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Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge



Albuquerque, NM - Balloon Fiesta

Chapter "M" Gathering

Chapter M meets on the second Tuesday of every month

at Loudon County Medical Center, (behind Cracker Barrel) in Lenoir City.

Dinner is @ 6:00p.m. and gathering @ 7:00p.m.

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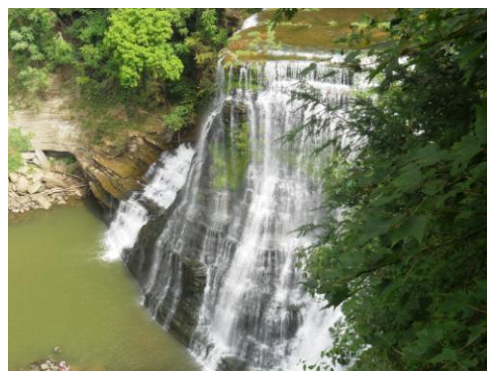
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Chapter Directors Desk

Well here we are in October already, yet another month gone. The days are getting shorter, and mornings much colder (right Rick & Linda?). Soon riding season will be over, and we will be longing for those warm sunny days! Even with the shorter days though, we were able to get some riding in this past month!

We started the month riding to the District Picnic on 9/10/11, over in Gladeville, TN. We left Wal-Mart that morning around 9 am with 11 bikes, and broke up into two groups for Interstate riding. Since Henry was with us, of course we stopped at Luvs Truck stop in Cookeville for our break! When we arrived at the picnic, we found two more Chapter M members already there, so I believe we had a total of 21 members and 12 bikes at the picnic. The food as always was fantastic, and the games were, well the games were hilarious! If you missed the picnic, you truly missed some interesting games. Many of you have already seen the pictures! Let's just say the laughter was contagious!

The next weekend brought yet another Chapter ride. We left Lenoir City Wal-Mart at 8:30am with 7 bikes & 10 people, and Leonard in the lead. He had laid out a fantastic ride to Burgess Falls State Natural area, in Sparta. The only thing he failed to mention about the ride was the fact we would have to hike 25 miles, up hill (both ways), in a blinding snow storm! Well, ok, maybe it wasn't 25 miles or snowing, but it was a hike! But I will say it was more than worth it! Take it from a Yankee that used to live very close to Niagara Falls, and have seen them more times than I would like to count, Burgess Falls are something to see! They rival Niagara in beauty, and actually to me, seem fairly close in size as well! Actually maybe the best part of the ride was the hike to and from the Falls. As you might imagine, there was quite a bit of jabbing at Leonard about the hike, but everyone really had a fantastic time!



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When we left the Falls, we headed North East towards Jamestown. Leonard had found a BBQ place on 127 just outside of Jamestown he wanted to try. After an hour cross country trip on some beautiful back roads, we stopped at the BBQ Shack. Man the food was wonderful and plentiful! I'm sure no one went away hungry. After lunch, everyone was pretty tired, so we made our way down 127 to the Interstate and headed home. It was an outstanding day and just a fantastic ride!

The last Tuesday of the month we took our monthly Dinner ride. We left Wal-Mart on Tuesday, 9/27/11 with 5 bikes & 9 people I believe, and made our way to the Log Cabin in Loudon. When we arrived I found we were a little late, most everyone had already ordered! We ended up having 28 Chapter members present, and as has come to be expected, the food was outstanding & the camaraderie was even better! After dinner, since we were going through Loudon to get home, we had to stop at Tic Toc! By that time though, the temperature had dropped considerably and most everyone headed home. I believe we had 6 Chapter members stop at Tic Toc, but some of us only got coffee.

Finally, as I'm sure most of you are aware, we have had several changes regarding the Chapter staff, with several more to come. First I would like to take time to thank those of you that have spent your time and energy helping to run the Chapter, and have helped to make us the outstanding Chapter that we are! Thank you can't begin to be enough for: Dave Gibson for the years as our Chapter Educator, Robert Scott for many years as our Ride Coordinator, Chris Cardwell for several years as our MEC, and Henry Rotters for many years as the Website Coordinator, as well as several years as the Chapter Treasurer. I can't stress enough how important the help from the staff is to keep things rolling smoothly. Please take a minute to thank those that have stepped into these positions and given their time & energy. Please also thank those that will be or already have taken over these positions: James Whitener & Carroel Edgemon as our Rider Educators, Larry Hodge as the Website Coordinator, Cindy Valentine as the MEC, Curtis Shoemaker as the Ride Coordinator, and George Maples as the Chapter Treasurer. I know our Chapter will continue to lead with such talented members stepping into these important roles!

Ride Safe & Have Fun!

Rob & Trudy

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Assistant Chapter Directors



Well it's time to say good bye to September and hello to October, this has been a really short summer. It has come time to insure you have your winter gear on the bike because the weather gets cold at night the temps drop quickly once the sun goes down. We have had a great summer with lots of adventures with the group, Linda and I have enjoyed all the rides and dinners especially all the ice cream rides.

Now let's talk about our last dinner ride, we all went to the Log cabin located on hwy 72. They did a great job rebuilding the restaurant after the fire and they had just enough room to fit everyone in, due to the amount of people they serve normally. The food was great and well worth the visit back to the restaurant. We had quite a few club members to meet for dinner and most of us agreed that the food was even better than before, the service was great and the company was even better. If you have not been to the restaurant I will say if you are in the area stop in and have a bite to eat, you will enjoy your meal.

There are more events planned and many things to do. The most recent event is the change of color ride. They are some great colors to be seen today at the higher altitudes. We were out this Saturday at foothills parkway and the colors were very bright with changes. It looked great and was very visible. Hope everyone can make the ride and we hope to see all at the next dinner ride.

We are not going to be at this months' meeting, Linda and I are headed to the mountains to go camping. Enjoy your rides and hope to see you all soon.

Rick and Linda Collins

Couple of the Year



Hello Chapter M from sunny but cold Arizona. Pam & I won't be able to be with you guys this month, but we are thinking about you. We got to make the dinner ride to the Log Cabin in Loudon before we left and had a great time with great food to boot. A few of us stopped

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at the Tic Toc for ice cream on the way home, ain't that right Mike Lawlor? We had the opportunity to get away for a couple of weeks, so we decided to take a ride to Albuquerque, NM for the Balloon Fiesta. We left Lenoir City on Sunday, Oct 2, with the temps in the upper 30's. We made it to Russellville, Arkansas, on Sunday night and rode into Panhandle, Texas, on Monday night.

We stopped right before Panhandle at Grooms, Texas, and visited the Cross and the Stations of the Cross. Pam's brother lives in Panhandle so we spent the night with him and his wife. He gave us a tour of the town on Tuesday morning. Most interesting is the museum and Square House in the middle of town. If you are ever that way, stop in and visit. The quality of the museum is outstanding, especially for such a small town.

We left there after the tour and headed for Santa Rosa, NM, where we spent the night on Tuesday before heading into Albuquerque on Wednesday morning. We woke up Thursday morning to high winds, so the Balloon Fiesta was canceled. We walked down to Fiesta Park (about 1.5 miles from the motel) and visited the vendors. We ate some Greek food before heading back to the motel. We saw NO balloons, but walked about 4 miles so we got our exercise that day.

On Friday morning we awoke to rain. AGAIN, no Fiesta. A friend that I used to work with is living in Albuquerque and he and his wife picked us up at the motel (remember it was raining), took us on a grand tour showing us some of the local sights, and then fed us at Sadie's Restaurant. This was authentic New Mexican food and was very tasty. They delivered us back to our motel in grand style.

We had given up hope of seeing any balloons, so we packed up Friday night so that we could depart early on Saturday morning. However, when we awoke that morning, the weather was cooperating. No rain. No high winds. We looked out our motel window to a surprise. There was snow on the mountain and balloons in the air! The motorcycle was packed so we just walked behind the motel and up a little hill where we had a ringside seat. The balloons floated right over the motel so we were in the perfect spot to see them. One of the balloons was not lucky enough to stay aloft, but it landed in front of the motel so we got an up close look. There were about 300 balloons launched in the Mass Ascension that morning. We sent Rob some of the pictures so some of them may make it into the newsletter.

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After the balloons floated out of our sight, we left for Santa Fe so Pam could do some shopping at the Old Town Square. She found a beautiful turquoise and silver bracelet for herself. We spent the night in Grants, NM and headed toward the Petrified Forest on Monday morning. (Pam interjects here) Larry packed the motorcycle while I got ready. I usually go through and check the room, but this time I did not and that was a mistake! We got 40 long miles down the road when Larry asked, "Did you get the medicine out of the refrigerator?" He KNEW from the silence that I did not get the medicine out of the refrigerator. I was depending on him and he was depending on me apparently. Neither of us was dependable in this situation! We turned around at the Continental Divide exit on I-40 and headed back to Grants. And we exceeded the speed limit by just a small amount. I dared not say a word or let him know that the legs of my over-pants were blowing up and freezing my legs because he was on a mission. Thank

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God, the employees had not thrown it away. I think Larry deserves the wood this month. Rick, could you take it by proxy? (O.K. Pam is through – back to Larry)

We turned back around and visited the Petrified Forest and the Painted Desert. Pam found a pair of earrings at the Visitor's Center. I am beginning to wonder if this is the beginning of a pattern here – Pam buying stuff and poor ole Larry with nothing. (Sob) We rode 2 lane roads the rest of the day through the Navajo Indian Reservation and are spending the night at Window Rock, Arizona.

This story will be continued next month.

Till we see you again – Ride Safe!

Larry and Pam Hodge

Chapter Educator

This is a reminder to those of you who need to take First Aid and CPR. Please pay the treasurer for our books. They need to be ordered as soon as possible. I believe our date was changed to November 5, 2011. I have papers for everyone to fill out tonight. Edna did a wonderful job, but there is some problems with what is in the data base for Chapter M. Please help James and me get the correct information to Marie and Gary. Thank you so much for your help.

Please remember to ride safe and always use the correct equipment. We need all of our members here at our gathering and on our rides.

Carroel Edgmon & James Whitener

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Chapter of the year Coordinator

Chapter M Dinner Ride

September 27, 2011

The last dinner ride of September was to the Log Cabin Restaurant in Loudon, TN.. We had 28 people present. Everyone enjoyed the food, being with our members , talking and laughing.

For a Tuesday night, the restaurant was crowded and more people kept coming.

Did not play the quarter game this time. Try this restaurant if you were not with us.

It is very good. As I said, everyone had a good time. Better be with us next time. You miss a lot when you are not along.....BESIDES WE MISS YOU!!!!

Carroel Edgmon

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Rick's hiding place when he is in trouble with Linda!



He can run but he can't hide - Linda will find him!

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Chapter "National Historic Landmarks" Contest Rules for 2011

1. Visit as many National Historic Landmarks as you can. You must take a picture of your bike/bikes in front of the sign designating the National Historic Landmark or a picture of your bike/bikes with the National Historic Landmark in the background. A list of all sites for all 50 States is here: <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nhl/designations/Lists/LIST10.pdf>
2. If a group visits a National Historic Landmark, then everyone but the photographer should be in the picture. This allows for the fact that someone else may not be available to take the picture for you.
3. The winner will be selected on a points system. Points will be awarded to each couple/bike visiting the National Historic Landmark as follows:
 - 1 point to each couple/bike for each National Historic Landmarks visited.
 - 2 points to each couple/bike if there are 4 or more couples/bikes in the group.
 - 2 points to each couple/bike if the National Historic Landmark is \geq 250 miles from the Chapter Meeting Location.
 - 3 points to each couple/bike if the National Historic Landmark is \geq 500 miles from the Chapter Meeting Location.
 - 4 points to each couple/bike if the National Historic Landmark is \geq 1000 miles from the Chapter Meeting Location.
 - 5 points to each couple/bike that visits all 29 in Tennessee.
4. All distance calculations will be made using Mapquest and calculated from the Chapter meeting location (Fort Sanders Medical Center, Lenoir City) to each National Historic Landmark.
5. Points will be calculated by the contest committee (CD, ACD, COY, & Ride Coordinator).
6. The DEADLINE FOR THE CONTEST IS NOVEMBER 8, 2011 (Chapter Gathering/Meeting).
7. Any questions/concerns should be addressed to the Chapter Ride Coordinator. If he can't get them addressed, he will discuss them with the Contest Committee. The decision of the Contest Committee is final.
8. Prizes will be awarded at the Christmas Party in December 2011.

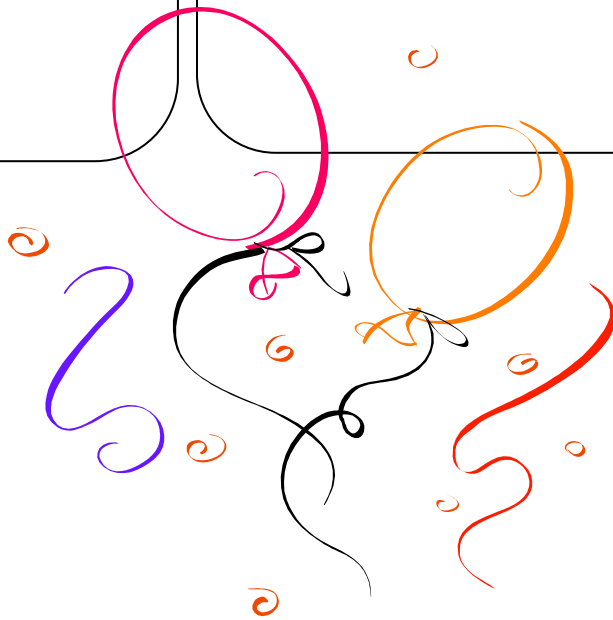
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9. **REMEMBER**, the goal of this Contest is to get Chapter members out & riding the beautiful roads of Country! Let's make this one of the biggest and best Contest rides we as a Chapter have ever had!

BIRTHDAY/ ANNIVERSARIES

Mike Lawlor	October 11
Tony Russell	October 27
Mel McInerney	October 28
David Freels	October 30

Patti & Frank Balzer	October 15
Ruby & Henry Rotters	October 16
Karen & Glemm Lintemuth	October 21



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FOR SALE

- **Trunk Net - Elastic support net holds smaller items in place. Fits 2001 - 2010 GL1800 Brand new, still in original package. Installation required. \$25 call Ken Gray at 865-693-0246.**
- **Original Honda Service Manual 1980-81 GL 1100, \$30; Wing World Magazines March 1982 - 2009, \$200 for all; Complete Receiver Hitch Kit GL 1500, \$50; Ultragard Half Cover GL 1500, \$20; Please call Rick Gibson 865-458-3731**
- **Heated Corbin Seat H GL18-6HE – New- Grey & Black, designed for tall person, In original package. New was \$1300.00 will negotiate price. Please call Bert Smith @ 865-640-6130. No calls after 7p.m.**
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9	10	11 Monthly Chapter Gathering 6 pm	12	13	14	15 Color Ride to Norris Dam & Lake City
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November 2011						
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6	7	8 Monthly Chapter Gathering 6 pm	9	10	11	12
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20	21	22 Monthly Chapter Dinner Ride – 6:30 pm	23	24	25	26
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