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Franklin, Tennessee

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

Director's Corner

Hello Chapter H,
August has been pretty hot. It has kept us from riding much. No sense getting sick doing something you enjoy. We have still been visiting our sister chapters to either just visit or trying to get a piece of wood. At Chapter E's meeting, my wife (Thu) won the "Piece of wood that is not worth anything", that Jim Parnell (ACD) put into circulation some time back.

Speaking of Jim, this may be a first time event in the history of GWRRA: The Friday before our August meeting, Jim & I were talking on the phone, & he was telling me that he had not been doing very well. He had been having some chest pain and had an appointment with a cardiologist that coming Monday. As luck would have it, that Saturday morning I was getting prepared for our chapter meeting and suddenly started having a chest pain that wasn't letting up. I got the bike out to ride to the meeting, but then decide to put it back up and call 911; an ambulance promptly took me to the hospital. There, they put in a stent and I had to stay two & one half days. I had to send a text to Troy Hurt and David Hill, while the nurses were prepping



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me, to let them know I would not be at the meeting and ask them to take of things. I want to thank them for the excellent job they did.

Now for the first time event: A couple days after I got home, Jim Parnell called me and told me that he had just returned home from the hospital after having a heart attack Sunday evening and had to have two stents put in. Who would think that the CD & ACD would have a heart attack on the same weekend. Don't ever let Jim fool you, he is pretty tough; he drove himself to the hospital and back home. As far as we know, we are doing ok and have resumed visiting other chapters.

Don't forget our next meeting is Sept 24th, at Shoney's, 1306 Hwy 96, Franklin, Tn.

We eat 9-10, meet 10-11 am. We don't have a ride scheduled, but be might by then.

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Please remember:

In his Director’s Corner, Will mentioned that he and Jim had suffered heart attacks and are now doing well after having stints put in. We need to keep Frank and Deb Vanderschaaf in our thoughts and prayers. Deb has not been doing well and was put into a nursing home. After a few days, she was sent home and placed in home hospice care. Frank can be reached at triker51@yahoo.com.

RIDER EDUCATION



Riding on the Wrong Side: Help Me Understand, America

By Chris Cope, August 29, 2016 from the RideApart Facebook page.

Earlier this summer I spent a month driving across the United States, exploring 10 states -- Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas -- in the iconic road-trip machine that was my mother’s Toyota Prius.

Oh, sure, it’s not a ‘63 Mustang or a Harley-Davidson FLXWTFBBQ -- a Prius may not be everyone’s go-to choice for a road trip -- but I counter all criticism with the fact that I was able to drive from Minneapolis to Kansas City on just \$20 of gas. (Travel tip: Pay cash at Pilot)

Plus, my parents don’t have a motorcycle that I could have borrowed. It was the Prius or walk. Still, my mind remained two-wheel focused and I soon found myself using the 4,500-mile peregrination as an opportunity to observe the state of motorcycling in my homeland. I may not have visited your particular neck of the woods, but based on my observations I'd say that overall things are pretty good.

Certainly, they are better than I remember from even a few years ago. And by "better" I mean "more diverse." Diversity is a good thing. Cities with diverse economies are more vibrant; ecosystems with a diverse plant and animal species are more resilient. A diverse motorcycling world is better. There's nothing wrong with with white men on Harleys, but there is something wrong with nothing but white men on Harleys.

From my observation it appears there are more genres of bike out on the road. Cruisers still dominate, but in some urban areas -- in particular my old stomping grounds of Minneapolis and St. Paul -- that dominance is not nearly what it once was. I saw sportbikes, of course, but also dual sports (man, Americans love a Kawasaki KLR650), standards, retros, super naked, sport tourers, and whatever we're classifying the Ducati Multistrada as these days.

I saw a Moto Guzzi Griso in Hannibal, Missouri; I had to pick my jaw up from the sidewalk. I wouldn't have thought Moto Guzzi owners would even know where the Show Me State is, let alone choose to live there.

Additionally, overall numbers of riders seemed to be up. Yes, a lot of those riders were eligible for AARP discounts, but increased numbers are increased numbers.

So, things are good or getting better. But I'll admit that there are some aspects of American motorcycling that my years of living outside the Trump Wall make it difficult for me to

understand. Things that I suppose I never thought about before moving to the United Kingdom, but which now befuddle me.

The whole not-wearing-gear thing, for example.

Throughout my travels, the most geared-up people I saw were a group in New Orleans: a quartet of gentlemen from the Ruff Ryders crew. Their flak-jacket-style leather vests left their arms uncovered but they had helmets, gloves, the aforementioned vests, jeans, and boots.

Elsewhere, I observed that women were more likely to wear helmets than men, but by and large folks everywhere chose to ride sans protective gear. Extreme examples came in the form of leathery old dudes I saw in Louisiana, Iowa, and Minnesota who were riding shirtless.

I don't understand this.

I get the idea of Freedom. I'm a big fan of Freedom, and from a purely philosophical standpoint I would even go so far as to say I passively agree with the argument against helmet laws. You have a right to expose your bald head to the Lord and sundry while speeding down the interstate at 80 mph, and I don't want to take that right away from you.

But just because you have the right to do something doesn't mean you actually have to do it.

I mean, you also have the right to insert your index finger into your anus, then immediately place that same finger in your mouth. You have the right to do that over and over again. You have the right to use other digits, if you so choose, and the right to place those digits in other chosen orifices (as long as they are your own).

God granted you those rights, son. They are inalienable, and ain't no government fat cat that should tell you to stop. But that doesn't mean any of it is a good idea.

I am baffled as to why so many American riders choose to ride a motorcycle without a helmet and at least some basic gear. You don't have to squeeze yourself into some ridiculous \$5,000 CE-approved Power Ranger wüundersuit, but at least wear something better than Dockers and flip flops.

I must be missing something. Just as I'm clearly missing the reason American riders are so obsessed with highway pegs.

For the uninitiated, highway pegs are the footpegs that cruiser riders place on their engine bars so they can splay their legs out as if preparing for a gynecological exam. They make a person look ridiculous.

Yes, I realize, as one who was observing all this from within a Prius, I have little ground to stand on when it comes to declaring things to be ridiculous. And just as I'll defend the Prius on the grounds of practicality I can at least understand why a rider might want highway pegs when crossing the vast American expanse. I've had plenty of long-distance days, so I'm familiar with the ache that can develop when keeping legs in the same position for too long.

What I don't, get, though, are the dudes (and it was always a dude) who insist on using highway pegs in urban areas. For example, the owner of a shiny new Indian Chief Vintage who had his legs akimbo while in Houston traffic.

Have you ever driven in Houston? No one is paying attention; they are all on their phones, Snapchatting about how awful Houston drivers are. That is not the sort of situation where you want to prop your foot far away from the rear brake (which is traditionally the more effective brake on cruisers).

In Memphis, I witnessed a man in stop-and-go traffic who insisted upon swinging his feet all the way to his highway pegs between bouts of duck walking his bike forward. Why? What's wrong with just placing your feet at the controls?

I realize that not every American has received high-falootin' rider training. Or even wants it. (For example, my brother vehemently refuses to take an MSF course despite the fact I've offered to foot the bill.) So, not everyone has been schooled in the Right And Proper Way To Do Things. But I can't imagine a teaching-yourself-to-ride scenario where an individual would come to the conclusion that keeping his or her feet far from a bike's controls is a good idea in slow-speed maneuvers or heavy traffic.

The logic behind these two practices completely escapes me. But I feel that because so many riders do it there must be something I'm failing to take into account -- some "Oh, that totally makes sense" facet of riding through traffic gearless with your feet on highway pegs that I've simply overlooked. I'm hoping that one of our dear RideApart readers can tell me what that something is.

Please, America. Help me understand.

District Directors' Message

First let me start off by thanking all the Tennessee GWRRA members who went to Kentucky and supported their District Rally. Man did we have a crowd or what. There were members from Chapters A, A2, B, E, O and Y. Hope I did not miss anyone. Chapter E won the largest Chapter outside their District, Tennessee folks won the money, 50-50 and grand prize and the trailer they gave away. Tennessee also did very well with the light show and bike show. Thanks to all of those who went up to Cave City and helped Kentucky have a good District Rally. The weather was nasty with a lot of rain. I applauded all those who rode up on their bikes.

Patti and Vickie have been working hard to get the Winter Event set and ready to go. Our new MEC's Dennis and Anne Greer have also started off working hard to make this a great event. We would like to encourage each chapter COY to attend, even better we would like to see them join in the selection process. We would like to see all our chapters there to celebrate the new year and welcome our new District Couple of the Year. They have put together a great program and there should be something fun for everyone.

The Region N Rally will be in Johnson City on November 4th & 5th. This will be the first Region Rally in about eight years. This will include the Region OY Selection. Come and support Leonard and Mikki as they try for the Region N COY - We know they will make us proud, lets give them our

support. Flyers for this event are on the District web page and in the newsletter. The Region OPS meeting will be there also on November 3rd before the Region rally.

Our District OPS meeting is November 19 at the New Heart Christian Church in Lebanon. Location is just off of Highway 109 at 49 Business Park Drive. We have been told that there are changes to the financial report for 2016. I encourage all the CD's and Treasurers be there for this update. If you attend the Fall Festival there will be a seminar covering this change. I don't know what else is going to change until we complete the Region OPS Meeting on November 3rd. I just want to get this out to everyone early so you can make plans to be there. We have blocked rooms at the Sleep Inn, 105 East Gate Court just off I-40. The have made rates of \$74.00 a night for king size beds and \$79.000 a night for double beds. Be sure and mention GWRRA when you call.

I need to add one additional thing in this message. If you should see Vickie Hurt be sure and ask her about the snake. While in Kentucky Vickie told this story about a snake in the house. I will tell it as it was told to me, truth nothing but the truth. Vickie was doing laundry at her home when she just happened to look back down the hall way to see something laying in the floor near her little dog. It was a snake. She immediately went into action. The snake was a copper-rattler-boa-anaconda somewhere between one foot to 30 feet depending on where you were standing. The snake was between her and the phone. Vickie went into action and dumped a load of dirty clothing on the snake grabbed the dog and left the building and called Troy. Troy told her to go back into the house and keep an eye on where the snake was located. Vickie went back into the house and found the snake slithering under her dresser. The dresser where her unmentionables are located. Troy's father came with a hoe. They pulled out the dresser drawer filled with Vickie's unmentionables, and low and behold was the snake. So to make a long story short Vickie killed a snake in her panties. I am sure I have told this story as it was told to me, I just cannot remember who was wearing the panties, the snake or Vickie.

Oh yes if you are approached by Renee Thomas and asked to "taste this", be very very suspect. She got me in Kentucky and man oh man was it bad, just as I thought it could not get worse, Max asked me if I wanted a mint to get the taste out of my mouth. Well the mint was the stronger of the two. As I was gasping Renee offered me a drink of water, as I was drinking down I realized that I was drinking the dogs water cup. Watch these two very carefully.

Ride safe and have fun
Gary & Patti
District Directors

News from our District Educator

Greetings All

Here's hoping all is well. As summer is preparing to come to the end, get ready for some great times riding. As the weather cools down, and nature prepares for fall, the greatest riding season of the year is before us. What does fall have in store for us? There are plenty of places to go and things to do within your own communities and chapters. Take advantage and get out there and ride.!



We have been busy preparing for wing ding, and by the time this newsletter gets out, we will be there. We have prepared for at least a month now. I have packed and repacked my new trailer several times, and during the process, I have given great thought on how to prepare for a long vacation.

When you are riding motorcycles, one has to be creative in preparing for a long trip. Some things to consider: When packing clothing, check the typical weather pattern for your route. You may need both summer and winter items if the weather is known to change dramatically. To decrease the amount of clothing you need to take, consider a good riding jacket with a venting system and a liner. Layering clothing is ideal when the weather changes during the day. Chaps, over pants, or any wind blocking material for the legs is helpful if cold. Consider having to stop at a laundromat, or use one at your hotel if available. Have a system for securing your motorcycle and trailer if you have one, at stops, and for overnight. Unfortunately the world is full of opportunistic thieves that simply will lift something off your bike if not the bike itself.

Notify at least one family member of your travel plans in case of an emergency at your house. Have a list of your medical problems, medications, allergies, Blood type, Emergency contacts written down on paper and placed in your motorcycle or in your wallet.

Prepare your house. Have all doors locked, all vehicles locked, all outdoor sheds and garages locked. Suggest turning off water heaters and Ice makers. Turn your heating and air conditioning down to save energy. Mow lawns before you leave to make the house look occupied.

Notify the post office to place your mail on hold . This is very simple to do. Go to usps.com and request hold mail. You type in the dates you want to start holding your mail, and the dates you want to have it delivered again.

Packing items in your motorcycle can be a challenge. Some things to try:
Try duffel bags, stuff bags for your clothes. I have purchased packing cubes and they will work well. Soft sided baggage takes up less space than hard luggage. If you have no way to carry a large cooler, get a small one. It will hold 2 bottles of water, and snack crackers, nuts, or a couple of sandwiches easily.

Items to pack other than clothing:

A few tools, electrical tape, extra fuses, light bulbs, tire repair kit, jumper cables, air compressor, bungee cords, windshield cleaner/rags, an umbrella, a few snacks, first aid kit, some water bottles. For trikes, a jack is helpful. A plate for the kick stand for 2 wheelers.

For money, take some change, a checkbook, and some paper money. You never know when your credit cards will not work. If you are traveling outside of your territory, notify your bank you will be traveling, so they can expect purchases from a different state. For safety reasons, it may be best to use mostly cash for gas and restaurants. What do I pack for snack? I usually carry a small jar of peanut butter and crackers, and a spork to spread the peanut butter. I have a few paper towels too. 2 bottles of water for emergencies, or if we get stranded.

Alvin & Josie Nelson
District Educators

Visit the TN GWRRA website at:

www.gwrratn.org

It's the place to go to find out what's happening in TN!

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!

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

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SPRING FLING 2017

The Fabulous 50's

Pigeon Forge

April 20 – 23, 2017

Plan now to attend – you will not regret it!

Registration information is now available on the District website.

News from our District Membership Enhancement Program Coordinators

Anne and I are happy to be selected a your Tennessee Membership Enhancement Program Coordinators (MEPCs). Many of you know us and probably many more do not. We joined the GWRRA in April 2004 and rode with AL-B until December 2010 when we moved back to Manchester, TN. We have 3 adult children, well at least they are grown and out of the house, and 4 grandsons. We enjoy riding my 2008 White Goldwing that has over 135,000 miles on it and that's before we head to Wing Ding in Billings, Mt. Anne and I are University Trainers. Anne has a passion for Rider Education and teaches those seminars. I enjoy spreading the news about GWRRA and I teach seminars for the Rider Education, Membership Enhancement, and Leadership Training Programs.

While we were in Alabama we held positions as Motorist Awareness Division coordinators and MepCs. After moving back to TN we were selected as Chapter Couple of the Year (COY), Treasurers, and Chapter Director of Chapter G (TN-G) in Tullahoma, TN where we have been serving for over 3 years. After I retired in Jan 2014 the National MEP Director thought I might have too much time on my hands and asked me to serve as his GWRRA Chapter Newsletter

Coordinator. Anne and I have recruited over 80 new GWRRA members and attend 5-12 GWRRA Rallies a year.

Don't forget the Region N Rally on 4-5 November at the Holiday Inn in Johnson City, TN. Come and watch the COY selection and root for our own TN Couple, Len & Mikki Costanzo. On 19 Nov 16, I would like to see all of the Chapter MEPCs at the TN Ops meeting to discuss any changes, expectations, and future events. On 14 Jan we will be selecting the 2017 TN COY at our Winter Event in Murfreesboro, TN. I would like to introduce and recognize all of our 2016 Chapter Couples at this event. So please encourage all of the 2016 Couples Of the Year (COY) to attend and let me know if they will be there so we can recognize them for what they have done. All resumes for the 2017 COY selection must be in my hands on or before 1 Nov 2016. Jerlene Smithson sent the blank resumes to all Couples and CDs in June. If you need help please contact us.

I have much more news for you but will close for now. Please correspond with me at:

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Dennis and Anne Greer
District MEPCs

Our 2016 TN District Couple of the Year



Leonard & Mikki Costanzo are our 2016 TN District Couple of the Year. They are getting ready for the November Region Rally and Couple of the Year Selection. They would really like as many of us as possible to be in Johnson City for the Region Rally to cheer them on.

Things to think about:

Half the people you know are below average.

82.7% of all statistics are made up on the spot.

A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.

Anyone up for a cruise next year (2017)? This announcement was found on the Region A website:



We are pleased to announce GWRRA Region A is a proud sponsor of the 2017 WINGERS-N-WAVES Cruise. On January 22, 2017 the 3rd Annual WINGERS-N-WAVES cruise event departs from Port Canaveral, FL (Orlando) and sails to St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, St. Maarten and Nassau, Bahamas. The amazing Oasis of the Seas by Royal Caribbean is the largest ship in the world at 225,000 tons. You will have the opportunity to meet Wingers from all over the country! For full event details and reservations please visit www.wingersnwaves.com or call (386) 299-7535

District Events

September 22-24

NC District Rally, Wings Over the Smokies in Cherokee, NC

<http://www.gwrranc.org/WOtS/2016/WOSRegistration2016.pdf>

October 6-8 Virginia District Rally in the Valley, Holiday Inn Tanglewood, Roanoke, VA

<http://www.gwrrava.org/flyers/RITV/RITV%202016%20Registration%20Form.pdf>

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.

November 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 12 Nolensville Veterans Day Parade, Nolensville, TN

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>

By the Book

**By: Jack Wagner
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“By the Book” articles are intended to help familiarize GWRRA Volunteer Leaders and Members with the policies, procedures, and information contained in the GWRRA Officer’s Handbook (OHB). A copy of the Officer’s Handbook can be found at the following Internet website: www.gwrra.org/oconnect/officerhandbook.html

THE IDEALS OF GWRRA

The most important ingredient for a successful Association is the Member. Where do we find them and how do we make these people interested enough to want to become one of us? Before anyone can be successful in “selling” GWRRA, they must first sit for a moment and determine the reason they joined. Each of us had our own reasons – it may have been the emphasis on keeping each other safe when riding, the 'G-rated' family atmosphere of our events or that we know the best places for food and desserts. In most cases the motorcycles brought us together and its the relationships and ideals of GWRRA that keep us together. Let's take a closer look at these ideals:

PROMOTE SAFETY - This will help us continue to enjoy our hobby. We can also enjoy the fact that we are doing something to protect others by teaching them safe riding practices. We are saving lives!

PROMOTE FRIENDSHIP - Among ALL of the motorcycling public. What better way to enjoy our way of life than to make friends and share with them?

PROMOTE THE POSITIVE IMAGE OF THE MOTORCYCLE RIDER - We must always keep “our best foot forward”.

PROMOTE FUN - This is the glue that holds it all together!

PROVIDE A MONEY-BACK GUARANTEE - GWRRA will provide a money-back guarantee to any Member that is of the opinion the Association has failed to live up to their expectations.

It really does boil down to *Friends for fun, safety and knowledge*, and we back that up with a money back guarantee!

The more you know, the better it gets!

Jack Wagner

The Incredible Disappearing Motorcycle Trick

By Barri Critzman



I love my Mini Cooper. As a matter of fact, both Mike and I have Mini Coopers. Mike has a Clubman. My mini, however, is better – and smaller. Much smaller. I have a two-seater Mini Roadster. It is black with brushed aluminum racing stripes. It has a six speed turbo with tachometers and temperature gauges and a custom exhaust. We call it the Gnatmobile, in homage to the much more famous (but much less fun) Batmobile.

Why am I talking about my Mini?

I was in the Gnatmobile and on my way home from a lunch with friends when I saw a small motorcycle and rider. Both the rider and the bike were small – the bike a little 250 Honda. Now you have to imagine the road. This is a frontage road with two lanes on either side and on my side is a fence separating the freeway from the road. I was going north and the freeway on my right is going south.

I was in the number one lane with the Honda rider on my right. I saw him quite clearly as I stopped at a light. He was wearing every bit of gear he could find – and in every color! This is why I saw him in the first place.

When the light turned green I accelerated. I looked in my rear view mirror. Where was the motorcycle? I looked in the side mirror. Head checks. No motorcycle? I looked quickly around to make sure he wasn't passing me. No motorcycle. I was so concerned that I looked quickly to all three mirrors to make sure he wasn't down or on the shoulder of the road. Nope...he wasn't there either!

I believe in a lot of things, but motorcycles and riders do not normally disappear into the eleventh dimension. I knew that rider was there and I was determined to find him. As I came to a stop to make a left hand turn, I saw him. He was tucked away in my Mini's blind spot, just to the right and behind my right quarter panel. Had I moved to the number two lane I would have knocked him down and the car behind him would have rolled over on him

The sports bike rider did virtually everything right. It took less than four seconds for all of the events described to occur. The only thing the rider did wrong was venture into my blind spot, but here's the thing – the rider was moving and shifting gears, and so was I. My mini is not a big car

with lots of blind spots. It's not an eighteen wheeler with blind spots that can hide tanks and small planes. My mini is a tiny little car with tiny blind spots, and it very capably hid a motorcycle and rider.

The take-away is this: I ride, so I actively look for other riders. I have gone down, so I am always aware of riders near me. What is this had been a normal motorist – driving a normal vehicle, who didn't see the rider, who didn't pay attention, who was not tracking the rider and who was not looking for something that was clearly not there?

Talk to motorists. Tell people you ride. Believe in Motorist Awareness. It can save a life.

Help us Survive the Ride

Mike and Barri Critzman
Directors
Motorist Awareness Division
GWRRA

Membership Enhancement Program



How to have a Safe, Comfortable and FUN ride with your Co-Rider!

The purpose of the Membership Enhancement Program, as stated on our web site home page, is to ensure that GWRRA members at every level in the organization have an enjoyable experience while participating in the many opportunities GWRRA provides. And what better way to accomplish that purpose than by helping those all-important Co-Riders achieve an “enjoyable experience” on every ride. We have a widely recognized Rider Education Program to help them focus on safety. So let's focus on Comfort, Enjoyment, and Fun! And Riders, you are critical to the success of this experience, so pay attention.

Sitting by the side of the road waiting for Rescue Plus is NOT ENJOYABLE.

So, *do you have adequate tools* with you for roadside emergencies? Note that I said adequate – the Goldwing does not come with tools to remove your rear wheel. If you have added a good lug nut wrench to your tool bag, you can re-move the rear wheel and have a fellow rider take the wheel to the shop. If not, you may be awaiting Rescue Plus (see above). Flashlight? Penny refuses to let me look at flashlights in stores any more...note that while LED flashlights are very nice, you cannot tell when the batteries are getting weak – they simply stop working. Other things – do you know how to lay the Wing down on its side to remove the rear wheel if necessary? Can you pick it back up? Do you know how your Wing should be tied down on a flatbed trailer? (I understand that the Rescue Plus drivers are aware of the proper procedure.)

Training – Has she taken a co-rider course? (And have you taken an ARC or TRC course – two up?) Have you both taken a Medic/First Aid course recently? Does she know what to do in the event the bike goes down? If you go down, with a possible heart attack? Where the Engine-Kill switch is? How to pinpoint your location with our GPS. Where the First Aid kit is?

COMFORTABLE: This is the part that makes many riders wind up without anyone on the queen seat. Everything you can think of to make your Co-Rider feel not just comfy, but welcome. Someplace to put her “stuff”. Leave the rear pockets for her use, and consider getting a bag to hang from an armrest (or your backrest) for more stuff. (This is HER area; once she gets it stocked, don’t mess with it!) Drink holders. Keep that mug full of ice and water on a hot day. Be sure they’re filled with something cold to drink on hot rides. And bring extra water if it’s a long run between stops. Sun block. Cool vests or neckpieces for really hot days, appropriate clothing for cold weather – chaps, heated clothing, whatever. You’re concentrating on the road and piloting the bike; she has less to do and dwells more on how hot or cold she is!

Stop every hour or so for a “butt break” – and whenever requested to! Aside from the obvious necessity for bathroom breaks and fresh drinks, it’s healthier for your circulatory system. Be careful about making overly long rides (know her limits) – and allow extra time to rest up. Add some custom footrests for the back seat – there are a number of models available which will allow our Co-Rider to change her foot position, very important on long rides (as you doubtless know from your highway pegs). And for heaven’s sake, ask her before you buy accessories for the bike for her to use – she will have her own preferences! Rain gear, extra gloves (for when the first pair gets wet, or when it starts getting nippy). A towel to dry off wet seats. Spare meds. Once you think you have everything you think she might need for comfort, leave some room in the trunk for the things she knows she needs.

Warn her when rough spots are coming – like railroad tracks, speed bumps, gravel, water, and animals. She would like to know ahead of time when the bike starts dancing around because the road morphed into a gravel cow path, or you’re about to cross the Grand Canyon railroad tracks. (And thank her when she tells you about a hazard you may not see yet!)

We all know we handle our bikes and trikes, um, differently when we’re riding two-up instead of solo. Carry that thought a little farther – avoid the racetrack starts, and double-check that she’s ready to go before you roll off. Keep a good following distance in traffic, and stay in your comfort zone –even if that means letting the rest of the riders go on ahead. Take good breaks, and don’t saddle up again until she’s ready to go. And when the weather goes to pot, pull over when you get to a safe spot – or pull into a motel!

FUN!

Congratulations, you’re outdoors! Pity the poor auto and truck drivers in their “cages”. You can see, hear and smell so much more than them! Wave at them; you’re representing GWRRA, an awesome motorcycle association! Remember to take the time to pull over and check out interesting sights and scenic overviews. Hey, you’re doing this for fun, not your weekday commute!

Talk! We all understand the need for “communications discipline” in traffic and strange terrain – keeping the chatter to a minimum, so the Road Captain can call out hazards. But chat a bit! C’mon,

you're on a Goldwing with your best buddies – talk to them! (And be sure she has her own CB microphone button/volume control assembly so she can join in too!)

Check out new places. Remember that making a wrong turn is just another way of finding something new. Have a sense of humor when everything doesn't work out perfectly. And remember to wave at the other bikers!

Enjoy the ride!

Larry & Penny Anthony
Membership Enhancement Program Directors

Did you know this?

Houses had thatched roofs – thick straw – piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof...Hence the saying “it’s raining cats and dogs.” There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That’s how canopy beds came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying “Dirt poor.” The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entrance-way. Hence: a thresh hold.

Those with money had plates made of pewter Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone-house, and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive, so they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the graveyard shift) to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be saved by the bell or was considered a dead ringer.

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., Lenoir 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