

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 Directors

By: Ivan & Leesa Coburn

Hello chapter members! Is it Spring yet??? Not according to the temperatures. Hope everyone had a Happy Easter.

We want to thank Ed and Phyllis for taking care of the March meeting, they did a fantastic job, and we really appreciate it!

We really enjoyed OCP Training and recommend it for anyone interested in learning more about the inner workings of GWRRA. We would like to thank all of the District staff that worked to put this on.

If anyone has any suggestions for any dinner rides or activities please send us an e-mail we welcome all suggestions.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 6th - Chapter N has the TN Traveling Plaque again so let's go get it! Their meeting is April 6th in Jackson, TN at Casey Jones Restaurant and Country Store. Let's all get together and go after the plaque. We will meet at exit 25 off of I-40 at the gas station @ 3:30 and leave @ 3:45. **Please respond by e-mail if you will come out and help us get this plaque!**

Also, they are selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a Remington 770 243 with a scope. See below for the date, time and place that the winner of this rifle will be announced:

April 13th – MS-Y Annual Chili Dump @ Doug & Linda Pyron's, 3180 Riveroaks Drive, Hernando, MS. 6:30 pm. Everyone will need to bring your chair and your own chili recipe (already prepared) to be 'dumped' into a communal pot. Ladies bring your favorite desserts for sharing. Chapter will provide paper goods, condiments and soft drinks. **Don't forget your blankie... might be a cool evening.**

April 20th - Monthly meeting @ Perkins, Germantown.

Eat @ 6:00 p.m. Meet @ 7:00 p.m.- Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

April 25-27 2013 - Spring Fling!!!!

Camp Jordan Arena
East Ridge, Tennessee
27,000 Sq. Ft. indoor exhibit space and a huge level paved area outside including 200 RV spaces directly across the street.
"Winging Around Choo Choo Town"

TN-N 2nd Annual Chicken Dinner Cookout

When: Saturday, Sep 7, 2013

Where: Bob's House of Honda, 603A Vann Dr. Jackson TN

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RIDER EDUCATION

By Ed Johnson

Proper Riding Gear

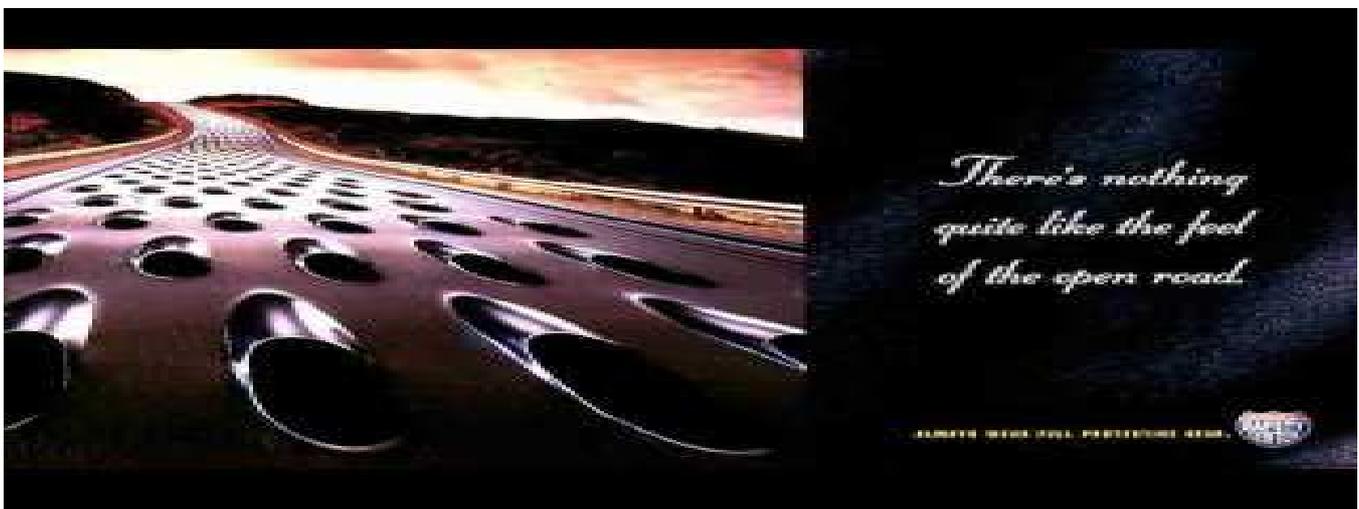


You might be wondering, just what is proper riding gear? Well according to GWRRA proper riding gear consists of a helmet, eye protection, a jacket or shirt that covers your arms, full finger gloves, long pants, and boots that cover your ankles.

To illustrate why we need this gear, please refer to the picture which shows riding gear and what kind of injury you can receive if you don't wear that gear. Having a motorcycle accident is something we don't want to think about, but it can be very serious. If you look at the picture, just imagine if you got just some of those injuries listed. Not fun! And this is an organization that promotes fun, along with safety and knowledge.

The next time you think about riding in less than recommended gear, think about the picture. Many people say

“when you get ready for a ride, don't just dress for the weather, dress for the crash.”



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 April Fool's Day	2	3	4	5	6 N Meeting
7	8	9	10	11 MS – Y Meeting	12	13 Chili Dump
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 W2 Meeting
21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25 Spring Fling	26 Spring Fling	27 Spring Fling
28	29	30				

GWRRA - TN License Plates

This is one of those opportunities we have before us to make a big difference in someone's life in Tennessee. We have the opportunity to buy tags for our motorcycles or our cars that will represent GWRRA. I am sure all of you have seen the special car tags on vehicles like the Titans, friends of the Smokies, etc. We can have our own vehicle or bike tags with GWRRA of TN on them.

To make this work we have to have 1000 tags confirmed to buy (whether car or bike), then we have to have a State Senator to bring it up before the State Senate as a referendum. The additional cost of the tag will be \$35 above what you already pay in your area for a tag. Yes, I know I have heard tags are already too high and I won't argue with you about that, but we will have our own tag. Most of us go to gatherings and give \$20 for 50/50, so why can't we do this and help some of our own that are in need? The big thing is that we want the money that is generated by this to be used to help our own GWRRA family that has a need, such as someone who had a motorcycle accident and needed funds to help until they could get back on their feet, or God forbid someone was killed and didn't have enough money for the cost of their funeral, or their wife may have an immediate need that we could help with. We are asking that you please get behind us on this. The tag hasn't been designed yet that is still to come. What we need from you is the promise that you will purchase one or more of these plates. So please send us an email or fill out form below. We need this information as soon as possible. Please again just think about what it can do for all of us if we ever need it.

Please note that we do yet know what the final design of this plate will look like, but we're pretty sure it will have the GWRRA-TN logo on it

Thank you,

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FROM YOUR SUNSHINE LADY

In Calgary, Alberta a 26-year-old mother stared down at her 6 year old son, who was dying of terminal leukemia. Although her heart was filled with sadness, she also had a strong feeling of determination. Like any parent, she wanted her son to grow up & fulfill all his dreams. Now that was no longer possible. The leukemia would see to that. But she still wanted her son's dream to come true.

She took her son's hand and asked, 'Billy, did you ever think about what you wanted to be once you grew up? Did you ever dream and wish what you would do with your life?'

Mommy, 'I always wanted to be a fireman when I grew up. Mom smiled back and said, 'Let's see if we can make your wish come true.

Later that day she went to her local fire Department in Calgary, where she met Fireman Bob, who had a heart as big as Alberta. She explained her son's final wish and asked if it might be possible to give her 6 year-old son a ride around the block on a fire engine. Fireman Bob said, 'Look, we can do better than that. If you'll have your son ready at seven o'clock Wednesday morning, we'll make him an honorary Fireman for the whole day.

He can come down to the fire station, eat with us, go out on all the fire calls, the whole nine yards! And if you'll give us his sizes, we'll get a real fire uniform for him, with a real fire hat - not a toy - one-with the emblem of the Calgary Fire Department on it, and a yellow slicker like we wear and rubber boots." 'They're all manufactured right here in Calgary, so we can get them fast.'

Three days later Fireman Bob picked up Billy, dressed him in his uniform and escorted him from his hospital bed to the waiting hook and ladder truck. Billy got to sit on the back of the truck and help steer it back to the fire station. He was in heaven.

There were three fire calls in Calgary that day and Billy got to go out on all three calls.

He rode in the different fire engines, the

Paramedic's' van, and even the fire chief's car.

He was also videotaped for the local news program.

Having his dream come true, with all the love and attention that was lavished upon him, so deeply touched Billy, that he lived three months longer than any doctor thought possible.

One night all of his vital signs began to drop dramatically and the head nurse, who believed in the hospice concept - that no one should die alone, began to call the family members to the hospital.

Then she remembered the day Billy had spent as a Fireman, so she called the Fire Chief and asked if it would be possible to send a fireman in uniform to the hospital to be with Billy as he made his transition.

The chief replied, 'We can do better than that. We'll be there in five minutes. Will you please do me a favor? When you hear the sirens screaming and see the lights flashing, will you announce over the PA system that there is not a fire? 'It's the department coming to see one of its finest members one more time. And will you open the window to his room?'

About five minutes later a hook and ladder truck arrived at the hospital and extended its ladder up to Billy's third floor open window----- 16 fire-fighters climbed up the ladder into Billy's room

With his mother's permission, they hugged him and held him and told him how much they LOVED him. With His dying breath, Billy looked up at the fire chief and said, 'Chief, am I really a fireman now?' 'Billy, you are, and The Head Chief. Jesus, is holding your hand,' the chief said. With those words, Billy smiled and said, 'I know, He's been holding my hand all day, and the angels have been singing.' He closed his eyes one last time.

This is a true story

Somehow (4) Anniversaries were omitted on the March newsletter. Sorry about that. They are as follows:

- 3/6 Steve & Claire Greer
- 3/8 Ivan & Leesa Coburn
- 3/21 Jim & Pat Brewington
- 3/22 George & Debbie Wimble

I do not show any birthday's in April, and only one Anniversary

April Anniversary

- 4/14 Ray & Ann Beloate



There was no January winner in the marble game and no game in February or March . A marble was removed and the pot has \$57. Whatever money is collected next time will be added to the \$57., and the pot grows larger. Come to the next meeting in April for your chance to win.

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