rally schedule, looking for what seminars they intended on presenting and when, because we are trying to redo many of the LTP seminars, and he asked me which

seminars we were looking for. When we got there we got an awesome surprise, he had worked with his Trainer and Educator and several of the seminars we needed were now on the schedule. Such fantastic member support was greatly appreciated.

We had a really great time at Marshall, everyone was so friendly and hospitable. We were even asked to

judge their “Crazy Boots Contest”, what a hoot that was, they had some very enthusiastic contestants with ingenious decorations on their boots, and the other judges on the team were Kathy Peck, and Sandi Garris, Co-Director of GWRRA.

We were also treated to a cookout at the Jo-sey Ranch, a local ranch that is famous for teaching barrel racers, calf roping, etc., both owners are in their respective cowboy and cowgirl Halls of Fame for their accomplishments, and Martha, the co-owner won an Olympic Gold Medal in 1988.

More next page.



More - Region H Rally and LA Rally



The few days we had to goof-off between the two rallies we spent doing some sight-seeing, we traveled north into Oklahoma, across into Arkansas, stopped at an alligator farm in Louisiana and viewed their interesting exhibits. We traveled through Natchitoches (do NOT ask me to pronounce that, we found that it has one pronunciation from residents of Louisiana and an entirely different one from Texas residents) and saw several of their antebellum homes, what a sight. We then headed on into Louisiana to our lodgings for the rest of the week. Another day we traveled to visit New Orleans, walked around the French Quarter, had lunch along the main road and looked at the view past the balcony, then of course we had to stop to have the requisite beignets in the famous Café Du Monde.

The LA rally was to put it simply, a "Party". Their theme of "Mardi Gras" was obviously very appropriate and the members lived up to expectations. Merlin & Beverly Mayon and their District Team made us feel very welcome, as well as so many of the Louisiana members. We were asked to judge the "Costumes Contest", and the members really went all out, and boy did they have fun, it was certainly difficult to narrow it down to winners in each category, and true to the Mardi Gras tradition,

besides the usual categories, they also had a "King" and "Queen". Strangely enough, though we judges were told the King and Queen did not have to be from the same couple, we could select each from totally different groups/chapters, we judges all agreed that the couple from South Carolina, Buddy & Kim Summer, the current Region A Couple of the Year, were the best selectees for King and Queen. We also found it interesting to be told that there were a few members walking around in authentic Mardi Gras costumes. After the costume contest, it was time to Partay! And boy did they, a live band playing the expected music and a whole bunch of people out on the dance floor having a ball. Those members in Louisiana sure know how to have a good time.



One other point of interest about the LA Rally, Chapter TN-B had 8 members in attendance, and Tennessee had a total of 16 members.

We made a lot of new friends at both rallies, as well as meeting up with many we already knew, which is such a great part of attending the rallies. We have heard so often the cliché of "the rallies are all the

same", and we try to get our perspective across that the rallies are not just about the vendors, or the seminars, etc., they are also very much about reacquainting with friends that you may not have seen since the previous year's rally. It is all part of the GWRRA motto of **Friends** for Fun, Safety and Knowledge! We certainly hope that you will consider joining us next year, or even this year at some of our own Region N District rallies.



See you "Down the Road".

**Brian & Loretta
Richards**

Membership Enhancement Coordinator Cindy Cox



Pretty Smart Thieves~Let's Beware of the Latest Scams! Scam Number Two of Four!

GPS

Someone had their car broken into while they were at a football game. Their car was parked on the green which was adjacent to the football stadium and specially allotted to football fans.

Things stolen from the car included a garage door remote control, some money and a GPS which had been prominently mounted on the dashboard.

When the victims got home, they found that their house had been ransacked and just about everything worth anything had been stolen.

The thieves had used the GPS to guide them to the house. They then used the garage remote con-

trol to open the garage door and gain entry to the house.

The thieves knew the owners were at the football game, they knew what time the game was scheduled to finish and so they knew how much time they had to clean out the house. It would appear that they had brought a truck to empty the house of its contents.

Something to consider if you have a GPS - don't put your home address in it...Put a nearby address (like a store or gas station) so you can still find your way home if you need to, but no one else would know where you live if your GPS were stolen.

Remember Bee's:

To bring your GWRRA **Current Membership Card** to every Meeting, as you never know when you have the Lucky Number that is called.

Recap for January, February, March & April:

- **January**, Bill DeGuire had his current card, and won the prize.
- **February**, Ken Cutsinger was lucky enough to have his Member Number drawn, but not lucky enough to have his card with him. Better Luck next time Ken!
- **March**, No Member Drawing
- **April**, No Member Drawing



TN-B 2014 Ride and Event Schedule



Wally Maliskey
Ride Coordinator



Cherokee, NC

9/27: Saturday, Knoxville Honda Ride

OCTOBER

10/4: Saturday, Muddy Pond & Pumpkin Fest in Allardt

10/7: Monthly Gathering Shoney's

10/9-11: Rally in the Valley, Roanoke, VA

10/25: Saturday, Knoxville Honda Ride

10/31-11/2: Fri-Sun, UT-SC Away Football Game

10/11-18: Panama City Beach, FL

NOVEMBER

11/4: Monthly Gathering Shoney's

11/15 or 11/22: Saturday, Ride Planning Meeting

DECEMBER

12/2: Monthly Gathering Cancelled—Chili Cook-off Planning Meeting Instead

12/6 or 13: TN-B Christmas Party

JANUARY 2015

1/31: Saturday, Chili Cook-Off

FEBRUARY 2015

2/14-21 Sat-Sat TN-B Caribbean Cruise, from Ft Lauderdale, FL Caribbean Princess

MAY

5/6: Monthly Gathering Shoney's

5/9-11: Fri-Sun, Stone Mountain, GA

JUNE

6/3: Monthly Gathering Shoney's

6/6-8: Fri-Sun, Helen, GA

6/14: Saturday, Roane Mountain State Park, Rhododendrons

6/20: Friday, Smokies Baseball Game

June 21: Saturday, Knoxville Honda Ride, Deals Gap BBQ for RFK

JULY

7/2-5: Wed-Sat, Wing Ding 36, Madison, WI

7/8: Monthly Gathering Shoney's (Rescheduled due to Wing Ding)

7/27: Sun, Ride for Kids event at Oak Ridge Civic Center

AUGUST

8/5: Monthly Gathering Shoney's

8/16: Saturday, Natural Tunnel

8/29-31, Fri-Sun, GWRRA Weekend at the Opry, Nashville, TN

SEPTEMBER

9/2: Monthly Gathering Shoney's

9/6: Saturday, Carver's Apple Orchard

9/12: Friday, Wings Across TN Lunch at Concord Park

9/19-21: Fri-Sun, NC-Hot Springs, Lake Lure and Waterfalls (date change due to conflict with WAT)

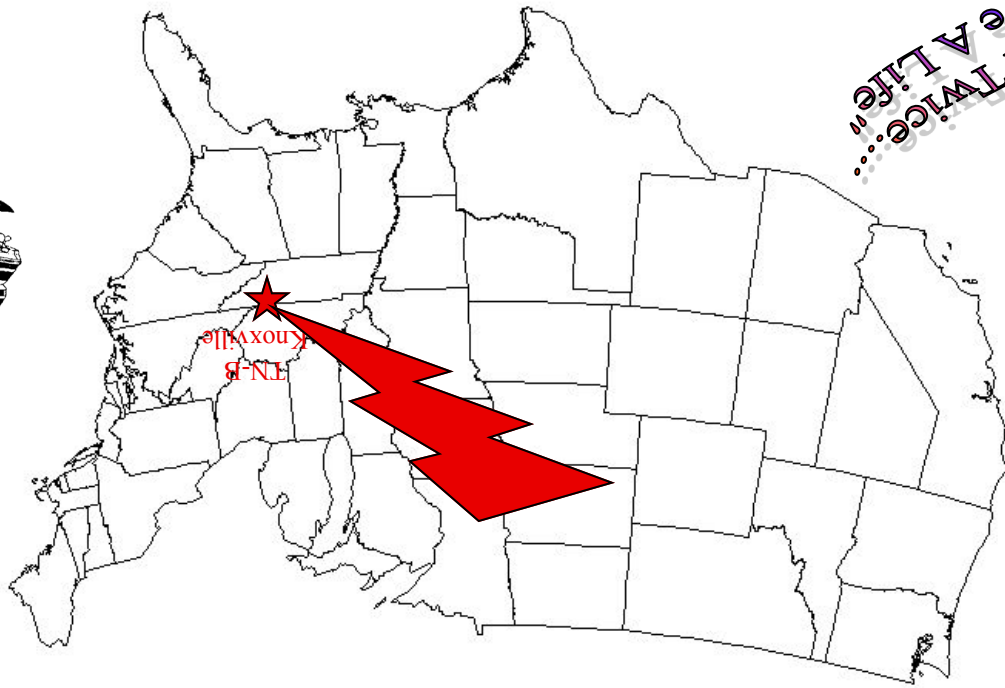
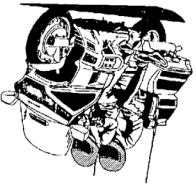
9/25-27: Thu-Sat, NC wings Over the Smokies,

Come Ride With Us!

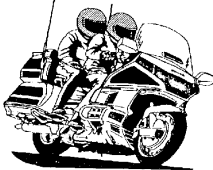


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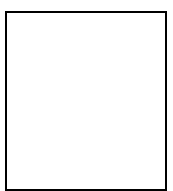


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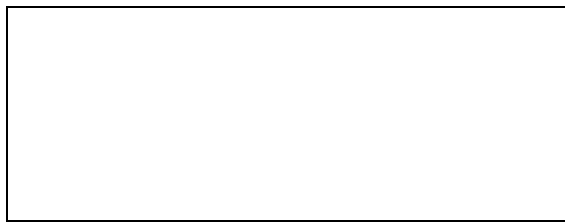
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