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Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) *Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge*

Director's Corner

Hello Chapter H,

October is here, Fall and some cooler temperatures have arrived. With the shorter days and cooler mornings, riding time is reduced unless you have the proper gear for cooler temperatures. Several months ago, Thu and I purchased heated clothing so we could extend our riding time. She had the opportunity to wear hers on a ride to Chattanooga Chapter once and made the comment that it was worth the money.

Our last Chapter meeting turn out pretty well. We had a Plaque and "A piece of wood that is not worth anything", to give away. Chapter Z took both pieces of wood with them when they left. After our meeting, we went on a unplanned ride to Culleoka, TN. to check out the Campbell Station Restaurant that David Hill heard about. Since he probably has pictures, I will let him tell you the rest of the story. It was a good ride with David and Karen leading.

The only plans we have at the moment are to continue to visit other chapters when we have a



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chance.

Don't forget our next meeting is Oct 22nd, at Shoney's, 1306 Hwy 96, Franklin, TN. We eat 9-10, meet 10-11 am.

Have a Safe Ride
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Sayings found on T-shirts:

When I was a kid, I wanted to be older:
This is not what I expected.

As long as everything is exactly the way I want it,
I'm TOTALLY FLEXIBLE

District Directors Comments

Gary and Patti Hamilton

Wing Ding in Billings is now over and next year we move to Grape Vine Texas. We joined about 6800 other members in Billings, Montana and had a great time. Let me start off by thanking Allen and Dottie for the great job they did in representing Tennessee and Region N in the Couple of the Year Selection. We are very proud of what you accomplished. You are winners in our book. I also want to thank the District staff for all your hard work helping us complete our assignment at Wing Ding. Also thanks to Larry and Ann from Chapter A2 for helping us on the first day. Our District Educator team worked very hard helping with training classes and rider courses. Somehow I got pulled into that helping layout and mark some of the rider courses.

Alvin, Josie, Roger and I rode out to Billings while Marie and Patti flew. This was Patti's first experience flying. Being she flew out and never got to experience some of the scenery that I got to see by riding we took some time after our work assignment was over and rode around the area. We rode down to Custer last stand, then over to Red Lodge, while visiting the visitor center there we saw Dennis and Jan Peterson. They joined us on our journey and we rode over Bear Tooth Pass into Yellow Stone. We came back by the Chief Joseph Scenic byway. It was a beautiful ride. We are go glad we took the time away from the rally to do this. Going over the Pass the wind got up and the temperature dropped with a little bit of rain. Don't tell me Jan Peterson does not have a sense of humor, as we were pulling out from a scenic overlook a rider pulled in and jumped off his bike with his camera running out into the field to take some pictures when we heard Jan Peterson say "watch out for the rattlesnakes", the guy did a mid air turn around and headed back to his bike. Forget the pictures, I almost fell off the bike laughing.

Patti and I did sign up for some of the demo rides. One was the reverse trike built by Hannagan. I must say it was different. Once we adjusted to having two wheels up front and not in the rear and not in the back. We were very pleased with how well the bike rode and handled.

Patti had to fly out on Sunday morning along with a lot of other people. I was surprised how many flew instead of riding their bikes. I know a lot of people could not get that much time off from work. Considering the distance I understand. Alvin, Josie, Roger, Marie and I rode out in the rain on Sunday morning heading to Rapid City, South Dakota. We managed to ride out of the rain in a few miles and the ride was enjoyable. We stopped at the Devil's Tower, and Josie and Marie decided to walk the 3 miles around it. Alvin and Roger went with them so I found a nice bench and sat. I was looking at the top of the tower and thought I saw someone standing on top of it. I asked a park ranger if there was a way to the top and he said yep, you can climb the tower from the other side. People use ropes and climb that thing. The rain caught up with us by the time our group made the 3 mile walk so with rain gear we headed out. Getting late and we had over 140 miles to go to Rapid City. As many of you know it gets dangerous riding at night out in this area, lot of deer etc. out. Things went well until we entered South Dakota. All I can say is I saw a red blur and moved to the right. Roger and Marie got clipped by a deer, taking off their front foot peg, and hitting their left front of the trailer. Josie was on the CB asking who hit the deer. Roger answered that he thought it was just a near miss everything was ok. When we got to the hotel in Rapid City was when we discovered how close they had come to a bad situation. Roger's forward foot peg was missing, and the left front of their trailer was busted and covered in deer hair and poop. Brought back memories for me. The next day I made a quick trip to Advanced Auto and got a fiberglass kit and Alvin did some jam up body patching on the trailer. Good as new. We rode over

to Mount Rushmore, then Needles and the loop where we got in 3 buffalo herds. Then the Badlands, Wall. We did a tour at the Ellsworth Air Force Base where we toured a Minute Man II Missile Silo. Marie flew out home on Thursday and we headed home. We did have one adventure on the way up. We arrived in Kansas City just as a storm was coming in, the tornado sirens were blaring as we pulled in under the motel cover. Lucky for us it was only heavy rain and no tornado.

Just a Friendly Reminder

District Operations Meeting November 19, 2016. Location: New Heart Christian Church, 49 Business Park Drive, Lebanon, TN. Located off highway 109 North. We have blocked a group of rooms at the Sleep Inn, 150 South Gate Court (just off I40). They have made a rate of \$74.00 a night for king and \$79.00 for double rooms. Phone 615-449-7005. Mention GWRRA when you call. The hotel is less than 3 miles from the church. We need ALL officers within the chapter to attend; CD's, ACD's, Treasurers, Educators and MEC's. If your chapter is going to have Officer changes for the coming year please have them attend. Please send me the names and positions to be filled so we can have the paperwork completed and ready for them. Also I have been asked if the chapter can pay for officer rooms and or other expenses. Yes you can. It is up to the CD. It will depend on your financial situation. This is why the chapter has 50-50 and raises money. To support the chapter expenses. It all depends on the Chapter financial situation and the decision of the CD.

Winter Event is coming January 14, 2017. Our Couple of the Year selection will be held at this time. We would like to see all our couples attend and would love to see them in the selection process, however if they choose not to compete then attend to support the others. The location is the Lane Agri Park, Murfreesboro, TN. We have special room rates at the Sleep Inn, 193 Chaffin Place, Murfreesboro. Phone 615-396- 3000. The rate is \$74.00 a night. Be sure and mention GWRRA when making the reservation. The theme is Bringing In The New Years. It will be a time to party.

Region N Rally will be November 4th and 5th in Johnson City, Tennessee at the Holliday Inn Convention Center. It sounds like they have a great event planned for us. We have their flyer on the web page and on the Region N web page.

Welcome to the team. We would like to welcome Wesley and Cindy Neal as our new Chapter Directors for Chapter Y, Murfreesboro. We know they will do a great job. Congratulate Wesley and Neal when you see them. Better still come to their gathering and support them as they start in their new position. Congratulations to Alvin Nelson our District Educator on becoming a Master Instructor in Rider Education Rider Courses. Alvin accomplished that goal at Wing Ding.

I got to join Chapter C in their Wings Across Tennessee. They did a great job again this year. Thanks to all the chapters who joined them and made this ride to St. Jude Hospital a great success. Over \$100,000 dollars was raised this year. The ride was a little wet going from Dickson to Memphis and a lot wet going home but a great ride anyhow.

Thanks to all our Tennessee GWRRA members who attended Wings Over The Smokies this past weekend. Tennessee won the largest district within Region, Chapter O had the largest chapter preregistered outside NC. Several Tennessee folks won money and tires. Thanks everyone for making Tennessee look good.

Ride safe and have fun,
Gary and Patti Hamilton.

Assistant District Director - Middle TN

Dennis & Jan Peterson

Veteran's Day Parades

My article this month will be information on two events that I feel are very important, Chapter Q and Chapter A Veterans Day Parades. Both parades have been going on for many years but this is the first year that they are not on the same day. This means we can participate in both Parades. Both chapters have a full set of flags that we like to fly on the motorcycles. Let's see if we can fly all the flags at both parades.

First I would like to say thank you to all who support this event. This is the one time each year we get a chance to show the Veterans and Soldiers of Ft. Campbell how much we appreciate what they do so well and the sacrifices they make for us, so we can enjoy the freedom to ride as we do. Every one that has watched it says it is awesome and moving just to see the bikes and the flags.

I am going to try to let you know what is going to happen and how we think it will work. The parades are sponsored by the Veteran Organizations in Clarksville for Chapter Q and Nolensville for Chapter A. I will talk about the Chapter Q parade first then the Chapter A parade because they are set up differently.

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First on Friday Nov 4, 2016 they will have a Meet and Greet at the Golden Corral located at 2811 Wilma Rudolph Blvd, Clarksville, TN 37040. If you are traveling west on I-24 use exit 4 and go back under the freeway which will put you on Wilma Rudolph Blvd. The Golden Corral is about a block off Wilma Rudolph Blvd on the left side (near the mall). This will take place between 5:30 and 8:00 pm. Feel free to come any time, this will be informal and just a chance for everyone to have dinner and see some old friends. There will not be a designated area for us but we should try to use the area to the right of the entrance next to the dessert line. We will have a sign-in book so we can get people signed in here instead of needing to get everyone at the parade.

Saturday Nov 5, 2016. Everyone should meet at the Skyline Lanes located at 201 Kraft St, Clarksville, TN 37040 at 7:00 am. This should give us time to get all the flags on the motorcycles and everyone lined up for the move to the Staging Area. If you do not have a flag carrier on your motorcycle we will have everything that is needed to attach a flag to your motorcycle without hurting the bike. At about 8:30 am we will move to the Staging Area which is only a few blocks from the Skyline. We should be in the first part of the parade but I don't have the exact position yet. There will be marshals in the area to get us exactly where we should be. From here it will be a matter of waiting until the parade starts. One we move out for the parade we will just follow the route. The parade will move slow as they all do and there will be a lot of stopping and starting. We will have most of the street to ride on but I think it will be best to maintain a close staggered formation, so we can keep it a little closer than normal ride spacing. There will be **NO** candy throwing at any time.

After the parade is completed we will return to the Skyline Lanes located at 201 Kraft St, Clarksville, TN. As you come in the parking lot keep to the right side out of the way of any cars that may be there. We will shut down the bikes and remove the flags from the bikes. Please fold the

flags and return them to the bags they came in and remove the poles and return both to the chapter.

Chapter A's Veteran's Day Parade Point of Contact (mgglwng07@gmail.com) 615-300-8360

The Nolensville Parade is not as stringent as the Clarksville Parade about line up time.

Here is the information I have received. Chapter A parade will be November 12, 2016. They meet for breakfast at 8:00 am at the Nolensville Feel Mill and Amish Market 7280 Nolensville Rd, Nolensville. The telephone number is 615-776-4252. After breakfast (about 9:15 or 9:30 am) everyone will gather in the parking lot behind Martin's BBQ/Sonic to install the flags. The Chapter will have everything you need to install the flags without damaging the motorcycles. The parade is not very long – about a miles and flag so it is an easy ride.

After the parade the chapter normally meets at Martin's BBQ for lunch.

Here are a few things to think about for the ride:

1. Keep your spacing and watch the motorcycle in front of you. Water the spectators for kids running out or cutting across the street.
2. If you have a co-rider they should watch your flag so it doesn't blow around into our face.
3. If you have a 1500 or older I understand you have to watch the RPSs and keep them up so the battery will continue to charge. The 1800 is not a problem. We seem to have at least one battery die each year.
4. Any time you get the change to put the bike in neutral and release the clutch it will help to keep the clutch from failing. Some years we have had some stick and some overheat the fluid.
5. If you have a problem pull to the side and someone will be along to help. If the bike in front of you has a problem, please keep the parade moving and one of the last bikes will stop and help with the problem. If you know your problem and do not need help, put that out on the CB.

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Vickie and Troy Hurt

Wow is hard to believe 2016 is almost over, this has been a good year for Middle Tennessee Chapters. It has been fun watching everyone chasing the plaques, and we still have a couple of Months to go. By the time everyone reads this article the North Carolina Rally will be in the books. We will have more on it later.

The Month of October is going to be a real busy Month, the Virginia Rally will be held October 6-8 please check out the website for the info. This should be a good one.

Tennessee Chapters have several rides for the Month of October. Tennessee Chapter E in Smyrna has an overnight ride to Grand River KY set for the 15th. They are to have dinner at Mrs. Patti's & a dinner show.

Anyone that wants to join them please contact Randy Galloway Chapter Director Chapter E.

We know different Chapters have Fall Color Rides planned, we know Chapters Y, A, Z, E, L, and Q. have something taking place so please check with the Chapter Directors and see what they have planned.

The Tom Blackmon Ride is set for October 21st thru the 22nd. This is open for everyone and has been a lot of fun it will be held in Sweetwater TN. We have a block of rooms at the Quality Inn 249 Hwy 68 and I-75. The phone number is 1-423-337-3353 rates are \$85.99 per night plus tax this rate is for all rooms. When you call please them you are with GWRRA Tom Blackmon Ride. We will drop the rooms on the 10th. So if any Chapters want to join us please get your rooms and we hope to see everyone in Sweetwater!

For the Month of November several events will be taking place. Region N is having a fall event in Johnson City TN. Be sure and check out their web site for the latest updates. This should be a great event.

Also on the 5th is the Veteran's Day Parade in Clarksville TN. Sam Winters former District Director & Chapter Director for Tennessee Chapter Q worked very hard to get this parade going several years ago. Since Sam's passing Chapter Q and the Members of Middle Tennessee have kept it going. We will be going down Friday night to join them.

On November 12th is the Nolensville Veteran's Day Parade. Paul Tampien is the contact person and where they need everyone to line up at. At both of these parades they have the poles & ties if you have flag pole holders please bring them. We have enough people in Tennessee to fly all the flags at both parades so lets do this for the Men & Women that have served or are on active duty.

Please remember the OPS meeting on November 19th in Lebanon TN. There will be e-mails coming soon.

Take Care & Ride Safe in 2016

Troy & Vickie Hurt
West/Middle Tennessee Assistant District Directors
Senior Chapter Directors Tennessee Chapter A

Leonard & Mikki Costanzo 2016 TN District Couple of the Year

Well, well, well, what a past couple of months this has been for the TN District Couple of the Year. We have been all over the place it seems like. In August we attended the Kentucky District Rally in Cave City, Ky. Attending a few of the many seminars, visiting with venders, friends and family. We managed to try the bike games which was a first for us, but you can't have FUN if you don't get involved. We were able to get 1st place in the Light Show, Class 3 and Max Thomas won 1st place in Class 1. Mikki was able to win an awesome quilt for our bed.

Then it was time to get ready for the trip to Billings, Mt. for Wing Ding 38. This trip Mikki could not make it due to work obligations. The weather was for the most part was great, I could have done without the high cross winds across South Dakota however. While I have traveled thru most of the country by way of motorcycle, I have not been to that part of the country. And yes that means side trips and lots of stops to look at sites and experience things. The Badlands has always been a place of fear for me as I grew up on the spaghetti westerns with Clint Eastwood. It seemed like a place that you could not survive when going thru there. BOY was I wrong, it is absolutely gorgeous. To me it is the Grand Canyon of the North. From there it was to Sturgis, Deadwood, the Black Hills and more.

And we just finished up with The Wings Over the Smokies, North Carolina Rally. So while there we decided to take in a ride that we as a Chapter (Chapter Y) have not been on. We left the Rally site and went on a portion of

the Blue Ridge Parkway to Highway 209 called The Rattler. It is an awesome ride and will give The Dragon a run for its money. This road takes you to Hot Springs, NC and then of course you will need to ride it back and then to end the day we took in the route on Soco Rd. It ended up and all day ride and if your not seasoned to riding and dealing with one curve after another. You will know it when you get done as the muscles will let you know that.

There are 2 more Rally’s scheduled before the end of the year and we are looking forward to them. Mikki and I are looking forward to the Region Rally and the Region Couple Selection. We hope to see you all there.

Ride Safe and Watch out for the Hazards

Leonard & Mikki Costanzo
2016 TN District Couple of the Year

Murphy’s Motorcycle Laws

1. A motorcycle cannot/will not fall over without an audience.
2. The fact your keys are still in your pants pocket will become apparent after you put your gloves on.
- 3 Motorcycles are to yellow bugs what aircraft carriers once were to Kamikaze pilots.
4. Quick fixes are named for how long they stay fixed.
5. The only part you really need will also be the only part on permanent backorder.
6. Nothing is harder to start than a used motorcycle being shown to a prospective buyer.
7. You will never suffer a punctured tire on the road until you leave the repair kit at home.
8. “Universal” accessories are so named because that is where you must search to find the bike they fit.

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Rider Education

Top 10 Motorcycle Safety Tips For Street Riding

by Gary Ilminen
August 25, 2014



We've all heard it – “there are only two kinds of riders, those who have crashed and those who are going to.” On an average day, about 222 motorcycle crashes occur in the U.S. About 184 of those cause injury, with 10 of those being fatal – a very scary statistic.

No matter where you ride or what you ride, staying safe is the top priority. Since starting my motorcycling days 40 years ago aboard a brand new 1974 Honda CL200T, I've made some observations and learned some things that have helped me stay safe.

There are, of course, literally hundreds of street safety tactics and strategies and many may be unique to the kind of riding you do. There are some that I've found very useful and a number of them apply to whatever motorcycle riding you do—competition types excluded, of course.

1. No drugs, no alcohol when riding.

If you take prescription drugs know whether the medication has known side effects such as slowed reaction times, dizziness, drowsiness and so on. This can be particularly important if the dosage of any medication you regularly take is changed or other medications are added or stopped.

Medications for high blood pressure, diabetes, depression, smoking cessation and some other conditions can be particularly prone to having side effects you should know about before you ride. Talk to your doctor about your medications and conditions and how safe riding may be affected.

2. ATGATT.

Protect yourself and any passenger by using All The Gear All The Time. If you ride in a state where helmet use is up to you, choose to wear a helmet. Head injuries can be very serious, even if they occur at low speeds without a helmet. Helmets cannot prevent head injuries in all instances, but there's little question that they can reduce severity of head injuries or prevent them altogether in a variety of circumstances.

If they weren't effective, would professional racers of all types use them? Modern riding jackets are tough, can be armored up, made with high visibility fluorescent and/or reflective materials and can be lightweight and ventilated or made of mesh to be cool in warm weather. Riding gloves, purpose-built riding pants, boots and eye protection can combine to offer great protection from head to foot with comfort in most all riding conditions.

3. Situational awareness.

Keep your head on a swivel and use the rear-view mirrors to monitor what's going on 360° around you. Try to keep space between you and other traffic; don't be a tailgater and don't let other drivers tailgate you. The more space you keep between you and the other guy, the less likely it is

their mistake will involve you. Situational awareness can help you anticipate problems and avoid them.

4. Speed reduces your options.

Every time your speed doubles, your stopping distance roughly quadruples. So, if you can stop in 50 feet from 30 mph, for example, at 60 mph, your stopping distance goes up to about 200 feet. It's not just about obeying the speed limit—it's about giving yourself more options for stopping and evasive action that can be done safely. Think about dropping down below the speed limit in some situations such as wet pavement, poor visibility, ground cover such as brush or crops tall enough to conceal wildlife that comes right up to the pavement as is the case on some back roads. Forget about street racing—if you want to twist the throttle for real, take it out to a track for a track day or sanctioned event.

5. Be able to count on your machine.

That means a quick pre-ride check on tires, attachments, oil, coolant (if applicable), brake fluid, chain or drive belt condition and tension, lights, brake light, turn signal and horn function. Anything not working properly, loose, out of adjustment, low fluid levels and so on can cause unexpected problems while under way and some things can affect control of the bike.

6. Think about special hazards that can come up in certain times of the year.

If you ride out in farm country, standing crops like corn can conceal moving hazards such as deer, bear even wild turkey and dogs that are big enough to take a bike down in a collision. Be particularly cautious during late summer and early fall riding when harvesting and hunting seasons are underway.

Farm equipment like corn harvesters can spook deer and other animals that may be feeding or bedded down in the crops. When that happens, the animals may bolt out into the road, creating a very special type of hazard requiring special tactics, especially in areas where crop planting is allowed to crowd close to the roadway. Cut your speed, cover your brake, stay out near the centerline and watch for any sign of movement along the roadside.

7. Heighten your vision.

A lot of riders wear dark wrap-around glasses, which work fine in bright sunlight in areas where deep shadows are infrequent. However, if your route includes a lot of areas of dark shadows at the roadside, such as in forested areas, you may want to consider lightly tinted eyewear. If there is a lot of shadow or the day is going to be overcast, certain types of amber riding glasses or face shield may be helpful in increasing contrast.

8. Know the road and if you don't, know your limits.

It can be fun to get frisky with the throttle on roads you know well, especially if they have some neat technical curves and have good road surfaces. When you're traveling in unfamiliar country, take it easy. The next blind corner may be concealing gravel or sand on the road, an off-camber, decreasing radius corner or a one-lane bridge—with a gravel truck taking up all of it.

9. Consider training.

Whether you're a rider with some experience, a former rider who has been away from the sport for some years and are now returning or are a new motorcycle owner, joining the ranks of riders for the first time, professionally delivered training can make you a better rider.

Major motorcycle manufacturers offer great rider training programs around the country such as Harley-Davidson's Rider's Edge Program with programs for new riders and experienced riders alike. Honda has MSF basic and advanced rider training, as well.

10. Focus.

Perhaps nothing is more central to safety than the rider's focus on the task at hand. Avoid allowing anything to intrude on your attention to the road, your speed, changes in road conditions, weather, traffic and roadside hazards and other vehicles. One of the major causes of motorcycle accidents identified in the landmark Hurt report on motorcycle crashes was when other drivers (i.e. automobile drivers) said they didn't see the motorcyclist.

That means the motorcyclist has two countermeasures—increase your visibility to other drivers (see point #2)—and make sure you see them in case they don't see you.

These are just a few ideas, no doubt you are aware of many more. Nothing in this article should be construed as legal or medical advice—just some good ideas to help out with safety. Take your time, enjoy the ride and be safe out there!

<p>Visit the TN GWRRA website at: www.gwrratn.org It's the place to go to find out what's happening in TN!</p> <p>Tennessee Gold Wing Road Riders Association is proud to be a part of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA). GWRRA is an international association for owners of Gold Wings and Valkyries, owners of other makes and models of motorcycles are welcome to join us as we continue to enjoy the pleasures of riding our motorcycles while sharing with our 'friends for fun, safety, and knowledge'. Join us!</p> <p>For more information: http://www.gwrratn.org -- Information on GWRRA in Tennessee http://www.region-n.org -- Information on GWRRA in Region N http://www.gwrra.org -- Information on GWRRA National/International</p> <p>GWRRA International Headquarters 21423 N 11th Ave Phoenix AZ 85027 Phone (800) 843-9460 Fax (623) 581-3844</p>

Notes from the Chapter Couple of the Year

David & Karen Hill

We had a lot of visitors at our last meeting; of course, we had the Middle Tennessee Traveling Plaque which was up for grabs. Chapter TN-Z was the lucky chapter to take the plaque home with them.



After the meeting, I mentioned to the Chapter that I had heard about a restaurant down in Culleoka that sounded interesting but I knew nothing about it. It was decided that we would check it out anyway. It was a good ride down, 2 lane roads all the way. I could not find the Restaurant on my GPS but thought I could find it anyway. How big could Culleoka be anyway? When we arrived in Culleoka, I heard a still small voice on my CB instructing me to TAKE THE NEXT RIGHT! Ok, Ok, I'll do that. It was our CD on his CB - his GPS did locate the restaurant even though mine didn't. With his directions, we rode right to it.



Anyway, the restaurant is called the Campbell Station Restaurant. It isn't a fancy place but the food was good. They are only open on Friday and Saturday from 11:00am to 8:30pm though. If you are looking for a good place to ride, check them out. They are on Facebook.

There were 4 people sitting at a table not too far from where we were. I noticed that the server/cook/cashier gave one of the older ladies a T-shirt and cards from the restaurant. It turns

out that the lady's grandfather owned the building which was a store back when she was a child. By the way, the building dates back to the 1800's – don't remember the exact year.

Our next adventure will be heading up to Maryville, TN-A2, which has the COY plaque up for grabs on Monday evening, Oct 17. We are also planning to head up to Kingsport, TN-C which meets the following night. They don't have a plaque but this would be a good opportunity to check them out.

Until next month, have a Happy and Safe Halloween.

TN-H Couple of the Year for 2016

Karen & David

Region Director Thoughts

Glenda & Alan Keough

What a difference a day makes....literally! We started home Sunday from Wings Over the Smokies in North Carolina riding in temps in the mid 90's. Being the fair weather rider that I have become, we stopped for the day early that afternoon. Monday morning when we started out again the temps were in the 50's. Oh, how I love fall. I'd take this season all year long.

Speaking about WOTS, what a super rally North Carolina had again this year. After being told late in the day that the Aquoni Center wasn't available this year, Roy & Cindy and their awesome team pulled together and took us back to the days when a rally under a tent wasn't anything unusual. They had everything – vendors, games, prizes....they had it all. I even tried my hand at Jenga for the first time, and even though, I was the one to knock the stack over, I was pretty proud of how well I did. I can't stress how proud I am of the North Carolina District.

We were also able to attend Wing Ding in Billings the first of September. Although it was unusually hot for that time of the year, we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. We got to meet lots of new folks (one advantage of working at on-site registration) and catch up with old friends that we hadn't seen since Wing Ding last year. These things remind me how much I love this organization and the family that it has brought into my life. You truly do meet the nicest folks on a Gold Wing. Region "N" made a super showing at Wing Ding. We brought home lots of awards, not the least of which was Educator of the Year presented to our own Kyle Craig. WooHoo!!! Way to go Kyle...we are so proud of you!

Our travels in October take us to Rally in the Valley in Virginia. This brings to an end the district rallies for Region "N" for the year. I hate to see the season end, but can think of no better place to hold that event. We are looking forward to another successful rally with our Virginia friends.

If you haven't already, be sure and check out our new Facebook page. You can find us under Appalachian Region N. Join the group and keep up with what's going on in Region "N". Feel free to post news about your district and chapter happenings there so that we can all keep up with what's taking place in the Region. This is your group, so be sure to participate in informing us all about what is happening in your chapter/district.

If you haven't registered for the Appalachian Fall Finale in November take a minute to go out to the region website and download the registration form, fill it out, and send it in. Be sure to come support your district couple. They are looking to you for encouragement, so don't let them down. You also don't want to miss what Rosalie & Willie Boyles have in store for you. Those of you who were at the West Virginia Rally know what I'm talking about. Those of you who haven't seen the production will be glad you get to see it. Lots of song and dance and more! How long has it been since you actually belly laughed? Don't miss this show. It's included in your registration fee, so make it a point to be there.

Until next time, remember to ride safe, ride often, and above all else have FUN.

Glenda & Alan Keough Region "N" Directors

District Events

November 4-5 Region N Rally and the Region Couple of the Year Selection, Johnson City, TN.

November 5 Veterans Day Parade in Clarksville, TN. See page 5 for information.

November 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 12 Nolensville Veterans Day Parade, Nolensville, TN. See page 6 for information.

November 19

TN District Ops Meeting, New Heart Christian Church, 49 Business Park Dr,
Lebanon. Meeting starts at 9:00 am and will be over by 4:00 pm Central Time.

January 6-8, 2017

Winter Event / Couple of the Year selection
Lane Agri-Park, 315 John R Rice Blvd, Suite 101
Murfreesboro
<http://www.gwrratn.org/Docs/2016/WinterEvent2017Registration2.pdf>

April 20-22, 2017 Tennessee Spring Fling, The Fabulous Fifties. If you plan to attend and especially if you plan to attend the Hatfield & McCoy Dinner Show, you need to preregister early. Already, there are more preregistered than attended Spring Fling this year. <http://www.gwrratn.org/2017SpringFling/default.aspx>

August 27 – September 2, 2017

Wing Ding 39, Grapevine, Texas. <http://www.wing-ding.org>

Tennessee District Chapter Gathering Schedule

TN-A	Last Tuesday of the Month	Eat 6:00 pm Meet 7:00 pm	Golden Corral, 315 Old Lebanon Dirt Rd., Hermitage, TN.	CDs: Troy & Vickie Hurt gwrachaptera@gmail.com	615-351-6629
TN-A2	3 rd Monday of the Month	Eat 6:00 pm Meet 7:00 pm	Shoney's 1021 W Lamar Alexander Pkwy Maryville, TN.	CDs: Jim & Joyce Hunsley jihunsley@hotmail.com	217-412-9986
TN-B	1 st Tuesday of the Month	Eat 6:00 pm Meet 7:00 pm	Shoney's Restaurant, 2405 Andersonville Hwy, Clinton, TN 37716	Sr. CDs: Tom & Kathy Peck tomkatpeck@msn.com	423-907-9712
TN-C	3 rd Tuesday of the Month	Eat 6:00 pm Meet 7:00 pm	Mama's House Buffet, 2608 North John B Dennis Hwy, Kingsport, TN.	CDs: Richard & Connie Pendleton r-epend@charter.net	423-245-8484
TN-C2	3 rd Saturday of the Month	Eat at 9:00 AM Meet 10:00 AM	Shoney's, 4148 US Highway 127 S Crossville, TN 38571	CDs: Buddy & Brenda Turner buddyturner46@gmail.com	931-484-7337
TN-E	2 nd Saturday of the Month	Eat 9:00 am Meet 10:00 am	Shoney's 267 N. Lowry St. Smyrna TN	CDs: Randy & Delores Galloway deeran37@comcast.net	615-893-0556
TN-F	3 rd Thursday of the Month	Eat 6:00 pm Meet 7:00 pm	Golden Corral, 2905 West Andrew Johnson Highway, Morristown, TN	CDs: Elizabeth & Earl Smith lizzys1953@yahoo.com	585-737-9823
TN-G	3 rd Thursday of the Month	Eat 6:00 pm Meet 7:00 pm	Gondola Pizza and Steak House, 412 E Carroll ST, Tullahoma, TN	CDs: Dennis & Anne Greer denniswgreer@att.net	931-728-1463
TN-H	4 th Saturday of the Month	Eat 9:00 am Meet 10:00 am	Shoneys, 1306 Murfreesboro Rd. Franklin, TN	CDs: Will & Thu Horsley wilchapterh@gmail.com	615-483-2335
TN-L	1 st Saturday of the Month	Eat 9:00 am Meet 10:00 am	Ryan's, 405 S. Cumberland , Lebanon, TN	Sr. CDs: Andrew & Debbie Smith gwr-ra-tn-l@charter.net	615-784-9772
TN-M	2 nd Tuesday of the Month	Eat 6:00 pm Meet 7:00 pm	550 Fort Loudon Medical Center Dr., Lenior City, TN 37772	CDs: Mel & Renee McInerney melwm1@charter.net	865-809-1466
TN-N	1 st Saturday of the Month	Eat 5:00 pm Meet 6:00 pm	Brooksie's Barn, 561 Oil Well Rd, Jackson, TN	Sr. CDs: Tony & Lori Douglas tony_douglas@live.com	731-676-9917
TN-O	1 st Saturday of the Month	Eat 9:00 am Meet 10:00 am	Golden Corral, 350 Stuart Rd. NE (I-75 Exit 27), Cleveland, TN	CDs: Brenda Perkinson 1960lucky@charter.net	423-310-1551
TN-Q	Last Monday of the Month	Eat 6:00 pm Meet 7:00 pm	Shoney's 3083 Wilma Rudolph Blvd, Clarksville, TN	CD: Cindy Bidwell longestcynth@aol.com	731-642-0415
TN-S	3 rd Saturday of the Month	Eat 1:00 pm Meet 2:00 pm	My Time Cafe, 111 Main St, Portland, TN	CDs: Grant & Carol Bottomley gwrachapters@gmail.com	615-337-8386
TN-T	4 th Tuesday of the Month	Eat 6:00pm Meet 7:00pm	Shoney's 315 E Emory Road Powell, TN	CDs: Bobby and Debby Cash gwr-ra.tn.t@gmail.com	865-705-7657
TN-V	2 nd Saturday of the Month	Eat 9:00 am Meet 10:00 am	Honda Southern Power Sports, 1394 Workman Road, Chattanooga, TN	CD: Mildred (Millie) Batts milliebattsgoldwing@gmail.com	423-544-3565
TN-W2	3 rd Saturday of the Month	Eat 6:00 pm Meet 7:00 pm	Perkins, 1340 S. Germantown Pkwy, Memphis, TN	CDs: Ivan & Leesa Coburn leesacoburn@sbcglobal.net	870-514-8622
TN-Y	3 rd Saturday of the Month	Eat 9:00 am Meet 10:00 am	The Murfreesboro Jaycees Colonel's Club, 403 Hickerson Dr, Murfreesboro TN 37129	CDs: Wesley & Cindy Neal wneal@comcast.net	615-868-4448
TN-Z	2 nd Saturday of the Month	Eat 5:30 pm Meet 6:30 pm	Catfish Campus Restaurant, 2509 Keith Dr, Columbia, TN	CDs: Charlie & Pam Huffman huffmanpam26@gmail.com	931-215-1650

