

Chapter W2 – Memphis Gold

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From the Chapter Director

By: Glenda Keough

It's December already. This year has flown by (as they all seem to do anymore) and I want to take a few minutes and thank each and every one of you for making it a memorable year for me. It seems like only yesterday that Alan and I started out on this path of leadership for Chapter W-2 and it has been a lot of fun. I want to thank my staff for all of their hard work and dedication over the past year, and prepare them for even more this coming year. We are working on some new and exciting things for this next year. The most important thing you need to bring into the mix is your participation and enthusiasm. I hope to see a lot of that in the year to come.

We are welcoming a new staff member in 2010. Ron Page has joined the team as our technical advisor. Ron has many years of experience under his belt, and is kind enough to offer to share some of that expertise with the chapter. I would like to see everyone support his efforts as he adds another dimension to chapter life at W-2.

It was decided at the annual Ops meeting that the West Tennessee traveling plaque would be placed on inactive status for the time being. We have lost a couple of our west Tennessee chapters, and the chase for the wood in our section of the state is no longer viable. We have, however, been invited to chase the middle Tennessee plaque if we desire to do so. This option is interesting to me....maybe the middle of the state will make a trip to west Tennessee to regain their property. We will discuss this and see what you think about the idea at our January gathering.

Saturday, the 12th of December is the chapter Christmas party. It is being held at the Eads community center on Collierville-Arlington Road. The festivities will begin at

6:00 that evening with, what else, dinner. After we stuff ourselves there will be a gift exchange with Santa playing a little dirty. Each person should bring a gift (not more than \$20.00 please). Guys, bring a guy's gift and gals, you need to bring a gal's gift. Please indicate which gender the gift is for, but don't put your name on it. We hope to see you there.

Coming up the 30th of January is the winter event (previously known as Cupid's Capers) and I want to encourage everyone to make it a point to go. It has always been lots of fun and I'm confident that this one will not be an exception. The theme is football time in Tennessee and I'd like to have a full team present. Come and have a ball with us!

I will be asking for suggestions for rides again this coming year. There will be paperwork to fill out at our January gathering, so put your thinking caps on and come with ideas and suggestions of where you would like to go and what you would like to see in 2010. If the weather permits this year, we will be riding more and seeing more, and above all else, eating more than we did in 2009. We truly want your input.

Once again I want to thank all of you for making our first year as chapter directors a successful and fun experience. I'm looking forward to working with you for another year. Thanks go out to my staff: Ruth Bolden, treasurer; Ray Beloate, MED; Alan Keough, safety; Richard Hutson, ride coordinator; Ed Johnson, newsletter editor; Leann Scoggin, historian; Pat Brewington, sunshine; Jim Brewington, webmaster; and Ron Page, technical advisor for their dedication to GWRRA and, more specifically, Chapter W-2.

TECHNICAL CORNER

By Ron Page

I wonder - Should I Winterize my Gold Wing or Not?

Well, yesterday was a wonderful day for riding – temperature was 77 degrees, wind was from the south west and there were just a few clouds in the sky – I had ridden for several miles and had a thought – why not stop by Glenda and Alan’s house just to see if they wanted to ride to “destination Unknown” – no one home so I headed out to enjoy the thrill of motorcycling solo. Along my route, I saw more than two dozen other riders and we acknowledged each other with a friendly wave. As the day continued, I decided to drop by the MSF course just to watch the new riders learn or improve on their riding skills which is something I recommend everyone do often. The farthest thought from my mind was winterizing my motorcycle(s). So....here goes....should I winterize my Wing or not? Since I ride year round and perform regular TCLOCS as well as oil changes, brake jobs, check and change fluids as well as wash and wax my Wing – the answer was NO. However, my four other bikes could be winterized over the Thanksgiving holiday – keeps me out of the kitchen as well as out of the way – unless Tennessee or Texas football is on the TV. Anyway, enough rambling for now: Winterizing my (your) motorcycle – the basics:

1. Make sure you have the proper equipment – you’ll need some tools – spark plug wrench (for the Wing) – getting to the spark plugs is easier said than done so you’ll want a full complement of tools (metric wrenches, sockets, screw drivers, oil filter wrench etc...) you may want a motorcycle lift if you plan to keep the tires off the ground all winter. Tools

include plenty of soap, polish, wax, lubricant, oil, fuel stabilizer and warm water. You may want to invest in a breathable cover for your bike (you do NOT want moisture forming under a tarp that can contact your bike – rust, discoloration or worse). Okay – you have the tools so let’s go.

2. Wash your motorcycle – get rid of all the dirt, bugs, and road grime you can scrub off. Dry the bike and then polish, polish, polish in order to protect all the different finishes. My Honda CB175 like my Wing has many different surfaces – paint – aluminum, chrome etc...so have the right cleaning and polishing products on hand. Unlike my Wing, my CB175 has a chain. So to clean and protect my chain, I have special cleaning materials and lubricants for it. Make sure you protect each surface as well as keep any corrosive chemical away from surfaces that could be destroyed.
3. If you are sure you will not be riding during the winter – add a fuel stabilizer to your gas tank as well as fill your gas tank with as much gas as you can (Water could condense on the inside of the tank and that would be disaster). Once you put the fuel

- stabilizer in your tank, you'll need to run your engine (my Wing has fuel injection so I want to make sure I've coated the fuel system with the stabilizer; my CB175 has two carburetors so I still want to run the engine to coat the parts but I must also drain the float bowls (Gas is unstable if left on its own and will change leaving a bad smelling gummy sludge).
4. Change your oil and filter – you just ran your bike so the oil is warm. This is just good for your motorcycle as oil will develop an acidic quality that will harm the inside of your engine.
 5. Spark Plugs – check them – clean them – re-gap them – replace them as needed. The CB175 is easy compared to the Wing but I can attest – it is worth the effort.
 6. Clean and lubricate components that move or connect vital components on your motorcycle – cables, connectors, brake components forks, seals, pivot points, side or center stand(s) – anything that is exposed that you can't protect with polish.
 7. Our Wings are liquid cooled so pay attention to the antifreeze – you may check it or you may want to change it – if its been two or more years since you changed your antifreeze – then make plans to spend some time on this task. The Wing has some clear do's and don'ts for this procedure and the antifreeze has to be a specific type (no corrosive

materials in it or your engine will be damaged – this is one you may want to consult with your local dealer).

8. Clean and treat the leather or leather like components on your motorcycle (for the Wing – it's the seat – but for my old bikes with leather saddle bags – sure, I'll clean and polish them with a good, high quality leather product).
9. Batteries – I use a battery tender – this device connects to my battery providing a trickle charge to it if needed. I have multiple bikes so I have the ability to trickle charge three bikes at a time. It makes my batteries last longer and my bikes, at lease the ones I ride most often are always ready to ride. You do not need a battery trickle charger but if you plan to store your bike all winter and do not charge it – do not start it up as moisture will work its way into your systems which will damage them.
10. If I do plan to store my bike, I park it on a barrier – I use carpet so the moisture will not work its way up into the motorcycle. I also recommend you use a bike cover to keep the bike clean.

Please note – always consult MOM – this is your Motorcycle Operations Manual as well as your dealer as these references will always supersede the information provided here. If you would like help on any of these activities – just let me know. Good motorcycle maintenance is just as important our riding skills.

RIDER EDUCATION

By Ed Johnson

Fall is here along with some beautiful riding weather and scenery. But the Fall season also brings a few things to look out for while out on the roads.

- Check your tire pressure regularly. The difference in air temperatures can affect the pressure in your tires.
- Keep windshield and visors clean to reduce the glare from the sun as it rises later and sets earlier.



- Watch out for animals. They are getting ready for Winter mating, storing food, and just moving around more.
- As soon as the first frost occurs, leaves will be falling.



- They are pretty to look at, but on the road they can be hazardous by reducing traction, especially in curves.
- The temperature can fall quickly when the sun goes down. Be ready with a jacket or additional layers of clothing.

As always, the better you prepared you are, the more you are going to enjoy your ride. Take care and ride safe.



December 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 N Christmas Party
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 W2 Christmas Party
13 Ed Johnson B-Day	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Glenda Keough B-Day	24 Bobby Roberson B-Day	25 Christmas	26
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		



*Ahhh ..Kicked back, soakin up the rays,
I love these road trips.*



Are we lost?



Anyone recognize this guy??? (Hint: His initials are EB)

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