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Tennessee Gold Wing Road Riders Association

From Our Tennessee District Directors:



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We can hardly believe another year is about to bite the dust! Time sure does fly whether you're having FUN or NOT! Fortunately, for the most part, we have had more fun than not in 2009! 2009 has been a relatively good year for us, personally, in the sense that our family is healthy (though we had some trials with Ken's mom and daughter early on), everyone is relatively happy (though we had some trials there, too, with Kenneth John, early on), and everyone is managing in these difficult economic circumstances (though we had some trials, there, too, with Ken's daughters). Which I guess goes to show that even though there may be trials such as broken legs, wrists, surgeries, divorces, and unemployment, people are resilient – at least our family is – and we have been fortunate in the sense that we have been able to help one another (whether it is through care giving, financial assistance, or emotional support) and look to the future for hope and focus on the blessings we have rather than what we don't have. Looking back at all that has happened to our family this year I'm a bit surprised when I look at it as a 'whole.' It certainly could have been considered a 'bad' year because our family has endured health issues, divorce, and unemployment. For us, we find it better to not dwell on the past but rather focus on the future and enjoy the present for all its many blessings!

It is that same sense of hope and focusing on the future that encourages us in our daily GWRRA activities. Certainly, there have been issues and difficult times to manage but there are also many blessings that come from our association with each and everyone of you. We are thankful for the network of friends we have found across the state and throughout the country. We have enjoyed so many opportunities to visit with each of you, to enjoy your company, and to experience the uniqueness of GWRRA in so many different places! So, as we look to 2010 our hopes are transformed into goals. We thought we'd share those goals with you so you can see the road we hope to share with each of you in the coming year.

- 1) Keep Members First! Members are the foundation of the Association. Most of the activity, and certainly the most activity, takes part at the chapter level. Keeping members first means we want to serve the interests of the members as a whole in the best way possible to benefit all of our Tennessee members. That means we want to help you! Specifically, by cutting costs in these difficult economic times.
- 2) Increase Participation in Leadership Training and Rider Ed seminars and events. This means making courses more readily available throughout the District by offering classes, seminars, and events more often and in more locations.
- 3) Encourage More Riding! The roots of GWRRA are based on the common bond of a love of motorcycle riding and we want to return to the association's roots by encouraging chapters and members to ride more – no matter the distance, the time involved, or the choice of motorcycle – just get out and ride more!

So, how do we plan to do these things? Those of you who read my article on GOALS in this newsletter will say, “Those goals are not very specific.” Well, the goal may be broad but the path is well laid out. Read on!

Keeping members first is SO important to us. We believe the chapters are the ‘top’ of the association pyramid and all of the other levels of organization, District, Region, and National are here to serve you, the member. Without members, and the chapters that those members participate with, none of the other structures would be needed. We believe that the cost of participation within chapters has increased dramatically and, when coupled with our current economic situation, there are many people (members, potential members, and former members) who cannot sustain participation due to the costs involved.

No, we’re not talking about your membership cost because we believe \$55/per year is very reasonable for the benefits each individual member receives. Benefits include the *Wing World*, published 12 times a year (unlike many other organizations that have gone to 6 times a year), Gold Book – a wealth of information and instant family and friends when in need or traveling, Rescue Plus – an important security feature when you are on the road as much as motorcyclists are, and Chapter Life – an intangible, invaluable, benefit that ‘makes’ GWRRA the unique organization that it is today. In addition, there are many more benefits including Rider Ed & LTD programs, services, and discount programs available to members through the organization including Dental, Office Supply, Locksmith, and Travel programs to name but a few. A full list can be found at: <http://www.gwrro.org/membership.html>.

So, what are we talking about? We’re talking about the cost of participation in relation to dinner rides, fundraisers, and program costs. While dinner rides are certainly an integral part of Chapter Life, we’d like to suggest that chapters try to cutback on the costs involved in participation in 2010. How? Have a progressive dinner ride: ride from member home to member home, choose a theme, have 4 stops (appetizers, salads, entrees, dessert), ask members to bring a dish for one of the four stops (dishes can be delivered early), and enjoy the camaraderie of riding together and eating together for a lot less than a traditional meal out; Choose a chapter gathering place that doesn’t require the purchase of a meal: look into VFW/American Legion Halls, Hospitals, Church fellowship halls, community centers, libraries, etc where you can gather without purchasing a meal – members (or the chapter) can provide ‘snacks/desserts’ on a rotating basis; Have brown bag rides: make it a picnic by choosing a destination where you can eat your own brown bag meals. Get creative and have members bring different parts of the meal or each person can bring their own meal; In addition, we want to encourage each chapter to limit the number of charity fundraisers that require cash donations by members. If each chapter holds just one charity fundraiser per year, and a member attends all 26 at a cost of \$10 per person, that’s \$260 per year! More fundraisers mean more costs and limit the number of events and/or chapters that can be supported. We want to encourage you to look for opportunities to help others that don’t require members to dip into their pockets. How about having a coat drive where members collect gently used coats and donate them to those who need them? Or what about a blanket drive where gently used blankets can be collected and donated to the Kidney Foundation for patients undergoing dialysis. Or a food drive to help others. Consider your costs, have just one cash fundraiser, encourage support from the local community not just GWRRA members/chapters and be sure to support your sister chapter fundraisers across the state if you expect them to support your events!

The District will help by cutting the cost of participation at District Events:

- 1) For instance, members have been able to register for our Winter Event for \$10 instead of \$12.50 from September through November. Register now (December and January) and cost is \$12.50. Cost at the door is \$15.00 so register early and get in on the savings!
- 2) Spring Fling registration for Tennessee members ONLY is just \$20! Check out other rallies and you will see \$20 is a GREAT deal! Don’t forget, \$20 includes admission to everything including seminars, vendors, games, activities, sock hop, light/bike shows, parade, AND a ticket to Friday night’s professional 1950’s Variety Show put on by the Grand Majestic Theatre! Get your registration in NOW!

We hope to Increase Participation in Leadership Training and Rider Ed by providing more seminars and courses in more places, more often! How can you and your chapter get in on this opportunity? Contact Norm Sorrell for Rider Ed and Tony Boquet for LTD seminars and courses. We have many well trained, qualified, instructors for both Rider Ed and LTD within Tennessee. These people are eager to teach a course/seminar to benefit you and your members. We’ll ask you to help us by finding a place to conduct the course/seminar and we will arrange for the instructors. Need help filling those critical/needed staff positions? There are two ways to reach your goal(s): 1) Encourage members to take part in the Horizons program and the Chapter Leadership Skills (CLS) program offered by the District on an annual basis. Horizons will be offered March 6th and 7th in Lebanon, TN and CLS will be offered on August 28th in Lebanon, TN. These programs are centrally located within the District to optimize participation from all of the chapters. Meeting other members from other chapters and being able to talk with, and learn from them, is one of the best benefits of these programs. If you’ve already attended, come again, and bring some other chapter members with you! Lead by example! 2) Have a LTD FUN Day! Pick one of those very cold (or very hot) days when nobody really wants to ride and use it as a time to gather your members for some learning and fun! The more members know, about the association, leadership, and personal skills, the more fun your group will have as a whole as they learn what is needed and how they can help the chapter to operate better! Involve more members by educating them first and inviting them to help! Classes can be tailored to fit your chapter and time needs. There is no cost associated with LTD courses.

Rider Ed seminars/courses can help improve your chapter participation within the Rider Ed Levels program as well as make your chapter rides safer by providing increased instruction and experience. Encourage your members to take advantage of the Medic First and Rider Courses offered at District Events. This includes a Medic First scheduled for Winter Event (Jan 30th) at 8am and Medic First and Advanced Rider Course (ARC) to be offered at Spring Fling. For more information or to register, contact Norm Sorrell. In addition, Norm is your chapter educator's direct link to setting up courses for your chapter. Again, we have well-trained, eager, instructors who are willing to come to your location to conduct a Medic First, Parking Lot Practice (PLP), and/or other rider courses at a place and time convenient to you and your members. While most Rider Ed seminars are free of charge, Rider Ed courses such as ARC and Medic First do have inherent costs. In 2010, the District will help by reducing the cost of Medic First courses, to Tennessee members only (you live in or participate with a Tennessee Chapter), to just \$10 per person when the course is arranged through Norm Sorrell only (he may not teach it but he must organize it – you schedule the time/place, Norm will provide the books, supplies, and schedule the instructors). The District will be supplementing the member's \$10 cost to help pay for courses. Normal cost of such a course is \$20 or more!

If you have members interested in becoming instructors for either Rider Ed or LTD programs, please have them contact Norm or Tony directly so that an instructor course can be scheduled.

We plan to Encourage More Riding! How? Well, while we will encourage you to ride more throughout the year, and we, ourselves, hope to get out and ride with you more, we are planning a Ride Around Tennessee in place of the District Picnic! This ride was proposed to the Chapter Directors (CDs) in attendance at the 2009 OPS meeting and received overwhelming support. This enthusiasm and support for a ride versus the traditional picnic indicates the members' desire to return to our roots of riding as well! This event is scheduled for September 10-12, 2010 so please mark your calendars now and encourage your members to participate! The ride is being planned by well-seasoned, knowledgeable, Tom & Kathy Peck, CD's of Chapter B in Knoxville and longtime GWRRA members who have held a multitude of positions within our organization. The ride will begin on Friday morning in the Northeast area of TN, it will progress westward dipping into our 'border states'. Friday night will be spent near Cadiz, KY. On Saturday, we will continue west and then south and then east, ending the day near Fayetteville, TN. Sunday will find us traveling farther east towards Chattanooga before turning north to end the ride in the northeast. Chapters and members are encouraged to join us whenever and wherever they can along the route. As details become more available, we will publish the exact route with anticipated rest, fuel, and food stops as well as overnight accommodations. Depending on the number of riders, the group will be broken down into smaller groups using Road Captains and GWRRA Group Riding Practices to maintain safety and more easily facilitate travel. We know this will be a once-in-a-lifetime ride and hope you'll join us as we discover more about our own state and those states which surround us while riding through incredible countryside alongside our friends! See you on the road!

We want to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May the year ahead bring all of you the gifts of good health, love of family and friends, prosperity and the joy of the open road with the wind at your back, the sun shining upon you, and a motorcycle beneath you! Ride On!

Tennessee District Directors

Ken & Julie Zahn

GWRRA & Goals for 2010

With the arrival of the holiday season, the New Year is right around the corner. Chapters are already planning for 2010. There are rides to be planned, Fun Days to be organized, and lots of FUN to be enjoyed in the coming year. Yet, how do you decide what direction your chapter will take in 2010? There are lots of roads out there and while they are all fun to ride, they don't all get you to the same place. So, perhaps, it's time to take a moment, consult with others, decide where you want to go (set some goals), and then lay out a road map to get you there. Setting goals is an important step in moving your chapter from 'existence' to 'excellence.' If your chapter 'goes with the flow' and is directed by the prevailing winds, you will find your chapter drifting back and forth, often accomplishing nothing.

You may ask, "So, what?" Well, the truth is that people need direction and milestones to guide them and to give them a sense of accomplishment. "But we ride (or meet) just to have fun," you say. That's great! And, yes, gathering to ride and have fun is our primary purpose but without a few goals, you'll find members lack commitment to the group and the group will begin to disintegrate. Consider the following:

Your chapter wants to go on a week-long trip in 2010. That means you need a destination, a route, and planned stops along the way. Who will plan the trip? Who will lead the group? For how long? Are they a qualified Road Captain? What will the costs be? These are all questions that should be answered before you leave home. Good planning makes sure everyone's needs are taken into account (does someone have a medical condition that requires regular meals/snacks or breaks to stretch/walk around)? Leading a group is a BIG responsibility! If you've done it, you know what I'm talking about! There's a little bird that sits on your shoulder (or perhaps it's your co-rider) that is constantly saying, "I wonder if so & so has to rest? I wonder if so & so needs gas? I wonder if so & so is hungry, thirsty, or needs to have a potty break?"

When you're leading, you're responsible for the welfare of your group! And the safety, too! "Have we ridden too long? Are the weather conditions beyond someone's skills? Is the heat, cold, or rain too much for someone? Are our bikes mechanically sound? Is someone having trailer or tire issues? Are you consuming gas at different rates?" The little birdie is continuously asking questions about the comfort and safety of others. Leading can be tiring! Share the load, change leads and drags at least daily to share the responsibility.

So, how can setting and attaining goals help your chapter achieve excellence? Every Chapter has different goals based on their needs and resources. Excellence is defined differently in every chapter. The great thing is, you know when you have achieved it because your chapter is happy (no infighting, divisions, or cliques), and works as one unit to achieve goals and has FUN doing it! Happy people make happy times! Happy Times keep people coming back for more!

At the 2009 OPS meeting, each chapter was asked to write down three (3) goals for the coming year. While everyone wrote something down, the goals were often too large or too vague. Each goal needs to be very specific and should be one short sentence. Here is a compiled list of the goals received at the OPS meeting:

- Increase Safety within Chapter
- Increase Membership/Improve Member Retention
- Help Community more
- Fill Staff Positions
- Successful Fundraiser
- Lots of participation
- Have more rides
- Ride more
- Better chapter communication
- Increase Training for Chapter members

These are all very good, very worthwhile, goals for every chapter. And that's why the majority of chapters had the same goals. But how will you know if you've been successful at the end of 2010? How will you gauge your progress throughout 2010? Remember, on a road trip, you know if you're headed to New York, while there are many ways to get there from here, you better pass through certain points along the way to ensure you're headed north and not south! So, let's look at these goals in a more specific manner. Some of the chapters were far more specific in their goals, and that is shown below:

Increase Safety within Chapter– Have one or more Parking Lot Practices

- Have 2 members reach Level 4 in Rider Ed program
- Entire chapter 100% participation in Rider Ed program (at least Level 1)
- Increase each member’s Rider Ed Level by 1 Level

Increase Membership

/Improve Member Retention - Hold one Bike Show/Mall Show for recruiting purposes

Visit other chapters at least once a month to improve relationships

Recruit “X” number new members (realistic goal – like 2 new members)

Regain “X” number previous members (realistic goal – like 3 former members)

Help Community more - Visit a school/nursing home/etc 2 times a year

Collect 10 “Bottles for Babies”

Collect 200 jars of peanut butter for Food Ministry

Collect 50 coats or blankets for Kidney Foundation

Fill Staff Positions - Fill critical/needed staff positions

Involve more members in Leadership – See previous goal

INVITE members to assist you by filling a staff position

Successful Fundraiser - Set Financial and/or Attendance goals

Lots of participation - INVITE everyone to come out for each event but target specific (different) members each time to ensure everyone is involved

Have more rides - If you plan them, they will come

Ride more - See above; People are reluctant to make decisions about when and where to go; Do it for them

Better chapter communication - Redesign/update Web Site and/or Newsletter

Increase Training for Chapter members – Offer one (or more) Medic First, Road Captain’s, or PLP course this year

- Offer one or more Leadership Training Division (LTD) seminars to increase member knowledge (about association and personal skills)

Please take the time to sit down and consider where your chapter will go in 2010. Get input from your staff as well as members (ask them to write down three goals for the chapter at your next gathering). Choose three goals, set milestones (we want to recruit 4 members in 2010 – 2 before June), and PUBLISH your goals to the chapter as a whole. That way, they will know where the chapter is headed, what route will be taken, and when the goal(s) is accomplished. GOOD LUCK!

Tennessee Motorist Awareness Program



Hello

Leisa and I would like to wish each and every one of you A Merry Christmas and a Safe Holiday Season.

I would like for you to read an e-mail letter that Kyle Craig, NC Assistant Educator, sent us. This is the right idea and the right way to run our Motorist Awareness Program, if it is going to work. I am afraid that if we don't get more results from Tennessee Chapters that the Motorist Awareness Program will fade away. Do you really want this to happen? The success of the Program is up to the Chapters. This is the only way that the message, "LOOK TWICE SAVE A LIFE" will spread across our Nation. For this to be a successful program all our GWRRA Chapters need to be on the same page and working together to achieve this goal. Just remember, the Motorist Awareness Program has to start at the Chapter Level in order to spread across our entire country! Let's show everyone that Tennessee can and will do their part. Here is Kyle's letter.

Until Next Time Ride Safe

Jerry and Leisa Childers

MOTORIST AWARENESS COORDINATORS (MAC)

Look Twice and Save a Life

1. MAC starts at the Chapter level. We must have Chapter level support from the Chapter Directors (CDs), Chapter Educators (CEs), Chapter Staff and Chapter Membership.

2. The basic requirement is to be able to talk about Motorist Awareness (MA). Every chapter has someone that likes to talk. Anyone from your chapter can speak or set up a display at any social gathering, school or business. The very first thing is to coordinate with the proper officials. Examples: School (Driver Education Program), VFW Functions, American Legion Functions, Shriners Club Functions, Wal-Mart, K-Mart, and of course the Malls. Clean up your Wing and park in front of the school, VFW, Wal-Mart or Mall and watch them come. Put all of that safety chrome to good use. It's a great magnet, use it.

3. Chapters need to order FREE brochures to pass out to the public. These brochures can be ordered from the Nation Headquarters by calling the 1-800-843-9460. Ask to speak to someone in Motorist Awareness. Order the following brochures and decals; Familiarity (Mental Discipline), Double Check (Space Cushioning), Protecting You and Yours 24-7 (Decal) and the GWRRA MA Decal. The phone call is free and the postage

is free.

4. Always remember the age group of your target audiences. Take yourself to their level. You'll be very surprised at what retention first, second and third grader will have.



Recipe Corner

Beef & Cheese Enchiladas by Twister:

Ingredients !

[1 \(1 1/4 ounce\) packet taco seasoning](#) (per pound of Beef)
[cilantro \(optional\)](#)
[salsa \(optional\)](#)
[cheddar cheese or Colby Monterey jack cheese](#)
1 can chopped green chilies
[1 lb ground beef](#)
[12 large flour tortillas](#)
[green onions \(optional\)](#)
[1 \(16 ounce\) can refried beans](#)
[2 \(10 ounce\) cans red enchilada sauce](#)



Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Cook the ground beef in a skillet until brown.

Add the taco seasoning and water (according to package instructions) and cook until beef is well coated, and sauce is thickened.

Pour a bit of the enchilada sauce in the bottom of a 9x13in pan and spread evenly.

Set up an assembly line: Tortillas, refried beans, taco meat, corn, any of the above optional ingredients, and lastly cheese.

Assemble enchiladas: Smear a line of refried beans from the top of the tortilla to the bottom, then top beans with the remaining assembly line items.

Fold in the sides of the tortilla to close the enchilada, then place in pan, side by side, until pan is full (pan should hold 6 enchiladas).

Top each enchilada with enchilada sauce, then cover with cheese, and optional ingredients, if desired.

Place assembled enchiladas into the oven and heat through.

Repeat process to make the next batch.

enjoy!

Tennessee Twister
Jerry Childers



Looking for something to do? Somewhere there is always something going on in our district! Do something different and plan a visit to another chapter's event that is not in your area. You'll see new territory as you travel, make new friends during the event, support your sister chapters, and, of course, have a wonderful time making new memories! The more you visit, the more fun you have! See YOU there! (If your chapter would like to have its event on the district calendar, contact Julie today at mrszahn@yahoo.com)

Tennessee District Calendar 2009—2010	
<u>December 2009</u>	
	Happy Holidays to all!
<u>January 2010</u>	
9	Chapter G2 Spaghetti Supper
16	Chapter P Pancake Breakfast - Springfield, TN
30	TN District Winter Event—Manchester, TN
<u>February 2010</u>	
6	Chapter B Chill Cook Off
<u>March 2010</u>	
6 - 7	Horizons
11 - 13	FL District Rally
20	Chapter Y Fun Day
<u>April 2010</u>	
1 - 3	AL District Rally
8 - 10	LA District Rally
22-24	Spring Fling 2010—Old Time Rock & Roll; Pigeon Forge, TN
28 - May 1	SC District Rally
<u>May 2010</u>	
1	Chapter A Fun Day
5	Chapter C St Jude's Golf Tournament
15	Chapter C Roan Mountain Steak Out
22	Chapter D—Mix-N-Mingle—Charlie Daniels Park, Mt. Juliet, TN
27 - 29	AR District Rally
31	Chapter M—3rd Annual Golf Tournament—Kingston, TN
<u>June 2010</u>	
5	Chapter R—Fun Day—Fayetteville, TN
12	Chapter Z—Fun Day
19	Chapter S—Fun Day & Bike Show
17 - 19	WV District Rally (Tentative)
17- 19	GA District Rally
<u>July 2010</u>	
1 - 3	Wing Ding Des Moines, IA.
<u>August 2010</u>	
5 - 7	KY District Rally
28	Chapter Leadership Skills Class
<u>September 2010</u>	
10 - 12	TN District Perimeter Ride
17 - 18	Chapter C—Wings Across Tennessee
23 - 25	NC District Rally
<u>October 2010</u>	
7 - 9	VA District Rally
14 - 16	MS District Rally

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New items are indicated in red .

TN Chapter Roster
Meeting Day, Time, and Places
(Please send corrections to mrszahn@yahoo.com)

Chapter A

Last Tuesday
Eat at 6pm/Meet at 7pm
Piccadilly Restaurant, 721 Madison Square on Gallatin Rd., Madison, TN
CD Larry Combs 615-889-2147

Chapter A2

4th Monday
Eat at 6pm/Meet at 7pm
Ryan's in Hunter Crossing @129, Maryville, TN
CD Alvin & Josie Nelson 865-977-9096

Chapter B

1st Tuesday
Eat at 6:30pm/Meet at 7:30pm
Shoney's on Clinton Hwy; Exit 122 off I-75
CD Tom & Kathy Peck 423-907-9712

Chapter C

3rd Tuesday
Eat at 6pm/Meet at 7pm
Mama's House Buffet, 2608 N. John B. Dennis Hwy., Kingsport, TN
CD Richard & Connie Pendleton 423-245-8484

Chapter C2

2nd Saturday
Eat and Meet at 8am/Ride at 9am
Dairy Queen, Woodmeer Mall, Crossville, TN
CD Stan Bise 931-484-4876

Chapter D

1st Thursday
Eat at 6pm/Meet at 6:45pm
Piccadilly Restaurant, 874 Murfreesboro Rd., Nashville, TN
CD Don & Phyllis Bowden 615-535-1316

Chapter D2

3rd Sunday
Eat at 2pm/Meet at 3pm
Grecian Steakhouse, Dyersburg, TN
CD Jimmie & Shirley Martin 731-325-8164

Chapter F

2nd Tuesday
Eat at 6:30pm/Meet at 7:30pm
Golden Corral, 2905 W Andrew Johnson Hwy (11E), Morristown, TN
CD Bill & Carroll Miracle 865-828-8056

Chapter G

3rd Thursday
Eat at 6pm/Meet at 7pm
Las Trojas Mexican Restaurant 1905 N. Jackson St., Tullahoma, TN
CD Ann & Rich Whittington 931-454-0884

Chapter L

1st Saturday
Eat at 8am/Meet at 9am
Ryan's Restaurant, 405 S. Cumberland, Lebanon, TN
CD Andrew & Debbie Smith 615-369-1352

Chapter M

2nd Tuesday
Eat at 6:00pm/Meet at 7:00pm
Shoney's on Lovell Rd, Knoxville, TN
CD Curtis & Kathy Shoemaker 865-856-3520

Chapter N

1st Saturday
Eat at 5pm/Meet at 6pm Old Country Store
Casey Jones Village, Hwy 45 By-pass, Jackson, TN
Sr. CD Cathy & David Webb 931-479-2167

Chapter O

1st Tuesday
Eat at 6:30pm/Meet at 7:30pm
Golden Corral, 350 Stuart Rd. NE Exit 27 off I-75, Cleveland, TN
CD Boyd & Dianne Hixson 423-775-0601

Chapter P

1st Tuesday
Eat at 6pm/Meet at 7pm
Shoney's, Springfield, TN
CD Terry & Debbie Hunter 615-207-1072

Chapter Q

Last Monday
Eat at 6pm/Meet at 7pm
Golden Corral, Exit 4 off I-24, Clarksville, TN
CD Russ & KJ Kimmert 615-512-3407

Chapter R

4th Sunday
Eat at 8am/Meet at 9am
Shoney's, Fayetteville, TN
CD Rick & Mary Bicknell 931-695-5040

Chapter S

2nd Saturday
Eat at 8am/Meet at 9am
The Corner Café, Westmoreland, TN
CD Michael & Minnie Dorris 615-325-8909

Chapter T

4th Tuesday
Eat at 6pm/Meet at 7pm
Great American Steak & Buffet, Merchants Rd., Knoxville, TN
CD Carroll & Pat Bales 865-687-2986

TN Chapter Roster (continued)
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Chapter G2

1st Monday
 Eat at 6:30pm/Meet at 7:30pm
 IHOP, Parkway in Sevierville, TN
 CD Jerry & Joyce McCoy 865-933-1818

Chapter H

4th Saturday
 Eat at 8am/Meet at 9am
 Honda of Cool Springs 1096 McEwen Dr. Franklin, TN
 CD David & Barbara Jordan 931-270-8082

Chapter K

Last Saturday
 Eat at 5:30pm/Meet at 6:30pm
 The Farmers Family Restaurant, The Farmers Family Restaurant,
 100 Suzanne Dr., Dickson, TN (Exit 172 off I-40)
 CD Tom & Eileen Blackmon 931-729-0750

Chapter Y

3rd Saturday
 Eat at 8am/Meet at 8:45am
 Sloan's Motorcycles, 2233 NW Broad St ,Murfreesboro,
 CD Ed & Mary Ann Grazier 615-459-4499

Chapter Z

2nd Saturday
 Eat at 5:30pm/Meet at 6:30pm
 Bonanza, Columbia Mall, James Campbell Blvd, Columbia, TN
 CD James & Jerlene Smithson 931-359-5549

Chapter U

2nd Tuesday
 Eat at 6pm/Meet at 7pm
 Golden Corral, 1380 Interstate Dr., Cookeville, TN
 CD Ruth & Dudley Spakes 931-739-3866

Chapter V

2nd Saturday
 Eat at 9am/Meet at 10am
 Southern Honda Powersports, 1408 Workman Rd.
 Chattanooga, TN
 CD David & Marie McGill 423-313-2457

Chapter W2

1st Thursday
 Eat at 6:30pm/Meet at 7:30pm
 Perkins Restaurant, 1340 S. Germantown Pkwy.
 Memphis, TN
 CD Glenda & Alan Keough 901-853-8305

MEETING CHANGES for December 2009

DECEMBER**TN-C**

Chapter TN-C has **CANCELLED** their gathering in December due to their Christmas Party.

TN-F

Chapter TN-F has **CANCELLED** their gathering in December due to their Christmas Party.

TN-G

Chapter TN-G has **CANCELLED** their gathering in December due to their Christmas Party.

TN-G2

Chapter TN-G2 has **CANCELLED** their gathering in December due to their Christmas Party, which is for TN-G2 members only this year.

TN-H

Chapter TN-H has **CANCELLED** their gathering in December due to their Christmas Party.

TN-K

Chapter TN-K has **CANCELLED** their gathering in December due to their Christmas Party.

TN-L

Chapter TN-L has **CANCELLED** their gathering in December due to their Christmas Party

Chapter Meeting Changes for December 2009

TN-P

Chapter TN-P has **CANCELLED** their gathering in December due to their Christmas Party.

TN-Q

Chapter TN-Q has **CANCELLED** their gathering in December due to their Christmas Party.

TN-S

Chapter TN-S has **CANCELLED** their gathering in December due to their Christmas Party.

TN-U

Chapter TN-U has **CANCELLED** their gathering in December due to their Christmas Party.

TN-V

Chapter TN-V has **CANCELLED** their gathering in December due to their Christmas Party.

TN-W2

Chapter TN-W2 has **CANCELLED** their gathering in December due to their Christmas Party.

TN-Y

Chapter TN-Y has **CANCELLED** their gathering in December due to their Christmas Party.

Chapter Meeting Changes for January & February 2010

JANUARY

TN-D

Chapter TN-D has **CANCELLED** their gathering in January due to their annual "Black Eye Pea" ride on January 1st.

TN-G2

Chapter TN-G2 has **CHANGED** the location, date and time of their January gathering to take place at their annual St. Jude Spaghetti Dinner on January 9, 2010 at the Kodak United Methodist Church from 4:00pm - 7:00pm.

TN-P

Chapter TN-P has **CANCELLED** their gathering in January due to their **Pancake Breakfast** to be held at Applebee's on January 16th.

FEBRUARY

TN-P

Chapter TN-P has **MOVED** their gathering place to the **Catfish House** located at 3424 Tom Austin Hwy, Springfield, TN beginning in February. The date and time will remain the same.

News from National



Charitable Fundraising...

With the Proper Perspective

By David and Kathy Orr - National Directors, Leadership Training Division

Many of us in our great Association are using this time of year to reach out to those less fortunate. The willingness and ability to help those in need is one of the greatest gifts we can offer one another, not only as motorcyclists but as human beings. Most organized religions in the world today teach that there is no greater example of love than to help the helpless and those less fortunate than us. We commend those in GWRRA who reach out and assist those in need. While the example and commitment of helping people in need is commendable and necessary, the issue of fundraising as it relates to our Association needs to be discussed. GWRRA neither encourages nor discourages Chapters, Districts or Regions to participate in fundraising events. It is up to the individual group to decide to participate in these activities.

However, we should consider the following as it relates to fundraising and our membership in GWRRA.

First of all, how much time and commitment is being asked of our members to raise money or goods for a charitable organization? The question is something Directors at every level should be asking. It is especially worrisome if Chapter Directors in GWRRA are spending a large portion of their Chapter's money and time working to either raise funds for these organizations and/or volunteering their Chapter members to work at these events. Remember our motto, "Friends for FUN, Safety and Knowledge." There is no mention of fundraising in our motto; it is a motto that describes what our association stands for. Members usually join GWRRA to find friends to ride their motorcycles with and to have FUN. In a lot of instances, fundraising is real work, and since it is for a good cause, some members are hesitant to object or ever say anything. They don't want to be branded as unloving or uncaring for those less fortunate. So we ask, did you join GWRRA to spend most of your time at Chapter events or rallies to work and raise money? We didn't and from what we hear as we travel to GWRRA events across the country, this is not what our members joined for either. Recently we were at a rally and while sitting in a common area where refreshments were being enjoyed by attendees who were sitting and visiting, we were approached by no less than five different individuals wishing to sell up raffle tickets or solicit money for charities. While the organizations were legitimate and the efforts by these individuals were sincere, quite frankly it was a bit much for us.

The number one complaint from the members is that they are constantly being bombarded to give money or work for some charitable organization. Increasingly more members are telling GWRRA Customer Service that they feel as if every event they attend, whether it is a monthly gathering, a rally, or even in some cases a ride, they are asked for money. GWRRA is not a fundraising arm for any charitable organization and neither does GWRRA receive their tax exempt status due to raising money for any organization. The IRS recognizes GWRRA as "Not for Profit". Our tax exempt status exists due to our providing our members with training and benefits that fall under the "Not for Profit" status. Fundraising has no effect on our tax exempt status.

In conclusion, let's make sure the idea of fundraising is put in its proper place in GWRRA. Is it wrong to raise money for a deserving charitable organization? Of course not! The intent of this article is to help everyone to understand how it should work in GWRRA. Plus, we need to listen to what our members want, and what they don't want. The members are telling us they do not want to be bombarded at every event, or quite frankly, be hounded for money. We suggest inviting members to participate in one or two events a year, yet keeping fundraising in its proper perspective. Fundraising, put in its proper order of importance, is a very valuable goal and something members should voluntarily participate in, but they should be respected should they decline. The goal for our members must be giving them opportunities to ride, visit friends, learn things that are helpful, and most of all have FUN.

We encourage you to examine the fundraising goals in your Chapter, District, and Region. Has your worthwhile fundraising effort to help a charitable organization replaced the main reason your members joined GWRRA? Remember, what the members want is, "Friends for FUN, Safety and Knowledge". Let's get back to basics and have some FUN!

TENNESSEE DISTRICT WINTER EVENT



**Saturday, January 30, 2010, Coffee County Conference Center
Football Time in Tennessee!**

Choose your favorite high school, college, or professional team or join the Fantasy League and create your own team!

Scrapbook Contest (new! Chapter AND Individual Categories!), Crazy Fan Contest, Football Trivia, Table Decorating, Team Shirt and Mascot Contests, plus MORE! Out of State categories, too! Additional details available at TN OPS meeting on Nov 21, 2009

**Reservations can now be made at Host Hotel:
Sleep Inn, 84 Relco Dr, Manchester, TN 37355
Phone # [931-954-0580](tel:931-954-0580)**

**Ask for Gold Wing Road Riders Rate....currently \$69 plus Tax (\$81.01/night)
Rate is dependent upon TOTAL number of rooms booked - if 20+ rooms are booked rate will drop to \$64/night plus tax; if 30+ rooms are booked rate will drop to \$59/night plus tax. There are a total of 76 rooms - book yours TODAY!**





GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION
 of
TENNESSEE
 Invites you to
Football Time in Tennessee
SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2010



*Manchester-Coffee County Conference Center
 147 Hospitality Blvd
 Manchester, TN*

“EARLY BIRD PRIZE”
Early Registration by January 9, 2010



Tentative Schedule

- 9:30 am Registration Opens
- 10:00 am Opening
- 10:15 am PARTY FUN Begins with Games, Seminars & Contests
- 4:00 pm Prizes/Drawings
- 6:00 pm Awards & Half Time Party Dance with “Scooter Davis”

*Make checks payable to
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GWRRRA of TN reserves the right to alter this event.

REGISTRATION

Rider _____ Member \$12.50 x _____ = \$ _____

Co-Rider _____ Non-Member \$15.00 x _____ = \$ _____
 & On site

Address _____ Total = \$ _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Chapter _____ GWRRRA Number(s) _____

Children 16 and younger—no charge!



**REGISTRATIONS MUST
 BE RECEIVED BY
 JANUARY 23, 2010**

AGREEMENT

I/We agree to conform and comply with the ideals governing this event. I/ We further agree to hold harmless GWRRRA, co-sponsoring organizations or any property owner or owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/We may become involved by reason or participation in this event.

I/We also agree to assume responsibility for any property which I/We knowingly damage.

I/ We have read this form. Must sign below

Rider _____ Date _____

Co-Rider _____ Date _____

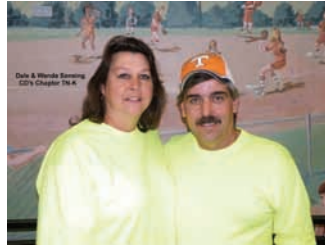
ON-SITE REGISTRATION WILL BE \$15.00

Meet Our 2010 Tennessee Chapter Directors



No Picture For Chapter

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Visit the TN GWRRA website at:
www.tngwrra.org
 It's the place to go to find out
 what's happening in TN!



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**TENNESSEE
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