

Chapter W2 – Memphis Gold

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From the Chapter Director By: Glenda Keough

Spring has sprung and old man winter has hopefully taken his last swipe at the mid south. It looks like we are about to get some good riding weather, and it can't come soon enough. Spring Fling is just around the corner and I can't wait to visit the Smokies again and reconnect with friends that we haven't seen in way too long. We are looking forward to another great rally this year.

Richard Hutson, Chuck Caldwell, Alan & I attended Tennessee's inaugural OCP workshop earlier in March. The course was very informative. There were lots of things to learn and some fun thrown in for good measure. I am happy to say that we all graduated and we are now officially certified to hold our offices. I encourage anyone interested in knowing the hows and whys of GWRRA to attend a workshop whenever it's convenient for you to do so.

There will be a new bike night location in town. Collierville Bike Night will kick off at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday night, April 7th in Su Casa Mexican Restaurant's parking lot at 929 W. Poplar Avenue. There will be plenty to do and lots of fun to be had. Lets support this new venture and make it an alternative to Beale Street.

Ron Page is hosting a T-CLOCK workshop at his house on Saturday, April 10th beginning at 8:00 a.m. This is the perfect time to make sure your bike

is in optimum condition for the upcoming riding season. Ron has offered to supply the tools and support you will need, so come and take advantage of this opportunity. We will serve burgers and hot dogs to refuel you after your hard work. Lawn chairs should come in handy for those of us who are coming to supervise, and to have a seat in while you eat. Ron's address is 491 Grand Steeple Drive in Collierville. Please let us know if you are planning to attend so we'll know how many burgers and dogs to get.

The following Saturday, April 17th will find us meeting at Ron's house once more. This time we will leave there at 11:30 on our way to The Hut in Somerville for lunch. After filling our belly we will have plenty of daylight left to ride for a while. I hope the weather cooperates so that we can get an afternoon of riding in.

I want to thank everyone who came out to the farewell dinner for Pete and LeeAnn Scogin at The Spaghetti Warehouse. We had a great crowd and everyone left filled to the gills. Pete and LeeAnn have been such an important part of our W-2 family and they will be sorely missed. We wish them luck in their move to Georgia.

Ride Safe and Have Fun
Glenda & Alan

RICHARD'S RAMBLINGS

By Richard Hutson

I completed the Officer Certification Program the first weekend of March learned a lot. The calendar date for Spring has arrived, but when will the weather catch up? I have not completed the rides for the Memphis Gold contest, so if you have any choices let me know and also if there is somewhere special you would like to go for a dinner ride.

Colleen and I will be leaving Saturday 17 April for Spring Fling in Pigeon Forge, TN; we plan to do several rides before the party. There are several major road closures in the Park; Cades Cove Loop, Roaring Fork Nature Trail and Clingman's Dome Road, all for repaving. Not to mention the temporary closures for rock slides which now total 6 in East Tennessee the last one on US 129. You can Google the last one and watch the guy drive right past Law Enforcement into the rock slide. One major note going from Cherokee, NC to Gatlinburg, TN they are repaving the highway on the North Carolina side of the Mountains.



Today 20 March, Colleen and I road 256 miles round trip to Skullbone, TN, famous for bare knuckle fighting.

Hope to see you at the Meeting April 1st.
Take care,
Colleen and Richard Hutson

A LITTLE HUMOR

An elderly Floridian called 911 on her cell phone to report that her car has been broken into. She is hysterical as she explains her situation to the dispatcher: 'They've stolen the stereo, the steering wheel, the brake pedal and even the accelerator!' she cried. The dispatcher said, 'Stay calm. An officer is on the way.'

A few minutes later, the officer radios in 'Disregard.' He says. 'She got in the back-seat by mistake.'

TELL ME THIS WON'T HAPPEN TO US!!

EXERCISE YOUR BRAIN

Can you solve these word puzzles? Answers next month.

1. STA4NCE

2. FUNNY FUNNY
WORDS WORDS
WORDS WORDS

3. GIVE GIVE
GIVE GIVE
GET GET
GET GET

TECHNICAL ADVICE

By Ron Page

Coolant Reservoir Shield – Do I really need it?

Note – this information is based on research from several GL1800 web sites when I was researching how important it is to change your Wings coolant. Our GL1800's have a coolant reservoir that rides behind the engine but is clearly exposed to road debris and other garbage left by vehicles as they share the highways with us. I have not put a shield on my wing but am considering it after looking at how easy it would be to manufacture and install a shield. Your coolant reservoir looks like this –

As you can see it is made of plastic and the bottom of the reservoir would be very easy to damage if a rock or something hits it at speed. This picture shows a shield installed on the bottom already so you can see the area that you are trying to protect. The next two pictures show a shield just before it is installed on the coolant reservoir.



Please note that this shield is made from a sheet of aluminum (.025 thick). It is cut and formed around the coolant reservoir so it is a custom fit for your bike. Here is a side view of the installed shield so you have a better view of it once it is on the coolant reservoir.



Please note – this coolant reservoir had been damaged and repaired using JB weld while the owner was on a trip. I have also found some other examples of coolant reservoir shields for you. If you have other stories about this potential problem, please share them.



This is a commercial offering but it is plastic – note the strip of tape that this item uses to install it on the coolant reservoir (double stick tape will work very well on the above item).



This is a shield made by another owner that is also aluminum (I like this one as it looks nicer to me and is attached with double stick tape). Not sure which one is best but do know that I'll be looking at them in the future.

Here's hoping that you never need to repair your coolant reservoir on the road and that you have many happy trouble free miles enjoying your Wing.

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RIDER EDUCATION

By Ed Johnson

Time - Space Management

Does the title sound like something from Star Trek? What it refers to is what we all need to pay attention to when we ride with a group. The time is in seconds and the space is in distance.

Most of us in Chapter W2 ride with a group of other motorcyclists from time to time, and it's generally an enjoyable experience. It seems that most of the time we are riding to eat and eating to ride, although I've taken several long trips in a group. Some of the benefits of group riding are, everyone can watch out for each other, you can chat on the CB radios, and help is there when and if you need it. It is surprising how smooth everything goes when everyone is tuned in and knows what to do.

There are a few things to consider when riding with a group: 1. Make sure everyone in the group knows where they are going and the route to get there. 2. Keep the group size manageable (usually 3 to 7 bikes). 3. Put inexperienced riders and those with no CB in the middle. 4. Generally trikes are put towards the rear (they can stop quicker) and bikes with trailers or sidecars toward the front (longer stopping distance required). 5. Make sure

everyone knows about Time/Space Management.

Everyone needs to ride in a staggered formation 2 to 4 seconds behind the bike directly in front of you and 1 to 2 seconds behind the next bike left or right of you. If you follow too close, and the bike ahead of you has to stop quickly, you may not have enough time or space to stop. Conversely if you leave too much space, another vehicle may enter the group. When coming to a stop come up beside the bike next ahead of you. This will allow the group to go through the intersection without being so spread out.

Also, remember you are still in control of your own motorcycle. Be aware of things going around you and scan ahead for possible hazards, just as if you were riding by yourself. The person in front of you might not see something you do. In other words, if the bike in front of you runs off the road, it does not mean you should run off the road too. Don't develop tunnel vision.

Some of us will have an excellent time to practice time space management when we go to Spring Fling in April. I'm ready, let's go.

Take care and ride safe.



April 2010

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



Pete & LeeAnn's farewell party.



RIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

5th Annual Ride for Agape – May 1, 2010
Bartlett Woods Church of Christ
Registration – 9:00, First bike out - 9:30
\$20 single rider, \$35 double
T-Shirts & Food Available
Over \$1000 in door prizes
Call Todd Ferrell for more info 901-382-7609

13th Annual Wild Pigs Poker Run – April 11, 2010
Sidecar Café on Whitten
Registration – 10:00, First bike out - 11:00
\$20 per hand
Live Music & Bar-B-Que

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