

# Chapter W – 2 – Memphis Gold Region N

Friends for Fun, Safety, Knowledge

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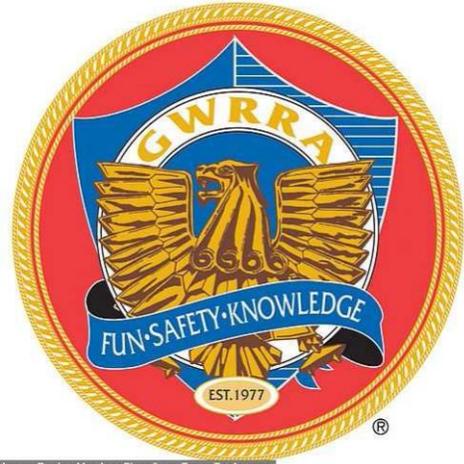


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**Eat at 6:00 PM – Meet at 7:00 PM**

**Perkins – 1340 S Germantown Rd.**

**Germantown, TN**

# A Note from Richard Hutson

## Chapter Director

Hello everyone

The November Meeting will start later. I will have to be in Murfreesboro for the District Ops Meeting.

For those who did not make it to the Training Weekend Glenda set up, all I can say is you missed a great time and training.

I have learned from Glenda that Dennis Brock is back in Germantown Methodist from a fall he had. Glenda was paying the ER a visit to get her ankle check out after falling leaving the Dinner Ride last Thursday night.

I have replaced the battery on the Wing. Check the bike over Friday and it would not start. Put in on a charger after a full charge if would start. As a test I left it on the tickle charger overnight and tested the battery Saturday morning. Voltmeter only showed 12.25 volts it should have read around 14 volts a load test later show the battery to be dead. AT least 2 couples were going to Paris for Chapter N's Fun Day.

### November rides:

November 5<sup>th</sup> meet at 330pm Welcome Center I55 South in Hernando for a ride to Taylors Grocery.

November 17 Spaghetti Warehouse meet at 630 pm at the Restaurant.

November 19<sup>th</sup> Gathjer at Perkins *meet at 7pm eat 8 pm for this meeting only*

December 3 Christmas Party at Germantown Country Club with Mississippi Y. WE wil do the same as last year with the Chapter paying a portion of each member's meal.

Be safe





## The Chapter Educator Ed Johnson

Fall is here along with some beautiful riding weather and scenery. But the Fall season also brings a few things to look out for while out on the roads.

- Check your tire pressure regularly. The difference in air temperatures can affect the pressure in your tires.
- Keep windshield and visors clean to reduce the glare from the Sun as it rises later and sets earlier.
- Watch out for animals. They are getting ready for Winter mating, storing food, and just moving around more.
- As soon as the first frost occurs, leaves will be falling. They are pretty to look at, but on the road they can be hazardous by reducing traction, especially in curves.
- The temperature can fall quickly when the sun goes down. Be ready with a jacket or additional layers of clothing.

As always, the better you prepared you are, the more you are going to enjoy your ride.

Take care and ride safe.





On Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> Chapter N of Jackson had their Fun Day at Paris Landing State Park. It was beautiful and windy day that was very cool, unless you stayed in the sunny spots. The meeting place for everyone to ride together was exit 25 off I40 at 8am. David Porch made a valiant effort to ride his bike, upon arriving at exit 25 his hands were so cold that they were very painful. So David wished us a save and fun day, as he was going to get coffee and warm up before returning to Millington. The temp at this time of day about 40 degrees. The last time we heard from Richard Hutson at 7:45 am he was still trying to figure out why his bike wouldn't start. So as the time approached to leave the only people ready were Ray and Ann Beloate, Jim and Pat Brewington who were traveling in their car.

So off we go to the Fun Day. Chapter N had really worked hard for their Special day. Upon signing in at the registration we were given a very nice T shirt and gift bags full of rider education bumper stickers and info. They had some really fun games to play along with some very nice door prizes. When it came time for lunch we had some burgers and hot dogs with all of the fixings. The Beloates and Brewingtons came home with some door prizes and prizes won from game tickets. Chapter W 2 also won for the chapter that came the longest distance.

As I write this it is almost the end of the day, and we hope Richard has figured out why his bike will not start.

Thank you Chapter N for such a great day!



# Will I winterize my Gold Wing in 2011?

By Ron Page  
TN-W2 Technical Advisor  
November



Answer – **No**. I decided not to winterize my Wing because I will ride it through the winter. This is an important decision because I'll do a lot of maintenance activities on my Wing when I am unable to ride. Temperature is not a problem as I have heated clothing from Gerbing's which I've had for several years. Cold rain, ice and snow will be a problem as I think I'm allergic to that kind of weather. I do hope to do the following however during the time I have off from work which means I'll follow the guidelines I published in previous years to tighten up and partially winterize the Wing. During the Thanksgiving holiday I'll start by performing a TCLOCS inspection, change the oil, check and replace my brakes, if needed, and also check and change all other fluids. I will also wash and wax my Wing to make sure it is very clean. I use a battery tender during the fall and winter months just to make sure my battery is at maximum as well as ready to go when I decide to take her out for a spin. I also keep her covered during the winter even though she is stored in the garage. With that being said here goes:

Winterizing my (your) motorcycle – the basics:

1. Make sure you have the proper equipment – you'll need some tools – spark plug wrench (for the Wing) – getting to the spark plugs is easier said than done so you'll want a full complement of tools (metric wrenches, sockets, screw drivers, oil filter wrench etc...) you may want a motorcycle lift if you plan to keep the tires off the ground all winter. Tools include plenty of soap, polish, wax, lubricant, oil, fuel stabilizer and warm water. You may want to invest in a breathable cover for your bike (you do NOT want moisture forming under a tarp that can contact your bike as it can cause rust, discoloration or worse). Okay – you have the tools so let's go.
2. Wash your motorcycle – get rid of all the dirt, bugs, and road grime you can scrub off. Dry the bike and then polish, polish, polish in order to protect all the different finishes. My Honda CB175 and my BN125 like my Wing has many different surfaces – paint – aluminum, chrome etc...so have the right cleaning and polishing products on hand. Unlike my Wing, my CB175 and the BN125 have chains. So to clean and protect them, I have special cleaning materials and lubricants for them. Make sure you protect each surface as well as keep any corrosive chemical away from surfaces that could be destroyed.
3. If you are sure you will not be riding during the winter – add a fuel stabilizer to your gas tank as well as fill your gas tank with as much gas as you can (Water could condense on the inside of the tank and that would be disaster). Once you put the fuel stabilizer in your tank, you'll need to run your engine (my Wing has fuel injection so I want to make sure I've coated the fuel system with the stabilizer; my CB175 and the BN125 have carburetors so I still want to run the engines to coat the parts but I must also drain the float bowls (Gas is unstable if left on its own and will change leaving a bad smelling gummy sludge).
4. Change your oil and filter – you just ran your bike so the oil is warm. This is just good for your motorcycle as oil will develop an acidic quality that will harm the inside of your engine.
5. Spark Plugs – check them – clean them – re-gap them – replace them as needed. The CB175 and the BN125 are easy compared to the Wing but I can attest – it is worth the effort.
6. Clean and lubricate components that move or connect vital components on your motorcycle – cables, connectors, brake components forks, seals, pivot points, side or center stand(s) – anything that is exposed that you can't protect with polish.
7. Our Wings are liquid cooled so pay attention to the antifreeze – you may check it or you may want to change it – if its been two or more years since you changed your antifreeze – then make plans to spend some time on this task. The Wing has some clear do's and don'ts for this procedure and the antifreeze has to be a specific type (no corrosive materials in it or your engine will be damaged – this is one you may want to consult with your local dealer).
8. Clean and treat the leather or leather like components on your motorcycle (for the Wing – it's the seat – but for my old bikes with leather saddle bags – sure, I'll clean and polish them with a good, high quality leather product). By the way, don't forget the inside of your tour box, saddle bags, pockets and cubby holes as they need attention too.
9. Batteries – I use a battery tender – this device connects to my battery providing a trickle charge to it if needed. I have multiple bikes so I have the ability to trickle charge all them at the same time. It makes my batteries last longer and my bikes, at least the ones I ride most often are always ready to ride. You do not need a battery trickle charger but if you plan to store your bike all winter and do not charge it – do not start it up as moisture will work its way into your systems which will damage them. You may want to remove your battery from your bike – Note: The Honda owner's manual recommends this as well as connecting a trickle charger to the battery.
10. If I do plan to store my bike, I park it on a barrier – I use carpet so the moisture will not work its way up into the motorcycle. I also recommend you use a bike cover to keep the bike clean.

Please note – always consult MOM – this is your Motorcycle Operations Manual as well as your dealer as these references will always supersede the information provided here. Also as a final thought good motorcycle maintenance is just as important as our riding skills so build them too. See you on the road.

## **W-2 GWRRA Dates to Remember**

### **November 5**

Meet at the Welcome Center on I-55, Kickstands up at 3:30, riding to Taylor's Grocery for dinner at 5 pm in Oxford, MS

### **November 13**

Staff Meeting at Glenda's in Collierville at 3 pm

### **November 17**

Dinner ride to Spaghetti Warehouse, downtown Memphis at 6:30 pm

### **November 19**

W-2 Meeting at Perkins in Germantown

### **December 3**

Christmas Party at Germantown Country Club at 6:30 pm