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Eat at 6:00 PM – Meet at 7:00 PM

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Germantown, TN

From the Chapter Director By: Ivan Coburn

Happy St. Patrick's Day Luck of the Irish to You!!!!



We went to Horizon's in February and must say that we had so much fun!!! We really had a fantastic time and would recommend that everyone attend the Horizon Program. District really put a great program together and we really appreciate all of their time and effort that went into Horizon's. We can't say enough about it, but if you are looking a weekend away filled with a lot of fun and surprises this is the event you should try to attend.

We had a dinner ride to Chapter N's monthly gathering hoping to bring home the TN traveling plaque on March 2nd. We would like to thank Glenda Keough, Kenneth Holeman, Chuck Caldwell, Ruth Bolden for going to get the wood but unfortunately TN-Y beat us out so that just means that we will go after it next time! We are going to bring the traveling plaque back to Western TN!!!

Here are some upcoming events:
March 16th-OCP Training Lebanon, TN Hampton Inn Hotel. Anyone interested in this **FREE** training program is

welcome to attend and as always we will have lots of fun and learn more about GWRRA. We hope to see you there if you would like to ride up together we are going up Friday mid-day.

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

March 23rd-Dinner ride to Mellow Mushroom 3075 Village Shop Drive, Germantown, TN @ 6:00 p.m.

April 13th-Chili Dump will be held at Dough and Linda Pyron's home in Hernando, MS. We will be sending out the time and the address.

Let's all get ready for Spring Fling!!!!
Have you registered yet if not it's not too late, you can still pre-register until April 1st.

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

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RIDER EDUCATION

By Ed Johnson

Older Riders & TCLOCK

The following was taken from an article in My Health News Daily concerning older motorcycle riders. I'm putting this in the newsletter not to discourage riding, but just to state some statistics so we're better aware of the dangers out there.

"People ages 60 and older account for an increasing proportion of individuals injured in motorcycle crashes in the United States, a new study finds.

In addition, older adults are more likely to be seriously injured in these crashes, and require hospitalization, according to researchers who analyzed records of emergency department visits for motorcycle crash injuries between 2001 and 2008.

But while injury rates increased for all age groups, they were highest for older adults.

The number of people ages 60 and older who were injured in motorcycle crashes during the period studied rose 247 percent, from about 4,300 injuries in 2001 to about 15,100 injuries in 2008. By comparison, the number of injuries increased 61 percent (from about 42,900 to 69,500) for people ages 40 to 59, and 28 percent (from about 99,800 to 128,000) for people ages 20 to 39.

Overall, the proportion of motorcycle crash injuries involving people ages 60 and older climbed from 3 percent in 2001 to 7 percent in 2008.

Older motorcycle riders were also three times more likely to be hospitalized for their injuries than younger riders. Fractures and dislocations were the most common types of injuries for all age groups, although older adults were especially likely to suffer these injuries. Older adults were also more likely to sustain injuries to their internal organs, including the brain.

"The greater severity of injuries among older adults may be due to the physiological changes that occur as the body ages," including decreased bone strength and

changes in the distribution of body fat, the researchers said."

Now that the weather is starting to warm up and daylight savings time is upon us, let's make sure our bikes are ready to go using **TCLOCK**. No, it's not a time keeping device. It stands for **T**ires and wheels, **C**ontrols, **L**ights, **O**il and fluids, **C**hassis, and **K**ickstand.

Start with the tires, checking the condition and air pressure and make sure there are not cracks or dents on the wheel. Then let's move to the controls. Check the levers, cables, hoses and throttle operation. Next up is the lights. Take a look at the battery, headlight brightness, lenses, wiring and make sure all other bulbs are functioning.

OK, now we are ready for the oil. Check oil and fluid levels, and make sure they are fresh or within change limits stated in the manual. Time to look at the chassis. There should be no visible frame cracks, and no play in the steering. Check the suspension smooth travel and damping. Look for any loose nuts or fasteners. Lastly examine the kickstand. Make sure there is no damage and that the safety cut off switch works when stand is lowered.

It's best to get in the habit of checking these things on a regular basis because it's always better to find a problem before you ride than after you are miles from home. So, do a TCLOCK inspection and let's be ready to ride.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 N Meeting
3	4	5	6 Joe Higdon B-Day	7	8	9 Ann Belote B-Day
10	11 Steve Greer B-Day	12	13	14 MS-Y Meeting	15	16 W2 meeting
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21	22	23 Dinner Ride Mellow Mushroom
24	25 David Porch B-Day	26	27	28	29	30
31 Easter						



Doing what us W2'ers like to do best, EAT

FROM YOUR SUNSHINE LADY

HAPPY SAINT PATRICKS DAY

On the first day, God created the dog and said, sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this I will give you a life span of twenty years.

The dog said, "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?"

And God said that it was good.

On the second day, God created the monkey and said, "Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span."

The monkey said, "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did?"

And God again said that it was good.

On the third day, God created the cow and said, "You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years."

The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the

other forty?"

And God agreed it was good.

On the fourth day, God created humans and said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years."

But the human said, "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?"

"Okay," said God, "You asked for it."

So that is why for our first twenty years, we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years, we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

Life has now been explained to you.

There is no need to thank me for this valuable information. I'm doing it as a public service. If you are looking for me I will be on the front porch.

BIRTHDAYS

3/6	JOE HIGDON
3/9	ANN (SISSY) BELOATE
3/11	STEVE GREER
3/25	DAVID PORCH





The gang at Spaghetti Warehouse

There was no January winner in the marble game and no game in February . 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 March for your chance to win.

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