

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

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Germantown, TN

From the Chapter Director By: Ivan Coburn

Happy Valentines to all!!!!
Wow! Can you believe that we are already into February? Riding season will be here soon. I hope everyone is getting geared up to ride.

Ruth had surgery on Jan 29th and she is doing great! We look forward to her making a speedy recovery and hope to see her at the February meeting.

Here are some upcoming events:

Feb 9th & 10th- Chapter N Jackson, TN is hosting a Medic First Aid/CPR class and a Co-Rider course to be held at Casey's Jones Restaurant in the upstairs meeting room starting @ 8:00 a.m. We would like to get a big group from W-2 to go and participate. If you are interested in attending and would like to ride up as a group, please e-mail me and we can setup a time and meeting place to head out from.

Feb 15th - Steve and Claire are planning a group dinner ride for Valentines so grab your sweethearts and join us at Spaghetti Warehouse @ 6:30 on Feb 15th

Feb 16th - Monthly meeting @ Perkins, Germantown; Eat at @ 6:00 p.m. Meet @ 7:00 p.m. Hope to see everyone there.

Feb 23rd -24th Horizons, Lebanon, TN Hampton Inn-more details TBA We will be going up on Friday so anyone who would like to ride up with us please let me know.

****April 25-27th Spring Fling
East Ridge, TN

Ivan & Leesa Coburn

There was no November winner in the marble game. So, 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 February for your chance to win.

RIDER EDUCATION

By Ed Johnson

Ice when you least expect it & check that kit

Last Saturday morning (Feb 2) I received a call at 530AM saying the flyover bridge at I-40 and I-240 was closed due to icing. When I looked outside there was no rain, no sleet, no snow, and the temperature was 32 degrees. This was totally unexpected with no predictions of ice. Thus, no highway maintenance trucks had spread any salt overnight.

Needless to say, warning signs were put up and salt trucks were called out. That Saturday morning Police reportedly responded to more than 100 traffic accidents, and SR385 was shut down for a couple of hours.

How did this happen? Overnight there had been just enough moisture, a few sprinkles, and the pavement on the bridges was just cold enough to cause that moisture to freeze. You couldn't see it, but you definitely knew it was slick when you crossed any of those bridges. This was one of those odd occurrences in nature where if you weren't careful you could lose control of your vehicle and have a bad start to your day.

The moral of the story is, when the temperature is around 32 degrees, be careful when going over bridges, even if you don't see any signs of ice. There just might be a surprise waiting for you!

Since, for the most part, the weather has been a little too cold to ride, what a great time to check out the first aid kit on your bike. If you don't have one, you need one. Even if you just put some bandages and things in a plastic bag, do it. You never know when you might need it.

Replenish anything you might have used last year and not replaced. Also check for any supplies that might be out of date, or just don't look fresh. Just as a reference, here is a list of some things you should have in your kit.

1. Latex Gloves – These are for your protection. The person you are working on could have some type of blood-borne virus or disease.
2. Pocket Mask – If you have to perform CPR, the mask will eliminate mouth to mouth contact.
3. Trauma Scissors – These are made to cut through clothing so you can effectively see and treat the injury.
4. Bandages – Several 4 by 4's and larger bandages to cover the wound.
5. Rolls of gauze – These are used to secure your bandages in place.
6. Medical Tape – Comes in handy for several different things.
7. Triangular Bandages – Used for immobilizing arm or shoulder injuries.
8. Cold Pack Compress – Gets cold due to chemical reaction. Used to reduce swelling.
9. Alcohol or antiseptic wipes – For disinfecting small wounds.
10. Band-aids – For the small stuff.

You may have more or fewer things in your kit. But, now is the time to check it, so you'll be ready to go when the weather gets good for riding.

Ride safe.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 N Meeting - Groundhog Day
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Training Day - Jackson
10 Jim Brewington B-Day	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday Mardi Gras	13 Margaret Higdon B- Day	14 MS-Y Meeting - Valentine's Day	15 Dinner Ride Spaghetti Warehouse	16 W2 Meeting
17 Audrey Caldwell B- Day	18 President's Day	19	20	21	22 Washington's Birthday	23 Horizons - Lebenon
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*Have the winter blues?
Think about a warm day
with a clear sky and a
group of GoldWingers to
ride with.*



*Or, how about a Chapter
meeting packed with
friends, wishing for a
warm day to ride.*

See ya February 16th.

FROM YOUR SUNSHINE LADY

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

I remember as a child in grade school my mother would buy me a bunch of valentine cards to give out to my classmates and friends. There would be so many cards handed out all over school. Do kids still do that? We adults should do that. There are so many people in my life that are special to me, that bring me joy and make my life better. That includes all the wonderful people in W-2. I have made such good friends through GWRRA. But I don't tell them often enough. We should take time in this month of love to let everyone know how special they are, how much they mean to us. Not just spouses or boyfriend/girlfriend. So I want all of you to know how special you all are, how much you mean to me. Consider this my valentine card from me to you.

With Love,
Ruth

February Birthdays

- 10th - Jim Brewington
- 13th – Margaret Higdon
- 17th – Audrey Caldwell
- 28th – Alan Keough





A fun trip to Eureka Springs

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