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*Join us the First Tuesday each month at Shoney's Restaurant
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(Rt. 61 Museum exit) Just north of Knoxville, Ph. 865-494-7295
Eat at 6:00 PM & our social starts promptly at 7:00 PM
Hope to see you there!!!*



**Wing Ding 41 2019 located in Nashville Tennessee.
You can visit the new Wing Ding 41 web site and view
many of the special events and activities. Go to
<https://wing-ding.org>, Just click on the registration
button. Make sure you look over the entire page to
see all the attractions in the Nashville area. On the
web site is a video showing the surrounding area of
Nashville and the Gaylord Opryland rally site. Looks
like another fun time, make your plans to join us,
who knows you might even win a new 2019 Gold-
wing!!! Remember you have to have a ticket to win.**

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Your Senior Chapter B Directors Tom & Merrilee Peck



Hi Everyone,

Just setting here thinking about all my great friends who shouted out their best wishes and prayers for my up coming surgery in the morning. Been a little busy the last couple days, running up to the Springfield Illinois mile flat track race. The race got canceled on Sunday and re-scheduled till Monday. Monday came and it had to be rescheduled until August 31st. Although we didn't get to see the race, we did get to spend some family time with Merrilee's sister and brother and a few cousins before driving back Monday the 27th. A few weeks back I was diagnosed with some blockages in my heart, surgery was scheduled right away. Worst part of the situation was missing our June 1st picnic. Sure like to thank Stanley and all the planning committee for putting this event together, lots of time and energy to take on something like the Picnic, opening it up to all our Tennessee membership and others who might want to support our event. Thanks a bunch, just hoping for a good turnout. The picnic shelter at the Norris Dam facility is a perfect place to hold the event and I'm sure the added ride doing a Poker Run puts a special little twist on the day. We look forward to a full report of the Picnic soon. Stay tuned to our Web site for upcoming events, I'll try to keep things updated a quick as I can during my recovery. Thanks to everyone for their prayers during this change of events. Life is just going to have to slow down a bit while the Doctors work their magic, thanks again for keeping me in your prayers

Tom



Assistant Chapter Directors



Well summer is definitely here now and wow is it getting hot. We still have a full slate of rides and events for the year and we will be discussing them in our meetings which brings me to a topic that I wanted to discuss and that is consideration and by that, I mean consideration for our fellow members. In our last meeting we discussed the cookout, Roan Mt. steak out and ride for kids. A couple of days later I had a chapter member contact me to ask about some of these events and expressed concern over the fact that we had so much chatter in the room they could not hear what was being announced, this is not the first time I have been contacted needing information because of the same issue. I know we all enjoy coming to the meetings and seeing and talking with our good friends but we need to be considerate when we have people up making announcements of upcoming events that people in the Chapter want to hear and respect the fact that while some information may not be interesting to you it may be to someone else. I myself have been guilty of this also but we need to remember we have the hour before the meetings and the tire kicking time after the meetings to get caught up. So lets make sure everyone gets the full benefit from our meetings and we can all enjoy the time we have together.

Stanley & Patty Rinehart

TN-B Assistant Chapter Directors



Happy Trails



Let's talk about something different this month. Living in east Tennessee we've all become used to the pop-up thunderstorms that occur in the afternoon when the temperatures rise in to the 90's. Many of us just find a covered area, strap on our rain suits and move on, right? Well, there's been a long time myth that being on or in a vehicle with rubber tires insulates the occupants from lightning strikes. Not so fast grasshopper! Cars and trucks provide some protection from lightning strikes, but that happens due to the metal bodywork that diverts the electrical current to the ground, NOT that the tires offer any protection. The car / truck occupants are usually in contact with fabric or plastic parts in the vehicle which insulates them in the vehicle, unless they are actually touching metal parts which can cause problems.

Vehicles like convertibles and MOTORCYCLES that are not fully enclosed in metal are dangerous to operate in conditions where lightning is likely to occur. If lightning strikes an open top vehicle the electrical current can connect directly with its occupants, especially if the occupants' heads extend above the top of the vehicle. This is rare, but two motorcyclists were killed by lightning strikes in Colorado in recent times.

If you're riding and see lightning your bet bet is to find an underpass or a parking structure to wait out the storm, but don't park under a tree. Trees attract lightning, due to their height and moisture content and can transmit the electrical charge to you. Also branches and the trunk of the tree will split when they are struck which can fall on you causing serious injury or death. I'll expand on this subject at our June meeting.

I will also have the tickets at the meeting for our upcoming outing to the Smokies ballgame on Friday June 7th. As usual, those who would like to ride as a group to the game, we'll meet at the Cracker Barrel parking lot on I-40 exit 398 at 5PM and ride to the park at 5:30PM. Remember that parking is still \$5 per vehicle, and rain postponement is decided by the ballpark management after the scheduled 7PM starting time.

until next time, ride safer
Jerry



For Sale



2012 White GL1800 , like new condition, loaded with extras including Bluetooth, Fog Lights, Air Wings, Custom Seat, Passenger arm rest, Comfort package, Trailer Hitch, and lots of extra chrome and lights. Tires are like new, just 300 miles on the rear tire. Extra rear tire and rim, 12,000 OBO, can text picture, call John Hooper (865) 3878985 or text



GWRRA



Explanation of the GWRRA Rider Education Levels Program...

The GWRRA Rider Education Program (REP) is intended to make the motorcycle environment safer by reducing injuries and fatalities and increasing motorcyclist skills and awareness. The REP does not propose to have all the answers. However, our close-working relationship with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF), as well as additional GWRRA programs and studies, has provided a wealth of information for use in establishing a comprehensive Rider Education Program. Through Commitment, Education and Application, we can reduce our accident rate significantly. Listed below are several benefits of a fully implemented GWRRA Rider Education Program at the Chapter level:

- Increased rider knowledge
- Increased rider safety skills
- Prevention of accidents
- Reduced injuries
- Reduced fatalities
- Improved general public image of motorcyclists
- Enhanced enjoyment of motorcycle riding



The motorcycle community is already realizing many positive benefits from the GWRRA Rider Education Program. Through the efforts of the Rider Education Officers and participation of the membership and others, we will reach our goal of establishing the safest motorcycle environment possible.

One of the safety programs that GWRRA and our District is asking everyone to look at is the Riders Education Program and to be specific the level's Program. There are four levels to the program and each level is geared to make you a better rider and co-rider. Level 1 is as simple as saying that you are committing to riding safe then filling out the paper work and submitting it to our District Educator. I have just filled mine out and submitted it and look forward to working my way up through the other levels. I will have a members list at the meeting that will show where your current status is at and will have some forms for those wanting to get started. You can also go on the national web site and see your own status info that GWRRA has on you. To see it go to GWRRA (<http://gwrro.org/>) and click on the officer's tab and click on Rider Education. From here you can click on the levels program tab on the left side to read all about it or also on the left side click on My RE. Information then log in, your login name will be your membership number and your password will be the numbers of you address plus the expiration date on your membership card so for example if you address was 230 and you expiration date was 5/19 then your password would be 2300519. Once in you can see your GWRRA information, it's that simple. Hopefully everyone will join me and let's have some fun getting through other levels to make our favorite pass time a safe one.

Stanley

Just a Follow up, I think we have everyone signed up for Level 1 but a few that thought that the group riding class that Brian Richards put on went toward Level 2 is not correct. If Tom has not already got with the people that wrote checks for Level 2 patches he will shortly.

A message from The Sunshine Lady



Belk tickets.

If you have sold tickets. Please bring the money and any unsold tickets to the June meeting. Thanks to everyone for all your help and support.



Emily



Roan Mt. Steak Out

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Well the day for the steak out started early for me and Patty as we left the house at 8:00 that morning to ride to Strawberry Plains to meet everyone and have a good breakfast at Cracker barrel. We pulled out from Cracker Barrel with five bikes and one jeep as we headed toward Roan mountain. The day was beautiful with warm temps and clear skies. We avoided the super slab and opted for secondary roads and this made for a much more enjoyable trip, Kyle did a great job keeping us pointed in the right direction. We met up with Bill and Barbra in Morristown and this gave us our first break of the day. After hitting the road our second destination was the Davy Crockett Birthplace State Park, which turned out to be a very nice place to take a break and get hydrated as the day was starting to get



hot. We left Davy Crockett and set our sights on Roan Mountain and a nice steak dinner. The roads around Roan Mt. are great to ride and the scenery is just an added bonus. After making it to RMSP and checking in Patty and I decided to check out the campgrounds as we were wanting to camp there next year and cash in on the bean supper that we always seem to miss. After cruising the campground and talking to a very nice lady in the check in site we were able to find out that we could reserve a site 12 months out and as we checked in with Chapter C to get next year's dates, and we made our reservations. The cookout went great as always and we enjoyed another great steak dinner and got prepared to hear the winners of the drawings. We had a few Chapter B members win some door prizes but we missed out on the 50/50 and Grand prize drawings but we didn't go home empty handed. We did win the award for the largest instate chapter there, we also had Sam Queener win an award for the senior citizen and Scott seal win the award for the youngest pre-registered member and the icing on the cake was that we walked away with the travelers plaque that I'm sure will have other chapters visiting us to try and collect. We had a great time and as always Chapter C put on another great event that we look forward to next year. As we all loaded up to start for home, we noticed that rain clouds had started to form and as we pulled out and the further we rode the worst they looked till all of a sudden, the bottom fell out and it started to pour the rain. There were only four of us at this point and all on trikes as we pulled off to get our rain suits on. After pulling out I can honestly say that was some of the heaviest rain Patty and I have been in. We would get little breaks in the rain then it would hit hard again, great care had to be taken as our trike was experiencing a lot of hydroplaning. We road in and out of rain for the next hour or so then as darkness fell so did the temps. me and patty and Roy and Joyce split from the others as we pulled off to add some layers and get a little break in before the last track home. Me and Patty pulled back into the drive at 10:30 that night and overall had a great time and look forward to next year. Speaking of next year there are three of us right now that have reserved camp sites and would love to see some more of you join in, they also have cabins for rent as well.



Stanley

Technical Bench

Technical Coordinator: Chris Harden



Goldwing Suspension

Honda Goldwings 2001-2017 like all motorcycles have to have forks serviced. When doing this it is necessary to replace seals and **bushings** due to the angle and pressure the forks are constantly under as a result it wears the bushings and damages the seals. As the motorcycles age the front springs weaken and you will notice the bike sagging in front. . A company called Progressive Suspensions has a solution Upgraded rear springs are also available.

Affordable high performance front suspension has finally made its way to the Honda GL1800 & F6B. Progressive Suspension's state of the art Monotube Cartridge Fork Kit represents a high point of touring bike front-end handling. The kit features a set of gas charged Monotube dampers and a pair of Gold Wing proven custom tuned fork springs and replaces the antiquated open bath internals of the stock fork.

Monotube style damping improves ride comfort as well as improving front end stability, cornering and bottoming control. The kit fits 2001 through current Honda Gold Wings and all F6B models, and replaces most of the internal parts of the fork. No mods are required to install and it retains the factory anti-dive function. 1" lowered option available for F6B models.

We also stand behind our Fork Cartridge Kits with a limited lifetime warranty.

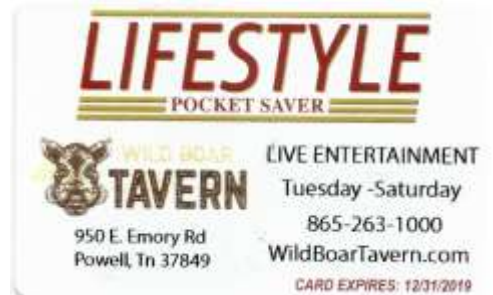
Designed to replace your stock spring for Honda 2001+ GL1800 Models



On 2018 Goldwings a problem is arising with the tie rods to the handlebars. People have heard rattling sounds and looseness felt in the handlebars this is caused by loose tie rod end Traxxion Dynamics has a solution for this issue it is a upgraded tie rod kit



LifeStyle Entertain-



Need Suggestions for the next Dinner Ride



**COME
AND GET
IT!!!**



We will cover Birthdays at the meeting



We will cover Anniversaries at the meeting



"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 423-907-9712 / 423-494-9818

Chapter **A2** meets the **3rd Monday** each month at Shoney's 1021 Lamar Alexander Pkwy Maryville, Eat at 6pm Meeting at 7pm. Chapter Directors Bob Mack Jr. and Margie Pagano 865-376-5090.

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 Brian & Loretta Richards 865-249-6173

Chapter **T** meets the **4th Saturday** Each month at the Golden Corral 6621 Clinton Hwy 37921 Eat at 9:00 am/Meet at 10:00 am CD: Bobby Cash 865-705-7657

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 Bruce & Gayle Babcock 865-344-7194

Lets go Visit!

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 Pendleton, 423-245-8484

Chapter **C2** meets the 3rd **Thursday** at Shoney's, 4148 US 127, S Crossville, Eat at 6:30 pm Meeting at 7:00 pm Chapter Director is Randy Ryan. 985-201-3791

New Chapter Golf Shirts see Pat Place your Order with Pat Talley



Give me a call, email me or see you at the next meeting
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Tennessee visitation pins (Shape of State).....\$4.00 ea.

- TN-B Hanger Bars 2.00
- Red/ White 4" GWRRA Patch 6.00
- Black/Gold 4" GWRRA Patch..... 6.00
- Black/Gold 10" GWRRA Patch..... 14.00
- Red/White 10" GWRRA Patch..... 14.00
- Blue & Red District Patch 5.00
- TN District Pin 4.00

Chapter B 25 Year Patch.....Free to Chapter B members

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, Bolo Ties, Happy Face Antenna Ball - and so much more (just too much to list here).



LET'S GO SHOPPING!

See the "Quarter Master"

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