

Chapter W2 – Memphis Gold

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From the Chapter Director

By: Glenda Keough

Spring has sprung once more and the weather is beginning to be conducive to our favorite pastime – riding! We have had a couple of simply gorgeous days these past few weeks with the promise of more to come soon. I'm so ready and anxious to put on my gear and go and I know all of y'all are too. Our dinner ride in April will be to Pickwick Lodge. We are going to spend a couple of hours at the Collierville YMCA "well kids" event letting the children and their parents see what a touring motorcycle looks like, then we'll leave there and go to Picwick for lunch. More about the specifics will be shared at the meeting on the 2nd of April.

We had a great time and some good catfish at the Chatterbox this month. Joining Alan & me for the food and camaraderie were **Ray & Anne Beloate, Pat & Jim Brewington, Don Smith, Doug & Linda Pyron along with their grand daughter**, and after touring a part of Mississippi he had never seen before, **Richard Hutson** managed to find the place and joined in too.

Our chapter participated in the bike show at the Agricenter the weekend of the 21st and 22nd of March. A big thank you goes out to **Ron Page** and **Gary McPherson** who took the first shift on Saturday, to **Ray & Anne Beloate** who relieved them and to **Chuck Caldwell** who finished up on Saturday. Big cudos go out to **Richard Hutson** for taking the entire day on Sunday. We talked to lots of folks and are hopeful that some will join with us for some good rides this

season. It was good exposure for our chapter.

We have Spring Fling in Pigeon Forge coming up the 23, 24, & 25th of April. I'm looking forward with great anticipation to our region's annual rally. It has always been a popular event for everyone in the region, and with good reason. It's always great fun! Those of you who are not planning to attend will be missed.

Pete Scogin is doing pretty well after his surgery. He is home and his appetite is returning. If he could just get out and mess around in the yard he'd be much happier. Just hang in there Pete, you'll be able to putter around again before you know it. In the meantime take advantage of the offers of help made by your friends (and by LeeAnn).

Don't forget our meeting on April 2, 2009. It is, as always, at the Perkins on Germantown Parkway at Wolf River Boulevard. We will eat at 6:30 and meet at 7:30. Please plan to attend.

Glenda Keough



RIDER EDUCATION

By Alan Keough

Critter Crashes: Avoiding Deer And Other Animals While Riding

The following tips were compiled from an article in Motorcycle Cruiser.

Statistics show that about 150 Americans a year die as a result of 700,000 collisions with deer, which reportedly cause over a billion dollars in damage. A disproportionate number of those fatalities are motorcyclists.

At the moment there is no clear method of avoiding those accidents short of staying at home under the bed. That's not why we bought our Wings. Listed below are some pointers that may help the next time you are riding in our area.

- Deer travel in groups. One deer means there are probably more, so even if the one you see is off the road and going away, slow down immediately.
- Heed deer-crossing signs, particularly in the seasons and times of day when deer are active. Slow down, use your high beam, and cover the brakes.
- Flashing your headlights may break the spell that seems to cause deer to freeze.
- Deer and other wild animals are designed to be hard to see. Aside from the flickering white tail or reflections from an eye, they simply disappear. However, this absence of reflected light can also tip you off. A "hole" in a white fence or wall of "missing" roadside reflectors at night might be an animal. A

reflector that "blinks" might also indicate an animal passing between you and it.

- If an animal has been injured, stay away. It may attack or injure you unintentionally if it comes to and tries to escape.
- If a collision is imminent, DO NOT swerve. Braking hard right up to the point of impact is good, but you want to be stabilized if you do collide, which will give you the greatest chance of remaining upright.
- If riding in a group, spread out. This will keep one rider who hits a deer from taking other riders down with him.
- WEAR PROTECTIVE GEAR. As with other crashes, no one plans to hit an animal. The only way to be ready when it happens is to be ready on every ride.
- On hot, muggy nights when there are a lot of mosquitoes, deer head out of the woods to escape the bites.
- Small animal motorcycle collisions with raccoons, opossum, and armadillos can also be deadly. A fast-moving motorcycle with the brakes locked is a recipe for disaster. A glancing hit can veer a motorcycle off the road. These animals are low and have a round body structure that doesn't crush, causing the body to roll under an undercarriage.

Let's stay alert and stay safe this riding season.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 April Fool's Day	2 W2 Meeting	3	4 N Meeting
5	6	7	8	9 MS Y Meeting	10 Charlotte Green B-Day	11 I Meeting
12 Easter	13	14	15	16	17	18 YMCA - W2 Dinner Ride
19 D2 Meeting	20	21	22	23	24 Spring Fling	25 Spring Fling
26	27	28	29	30		



Todd and Malinda Ferrell on their Gold Wing

Memphis Men of Harmony
The Memphis Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society
Annual Spring show
Germantown Performing Arts Centre
Saturday April 18, 2009
Afternoon Matinee Show - 2:00 p.m. Evening show 7:30 p.m.
Benefiting LeBonheur Children's Medical Center
Special Guest Quartet - Max Q - 2007 International Champion Quartet
Special Guest Announcer - Jim Jagers - WREG News Channel 3

I will be performing in the chorus and will be singing with my quartet, Subject to Change.
I will also be playing in my brass quintet, Sunday Traffic Brass. 1/2 hour before the chorus begins the quintet will play while the audience enters the auditorium.
Cost \$15.00 advance tickets \$18.00 at the door

I can get tickets so let me know and I'll make arrangements to get them to you!
Hope to see you at the show!!

Sincerely,

Gary McPherson

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