

Chapter W2 – Memphis Gold

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From the Chapter Director By: Glenda Keough

What a fantastic 2009 district rally we had! The 1942 USO Wing Tour was, by all accounts, a complete success. We had absolutely great weather going to, during and returning from Pigeon Forge this year. A group of 6 bikes left the BP station at Highway 64 & Collierville-Arlington Road at 7:00 Wednesday morning on our way to Chattanooga to spend the night. We enjoyed our annual dinner at the Station House in the Choo Choo hotel where we were joined by David & Marie McGill, the Chattanooga CD's. After dinner it was back to the hotel for huge helpings of cake or pie for desert. We were up and at 'em Thursday morning headed to our destination in Pigeon Forge, but on the way we stopped for yet another annual tradition, Indian tacos in Cherokee NC. We pulled in to the Comfort Suites about mid afternoon, checked in to our rooms, and headed over to the registration site to sign in and get our packets. Friday afternoon Chapter W2 took its turn working the goodie table and the poker table. Thank you to those who pitched in for helping to making this rally the success it was. Friday night was a real treat. The Grand Majestic Theatre presents a production centered on a group of people and how their lives were affected by the declaration of WW II. It features 40's and 50's music and brought back lots of memories for more than a few of us. Saturday was spent doing whatever interested each of us.

Two of our couples left early Sunday morning to make the trip back to Memphis that day, one couple stayed an extra day at Pigeon Forge, and the other three couples of us came home on back roads and spent two days getting back to Memphis. I have to tell you, Tennessee is one beautiful state. We saw some truly spectacular scenery both going and coming back. I hope those of you that didn't get to go this year will make it a priority to ride with us next year. I promise you won't regret it.

We have a ride to Hardy Arkansas planned for our dinner ride on May 16th. More details will be discussed at the May meeting, Thursday the 7th. We are also planning to go to Chapter I's meeting on Saturday May 9th. More on this ride at the meeting also.

Let's all keep our fingers crossed that this rain subsides and the weather is as cooperative as it was for Spring Fling.



RIDER EDUCATION

By Alan Keough

GROUP RIDING ON CURVY ROADS PERSONAL SAFETY OBSERVATIONS

While returning from Spring Fling this year we rode some mountain roads that contained a lot of really cool curves. While most of us enjoy these curves, they bring up issues that those of us in West Tennessee don't encounter very often. On several of the roads a rider was out of sight of the other riders with the possible exception of the bike just behind or just ahead of him. That meant that we were all virtually riding blind. It struck me that if the group did not leave plenty of space between each bike that it

could prove disastrous. When riding winding roads we should space our bikes far enough apart to be able to react to any situation without endangering the rider in front of or behind us. This will sometimes entail riding slower than we would like to in order to keep a safe distance behind the rider in front of us. Then at the next safe spot maybe we can change positions with the slower bike so that we can all enjoy the ride without feeling pushed or constrained either one.



The gang at the Applebarn doing what we do best.. eat.



The girls at the Choo Choo in Chattanooga.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 N Meeting
3	4	5	6	7 W2 Meeting – Ivan Coburn B-Day	8	9 I Meeting
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14 MS Y Meeting	15	16 Andy Anderson B- Day
17 D2 Meeting	18	19 Ron & Heather Page B-Day	20	21 Pat Brewington B-Day	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30
31 Ruth Bolden & Linda Pyron B-Day						



Richard Hutson on his GL1800

FUNNY STORY

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN GUILTY OF LOOKING AT OTHERS YOUR OWN AGE AND THINKING, SURELY I CAN'T LOOK THAT OLD. WELL.... YOU'LL LOVE THIS ONE.

MY NAME IS ALICE SMITH AND I WAS SITTING IN THE WAITING ROOM FOR MY FIRST APPOINTMENT WITH A NEW DENTIST. I NOTICED HIS DDS DIPLOMA, WHICH BORE HIS FULL NAME.

SUDDENLY, I REMEMBERED A TALL, HANDSOME, DARK-HAIRED BOY WITH THE SAME NAME HAD BEEN IN MY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS SOME 30-ODD YEARS AGO.

COULD HE BE THE SAME GUY THAT I HAD A SECRET CRUSH ON, WAY BACK THEN?

UPON SEEING HIM, HOWEVER, I QUICKLY DISCARDED ANY SUCH THOUGHT.

THIS BALDING, GRAY-HAIRED MAN WITH THE DEEPLY LINED FACE WAS WAY TOO OLD TO HAVE BEEN MY CLASSMATE. AFTER HE EXAMINED MY TEETH, I ASKED HIM IF HE HAD ATTENDED MORGAN PARK HIGH SCHOOL.

'YES.. YES, I DID. I'M A MUSTANG,' HE GLEAMED WITH PRIDE.

'WHEN DID YOU GRADUATE?' I ASKED.

HE ANSWERED, 'IN 1975. WHY DO YOU ASK?'

'YOU WERE IN MY CLASS!', I EXCLAIMED.

HE LOOKED AT ME CLOSELY.

THEN, THAT UGLY, OLD, BALD, WRINKLED, FAT , GRAY-HAIRED, DECREPIT GUY ASKED, 'WHAT DID YOU TEACH ???'

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