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## Chapter H

### Franklin, Tennessee

We eat at 9:00 am, meet at 10:00 am at Shoney's Restaurant, Hwy 96 just west of I-65 in Franklin. 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month. Come join us at our next meeting – **August 26**.



<http://www.chapterh.com>



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

### Director's Corner

Hello everyone,

As many of you already know, GWRRA has some changes coming down the pike starting the first of the year. The biggest one that effects the chapters is the elimination of the Chapter Educator. The Ride Coordinator will be taking on some of those duties and probably helping the District Educator keep things straight. I have already talked with the people that this will effect most. Another change coming will be the Newsletter every month will be a little less formal. If the chapter continues on the planned course, it will have a few changes coming the first of the year.



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Chapter A captured the Middle/West TN Plaque from Chapter N at their last meeting. The plaque will be up for grabs at A's next meeting.

I believe several are going to the Kentucky Blast. We may see you there. Then there is Wing Ding in Grapevine, TX to go to. We will not see you there.

Don't forget that we have our meeting coming up on the fourth Saturday (26th) at Shoney's in Franklin. It is on Hwy 96 just west of I-65, just in case your GPS can't find it.

Be Safe

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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

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<http://www.gwrra.org> -- Information on GWRRA National/International

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## **August News from Your District Directors**

**Gary & Patti Hamilton**

Many of you have already read and seen the video from National about the changes coming. I know the announcement about the changes coming to GWRRA took many of us by surprise. As many of you I just hate changes in something I have grown accustomed. They do that to me at work. They just changed our computer programs and put in an all new system. We have to go to classes and train to learn a new system that doesn't seem to do what we need or want. So we do make the changes and accept this is the system they are going to use and we better knuckle down and learn how to use it. I guess the same for our new GWRRA transition. I guess we will be learning new structures and dealing with new people. At first I was as many of you upset about the announcement, but after listening to what changes are being made and how they are going to do them I have accepted the fact that change is coming and I better adjust and learn all I can how those changes are going to affect the District as well as the chapters. Well for one thing the district will be dealing directly with National instead of our Region. I will miss the contact I had with Glenda our Region Director because she was always available when I called or e mailed with advice and helpful information. She also helped me keep focused. I will miss working with someone I know and had a lot of trust in. One of the biggest changes is in the Rider Education Department. It seems that they have moved a lot more responsibility to the District Educator by removing the Chapter Educator position. Hopefully we can fill the void by utilizing the new position of Rider Coordinator to help him. Of course by changing names and positions they are having to rewrite the MOU's and the Officer Appointment forms. They probably will be making new patches to reflect the position also. They are also changing some things at the Member Enhancement level also. Doing away with some programs and changing others. The zoom meeting we were told that they are doing away with the National Chapter of the Year Program, but left it up to the districts if they want to keep the program. They are also changing the newsletter to where

you can have a bulletin once monthly instead of a full blown newsletter. I think that will be up to the chapter and district to decide what they want. I think that they are going to a more social setting than a formal setting among the chapters. They are rewriting the COY program for 2019. The process for 2018 will be the same as year past. Those chosen from the regions will travel to Wing Ding and compete in 2018. They should have this all worked out very soon. We will find out more as they set us up with zoom calls and with the meetings at Wing Ding. I guess we will just keep on keeping on and riding and have more fun on our bikes.

Some has asked about the Region N Travel Plaque going away and disappointed we will not have a plaque to chase. Well here's the deal. I have spoke with the District Directors from Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky and North Carolina and they have agreed to make a multi district plaque same as the region plaque and we will chase that. We will work out the details by the end of the year. We may call it the Multi State Traveling Plaque. Same rules as the Region N Plaque possibly. We can still have a plaque even if we don't have a Region. We could invite some of the other Districts that are close to join us such as Georgia, and Alabama. Will that work for everyone? Let me know what you think.

We are working on setting up Winter Event. It probably will be at the same location as last year. I say probably because we have not signed the contract yet but working on it. It will be in January again this year. And it is very possible we will have a Senior Prom.

Gary & Patti Hamilton

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**August News from Your Assistant District Directors for Middle/West TN  
Vickie & Troy Hurt**

**GWRRA is Family**

GWRRA is really like family. We spend a lot of time with our friends riding and and having Fun. Not only are we there for the good times, we are there during the bd times. Tennessee lost another dear friend, Debbie Archer from Chapter Z. Debbie and Bill are well known in Tennessee. They served as Chapter Directors, Assistant District Directors, District Couple of the Year. As you can see they were very active members. Let's keep Bill and his family in our thoughts and prayers. Our loss is heaven's gain.

David & Karen Hill, Tennessee District Couple of the Year have a son Mike Morgan. And Mike races Big Trucks and several went and watched him race. WOW is all we can say. There were several from Chapters A, L, Q, N, and G that made it to the race. We all had a good time and everyone found out that I am scared of heights. The highlight of the night was when Mike won the main event.

We are so proud of Middle Tennessee Chapters for all the visiting and supporting each other. Just Debbie's service, every Chapter in Middle Tennessee was represented as well as other Chapters from Each Tennessee. Thank everyone again.

Middle Tennessee Chapters have been busy lately chasing wood. Chapters Z & E went to Knoxville for several pieces of wood. Chapter E's Couple of the Year won the COY Plaque which will be up for grabs on August 12. Chapter Z has the Region N and the Tennessee Traveling Plaque and they will

also be available on August 12. Chapter Z also has a new location for their gathers. They now will be meeting at Shoney's in Columbia. The address is 2225 Carmack Blvd in Columbia. They will still eat at 5:30 pm and the meeting will be at 6:30 pm.

We know you have heard about the restructuring of GWRRA and if you have any questions, please feel free to ask us. If we don't know the answer, we will find out. Gary and Patti have had several talks with the Main Office about these changes.

We hope to see you down the Road.

Take Care & Ride SAFE in 2017

Troy and Vickie Hurt

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**District Membership Enhancement Program Coordinators (MEPC)**

**Dennis and Anne Greer**



Anne and I enjoy attending GWRRA rallies. We attend the rallies to see old friends and meet new ones I have almost as much fun getting to the different rallies as I do when attending. I usually travel the back roads and see all the beautiful sites this country has to offer. We also find some really nice "mom and pop" places to eat. When you attend get involved. Volunteer to help, go on their guided ride, if offered, go on your ride, sign up for the many different contests they offer. The more you participate, the more people you will meet, and the more fun you will have.

You have probably heard by now that the GWRRA organization is changing. The details are in the works and should be out before the 1 Jan 2018 planned change date. As of this writing, the Membership Enhancement Program Coordinators (MEPCs) are not going away. Our names may change back to just Membership Enhancement (Coordinators (MECs) and our duties may be redefined to work closer with our other District and Chapter Officers. Some of the subordinate programs are scheduled to change or even being eliminated. Again, the details have not been worked out at National. When the changes are made official we will adjust at the District and Chapter levels. I have heard the Couple of the Year (COY) program will continue but under different guidelines. Therefore, I need all the current Chapter couples to participate in the District COY selection at Winter Event in January 2018. Chapter Directors I need you to encourage your COY to participate and select a COY for 2018.

Chapter Membership Enhancement Program Coordinators (MEPCs) thank you for what you do to help your Chapter. If your Chapter doesn't have a MEPC please consider stepping up and helping your Chapter Director and the Chapter by filling this position. We currently have 5 Chapters with no MEPC. I often tell prospective MEPCs your primary job is to contact new and prospective GWRRA members assigned to your Chapter. I send this information to each Chapter every month. These people have already shown an interest in GWRRA by becoming members or prospective (temporary) members. However, if these people are not contacted they don't know your Chapter exists and will most likely ride by themselves until their membership expires. So, invite them and get them involved with your Chapter. The MEPC serves as the Recruiting and Retention leg of your Chapter and the GWRRA.

Another thing the MEPC can do is help get members and visitors signed in at the Chapter Gathering. The GWRRA Membership Enhancement Program (MEP) is known as the “fun” arm of GWRRA. I know some of the Chapters have a really good time at their Gatherings by playing games or handing out funny awards. I’ve seen this done even in Chapters without MEPCs. For some, it’s what keeps them coming back.

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Thanks,

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***From our Tennessee District Trainers  
Max and Renee’ Thomas***



## Change, Change, Change

With all the changes that have been announced within GWRRA, I thought I would do a little research on the word change. I quickly found 112 songs with the word “change” in the title. Then I searched for famous quotes with the word “change”. There were too many to count, needless to say there was a lot. I am going to share some of those with you that stood out to me.

When you forgive, you in no way change the past - but you sure do change the future.  
*Bernard Meltzer*

I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination.  
*Jimmy Dean*

Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.  
*George Bernard Shaw*

If the facts don't fit the theory, change the facts.  
*Albert Einstein*

No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world.  
*Robin Williams*

Without change there is no innovation, creativity, or incentive for improvement. Those who initiate change will have a better opportunity to manage the change that is inevitable.  
*William Pollard*

The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance.  
*Alan Watts*

Changes are coming, they are still evolving. Change has been around since the beginning of time and we have survived. Some change is good, some is bad, some make sense and some don't. Let National know your thoughts and any suggestions you may have. Above all work with your Chapter and your District to help make this the best family organization in the world.

Max & Renee Thomas  
Tennessee District Trainers

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**Rider Education**  
David & Karen Hill, Chapter Educators



## Tips to help you ride safely in reduced tire grip situations

*By Jerry "Motorman" Palladino*

A woman rider recently asked me if the exercises in one of my videos could be practiced on grass. The video in question consists of a series of tight turns that require the motorcycle to be leaned over near its limits.

The first thing I asked her was what kind of bike she was riding. When she replied that it's a Harley-Davidson Softail Deluxe, I immediately said no. You must practice on a paved surface. Now, you would think that common sense should tell a person that a street bike is designed to be ridden on the street, but as they say, common sense isn't very common anymore. This conversation, combined with some of the things I see riders doing when the surface they're riding on is less than optimal inspired me to write this article about motorcycle traction.

### **Traction Rule #1**

#### **Keep your street motorcycle on the street.**

Of course, if you have to leave the pavement to avoid a crash, do it. Keep in mind that once off the pavement, traction will be extremely limited. This means you can't lean, and you must be very careful about applying your brakes, especially the front brake.

Let's say you have to swerve around a vehicle that has pulled out in front of you and your only escape path is a grassy shoulder. Once you've swerved off the road, straighten up the bike and use engine braking and careful application of the brakes to slow you down gradually. Come to a stop if you have to, otherwise continue carefully back onto the road. If you've stopped on the grass, when you're ready to pull back onto the road, slip the clutch until you're back on dry pavement. The heavier the bike, the more difficult it is to control on grass, sand, or gravel.

There are, of course, motorcycles that can be ridden both on and off the road. These bikes are called dual sports or adventure tourers. Most of these bikes come standard with semi-knobby tires, and are much lighter in weight so they can achieve greater lean angles in off-road scenarios.

### **Traction Rule #2**

#### **Wet pavement reduces traction drastically.**

**Pavement that is wet** reduces a motorcycle's traction by at least 50 percent. This means you should limit your lean angles to about half the amount you would use in dry conditions. Since the bike must lean in order to turn at speed, you better slow down on a winding road.

**Traction Rule #3**

**Wet pavement increases stopping distance.**

Your stopping distances will also be about double what they would be in dry conditions. This means your following distance from vehicles in front of you should be about double as well.

**Traction Rule #4**

**Painted lines on a wet road are almost as bad as ice.**

Avoid leaning the motorcycle at all when riding over painted lines, such as safety zones or cross walks. Make sure that if you're applying your brakes on any type of painted line, you do so with extreme caution. Manhole covers, railroad tracks, and cattle grids are also slick as ice when wet. Avoid them if possible, and avoid being leaned over if you have to ride over them.

**Traction Rule #5**

**Watch out for tar strips.**

I just got back from Ohio where they love to patch the roads with tar strips. These strips become very slick even in perfectly dry conditions once the temperature is above 70 degrees. In fact, we were performing my rider skills show in a parking lot at the Mid-Ohio Race Track, and there were tar strips every 20 feet. Every time I crossed one of these tar strips, I could feel the front tire slip out a few inches. On a high-speed turn on one of these tar strips, the bike could easily low side.

**Traction Rule #6**

**Make sure you are able to stop within your sight distance.**

There will be times where the road is perfectly dry, but as you round a curve you suddenly see some sand or gravel in your path. You can avoid a low side crash in that situation by straightening up the bike before you cross the sand or gravel. To avoid that situation altogether, which of course is the best course of action, scan the surface well ahead of your path of travel.

***About the Author***

*Jerry Palladino is the founder of Ride Like A Pro, Inc., a company that produces motorcycle instructional DVDs and books. Jerry is a former motorcycle police officer who teaches riders the same skills that motor officers use when riding their motorcycles. His classes are aimed at experienced riders who want to enhance their motorcycle skills. Visit [RideLikeAPro.com](http://RideLikeAPro.com).*

Read and heed these rules – they just might keep you from crashing. . .

David & Karen

Chapter Educators

By the way, I have copies of the video (on DVD) Jerry mentions in the first paragraph if you would like to borrow one.

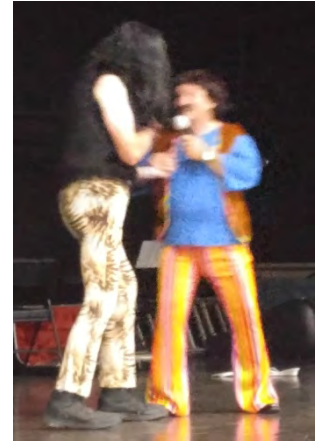
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## Chapter Couple of the Year David & Karen Hill

Fellow Wingers,

A few days after the Virginia Rally we climbed back on the trike and headed to the West Virginia Rally in Elkins. The town hosted an ice cream social with live music on the town square as a wonderful opening for the rally, yummy. We enjoyed a variety of classes (the new modules), checked out the vendors, participated in the light parade, had some "safety" lights added to the trike, watched the Virginia drill team perform (incredible), and finished with a dinner show featuring "Elvis". During the Friday night entertainment Gary Hamilton and David performed as Sonny and Cher. A video was posted on Facebook before they even left the stage! We had a lot of fun during the rally and a good (although hot) ride out and back.



Next is the Kentucky Rally and then WingDing in Texas. The trike should be repaired in time. We intend to make ALL the rallies in Region N this year on the trike, a first for both of us. In addition to our long rides to rallies this summer (yes, my back is doing fine) David and I are becoming GWRRA University instructors. Actually David is now fully certified; he taught a module at the West Virginia Rally and will be teaching one at WingDing. I am scheduled to receive training at WingDing and will assist David in presenting his module the next day. Chapter H will then have two instructors ready and capable of presenting any of the new GWRRA University modules in Tennessee or anywhere. We are not trainers for riding courses, first aid or CPR... yet. On a sad note, we attended the funeral for Debbie Archer (Chapter Z) and participated in the funeral procession from the funeral home in Franklin to a family cemetery somewhere near Fairfield. Although it was a rainy day we still mustered a procession of 23 bikes in Debbie's honor. It was impressive. Unfortunately Bill is now in the hospital with a possible heart attack. Please keep him in your prayers.

Looking forward to our rides together,

Karen and David Hill, 2017 District Couple of the Year

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### District Events

#### August

**17** David & Karen Hill will be riding to Mammoth Cave. Even though we will be staying in Cave City for the KY District Convention, anyone and everyone are welcome to ride up and spend the day with us at Mammoth Cave.

**18-19** KY Blast District Convention, Cave City.

(<http://gwrraky.com/Doc/2017%20District%20Ride%20in.pdf>)

**26** After our (TN-H) meeting, David and Karen Hill will be going to Memphis to attend the TN-W2 meeting. Anyone and everyone is welcome to ride with us. We will be leaving from there the next morning on our way to Wing Ding so we will not be returning to Franklin.

**29** Chapter A has the Middle/West Tennessee Plaque which will be available at this meeting.

**29-September 2** Wing Ding 39, Grapevine, Texas. (<http://www.wing-ding.org>)

## September

**8-9** 22<sup>nd</sup> Wings Across Tennessee (for St Jude Children's Research Hospital). See <http://tricitywingstn-c.com/event/wings-tennessee/> for additional information and itinerary.

**23** Ride to the Races at Highland Rim Speedway. Mike Morgan (88-Mike – Karen's son) will be racing in the Bandit Series race. Plan to come to this exciting event. The final race of the evening will have 15-16 big rigs on the track at one time!

**28-30** Wings Over the Smokies, the North Carolina District Rally. Haywood County Fairgrounds, 758 Crabtree Rd, Waynesville. Flyer can be found at <http://gwrranc.org/WOtS/2017/WOtS2017Flyer.pdf>, registration at [http://www.gwrranc.org/index\\_files/WOS.htm](http://www.gwrranc.org/index_files/WOS.htm).

## October

**7** Chapter N Fun Day at Parker's Crossroads City Park. 10:00am to 3:00pm. 107 miles from Shoney's in Franklin to Parker's Crossroads.

**12-14** Mississippi District Rally. Gulfport, MS. (<http://miss.gwrra-regiona.org/2017%20Rally%20Registration.pdf>).

## November

**2-4** Region N Fall Finale, Holiday Inn and Convention Center, Johnson City. Theme is "A Buccaneer's Bash".

## April, 2018

**12-14** Spring Fling, again at Pigeon Forge. Theme will be "Sounds of the Sixties". There is a logo contest – see info below.

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## Tennessee District Chapter Gathering Schedule

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| Chapter A  | Last Tuesday; eat at 6:00 pm, meet at 7:00 pm; Golden Corral, 315 Old Lebanon Dirt Rd., Hermitage, TN. Troy & Vickie Hurt, 615-351-6629.                                |
| Chapter A2 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday; eat at 6:00 pm, meet at 6:30 pm, Shoney's, 1021 W Lamar Alexander Pkwy, Maryville, TN. Jim & Joyce Hunsley, 217-412-9986.                       |
| Chapter B  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday; eat at 6:00 pm, meet at 7:00 pm, Shoney's, 2405 Andersonville Hwy, Clinton, TN. Exit 122 off 1-75 (Rt 61-Museum Exit). Tom Peck, 423-907-9712. |

- Chapter C 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday; eat at 6:00 pm, meet at 7:00 pm, Mama’s House, 2608 N John B Dennis Hwy, Kingsport, TN. Richard & Connie Pendleton, 423-245-8484.
- Chapter C2 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday; eat at 9:00 am, meet at 10:00 am, Shoney’s, 4148 US 127, Crossville, TN. Buddy & Brenda Turner, 931-260-2906.
- Chapter E 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday; eat at 9:00 am, meet at 10:00 am, Shoney’s, 267 Lowry St, Smyrna TN. Randy & Delores Galloway, 615-893-0556.
- Chapter F 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday; eat at 6:00 pm, meet at 7:00 pm, Golden Corral, 2905 W Andrew Johnson Hwy, Morristown, TN. Elizabeth & Earl Smith, 585-737-9823.
- Chapter G 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday; eat at 6:00 pm, meet at 7:00 pm, Gondola, 412 E Carroll St, Tullahoma, TN. Dennis & Anne Greer, 931-728-1463.
- Chapter H 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday; eat at 9:00 am, meet at 10:00 am, Shoney’s, 1306 Murfreesboro, Rd (Hwy 96 – I-65, exit 65), Franklin, TN. Will & Thu Horsley, 615-483-2335.
- Chapter L 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday; eat at 9:00 am, meet at 10:00 am, Ryan’s, 405 S Cumberland, Lebanon, TN. Andrew & Debbie Smith, 615-784-9772.
- Chapter M 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday; Eat at 6:00 pm, meet at 7:00 pm, 550 Ft Loudon Medical Ctr Dr, Lenoir City, TN. Brian & Loretta Richards, 865-249-6173.
- Chapter N 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday; eat at 5:00 pm, meet at 6:00 pm, Perkins Restaurant, 999 Vann Dr, Jackson, TN. Jeff & Shari Douglas, 731-267-3388.
- Chapter O 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday; eat at 6:00 pm, meet at 7:00 pm, Golden Corral, 350 Stuart Rd NE, Cleveland, TN. Shane McAmis & Amanda Cronan, 423-310-5903
- Chapter Q Last Monday; eat at 6:00 pm, meet at 7:00 pm, Golden Corral, 1028 Wilma Rudolph Blvd, Clarksville, TN. Cindy Bidwell, 731-642-0415.
- Chapter S 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday; eat at 1:00 pm, meet at 2:00 pm, Johnson’s Crossroads at 3200 Hwy 25 (Junction of Hwy 25 & 76), Cottontown, TN. Grant & Carol Bottomley, 615-337-8386.
- Chapter T 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday; eat at 9:00 am, meet at 10:00 am, Golden Corral, 6612 Clinton Hwy, Knoxville. Bobby & Debby Cash, 865-705-7657.
- Chapter V 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday; eat at 9:00 am, meet at 10:00 am, Southern Honda, 1394 Workman Rd, Chattanooga, TN. Mildred (Millie) Batts, 423-544-3565.
- Chapter W2 **For August only, meet 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, Aug 26 – same time, same place.** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday; eat at 6:00 pm, meet at 7:00 pm, Perkins Restaurant, 1340 S Germantown Pkwy, Memphis, TN. Ivan & Leesa Coburn, 870-514-8622.
- Chapter Y 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday; eat at 9:00 am, meet at 10:00 am, The Murfreesboro Jaycees Colonel’s Club, 403 Hickerson Dr, Murfreesboro, TN. Wesley & Cindy Neal, 615-668-4448.
- Chapter Z 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday; eat at 5:30 pm, meet at 6:30 pm, Shoney’s, 2225 Carmack Blvd, *(New location)* Columbia, TN. Chuck & Cindy Madison, 931-698-6656.

*Be sure to check the District Website at [www.gwrratn.org](http://www.gwrratn.org) for any gathering changes.*



# Anyone ready for a cruise?

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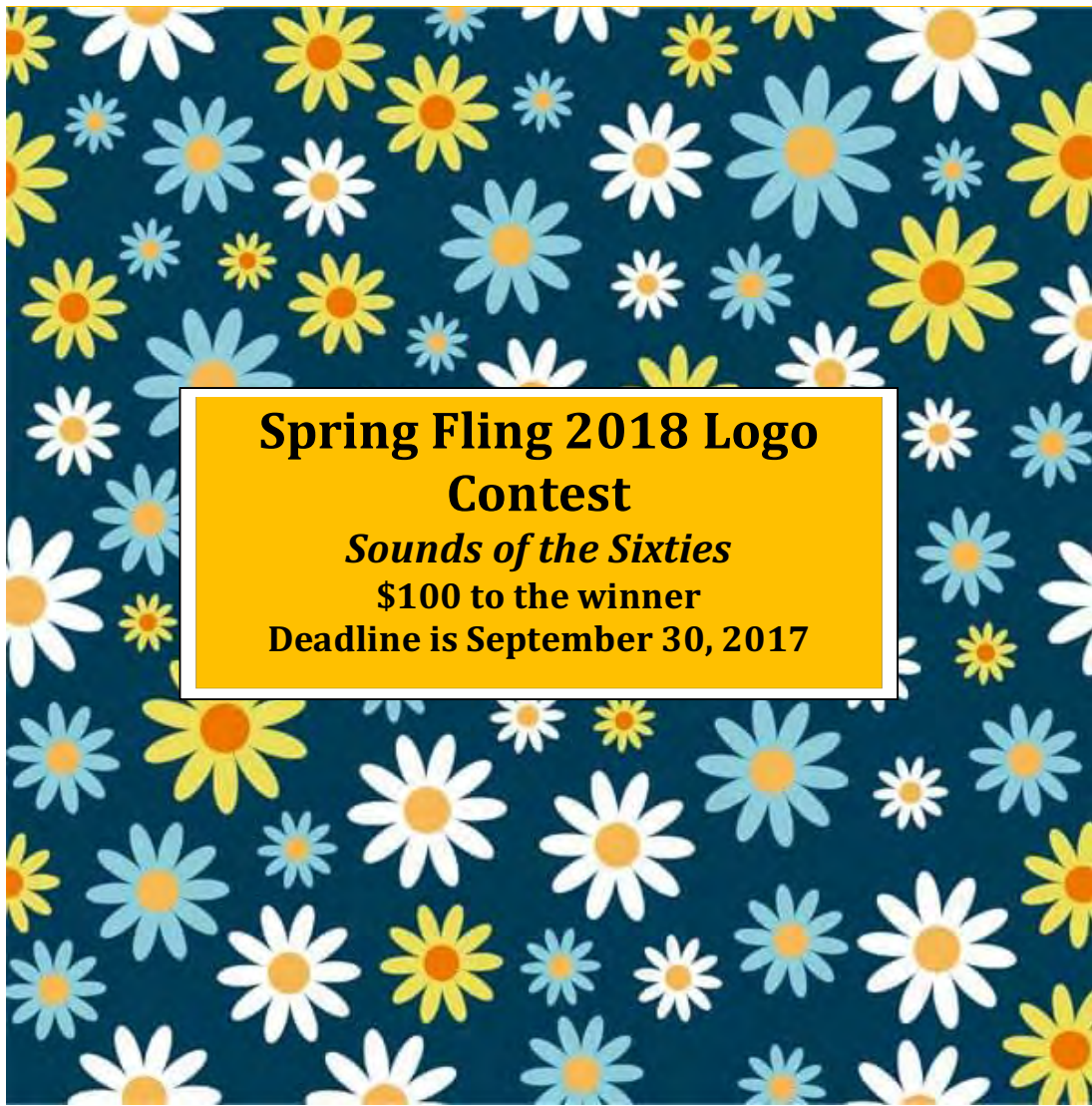
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