

# Chapter W2 – Memphis Gold

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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**  
**Perkins – 1340 S Germantown Rd.**  
**Germantown, TN**

## **From the Chapter Director**

### **By: Ivan Coburn**

Hello W-2 members I would like to take this time to thank Richard and Colleen Hutson for their years of service to this chapter and thank Glenda Keough for this opportunity to be the chapter director. Also, I would like to thank all of the current and new staff members who have decided to stay and/or join me in the adventure. The staff members are as follows:

Assistant Chapter Director-Open  
Treasurer: Phyllis Davis  
Membership Coordinator-Clint & Cathi Hancock  
Chapter Educator-Ed Johnson  
Ride Coordinator-Steve & Claire Greer  
Newsletter Editor-Ed Johnson  
Webmaster-Chuck Caldwell  
Sunshine Lady-Ruth Bolden  
Store Keeper-open

I have a couple of staff positions open and if anyone would be interested in joining this great team please let me know. Also, at the end of the year Chuck Caldwell will be stepping down from his position as Webmaster so if you know of anyone who would be interested in being our webmaster please let me know.

I would like to remind everyone of the Safety Day that we are having on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. The address is 3030 Horn Lake Road Memphis, TN 38109. We will have a tractor trailer setup and have some of our bikes around it and get up in the tractor trailer to see what these drivers can and can't see and

then ride to lunch afterwards. It should be a lot of fun and very educational for everybody.

We are going to have a Members Appreciation Cookout on Oct 27<sup>th</sup> @ Herb Parsons Park in Collierville, TN starting @ noon. We will have a couple of games setup, so just come out and have some good food and fun. Please bring a chair and/or blanket to sit on. We want to show you our appreciation!! Please give me a head count at the Oct meeting for planning purposes. If it rains we will reschedule.

We are planning on a lot of activities for the upcoming year! We will be giving out a monthly calendar at each meeting with the upcoming events. We would like to have a W-2 Night Out each month with a different activity such as visiting museums, the pink palace and so many more. All suggestions welcome. Please join us for all the fun.

Chapter Y has invited us to join them for their Christmas party this year @ The Boiling Point on Church Road on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. At the Oct meeting I would like to see if everyone wants to join Chapter Y or if we want to do something different.

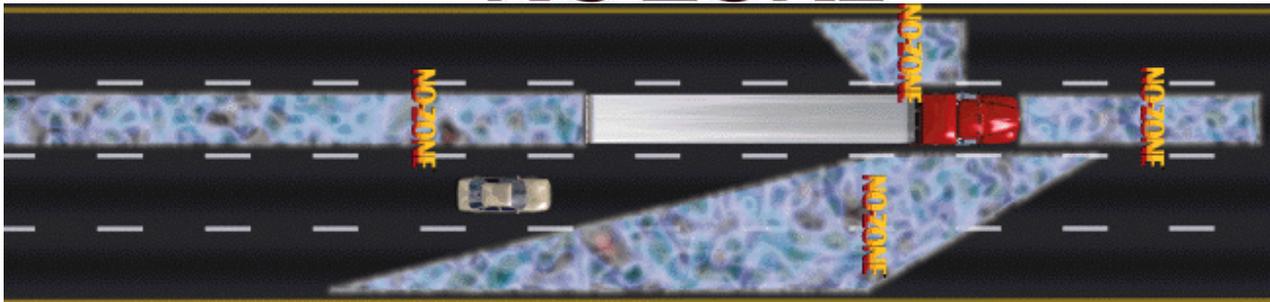
This is YOUR chapter so please let me know how we can be the best!

Keep the Sunny Side up,  
Ivan

## RIDER EDUCATION

By Ed Johnson

### Don't hang out in the **NO-ZONE**



On October 20, at 1000, we have a ride planned to Memphis City Cartage to get in a tractor trailer truck and discover just what a driver sees around him while he is driving down the road. To do a little preparation I'll tell you about the "No Zone." In 1994 a campaign was created to educate motorists about how to safely share the road with trucks and buses (Commercial Motor Vehicles [CMVs]). Its goal is to increase awareness of the No-Zones -- danger areas like blind spots, around commercial vehicles, in which cars "disappear" from the view of the truck or bus driver. No-Zones are areas where crashes are more likely to occur. Educating drivers about the No-Zones may reduce deaths, injuries, and property damage from these kinds of crashes.

Over the years tractor trailer trucks have gotten longer and heavier. Now trailers are

53 feet long and around 80,000 pounds. The drivers of these rigs are limited in what they can see in their mirrors. It's hard enough for them to see cars, but even harder to see motorcycles. When go to the trucking company, we'll park our motorcycles in different places around the truck and see the good spots and bad spots to be. Even though you may be able to see the truck driver's mirror, he still may not be able to see you.

I think it also will be really interesting for someone who has never been in the cab of one of these tractor trailers to sit there and envision how wide you have to turn to get around corners and the difficulty in backing up these rigs.

I hope to see you there.

Ed

There was no winner in the marble game at the last meeting. Thus, the pot gets larger.

# October 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 N Meeting
7	8 Columbus Day	9	10	11 MS Y Meeting	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 W2 meeting & Safety Day
21	22 Colleen Hutson B-Day	23	24	25	26	27 W2 Cookout Herb Parsons Lake
28	29	30	31 Halloween			

## Roadway News

The grand opening of SR840 is scheduled for November 2. At that time you will be able to get on SR840 at I-40 and travel to Murfreesboro without going through Nashville. This will be available for those going to the Ops meeting November 10.

The paving contract for SR385 from Macon to Hwy 57 has been awarded to Lehman-Roberts. The completion time is on or before September 2013, but the project manager told me he is shooting for mid-summer. All of the bridges and roadbed have been completed.

New construction of SR269 from the Mississippi State Line to SR385 has been awarded to Dement. Completion is on or before April 2015. Mississippi is constructing their part of 269 to connect to I-69 at I-55 near Hernando, MS. When finished, those in Collierville will have a direct route to the Casinos in Tunica.

The ongoing I-240 widening project between SR385 and Walnut Grove should be completed on or before June 2013.



*Ride to Kelley's Restaurant, Wynne AR.*



*The Enforcers*



*Getting ready to ride*



*Plaque for largest chapter at N's fun day*



*Meeting night at Perkins*

## Thought for the month

By J.B. & Herman Shelton KY-T  
HOW TO PLANT CHAPTER ACTIVITY GARDEN

### 1 First plant five rods of peas:

*Presence:* Your presence at Chapter activities.

*Promptness:* Be on time and ready to go.

*Preparation:* Have a pen and paper ready to write down tips received from the quest speaker and phone numbers of friends you'll make.

*Purity:* Don't say anything you wouldn't want said of you.

*Perseverance:* Be patient. Don't be part of the problem. Be part of the solution.

### 2 Next to these, plant three rows of squash:

*Squash Gossip.*

*Squash Criticism*

*Squash Indifference*

### 3. Then plant four rows of lettuce:

*Let us* Be faithful to one another

*Let us* Be loyal and unselfish

*Let us* Be true to our obligations

*Let us* Love and respect one another

### 4. No garden is complete without turnips:

*Turn up* for get-togethers

*Turn up* with a smile

*Turn up* with determination to make everything count as something worthwhile

## CONGRATULATIONS

Our best wishes go out to:  
Mr. and Mrs. Clint and Cathi Hancock.

As of October 1<sup>st</sup> they are our newly wed couple. Yep – they tied the knot.

### October Birthdays Happy Birthday to - -

Colleen Hutson - October 22

### Health Issues

Some of you may remember Renee Nelson who was a member of W-2 a few years ago. She is now in a nursing home in Horn Lake. She has been having some serious lung and breathing problems. Back in the summer she spent about 2 months in the hospital. Much of that time was in intensive care. If you need more information concerning this lady, please contact me.

If anyone has any information concerning any of our current or past members, please let me know. All of you are important and special to me.

Submitted by Your Sunshine Lady



*Our new Chapter Director*

(We have some AMAZING news, we are EXPECTING!!!!!! 12 weeks now!! I know I'm in shock too! I can't believe it myself! We weren't going to put it on facebook but wanted to make it official. :] I mean who would have guessed that we're expecting!! yup its official...we are expecting Santa in just 12 weeks!!!)

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