

Merry Christmas



National

Region N

Tennessee District

Chapter H

Harpeth Wings

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, 4th Saturday of each month. Come join us at our next meeting – January 27.



<http://www.chapterh.com>



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

Director's Corner

The end of the year is almost here. When looking back I wonder where it went. Some of it went visiting with friends at other chapters and enjoying riding our motorcycle. Some of the year, we just plain lost track.

I want to thank all of the visitors at our last meeting for coming. It was Thanksgiving weekend and they were there anyway. Of course having a piece of wood may have had a little to do with it, but we appreciate them anyway.



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Chapter H Directors
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We had our Christmas pot luck dinner on the 9th. For the 3rd year in a row, Karen and David Hill were our host. As usual, they did a great job. We had a great time.

Thu and I hope that all of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing all of you next year in 2018.

Be Safe
Drive Defensively

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TN-H CD's

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District Directors Message for December 2017

Gary and Patti Hamilton

First and foremost Patti and I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. We hope that Santa brings you all that you wish for. I guess the new 2018 Gold Wing would be asking too much, but one could only hope.

Reminder

The District Operations Meeting is January 13, same day as Winter Event, Lane-Agri Center, 315 John Rice Blvd. ,Murfreesboro. We will start at 8:00 AM. We will finish as soon as we can so that we can start the Couple of the Year Selection process and Winter Event. We need all officers and their staff there. New officers we need to get the oath of Office and get them into position. We are also going to cover the changes that will or have taken place at the 1st of the year. If for some reason you cannot attend on this date contact me ASAP. If you are an outgoing officer please turn over all paperwork and materials to the incoming officer.

Chapter Financials

I need the chapter financial statements by February 20, 2018. If you are an outgoing CD you must submit the statement for 2017. Any questions you can contact me or Bob Mack. We will be glad to help you. Remember the CD must sign the report. A copy of the ending of the year bank statement must be attached. The cover sheet must also be initialed and signed. Also we need a copy of the 990-N reply from the IRS attached to the report. I will send each CD a copy of the financial forms along with the Financial Registry Report download to make sure you have it. Please sent report to Gary Hamilton, 2249 Sentell Circle Maryville, Tn. 37803.

Winter Event

Along with the OPS Meeting we will have Winter Event. Our 2018 Couple of the Year will be selected. They will be the first couple to go through the new COY program where they will select 6 couples to be International Couples of the Year. They will also be the first to be selected through the zoom calls and phone interviews. I sure there is more to this than that but that is what I know for now. Oh yeah I forget to mention that there will be two foreign COY's. We have some great games and chapter challenge, door prizes, music and dancing, scrap booking, table decorating, food, basically a fun time to enjoy our fellow wingers company. If you are not registered get registered. We look forward to having a good time with our GWRRRA family.

We are still accepting recommendations for the Shirley Burton Award to be presented to the chapter with the most spirit. Please send them to me by the end of December.

Most all chapters are not having a scheduled gathering in December. Chapter M is the only chapter that I know for sure who said they were having a gathering in December. If you plan to visit be sure and contact the CD to make sure they are going to have a gathering.

We want to welcome our newest member to the District Staff, Bill Archer, he will be taking the newly formed position of Ride Coordinator. Most all know Bill from his role as Assistant District Director. We look forward to having Bill on staff and working with him in his new role as Ride Coordinator. Bill will start his duties on January 1, 2018.

Spring Fling is coming along very well. We are working to make this one of the best Spring Flings yet. We now have the talent show registration form on the district web page. The dinner show at the new Dolly Parton Mountain Adventures should be a lot of fun. We have a good number of vendors signing up to come and sell their goods. We are going to make this a fun event. Get those registrations in.

Ride safe and have fun
Gary & Patti Hamilton
District Directors Tennessee

Assistant District Directors for Middle/West Tennessee
Vickie and Troy Hurt

Merry Christmas Everyone

Man, it is hard to believe it is that time of year already. We want to thank all the Chapters for everything you do. If we ask you are ready to go and everyone really does a great job

It is so much fun watching people go chasing the plaques, visiting, taking different classes. And the main thing everyone being SAFE.

We are really looking forward to the Winter Event on January 13th. The OPS meeting starts at 8am that morning so Chapter Directors please let the other officers know and anyone can come and see what we do as officers. After the OPS meeting the FUN will start, with games and the selection for the District Couple of the Year will take place. This really is a lot of fun getting to know new friends and being with people we have known for years.

Next will be Spring Fling Please get registered early for all the Fun, this really helps Bob Mack out so much. Remember the \$1000,00 grand prize first place and the \$500.00 second place. There is going to be so much to do at the Rally. We have heard that the Dolly Parton show is really good so when you register go on and sign up for the show, we will hit the road running after the new year to tell everyone about Spring Fling 2018.

Being in GWRRA for over 20 years has been great for years we heard that these people are like family and folks they really are. We here in Middle Tennessee have our ups and downs yes we have lost several dear friends this year but everyone came and showed their support. We are proud to a part of a great association we have friends for a lifetime and that is a good feeling.

We would like to thank Gary & Patti for all they do as District Directors for Tennessee, they are always on the go supporting other Districts. They don't give 100 percent try 110 percent and it really shows, and there are some others that have done allot of traveling as well and we would like to thank them as well. We still are working full time maybe one day we will do a lot more traveling

Again, Thanks guys.

We would like to wish Everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Troy & Vickie Hurt

Assistant District Educators

Roger and Marie Crow

End of Season Cycle Maintenance



Hope all had a Happy Thanksgiving and now Christmas will be upon everyone very soon.

Whether the riding season in your area lasts only four or five months or as long as ten months, most of us will let our motorcycles remain unriden for a long enough period of time that it is best to prepare it for a season of rest.

November typically brings weather throughout the northern tier of states that is not very good for motorcycling. Most parts of this great country of ours experience two or more months of weather that is not considered part of the riding season. The air temperature alone gets cold enough to cause hypothermia without adding the wind chill from sitting atop a motorcycle while blasting down the road at legal speeds – even at 45 mph. And many areas will have snow on the ground before the month is out. Some of you may be cold-blooded enough to prolong the season a few extra weeks, but for most, there is a period each year when your motorcycle becomes a lonesome friend sitting quietly in the garage.

Before you park it for a season of inactivity, this is a great time to get your end of season maintenance done. It is recommended that you change the oil and oil filter to remove contaminants – dirt, deposits, acids and moisture – that can lead to corrosion inside the engine. Other fluid levels should be checked for proper level. If the fluids are due for replacement based on miles ridden since the last change (check your manual and service history), this is a good time to do that and any other maintenance tasks that you may have been putting off.

Your mechanics are likely not very busy at this time of year. They would probably appreciate your visit, too! And you know your bike will be better for it. Then when spring comes next year (it is not that far off, after all!), you'll be ready to go without a visit to the mechanic before planning your next big ride. After you get it back from your mechanic, fill the gas tank and add the appropriate amount of fuel stabilizer before parking your Wing. Wash and wax the bike and

inflate the tires. The battery should be disconnected from the motorcycle (negative terminal first) and trickle charged at least every 30 days, per your Gold Wing Owner's Manual. (Refer to your battery charger manual for more charging details.) Take good care of your Wing, and your Wing will take good care of you!

Ride Smart & Be Safe!

**District Membership Enhancement Program Coordinators (MEPC)
Dennis and Anne Greer**



Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration Anne and I were fortunate to have my mom, all of our kids and all of our grandchildren with us. It won't be long before the Couple of the Year (COY) resumes are due (13 Dec) and then Christmas will be here. Thank you for the resumes I have received to date. They look very good. I think Tennessee has the greatest couples in the Region and I'd like to send one of you forward to be one of the International COY in 2019. That's right; we will have 6 International COYs in 2019. I'm sure Gary Hamilton would like one of the International couples to be from his state. I know I would. As soon as you become the District Couple you will be eligible to become the International Couple. The only requirement you will have as the 2019 International Couple is to go to Wing Ding. So please send me your resume.

Chapter Directors, it's that time of year when you identify your new Chapter COY. I ask that you send me an email with a picture of your couple so we can put them on the District webpage. Remember, the Chapter COY should not be a job. It is a way to show appreciation to a couple who is already helping the Chapter. Do you have someone who steps up without being asked when something needs to be done? How about that couple who goes out of their way to help make your Chapter activities a success? What about that couple who is just fun to be around? Reorganization information is starting to come in. I provided information on the COY program last month in this newsletter. This month Gary received the new appointment procedures and new appointment forms he will be going over at the OPS meeting before Winter Event on 13 January. I recently received an updated procedure for Area Report List (ARL) reporting. I will present those at the OPS meeting also. SPOILER ALERT: Not much has changed at the Chapter level. They have tightened up on what constitutes a contact. Come to the OPS meeting on 13 Jan and I'll tell you the rest of the story.

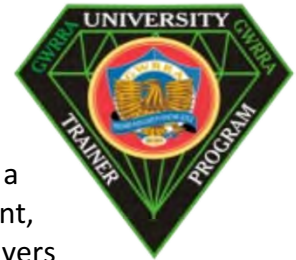
I must be doing a "great" job because nobody has sent me any of their likes or dislikes:) I have had some questions concerning the Membership Enhancement Program and I think I've answered them all in a timely manner.

Please correspond with me at: TN.MEPC@gmail.com

Hope to see you on the road,
Dennis and Anne Greer
TN District MEPCs
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(931) 409-9045 (C)



District Trainer
Max and Renee Thomas



You have heard that changes are coming, well the changes are here. Have you been keeping up with them? Let me go over a few of them with you. Planning a class, whether it is just for your chapter after a gathering or it is an all-day event, you need to get a flyer together to advertise it. I will have a template for the flyers available to you. The flyer should have the classes being taught and the instructor teaching the classes. This flyer has to have approval from National so don't wait till the last minute to get it done. This applies to University Classes, Riders Ed classes and Motorist Awareness Classes. Make sure you are using the newest roster to sign people in. We want to make sure that everyone gets credit for attending the classes so make sure you have a membership number from everyone that signs in. You will need to send the roster directly to National with a copy to the District University Coordinator (DUC). That would be me. I also recommend you keep a copy for yourself.

With all the changes, you will be responsible to make sure that you keep up with your renewals and responsible to make sure that you have the latest material prior to teaching a class. Several classes are changing and you will need to get that material just prior to teaching a class. Make sure you have the latest material by logging on to the University Website and downloading it. The days of downloading them and having for several years are gone. Check for new material before each class.

I will touch on several of these topics at the OPs meeting which is going to be held at Winter Event so make your plans to attend Winter Event this year so you can get all the latest on training for the coming year.

Max and Renee Thomas
Tennessee District Trainers

Couple of the Year

Fellow Wingers,
2017 has been an exciting year for us. We have had fun visiting most of the Tennessee Chapters and rallies in Georgia, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Wing

Ding39 in Texas, and the final Region N Rally. We started the year as Chapter H Couple of the Year, then became the Tennessee District Couple of the Year, and finished out 2017 as the final Region N Couple of the Year. WOW, what a ride this has been! We organized two Rides to the Races for those who enjoy racing and were intrigued by the idea of big rigs racing around a small oval course. To simply say that the races were exciting would be an understatement. 2018 promises to be another exciting year for us. As the final Region N Couple of the Year we will be eligible to participate in the International Couple of the Year selection at Wing Ding in Knoxville. I don't know what kind of chance we have but we'll give it a try. Hopefully some of you will come out to support us.

We started our adventure as Chapter H Couple of the Year. Throughout Tennessee we have 17 current Couples of the Year. That's 17 couples who have been honored by their chapters for the many ways that they contribute to chapter activities, training, and fun. Seventeen couples who were chosen to be ambassadors for their chapter. Which one will follow us and become the 2018 Tennessee District Couple of the Year at the Winter Event January 13th? Win or lose it's a fun adventure for a couple... and who among us doesn't enjoy an adventure!



Hopefully, everyone who came out to the Chapter Christmas Dinner enjoyed the evening. We certainly had plenty of delicious food. Thank you all for helping to make this an easy event. And thank you Jim for bringing the party favors. (Obviously, not everyone enjoys having their photo taken while eating.)

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas, a fun and safe holiday, and a happy new year!

Karen and David Hill, Region N Couple of the Year

Chapter Educator / Ride Coordinator

Karen and David Hill

As you know, reorganization of GWRRA takes effect in January 2018. We will learn more about these changes at the OPs meeting on January 13. If you are an officer, you definitely should attend. If you are thinking about becoming an officer or just want to learn more about the duties of the different officer positions, you should attend. The OPs meeting is from 8:00-10:00am with the Winter Event from 11:00am – 6:00pm following the OPs meeting. The OPs

meeting and the Winter Event will take place at the Lane Agri-Park, 315 John R Rice Blvd in Murfreesboro.

One of the big changes in the chapter structure is the elimination of the Chapter Educator position. As a result, we will be moving over to the Ride Coordinator position which will become one the officer positions in the chapter. One of the reasons all of us joined GWRRA and affiliated with a chapter is to RIDE. We are proposing that Chapter H schedule a ride after the meeting which is on the 4th Saturday of each month. In addition, we are proposing a scheduled ride also on the 2nd Saturday of each month. This doesn't mean that if someone wants to ride on another Saturday or Sunday afternoon, that it couldn't also be scheduled.

What about dinner rides? Perhaps we could schedule dinner rides to alternate with the scheduled weekend rides. If the weather is good, we ride our Wings. If the weather is not good, then we meet at the selected restaurant anyway with 4-wheel transportation instead. The idea is to get together for fellowship and conversation.

We have come up with some possible rides. Look over the list and send us any additional suggestions you might have or, if you think any of these are not good for rides, let us know that too.

- Natural Bridge State Natural Area, Sewanee
- Miss Marena's Tea Room, Sparta
- Reelfoot Lake – overnight trip
- Corvette Museum, Bowling Green, KY
- Louisville Slugger Museum, Louisville, KY (overnight?)
- Space Museum, Huntsville, AL
- Miss Bobo's, Lynchburg
- Tennessee Aquarium, Chattanooga (overnight?)
- Natchez Trace
- Red Boiling Springs
- David Crockett State Park, Lawrenceburg
- Wheels Thru Time, Maggie Valley (overnight)
- Sutton General Store, Granville

Once the list of rides is finalized (?), we will then rank these rides in preference order:

Ride Safe and we will see you on the road,
David & Karen



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.gwrra.org> -- Information on GWRRA National/International

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Coming Events

January

- 13 OPs Meeting 8:00-10:00 am, Lane Agri-Park, 315 John R Rice Blvd, Suite 101, Murfreesboro.
- 13 Couple of the Year Selection and Winter Event 11:00am – 6:00pm, same location as OPs meeting

March

- 22-24 Florida Rally, Altamonte Springs

April

- 12-14 TN District Spring Fling, Pigeon Forge

May

- 3-5 South Carolina Rally, Newberry
- 17-19 Alabama Rally, Mobile

June

- 28-30 Virginia District Rally, Roanoke

July

- 19-21 West Virginia Rally, Elkins



August

TBA Chapter C, 9th Annual Putt for a Cure

2-4 Georgia Rally, Toccoa

16-18 Kentucky District Rally, Cave City

28-9/1 Wing Ding40, Knoxville

September

27-29 North Carolina District Rally, Waynesville, NC



1996 Dart trailer with LED lights. \$1,500 or best offer. Call Jim at (931) 306-3335.

APPALACHIAN REGION N



The entire Appalachian Region N Team wants you to know how honored we have been to serve the Districts of Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina for the past 2 ½ years. We hope we have contributed to your GWRRA experience as much as you have contributed to ours. We will miss serving the membership on a Region basis, but we will still be around to help as much as we can as we transition into different roles within GWRRA.

GWARRA TENNESSEE DISTRICT

Couple of the Year Selection and Winter Event

January 13, 2018

- 11:00 Couple Interviews
Doors open for Chapter Table decorating and Chapter Scrapbook Set-up
- 11:30 Couple of the Year Get Together
- 12:00 Couple of the Year Introduction and Selection
- 1:00 Lunch provided
- 2:30 Welcome and Announcement of 2018 District Couple of the Year
Chapter Table decorating winner
Chapter Scrapbook winner
- 3:00 Senior Prom Class (Chapter) Photos, Games, Chapter Challenge
Individual Costume Contest, Couple Costume Contest, Chapter Costume Contest, Oldies Music



Lane Agri-Park
315 John R Rice Blvd, Suite 101
Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Registration Form

Rider Name: _____ GWRRA # _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone # _____

Co-Rider Name: _____ GWRRA # _____

Make Checks payable to:

TN District GWRRA \$ 25.00 per person \$25 x _____ = \$ _____

Mail checks and registration form to:

Gary Hamilton at 2249 Sentell Circle, Maryville, TN 37803

Liability Release Form - All Registrants Must Sign

We agree to hold harmless GWRRA, the co-sponsoring organization and any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property by any reason of Participating in the Event.

Rider Signature

Co-Rider Signature



HOST HOTELS

Our host hotels this year are each part of
SMOKY MOUNTAIN RESORTS

Reservations for any one of them can be made by calling
their reservation center at 1-800-223-6707. Be sure
to mention Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA)
when making your reservation.

COUNTRY CASCADES

204 Sharon Drive

Rates starting at \$79 / night

*This is the Host Hotel and the location
for the vendors and most activities.*

The exceptions are Talent Show and Closing

RAMADA INN PIGEON FORGE SOUTH

4010 Parkway

Rates starting at \$60 / night

*Convention Center, Location for the
Talent Show and Closing.*

CREEKSTONE INN

4034 River Road S.

Rates starting at \$58 / night



36th Annual

Tennessee District

“Spring Fling”

April 12 – April 14, 2018

Pigeon Forge, TN

Sounds of the Sixties



Registration Please Print Clearly

Rider _____ State _____ Chapter _____
 GWRRA # _____ Exp. Date _____ Age _____
 Position _____ Is this your first TN District Rally? Y N
 Circle all that apply: Male Female 1UP 2UP Bike Trike Sidecar Other

Co-Rider _____ State _____ Chapter _____
 GWRRA # _____ Exp. Date _____ Age _____
 Position _____ Is this your first TN District Rally? Y N
 Circle all that apply: Male Female 1UP 2UP Bike Trike Sidecar Other

Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 Distance to Rally (one way) _____

Liability Release

All Registrants Must Sign

We agree to hold harmless GWRRA, the co-sponsoring organization, and any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property by any reason by participating in this rally.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

*Must be pre-registered for Master's Breakfast; tickets will not be sold on-site.

** 1 Grand Prize tickets included with Pre-Registration

Day pass will be available on site for \$15.00 Per Day.

*** All full registrations will increase by \$5.00 after March 10, 2018



Early Bird Deadline February 10, 2018



All Pre-registration forms must be received by
March 10, 2018

GWRRA Members *** \$30 x _____ = \$ _____
 Life Members *** \$25 x _____ = \$ _____
 Non-Members *** \$35 x _____ = \$ _____
 13-15 Year Olds \$10 x _____ = \$ _____
 12 Years Old and under FREE with a paying Adult
 Master's Breakfast* \$15 x _____ = \$ _____
 Grand Prize Tickets** \$1 ea or 6 for \$5.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Registration total \$ _____

Shirt Orders

SS Tee S, M, L, XL - \$14 / 2XL & up - \$17
 Size _____ Quantity _____ Amount \$ _____
 Size _____ Quantity _____ Amount \$ _____

LS Tee S, M, L, XL - \$17 / 2XL & up- \$20
 Size _____ Quantity _____ Amount \$ _____
 Size _____ Quantity _____ Amount \$ _____

SS Golf S, M, L, XL - \$23 / 2XL & up - @25
 Size _____ Quantity _____ Amount \$ _____
 Size _____ Quantity _____ Amount \$ _____

Shirt Total \$ _____



After closing Saturday 8:00 PM.

Must be pre-registered.

Adult \$45.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Children \$30.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Grand Total \$ _____

Please make payment to TN GWRRA

Mail Entire Page with Check or Money Order (no cash) to:

Bob Mack
 1470 River Road
 Kingston, TN 37763