



# "The Buzz"



## GWRRRA SunSphere Wings Chapter B Knoxville Tennessee May 2020 Newsletter

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Eat at 6:00 PM & our social starts promptly at 7:00 PM  
**Due to the Pandemic we will be doing our regularly scheduled meeting  
using Zoom technology. Check your email for your invite!***



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From Your Senior Chapter B Directors  
Tom & Merrilee Peck



Hi Everyone,

Sure has been quite a month since our last newsletter. All the stay at home suggestions mandated by our State Governor has sure made it difficult to enjoy life as we always knew it. As we try to come up with an informative newsletter, most of the news is a bummer. Wing Ding has been cancelled, we had to cancel our Cabin outing and our ride schedule has taken a big hit. We really enjoyed our Zoom meeting last month and look forward to once again having our monthly meeting on the Zoom format. I plan to send out a reminder before the 1st Tuesday rolls around so hopefully we will have good attendance and everyone shows up for a visit. Looks like it is going to be a gradual opening up the economy as we move forward,; we will all need to be cautious as the guidelines change. Hate to bother you all too much with all the issues Pandemic brings to the table but we should be able to get out and around more soon. By the way, I heard that one of the best social distancing activities is riding your motorcycle, so there you have it. Lets do some riding!! Oh don't forget to bring your protective face mask and one other thing I hate the most "No Hugging", an elbow bump or fist bump will have to suffice.

Everyone stay safe, we will get through this thing, just have to adjust a few activities some. Until we see you ride safe!

*Tom & Merrilee*



# Assistant Chapter Directors



Well it is turning out to be a unique year, I thought this year would be special but man I had no idea how special. What started out with a very productive ride planning meeting has seen our list of great rides go down the drain. We also have had to learn a lot of new stuff, who knew that All the Gear All the Time would include wearing a face mask and rubber gloves. It has been hard not getting to see everyone or hold our monthly meetings, but this is the best course of action right now. There does seem like a little light is starting to show at the end of the tunnel with things starting back up on a limited basis May 1<sup>st</sup> so hopefully we can get back to a little normal way of life. The Zoom meetings that Tom has done have been great, at least we can get caught up a little and get to see each other. I am holding hope that we can do The Chapter B cookout, nothing better than good food and great friends to make some of the problems go away for a while. We also have a little Raffle going on so hopefully everyone has had a chance to sell some tickets, sure would be nice to win that thing. Everyone stay safe and let's have a good turn out on the next Chapter B ZOOM Meeting.

Stanley and Patty



# Happy Trails



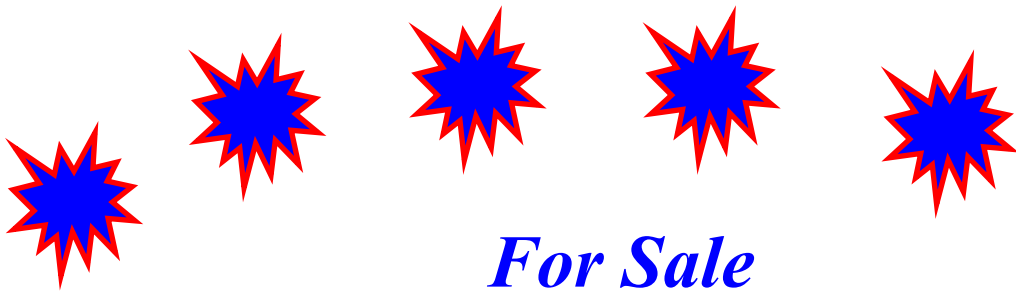
With the roads being so short of everyday traffic due to the present situation, many of us are finding some better riding conditions when we get a nice day. But do not be fooled by the lack of traffic. Because of where some of us live we encounter daytime wildlife almost every day. Normally I wouldn't even be talking about this subject until the fall, but I've noticed deer and other critters out on the backroads in daylight hours recently and I think it's due to the fact that the animals are noticing a tremendous reduction in roadway traffic that would normally keep them in the woods during the day.

Surely we all can remember the occasional dog chasing your bike on a rural road, but I've had a time where five dogs on five different roads almost got me when I was the last of a three bike group all on the same day! I have also had a rather large buffalo that came within ten feet of my bike while touring Yellowstone National Park.

Here is a few suggestions:

1. Avoid riding at night whenever possible.
2. When vegetation is close to the pavement it is safer to ride in the middle of the lane. Animals often jump out of roadside brush onto the road.
3. When you see one deer, there likely will be more to follow. If you can stop safely, wait for all of them to pass.
4. Don't try to predict which way a deer in the road will flee. You do not know what they will do and neither do they! So just wait if possible.
5. Watch the road and terrain ahead for movement.
6. The yellow deer warning signs along the roadside are there for a reason. Pay attention and slow down. Deer and motorcycle collisions can be deadly to you as a rider. Much worse is running into an elk!
7. Deer whistles are not reliable.
8. Never get between an adult female animal and her young. It will not end well.
9. Always wear protective riding gear.

One further note regarding our annual chapter baseball game outings; they are still on hold with hopes that an abbreviated season may still happen. If the situation changes, we will notify everyone as quickly as possible.



# For Sale



2 New, never worn women's medium & Large Tour master jackets only \$100 ea.  
Contact:  
Emily- 865-938-8223  
Joann- 423-912-0269



Heel to toe shifter and foot pegs by Kuryakyn with extensions. \$200.00  
The heated seat and back rest from my 08. \$700.00  
or best offer, Thanks Roy  
865-426-6645





# Other items for Sale



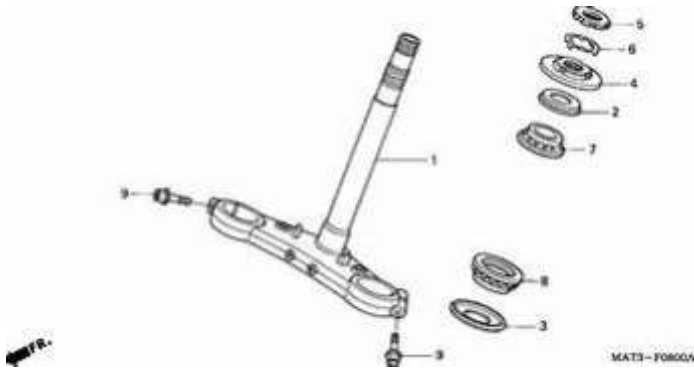
Ultimate seat For Sale It fits first generation GL1800's 2001-2010. It's not heated but will fit a trike with an extra gas tank, rain cover included, and backrest \$600, see me at the meeting ,

Contact Jerry Ciesla





Technical Coordinator: Chris Harden



## Bearings

Over the last few months I have been running into bearing issues on Goldwings. What the Service Department has run into on several occasions were MISADJUSTED. Steering head bearings have a special procedure to adjust them using a digital torque wrench so not to over tighten them. Here are some symptoms: if you feel roughness turning the handlebars bearings are failing and should be replaced. If you feel like the bike wants to steer tight or handlebars don't want to return to center. This is a normal sign of too much tension on the bearings. And lastly, if you get a steer head shake or also known as the death wobble, the bearings are set too loose. If the bearings have to be replaced there is a company called All Balls who produce a up-graded bearing that is tapered instead of ball bearing that improves the steering ability in a Goldwing

## Spider owners

Can Am has been running into some body issues the first one is seat latch issues coming loose and mis-aligning striker, damaging seat bottom, you should check to make sure to properly align and lubricate with light oil or grease. The second one is the hinges on the front trunk bolts backing out or leaking water in the trunk; these should be checked and secured



# Happy Mothers Day



**This is Merrilee. In thinking about an article to contribute to our May Newsletter, I couldn't help but think about Mother's Day occurring in this month. I have an article clipping I have had for years simply because it speaks to my heart and I hope you will enjoy reading it as much as I have and still do.**

## **WHEN GOD CREATED MOTHERS.....**

**When the good Lord was creating Mothers, he was into his sixth day of "overtime" when the angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."**

**And the Lord said, "have you read the spec on this order? She must be completely washable, but not plastic. Have 180 movable parts...all replaceable. Run on black coffee and leftovers. Have a lap that disappears when she stands up. A kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair. And six hands."**

**The angel shook her head slowly and said, "Six pairs of hands...no way."**

**"It's not the hands that are causing me problems," said the Lord. "It's the three pair of eyes that Mothers have to have."**

**"That's on the standard model?" asked the angel.**

**The Lord nodded. "One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, "What are you kids doing in there?" when she already knows. Another here to the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say, 'I understand and I love you' without so much as uttering a word."**

**"Lord", said the angel touching His sleeve gently, "Come to bed. Tomorrow...."**

**"I can't" said the Lord, "I'm so close to creating something so close to myself Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick...can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger...and can get a nine-year-old to stand under a shower."**

**The angel circled the model of a Mother very slowly, "It's too soft", she sighed.**

**"But tough!" said the Lord excitedly, "You cannot imagine what this Mother can do or endure."**

**"Can it think?"**

**"Not only think, but it can reason and compromise," said the Creator.**

**Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek. "There's a leak," she pronounced, "I told you, you are trying to put too much into this model."**

**"It's not a leak," said the Lord, "It's a tear."**

**"What's it for?"**

**"It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness and pride."**

**"You're a genius," said the angel.**

**The Lord looked somber, "I didn't put it there."**

Erma Bombeck



*Chapter B will be having a raffle this year giving away a brand new 38 revolver. Pictured below is a Smith & Wesson 38 Special revolver, satin finish stainless steel. We will be selling tickets for \$5.00 each or you can purchase 5 tickets for \$20.00 The drawing will be held at our Sept 8th Chapter meeting at Shoney's. You can't win if you don't buy a ticket. See one of our members to purchase your tickets. We always make a contribution to St Jude from our annual fund raising effort.*

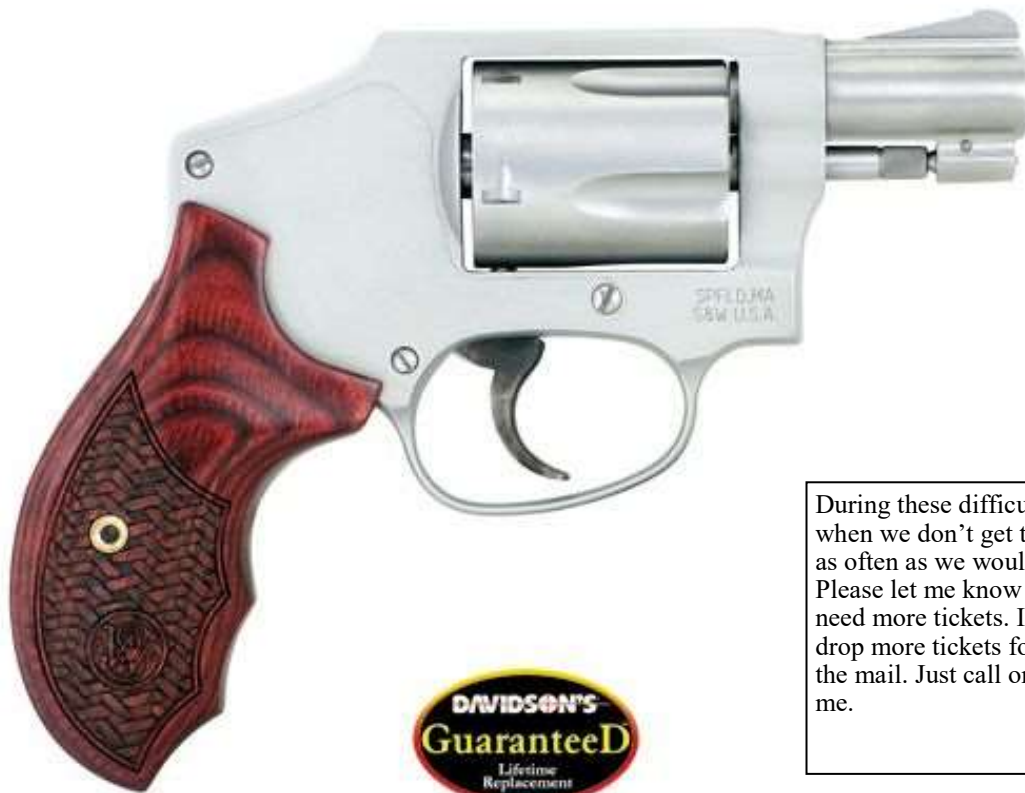
Sample ticket



Smith & Wesson Model  
642  
Double Action 38 Special  
Satin Stainless Steel Revolver  
Drawing Sept 8th 2020  
Proceeds Benefits  
St. Jude  
Winner need Not Be  
Present to Win

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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We will have tickets available at our monthly gathering so make sure to pick up at least 1 or 2 books of 10 tickets. Tickets cost \$5 each or 5 for \$ \$20 tickets. We are counting on everyone to make this fund raising effort a huge success. See Tom, Scott or Stanley to sign out your tickets



During these difficult times when we don't get together as often as we would like. Please let me know if you need more tickets. I can drop more tickets for you in the mail. Just call or email me.

Tom

# Memories from past Rides



Fish fry Deguire's place 10/27/07



Spaghetti diner G2, Pigeon Forge 1/12/08



Ky Rally 8/25/07, Summerset Ky



Tech Day 3/1/08 Pecks place



Cumberland Falls 6/7/09



Picnic, Big Ridge State Park 7/12/08



NC Rally Fletcher NC 9/20/08



Chp F Easter egg hunt 4/11/09





# Memories from past Rides



Chili cookoff 2/6/10



Cabin Man Made 12/6/09



Ride planning meeting 4/10/10 Chuck & Pats place



Perimeter Ride 6/11/10



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Pool party Dave & Betty place 8/18/07



Hot Rods 4/16/13



Natural tunnel 6/2/12



Dinner Ride 7/23/12 Oak Ridge



Chapter Y Funday 4/19/08



Green Tomato Dessert





# Memories from past Rides



Tulsa Trip Route 66 Tucumcari 7/5/09 on way to Wing Ding



Texas Rally, Wings on Battleship Lexington 5/9/08



Spring Fling 4/24/09 2nd place in Talent Show



St Jude Ride 10/2/09, Lunch at Concord park on way to Memphis



Ride for Kids Sarasota Florida 11/1/09

# zoom

## Video Conferencing

During these difficult times the focus is on sheltering in place and social distancing is common place Many of you are familiar with the video conferencing program Zoom Meeting.

Lots of schools and businesses are using this great tool to be able to continue on with their school work and their business.

You might want to get on your computer and do some searching for Zoom Meeting so you can get informed and even download the program so if you get a chance to use the zoom call you might be better to hop right in. There are a few tools and buttons you need to check that turns on your video camera or your audio (speakers) sometimes it appears as a image of a microphone; it might have a red line through the speaker. Just click on the speaker image and it will turn it on. Just takes a little playing around to get used to using it.. Use your laptop or Ipad or tablet, even works on your smart phone. You will show up on everyone's screen so this would be a good time to have your clothes on !!

If you have questions about this you might want to ask your grandkids, they will know how it works and be able help you out.

Chapter B will be using this great tool to be able to visit and see everyone from time to time.

Good luck see you online one day. REMEMBER: Next ZOOM MEETING Tuesday 7:00 pm

Tom

May 5th 2020







# "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 423-907-9712 / 423-494-9818

Chapter **A2** meets the **3rd Monday** each month at Shoney's 1021 Lamar Alexander Pkwy Maryville, Eat at 6pm Meeting at 7pm. Chapter Directors Bob Mack Jr. and Margie Pagano 865-376-5090.

Chapter **M** meets the **2nd Tuesday** each month. Eat at 6:00 pm meeting at 7:00 pm.. Chapter M meets at 550 Fort Loudon Medical Center Dr in Lenoir City. CD Brian & Loretta Richards 865-249-6173

Chapter **T** meets the **4th Saturday** Each month at the Golden Corral 6621 Clinton Hwy 37921 Eat at 9:00 am/Meet at 10:00 am 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

## Let Go Visit!

Chapter **C** meets the **3rd Tuesday** each month at Bob Evans, I-26 Boone's Creek Exit, Kingsport, Eat at 6:00pm and start the Gathering at 7:00pm. TN Tom & Carolyn Jarrell 423-383-0339

Chapter **C2** meets the **3rd Thursday** at Eat at 6:30 pm The new place is Ruby Tuesdays, 2316 N Main St, Crossville, TN. Meeting at 7:00 pm Chapter Director is Randy Ryan. 985-201-3791

### New Chapter Golf Shirts see Pat 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 visitation pins (Shape of State).....\$4.00 ea.



- TN-B Hanger Bars ..... 2.00
- 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

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## Happy Birthday

*Linda Bridges Mat 12th  
Marvin Owens May 1st*



*Lloyd & Judy Pitney May 10th  
Sam & Lynell Queener May 25th  
Brian & Loretta Richards May 30th*