

# Chapter W2 – Memphis Gold

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**Eat at 6:30 PM – Meet at 7:30 PM**  
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## From the Chapter Director

### By: Glenda Keough

Can you believe that it's August already? This summer the weather has been hit and miss for riding, but we managed to have a busy July and I'm in hopes that August will bring some good riding weather. We had a good crowd for our impromptu ride to the Cajun Catfish Company restaurant where everyone enjoyed some good food and fellowship. We were even lucky enough to be pretty well finished eating before the lights went out. It took a little while for the staff at the restaurant to figure our bills manually, but it was done as quickly as possible and we were on our way. Some of us rode to the Dairy Queen for dessert before we headed home.

The next Saturday found us in Brighton at Well's Kitchen for our monthly dinner ride. A group of us (Jim & Pat Brewington, Steve & Claire Greer, Herman & Joyce Bringle, and me in my T-Bird) left Collierville and rode to Millington where we were joined by several others (Pete & LeeAnn Scoggin, Ed Johnson & Phyllis Davis, Ruth Bolden, and Gary McPherson) and then it was on to Atoka where we met our guides (Ray & Ann Beloate) and Jay & Terry Novell. Needless to say, we filled up the parking lot and pretty much the dining room and had a great time doing it. Richard & Colleen Hutson arrived later after their excursion to the pearl farm up toward Nashville.

I took the next Friday off and Jim and Pat Brewington along with Alan and I took a spur of the moment ride over to middle Tennessee. We rode to Franklin where we spent the night and attended Chapter H's breakfast meeting. We enjoyed meeting some new folks and reconnecting with some we hadn't seen in a while. After the meeting we spent a little while on the town square where we ate lunch then rode to Dickson where we attended Chapter K's dinner meeting. Sunday had us in our Frog Togs starting out, but before we reached Jackson we had shed those and had a lovely ride the rest of the way home. We had a really good time visiting and I picked up a couple of ideas for things to do in our chapter. More to come on that subject.

I want to thank Ed Johnson for conducting the August meeting for me. Alan and I, along with Pete and LeeAnn Scogin will be attending the Kentucky state rally so we will be out of town. Our dinner ride this month is to Braden Station and is on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup>. I will email details when we get back from Kentucky. Also, mark your calendars for Friday, September 18th through Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be riding to Eureka Springs. I'm really excited about this trip, as I've never been there. I hope you will all come and help to make my first visit a really memorable one.

## RIDER EDUCATION

By Ed Johnson

The subject of this month's article is "Think Safety." When you think about it, riding a motorcycle is really about 90 percent thinking and about 10 percent physical effort. The 10 percent physical part includes holding up the bike with your legs when you stop, and using your feet and hands to work the brakes, shifter and throttle. When you are just cruising along on the highway, not much physical activity is going on, but there should be lots of mental activity going on.

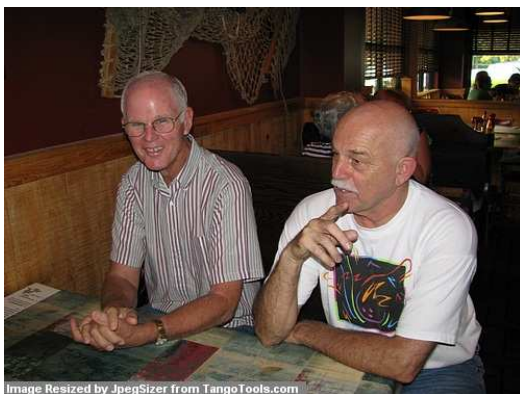
Are you the kind of person who sits back and daydreams when you are riding? I hope not. Although you should be relaxed and enjoying your ride, there are many things your mind needs to be thinking about and processing. How about your instruments and gauges? Speed, rpm's, fuel level, coolant temperature, warning lights, all need to be monitored. Are you keeping an eye on the other riders in your group? Are you too close? too far apart? How about the traffic around you? Are you scanning ahead for possible hazards?

Are you thinking about weather conditions? Hot, cold, rain, wind, etc. How does the road look? Rough, smooth, uneven, railroad tracks ahead. And that curve ahead, is it broad, narrow, slick? Going too fast or too slow?

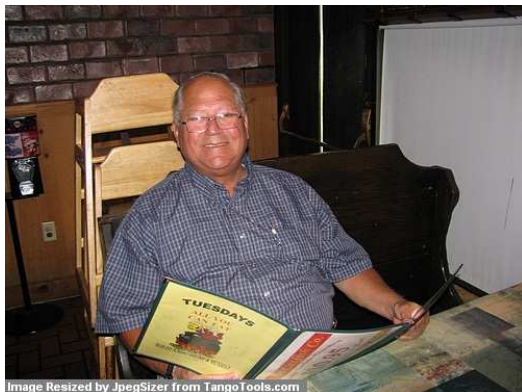
Wow!!! Have you ever thought about how many things you need to think about when you ride? How could you have time to daydream? It's a good thing our brains can multitask and process a lot of information at the same time. Although much of this processing is done kind of automatically without much effort, don't get too lax with it, or you may miss some important information.

Help your brain out by giving it enough rest, nourishment, protection (helmet), and by starting out with a good attitude. If it is tired, overworked, or upset, it may not work as well as it should, and you could be in trouble. Think safe and be safe.

Ed Johnson



*They're happy, it must be time to eat!!*



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 N Meeting
2	3	4	5	6 W2 Meeting – Ed Bell B- Day	7 Kentucky Rally	8 Kentucky Rally
9	10	11	12	13 MS Y Meeting	14	15 W2 Dinner Ride
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