

Chapter W2 – Memphis Gold

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Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge

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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

Well, as it turned out good 'ol Mother Nature was toying with us again this month. The weather forecast for our Yard Sale was for rain and storms causing us to reschedule the event for June 12th. It turned out to be a great day for a yard sale and we missed perfect weather. Go Figure! Lets keep our fingers crossed that the 12th will be just as perfect. This event has traditionally brought in a good deal of money for St. Jude and there is no reason to believe that it won't again this time. I know that we will be glad to have our garage back.

I want to compliment Richard for a job well done in leading our gathering in May. He will get to practice his skills more for the July gathering. As most of you know we will be taming the wild, wild west when the July gathering happens.

We're getting really excited about the trip. We should have a lot to share when we get back. There are other trips planned by others in the chapter and I hope there will be lots of things to share with the gang when we all get back.

Saturday, June 5th we are riding to Shiloh for a picnic. There is a nice big pavilion on the picnic grounds that is on a first come first served basis. Lets keep

our fingers crossed that we are one of the first come groups. If not we'll find some trees for shade and spread out and have a good old time anyway. Everyone should bring what they want to eat for lunch, and if you want to bring extra to share please feel free to do so. Bring your lawn chairs and/or a blanket in case the pavilion isn't available. If you have a croquet set, a badminton set, a ball & bat or anything else to entertain the troops please bring them. This should be a fun time for all of us. Lets meet in the Wal Mart parking lot on Poplar in Collierville and plan on kickstands up at 9:30 am.

Also, don't forget about the MEMPHIS GOLD contest. We have several folks already started on their letters. Don't get left out of the chance to win \$50.00 at the end of the year.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the monthly gathering June 3rd at the Perkins Restaurant, 1340 S. Germantown Road at Wolf River Blvd. As always we eat at 6:30 and meet at 7:30.

Have fun and ride safe.

Glenda & Alan Keough

Last month's answers:

1) 381SAFETY964 2) TIMING TI MING
(Safety in numbers) (split second timing)

3) COVER
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COVER
(Head for cover)

RIDER EDUCATION

By Alan Keough

TOPIC: THE INVISIBLE MOTORCYCLIST

"I never saw him. He came out of nowhere!" That's probably the most common statements heard at a collision between an automobile and a motorcyclist. They're usually made by the operator of the auto because the motorcyclist is unconscious (or worse).

As riders we wonder, "How can *they* NOT see us? Are *they* just not looking?"

A lack of attention on the part of the driver does explain some of the car/bike collisions; the distracted driver, cell 'phones, unruly children, etc. All these can contribute **BUT** some responsibility belongs to the motorcyclist as well.

I know. I know. That's heresy. Let me explain.

- Motorcycles make up about 3% of the "normal" traffic flow.
- People "see" what they expect to see; things like cars and trucks

Unless the rider does something to visually stand out, he can be easily overlooked.

- Motorcycles **ARE** much harder to see than cars/trucks because of their smaller size. A motorcycle can easily be "lost" in the background even with the headlight on.
- Many motorcycles are colors that lend themselves to blending into the environment. Particularly dark colored machines (black is the color of pavement after all).

Many motorcyclist wear dark colored helmets (or no helmet at all, but we won't discuss those here) AND dark colored

clothing. A number of studies in the US and abroad have shown that a light colored (white, silver, yellow) helmet is more noticeable (during daylight hours) than a dark colored (black, dark red, dark blue) helmet. Why? The driver sees this bright colored "orb" floating above the traffic (most riders heads are higher than the hoods/windshields of cars). It's DIFFERENT.

Lastly (and sadly), most motorcyclists are not skilled in emergency maneuvers. Over 13% of the motorcyclists involved in fatal crashes made NO effort to avoid the collision. They didn't brake, they didn't swerve, they just rode right into the collision. That's because, after they've gotten their license, they don't practice those kinds of maneuvers regularly (or ever). Motorcycling is a SKILL. It takes practice.

So how can you NOT be the Invisible Motorcyclist?

- Position your bike so it can be seen and identified in the traffic stream.
- Wear bright colors
- Consider getting a brightly colored bike
- PRACTICE your emergency maneuvers

Or you could take the advice I got once from a very experienced rider. He told me not to "ride like I was invisible." He told me to ride like they can see me and are actively planning to do something to take me out."

TECHNICAL ADVICE

By Ron Page

LOVE YOUR PLASTIC

When you think about removing the



plastic parts on your Wing – what goes through

your mind? Well, it depends on which parts you plan to remove you might say

and I would agree. If it is the saddle bag or tour box plastic accents on the GL1800, then no problem – right. But when you think about removing the inner front fairing that’s a different story. I am always amazed at the difficulty of removing the top shelter on the GL1800 for the first time. Everything seems so tight and if you had the same feelings that I had then these parts were just waiting for me to twist, pull or stress it just a little to much resulting in, you guessed it, a broken tab or worse. Removing the fairing molding (trim screw covers) were a nightmare for me as they were on so tight that I had to walk away from them for awhile because I was getting



frustrated. Mother Honda recommends gently removing the top tab first and then very carefully

working your way down the side pushing in the locking tabs that hold the fairing molding on the bike. Well, let me tell you I can read this even understand it completely in my mind but actually doing it without difficulty is another thing all



together. (Please note – this isn’t even the first step to removing the top shelter from your Wing). First step to removing the top shelter is to open and remove the two fairing pockets (note: be careful not to drop any parts as they can be lost forever in the inner cavities of your Wing also you’ll want to mark and store these parts). By the way the fairing moldings are expensive (for my arctic white Wing – cost is \$49.20 a side if I have to replace them also if I somehow break the top shelter and decide to replace it – that

part is \$523.28 – ouch). Now since you’ve read this far and if you’ve tackled some of these tasks you’ll be shaking your head in agreement but if you haven’t taken the screwdriver or a wrench to your Wing – you are now being **WARNED!**

Think about what you expect to do – plan it out very carefully and be patience most of all. The title



reflects a “love for your plastic” because you’ll need to treat it gently or be prepared to repair/replace it after an OOPS occurs. To that end, I know several people who have purchased replacement parts over the internet via ebay or the GWRRA and GL1800 riders

web pages BEFORE starting any project just in case. This is not



abandoning or neglecting your Wing but telling everyone you are doing your best to protect it by keeping it in a pristine or like new condition. It shows that you take pride in your ride which makes a statement on its own. Oh by the way, there are several dealers that convert bikes to trikes. These are great places to pick up saddle bag and rear wheel plastic parts for a fraction of the original cost. A final thought – side covers on the GL1500/GL1800 have been known to fly off the bike at the worst of times and then are lost forever so make sure your side covers are securely fastened to your Wing since those are also very expensive. A single side cover for my 2004 Wing is \$130 plus the cost for the following items “1” Honda emblem = \$20; “1” side protector set = \$34; various grommets and screws = approximately \$16. Okay team let’s protect and love that plastic by keeping our Wings in tip top shape now let’s get out there and ride.



Note Repairing Plastics. *Some of you have probably had the misfortune to damage one or more of your motorcycle panels. Using fibreglass to try and repair cracks in a Goldwing panels is no use, it just cracks after a short time. Some plastics cannot be successfully welded either. U-pol have released a product, **Plast X** Plastic Repair Kit which actually works! It's a two part mix supplied in a syringe type dispenser and is available for hard or soft plastics, the hard plastic type being fine for wing panels. It hardens very quickly and is a real pig to sand down, although a sanding disc on your power drill will do the job fine and you can use a skim of body filler to finish it off before priming. The finished repair is really strong and the material feels just like real plastic.*

More On Repairing Plastics. *Marc-Andre Bedard, from Quebec, recommends a new plastic repair tip and says; For repairing the plastics. I repaired a part with glue for synthetic nails that women use. It works quite well and dries in 10 seconds.*

A memorial service for Andy Anderson will be held at 2:00 this coming Friday, May 30th at the Snow Lake Shores community center. Anyone interested in traveling as a group should contact Pat Brewington to make arrangements. Pat's email address is gwrri164@yahoo.com.

Glenda

June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 W2 Meeting	4	5 W2 Picnic - N Meeting
6	7	8 Brenda Hopper B- Day	9	10 MS Y Meeting	11	12 W2 Yard Sale
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Father's Day	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

A LITTLE HUMOR

A group of 40 year old girls discuss where they should meet for dinner. Finally, they agree to meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because the waiters are cute and buff.

10 Years later, at 50 years of age, the group once again discuss where they should meet for dinner. They agree to meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because the food is very good and the wine selection is excellent

10 years later, at 60 years of age, the girls once again discuss where to meet for dinner. They finally agree to meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because they can eat there in peace and quiet and the restaurant has a beautiful view of the ocean.

10 years later, at 70 years of age, the group once again agrees to meet for dinner at the Ocean View Restaurant because the restaurant is wheel chair accessible and they even have an elevator.

10 year later, at 80 years of age, the girls are once more discussing where to meet for dinner. They finally agree to dine at the Ocean View Restaurant because they've never been there before.

Why keep aspirin by your bedside?

About Heart Attacks

There are other symptoms of an heart attack besides *the pain on the left arm*.

One must also be aware of *an intense pain on the chin*, as well as *nausea* and lots of *sweating*, however these symptoms may also occur less frequently.

Note: There may be NO pain in the chest during a heart attack.. The majority of people (about 60%) who had a heart attack during their sleep, did not wake up. However, if it occurs, the chest pain may wake you up from your deep sleep.

If that happens, *immediately dissolve two aspirins in your mouth and swallow them with a bit of water.*

Afterwards:

CALL 911

- say "*heart attack!*"
- say *that you have taken 2 aspirins..*
- *phone a neighbor or a family member who lives very close by*
- *take a seat on a chair or sofa near the front door, and wait for their arrival and...*

~ **DO NOT lie down** ~

A Cardiologist has stated that, if each person, after receiving this e-mail, sends it to 10 people, probably one life can be saved!
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