# Foothills Wings - TN-M



## July 2021

Gold Wing Road Riders Association GWRRA Tennessee District Chapter TN-M, Lenoir City



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## Monthly gathering

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month, eat at 6pm, gathering at 6:30pm.

Lenoir City Shoney's 1100 Highway 321 North Lenoir City, TN Just off I-75, exit 81.

Please join us at 6pm for dinner before the gathering, in the Shoney's back dining room.

We hope to see you at our monthly gathering, and all are welcome.

TN-M, chartered March 20, 1985

## **TN-M Team**

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2021 Individual of the Year

**Russ Wools** 

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Membership Enhancement

Vacant - are you interested?

## Ride Team

Ken Gray, Randy Kinney & Mel McInerney

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#### **Contest Coordinators**

VACANT - Interested???

#### Phone Tree Committee

Frank Balzer, Ken Gray, Burl McCammon, Mel McInerney

#### Motorist Awareness

VACANT - Interested???

Chapter TN-M website: www.gwrratn-m.org/

TN District website: www.gwrratn.org/ GWRRA National website: www.gwrra.org/

# Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge

## **Chapter Director's Spiel**

Well, we're all wore out, the TN District Spring Fling rally was a success, thanks to all the District Team and all the chapters and members that pitched in to help accomplish all the myriad of tasks necessary to present a successful event of this type. But the overwhelming comment heard throughout was how great it was, how much fun, it was so nice to finally get back together again and enjoy the friendships and camaraderie inherent within GWRRA.

Okay, the biggest topic of conversation lately has been Wing Ding. Those of us planning on attending are busy in last-minute preparations, packing, trip routing (including figuring out how to get around the several traffic tie-ups on bridges being

repaired). If you are planning on going, PLEASE be careful, be safe, and we hope you have a great time and get back home safely, and be ready to share all your stories of your time in Springfield MO. Loretta & I have additional things to do this year at Wing Ding, as the new International Couple Of the Year Southeast Territory for 2021-2022, we have tasks, we will be giving a presentation on stage, etc. If you are there in Springfield on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> and have the time and inclination, we hope you will come to the University Plaza Convention Center, activities will start at 1pm. Since Wing Ding was cancelled last year, the ICOYs from last year will do their presentations first, and afterwards will be in the audience and this year's ICOYs will give their presentations and be given their awards and medallions.

We hope that now that we're into the summer riding season, you're getting out and having some safe fun riding, either alone or with friends. Make sure you watch for emails for me about chapter activities and rides, so that you can join us. And please be safe out there and watch for the "other guy", and make sure you and your ride are at tip-top shape, ready to have a good time.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, suggestions of things to do to make all our memberships even more fun, please feel free to contact me and we can discuss them.

Take care, stay safe, and we hope to see you soon,

**Brian & Loretta Richards, TN-M Chapter Directors** 

## **Assistant Chapter Director**

Let's all be ready to have fun with our chapter friends when we get out and ride.

We're into a new year, so be careful, and if you're planning on going for a ride, make sure you, your gear, and especially your ride, are all at their peak performance level and ready to get out there and have fun. And make sure to be wearing the proper gear for safety and the expected conditions.

Ride Safe!

James Whitener, TN-M Assistant Chapter Director

## **Chapter Clothing/Flags & Hats**

Questions about chapter "shirts"? Contact either Marlene or Brian. We also have a couple options for shirts and for where to get them embroidered as desired.

Available from Mark Kohlman, the "Flag Man":

Chapter Hats:

- Red, Solid------ \$8.00
- Red. Mesh back------ \$8.00
- Red with Flames -----\$10.00

Chapter Flags, with hybrid mounting kit for both antenna and flagpole, and wrapping strap:

• Flags -----\$15.00

Marlene Kinney, Chapter Clothing

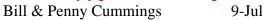
## **Happy Independence Day!**

## **Chapter Birthdays & Anniversaries**

## **Happy Birthday to:**

## **Happy Anniversary to:**

James Whitener 1-Jul
Bill Cummings 9-Jul
Carroel Edgmon 12-Jul
Dennis Worley 14-Jul
Tracy Worley 24-Jul





## **Happy GWRRA Anniversary to:**

Randy & Marlene & children Kinney 07/13/2011 Frank & Patti Balzer 07/20/2010



## "Thoughts and Prayers"

## **Carroel Edgmon, TN-M Sunshine Lady**

## **Chapter Awards & Winners** from the May Chapter Gathering

#### 50 / 25-25

Renee McInerney & Russ Wools

#### **STAR AWARD:**

Russ Wools, for doing such a great job leading the Blue Ridge Parkway ride

### **WHOOPS AWARD:**

Frank Balzer for trying to pop the clutch while rolling down the road to start his bike, without having the key in the "On" position.

### I'm proud to wear my TN-M Shirt!

**Russ Wools** 



## **Chapter M "Out Having FUN!"**

## TN-M chapter ride on the Blue Ridge Parkway, May 28-31st Brian Richards

We had 7 members, 1 bike, 2 trikes and one car go on the planned chapter ride on the Blue Ridge Parkway. We left mid-day Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> with Russ leading, Mel & Renee, Frank & Patti, and Loretta & I bringing up the rear in our car. Overall, we had some rain off-and-on Friday and Saturday, but it was decent Sunday and Monday coming home, and the rain was intermittent and sometimes just a mild drizzle.

The group in general, and our intrepid leader Russ in particular had several "Close Encounters of the Wild Kind"! Just before reaching the Oconaluftee Visitor's Center, we passed a moose cow placidly chomping on the grass in the shoulder on our right (within touching distance as we rode past). That was the start of our encounters with wildlife. Along the ride, at different times, Russ had several animals dart across the road in front of him, a bobcat, a brown bear, several turkeys, and he saw one doe with a fawn ALMOST dart across, the doe turned around back into the forest and the fawn disappeared down into the ditch alongside the road. Thankfully, none of us hit anything.

Along with the rain, we also had a few sections where it would be appropriate to state that we were riding along with our heads in the clouds! At that elevation I don't think you could call it fog, it had to be low-lying clouds, LOL. Thankfully it wasn't for any great amount of distance.

Our first night was at the Alpine Inn near Spruce Pine, NC, a quaint inn built on the edge of a very deep gorge. Built in 1929, it is interesting, the porch on the back of the inn is suspended over the gorge, you can look through the floorboards and see WAY down to the bottom of the gorge. Those of you who are aware of Renee's fear of heights will be shocked to know that she actually walked out onto the porch for a brief moment, kudos to her.

Russ did a great job leading a very leisurely ride, we stopped at just about all the overlooks, took bunches of pictures, and admired a whole lot a fantastic scenery. Even with the rain and overcast, for the most part we were able to see neat scenery. Russ has something the National Parks Service is doing, called a "Passport" he has a book similar to a standard passport, and all the visitor's centers in the National parks have stamps for you to stamp your passport that you have visited that center, so he was busy stamping as we traveled and stopped at the different visitor's centers.

As we reached the other end of the Blue Ridge Parkway on Sunday afternoon, we planned a stop for dinner, then we were going to split up. Mel & Renee planned on continuing their traveling north by riding the Skyline Drive, which starts up near the end of the Blue Ridge Parkway and continues north-east to Front Royal, VA. Frank & Patti planned on heading north to visit friends in the New York area, and Russ and Loretta & I planned on heading back home by the quickest route on Monday. All our plans worked out, Mel & Renee had a nice trip up the Skyline Drive, Frank & Patti were able to visit their friends (one that was in very poor health, that Patti wanted to make sure she saw her friend at least one more time, thankfully, as on their way home from their visit, they were called by her friend's husband that she had passed away, so they turned around and headed back to be there for the funeral), and Russ and us had a very nice ride on a beautiful day, back to home.

We all thought we had a very nice trip, even with the rain, it didn't dampen our spirits, and we enjoyed the trip, the sights we saw, and most of all, the friendship and camaraderie.



The start of the Blue Ridge Parkway, southern end



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One of the overlooks, a bit of overcast, oh well



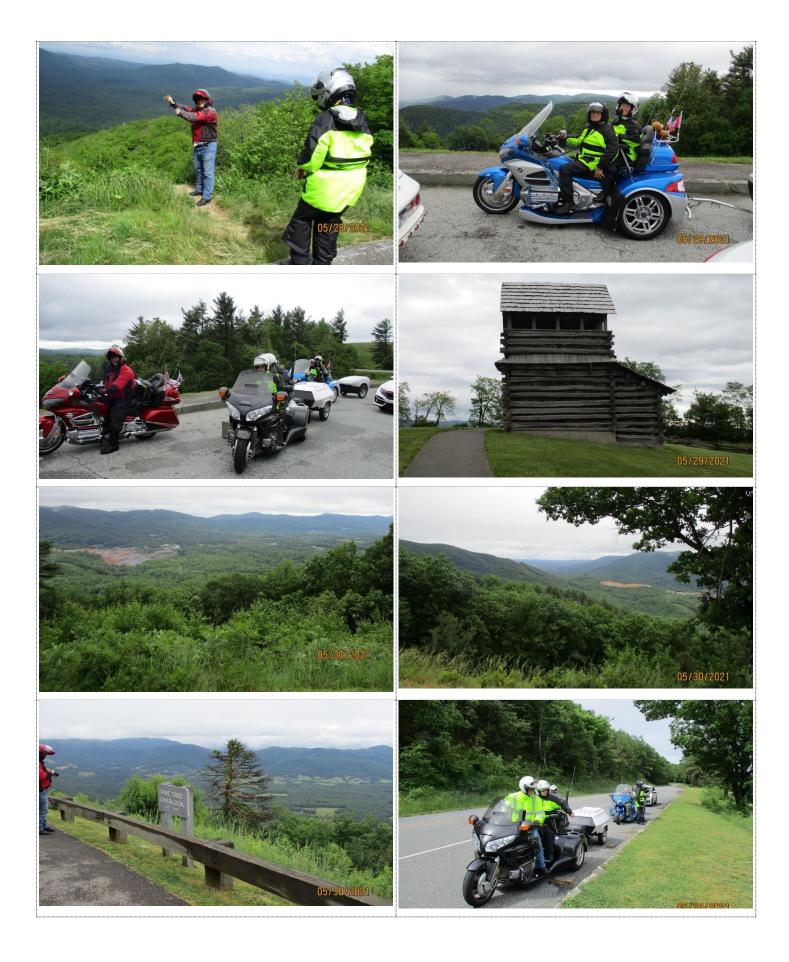


















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## TN-M dinner ride to Sullivan's on Northshore, June 22<sup>nd</sup> Brian Richards

A good group of 13 members and two guests trying us out to get to know us better, all gathered at Sullivan's on Northshore Drive, selected by James Whitener. Besides some good food being enjoyed all around the table, there was a whole bunch of camaraderie and laughs and stories being told, as well as talk about trips going to Wing Ding, and for some, the extra trip planned either on the way there or back from or both. It was a good time had by all.

## **Upcoming Chapter rides & events**

### (For further info, please contact the CD):

- Jul 10 TN-M Devil's Triangle/Brushy Mtn Prison/Frozen State Park picnic, details TBA.
- Jul 13 TN-M chapter gathering, Shoney's, eat at 6pm, meet at 6:30pm.
- Jul 21 TN-M ROMEOS ride, weather permitting, KSU from Cracker Barrel, 9:30am.
- Jul 24 TN-M ride to Fall Creek Falls, details TBA.
- Jul 27 TN-M dinner ride, set up by Burl McCammon, details TBA.
- Jul 31 TN-M ride to Bush Bean Factory, details TBA.
- Aug 07 TN-M ride to Railroad Museum in Chattanooga, details TBA.
- Aug 10 TN-M Lenoir City, details TBA.
- Aug 14-15 TN-M ride to Helen GA & Fields of the Wood, details TBA.
- Aug 18 TN-M ROMEOS ride, weather permitting, KSU from Cracker Barrel, 9:30am.
- Aug 24 TN-M dinner, Bill Cummings, details TBA.
- Aug 28 TN-M ride to Livingston/Big South Fork Park/Standing Stone, details TBA.

## **Upcoming "District" / "Nearby" rides & events**

- Jun 29 Jul 03 Wing Ding, Springfield, MO
- Jul 15-17 WV District Ride-In, Summersville, WV.
- Aug 19-21 KY Rally, Lawrenceburg, KY.
- Sep 02-04 NC Rally, Waynesville, NC.
- Sep 16-18 GA Ride-In, Dillard, GA.
- Sep 30-Oct 02 AL Rally, Eufaula, AL.
- Oct 14-16 VA Rally, Lynchburg, VA.
- Oct 21-23 MS Rally, Gulfport, MS.
- Nov 11-13 LA Ride-In, St Francisville, LA.

## Let's support each other, by visiting the other chapters in our Section & area!

<u>Chapter</u>	Eat/Meet	Location	Contact
"A2" Maryville	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon, 6p/6:30p	Shoney's, 1021 W Lamar Alexander Pkwy, Maryville	865-376-5090
"B" Knoxville	1 <sup>st</sup> Tue, 6p/7p	Shoney's, 2405 Andersonville Hwy, Clinton	423-907-9712
"C" Kingsport	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue, 6p/7p	Bob Evans, 2801 Boones Creek Rd, Johnson City	423-383-0339
"C2" Crossville	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thu, 6:30p/7p	Lacosta Restaurant, 138 The Crossings, Crossville	985-201-3791
"F" Morristown	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thu, 6p/7p	Golden Corral, 2905 W Andrew Johnson Hwy, Morristown	gened4288@ aol.com
"L" Lebanon	1 <sup>st</sup> Mon, 6p/7p	Shoney's, 814 S Cumberland St., Lebanon	615-784-9772
"O" Cleveland	1 <sup>st</sup> Tue, 6p/7p	Gondolier Italian Restaurant, 3300 Keith St NW, Cleveland	423-310-5903
"T" Knoxville	4 <sup>th</sup> Sat, 9a/10a	Down Home Restaurant, 7755 Rutledge Pike, Rutledge	865-712-1848
"V" Chattanooga	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat, 9a/10a	Honda Southern Power Sports, 1394 Workman Rd, Chattanooga	ı 423-800-1515

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## **Classifieds**

If you have anything you want to have included here, "for sale" or "wanted" ads, please send the information to the Newsletter Editor. We will gladly run any member's ad in the newsletter. A new request each month is required to run in a subsequent newsletter.

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For sale, contact Frank Balzer, 865-376-0643 or balzer6509@aol.com



Gerbing insulated, waterproof, electric gloves with all the wiring, men's medium, brand new in package, MSPR \$130.00, will sell for \$70.00

Items for sale, contact Brian Richards, 865-249-6173 or barljr@att.net



Haul Master Ball Mount Hitch, 2" drop, class III, almost new, MSRP \$16, asking \$10.



Haul Master Trailer Coupler, 5/8" pin loc, almost new, MSRP \$11, asking \$5.





Honda 2012 Gold Wing headlight assemblies, left & right, asking \$200 for both.



Dyna Beads for tire balancing, new, (with TPMS system in our bike, we can't use these), asking \$10



Bilt Spirit H2O jacket, lady's size large, brand new, MSRP \$299.99, asking \$50.



Hartco custom heated vinyl seat, with rider backrest, matching co-rider backrest cover, new heating element and refreshed rider's seat foam done by Hartco, fits GL1800 2012-2017, original MSRP \$1,500, asking \$400.00/OBO



## Celebrate the Anniversary of our country's independence

## Some "Fun" stuff to brighten your day.

The Washington Post's Mensa invitational once again asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition.



#### Here are the winners:

- 1. Cashtration (n.): The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period of time.
- 2. Ignoranus: A person who's both stupid and an asshole.
- 3. Intaxication: Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.
- 4. Reintarnation: Coming back to life as a hillbilly.
- 5. Bozone (n.): The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.
- 6. Foreploy: Any misrepresentation about yourself for the purpose of getting laid.
- 7. Giraffiti: Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.
- 8. Sarchasm: The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.
- 9. Inoculatte: To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.
- 10. Osteopornosis: A degenerate disease. (This one got extra credit.)
- 11. Karmageddon: It's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.
- 12. Decafalon (n.): The gruelling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.
- 13. Glibido: All talk and no action.
- 14. Dopeler Effect: The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.
- 15. Arachnoleptic Fit (n.): The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.
- 16. Beelzebug (n.): Satan in the form of a mosquito, that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.
- 17. Caterpallor (n.): The color you turn after finding half a worm in the fruit you're eating.

## Color Key: TN-M events District events Other chapter events Misc m/c TN chapter gatherings July 2021

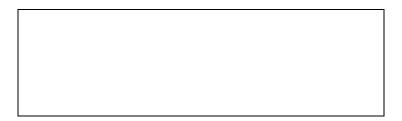
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	TNL Lebanon, 6p	TNB Knoxville, 6p				TNM Devil's Triangle/Brushy Mtn
		TNO Cleveland, 6p				Prison/Frozen State Park picnic
						TNE Smyrna, 9a
						TNV Chattanooga, 9a
						TNZ Columbia, 5:30p
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		TNM Lenoir City, 6p		WV Rally, Summersville, WV	WV Rally	WV Rally
				TNF Morristown, 6p		TNY Murfreesboro, 9a
				TNG Tullahoma, 6p		TNS Portland, 1p
				TNC2 Crossville, 6p		TNW2 Collierville, 6p
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						TNT Knoxville, 11a
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		TNA Nashville, 6p				
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Fields of the				TNF Morristown, 6p		TNY Murfreesboro, 9a
Wood				TNG Tullahoma, 6p		TNS Portland, 1p
				TNC2 Crossville, 6p		TNW2 Collierville, 6p
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		TNM dinner, Bill Cummings, 6p				TNM Livingston/Big South Fork Park/Standing Stone TNT Knoxville, 11a



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