

Smoky Mountain Wing Riders - TN-T



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Gold Wing Road Riders Association
GWRRRA Region N - 'Appalachian Region'
Tennessee District, Eastern Section



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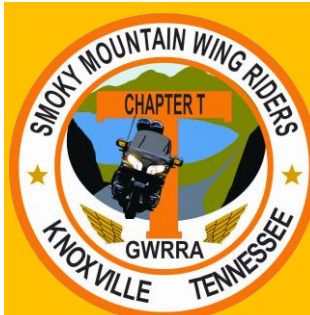
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Monthly gathering

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

Shoney's Restaurant
343 W Emory Road,
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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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Director's Corner



The new chapter patches have arrived! From what I've been told the quality is what we had hoped for. Norm has the patches and will be signing them out at our next meeting on June 28. Every current Chapter T member is approved to receive one patch at no cost. Additional patches may be purchased for \$5.00 each.

Man has it been hot. Remember that when you're out riding in this heat you need to take more frequent breaks off the bike. While stopped be sure and drink water. Energy drinks and soda won't replace the fluids your body needs to prevent dehydration. As a matter of fact the caffeine in energy drinks and the sugar in sodas actually require additional water from your body to process and flush

out. One of the first symptoms of heat exhaustion or dehydration is a loss of concentration. As you know a lack of concentration leads to more near misses and motorcycle crashes. Be safe and stay hydrated!

Well it's vacation time for the Catlett's. I'm taking the entire family to the mountains for 2 weeks of fishing, hiking and white water rafting. As it happens we will not be at the June 28 gathering. I have requested that Brian stand in for me. Our next event is the Chapter dinner ride on July 14 at 6pm. I recommend that we travel to Pete's in Maynardville for dinner. As you'll see in one of my later articles, be careful not to order too much!

Ride Safe and Ride Often,

Gordon and Alicia Catlett, TN-T Chapter Directors

Assistant Chapter Director's Thoughts



Hey TN-T, hope you're all getting out there and getting some good riding in. If you go on a great ride, how about sharing the experience? We will GLADLY include articles from any members here in the newsletter, so write up a quick "Ride Report" about that ride and send it in to me at Brian@tnchaptert.com

We want to be sure all our members understand something we've added to the chapter procedures, so we can all be prepared ahead of time. We now have 4 set events each month. Of course there is the chapter gathering on the 4th Tuesday, we now also added to the calendar these standard activities: dinner ride on the 2nd Thursday; ROMEOS ride on the 1st & 3rd Thursday; and the Sunday/Sundae ice cream ride on the 2nd Sunday. They appear on the ride calendar we will publish each month in the newsletter, but we want you all to

realize that they are standard events happening every month, so you can be prepared.

And on that note, as you've seen, we try to send out an email prior to the dinner ride, asking for replies to let us know who is planning on coming, and we can't stress enough how important getting that reply from you is. If we get no replies, we have no choice but to assume that no one is interested, and we end up cancelling the ride, and we have heard from members that "just showed up" and were disappointed and a little upset that no one was there, because we had cancelled the ride. Additionally, it is very important that we let the restaurant know ahead of time at least a reasonably close approximation of how many will be coming, so they can be ready for us - this makes it much easier for them, AND helps us, if they are ready, we can generally expect good service, but if we just show up unannounced with a large group, and they didn't know we were coming, they're not ready, and chances are very good that the service we receive will not be all that good, something none of us wants, so please, when we contact you about the rides, let us know if you are planning on attending, or even if you THINK you might make it, so we can make sure the ride is the best it can be. Thanks.

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

From our Chapter Educator



Relax, Slow, Look, Press, Roll: in our MSF classes we talk about a 4 step process for cornering with the steps being 1) Slow, 2) Look, 3) Press, and 4) Roll. I can't disagree with those steps, but sometimes I think adding a step prior to that could help. That step would be RELAX.

In a recent Basic Rider Course, a participant started the weekend off by expressing a desire to get over being afraid of riding. I can't say for sure exactly what this person was afraid of, but the fear was of such intensity that it never went away. And that constant fear had a debilitating effect on this person's performance for the entire weekend.

If you pretend to be afraid, I'll bet one of the very first physical manifestations of that would be to clench your fists and tighten your forearms. It's a natural thing to do. If you over-cook a corner, I'll bet your initial reaction is for your arms to become rigid against the handlebars. When your arms become rigid against the handlebars, your entire body tightens up. Your ability to smoothly control the motorcycle and maintain your directional control is gone. This survival reaction may help if you are trying to defend yourself against some sort of attacker, but it's not good on a motorcycle.

In a course I took last summer, one of the exercises targeted relaxing your arms as you approached a corner. This relaxation offset the fear/survival reaction of tightening your arms which would have made it more difficult to control the bike. As we approached a corner, we were instructed to give our elbows a little wiggle in order to help us stay relaxed. We spent an entire session concentrating on this relaxation technique, and I think you'd be surprised at what a difference it can make.

The next time you're out riding, think about giving your elbows a little wiggle before you start into a turn. Nothing big, mind you ... just a little wiggle. If you practice that technique for a while, it will make it easier for the Look and subsequent parts of the cornering process to happen when you get into a corner a little too fast. Try it and see if it works for you.

Geoffrey Greene, TN-T Chapter Educator

Chapter Membership Enhancement Coordinator



We have been inviting new people to come to meeting and rides with us. We are getting some games for the monthly gathering, to make it more exiting for all of us. We have been trying to get some more places to ride to. If anyone has any ideas please email me at beatle_baby34@yahoo.com.

Thanks.

Mike & Debbie Bailey, TN-T MEC

Gathering Minutes



We met at our usual meeting place at Shoney's on Emory Rd in Powell. Our leader, Gordon started the gathering by welcoming several guests, Avery Howard from chapter B in Huntsville Alabama, John & Ann Hooper from Powder Springs, Wilburn & Leeann Hayes Jr. from Washburn, and Michael & Leigh Stanifer from Corryton.

Avery spoke about their rally in Huntsville on Aug 27th & welcomed any & all that would like to attend.

The new patches have been ordered & should be here by the June gathering.

Brian is looking for a vendor for new shirts, caps with the new patch .he will have an up-date this month.

The ROMEOS rides have been slow due to the really hot weather & my having to work several Thursdays. We will get these rides going soon

If any of you missed the dinner ride, you sure missed out on a great ride & excellent food. The Sunday/Sundae ride to Jacksboro was a great time, sorry we missed it.

Geoffrey did a great article about riding in the rain & made some really good points about road traction in bad weather. Also motorcycle accidents state-wide are down so far this year.

Mike & Debbie have made calls & sent e-mails to members about our gatherings & are planning on having some games then. Stay tuned to see what they are up to.

Our webmaster, Bobby Cash, will have some new photos on our website as he went to chapter C Roan Mtn Steak out.

Our sunshine lady, Joyce Hunley, gave birthdays for June with Corky on the 21st, Bernie on the 29th & Ralph & Corky with an anniversary on the 25th.

Norm has agreed to be the chapter historian & will start in July having an article pertaining to the history of chapter T each month. I would like for each couple to let me know when you joined GWRRA & when you became a member of chapter T also would like to know what year bike you were riding at that time.

Door prizes were won by Judy Jenkins, Judy Pitney, Bobby Cash, Joyce Hunley, Dale Brock, Faye Smyre & Vernie Riner. The 50/25/25 was won by Debbie Bailey & Sherry Hitson. Jean Law won the free dinner.

Come to our June meeting & join in on the fun. You just might like it.

Norm Sorrell, TN-T Secretary

MISCELLANEOUS

If you have anything you want to have included here, including for sale ads, 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.

PETE'S

Our first ride to Pete's for dinner is now history! I really liked the food, service and atmosphere. I highly recommend that we put this restaurant on the must visit list for Chapter T.

Being my first time out and famished my eyes were bigger than my stomach. To start off I had the "loaded" house salad. Since everyone I've spoken to recommended the burger not only did I order one but I had the double cheeseburger. Man when that bad boy hit the table I knew I was in trouble. All this burger and fries, I was embarrassed! In case you're wondering I loosened my belt and wolfed it down. I must admit, it was more than I should have taken on but it was a great burger. After all of that the little waitress, who couldn't have weighed more than 100 pounds, had the nerve to come over and ask me if I wanted dessert! Holy cow, I couldn't hardly breathe much less eat anything else!



But wait, the evening wasn't over yet. Next I had to waddle out and mount up on our wing for the ride home. (I should have walked back to Halls) We took the long way, over to Hickory Star and down Highway 61 to Norris Freeway. While riding down 61 a young deer appeared out of nowhere and thankfully decided not to challenge the wing for the right of way. A quick stop by Norris Dam to check on the deer there, and then back on Norris Freeway. Man what an evening!

If you get a chance, stop by Pete's in Maynardville. Just remember, don't order the double cheeseburger unless you're ready to suffer!

Living Large, Gordon and Alicia

CHAPTER PATCH/LOGO

As reported previously, we've updated the chapter patch (see the new version on the cover page), and we have finally received the new patches. As we told you at last month's gathering, all current chapter members will receive the new patch free of charge. We will be distributing them at the June gathering, June 28th, so we hope you are able to join us, for a fun gathering, and to receive your new patch.

Riding into the Future, Gordon and Alicia

HOMETOWN HERO

On June 6th several chapter members made their way to Jefferson City to honor one of our own. Ken Riner was honored by the Modern Woodmen of America as their selection as Ken being the yearly recipient of being named the hometown hero. Ken was awarded this honor for his commitment to helping the New Market senior citizens, the Mason's and the Appalachian Outreach in Jefferson City. He was also mentioned as being a member of GWRRA and chapter T in Knoxville. Ken was awarded a \$100.00 scholarship of his choice to be given to a deserving student. When you see Ken, give him a pat on the back for this honor. "Way to go Ken"!

We ate at Big Daddy's B-B-Q restaurant & the food was really great. The restaurant gave us all a discount for being there in support of Ken.

Norm Sorrell

A SPECIAL RIDE

It is so great to live in one of the great riding areas in the country, and having some great riding weather to boot. Although we had and are having some very hot weather, that is why God gave us mountains.

Debby and I took a little trip to Cherokee then a little ride on the Blue Ridge Parkway during the last month and you can see our Pics on our picture page. It was a fun ride and the comedy of Debby wondering if we were going to run out of gas while we were up there (where there are No gas stations) added to the fun that day. So be sure to get filled up before you ride the Parkway so your Co-Rider is not worrying about the gas.

The Big Highlight of the ride was getting to stop at Mama's Farm House in Pigeon Forge to eat. We have made special friends there and I have been almost thrown out by the Lady I called "Vicky Lawrence" twice. Debby and I have found this place to be a Great place to eat. All you can eat and it is served Home Style on your table just like sitting down to eat at home. Good country cooking and a Back Home atmosphere. So the next time you are in Pigeon Forge try it out, and if you see a Lady that reminds you of Vicky Lawrence, tell her the Trouble Maker on the Black Wing says "Hey".

Bobby Cash

HAVE BIKE, WILL TRAVEL

Most of us generally enjoy the fun and camaraderie of a good ride with our friends, maybe to a chapter gathering, a nice dinner ride, an enjoyable ride someplace special for ice cream, and especially those great rides down "Roads Less Traveled", discovering some nice places of interest in the great country of ours. In that same vein, Loretta and I are true adherents, and follow a slight parity of a VERY old TV commercial ... "See the USA, On a ... Gold Wing"!

To that end, we just returned from another of our enjoyable jaunts around the country, but we didn't get quite as ambitious as is our norm - we usually do some kind of extended cross-country trip - but since we JUST moved here and are still getting "settled" in, we figured on changing our routine a bit this year and take several "shorter" trips and stick "closer to home", relatively speaking that is. 😊



During our fantastic round-robin road trip this year, we traveled through Michigan and Ohio visiting family and friends, and we had the opportunity to attend the Ohio District Buckeye Rally & Convention in Wooster, OH, June 16-18. While there we had the added bonus of seeing a whole BUNCH of our Ohio friends, all in one place at one time, as well as someone from right here in our home that we see at our chapter gathering, Mark, who was there as a vendor, selling his flags and hats (and checking what he did and did NOT need to stock up on for Wing Ding). As we walked around the fairgrounds in our chapter “finery” we created quite a stir and got LOTS of comments - members in Ohio do NOT have many opportunities to see people wearing UT Orange!



And your ACDs won a certificate for furthest traveled to the Convention - and that was using the point-to-point “Google Map” calculation of 452 miles, not the actual 1,531 miles it actually took us to get there.

Brian & Loretta Richards

CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale 1988 GL1500 160,000 miles, asking \$3500, contact Lloyd Pitney, 865-740-0128, 865-932-0151



Motorcycle items for sale - contact Brian Richards 865-249-6173, pictures available via email upon request

- Hondaline Chrome Windshield Garnish, used but not abused – asking \$40/BO
- GL1800 saddlebag & trunk moldings, full set, new, Candy Black Cherry – list price \$266 – asking \$90/BO
- Stock GL1800 exhaust extensions used but not abused – asking \$10/BO
- Stock Kawasaki Vulcan backrest frame almost new – asking \$30/BO
- Perfecto motorcycle leather jacket sz 46 - fair condition – asking \$50
- Teknic HydroGuard winter pants, sz 34x44 – asking \$30/BO
- AeroTex Rain Pants sz XXL, brand new – asking \$30/BO
- Honda fleece Gold Wing jacket sz L - Brand new – asking \$5
- 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 ½, 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

Chapter Birthdays & Anniversaries, and upcoming rides & events



Happy Birthday to:
 June 21 Corky Ridenour
 June 29 Bernie Watkins

Happy Anniversary to:
 June 21 Roger & Marsha Davis
 June 25 Ralph & Corky Ridenour



Details on upcoming events (if you are interested, or want further info, please contact the CD):

- Jul 06-09 - Wing Ding, Knoxville Convention Center, Knoxville, TN
- Jul 07 - TN-T - ROMEOS ride, TBA
- Jul 10 - TN-T Sunday/Sundae ride, meet @ Halls Public Library, 2pm, dest TBA
- Jul 14 - TN-T - Dinner ride, meet @ Shoney's @ 6pm, ride TBA
- Jul 14 - TN-B - Dinner Ride to Pig & Chick, Bean Station, TN
- Jul 21 - TN-T - ROMEOS ride, TBA
- Jul 22 - TN-B - Smokies Baseball Game, Sevierville
- Jul 26 - TN-T gathering
- Jul 30 - TN/AL - Hamburger Run
- Jul 31 - TN-B Knoxville Ride for Kids, Pellissippi State Community College

- Aug 04 - TN-T - ROMEOS ride, TBA
- Aug 11 - TN-T - Dinner ride, meet @ Shoney's @ 6pm, ride TBA
- Aug 11-13 - KY District Convention – Somerset, KY
- Aug 13 - TN-B - Natural Tunnel State Park, Scott County, VA
- Aug 14 - TN-T Sunday/Sundae ride, meet @ Halls Public Library, 2pm, dest TBA
- Aug 18 - TN-T - ROMEOS ride, TBA
- Aug 20 - Chapter TN-N - Fun Day
- Aug 23 - TN-T gathering
- Aug 27-28 - OCP, Lebanon, TN



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

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>When, Eat/Mtg</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Nbr</u>
TN-A2 Maryville	4 th Mon, 6pm/7pm	IHOP, 906 Turner St, Maryville	865-323-9481
TN-B Knoxville	1 st Tue, 6:30pm/7:30pm	Shoney's on Clinton Hwy; I-75 North exit 122 at the Museum of Appalachia exit next to the Tommy's Motorsport Cycle Store	423-907-9712
TN-C Kingsport	3 rd Tue, 6pm/7pm	Mama's House Buffet, 2608 N John B Dennis Hwy, Kingsport	423-245-8484
TN-F Morristown	2 nd Tue, 6:30pm/7:30pm	Golden Corral, 2905 W Andrew Johnson Hwy, Morristown	423-231-7948
TN-G2 Pigeon Forge	1 st Mon, 6:30pm/7:30pm	IHOP, 1802 Parkway, Sevierville	865-748-1059
TN-M Lenoir City	2 nd Tue, 6pm/7pm	Ft Loudon Medical Center Cafeteria, Hwy 321, Lenoir City, (next to Cracker Barrel)	865-376-6403
TN-O Cleveland	1 st Tue, 6:30pm/7:30pm	Golden Corral, 350 Stuart Rd. NE (I-75 Exit 27), Cleveland	423-478-2575
TN-V Chattanooga	2 nd Sat, 9am/10am	Honda Southern Power Sports, 1408 Workman Rd, Chattanooga	423-313-2457

July 2011

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3	4 TN-G2 Pigeon Forge, cancelled for Wing Ding  Independence day	5 TN-B Knoxville, cancelled for Wing Ding TN-O Cleveland, 6:30pm	6 Wing Ding - Knoxville, TN	7 TN-T - ROMEOS ride, TBA Wing Ding	8 Wing Ding	9 TN-V Chattanooga, cancelled for Wing Ding Wing Ding
10 TN-T Sunday/Sundae ride, meet @ Halls Public Library, 2pm, dest TBA	11	12 TN-F Morristown, 6:30pm TN-M Lenoir City, 6pm	13	14 TN-T - Dinner ride, meet @ Shoney's @ 6pm, ride Pete's in Maynardville TN-B - Dinner Ride to Pig & Chick, Bean Station, TN	15	16 Chapter TN-Z - Pancake Breakfast/Poker Run - Columbia, TN
17	18	19 TN-C Kingsport, 6 pm	20	21 TN-T - ROMEOS ride, TBA	22 TN-B - Smokies Baseball Game, Sevierville	23
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Color Key: **TNT rides/events**, Region/District rides/events, **other chapter rides/events**, **Misc motorcycling events**, TN Eastern section chapter Gatherings



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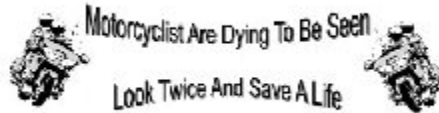
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