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No Chapter B Gathering in December -Chili Cook Off Planning Meeting instead!!!



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From Your Senior Chapter B Directors, Tom & Kathy Peck



Hi Everyone,

The year is winding down for 2016 as we approach the holiday season. Many ride their bikes throughout the winter season but most roll them towards the back of the garage not to be seen until a bright spring day.

It's been a good year for Chapter B as we start planning for the 2017 riding season. Always good to get together and plan what kind of rides and activities everyone wants to see next year. Time to think outside the box a little. As you all know the chapter is aging a bit so many of the activities can be tailored to suit the majority. Sure would like to think about a Chapter B cruise, lots of destinations to choose from, just take someone to head things up and start the ball rolling.

Some might give some thought about next years Wing Ding in Grapevine Texas. Weather may be a bit milder than last time in Grapevine since we are a couple months later in the year. Early planning always make it so much easier. So if several would like to head on down to the Dallas/Forth Worth area let's give that some thought.

Good time to plan the Christmas party this year at Mike and Linda's place. New ideas are always welcome from some of our new folks, don't be afraid to bring up some new ideas that might make the party more fun and exciting. See you all at Shoney's.

And just a reminder: in December, instead of our Chapter Gathering, we will be holding a Chili Cook-Off Planning Meeting.

Tom



Destination: Corbin Kentucky, Harlan Sanders Museum and Café, Original Home of Kentucky Fried Chicken

It started out a bit cool that Saturday morning as we all met at Shoney's near the Caryville/Jacksboro/ Lafollette exit 134 off I-75. With it so cold that morning we didn't expect a huge turnout but ended up having several show up. Tom & Kathy, Jerry & Irene, Chuck & Pat, Roy & Joyce, David Underwood and Louis Delustro. Good to see Chuck back on his bike and great to see new member Louis Delustro along.



We headed up 25W into Lafollette to traffic light 9 and headed north towards Jellico. This stretch of 25W is especially scenic as it winds along between the mountain and the Big Creek. Always amazes me how those huge boulders ended up in the creek; think about that next time your up that way. As we worked our way up the highway we came up on a funeral procession. As a transplant from up north it always seemed so nice to see the reverence shown by traffic as the procession goes by. Everyone pulls over and stops to pay respects to those lost. Had to explain that to Lou just as others explained to us many years ago. That's the way they do it down in the south we mentioned to the New York transplant and he thought how nice.



On up 25W out of Jellico to Williamsburg where we picked up a new road for most of us Rt26, kind of to the east of I-75 straight up to Corbin. Nice road and it intersected back with 25W just a little south of our final destination. Parked the bikes and went in to order our KFC, all good as usual. They had a small

museum that represented the original way Harlan Sanders restaurant looked back in the day. You can read the plaque I was standing by for the complete story.



Some high tailed it back I-75 back towards Knoxville and we led others back some back roads out of Jellico. Route 297 winds along the mountain in what they call Elk Valley, really nice road as it intersects Rt63 and then back to I-75 where we stopped for a break at the brand new Speedway station. Some hot pumpkin spice latte just hit the spot on a cool fall day. We all mounted back up for our final leg down I-75 and back home, some getting off at the Lafollette exit and some headed on towards Knoxville. The ride was a success even though it was cooler than some might like it, the sun was out for the most part and it did warm up finally.

Thanks to all who came out for our Fall Chap-



ter B ride enjoying the beautiful colors in the Tennessee/ Kentucky mountains. Already looking forward to finding a new and different fall colors ride for 2017!



Submitted By: Tom Peck









My Favorite Animal

Our teacher asked what my favorite animal was, and I said, "Fried chicken." She said I wasn't funny; but she couldn't have been right, because everyone else laughed. My parents told me to always tell the truth. I did. Fried chicken is my favorite animal. I told my dad what happened, and he said my teacher was probably a member of PETA. He said they love animals very much. I do, too. Especially chicken, pork and beef. Anyway, my teacher sent me to the principal's office.

I told him what happened, and he laughed, too. Then he told me not to do it again. The next day in class my teacher asked me what <u>live</u> animal was my favorite. I told her it was chicken. She asked me why; so I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken. She sent me back to the principal's office. He laughed and told me not to do it again. I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn't like it when I am.

Today, my teacher asked me to tell her what famous military person I admired most. I told her, "Colonel Sanders."

Technical Article

Many of us have the "Butler Cup" © system installed on our motorcycle, and have enjoyed having fluid available while we are riding. If any of you are like me, I enjoyed having some good, COLD water in that cup, and was not ecstatic about how long it stayed cold in the Butler Cup ... okay but not great. Hearing all the rhetoric about how good the new "Yeti" © cups were at keeping cold fluids cold and warm fluids warm for an extended period of time, I wished for some way to put a Yeti cup into my Butler holder.

Well, while at Wing Ding, I talked about it with the vendor there selling Butler cups and accessories, and he was kind enough to discuss a competitor's product. What he told me was that he had been told that it was possible, that the Yeti 30 oz. Tumbler would fit into the "Small" Butler ring, AND that



the "Small" Butler Cup lid and drinking straw setup would fit onto the Yeti 30 oz. Tumbler.

Well, taking a chance, I purchased the small ring and small lid from the vendor (cost \$29.00) and brought them home with me from Wing Ding. Once home, I ordered a 30 oz. Yeti Tumbler, and to my pleasant surprise, everything fit just as explained.

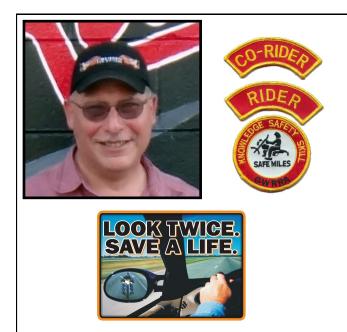
One additional comment: the cup can be "slippery" when pulled out of the ring wearing gloves, so I would strongly recommend purchasing the removable Yeti cup handle, as can be seen in the picture.

Submitted by: Brian



Little Johnny

Chapter Educator Section

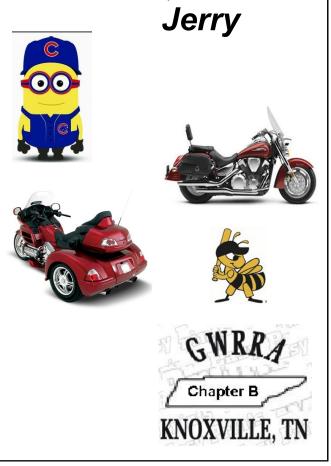


November is here bringing some colder temperatures and some seasonal riding concerns. First, it's the season for heightened deer activity on the roads. Remember, if you see one cross your path, you can usually count on having others crossing in chase of the first one.

The beauty of the fall colors also brings the hazards of wet leaves on the pavement that has a similarity to riding on ice or grease. Use extra caution on two-lane back roads particularly when leaves are visible near corners. Also, keep in mind that many four-wheelers are out rolling doing the "leaf peeper" thing which may further distract them from noticing you on your bike. Wearing jackets with bright contrasting colors will help you stand out from the fall colors.

With the thought in mind that less bikes will be on the road with cooler weather here, go back to basics when stopped at a traffic light behind another vehicle. Keep at least 15 feet behind the vehicle stopped in front of you and plan on an escape route should an inattentive driver come closing down your backside. If you have a flashing type brake light, don't hesitate to activate it as traffic approaches from the rear. And last, check your tires' air pressure before EVERY ride during colder weather as colder outside temps cause tires to lose air pressure.

Until next time, ride safer.



or Sale



Nolan N104EVO modular helmet, winecherry, size XL, with J&M headset and upper cord. Found I have problems with my C5-C6 & C6-C7 in my neck and the helmet was too heavy, needed to find something lighter. Only used last year. Original cost with headset, \$582, asking \$175/obo.



Nolan N104 modular helmet, wine-cherry, size medium, with J&M headset and upper cord. When I changed helmets, we wanted a matching helmet for my wife. Only used last year. Original cost with headset, \$533, asking \$175/obo.

Bilt Explorer Waterproof Adventure Jacket, size large, MSRP \$399.99, brand new, bought for my wife and she did not like it, asking \$175 Features and Benefits

- 600 denier outer material
- 1200 denier abrasion resistant sections on shoulders and elbows
- 2-layer construction: Full waterproof/breathable/windproof fixed liner, quilted detachable satin liner
- Reflective details for increased visibility
- Airflow inner lining to main shell
- Zip entry ventilation panels on front with fold-away feature
- Long zip entry vents on back with multi position airflow control
- Hydration pack pocket with tube locator on upper back
- Rear pocket with rubber tab pullers
- Multi-point sleeve adjustment tabs for a variable arm fit
- Slide adjustment waist belt for a variable fit



Dyna Beads for tire balancing, new, (with TPMS system in our bike, we can't use these), asking \$10



Flash2Pass garage door opener set, brand new, MSRP \$140, asking \$





1 set) Hyper Lights Brand new, MSRP \$100, asking \$75

For Sale



Vega Stealth F117 full-face helmet, carbon fiber, VERY lightweight, size medium, with IMC G130P headset and upper & lower cord. Bought for my wife, only worn twice, she is not comfortable with the way it fits her and can't wear it. Original cost with headset, \$390, asking \$175/obo.

Vega Stealth F117 full-face helmet, carbon fiber, VERY light-weight, size 2XL, with IMC G130P headset and upper & lower cord. Since my wife can't wear hers, and we prefer matching helmets, I don't need mine. Worn only a few times. Original cost with headset, \$390, asking \$175/obo.



Bilt Explorer Waterproof Adventure Pants, size 34, MSRP \$359.99, brand new, bought for my wife and she did not like them, asking \$150 Features and Benefits

- 600 denier outer material
- 1200 denier abrasion resistant sections on shoulders and elbows
- 2-layer construction: Full waterproof/breathable/windproof fixed liner, quilted detachable satin liner
- Reflective details for increased visibility
- Airflow inner lining to main shell
- Hip pockets with rubber tab pullers
- Long zip entry vents on front thighs with multi position airflow control
- Elastic waist with pull through adjusters and rubber grip strip
- Zip entry lower leg with hook-and-loop tab adjustment
- Short and all-around connection zippers
- CE approved armor at knees



Men's Tour Master Venture Air Mesh Riding Pants, Size 38-40, worn once, \$195 new, asking \$75





J&M PSCR-GL1800 Passenger Controller Kit, for all years of GL1800, barely used (Loretta just didn't like messing with it), MSRP \$129, asking \$75

Leather motorcycle jacket, sz 46, worn & slightly scuffed, asking \$20



GoPro Hero3 White, with waterproof housing and 2 extra batteries, barely used, asking \$150

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A POEM WORTH READING

He was getting old and paunchy And his hair was falling fast, And he sat around the Legion, Telling stories of the past.



Of a war that he once fought in And the deeds that he had done. In his exploits with his buddies; They were heroes, every one.

And 'tho sometimes to his neighbors His tales became a joke, All his buddies listened quietly For they knew where of he spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no longer, For ol' Joe has passed away, And the world's a little poorer For a Veteran died today.

He won't be mourned by many, Just his children and his wife. For he lived an ordinary, Very quiet sort of life.

He held a job and raised a family, Going quietly on his way; And the world won't note his passing.

'Tho a Veteran died today.

When politicians leave this earth, Their bodies lie in state, While thousands note their passing, And proclaim that they were great.

Papers tell of their life stories From the time that they were young, But the passing of a Veteran Goes unnoticed, and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution To the welfare of our land, Some jerk who breaks his promi And cons his fellow man?

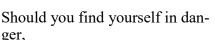
Or the ordinary fellow Who in times of war and strife, Goes off to serve his country And offers up his life?

The politician's stipend And the style in which he lives, Are often disproportionate, To the service that he gives.

While the ordinary Veteran, Who offered up his all, Is paid off with a medal And perhaps a pension, small.

It is not the politicians With their compromise and ploys.

Who won for us the freedom That our country now enjoys.



With your enemies at hand, Would you really want some cop-out, With his ever-waffling stand?

Or would you want a Veteran His home, his country, his kin, Just a common Veteran. Who would fight until the end.







He was just a common Veteran, And his ranks are growing thin, But his presence should remind us We may need his likes again.

For when countries are in conflict, We find the Veteran's part, Is to clean up all the troubles That the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor While he's here to hear the praise. Then at least let's give him homage At the ending of his days.



Perhaps just a simple headline In the paper that might say: **"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING,** A VETERAN DIED TODAY."





ger,

Mississippi District Rally



Loretta & I attended the MS District Rally in Gulfport, MS, Oct 13-15 and had a mixed time. We did have fun and enjoyed the camaraderie of our friends, but it was also traumatizing in that, as most

at just about all of our area rallies. When they found me and let me know what had happened, while wondering how to get her to the hospital, they quickly offered me the keys to their van, and I was able to get her to the Emergency Room where we found out that she had broken her wrist.

Now was the issue of how to get home, on the motorcycle. Well, again they quickly stated that, while they live in Wisconsin and told us they go through TN on the way home and it "wasn't that far out of their way to swing by Knoxville", so Loretta could ride in their van with them and they would follow me on the motorcycle. That was awesome and worked quite well. But we also had many other offers from other GWRRA members, just another example of how we in GWRRA all look out for each

of you heard, Loretta fell and broke her wrist, on the first day of the rally. What made it even worse, was that that was the day before her birthday, what a heck of a



other. Anyway, that sounded like the best way to work out getting home, so we decided to stick it out through the end of the rally. While at the

birthday present!

As far as the rally went, we did have a fun time, it is a very convenient venue, there are 3 motels, all alongside each other, and in the area between two of them they installed a big tent for the opening and closing ceremonies, the COY selection, the costume and talent contests, and the Directors' Challenge, etc. (see pictures below). The outside vendors were in a back area of the parking lot between two of the motels, the inside vendors were in a large area in the middle motel, and the seminar rooms and hospitality room were in rooms around the inner courtyard of the middle motel, all very convenient and easy to get to.

We considered leaving for home right after she broke her wrist, but couldn't figure a good way to travel, obviously Loretta couldn't ride on the motorcycle. But here is where that whole "family" attitude really came out. When Loretta fell, a GWRRA couple that saw it, helped her back to the rally site, where she sat with one of the inside vendors that are rally, we attended a couple seminars, perused the vendors, played games, judged the mascots, and overall had a great time with our extended GWRRA



family.

Submitted by: Brian

East Tennessee Ride for Kids

East Tennessee Ride for Kids Oct 9th at the Honda Shop this year. The format was fantastic - a a big shout out to Tyler and Thane for a super program. The food supplied by Slappy's was extra special. Thanks out to Slappy's for their continued support. The ride went off without a hitch as the Knoxville Sheriff motor patrol did their usual fantastic job escorting us on the approx. 45 minute ride. I would also like to mention the CMA (Christian Motorcycle Association) local group for another outstanding year of support with coffee and donuts.

Wally and Brian worked tirelessly to pull off this event and the weatherman came through with flying colors.

Lots going on with a possible change of Venue, see the note below I copied form the Deals Gap Motorcycle Resort Facebook page. Stay tuned and this event is about to make a major change.



From DealsGap Motorcycle Resort Web-site: Fantastic news...... we have been selected as the keystone destination ride next year for The Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation Ride for Kids. We are super excited and can't wait to start the fund raising. Grand prize will be a Honda motorcycle (more to come on make and model). The ride will be 7 Oct 2017 and will include a free BBQ cookout, music, awards and raffles. You can also come visit with these amazing children who are fighting or have won the fight against this terrible disease. The web sites and plans are being put together now and more info to com. Our goal will be \$1 per Facebook member...... less than the sofa you had at lunch. Huge thanks to Honda and Ride for Kids for allowing us this privilege. Want to be part Team Dragon as a sponsor email me at brad@dealsgap.com for details



A very special thanks you to all our Chapter B folks that made this event a success. Over many years since 2001 the Ride for Kids has been held here in the Knoxville area Chapter B has been there in full support, from the beginning, with its volunteers and its fund raising. This event would have not been possible with out the support from our GWRRA Chapter B family, Thanks Everyone again for your help and support. I think I can Chapter B will continue to support this great endeavor to help Cure the Kids.

Tom



NOV 4-5, 2016

Appalachian Region "N" comeback rally (Appalachian Fall Finale). We have been out of the rally circuit for nine years, but we will kick off a comeback this November 4th & 5th in Johnson City, Tennessee at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Convention Center.

This will be the first time, in this century, that all of the Region awards and accolades will be happening at our own rally! Among those first-time events are: Region Trainers Meet & Greet; Region "N" Master's Breakfast; Region "N" Couple of the Year Selection; New Officer Appointments; and Region "N" University Trainer of the Year. There will be vendors, games, crafts, prizes, entertainment, a fabulous dinner, University Training modules and much more.

So...where is the rally actually taking place? The Holiday Inn and Convention Center located at 101 West Springbrook Drive, Johnson City, Tennessee 37604.

You can visit the Region N web site at http://www.region-n.org and click on rally registration form or just type in the address below on your computer or smart phone for a copy of the registration form.

http://www.region-n.org/assets/2016-fall-finale -flyer-registration-form.pdf

Chapter A2 in Maryville has the East Tennessee traveling plaque, it will be up for grabs at their monthly meeting Nov 21st

Chapter A2 meets the 3rd Monday each month at Shoney's 1021 Lamar Alexander Pkwy Maryville, Eat at 6pm Meeting at 7pm. CD Jim & Joyce Hunsley 217-412-9986

Chapter H has the Tennessee traveling plaque it will be up for grabs Nov 26th at Shoney's 1306 Murfreesboro Rd Franklin TN, Eat at 9am meeting starts at 10am when they will give the plaque away first thing.

Dates set for 2017 Spring Fling: April 20-22

See Kathy if you are CONSIDERING staying with the Chapter in a rental cabin during Spring Fling. (Fun time with the Chapter B family whether you attend the rally or not.)





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 **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 Mel & Renee McInerney 865-809-1466

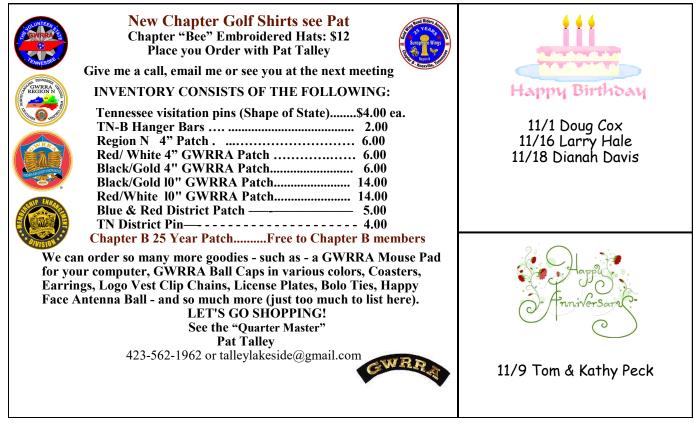
Chapter F meets the **3rd Thursday** Golden Corral, 2905 West Andrew Johnson Highway, Morristown, TN 37814. Eat 6:30 pm/Meet 7:30 pm CD Elizabeth & Earl Smith 585-737-9823

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 Pen**dleton**, 423-245-8484 Chapter A2 meets the **3rd Monday** each month at Shoney's 1021 Lamar Alexander Pkwy Maryville, Eat at 6pm Meeting at 7pm. CD Jim & Joyce Hunsley 217-412-9986

Chapter **T** meets the **4th Tuesday** Each month at the Shoney's 315 Emory Rd, Powell Eat at 6:00 pm/Meet at 7:00 pm CD: Bobby Cash 865-705-7657

Lets go Visit!

Chapter C2 meets the 3rd Saturday at Shoney's, 4148 US 127, S Crossville, Eat at 9:00 am Meeting at 10:00 am CD Buddy & Brenda Turner, 931-484-7337



TN-B 2016 Ride and Event Schedule



Brian Richards Chapter B Ride Coordinator

- <u>November</u> 01, Tue TN-B monthly Chapter Gathering, at Shoney's, 6pm dinner, 7pm gathering
- Nov 04-05, Fri-Sat Region N Rally, Johnson City TN, details TBA
- Nov 15, Tue Dinner ride, Longhorn Steakhouse, Turkey Creek, meet there at 6:30pm Nov 19, Sat – Game Day at Chuck & Pat Talley's, 10am

Note: Ride Planning Meeting is postponed until February due to so many not being able to attend on game day.

- December 06, Tue TN-B monthly Chapter Gathering cancelled, Chili Cook-Off planning meeting instead, at Shoney's, 6pm dinner, 7pm meeting
- Dec 10, Sat Chapter Christmas Party at Mike & Linda Bridges', details TBA

January 21st 2017 23rd annual Chapter B Chili Cookoff Halls Senior 4410 Chrippen Rd Knoxville, Tennessee Doors Open at 9:30 am over NLT 3 pm





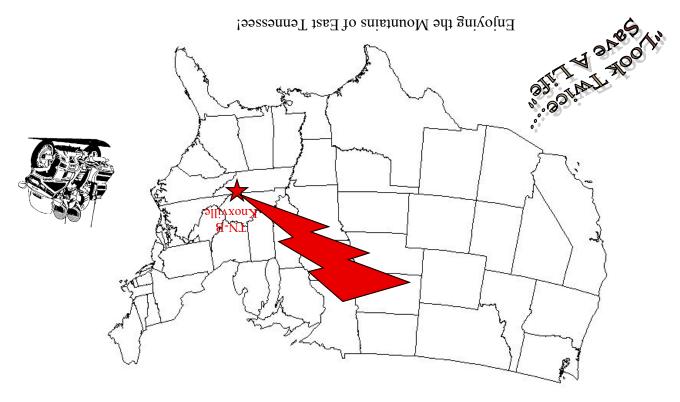




Deals Gap Motorcycle Resort BBQ lunch serving crew

Come Ride with us!





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