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### GWRRA SunSphere Wings Chapter B Knoxville Tennessee October 2011 Newsletter



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This hardy group gathered at Shoney's on a cool fall Saturday morning for breakfast then a ride to Allardt for the annual Fall Pumpkin Festival. Although it was a bit cool it didn't dampen the sprits of this group of 7 trikes

and 6 two-wheelers. Also along we would like to welcome and say thanks to John, along with Darrell & Jean who joined us for the beautiful ride and a very enjoyable day. See Susan's article in this newsletter.



each month at
Shoney's Restaurant
2405 Andersonville Hwy
Andersonville, 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!!!
Next gathering: Sept 6th

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### From your Sr. Chapter Directors, Tom and Kathy Peck

Hi Everyone,

For those of you who didn't like the hot weather much, your time has arrived. Fall is here and with that comes some of the best riding weather you could wish for. As the temperatures fall and the leaves start to turn colors you will all want to get those Goldwings out on the road and enjoy as much as you can before it gets toooooo cold. Still lots of activities planned and places to go, rallies, festivals, other chapter visits and just an old impromptu ride so join in where you can and enjoy the ride!

The last couple months have been pretty busy for Kathy and me as we visited kids and grandkids all over the country. We were able to see them all and just recently my son Jim flew in from Dubai to visit for a few weeks before heading back to the other side of the world.

The District picnic was lots of fun this year; too bad many of you could not make it. We always look forward to this annual event so make plans for next year, its always about the same time of the year, 2nd weekend in September.

Looks like plans are already being made for Spring Fling next year and many have already booked their room in the cabin Kathy made arrangements for during the rally. There are many cabins near the one we already have booked full so make sure you give Kathy a call if you would like to stay in one of the other cabins so all the details can be worked out. Always lots of fun staying in the cabins near all the action during Spring Fling.

Make sure you register early and take advantage of the early registration prizes that will be offered for those who register early. Also this year we are back at the Majestic Theater and they usually have some good entertainment for a limited number of registered rally folks, so don't miss out.

I would like to make a desperate plea to our membership and it has to do with the newsletter. We try to make our newsletter fun and entertaining as well as another line of communication for our membership. We love putting the newsletter together each month but without participation from our members, it gets more difficult for us and then it's not as much fun without input from you. Think about writing an article once in awhile and submit it to us. Anytime is good to jot something down while it's fresh in your mind. Thanks a lot to those who do send a few things in once in awhile—keep up the good work!

Looking forward to seeing some of you out and around this fall as we enjoy our motorcycles, and welcome to all the new folks who took the time to visit us.

Tom

Chapter B turned out to host the Wings Across Tennessee group as they stopped in Knoxville for lunch as they headed to St Jude to present checks for over \$63,000 to the children's research hospital in Memphis.





To TN Chapter B: I want to say "Thank You" for hosting the meal in Knoxville for the Wings Across TN ride. It was a great meal and I enjoyed it very much. The Goldwing group presented over \$63,000 to St. Jude. I also want to say thanks for the support of Chapter B for St. Jude Hospital and also for the Ride for Kids. I



Tom Jayne, on the white trike, and the rest of the Chapter C Gang at our Knoxville Ride for Kids, July 31, 2011

have friends that are patients at St. Jude and also a friend that is being treated at the present time in Knoxville for a brain tumor so I am close to both. The attendance was down quite a bit at St. Jude this year and several chapters were not represented. I don't know what is going on across our state but the sick kids are the ones who suffer. I just hope the people in our nation will realize we need to help others and not be eaten up with greed for ourselves.

Thanks again for all you do and God bless, Tom Jayne Chapter TN-C

# The Ladies Three from Chapter B!



On September 13, Emily Lewis and JoAnn Smith invited me to join them for a ride. It was just four days after I had lost my home to a fire and they were trying to cheer me up and get me out of the hotel where my insurance company had placed me to live temporarily.

I met them at Dixie Custom Cycles in Clinton where Emily purchased a heated suit in preparation for rides during the upcoming cold weather. After Emily dropped a few hundred dollars on her suit, and JoAnn purchased a pair of heated gloves, we went to our favorite Shoney's for lunch at the Clinton Highway exit.

Then we decided it was time to go for our ride and the girls voted me as leader, which I'm not so sure was a good idea! I decided to lead us through the Big Ridge State Park and down the country roads that had some pretty steep hair-pin curves. I kept Emily in my rearview mirror since she is a "new-by" on these types of roads to make sure she was making it okay.

When we got to Maynardville Highway, I turned right to go toward Halls and onto Powell

and home. I asked Emily on the CB if she knew where she was and she had no idea, but in just 15 minutes she recognized the Halls area. I was so proud of Emily because she handled those curves like a Pro! The weather was beautiful and it was great to ride with my sweet "Triker Girlfriends". I named us the "Ladies Three from Chapter B"!!

Submitted by **Glynda McDonald** aka: **Lady Blue** 





Honda DN-01 Sport bike. I won this bike at the 2011 Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation's "Ride For Kids." Uncrated & serviced by Knoxville Honda and presented to me on August 20, 2011. I have a Goldwing & don't need it.

World's first ever Crossover bike. 2009 NEW- Just out of the crate. Beautiful candy dark red color, only 17 miles on odometer riding from dealer to home. MSRP \$15,599. Asking price \$9,500.



Features: HFT continuously variable transmission, automatic OR 6 speed shiftable mode, 680 cc liquid cool, V-Twin, fuel injection (MGM-FI), shaft driven, ABS & CBS, weight: 595 pounds. Digital transistorized ignition. Would also be interested in taking a trailer ( to haul a trike ) in as a trade. Smooth riding motorcycle. Warranty = 1 year with 5 years available.

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Trailer painter to color match Gl1500 Aspencade, custom cooler chrome cooler rack, chrome wheels and chrome trailer hitch and chrome parking arm, chrome rear bumper with extra lights. \$500 Firm price!

### 2 Scorpion EXO-700 Solid Neon Full Face Helmets:

J&P Part: 132-1469, Gold Club Price: \$209.99

- XL, never worn, still in box, asking \$195
- Medium, previously fit with J&M headsets (not included), slightly worn, asking \$175

#### Features

- SpeedShift quick-change face shield with no-fog feature
- Kwikwick washable moisture-wicking liner
- Aero-tuned ventilation system and breath nose shield
- DOT/Snell approved.

Also have 2 dark smoke face shields that fit these helmets, listing for \$35.95, still in the wrappers, make offer.

Contact Tom Peck: 423-907-9712 (home), 423-912-0860 (cell) or tomkatpeck@msn.com.

# Tom and Kathy take in the District Picnic and the Birmingham Ride for Kids

Our TN District Picnic was held September 10 this year near Lebanon in the middle Tennessee area. Chapter challenge, games, good food, and fellowship was enjoyed by all.



The picnic was fun and the Birmingham RFK was really special. Would sure like to plan a trip to the motorcycle museum at the Barber Speedway— very nice place to visit.







The Saturday event had perfect weather and we decided to head on down to Birmingham to the Barber Motor

Speedway for their Ride for Kids. Got to take a few laps around the road racing course after a nice ride through the countryside. They had a huge turn out and I think the weather had a lot to do with the large crowd. Wish more could have gone from the chapter.





The **Winter Event 2012** will be January 28th at Fall Creek Falls State Park and the theme is "The Roaring Twenties". This is our first event of the New Year and the district staff is making plans for this to be very unique. There will be contests, games, door prizes, seminars and a lot of FUN. Watch your emails for all the details of the games, contests and seminars that will be coming.

The theme for **Spring Fling** is "Hawaiian Luau" and will be back at the Majestic Theatre in Pigeon Forge, April 26-28, 2012. We are taking reservations for the host hotel, Comfort Suites on Teaster Lane so hurry and get in touch with Becky Griffin, as we only have a few rooms left. This too will be a special event you will not want to miss, watch for upcoming details. Again there will be contests, games, seminars, vendors, and a lot of FUN.

### **Allardt TN Pumpkin Festival**

October 1, 2011 By: Glenn and Susan Riedel



For those of you who braved the less than perfect riding weather Saturday to the Pumpkin Festival, I must apologize! "Why?" you may ask. Well it seems every time Glenn and I decide we are going to take the yellow Goldwing for a ride the weather seems to play a joke on us and be at its worst.





The morning started out bright and early—ok, so not so bright—but chilly Saturday morning where we met at Shoney's for breakfast. Surprisingly enough, 23 brave souls showed up to share the ride to Allardt, TN for the annual Pumpkin Festival.

This was our first trip to the pumpkin festival and Allardt is a very cute little town in the middle of nowhere. After arriving Glenn and I couldn't believe the amount of people who were there to gawk at the HUGE watermelons, anywhere from

200 pounds all the way up to over 300, and pump-kins—the winning one was over 1000 pounds! We were lucky enough to witness a pumpkin weighing and the time and care that was taken to make sure no damage was done to the pumpkin. I want to know, "How the heck did they grow them so big?"

Glenn and I checked out all the craft booths and of course made a couple of purchases, which had to be small enough to fit in the bike. The car show was pretty cool, lots of classics to admire. Of course no festival is complete without checking out the food vendors so Glenn and I sampled a funnel cake that was awesome but there were lots of others selling just about any kind of food that you might want and lines of people anxiously waiting their turn at each booth.



I am still amazed at the amount of people at this small but obviously successful festival. The trip home was just as chilly as the ride over, the weather did not feel sorry for us and warm up so we made our own warmth by stopping on the way home at a mom and pop restaurant in Oneida where we all filled our stomachs with warm food and good times.





# Our Trip Out West . . . By Tom Peck



We always look forward to taking a long trip on our Goldwing, and

after our Northeast trip last year we decided to head West. Any excuse to ride out West works for me since I love this part of our country the most. The reason for our trip was to visit our kids who are scattered out all over the country (and the world).



August
9th came as we
left on our trip
heading for Salt
Lake City
where my son
Jay and his wife

Laurel live. Salt Lake had a Ride For Kids event the weekend we arrived so we made it a point to take this event in and share the experience with our Leavenworth, Washington was nestled in near the foothills of the Cascade Mountain range; it was like Helen Georgia on Steroids! Nothing like riding the mountain ranges, along beautiful rivers that follow the highways down the mountain side. We arrived in Everett, WA not too far from the Boe-

ing Aircraft plant.

The next day after arriving in the Seattle area we rented a car and hopped on a ferry to Bremerton where we met some of

our GWRRA friends who watched over our Goldwing while we were on our Alaskan cruise for a week. We picked up Bill & Merrilee from the air-



port the next day and celebrated Merrilee's birthday having dinner in the Seattle Space Needle revolving restaurant—a great evening dining and overlooking such a beautiful Seattle area.

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grandkids. After football practice then the RFK the following day we headed North toward West Yellowstone where we spent several days with the kids in their cabin in the woods. After a trip

into Yellowstone and a flat bottom boat ride down a spring-fed river, fishing and site seeing, we once again said our goodbyes and headed north from West Yellowstone and into Montana and on west into Washington State.



# Our Trip Out West . . . (Continued)



Thirteen days after leaving home we boarded the cruise ship and off we went up the inside passage to Alaska. There was another traveler who joined us for the cruise who flew in the day before

we left; Jane is one of our neighbors near where we live. The five of us were off on our 7-day cruise to Alaska with stops in Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway and finally Victoria Island on the way home.



Wonderful trip with lots of side excursions. Each day we stopped in port as we cruised mostly in the evenings and docked most of the days. I could go on and on about our cruise but I'm sure Bill & Merrilee will share some of our fun activities on the cruise.



After the end of the cruise and saying all our goodbyes off we went back on the 1-hour ferry ride to Bremerton to Steve & Beanie's place to pick up our bike. After packing everything up in our trailer, the cruise clothes and all, off we went south down the Pacific Coast Highway and into Oregon. Back

across the Cascades again and down into California and into Nevada and into the desert towards Reno for the 2nd night off the boat. Temps were rather mild especially since we did most of our riding in the early morning and pretty much had most of our riding done before noon as the temps

moved up into the 3 digit area. An overnight stop in Las Vegas and then on to Phoenix to visit my cousin.

After experiencing 110 degree temps as we arrived in Phoenix we were off again before day break. We decided to take the northern route up into the mountains and into New Mexico where we spent the night in Alamogordo. We didn't see any aliens as we road by area 51!

As we left New Mexico we headed deep into

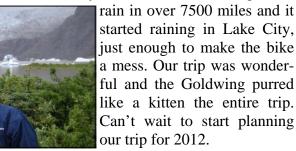
the heart of Texas as we rolled in to my daughter's place for Labor Day weekend. Never saw so many wind mills, someone said there were over 3000 in a small 10 mile radius. My daughter, Tammy, was born in Abilene back when I was

stationed there in the Air Force over 40 yrs ago. We visited my old stomping grounds at Dyess Air Force Base, that is still a very large active base. After an evening out at a local honky-tonk (still don't believe they talked me into singing karaoke), the weekend came to an end and we headed north to Missouri. My son, Tommy, lives a little northwest of Branson

in the town where Harry Truman was born (Lamar). We met up with Tom and his girl friend about lunch time for a short visit before heading on into Branson for a few days.



Branson is always fun; we took in a couple shows and sat in on a time share presentation while we were there. And then, our last day on the road couldn't have been more perfect for riding as we made the trip in one day. By the time we headed up I-75 past our Shoney's exit it started raining. First









I've had a few inquiries about teaching a Medic First Aid CPR/1st Aid course since I'm a qualified instructor/trainer. After talking with our Rider Educator I've decided to see just how much interest there is. This course counts for your

GWRRA training. At our meeting I'll be bringing a sign-up sheet. This is not a commitment. It is just to see if we have enough for a class. If so, we'll set a date. But remember, I can only teach 12 at a time. I'll also be looking for a place to have the course and there will be a course fee of \$20 to offset the price of books etc. If you're not going to make the meeting and would like to be included, you can call or e-mail me and I'll put you on the list.

Yours in Friendship Burt Wagner



For anyone who might be interested in learning more about GWRRA, how it functions, or the Officers' how responsibilities defined, etc., there are two different opportunities coming up soon:

OCP presentation November 5th & 6th from 8am -5pm Saturday, and 8am-12pm Sunday. Class will be at the Clarion Inn and Suites, 2227 Old Fort Parkway, Murfreesboro, TN. The motel rate is \$69.00 per night and the code to book is GWRRA. Contact the District Trainers Tony & Toni Ann Boquet 615-599-8266, to sign up, or

you can register online at www.tngwrra.org/OCP Registration.aspx.

The second option—the KY District Training Team is setting up a Horizons Class for that same weekend, November 5th & 6th at the Fairfield Inn, 40 Chenault Dr., Frankfort, KY 40601, 502-695-8881. There will be a meet and greet Friday evening from 6 to 8pm. Saturday is 8am to 6:30pm. Lunch will be provided. Dinner is on your own. Sunday is 8am to 12:40pm. The KY District Trainer, Pat Coe, will need to know by Oct 8th who is attending the program in order to have the material printed and delivered by program time, contact him at 502-437-5929, or email is patcoe@insightbb.com. There will be a cut off at 42 participates so if you're interested in taking the November program I would sign up as soon as possible. They will need the name of participants, contact info, and GWRRA number.

# Chapter Educator Section The Smart Corner . . . . . . Dave Roberts, Chapter Educator



Thanks to the Mid-Life Riders of Newfoundland and Labrador Canada for this months rider education section

### Traffic positioning

- As a rider on the road, be aware of time and space requirements to be safe.
- Choose a lane on the road that gives you the most space in front, rear and on the sides of the lanes. The more space you have, the safer you can be.
- Maintain a good cushion between yourself and other traffic on the road.
- Position yourself to be "seen" not "unseen". You want other vehicles to easily find you so that they do not inadvertently drive into your space

### Failing to detect hazards

Untrained riders will normally NOT develop appropriate scanning techniques which is critical to accident avoidance since the more time you have to react the more favorable the outcomes. Or they completely fail to recognize a hazard and therefore make no adjustments to provide an escape.

The sad reality of motorcycling is you are less conspicuous than larger vehicles and often your ability to avoid hazards depends on your awareness in traffic situations that you may be invisible to other road users, which will definitely require adjustments on your part in speed and lane position

### Safe rider distance rules

- Keep a 2 second distance away from the vehicle ahead of you. Increase this distance during adverse riding conditions or when you're not 100% sure.
- Be aware of the 4 second rule. This applies to anything in your immediate path that would take 4 seconds to reach you. These things will require a quick response to avoid or prevent accidents.
- Seek and search for traffic and objects in the 12 second horizon. Anything that will take 12 seconds or less should be anticipated and properly analyzed.



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 **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 **G2** meets the **1st Monday** each month at IHOP 1802 Parkway Sevierville, TN 37862 Eat @ 6:30, Gathering @ 7:30 Call Beth & Dale Hodge 865-748-1059

Chapter **F** meets the **2nd Tuesday** each month at **Golden Corral 2905** West Andrew Johnson Hwy (Highway 11E) Morristown Eat at 6:30 pm meeting at 7:30 pm.

Call George & Lanora Baker 865-231-7948

Chapter **A2** meets the **4th Monday** each month at the IHOP, Next to the Home Depot 6:00 pm meeting at 7:00 pm Call Darrell Dunn & Julie Lang; 865-323-9481

Chapter **T** meets the **4th Tuesday** Each month Chapter T meets at Shoney's 316E Emory Rd Eat at 6:00 pm/Meet at 7:00 pm Call Gordon& Alicia Catlett 865-740-3086



### **New Chapter T-Shirts \$20**

Chapter "Bee" Embroidered Hats: \$12 Place you Order with Pat Talley

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Black/Gold 4" GWRRA Patch	5.00
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New Chapter B 25 Year PatchFree to C	hapter B members
<b>GWRRA Blinking Buttons</b>	2.50
Chapter B Ball CapsNow Available	12.00
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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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#### **Note from your Editors:**

Let us know if there is anything you would like to see in your Newsletter just let us know. Items for sale, pictures, items of interest, business ads, clip art etc. You can email them to us at <a href="mailto:tomkatpeck@msn.com">tomkatpeck@msn.com</a> Remember this publication is yours!!! If there is any personal information you wish not to be public info please let Tom or Kathy Peck know so we can accommodate you wishes.



10/2 Amy Seal 10/21 Emily Lewis 10/22 Susan Riedel 10/23 Gary Davis 10/25 Carol Lockwood 10/26 Becky Dodson 10/30 Terry Lockwood



10/10 Ken & Ann Cutsinger 10/15 Buddy & Judy Jenkins

If we missed your Birthday or Anniversary make sure you contact Bobbie Beeler so we can update our records. We want to recognize everyone's Birthday and Anniversary each month, not only at our meetings but in this Newsletter. Check the info on the Sign-in sheet at our Monthly gathering.

# **TN-B 2011 Ride and Event Schedule**

### **OCTOBER**

- 10/1: Pumpkin Festival, Alardt, TN
- 10/6-9: Virginia Rally, Salem, VA
- 10/14-16: Helen, Georgia, (Wally Maliskey)
- 10/21-23: TN-Y Fall Color Ride, Sweetwater, TN

### **NOVEMBER**

• 11/19: TN Operations Meeting

### **DECEMBER**

• 12/3, Saturday: Chapter B Christmas Party, Mike and Linda Bridges home

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### **JANUARY**

- 1/21: TN-B chili-Cook-Off, Location TBA
- 1/28: District Winter Event, Fall Creek Falls State Park

### **APRIL**

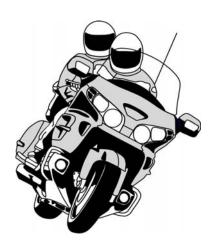
• 4/26-28: TN Spring Fling, Majestic Theater, Pigeon Forge, TN

### **MAY**

• 5/19: 29th Annual Roan Mountain Steakout

### **JULY**

 7/28: Knoxville Ride for Kids, Pellissippi State Community College





Chuck Talley
Ride
Coordinator

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