# TN-M Foothills Wing



## October 2023

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## 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.

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#### **Chapter Director's Spiel**

Well, we're approaching the end of the "nice" riding weather, especially for some of the northern Districts as well as TN and nearby areas in the higher elevations. We're also into the end portion of the Region A "Rally Season", as of the time I am writing this article, there are two more rallies,

Alabama September 28-30 and Mississippi October 26-28. Due to some serious work by our Region A Directors, Jim (JJ) and Sue Jackson, working with the Region A District Directors, the 2024 Rally season will be significantly different in one major aspect. Many members made note (and complaint in some cases) about the 2023 Rally season in that in many times, at least two or more rallies were back-to-back on subsequent weekends, making it awkward and costly for many members to try to attend more than a couple rallies, which also negatively impacted the Districts

themselves, as it tended to reduce attendance. So it is hoped that spreading the rallies out more in 2024, this will allow more members to be able to attend more of the Region A rallies, and help the attendance at the District rallies. Look for more details later on, with dates and places for all 7 of the rallies in the Region A Districts.

The EWMA is continuing to make improvements, they are now advertising many member benefits, which can be found on the EWMA website (ewma-world.org) by logging into your account on their website, clicking the "Member Resources" tab then clicking the "Benefits & Services" tab. This will bring up a page with all the current benefits available to members, with links for each one to access them. They are also working on an electronic version of the "Eagle Book", which will list what assistance the members are able/willing to provide other members, based on each member updating their member profile with those services. Log into your account, hover the cursor over your name in the upper right corner of the page and click on "Profile". At the bottom right corner of the page is "Your Website Functions", click on the "Services" link and the page that opens up lists the different services possible. Just click the box next to each of the services you are willing/able to provide and when done, click the "Save" button at the bottom of the page, and that is all you have to do. Once we get all the members to update their profile, we will have a very helpful benefit for searching for help when on the road.

Okay enough upper level information, now on to some chapter stuff. First is a quick remember, as we've done for so many years in the past, it is time to get each member's "Annual Mileage" on their motorcycle(s). Please remember to send me the odometer reading from each motorcycle, as of the end of the day, October 31, 2023. I will update my records, for most members I have the odometer reading from last year, which will allow me to calculate the total miles from November 01, 2022 through October 31, 2023, and we will announce the top three high mileage members at the annual chapter TN-M Christmas party, December 02, 2023.

A reminder, we're getting into the time of year that the weather can be very "unpredictable", so when you go on a ride, be careful, try your best to be prepared, the day itself MIGHT be nice and warm, but as soon as the sun starts to go down, so do the temperatures, so you hopefully have warmer clothing to put on. Also, as we all remember, fall is well named, as that is when so many of the tree leaves FALL off the trees, and often end up on the roadway, making for a potentially dangerous situation, so watch out for slippery leaves, we want everyone to be safe.

We still will have chapter 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** 

### **Assistant Chapter Director**

I hope everyone is doing well. Rendezvous has come and gone. I enjoyed it. I hope those who attended did as well. Cooler temperatures are finally on the horizon. It makes for a much more enjoyable ride when the temps are comfortable. So let's get out there and enjoy the fall weather and the hopefully colorful season change. For those of us who like to ride in even colder times of the year, now may be the time to checkout/test your winter gear, before it is time that you need it. Electric riding gear is so wonderful, when it works!

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

#### **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

### **Chapter Birthdays & Anniversaries**

## Happy Birthday to:





Brian Richards 2-Oct Bob & Karen Fisher 02-Oct Bill Cummings 12-Oct Frank & Patti Balzer 15-Oct

28-Oct



### "Thoughts and Prayers"

If you know of anyone, please let Renee and Brian know. Renee McInerney, TN-M Sunshine Lady

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

50 / 25-25

Daryl, TN-A2 member

#### **STAR AWARD:**

None

#### **WHOOPS AWARD:**

Joe Neeley, going through the car wash with the truck window down!

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

Vida Maples, not here

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

## Couple Of the Year Plaque Russ Wools

Mel, Renee and I visited TN-A2 on 9/18/23. As always, it was an enjoyable meeting getting together with our friends there. We met a couple of new EWMA members that are joining their chapter. Mel and Renee also captured the Couple Of the Year Plaque.



## Back of the Dragon/Claw of the Dragon ride, Sep 23-24 Russ Wools

When the chapter ride was canceled last month, I still almost went anyway. Thankfully, I thought better of it because of the thunderstorms and rain that occurred. Brian mentioned in a message with me, that maybe it should be a 3-day ride and possibly riding all of the Claw. So that got me thinking about riding all of the Claw. Since there was no chapter rides over 9/23 & 9/24, I decided to do it. I left at 0700 on Saturday. It was a very overcast day. I rode up 11E/321 to Johnson City. I stopped at Valley Forge Wholesale in Elizabethton. To save a little time, I hit I-81 to Chilhowie, VA. I Started on Whitetop Rd heading down to US-58, which is part of the outer loop and also Marion loop on the map from clawofthedragon.com. I then headed up US-16 toward Marion, VA. I continued on US-16, which is the Back of the Dragon, north of Marion. I stopped at the Back of the Dragon store. I then did the red loop, as seen on the map, west of Tazewell, VA; then returned to the store. I then did the

Bastian Loop, again returning to the store. I almost missed on the map the Burks Garden area. It was a very curvy beginning and definitely should be included if you are only doing parts of the Claw. I finally did the red loop north of Tazewell over the Bluefield, VA. Having started to rain and getting hungry I stopped for supper in Bluefield. The last 17 miles of the red loop I finished in moderate rain and the dark. I made it back to the hotel at 2100 (a mere 14 hr. day, 546 miles).

The next morning, after breakfast at the hotel, I hit the road at sunrise, 0715. I stopped at the overlook on the WV, VA state line. Unfortunately, the fog gave me zero visibility. I proceeded to do the blue loop, the Bland Loop, as seen on the map. I did not repeat the part of the loop I did the day before while doing the Bastian Loop. This is the way I finish most of the loops on Sunday. I did the most efficient route, covering parts of a loop and return later after other parts of different loops to complete the unfinished parts. After the Bland Loop, I did the northeast part of the Wytheville Loop down to rte. 619. I then reversed course back up to Peppers Ferry Rd/Case Knife Ridge Rd. The only problem was in my research was that this was about 5 miles of gravel rd. heading over to Pulaski, VA. From Pulaski, I headed up US-11 and rte. 100 back to the Bland Loop to finish that part of the Outer Loop. I followed the Outer Loop / southern part of the Galax Loop all the way to Galax. I ate lunch at Creekside Café in Galax. I continued to Outer Loop back to US-16 to complete to southern part of the Outer Loop. I reversed course back to rte. 94 to continue the Galax Loop. I followed the loop all the way back to Hillside, VA. I then reversed course back up to rte. 619 so that I could finish the Wytheville Loop. The only part of the entire Claw that I was not able to complete was a small portion of rte. 619 that was detoured. After completing the Wytheville Loop, I headed back to Marion, VA. I rode the complete Back of the Dragon again; fog initially made this a bit difficult but cleared up some after a few miles. I reversed course in Tazewell heading back down US-16 to rte. 601. I then did the final leg of the Outer Loop / Marion Loop back to Chilhowie, VA, where all the fun started. I then made a speed run down I-81 and I-40 back home. I made it home at 2200. (a 15 hr. day, 710 miles)

While 355 miles of the trip was getting to and from VA, that leaves 900 miles covered over the Claw of the Dragon and Back of the Dragon. While very long days, it was a very enjoyable ride. This was mainly about the riding. If I were to ride it again I would spend more time on the stops and history in the areas visited. And,

















## TNM Dinner ride, Burger Station, September 26<sup>th</sup> Brian Richards

We had 6 members meet up at the Cracker Barrel to ride together to the restaurant, and we met with 3 members already there, so it was a nice group enjoying some good food and fun conversations.





### **Upcoming Chapter rides & events**

(For further info, please contact the CD):

- 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

- Oct 21 TNA2 Chili Cookout, see flyer below
- Oct 26-28 MS Rally, Biloxi



#### 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	$3^{rd}$ 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

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



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.





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

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2012 GL1800 rear drive, almost new, needs the rear tire lug bolts plate. Asking \$100/OBO



Nelson-Rigg Rain Pants, with suspenders, size XL, used once, it doesn't fit comfortably, asking \$20.



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

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







**Happy Halloween** 

## FIRST ANNUAL TN-A2 CHILI COOKOUT



#### October 21, 2023

Call for reservations: 865-963-1051 after 4pm
Or Email @ <u>T-freeman@comcast.net</u>
Money can be sent to:
Todd Freeman
4218 Miser Station Rd Louisville, TN 37777

COOKOUT WILL BE HELD AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FRIENDSVILLE
403 N Farnum St. Friendsville, TN 37737

#### WE WILL BE HAVING GAMES, 50/50 DRAWING

Games will start @ 12:00 Eat @ 3:00

We will have chili, with all the toppings, baked goods, and drinks



Number of bowl chili (\$10.00 each) \_\_\_\_\_

### **REGISTRATION DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 15, 2023**





**EWMA TN-A2 Maryville, Tennessee** 

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

### October 2023

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

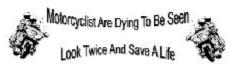
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	1	2	3	4
		TNB Knoxville, 6p				TNZ Columbia, 8a
		TNO Cleveland, 6p				
DLT 5	6	Election Day 7	8	9	10	Veteran's Day 11
		TNM Lenoir City, 6p				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		TNC Kingsport, 6p		TNG Tullahoma, 6p		TNY Murfreesboro, 9a
				TNC2 Crossville, 6:30p		TNS Portland, 1p
19	20	21	22	Thanksgiving 23	24	25
	TNA2 Maryville, 6p					
26	27	28	29	30		
		TNA Nashville, 6p				



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