

Chapter W2 – Memphis Gold

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Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge

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Eat at 6:00 PM – Meet at 7:00 PM

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Germantown, TN

From the Chapter Director

By: Ivan Coburn

Hello W-2 Members! Hope Everyone Had a Happy Thanksgiving. Looking forward to Santa's visit next and I have been a very Gooooood Boy this year (Yeah right). I'm looking for Santa to bring me a fat checkbook and a skinny body this time, in the past he has gotten it backwards can you believe that! We have a lot of events and activities in the upcoming year and would like to invite everyone to put suggestions in for rides and activities for **YOUR** chapter to do.

We would like to thank Ernie and Dale Hall from Chapter A-2 in Maryville, TN for making the trip down to visit us at our last month's meeting. Also, we had a turkey shoot at our November meeting and would like to thank Pat Brewington and Kenneth Holman for participating it was so much fun!!!!

You have got to see the pictures attached from Chapter N's meeting that a few of us went up on November the 3rd. We had such a great time and laughed so hard you have to get Jeffasized!!!! See the pictures and you will know what we are talking about.

We had a dinner ride on the 8th of November to Russo's New York Pizzeria and would like to thank Alan, Glenda, Steve, Claire, Fred & Ruth for attending.

The dinner ride on Nov 27th to the Kooky Canuck was great and would like to thank Richard, Colleen, Alan, Glenda, Steve, Claire & Ruth for attending we had a ball and would like to invite all of you to come with us for our upcoming dinner rides and W-2 nights out we really have a great time getting together enjoying the wild stories that come out.

Upcoming Events:

Dec 8th- We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Party with Chapter Y @ 6:30 at the Boiling Point on Church Road in Southaven, MS. Also, we will be playing dirty Santa so if you would like to play please bring a gift-\$20.00 limit. Men should bring a men's gift and ladies should bring a ladies gift.

Dec 9th- The First Assembly of God at 8650 Walnut Grove, Cordova, TN is having a Christmas show title The Christmas Window @ 6:00 p.m. please come and join us to see this wonderful program. There is not a charge to see this program.

Dec 15th- Ladies Luncheon with Chapter Y at Pancho's at 717 White Station Rd, Memphis, TN

Jan 1st- Polar Bear Run watch your e-mails for further information.

Jan 19th Monthly Meeting @ Perkins Germantown, TN

We would like to invite Chapter Y and N to come join us!

Jan 26th- Winter Event Cookeville, TN @ Hyder-Burks Pavilion. The theme is the Great Train Robbery Please help us! We need as many chapter members to go with us and participate in the different activities. We will be dressing up in costumes and having a table decorating contest as well and need all the help we can get. We would like to group to go up together so if you are interested please let me know at the meeting. We will meet at exit 25 on I-40 on Friday Jan 25th @ 10:00 a.m at the Exxon station.

Jan 27th- Leadership Instructors Class Cookeville, TN

Feb 23rd -24th Horizons - Lebanon, TN

Hampton Inn-more details TBA

****April 25-27th Spring Fling

East Ridge, TN

See Flyer

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

Santa is watching you so be very GOOD!!!!!!

Until we see you again

Happy Trails!

Ivan & Leesa Coburn

RIDER EDUCATION

By Ed Johnson

Getting Ready For Winter

OK, winter is approaching, although lately the temps have been in the 60's, it's coming. During the winter you might not be riding your bike as much, and it might sit up for a while. There are a few things you can do to make it easier to get your bike going again when spring arrives.

1. Wash the bike. Get all the grime, dirt and bugs off of it. Don't let them have a chance to stain or mess up your paint.
2. Change the oil. Your oil gets dirty and develops acidic properties which can corrode engine parts, especially if it sits in there all winter.
3. Put your battery on a battery maintainer. With inactivity your battery slowly loses its charge and sulfates build up on the plates. The maintainer will keep the battery charged and in top shape.
4. Fill your gas tank and use fuel stabilizer. A full tank leaves less room for moisture

to form, and the stabilizer helps keep the fuel components from breaking down and causing problems, especially with the ethanol fuels that are common now.

5. Check your coolant level. Make sure your antifreeze is good, especially if your motorcycle might have to sit outside for some reason.
6. Cover any openings that a mouse might crawl into. Mice love to get into small openings on your bike and build a nest, especially in winter.
7. Don't start your motorcycle for short periods. This causes condensation around the motor and exhaust components going from cold to hot to back to cold again. Just leave it off until you are ready to take a ride.

C2C and C2X

C2C or car to car is a system being developed by the major car manufacturers that will enable vehicles to exchange data about their **speed**, their **position** and their **driving direction**, with **other vehicles** as well as with **traffic lights** or variable **traffic signs**.

Honda is developing this system for motorcycles also. "As a leading global vehicle manufacturer and partner in the Car2Car Consortium, Honda is playing a key role in harmonizing developments in the three main regions of Europe, America and Asia-Pacific. Honda is also the only company to have

contributed a system for including motorbike safety in the European Drive C2X developments."

"Motorbike safety is a huge societal challenge worldwide," said Honda Mobility & ITS Policy manager Filip Sergeys. "The primary objective of the motorbike C2X system is to alert other vehicles to the presence of the bike, to ensure drivers are aware of bikes approaching or nearby. This product has been approved for inclusion in the Drive C2X reference system, having demonstrated a certain quality level, so will go forward for field testing."

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Claire Greer & Chuck Logan B-Day	3	4	5	6	7	8 W2 & MS- Y Christmas Party
9	10	11	12	13 Cathi Hancock & Ed Johnson B-Day	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Glenda Keough B- Day	24	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29
30	31 New Year's Eve					



The gang at Kooky Canucks



Any resemblance?

There was no November winner in the marble game. So, a marble was removed and the pot has \$41. Whatever money is collected next time will be added to the \$41., and the pot grows larger. Come to the next meeting in January for your chance to win.



Show me the money



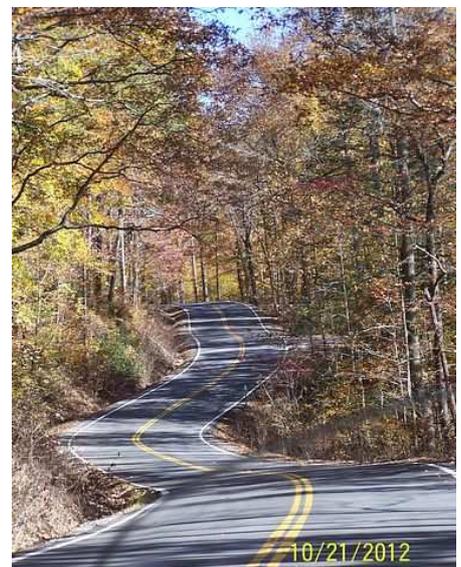
Brotherly Love



Shall we dance?



Careful, the spouses are watching!



FROM YOUR SUNSHINE LADY

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!!

Railroad tracks.

The U.S. standard railroad gauge (distance between the rails) is 4 feet, 8.5 inches. That's an exceedingly odd number. Why was that gauge used? Because that's the way they built them in England, and English expatriates designed the U.S. railroads.

Why did the English build them like that? Because the first rail lines were built by the same people who built the pre-railroad tramways, and that's the gauge they used.

Why did 'they' use that gauge then? Because the people who built the tramways used the same jigs and tools that they had used for building wagons, which used that wheel spacing.

Why did the wagons have that particular Odd wheel spacing? Well, if they tried to use any other spacing, the wagon wheels would break on some of the old, long distance roads in England, because that's the spacing of the wheel ruts.

So, who built those old rutted roads?

Imperial Rome built the first long distance roads in Europe (including England) for their legions. Those roads have been used ever since.

And the ruts in the roads? Roman war chariots formed the initial ruts, which everyone else had to match for fear of destroying their wagon wheels. Since the chariots were made for Imperial Rome, they were all alike in the matter of wheel spacing. Therefore, the United States standard railroad gauge of 4 feet, 8.5 inches is derived from the original specifications for an Imperial Roman war chariot. In other words, bureaucracies live forever.

Imperial Roman army chariots were made just wide enough to accommodate the rear ends of two war horses. Now, the twist to the story:

When you see a Space Shuttle sitting on its launch pad, you will notice that there are two big booster rockets attached to the sides of the main fuel tank. These are solid rocket boosters, or SRBs. The SRBs are made by Thiokol at their factory in Utah. The engineers who designed the SRBs would have preferred to make them a bit larger, but the SRBs had to be shipped by train from the factory to the launch site. The railroad line from the factory happens to run through a tunnel in the mountains, and the SRBs had to fit through that tunnel. The tunnel is slightly wider than the railroad track, and the railroad track, as you now know, is about as wide as two horses' behinds.

So, a major Space Shuttle design feature of what is arguably the world's most advanced transportation system was determined over two thousand years ago by the width of a horse's ass.

And you thought being a horse's ass wasn't important!

Now you know, Horses' Asses control almost everything...

Explains a whole lot of stuff, doesn't it?

Here's wishing a very happy Birthday to the following: DECEMBER Birthdays

Claire Greer – Dec 2

Ed Johnson – Dec 13

Cathi Hancock – Dec 13

Glenda Keough – Dec 23





December W2 Membership Notes

By *Clint & Cathi Hancock*
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**Don't forget to check your membership
for your expiration date! Keep Current &
Don't Miss a Beat!**

WANTED: interesting facts about YOU !

In a quest to learn more about our fellow chapter members, we thought we'd put the questions out there—direct to you—and then compile some of the most interesting answers to share at the next meeting. Maybe we can even make it a “guess who this is” feature! Select a question or two and send us your answers. Let's get to know one another!

- What is the age of your motorcycle?
- What color is your bike?
- How long have you owned this motorcycle
- What year did you first start riding motorcycles?
- How many miles are on your present bike?
- How many miles have you put on your bike in the last year?
- What is your dream motorcycle?
- What is your favorite place to ride?
- What is the next upgrade you plan to do for your bike?
- Do you tend to ride alone or with others?
- Why did you join GWRRA?
- How many miles do you drive to attend the Memphis Chapter meetings?
- What is it about your present bike that you are most proud?
- How often do you get out and just ride for pleasure?
- Is there something unique about your motorcycle experiences that you would like to share?

Don't forget to give us your name and membership number when you respond. Thanks and we're looking forward to learning more about our family of friends.

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M E R R Y C H R I S T M A S T O A L L !

Steve & Claire's Fall Trip

Steve and I set out towards the Smokies on the afternoon of October 15th. (We took some advice from Glenda and Alan, and went without reservations anywhere, just driving until we got tired. (This was a good suggestion but it almost came back to bite us when we realized on Thursday of this week that was the weekend of the Alabama/ UT football game to be played in Knoxville.) We chose to leave as soon as I got off work that day so we could cover a little ground before dark. We spent the night in Paris, TN, having dinner with our daughter's in-laws. The next morning we headed to a Hampton Inn in Caryville, NC. This was a beautiful Hampton Inn and a most unusual one in that the owner, Hank Ayers, a former State Representative, had amassed a wealth of historical information from that area and had it all displayed throughout the hotel. He was even at breakfast in the morning to give us more details about the history of the area, including a DVD about the history of the Smokey Mountain National Park. From Caryville we went to Boone, NC via Damascus, VA, through the Backbone Tunnel (the shortest tunnel in the world), and rode part of the Blue Ridge Parkway. The Blue Ridge was as beautiful as ever, when we could see it. The clouds were somewhat thick along the way which made driving and riding a little on the tricky side, but there were breaks in the clouds and you would round the corner and see beautiful sunshine and blue skies! We stopped in Little Switzerland for lunch, longing for the beautiful view at the Mountain View Restaurant but the clouds truly got in the way there. However, the Turkey Pot Pie was wonderful! From Boone we motored over to Maggie Valley, NC, one of my favorite places to stay, and got a room at the Smoky Lodge, and we were so happy to see that the Maggie Valley Restaurant was open for the season and serving some delightful homemade goodies. From Maggie Valley we ventured into the Smokey Mountain National Park on a Friday, which turned out to be a very wise decision, in that the line to get into the park from the Gatlinburg side was bumper to bumper for miles, and alot of Alabama flags were flying from these automobiles. I can't imagine what the park would have been like on the Saturday of that weekend. :) We then motored on down to Sweetwater, TN, where we stayed in a recently renovated Econo Lodge. It was a nice place to stay but we had to stand on the upstairs balcony to get our cell phones to work so we could call and check on Glenda who was taking care of Alan in the hospital. We left Sweetwater and went to Oliver Springs, TN, to stay in a bed and breakfast that Steve had found on the internet. We had never stayed in a bed and breakfast so we really didn't know what to expect. This bed and breakfast, THE WINDMILL INN, was housed in a former Baptist Church that was built in 1904. The gal who owned it, and her staff were delightful people to get to know. They all had wonderful stories about how this place came to be but I will tell you it was strange playing pool, watching college football, and sipping on a Jack Daniel and coke in the room that was once the sanctuary for the church. Lighting did not strike but trust me as one who was raised a Baptist, I was looking for it. :) We actually spent two nights here, and rode the Devil's Triangle, which was nearby the Inn. We also saw the Brushy Mountain State Penn, that is now closed, but once housed James Earl Ray. The Science Museum at Oakridge was a nice place to visit while we were in this area too. We made it home on the 22nd of October from Oliver Springs in one day, a long day but with several stops along the way, not too bad. The leaves were absolutely beautiful this year. We have never seen reds, oranges, and yellows so bright. Enclosed please find a couple of photos from the trip! For more photos from the trip feel free to visit www.photobucket.com/csggw1
May God bless you and keep you safe!

Claire





PUMPKIN FLUFF DIP

From the Recipe File of Glenda Keough

- 1(16 ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (5 ounce) package instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1 (15 ounce) can solid pack pumpkin (not pumpkin pie filling)
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice

In a large bowl, mix together instant pudding mix, pumpkin and pumpkin pie spice. Fold in the thawed frozen whipped topping. Chill until serving. (This dip is better after setting over night.) Serve with graham crackers, ginger snaps, or vanilla wafers (really yummy with cinnamon graham crackers).

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