

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

Aaahhhh! What a wonderful break Mother Nature has decided to give us. It seems that every newsletter article this summer has begun with a comment about the weather, and this one is no different. There is a difference in the sentiment, however. The heat has let up and the humidity has dropped drastically and it has left us with absolutely beautiful weather. We have lots of rides planned for the remainder of this year, and I hope all of you take advantage of the cooler temps and ride with us.

The rides begin with a trip to Oxford, MS this Saturday to Taylor's grocery for dinner. Some other plans for this late summer and fall include rides to the Parachute Inn in Walnut, AR; Reelfoot Lake; Jack Daniels distillery; Old Timers in Millington; Como Steak House; and Hot Springs, AR. Be sure to check the schedule in this newsletter and make plans to join us for at least some if not all of these rides. I can pretty much promise a great time. Also coming up in September is the Tennessee District Perimeter Ride on the 10th, 11th and 12th. I hope everyone will be able to make at

least part of this ride or even the entire ride. It promises to be a great time with friends around the district that we only get to see occasionally.

This past month dealt us a really hard blow. A dear, dear friend was taken from us by senseless violence. We will all miss Charlotte Green. I didn't know Charlotte nearly as long as some of you did, but I will miss her smile and her sweet ways. She was a true Southern Lady in every sense of the word, and her passing has left a hole in so many lives. I guess God needed her for something really important that couldn't wait. I will always think of her as a shining star watching over her family and friends. Please keep Kelton and their son & his family in your prayers.

I'll be looking for everyone at the September meeting on Thursday, September 2nd at the Perkins Restaurant on Germantown Parkway at Wolf River Blvd. We eat at 6:30 p.m. and have an informational meeting at 7:30.

Until then Ride Safe and Have Fun!



RIDER EDUCATION

By Ed Johnson

Protecting Your Body

Don't you get tired of hearing "when you ride, you should wear full protective clothing." I know I've heard it at least several hundred times in talks, seminars, magazines, newsletter articles, etc.

When you hear it you may think, "what does he/she know, I'll wear whatever I want to wear and take my chances."

Well, you're right, it's your choice. But, how about a reality check?

It's a warm fall day, perfect for a nice ride in the country. You're riding along about 55 mph on a two lane highway and enter a sweeping left curve. You lean your bike over to the left and you see it, a large puddle of coolant left by an auto with a burst hose. Before you can react, the bike's tires slide out from under you, and your body is sliding on the abrasive asphalt. When you stop, will you be able to pick yourself up, dust yourself off, and be ready to ride back home, or will someone be calling 911 for you? It depends on several factors, but if you were just wearing shorts and t-shirt, I'm 100% sure you will be going to the hospital. Plus, you will be in pain for a long time. If you were wearing full protective clothing with some pads in the

right places, you could come out without a scratch.

Full protective clothing consists of: a DOT and/or Snell approved helmet, full finger gloves, long sleeve shirt or jacket, long pants, and over the ankle shoes or boots. I know it takes a few minutes to get all of this stuff on, and I know it gets warm in the summer with it on, but I wear it because I don't like pain, and I don't like hospitals. Of course, wearing this clothing doesn't assure you of not being injured, but it can definitely reduce the severity of your injuries.

Something to ask yourself when selecting your riding gear is, "will this garment protect me if I'm sliding on asphalt?" If it is a cotton shirt and thin designer jeans, probably not. Try to choose garments made of leather, Kevlar, or Cordura, preferably with pads or armor. I know it may sound overprotective for a touring rider, but like I said "I don't like pain."

Some rider education classes say dress for the ride, but others say dress for the crash. Probably it's best to do both. Like the scouts say "Be Prepared." Ride Safe.





Where's desert?



Steve's secret profession



September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 W2 Meeting	3	4 N Meeting
5	6 Labor Day	7	8	9 MS Y Meeting	10 Perimeter Ride	11 Perimeter Ride - Chuck Caldwell B-Day
12 Perimeter Ride	13	14	15	16	17 Wings Across TN	18 Walnut Ridge Ride - Wings Across TN
19	20	21	22 Troy Berry B-Day	23	24	25
26 Reelfoot Ride	27	28	29 Phyllis Davis B-Day	30 Todd Ferrell B-Day		

PLANNED FUTURE RIDES

OCTOBER 1 & 2 --- LYNCHBURG RIDE

OCTOBER 15 & 16 --- MS DISTRICT RALLY

OCTOBER 23 --- DINNER RIDE OLD TIMERS MILLINGTON

OCTOBER 30 --- HALLOWEEN PARTY PYRON'S HOUSE

NOVEMBER 6 --- DINNER RIDE COMO STEAK HOUSE

NOVEMBER 13 & 14 --- HOT SPRINGS RIDE

Plus, as always, if there is somewhere you want to ride, contact Glenda, Richard, or Ed and we'll e-mail the group with the date, time, meeting place and destination.



Steve & Claire out west

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