

# 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 Directors

### By: Ivan & Leesa Coburn

#### Hello Chapter Members!

Wow! It's June already!!! Happy Father's Day to all of you fathers out there. Quick note Ruth is doing great she is recovery nicely but it is a slow process hope to see her at our June or July gathering. Thanks for all of your support, thoughts and prayers during this very trying time.

#### **Upcoming events:**

**June 15<sup>th</sup>**- Monthly Gathering Perkins Restaurant Germantown Road and Wolfe River Blvd. Eat @ 6:00 p.m. Meet @ 7:00 p.m. Invite everyone!

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>**- ARC class -Jackson, TN 8:00 a.m. at Casey Jones Country Store and Restaurant. Price- \$50.00 per bike.

**July 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>**- Wing Ding- Greenville, SC - TD Convention Center. Website- wing-ding.org

**July 27<sup>th</sup>**- Big Burger Run 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm @ Randy's Restaurant 4276 Hwy 136 Trenton, GA

**August 31<sup>st</sup>**- District Picnic Gladeville Community Center, Gladeville, TN Just off SR 840 st exit 70 (Stewarts Ferry Pike). Hours 10am-4pm There is not a charge for the district picnic the district staff puts this on for all of the chapters, it is a whole lot of fun, there will be games, music and plenty of food such as Hamburgers, Hotdogs, baked beans, drinks, desserts. We would like to invite everyone and have a group ride to Gladeville, if you are interested please let me know. We will be getting a head count at the August monthly gathering.

**Chapter N-** Selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a Remington 770 243 with a scope. (1-5.00, 2-8.00, 3-10.00) See below for the date, time and place that the winner of this rifle will be announced:

**TN-N 2nd Annual Chicken Dinner Cookout**

**When:** Saturday, Sep 7, 2013

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

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

#### 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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Ivan & Leesa Coburn  
Ride often, Ride Safe

## RIDER EDUCATION

By Ed Johnson

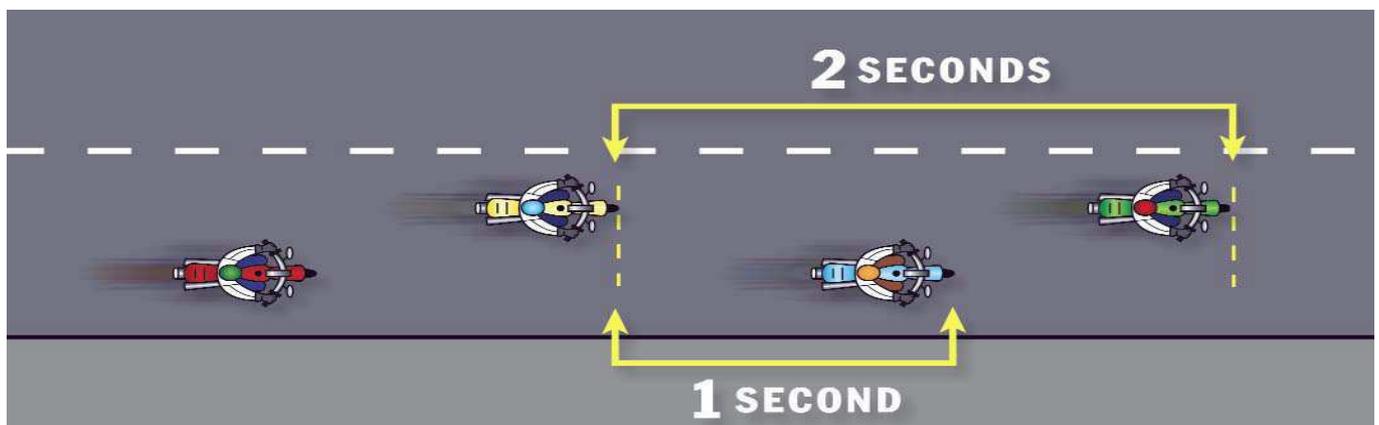
### Group Riding

As riding season is now in full swing, here are a few things to think about when riding in a group.

- Before setting out, hold a riders' meeting where you can discuss the route, rest and fuel stops, hand signals, and what to do in the event of an accident or emergency or if someone is separated from the group.
- Assign lead and tail riders who are experienced and knowledgeable in group riding procedures.
- Keep the group to a controllable size of three to seven bikes. You can also break the group into smaller sub-groups, each with a lead and tail rider.
- Be prepared. At least one rider in each group should pack a cell phone, first-aid kit, and full tool kit.
- To allow for enough time and space for maneuvering and reacting to hazards, it is important to ride in formation.
- The two second rule: The leader starts out in the lane's left track. The second bike is in the right track of the same lane and is only one second behind the leader. Then

the third rider will be in the left track of the lane, two seconds behind the leader. The fourth rider is in the right track of the lane, two seconds behind the second bike, and so on down the line. Maintaining this formation, and these distances will discourage other vehicle from cutting into the group. However, if a vehicle does try to cut in between riders in the group, back off and let them in. Safety of the group, is the first concern

- Ride in a single-file formation when on a curvy road or in situations where an increased space cushion or maneuvering room is needed.
- Do not ride in side-by-side formations because they reduce the space cushion.
- Check the riders following in your rear view mirror from time to time.
- Don't be over confident. Safety will be your primary concern for the entire ride. Do not let anyone else do your riding for you. Do not create an unsafe condition.
- Don't center your focus on the bike in front of you - that's called tunnel vision. Scan instead, just like you do when riding alone.



# June 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 N meeting
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 MS-Y meeting	14 Flag Day	15 W2 meeting
16 Father's Day	17	18	19	20	21	22 ARC course - Jackson
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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*Good breakfast at the Junction Café*



*Those Wings sure are comfortable*

## FROM YOUR SUNSHINE LADY

### Our Yearly Dementia Test-- only 4 questions...

It's that time of year for us to take our annual senior citizen test. Exercise of the brain is as important as exercise of the muscles. As we grow older, it's important to keep mentally alert. If you don't use it, you lose it! Below is a very private way to gauge how your memory compares to the last test. Some may think it is too easy but the ones with memory problems may have difficulty. Take the test presented here to determine if you're losing it or not. The spaces below are so you don't see the answers until you've made your answer. OK, relax, clear your mind and begin.

1. What do you put in a toaster?

**Answer:** 'bread.' If you said 'toast' give up now and go do something else... Try not to hurt yourself. If you said, bread, go to Question 2.

2. Say 'silk' five times. Now spell 'silk.' What do cows drink?

**Answer:** Cows drink water. If you said 'milk,' don't attempt the next question.

Your brain is over-stressed and may even overheat.  
Content yourself with reading more appropriate literature such as Auto World.  
However, if you said 'water', proceed to question 3.

3. If a red house is made from red bricks and  
a blue house is made from blue bricks and  
a pink house is made from pink bricks and  
a black house is made from black bricks,

What is a green house made from?

**Answer:** Greenhouses are made from glass.  
If you said 'green bricks,' why are you still reading these???  
If you said 'glass,' go on to Question 4.

4. Without using a calculator -  
You are driving a bus from London to Milford Haven in Wales.

In London , 17 people get on the bus.  
 In Reading , 6 people get off the bus and 9 people get on.  
 In Swindon, 2 people get off and 4 get on.  
 In Cardiff , 11 people get off and 16 people get on.  
 In Swansea , 3 people get off and 5 people get on.  
 In Carmathen, 6 people get off and 3 get on.  
 You then arrive at Milford Haven...  
 Without scrolling back to review, how old is the bus driver?

**Answer:** Oh, for crying out loud!  
 Don't you remember your own age...  
 It was YOU driving the bus!

One More Thing:

The average human walks 900 miles per year and drinks 22 gallons of beer, which means the average human gets 41 miles per gallon, not bad!!

I don't have any Birthdays or Anniversaries for June If I miss anyone please forgive me.

Thanks everyone for all the thoughts, prayers and cards. I will see you soon!

Ruth Bolden



## BIKE OF THE MONTH

ALAN & GLENDA KEOUGH



Alan & I met 33 years ago in, of all places, a bowling alley. Within a year we tied the knot. He had a son and a daughter when we married and between them they have given us 5 grandchildren;

a granddaughter (15 years old), a grandson (23 years old) and two sets of twin grandsons (10 years old and 6 years old). And, although we are nowhere old enough, we are great grandparents to two. Whew!!!

We went out in 2006 to buy Alan a new truck, and came home with a brand new Titanium 1800 Goldwing. We had admired them for years, and finally took the plunge. Our neighbors owned a 1500 wing, and invited us to attend a GWRRA Chapter meeting with them. We attended the next gathering of Chapter W2 and the rest, as they say, is history. We have traveled to 28 of the contiguous 48 states, and are looking forward to experiencing the rest. We plan on covering the northeast or the Pacific coast this summer (depending on time restraints). Alan has ridden a motorcycle for years, but I'm a newbie and had no idea the freedom and perspective you get on the back of a bike. I'm definitely hooked!

GWRRA has enriched our riding experience and introduced us to some of our best friends and a whole new family. We have relationships that will last, literally, a lifetime.

## Trip to the Bluegrass Underground in the Cumberland Cave, McMinnville, TN

We left on Friday, May 10th, and thanks to the 90% chance of rain, Steve, Glenda, Alan, and I all piled into Steve's cage and took off towards Nashville. We hit the Loveless Cafe in time for lunch (or breakfast for someone), and only had to wait about 25 minutes, enough time to stroll through the stores. The food of course was excellent, and then we headed towards Antique Archeology, the store featured in the American Pickers TV show. I can now say that I have been there, checked it off the bucket list, and have the t-shirt! (The t-shirt was the only thing that I could afford.)

From there we headed over to McMinnville for the night where we stayed in a very nice, recently updated Best Western. We were all stuffed from the Loveless Café, but we also knew that we needed a little something to hold us over until breakfast, so we headed to the Gondola Restaurant. Steve and I had salads and a cannoli, Glenda an appetizer, and Alan a slice of coconut cake that would have served about 10 people. We all agreed that we would go back when we had larger appetites because the Italian food that we saw being served looked and smelled excellent!

The next morning we headed downtown to find a little cafe for breakfast, where the we were able to sample a little of the local culture, like when the only waitress hollered back to her Momma to add an order of toast the egg order. :) After breakfast we strolled the little downtown of McMinnville and all agreed, it was a pretty little place with views of the mountains.

We headed over the to Cavern about 10:30 am, and we are glad we did even though the concert people didn't start letting you in until 12 noon, with the concert beginning at 1 pm. People were already beginning to line up, and parking was on the grass by this time. (As you can see from one of the photos, there's not much parking room for two wheels, and none if you happen to be traveling with the trailer.)

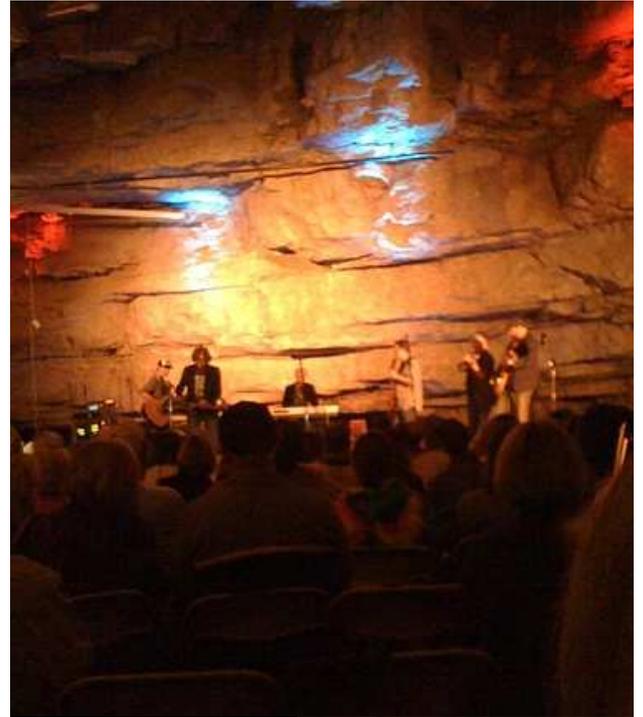
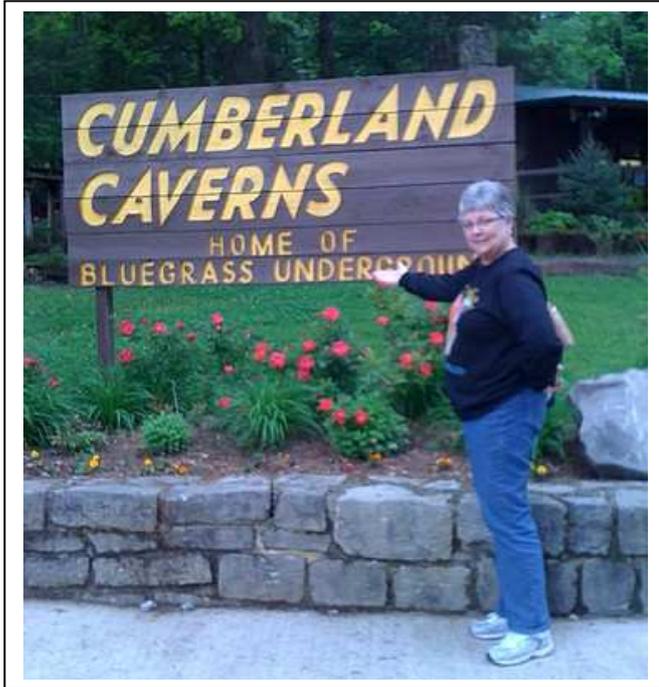
There was a three man warm up band that was excellent. We knew from them that the acoustics in that cave were going to be ideal for a concert. The band we heard was called Mountain Heart, and they were phenomenal. (They are going to be at the Levitt Shell in Overton Park on Thursday, September 26th at 7:30, and it's free! Mark your calendars and go, trust me, you will not be disappointed, and this comes from someone who was not a huge fan of Bluegrass music until after this trip.)

After the concert we headed home, and stopped in Lynchburg for a quick bite at a local restaurant on the square, and a quick trip into the Moon Pie General Store before they closed at 6 pm. We got home about 11 pm Saturday. Since we were in the cage, we just boogied on home instead of spending another night.

The trip was great fun, and maybe next time a few others can go with us, because this will be a place we would like to go back to on the bikes!

Claire

***There was no May winner in the marble game. A marble was removed and the pot has grown to \$82. There are only six marbles left! Whatever money is collected next time will be added to the \$82, and the pot grows larger. Come to the next meeting June 15 for your chance to win.***



**22nd Annual**

**Main Street Collierville**

**Sunset On The Square**

**Summer Concert Series**

**Wolf River Rednecks - June 6**

**Blind Mississippi Morris - June 13**

**AIMS Gang - June 20**

**Webb Dalton - June 27**

**Def Tonz - July 11**

**Six Degrees - July 18**

**Rhythm Rockets - July 25**