

Chapter W2 – Memphis Gold

Region N

Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge

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Meeting Time – 3rd Saturday of each month

Eat at 6:00 PM – Meet at 7:00 PM

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From the Chapter Director

By: Ivan Coburn

Hello W-2 Members! We hope everyone enjoyed October's monthly gathering and ready for November's. We were really disappointed that the cookout had to be cancelled but can't wait to get a good day so we can reschedule.

We would like to thank the following: Ruth Bolden, Pat Brewington, Kelton Green and Rebecca Harris, Clint and Cathi Hancock, Harry Schafer, Ed Johnson, Butch Norman, Joey Craig for attending our No Zone day on Oct 20th (pictures attached) it was very informative and great to see all who were able to make it. After we finished we all went for lunch @ McAllister's Deli in Southaven and had a great time! We really appreciate Chapter Y members coming out and supporting us.

We would like to thank our visitors Fred Moghim, Bernard & Jan Stevenson for coming to our monthly gathering and hope to see you at the next one on Nov 17th. Special thanks to Reginald & Kimberly Seymour (TN District MEC and Couple of the Year) for coming out and supporting us with our first monthly gathering as chapter directors. Extra, Extra special thanks for Reginald Seymour and Jan Stevenson for playing along with our Halloween costume dress up and we have pictures!

Upcoming Events:

Nov 3rd Toys for Tots run- please see flyer attached. Afterwards we are meeting Glenda @ 4:00 off exit 25 & I-40 at the Exxon gas station leaving at 4:15 and heading to Jackson TN for Chapter N's monthly gathering. We really hope that everyone can join us at one or both of these activities. We are looking forward to crashing N's gathering.

Nov-4th We are going up to AR Chapter D in Jonesboro, AR for their chapter meeting. We will meet at the Shell Station in Marion, AR at 12:15 and leave at 12:30. We will eat at 1:30 and the meeting starts at 2:30 at Barnhills in Jonesboro, AR. Come join us!

Nov 8th- Russo's New York Pizzeria @ 6:30 located at Forest Hill Irene and Poplar. Please join us we always have such fun together.

Nov 10th- OPS Meeting in Murfreesboro, TN Patterson Park Community Center @ 12:00 noon.

Nov 24th- W-2 Day Out @ the Pink Palace to see Santa vs the Snowman. Meeting at Noon and the show starts at 2:00 which will give us a chance to tour the other attractions at the museum. We will need a head count at the monthly gathering. We have to have at least 15 to get the group rates: Imax only-\$6.75/Adult; Imax & Museum-\$14.25/Adult; Imax, Museum & Planetarium-\$18.25/Adult

Nov 27th- Dinner Ride to Kooky Canuk @ 6:30 we hope everyone will join us for good food and fellowship. We always have such fun just getting together and visiting.

***We need to get a head count at the monthly gathering for the Christmas Party with Chapter Y @ the Boiling Pot on Church Road ***

Jan 26th- Winter Event Cookeville, TN @ Hyder-Burks Pavilion

Jan 27th- Leadership Instructors Class

Feb 23rd -24th Horizons - Hampton Inn - Lebanon, TN - more details TBA

April 25-27th Spring Fling - East Ridge, TN - See Flyer

At our October meeting we polled for chapter shirts and Gold was the winner. We will be getting prices out to everyone just as soon as they are available.

We will be passing out a calendar at the monthly gathering to help everyone to keep track of all the fun activities coming up!!!!

Many thanks to the staff for helping with our first meeting. We appreciate all that you do!!!

CHECK OUT THE PICTURES!!!!!!

RIDER EDUCATION

By Ed Johnson

10 Steps to Staying Safe

(re-printed in part from Wing World Jun 2012)

I saw this article in Wing World and thought it really had some good points in it. In case you didn't see it here it is in part.

Assume Drivers Can't See you –

Ride assuming you and your motorcycle are totally invisible to motorists. That means you must never assume that drivers can see you. The odds are they can't. So believe it yourself and always have an "out" for dangerous traffic situations.

Maintain Safe Spacing – Leave plenty of space front and back, and to the sides, from all other vehicles. This gives you more visibility and more time to react to a situation.

Anticipate Trouble – Anticipate trouble situations and know what to do when you see them. Analyze what other vehicles are doing and try to predict the outcome.

Beware of Oncoming "Left Turners" – Beware of oncoming motorists turning left in front of you at intersections. This is the leading cause of death among motorcycle riders! Slow down before you enter an intersection, have an escape route planned, stay visible, don't travel too close to the cars in front of you, position your bike so it can be seen by the "left turner", eye contact is not enough.

Ride Your Own Ride – Don't try to keep up with your friends who might be

more experienced. Know your personal limits.

Watch Out for Curves – Beware of taking curves you can't see around. A parked truck or patch of sand may be awaiting you.

Don't Give in to Road Rage – It's better to calm down, slow down, and collect your thoughts first. Then continue on and enjoy the ride. That's what we're all out there for in the first place.

Don't Allow Tailgating – If someone is tailgating you either speed up to open more space, or pull over and let them pass. Life is too short.

Remember a bike can stop shorter than a car, so you don't want a truck on your tail when you find yourself trying to brake to avoid a crash.

Don't be Blindsided by Sun Glare – Beware of riding your motorcycle into sun glare. Slow down, pull over, shield your eyes and look for a way to change directions.

Avoid Riding at Night – Especially late Friday and Saturday night when drunken drivers may be on the road. It goes without saying that you shouldn't drink and ride. Remember safety is everyone's responsibility.

Take Care & Ride Safe

November 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Toy Ride & N Meeting - Jackson
4 AR D Meeting - Jonesboro	5	6	7	8 Dinner Ride Russo's	9	10 Ops Meeting Murfreesboro
11 Veterans' Day	12	13 Debra Wible B-Day	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving Day	23	24 Pink Palace – Gary McPherson & Karen Page B-Day
25	26	27	28	29	30 Gus Logan B-Day	



OMG!...Could it be??...



Yes it is, Ruthless Ruth the truck driver!!



Look out boys, she's comin through!!



Chapters W2 & MS Y waiting to get in the cab to check out the view.



With bikes parked around the tractor trailer, how many can the driver see?



Reginald & Jan try on their Halloween costumes at the October Meeting.

FROM YOUR SUNSHINE LADY

“RETARDED” GRANDPARENTS

Written by a third grader, on what his grandparents do.

After Christmas, a teacher asked her young pupils how they spent their holiday away from school. One child wrote the following:

We always used to spend the holidays with Grandma and Grandpa. They used to live in a big brick house, but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Florida. Now they live in a tin box that has wheels, but its strapped to the ground. They ride around on their bicycles , and wear name tags , because they don't know who they are anymore. They go to a building called a wreck center, but they must have got it fixed because it is all okay now, they do exercises there, but they don't

do them very well. There is a swimming pool too, but they all just jump up and down in it with hats on. At their gate, there is a doll house with a little old man sitting in it. He watches all day so nobody can escape. Sometimes they sneak out, and go cruising in their golf carts. Nobody there cooks, they just eat out. And, they eat the same thing every night - early birds. Some of the people can't get out past the man in the doll house. The ones who do get out, bring food back to the wrecked center for pot luck. My Grandma says that Grandpa worked all his life to earn his retardment and, says I should work hard so I can be retarded someday too. When I earn my retardment, I want to be the man in the doll house. Then I will let people out, so they can visit their grandchildren.

November Anniversaries

Joe & Margaret Higdon - Nov 29

November Birthdays

Deborah Wible – Nov 13

Gary McPherson – Nov 24

Karen Page – Nov 24

Gus Logan – Nov 30

Health Report

Alan Keough is home from the hospital and on the mend. He better behave cause now Glenda can hurt him.



Membership

It was just in June of this year when I announced to Clint that we were joining the GWRRA. I had already sent in our registration and I was anxious to meet our group and become one of the crowd. Clint, ever supportive, polished up the bike and away we went to our first meeting. Who would have guessed that within five short months we would be asked to join the staff! We are very pleased to be active contributors as the Membership Coordinators...although we must confess...we're learning as we go. So if you have any insight to share, please do! Let us know about your experience with your membership. Why did you join? What are you hoping to get from your Chapter?

To write a few words for this newsletter, we decided to go to the source...the GWRRA newsletters. We were pleased to learn about a program we had heard mentioned at the meetings previously, but it would seem to be worthy to mention it here again, since the program runs through the end of the year. While we can't yet guarantee to be able to answer all your questions...getting the conversation started is half the battle!

[2012 GWRRA Find-a-Friend Program](#)

Goal & Objective

To enhance and improve our existing Find-A-Friend Recruiting Program to include other benefits and stakeholders that were not previously included.

Eligibility

Open to all current GWRRA Members.

Program Dates

January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012

Program Details

- For every five new memberships you recruit (households), you will receive a gift certificate with the equivalent value of a Family Membership - **\$55**.
- You must recruit new memberships only, not renewals. Each membership (household) counts as "ONE" regardless of the number of family members in the membership. (They will however, count under the Find-A-Friend pin and T-shirt program.)
- Gift certificates are non-transferable and will have a one year expiration date.
- **There is no maximum number of gift certificates that can be earned.**
- Free years are issued and redeemed in the form of a gift certificate that is sent by the Home Office.
- Upon achieving the count of five new memberships (households), Members have the "option" to redeem gift certificates(s) for:
 - ◆ GWRRA Membership Renewal
 - ◆ GWRRA Official Merchandise
 - ◆ Wing Ding Registration
 - ◆ Chapter Charter Fees
- Memberships recruited during special events (mall shows, rallies, motorcycle shows, etc.) qualify for this program.
- Life Members may use the gift certificates for GWRRA Official Merchandise, Wing Ding Registration or Charter Fees.
- Free year's membership may be applied toward consecutive years necessary for Life membership.
- Trial membership applications may be used for the recruiting efforts. Membership fees must be paid to qualify for this Find-A-Friend program. (As published in the GWRRA newsletter.)

While we have yet to match all the names and faces at each meeting, this is one of our major goals. Please don't let us get away without saying "Hey!" Clint and I joined the Chapter because we love to ride and we love meeting new people. Our PugMobile trailer helps us make friends wherever we go. Hopefully we can help foster an active and growing Chapter through our own travels and as part of the group. Do you know a Gold Winger that might enjoy joining us?

Cathi & Clint

A Tombstone in Utah:

In Logan, Utah, there is a tombstone for a cowboy that had a good sense of humor. It won a "coolest headstone" contest. It read as follows:

FIVE RULES FOR MEN TO FOLLOW FOR A HAPPY LIFE:

1. It's important to have a woman who helps at home, cooks from time to time, cleans up, and has a job.
2. It's important to have a woman who can make you laugh.

3. It's important to have a woman whom you can trust and doesn't lie to you.

4. It's important to have a woman who is good in bed and likes to be with you.

5. It's very, very important that these four women do not know each other, or you could end up dead like me!

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