

Chapter W2 – Memphis Gold

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Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge

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From the Chapter Director

By: Richard Hutson

To all,
February is here, and the Ground Hog saw his shadow, so six more weeks of bad weather. If what we are having now is what we have to deal with for six more weeks, I will take it.

There were 5 of us that had dinner at Mary's in Collierville. We did plan a ride to Bolivar on 2/11 meeting in Collierville at the Citgo at Hwy 72 and Hwy 57. Meeting time is 7am. Alan says there is a restaurant in Bolivar serving a great breakfast.

If there is a place you would like to ride to or someplace to go to dinner during the week, let me know. This month we are going to have a planning meeting to plan rides into the Summer. If you would like to attend, I welcome your presence and your thoughts are appreciated.

January Birthdays:
Ray Beloate 1/4
Kelton Green 1/31

January Anniversaries:
I not show any

February Birthdays:
Jim Brewington 2/10
Margret Hidgon 2/13
Audrey Caldwell 2/17
Larry Arbramson 2/21
Alan Keough 2/28

February Anniversaries
Linda and Doug Pyron 2/28

If you had a Birthday or Anniversary during January or February and it's not listed, that means we do not have it. Please let me know so the records can be updated.

Ed Johnson has his Gold Wing for sale—something about a Red 2012 Gold Wing in the wind I hear.

Happy Trails until we meet again

Ride safe

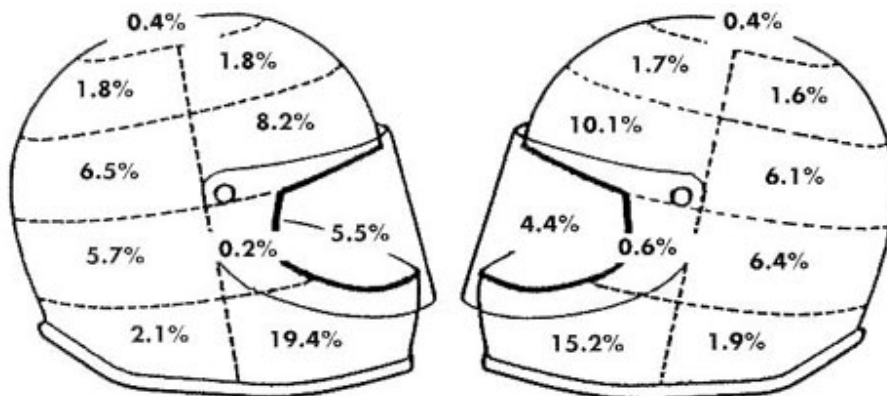
Richard

RIDER EDUCATION

By Ed Johnson

What type of helmet should you wear?

In an earlier issue of Wing World, there was an article about motorcycle helmets and the protection they provide. I thought this was a very interesting article, and I would like to share some of the points from that article, particularly for those who may not have seen the article or just may have forgotten about it. When it comes to motorcycle helmets, there are three basic types of coverage, the half or shorty, the three-quarter, and the full coverage. I guess you could say a flip-up style could be considered a fourth type, but it's basically a full coverage helmet when the chin guard is down. Most of the Gold Wing crowd I've seen wears either the three-quarter or a version of the full coverage helmet. I personally wear a three-quarters model and thought it was pretty good until I read this article.



The diagram above was taken from an accident analysis study done by Dietmar Otto in Germany (web site <http://jeff.dean.home.att.net/swisher.htm>). It shows impact areas on crash involved motorcycle helmets. As you can see 34.6% (over one-third) of the damage occurred around the chin guard area. Then, when you add the face shield area of 9.9%, that is a total of 44.5% which is almost one-half of all the damage, and these areas are not covered with a three-quarters or half helmet. I'm not saying that everyone should wear a full coverage helmet, but the study does show that you would have much better protection.

Of course, you should always wear some type of helmet, even if it is just a trip around the block. Accidents do happen, and usually when you least expect them. Be prepared. Take care and ride safe.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4 N Meeting
5	6	7	8	9 MS Y meeting	10 Jim Brewington B-Day	11 W2 breakfast ride
12	13 Margaret Higdon B-day	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17 Audrey Caldwell B-Day	18 W2 Meeting
19	20 President's Day	21 Larry Abramson B-Day	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Alan Keough B-Day	29			



One doll, and one shady character (reprinted from TN District Newsletter)



W2'ers enjoying the evening

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