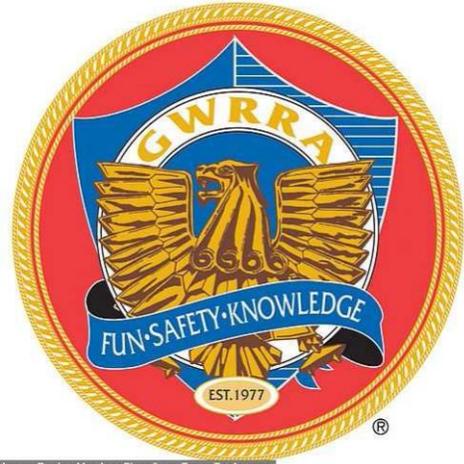


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Meeting Time – 3rd Saturday of each month

Eat at 6:00 PM – Meet at 7:00 PM

Perkins – 1340 S Germantown Rd.

Germantown, TN

A Note from Richard Hutson

Chapter Director

December 2012

Greetings

We have lost a member, by now everyone should know that Dennis Brock passed away From His Cancer.

Pat Brewington has stepped down as the MEC. This position is a vital part of the Chapter and I am looking for a volunteer.

CHRISTMAS PARTY DEC 3RD AT THE GERMANTOWN COUNTRY CLUB
COST IS \$10.00 PER PERSON, HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE AT 6:30 PM.

From the Ops meeting Dottie and Allen Wessel have been selected as the District MEC's.

Tennessee for 2011 was the largest in growth for the entire world of GWRRA. However there is a problem in 2005 there were 82,000 members in 2010 there were 62,000 members quite a drop.

The goals for 2012 are more Rider Ed participation and increase chapter membership.

Winter event— ROARING TWENTIES --if you plan to attend, you must have the password to get into the Speak Easy. Should you give the wrong password, there are a couple of Wise Guy's at the door to discard your body. The password-- what is the name of the person who gave up John Dillinger to the FEDS? It's not Polly Hamilton, so who was the lady in the orange dress which appeared red under the lights at the Biograph Theater?

To everyone may you and yours have a safe holiday season!

To my staff a big THANK YOU, you have made W2 look good.

Ride safe

Richard

Just A Reminder



December Meeting
There isn't one. See you at the Christmas
Party on December 3rd!
December Birthdays
Claire Greer 12/02





The Chapter Educator Ed Johnson

Rider Education – Pick it up Right

Many of us have done it. If you haven't done it, it's only a matter of time until you will. I'm referring to the embarrassing situation of dropping your bike, something that usually happens when others are around and watching. I've done it twice, and both times were during group rides. Your first thought is, "I hope everyone didn't see me do this." Then you think "I hope I didn't break anything on the bike." And then lastly "do I remember how I'm supposed to pick this thing back up?"

To the new or inexperienced Gold Wing rider, picking up an 800 plus pound motorcycle looks like a tough assignment. Even a world class weightlifter would have trouble picking up 800 pounds. But never fear, it's not that difficult if you know how to do it.

First of all, don't get in a big hurry. When something like this happens the tendency is to try to get it back up before everyone sees you. But if you go too fast, you risk hurting yourself or damaging your bike. Step back, take a deep breath, assess the situation, think about what you're going to do, and then do it. (*steps taken from Gold Book)

1. Put the bike in gear or pull up the reverse lever to keep the bike from rolling when it's lifted.
2. With your back to the bike pull the left handlebar to your body with your right hand on the hand grip.
3. Grasp the rear seat hand rail with your left hand.
4. Position yourself at a 90 degree angle to the seat with your hips against the seat.
5. Place your feet at shoulder width with your knees slightly bent.
6. Shuffle backwards and upward with your legs a couple of inches at a time and push with your hips. As you do, the bike will start to rise.
7. When the bike is almost upright, lower the sidestand with your right foot and settle the bike's weight onto it.

If the bike fell on its right side, use the same procedure, but first put the sidestand down before you start to lift the bike so it won't flop over on the opposite side.

You can practice this technique at home. Have a friend there to help just in case. Place a blanket or tarp down where the safety bars will contact the ground and then lay the bike over. Have your friend read the steps out loud as you do them.

As always, take care and ride safe.



Ladies You're Invited

Please join your friends from GWRRA chapters TN W-2 and MS Y for the 4th annual Ladies Christmas Luncheon.

The event will be held Saturday, December 10, 2011 at 12:00 noon. We will gather once again at The Half Shell restaurant on Winchester Road.

Make it a point to take a break from all your holiday hustle and bustle and come chill out and laugh with the girls.



Christmas for your Wing



*By Ron Page
TN-W2 Technical Advisor
December*

Now most of you may recognize the man in the red suit but can you identify his ride? Of course you say because it is a Vespa from days gone by. Some of us may have ridden on one or piloted one of these along time ago and you may even own one today. I remember riding behind my Dad when I was in the first grade but that was a long long long you get it long time ago. So I hope you enjoyed the thought that Santa rides and he may even have a wing in his stable beside Rudolf. Let's say he does and he has developed a list of wants for his wing. If he likes lights – then you guessed it – the thing to buy for his wing would be lights for the tour box, saddlebags, rear fender, fog lights, lights in the front, lights for the passenger foot pegs, a lighted spoiler complete with a flashing module and more lights. By the way, have you ever seen the Northern Lights (for those of you that were not in the chapter a couple of years ago – you will not remember when one of our members – last name was Northern – had so many lights put on his Wing that it was named “Northern Lights” as it was beautiful). So enough for lights, how about passenger arm rests and maybe a Butler for both Santa and Mrs. Clause – its always nice to take a sip of water while driving down the highway or byway or where ever Santa drives (not the snow though). How about more communications? If you don't have headsets and your ride can support them – buy them. It is fun to talk to others on the CB as well as listen to Music while riding. Santa I've heard likes all types of Music but just after Thanksgiving he switches to Christmas carols sung by elves. If you are not sure where to start looking for headsets then stop by Mother Honda and let them show you what they have on hand. There are other places to research as well so look in Wing World or ask someone in the chapter about headsets. I am sure all of us would be happy to help. Please note – you can purchase a CD player, MP3/IPOD interface or even a cell phone interface to complete your headset and communication needs. Tires – you may want to purchase new tires over the holidays for your ride. You may want to purchase a custom seat for your ride. There are several places where you can order one or trade your existing seat for one that is customized for your bu tox to sit on while you pilot your ride. You may want to try a beaded seat cushion or some type of cushion to allow ventilation as the stock Honda seat can be uncomfortable after a long day in the saddle. Chrome stuff is always nice – you can purchase as much chrome as you want to customize your ride. If I'm looking for chrome goodies, I always start with my Wing World magazine and then go online because you can normally see what is available as well as compare prices from different suppliers. As some of you know, I used to buy chrome things and then hang them on the garage wall or on the dining room table – hahaha. Speaking of

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things to hang on your ride – you may want a larger windshield or wind wings or some type of wind deflectors to push the cold wind one way or another. A belly pan would be nice too as it does deflect the wind as you motor down the road. Carpet in your tour box and saddlebags is also a nice option. Tools – in October I wrote about some tools that are very nice to carry in your bike or have in your garage/workshop. You may want a voltmeter on your bike to monitor the condition of your battery. If you want to monitor the air in your tires, you may want to purchase a Tire Pressure Monitor System. Now this article could go on and on but you get the idea – and I've just scratched the surface on things you can buy for your ride. I hope you enjoyed thinking about how each of us can customize our rides but I want to close with the thought that you too deserve to buy Christmas presents for yourselves such as new jackets, shoes, riding pants, shirts, gloves and of course new helmets. I look forward to seeing all the new Christmas presents you've purchased so ladies and gentlemen – let's get out there and buy the things we want for Fun, Safety and Knowledge.

Dates to Remember:

Christmas Party, December 3rd
6:30 pm
Germantown Country Club
See Glenda for Details

This is my final newsletter for W-2. It's been a great ride, and I would like to thank each and every one of you for all your support!

Claire