

Smoky Mountain Wing Riders - TN-T



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Gold Wing Road Riders Association
GWRRRA Region N - 'Appalachian Region'
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Monthly gathering

T meets the 4th
Tuesday of every
month, eat at 6 pm,
gathering at 7 pm

Shoney's Restaurant
343 W Emory Road,
Powell, TN 37849
I-75 Exit 112

GPS latitude/longitude:
N36 02.846 W84 00.172

Please join us, 6 pm
for dinner before
the gathering.

We hope to see you at
our monthly gathering,
all are welcome



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Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge

Director's Corner



Change is in the wind! Since becoming your Chapter Director I have heard one topic more than any other. We need to ride more as a Chapter! All right folks, I get it! Your Chapter Team has made riding more of a focus for 2011. To start with Norm has scheduled the ROMEOS ride for the first and third Thursday each month. I have scheduled a dinner ride from Shoney's on Emory Road at 6PM every second Thursday of the month. Brian has scheduled a Sunday/sundae ride the second Sunday of each month. Not counting Chapter meetings, visits and District events this means there are 4 scheduled rides every month! But wait, that's not all. If any Chapter member has a ride they want to schedule let me know and we'll add

it to our ride calendar!

More new developments. Some of you have expressed an interest in revising our current Chapter T patch. It has been noted that our current patch does not sport a motorcycle or the Smoky Mountains. The patch we have has served us well and has long been associated with Chapter T. There are other considerations for change. All of our Chapter shirts have the current patch. There is a cost associated with changing our patch. There is a sentimental attachment to the current patch for many members. The issue is clear. Do we want to change or not? For my part I believe that if we do change the patch that current members should not be obligated to purchase replacements. We have the funds available to purchase a new patch for each member at no cost to the individual.

As many of you now know Ken and Julie are stepping down as District Directors. Alicia and I are really going to miss their leadership in the district. Both of them had their hearts in the right place. They never once forgot that the purpose GWRRA exists was to have fun. You couldn't spend time around this couple without feeling their enthusiasm they had for the members of GWRRA. Thank you Ken and Julie for your hard work and dedication. You both have meant a lot to us!

Your Friends for Fun Safety and Knowledge,

Gordon and Alicia Catlett, T Chapter Directors

Assistant Chapter Director's Thoughts



Hi TN-T, hope you are enjoying the start of Spring here in our neck of the woods. I can tell you Loretta and I sure are! What a difference from what we are used to (from up north in Ohio, of course). We've been getting out and about on our bike and enjoying it immensely, going on chapter visitations, going on rides to see the beautiful countryside, and attending activities and events, all-in-all having a great time enjoying our new home.

Since our last newsletter article, we've visited 5 chapters, including joining TN-G2 on a visit to TN-C for them to present their annual Sherry LeDuc award to Jerry Childers; rode with two other TN-T couples, Bobby & Debby Cash and Eddie & Jeanette Brewer in the Greenback Tornado Relief Benefit ride; participated in the TN-F Easter Egg Ride; a couple weekends ago we rode the "Dogwood Trails" in Sevier County and also here in Knoxville near the UT campus, and saw some beautiful houses/landscaping/flowering trees & bushes; and lastly, attended the TN District Spring Fling (more on that later). We would love to have other TN-T members join us, if you are interested in visiting other local chapters with us, let us know ahead of time and we will keep you informed of our plans. And speaking of joining us on a chapter event, please seriously consider joining us on our chapter's special visitation to TN-N, the Jackson chapter (more details elsewhere in this newsletter), it should be a very enjoyable weekend.

The Spring Fling was a very enjoyable and hectic weekend. We may not have seen all the chapter members that were there, and if I missed someone, I apologize and please let me know, but from my recollection, those members I saw were Carroll & Pat Bales, Bobby & Debby Cash, Gene & Joyce Hunley, Buddy & Judy Jenkins, Lloyd & Judy Pitney, and Bob & Faye Smyre. We did the requisite trip down "Vendor's Lane", and Loretta will tell you that I was very good (for a change), only bought ONE thing, for a measly \$5, a tube of silicone

lubricant for our Bushtec trailer. Several of us helped with taskings from the District, working at registration and also the Poker Table (thanks to those members for stepping up and helping), attended a couple seminars (I even gave one and monitored another to certify a new LTP instructor). There were several surprises at the closing ceremonies, Mike Stiger, the GWRRA Director was there and told us about a new program for recognizing special Directors, at the National, Regional, District and Chapter levels, with a special patch and certificate, honoring the extra efforts they put out, and a couple were awarded, including one to Ken & Julie Zahn, well deserved. And speaking of the Zahn's, Ken made an announcement confirming the rumor that he and Julie were stepping down as District Directors, as of July 31st. They will be sorely missed and we wish them all the best in their new roles as JAM-RAM (Just A Member, Riding A Motorcycle).

As most of you saw in one of my emails to you, we are working on developing a really great Ride Calendar for the chapter, listing lots of great things to do, all year long. We have added a dinner ride and also an ice cream ride and we hope to add many more just rides. You saw in my email that I was requesting everyone bring a list to the April 26th gathering of their favorite rides, or rides they know about and would like to try out, etc., as well as places they have eaten that were special and enjoyable that might make for a fun ride, and also if you know of any great ice cream places we can ride to. I hope to get a bunch of lists, but if you can't make it to the gathering, I would really appreciate it if you would send your list to me, either via email or snail mail (you can send emails to any member of the Team through the link for each Team member on the chapter website at www.tnchaptert.com/Front%20Page.html), and I will consolidate everything and the Team will work on putting everything together. We want to get lots of choices out there so there is a good chance that there will be something you will want to join us on. Any suggestions, comments, etc., please feel free to let me know.

In the meantime, please be safe out there, and be careful riding, but bottom line, get out and Ride.

Your friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge,

Brian & Loretta Richards, T Assistant Chapter Directors (pending)

From our Webmaster



New This Year for Chapter T Members. This year we are pleased to have a New Edition to our Chapter T Website "Members Picture Section". That's right you can now share your Personal Ride Pictures with the World. Our Photo Album now includes this feature for your ride Pictures. We started with Pictures that were sent to me from Bernie Watkins so you can see what it is like, and we have added more since then, from other members.

Send your pictures with a short description for each picture to my email, be sure to number your pictures and descriptions so I can insure the right description goes with the right picture. Each Member that sends in Pictures will need to send me a Picture of you and (If you have one) your Co-Rider and hopefully your Bike. The reason for that is you will have your own Web-page dedicated to only your Pictures and Videos. So we want everyone to know who you are and also put faces with names. Also if you want to put a paragraph telling about you, that also can be put on your page.

The greatest thing about the hosting company that we have for our site is we have unlimited storage so it doesn't matter how much we put on our site.

Hopefully in the Month of May we will also start to include Videos for both the Chapter Rides and Events Pictures and Member's Rides Pictures too. So then you can also share your Videos of your rides, since so many now have the small video cameras that your passenger can video your rides. The one bad thing about videos when you ride is the wind noise, but I have an editing program that will let me take that out and leave sound when you are still and talking so you can tell about where you are and what you are viewing.

More neat stuff will be added in the Future so keep an eye out for more things to come.

Bobby Cash, T Webmaster

MISCELLANEOUS

If you have anything you want to have advertised here, please send the information to the Newsletter Editor. We will gladly run any member's ad in the newsletter immediately following their request, to run in a subsequent newsletter, a new request each month is required. If you would like to write an article, about a ride you went on, an event you attended, something you got for your bike that you think is really great, anything you

feel would be of interest to your fellow members, PLEASE, we sincerely welcome contributions from our members. Just write your article and send it to the Newsletter Editor and as room allows, we will publish it.

SCAVENGERS!

That's right! Chapter T sponsored a fun run for a scavenger ride on April 23. Four couples from Chapter T made the ride of more than 120 miles looking for churches and barn quilts through Knox, Grainger and Jefferson Counties. We were pleased to have 7 motorcycles and over 10 members from Chapter B join us on the ride!



The ride was planned by Pat and Carroll Bales. They both did a great job scouting out some of the most scenic roads in the area for this event! We met in front of Lowes off Millertown at 1pm. Riders left out in 2 waves about 15 minutes apart. The ride took us by Buffalo Springs WMA, Cherokee Lake and Douglas Lake. The weather was perfect for the event!

After 5pm we all met back at the Cracker Barrel off Millertown for dinner. The official count for the number of churches and barn quilts was compared to the participant's record. Brian had previously prepared "Scavenger Certificates" for each participant, I read off the certificates to the riders and co-riders and awarded them out after the meal. Everyone involved stated that they had a great time and really enjoyed the ride!

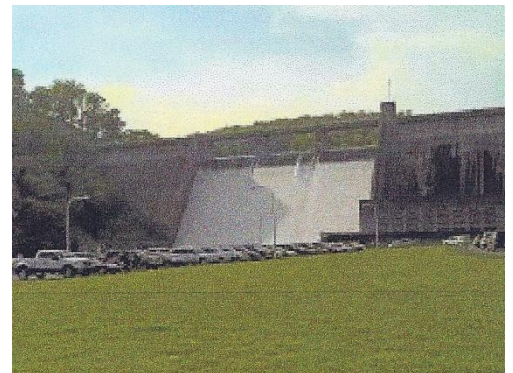
A special thank you to Bobby and Debby Cash, Brian and Loretta Richards, Norm and Sherry for participating and making this trip enjoyable for us! Good job Norm on leading the ride for our flight! Come on Chapter T, get out and ride! Don't miss out on the fun we're having!

Ride Safe and Ride Often, Gordon and Alicia Catlett

EASTER RIDE

Easter was beautiful this year! After church my family was invited to a feast at the Douglas house. It was exactly what you imagine, kids running wild with eggs and candy, dogs begging for food and adults enjoying fellowship and great home cooking. You can rest assured that your Chapter Director kept my end up! I ate like there was no tomorrow and feasted on honey baked ham, garden green beans, broccoli casserole, sweet potatoes, slaw and anything else I could get on my plate! Alicia had prepared an apple and peach cobbler. Neither pie lasted long after the meal! After we all had our fill the tables and chairs were moved out and the recliners were moved in. After lounging around for an hour or so I figured that I had best get my herd moving or I was going to doze off for the afternoon!

After getting home I remembered being told about TVA pulling water from Norris Lake. After a short nap Alicia woke me up and asked if I wanted to take a ride to Norris Dam. Well...let me think, the weather is perfect, I'm rested and the Honda is waiting...you bet! Off we went to visit Norris. The short ride up was the perfect event for a great day. The traffic along Norris Freeway was sparse. Upon reaching the Clinch River I noticed the traffic was picking up. After reaching the dam it was obvious that we weren't the only people with this idea. Norris Lake appears to be at full level. TVA had all 3 flood gates open! Wow, it was an awe inspiring sight to behold as we sat and watched untold thousands of gallons of lake water poured over the dam. It was truly a beautiful thing to see. What made it even better was to be there with the love of my life, living the dream on the back of our motorcycle!



Easter is a special time for all of us. A gift given freely without strings attached, one that we neither earned nor deserve. We live in a time and place where our Lord has blessed us beyond our measure. My words cannot express how fortunate I am.

Living the Dream, Gordon and Alicia

WINNER WINNER, CHICKEN DINNER!



That's right! Thanks to the effort of our Chapter once again we've captured the East Tennessee traveling plaque. Our Chapter showed up in force to G2's meeting the first of April and thanks to Debby we've got the wood again!

Our Chapter also made off with several baked goods from G2. In all it was a terrific event for both Chapters. If you have the opportunity I would encourage you participate with us as we visit local chapters in East Tennessee!

While we were there Carroll Bales had the opportunity to award trike rider hats to G2 members who survived, I mean completed,

our 3-wheel ERC class at Pellissippi State. Both riders seemed to have enjoyed the training.

Chapter Termites, Gordon and Alicia



CLASSIFIEDS

Motorcycle items for sale - contact Brian Richards 865-249-6173

<p>Hondaline Chrome Windshield Garnish, used but not abused – asking \$40/BO</p> 	<p>GL1800 saddlebag & trunk moldings, full set, brand new, Candy Black Cherry – list price \$266 – asking \$90/BO</p> 	<p>Stock GL1800 exhaust extensions used but not abused – asking \$10/BO</p> 
<p>Stock Kawasaki Vulcan backrest frame almost new – asking \$30/BO</p> 	<p>Perfecto motorcycle leather jacket sz 46 - fair condition – asking \$50</p> 	<p>Teknic HydroGuard winter pants, sz 34x44 – asking \$30/BO</p> 

AeroTex Rain Pants sz XXL
Brand new – asking \$30/BO



Honda fleece Gold Wing jacket sz L -
Brand new – asking \$50



Fleece sweater-jacket sz XLT
Brand new – asking \$25/BO



Fleece sweater-jacket sz L
Brand new – asking \$25/BO



(2) Timberline reversible yellow-black
fleece vest sz L
Brand new – asking \$25/BO



Cruiserworks boots, waterproof, almost
new, excellent condition, new factory
installed sole/heel, and refinished
uppers, sz 10 1/2, asking \$80/BO



Laketrail HydroGuard hiking/riding
boots, asking \$10/BO



Cortech GX-Air mesh gloves sz XL
Slightly used – asking \$10/BO



GCS lined winter gloves Ladies sz M
Almost new – asking \$20/BO



Broner thinsulate winter sz XL
Almost new – asking \$20/BO



(2) Cortech DX summer gloves, good
condition – asking \$10 pr/BO



Olympia Gel gloves sz XL
Used – asking \$10/BO



Firstline head scarf antron-lycra
Brand new – asking \$10/BO



Schampa head scarf
Brand new – asking \$10/BO



Upcoming Chapter and other significant rides & events

Details on this month's events (if you are interested, or want further info, please contact the CD):

- May 01 - TN-A/D/Q/S/Y Motorist Awareness - "Gold Wing Day" at Nashville Sounds minor league baseball
- May 05 - TN-T - ROMEOS ride, TBA
- May 07 - TN-T - Ride to visit TN-N, Jackson
- May 07 - TN-A - Fun Day - TBA
- May 08 - TN-T Sunday/Sundae ride, meet @ Halls Public Library, 2pm, dest TBA
- May 12 - TN-T - Dinner ride, meet @ Shoney's @ 6pm, ride TBA
- May 14 - TN-T - Dinner ride, ride TBA
- May 19 - TN-T - ROMEOS ride, TBA
- May 20-21 - TN-C - 28th Annual Roan Mountain Steakout
- May 24 - TN-T gathering
- May 26-28 - AR District Convention - Harrison, AR
- May 27 - TN-M - 4th Annual Golf Tournament - Kingston, TN

Coming up next month (if you are interested, or want further info, please contact the CD):

- Jun 02 - TN-T - ROMEOS ride, TBA
- Jun 04 - TN-Q - Fun Day - Clarksville, TN
- Jun 09 - TN-T - Dinner ride, meet @ Shoney's @ 6pm, ride TBA
- Jun 11 - TN-T - Dinner ride, ride TBA
- Jun 11 - TN-R - Fun Day - Fayetteville, TN
- Jun 12 - TN-T Sunday/Sundae ride, meet @ Halls Public Library, 2pm, dest TBA
- Jun 16 - TN-T - ROMEOS ride, TBA
- Jun 16-18 - WV District Convention – Summerville, WV
- Jun 20 - 20th Annual "Ride To Work" day
- Jun 28 - TN-T gathering

Let's support each other, by visiting the other chapters in our Section & area

<u>Chapter, City</u>	<u>When, Eat/Mtg</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Nbr</u>
"A2" Maryville	4 th Mon, 6pm/7pm	IHOP, 908 Turner St, Maryville	865-323-9481
"B" Knoxville	1 st Tue, 6:30pm/7:30pm	Shoney's, exit 122 off I-75 North of Knoxville at the Museum of Appalachia exit next to the Tommy's Motorsport Cycle Store	423-907-9712
"C" Kingsport	3 rd Tue, 6pm/7pm	Mama's House Buffet, 2608 N John B Dennis Hwy, Kingsport	423-245-8484
"F" Morristown	2 nd Tue, 6:30pm/7:30pm	Golden Corral, 2905 W Andrew Johnson Hwy, Morristown	423-231-7948
"G2" Pigeon Forge	1 st Mon, 6:30pm/7:30pm	IHOP, 1802 Parkway, Sevierville	865-748-1059
"M" Lenoir City	2 nd Tue, 6pm/7pm	Ft. Loudon Medical Center, Lenoir City, (Next to Cracker Barrel and behind Chili's)	865-376-6403
"O" Cleveland	1 st Tue, 6:30pm/7:30pm	Golden Corral, 350 Stuart Rd. NE (I-75 Exit 27), Cleveland	423-478-2575
"V" Chattanooga	2 nd Sat, 9am/10am	Honda Southern Power Sports, 1408 Workman Rd, Chattanooga	423-313-2457

May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Happy Birthday Marvin Owens TN-A/D/Q/S/Y Motorist Awareness - "Gold Wing Day" at Nashville Sounds minor league baseball	2 TN-G2 Pigeon Forge, 6:30 pm	3 Happy Anniversary Mike & Debbie Bailey TN-B Knoxville, 6:30 pm TN-O Cleveland, 6:30pm	4	5 TN-T - ROMEOS ride, TBA	6	7 TN-T - Ride to visit TN-N, Jackson TN-A - Fun Day - TBA
8 TN-T Sunday/Sundae ride, meet @ Halls Public Library, 2pm, dest_TBA Mother's Day	9	10 Happy Birthday Cory Brewer TN-F Morristown, 6:30pm TN-M Lenoir City, 6pm	11	12 TN-T - Dinner ride, meet @ Shoney's @ 6pm, ride TBA	13	14 TN-T Dinner Ride TN-V Chattanooga, 9am Armed Forces Day
15	16	17 Happy Anniversary Lloyd & Judy Pitney TN-C Kingsport, 6 pm	18	19 TN-T - ROMEOS ride, TBA	20 Happy Anniversary Shaun & Renae Turner TN-C - 28th Annual Roan Mountain Steakout	21 TN-C - Roan Mtn Steakout
22	23 TN-A2 Maryville, 6pm	24 TN-T Knoxville, 6pm	25	26 Happy Anniversary Carroll & Pat Bales Happy Anniversary Edward & Barbara Chandler AR District Convention - Harrison, AR	27 TN-M - 4th Annual Golf Tournament - Kingston, TN AR District Convention	28 AR District Convention
29 Happy Birthday Ken Riner	30 Happy Anniversary Brian & Loretta Richards Memorial Day	31				

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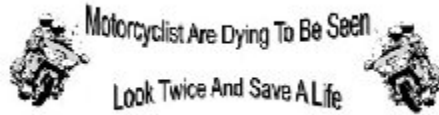
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