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Eat at 6:00 PM & our social starts promptly at 7:00 PM*

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Stanley & Patty Rinehart Chapter B Directors



Well the first Eagle Wings motorcycle rally is in the books and Fall is starting to be in the air and we still have a few rides left on the books. We have had the second order of shirts to come in and with the added Bee on the front of them they really look sharp. We have also done a reverse color Tee shirt in black with gray writing and with the Bee added on it really looks good. So far, we have been unable to match a Tee shirt to our Polo shirt but we are still looking, we also have two of the original test polo shirts left, a lady's XL and a man's L if someone is interested. We have a couple of new announcements that will be coming up but I am keeping that under my hat for the moment. I would like to point out something that has come up again and that is showing some courtesy to people during our monthly meetings that are up and speaking, I understand the fun of being at the meetings and socializing with our friends but when we have someone up talking and we have others carrying on private conversations it makes it hard for some people to hear what is being said and while that particulate topic may not be interesting to you it may be to someone else. Last months meeting was a lot of fun, with the added guess from Chapter A-2 and the gun drawing it made for a fun night and congratulations to Rick and Denise James on winning the prize and I also want to take time and thank everyone that helped sell our gun raffle tickets and also a special thanks to Scott Seal for getting the gun and keeping up with the sells and to Tom Peck for printing all the tickets out. It was a huge success and we will be making a contribution to St Jude's soon. Wally has started a menu for our Christmas dinner that Mike and Linda have graciously volunteered to host again so if you have not seen it just get with Wally. As always, we look forward to seeing everyone and Tuesday nights meeting.

Stanley and Patty





Happy Trails



Get a Load of This!

We have all seen them. The two guys in a car driving down the road each one of them with an arm out the window 'holding down' a mattress laying on the roof of their car. If you are like me, you probably laughed and said something like: "Are those guys crazy?" or "That won't turn out well". There are many mattresses along the sides of the highway that attest to the fact we are right. All along the over 4 million miles of highway in our nation you will find people transporting items in the back of trucks or on open trailers (or car roofs) that are not secured correctly and end up flying off into the roadway. It's like they are trying to live out the first sentence of the famous Eagles song 'Take It Easy' (sing it to yourself...it will make sense). These poorly secured loads pose a very serious potential hazard for motorcycle and trike riders.

I recently watched a video of a younger motorcycle rider on a smaller sport bike following an SUV pulling a boat. They were going about 50 mph. On the back stoop of the boat was some type of large rolled up foam float pad that was about 2 feet in diameter. As the rider follows the boat the pad suddenly comes loose and falls off the back of the boat. The rider tries to avoid it but ends up riding into and onto the rolled-up pad, his bike jumps in the air and ejects him. He does a good 15 barrel rolls on the asphalt as his motorcycle slides off onto the shoulder of the road and all the vehicles behind frantically swerve to avoid them both. Fortunately, the young rider only had minor injuries (a lot of road rash as he was wearing shorts) and I'm sure his bike was not near as pretty as it was before. The reality is this accident could have been avoided. In this article I want to share some tips on how to avoid situations such as these.

Be Aware of Vehicles Pulling or Carrying Loads – As a motorcycle or trike rider all of us know we don't have the luxury of not paying attention to everything around us. We do tend to focus on hazards on the road surface because they, of course, contain the most common hazards to riders. However poorly secured loads, although not as much of a threat, still pose a significant potential hazard. Every rider should always be looking for vehicles carrying or pulling loads.

Try To Avoid Following People Pulling Loads – The easiest solution is to just not follow behind people carrying or pulling loads. When I use the term 'loads' I'm referring to scenarios such as a truck with multiple items in the bed or a vehicle pulling an open trailer carrying items that would be difficult to secure. The most common culprits are people helping a friend move to a new residence on the other side of town. They often have a truck or trailer filled with a bunch of poorly boxed or totally unboxed household items that are difficult to secure and often not secured at all. Another common culprit is someone hauling tree and yard debris. I'm sure there are many more scenarios many of you veteran riders could name. Many of the people transporting these loads have little to no comprehension of the impact the wind creating by driving down the road at 55 or 65 mph can have on the load they have behind them. They also have no idea how to correctly use ropes or ratchet straps (as is evidenced by the number of ratchet straps littered the sides of our highways). Couch cushions, kitchen chairs, bags of clothes, branches, bags of leaves, are just some of the things that can fly off and land in front of us. The best thing to do is just avoid following behind them.

Leave Room to React – If you cannot avoid following someone pulling a load then simply follow far enough behind to allow yourself time to respond if something falls off the load in front of you. The young rider I mentioned at the beginning of this article was following less than one second behind the driver of the SUV pulling the boat. If he had been following further back, he could have easily avoided the large foam float when it fell off the back of the boat.

In summary be aware of those loading carrying or pulling vehicles and do our part to avoid following behind them at all costs. Ride safe my friends but ride on!

Scott



Technical Coordinator: Chris Harden



Handlebars they house our controls and control the bike as we ride but when manufactures build the bike they are set to one position and sometimes they don't feel right to some riders but the solution is to put a riser kit on the handlebars they raise them about a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch and move them back about $1\frac{1}{2}$ of a inch so you don't have to reach as far to grasp the grips and changes the way you feel the bike as you ride it has been shown to relief shoulder pain on long rides according to people I have installed them for.



This is a handlebar riser kit. These risers are made by MBL Innovations and is designed to move the handlebars to a more comfortable position. Gold Wings have long been considered the pinnacle of comfort as far as motorcycles go, but many riders find that the handlebar positioning requires too much of a reach to allow them to ride for long stretches without causing discomfort. This kit consists of shims and hardware to change the positioning of your stock handlebars. Two versions are available - both bring the bars up $\frac{3}{4}$ " and back $1\frac{1}{2}$ " toward you. Most riders also find that the span is too wide, so the standard kit (S) also narrows the span of the grips by $2\frac{1}{4}$ ". Tall riders with long arms may be comfortable with the span, so the wide kit (W) just moves the bars up and back without narrowing the span. These subtle changes can make a long ride much more comfortable, and reduce stresses on the wrists and back. This kit will fit all Goldwing GL1800's and F6B's from 2001-2017.





Send us your For Sale items or Wanted to Buy items. Pictures and a full description with price always helps.

Here's Your App

EWMA Rendezvous

Patty and I attended this year's first Eagle Wings Motorcycle Rally, what a joy it was to have it hosted right here in our own backyard of Knoxville. We had signed up early and ordered rally shirts and was really looking forward to going. Our first day going was a bit of challenge as we stuck on the interstate do to a wreck so we missed out on the opening ceremonies as we arrived late. We had not been in the convention center since we had gone to our last Wing Ding. It is a nice building and very large but easy to get around in. Like many when we got there, we got our registration packet and turned in our grand prize tickets then made our way downstairs to where the vendors were at. I



know vendor participation seems to be down at all rally's now with the buying power of the internet but the vendors that were there were quality people and very easy to work with. I think I spent the majority of the time at the Sierra Electronics area trying to pick up or at least decide on what type of helmets we wanted. Buying helmets seems to be a lot harder than it used to be with all the choices out there. We saw a lot of Chapter B people there and I know we had some that went on the guided rides. Parking the 1st day was our biggest challenge as we ended up parking a couple of blocks away but we needed a little exercise anyway. The 2nd day seem to go sort of like the first one as

we got stuck on the interstate twice do to wrecks, seems a lot more common these days. After getting to the Rally, we again hung out in the vendor area around the food court visiting with friends and making some new ones, the main reason that we go, we were also able to pick up some nice gifts for some friends in the wood carving area, guy did amazing work and we were still trying to decide on helmets. After spending a few hours visiting we left but were looking forward to day three. As we headed toward the Rally on Saturday, we did so



with a little anxiety but it was unfounded as we made it all the way there without any traffic issues. First thing we had to do was visit the ladies from the Blank store that have been doing our shirts, we had dropped off several of the test shirts that people had purchased and we dropped off our originals to get the Bee added on. After that it was once again time to finally get some helmets, we were able to finally make a decision but not without the help of

Mark Kolman who explained things to look at on choosing the right one and a great recommendation from Kyle Beeler on the one's they use which we settled on, unfortunately they did not have the sizes and color we wanted for both of us, they did have Patty's but not mine and since they were none being shipped into the country right



now I had to buy from another supplier and have shipped to Sierria to have head sets put in, I recommend these guy's as they are great to deal with. The highlight of the Rally was the dinner before the closing ceremonies and then Elvis was in the house and let me tell you this guy was well worth it. Over all we really enjoyed the 1st inaugural EWMA rally and know

that it will only get better every year which is in Green Bay Wisconsin next year, we had a lot of fun and saw a lot of good friends and meet a few more in the process.



Submitted by Stanley Rinehart

Let's Get signed Up



EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION

SOUTHEAST REGION 'A'



Friends for Fun, Safety & Riding

AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN

. You can access a membership application from our tn-b.org web site. Please contact Stanley if you need any assistance completing your application for the EWMA

Alabama Rally

Merrilee won the Grand prize of \$1000 Dollars and Tom won a \$500 gift certificate from KD cycles plus Merrilee won the 1st Bingo Game of \$108 Dollars sooooo! Chapter B did all right at the Alabama Rally this weekend. Beautiful weather and a great ride, also had Steve and Diane were on the trip. Dave and Betty led the ride down. Lots of fun and games in Alabama. Mark your calendar for 2024 in Muscle Shoals June 27th, 28th and 29th, you can check the flyer at EWMA/al.org.

Submitted by Tom Peck



Picket State Park and Sterns KY

We started the ride with cool weather but a very beautiful day. We met at Shoney's off exit 134 in Caryville and had nine people show up. Me and Patty were making our first ride with our new helmets, Nolan N40/5 and we had new headset's that Serria Electronics had installed for us. Using the Goldwing intercom system was going to be a first for us as we have used AutoCom ever since we had owned the Goldwing but that is another story, I also added a push to talk and volume control for Patty so she could use the CB so everyone better look out. When we got to Shoney's I was unable



to connect Patty's helmet up without altering something which I was forced to do, the issue was the plug on the PTT unit and after a little altering on the plug and some tape from Tom we were able to get her connected. We took Hwy. 63 toward Onedia and then into Big South Fork, these are some great riding roads for motorcycles, nice winding scenic roads. We made our first stop in Big South Fork to stretch our legs then headed on toward Picket State Park where we made another stop at the Naturale Bridge; this thing is really neat and right next to the road. After looking at the Bridge we made our way into the bottom part of the park for another break and the mandatory trip across the suspension bridge, this truly is a beautiful area and well worth the trip to see. We left PSP and headed up Hwy 167, this is by far my favorite motorcycle road ever and then

crossed over Hwy 1756 without passing a single car to and onto Hwy 92 toward Sterns. We stopped at the Whistle stop restaurant that is located inside the train depot. After eating we did a little recon ride to Mine 18 to check out the possibility of a future Chapter ride then we headed toward home. The weather and temperatures were perfect all day as was the company. The joys of a group ride with people that you really like hanging with can't be measured, we had a great time and will be back that way again. The new helmets and intercom worked flawless all day!



Submitted by Stanley Rinehart

FIRST ANNUAL **TN-A2** CHILI COOKOUT



October 21, 2023

Call for reservations: 865-963-1051 after 4pm

Or Email @ T-freeman@comcast.net

Money can be sent to:

Todd Freeman

4218 Miser Station Rd Louisville, TN 37777

COOKOUT WILL BE HELD AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FRIENDSVILLE
403 N Farnum St. Friendsville, TN 37737

WE WILL BE HAVING **GAMES, 50/50 DRAWING**

Games will start @ 12:00 Eat @ 3:00

We will have chili, with all the toppings,
baked goods, and drinks



Number of bowl chili (\$10.00 each) _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 15, 2023



EWMA TN-A2 Maryville, Tennessee

Lets Celebrate



Birthdays

Patty Rinehart 10/4
Stanley Rinehart 10/29
Amy Seals 10/2
Mary Jane Simcox 10/9
Chris Harden 10/8
Becky Dodson 10/26
Myra Sharp 10/27

Anniversary

Julie and Chris Harden 10/25
Connie and Jennifer Seeley 10/10



Ride Schedule 2023



Ride Coordinator : Wally Maliskey

Oct

3th..... Regular meeting....add to Xmas party menu....



14thPre color Waterfall ride, starting a Weigel's in Lenoir City (0915 pegs up), (the big one at US 70 and 321 before you get into Lenoir City proper) heading 411, to the Oocce River, eat at Borra Borra on the River, Restau- rant, in Ducktown, back up US 68 to Tellico Plains to Bald Rive Falls and back roads to Vonore (app 170miles) one of my favorite routes.....Wally to lead....Cherohala Skyway is closed so that limits our choices.....one bad thing is Vols/Texas A&M game, airtime is not been set yet.....

Mississippi Rally

26th, 27th, 28th..... Rally in St. Martin Mississippi Oct. 26, 27, 28.

28th Cumberland Falls Ride.....Lead by Scott Wiens

This will be a wonderful Fall ride up to Cumberland Falls in Kentucky. We will meet at the Cracker Barrel in Rocky Top (111 Colonial Ln, Rocky Top, TN 37769) and will depart at 9:00 AM...Lunch location TBD....

Nov

7th..... Regular meeting...final adjustments to the menu....

Dec

5th.... Regular meeting (if scheduled)

9th.... Xmas Party at Mike/Linda's starts at 2:00 pm, will start menu around late Sept or the Oct meeting.....Mike/ Linda to lead....

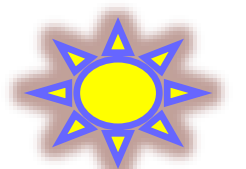


Always Check the Chapter Web Site for the most updated details

www.tn-b.org (Ride Schedule)



"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
423-494-9818

Chapter **M** meets the **2nd Tuesday** each month.
Eat at 6:00 pm meeting at 6:30 pm.
Chapter M meets at Shoney's 1100 Highway 321
Lenoir City, just off I-75 exit 81, CD Brian Richards 865-249-6173

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

Chapter **C** meets the **3rd Tuesday** each month at Randall's Restaurant Hwy 11W and 120 Old Union Rd,
Church Hill TN Eat at 5:30 and the Gathering starts at 6:30. Tom & Carolyn Jarrell
423-383-0339

Chapter **C2**
3rd Thursday Eat @ 6:30pm / Meet at 7:00pm
Lacosta Restaurant 130 the Crossings
Crosville, TN CD Randy Ryan [985-201-3791](tel:985-201-3791)

Chapter **A2** meets the **3rd Monday** each month at Shoney's 1021 Lamar Alexander Pkwy Maryville, Eat at 6pm Meeting at 7pm. Chapter Directors Todd & Melanie Freeman 865-963-1051

Chapter A
Last Saturday Eat @ 9:00am / Meet @ 10:00am
Golden Corral 315 Old Lebanon Dirt Rd
Hermitage, TN
CD Troy & Vickie Hurt [615-351-6629](tel:615-351-6629)

Chapter O
1st Tuesday Eat @ 6:00pm / Meet @ 7:00pm
Gondolier Rest 3300 Keith St NW
Cleveland, TN
CD Shane @ Amanda McAmis [423-310-5903](tel:423-310-5903)

Chapter **S**
3rd Saturday
Eat @ 1:00pm / Meet @ 2:00pm Junbo & Delicious
Shopping center at corner of Imperial Dr & Rockland Rd
Henderson, TN
CD Grant & Carol Bottomley [615-337-8386](tel:615-337-8386)

Chapter Y
3rd Saturday
Eat @ 9:00am / Meet @ 10:00am
Trunty United Methodist Church
2303 Jones Blvd Murfreesboro, TN
CD Wesley & Cindy Neal [615-668-4448](tel:615-668-4448)

Chapter **Z**
2nd Saturday Eat @ 10:00am / Meet @ 11:00am
AMERICAN LEGION HALL 119 N Park St.
Hohenwald, TN
CD Bill Archaeer [615-504-3068](tel:615-504-3068)



LET'S GO SHOPPING!
See the "Quarter Master"

Under Construction and looking for a new clerk



Visit our web site and follow the links to join this new and exciting association now that our GWRRA association closed down its operations.

Forward your membership numbers to Stanley after you receive them from National as we build our member roster moving forward with our membership drawing at each chapter meeting.



Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association Team Structure

This is intended only as an example as to what we have envisioned how this new Association would look like.

CEO/ President

International Team:

Vice President of Operations, Vice President of Safety/Ride Coordinator, Vice President of Finance and Vice President of Special Operations

Regional Team:

Regional Director, Regional Safety/Ride Coordinator, Regional Treasurer

District Team:

District Director, District Safety/Ride Coordinator, District Treasurer

Chapter Team:

Chapter Director, Chapter Safety/Ride Coordinator, Chapter Treasurer

The Directors would be appointed by the Director above them and the Director would appoint their own Team with approval of the Team above them, like the Chapter SRC would be appointed by the CD with approval of the DSRC and so on.