

# TN-M

# Foothills Wings



## September 2023

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### EWMA TN-M Monthly gathering

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday  
of every month except  
December,  
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 Team

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Frank Balzer, Ken Gray, Burl McCammon, Mel McInerney

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TN District website: [www.ewmatn.org](http://www.ewmatn.org)

EWMA website: [ewma-world.org](http://ewma-world.org)



# Friends for Fun, Safety & Riding

## Chapter Director's Spiel



I'm all excited about the almost here inaugural Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association's Rendezvous, here in Knoxville over the Labor Day weekend. With all indications, it's going to be a blast, and I certainly hope I get to see a whole bunch of you there. And according to the "current" weather forecast, it hopefully might be some really nice weather, it looks like the intense heat we've been dealing with lately is easing up, and no forecast rain, yippee, it will make the guided and self-guided rides that will be available at the Rendezvous, a whole lot more enjoyable.

Speaking of the weather, yes, we all realize that the Labor Day weekend tends to announce the end of "summer", but we've still got a lot of good riding weather ahead of us over the next couple months, so keep watching for announcements and reminders of Chapter rides as well as any impromptu rides that may come up. But keep in mind, we still might get into some hot days here and there, so make sure you're properly prepared, ready to keep hydrated, etc., we want everyone to be safe.

The EWMA is doing very well as it enjoyed celebrating the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary, I don't know the exact figures but I've heard there are over 5,000 members, and of special interest to us, as one of the seven Districts in the Southeast Territory (AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN), it is thrilling to know that we have approximately half of those members right here in our Territory, way to go the Southeast. And there are still 4 District Rallies/Ride-Ins on the schedule for the coming months, good chances to get together with friends from the other Districts. If you have any questions about any of those events, please, let me know and I can get you the relevant information.

If anyone has any ideas for an impromptu ride they'd like to set up, please get with me or our Chapter Ride Coordinator/Assistant Chapter Director Russ Wools, and we will see what we can figure out, we all want to enjoy our motorcycles as much as we possible can, so extra rides are welcome.

We have many rides ahead for us, so I hope to see many of you on one or more of them.

Hope you're all doing well, and I hope to see you at some chapter event soon, take care, stay safe,

**Brian Richards, TN-M Chapter Director**

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## Assistant Chapter Director



I hope everyone is doing well. The Rendezvous is upon us. I hope to see everyone there. It sounds like it is going to be a great time! It is going to be warm, so stay well hydrated. If you haven't seen the news lately, some of our favorite riding spots have not fared so well. Cherochala Skyway had a washout and will be closed for several weeks. There will be a temporary fix initially to get the road back open, then they will permanently repair the area. The bridge work is moved back but is set to begin in Sept 2023 and run until fall 2024 for Bald River Falls. Sunset marina, that we just visited last month, had a boat crash into the gas pumps and burnt down the store. They were able to save the restaurant though. With all the weather/storms lately, be careful of damage debris in the road. Be safe!

**Russ Wools, TN-M Assistant Chapter Director & Chapter Safety / Ride Coordinator**

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## Chapter Clothing/Flags & Hats

Questions about chapter "shirts"? Contact either Marlene or Brian. We also have a great source for shirts and vests and where to get them embroidered as desired and patches sewn on, with Terrilynn Brown of TJ Brown Enterprises LLC, the EWMA authorized source.

**Marlene Kinney, Chapter Clothing**

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## Chapter Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Happy Birthday to:

Charlotte McCammon 5-Sep  
Patti Balzer 10-Sep  
Joe Neeley 20-Sep

### Happy Anniversary to:

Mel & Renee McInerney 1-Sep  
Ken & Christina Gray 2-Sep



## "Thoughts and Prayers"

If you know of anyone, please let Renee and Brian know.

**Renee McInerney, TN-M Sunshine Lady**

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## Chapter Awards & Winners from the July Chapter Gathering

**50 / 25-25**

Russ Wools and Melanie Freeman from TN-A2

### **STAR AWARD:**

Russ Wools, for his ride planning

### **WHOOPS AWARD:**

None

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

Bob George, not in attendance

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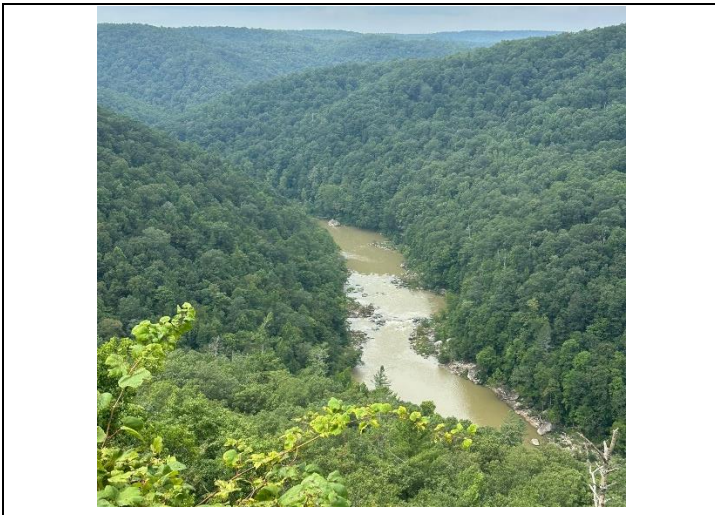
## Chapter M "Out Having FUN!"

### TNM Ride, Big South Fork State Park ride, Aug 12<sup>th</sup>

#### **Russ Wools**

Saturday, 8-12-23, the ride to Big South Fork State Park for a picnic was interesting to say the least! We headed out from Cracker Barrel as usual. Frank, Sandra, from TN-A2, Randy, Marlene, Mel, Renee, Joe, and Butch joined me for the ride. We headed up 321 over to Blair rd. to Poplar Creek. We then headed up 330 to 116 to Rocky Top, TN. We took old TN 63 to TN 63 over to rte. 456 to Oneida, TN. Finally taking rte. 297 to Big South Fork State Park. We took a short walk down to the East Rim Overlook. It was a bit overcast at that point but still quite a view. We decided to use the picnic table located next to the parking lot to have our picnic lunch. After lunch we continued for a short ride to Leatherwood Ford to look at the Big South Fork Cumberland River. We walked along the river to the old bridge. As we were walking back to the bikes, it started to sprinkle, a sign of things to come. We rode out of the rain after about 5 minutes heading to Jamestown, TN for Dairy Queen. While at DQ we were checking out the weather radar. It was not looking too good if we continued west on TN-52 to TN 85. The radar looked fairly clear if we were to head east and head for home. So, we headed east on TN-52 toward Elgin, TN. After about 15 miles in the clouds turned nasty dark, lightning striking just to the south of the road. Then the sprinkles turned to rain. We turned into a picnic area that I was hoping had a shelter; no such luck. We donned our rain gear, at least those who had some and continued toward Elgin. A few miles later the rain turned into a torrential downpour. We even passed a few bikers that were huddled on a small porch of a small market. There really wasn't any place for us to take shelter until I caught sight of a medical facility that had just enough cover for all of the bikes. We made a quick U-turn and pulled in under the shelter at Highland Health Center. It was a welcome relief as visibility had decreased to only a few feet. It sheltered us from most of the rain but not all of it. We kept checking the radar. There seemed to be a gap in the storms to make it to at least Wartburg. So we headed back out in just a light sprinkle. About ½ mile later we caught sight of some of the storm damage. A tree was down on HWY 27 just north of TN-52 and had traffic backed up heading north. Thankfully we were turning south. A short time later some of the massive amount of rainfall was rushing over the road about 4-6" deep along with several limbs down in the road partially. As we approached Wartburg, the rain picked back up and visibility again dropped to a few feet. I spotted a bank teller area that we could pull over and take shelter again. The parking lot probably had 3-5" of water in it by the time the rain let up some. Again, after spotting a gap in the weather on the radar, we headed down TN-62 toward Oliver Springs. Once in Oliver Springs we split up to make the final run for home. We all made it home safe. Some more wet than others. I was quite wet from the waist up and dry below. We only completed about ½ of the original ride, but it would have been much worse had we pressed on west from Jamestown based on all the storms that rapidly built all around us.





**TNM ROMEOS Ride, August 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Ken Gray**

The weather forecast for Wednesday was perfect for motorcycle riding with morning temperatures in the sixties and afternoon temperatures around 80 degrees with only a 10% chance of rain. The bike I had chosen to ride stalled while the engine was warming up and I could not get it restarted. So, I had to pull another bike out of my garage. It started easily and I was on my way just a few minutes later than I had planned. I arrived at the Cracker Barrel around 8:45 a.m. and Butch was already there. No one else showed up, so we had a brief rider's meeting and got on our way. I had picked the route on Monday morning to go to Ducktown by way of Tellico Plains on Highway 68. That was before the heavy thunderstorms passed through Tellico Plains on Monday evening and caused major flooding in the area. We decided to stick to the original route and if we encountered flooded or washed-out roads, we would just turn around and go somewhere else. It turned out to not be a problem. The flood waters had receded by the time we got there. We could see evidence of the flooding because the grass about 6 feet up from the drainage ditches was bent over from the water rushing through, but since Highway 68 is slightly elevated in that area, there was no water anywhere and we got through that area just fine. The biggest problem was around Madisonville because the highway department had one lane closed for a repaving project. In Ducktown we stopped for gas and a restroom break and then headed west on Highway 64 past the area where they had the whitewater kayaking events on the Ocoee River during the Atlanta Summer Olympics. Then we took Highway 30 through Reliance and on over to Highway 411 in Delano. There was a lot of beautiful scenery and fun curves from Tellico Plains until we arrived in Delano. We stopped for lunch at Jessica's Place and then headed home from there by going north on 411, 305 and 11 to Lenoir City where we split up. I went north to Kingston and Butch went south towards Tellico Village. It was a great ride. For me, it was approximately 195 miles, driveway to driveway. After I got home, I spent three hours picking up debris from Monday's storm and mowing grass that had gotten very tall and thick from all the rain we had in the past week.

## TNM Dinner ride, Calhoun's On The River, Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Mel McInerney**

We had 15 members attend the August dinner ride at Calhoun's on the River in Lenoir City thanks to Karen & Bob Fisher.

There were 3 bikes that met at the Cracker Barrel back parking lot for a nice back roads ride to the restaurant thanks to Russ. Butch and Burl also rode their bikes.

Vida Maples won the quarters for being the last person to get served. Everyone had a good time.



## **Upcoming Chapter rides & events**

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

- Sep 09-10 - TNM Ride to "Back of the Dragon" and "Claw of the Dragon"
- Sep 12 - TNM Chapter Gathering
- Sep 26 - TNM Dinner Ride, to be selected by Brian Richards, details TBA
- Sep 30 - TNM ride to Fall Creek Falls
- Oct 10 - TNM Chapter Gathering
- Oct 14 - TNM ride to Jack Daniels Distillery + Diamond Gusset store
- Oct 18 - TNM ROMEOS ride, meet at the Cracker Barrel 9am
- Oct 24 - TNM Dinner Ride, to be selected by Butch Hertzog, details TBA



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

- Aug 31 - Sep 02 - EWMA Rendezvous, Knoxville, TN, see registration form below
- Sep 15-16 - GA Ride-In, Dillard, GA
- Sep 16 - District Ride-In to Paris, TN, 1pm CST, Tom's Pizza & Steak House, 2501 E Wood St., Paris
- Sep 20 - TNM ROMEOS ride, meet at the Cracker Barrel 9am
- Sep 22-23 - NC Ride-In, Jefferson, NC
- Sep 28-30 - AL Rally, Eufaula, AL
- Oct 05-07 - VA Wing'D Rally, Roanoke
- Oct 21 - TNA2 Chili Cookout
- Oct 26-28 - MS Rally, Biloxi

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

| <u>Chapter</u>  | <u>Eat/Meet</u>               | <u>Location</u>   | <u>Contact</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|---|----------------|
| "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, 4p/4:45p | Golden Corral, 3104 Brown's Mill Rd. Johnson City         | 423-383-0339   |
| "C2" Crossville | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thu, 6:30p/7p | La Costa Restaurant, 138 The Crossings, Crossville        | 985-201-3791   |
| "O" Cleveland   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Tue, 6p/7p    | Gondolier Italian Restaurant, 3300 Keith St NW, Cleveland | 423-310-5903   |

## **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 be published in a subsequent newsletter.



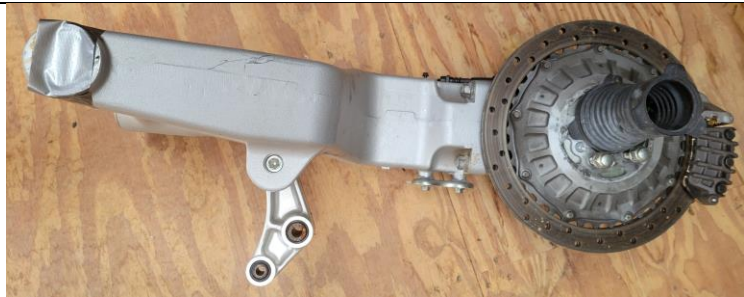


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Wanted - I am looking for a CB radio for my 2006 GL, I have the antenna. Please contact me if you can help,  
Bob George, 828-280-3638  
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For sale, contact Bob Fisher, 585-259-6154 or [kfisher1249@gmail.com](mailto:kfisher1249@gmail.com)  
HJC I30 open face white, with flip down face shield and sun visor, bought wrong size, worn twice, size XL,  
paid \$150, would like to get \$100  
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For sale, contact Frank Balzer, 865-607-4219 or [balzer6509@aol.com](mailto:balzer6509@aol.com)

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|    | Gerbing insulated, waterproof, electric gloves with all the wiring, men's medium, brand new in package, MSPR \$130.00, will sell for \$70.00 |   | Helmet cables (7), cycle cables (5), GL1800 spark plugs (6), GL1800 oil filters (2), trunk flagpole, Gold Wing blue paint, trailer gray and bike gray, windshield vent, screws (many) for GL1800 and fenders, asking \$250 |   |
|    |   | Gold Wing coat is a large, worn very little and exceptionally clean, asking \$40.00 |    | Heavy black leather (Harley Type), many pockets and zippers, asking \$30.00 |
| Gerbing heated jacket and pants (needs power cord), size large, worn about two times on rides. Absolutely like *NEW*, no marks of any kind. Retail is \$450, asking \$300. |  |  |    |   |

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Items for sale, **WITH NEW, LOWER PRICES**, contact Brian Richards, 865-249-6173 or [barljr@att.net](mailto:barljr@att.net)

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|---|---|
|    | 2013 GL1800 rear drive, almost new, needs the rear tire lug bolts plate. Asking \$100                 |
|    | Nelson-Rigg Rain Pants, with suspenders, size XL, used once, it doesn't fit comfortably, asking \$20. |
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| Water-resistant gear bag, new, asking \$20  |   |



Vega full-face helmet, almost new, size L, with J&M BT-03 cordless Bluetooth headset installed, \$75.00

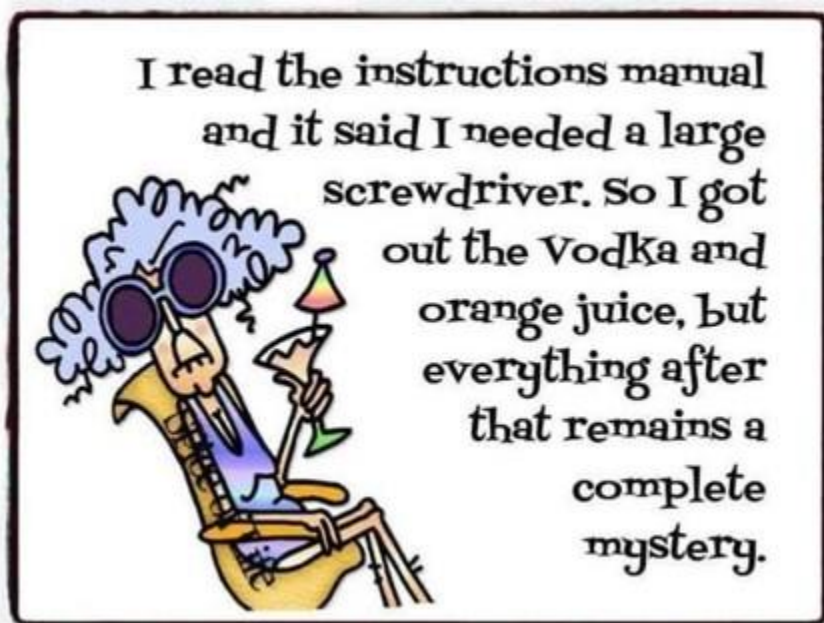


Kuryakyn Omni Passenger Floorboard for Gold Wing 2018+, new cost \$330, only used a couple times, less than a month, wife did not like them as they forced too much pressure sideways on her bad hip muscles from when she broke her hips. Asking \$75



Darkside - Hankook Optimo, 195/55R16, has about 1000 miles on it. \$150. Contact Randy Kinney, 865-363-6610

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



**Men are Like Fine Wine**  
They start out as grapes and it's up to women to stomp the crap out of them until they turn into **SOMETHING ACCEPTABLE TO HAVE DINNER WITH.**

**Color Key:** TN-M events District events Other chapter events Misc m/c TN chapter gatherings

**September 2023**

| Sun  | Mon                      | Tue  | Wed              | Thu  | Fri                            | Sat   |
|--|--------------------------|--|------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|
|  |                          |  |                  |  | 1<br>EWMA<br>Rendezvous        | 2<br>EWMA Rendezvous<br>TNZ Columbia, 8a  |
| 3  | Labor Day 4              | 5<br>TNB Knoxville, 6p<br>TNO Cleveland, 6p                  | 6                | 7  | 8                              | 9<br>TNM Back of the Dragon + Claw<br>of the Dragon                                       |
| 10<br>TNM Back of<br>the Dragon +<br>Claw of the<br>Dragon | 11                       | 12<br>TNM Lenoir City, 6p                                    | 13               | 14   | 15<br>GA Ride-In, Dillard      | 16<br>GA Ride-In<br>District Ride-In, 1pm CST<br>TNY Murfreesboro, 9a<br>TNS Portland, 1p |
| 17   | 18<br>TNA2 Maryville, 6p | 19<br>TNC Kingsport, 6p                                      | 20<br>TNM ROMEOS | 21<br>TNG Tullahoma, 6p<br>TNC2 Crossville,<br>6:30p | 22<br>NC Ride-In,<br>Jefferson | 23<br>NC Ride-In  |
| 24   | 25                       | 26<br>TNM dinner, Brian<br>Richards, 6p<br>TNA Nashville, 6p | 27               | 28<br>AL Rally, Eufaula                              | 29<br>AL Rally                 | 30<br>TNM Fall Creek Falls<br>AL Rally  |

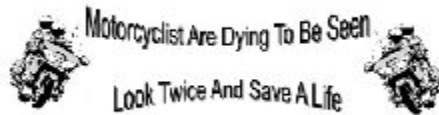
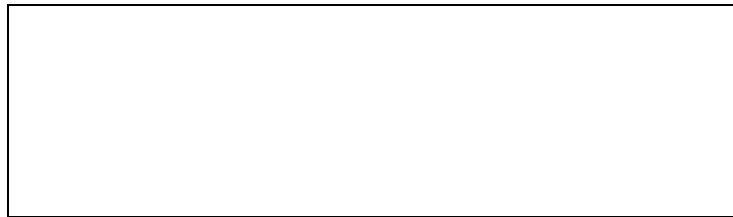
**October 2023**

| Sun | Mon                      | Tue   | Wed              | Thu  | Fri            | Sat  |
|-----|--------------------------|---|------------------|--|----------------|--|
| 1   | 2                        | 3<br>TNB Knoxville, 6p<br>TNO Cleveland, 6p | 4                | 5  | 6              | 7<br>TNZ Columbia, 8a  |
| 8   | 9<br>Columbus            | 10<br>TNM Lenoir City, 6p                   | 11               | 12   | 13             | 14<br>TNM Jack Daniels Distillery +<br>Diamond Gusset store          |
| 15  | 16<br>TNA2 Maryville, 6p | 17<br>TNC Kingsport, 6p                     | 18<br>TNM ROMEOS | 19<br>TNG Tullahoma, 6p<br>TNC2 Crossville,<br>6:30p | 20             | 21<br>TNA2 Chili Cookout<br>TNY Murfreesboro, 9a<br>TNS Portland, 1p |
| 22  | 23                       | 24<br>TNM dinner, Butch, 6p                 | 25               | 26<br>MS Rally, Biloxi                               | 27<br>MS Rally | 28<br>MS Rally   |
| 29  | 30                       | 31<br>Halloween<br>TNA Nashville, 6p        |                  |  |                |  |





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SOUTHEAST REGION 'A'

