



MARCH 2014

CHAPTER W2 MEMPHIS GOLD

Meeting Time – 3rd Saturday of each month

Eat at 6:00 PM – Meet at 7:00 PM

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From Your Chapter Directors

By: Ivan & Leesa Coburn

March is here time for riding season, YES!!! Watching the news last night, there is a chance for snow Monday. Old man winter just will not leave. March the 9th is day light savings time. Don't forget to move those clocks up, Spring forward.

On Wednesday February 26th we had a dinner ride to Abuelos, we had 22 to attend and had a fantastic time with everyone. I would like to thank everyone from MS- Y who made the trip up to join us and the W-2 members who were able to attend as well. Hope we can do it again soon, I guess everyone was ready to get out for a while.

Spring Fling is fast approaching, April 24th -26th hope everyone is making plans to attend. Like Ed said it's a great area to ride in and its supports our district.

With the weather playing tricks on us it would be a great time to check your bikes out and first aid kits or start one if you don't already have it on your bike. I will have a list of what you need in the kit at the meeting if anyone needs it.

If you have a place you would like to ride to please let Ed or myself know so we can get it set up.

Thanks

Upcoming Events:

March 15: Monthly Gathering-Perkins Restaurant located on Germantown and Wolf River Blvd. Eat @ 6:00 meet @ 7:00 Please come out and join us for a good

The marble game has \$9 to start with at the March meeting. Nobody won in February. Come to the meeting on March 15 for your chance to win.

RIDER EDUCATION

By Ed Johnson

As I write this article, we are expecting one more blast of winter weather, with possible snow and ice. I'm ready for Spring.

The subject of this month's article is "Think Safety." When you think about it, riding a motorcycle is really about 90 percent thinking and about 10 percent physical effort. The 10 percent physical part includes holding up the bike with your legs when you stop, and using your feet and hands to work the brakes, shifter and throttle. When you are just cruising along on the highway, not much physical activity is going on, but there should be lots of mental activity going on.

Are you the kind of person who sits back and daydreams when you are riding? I hope not. Although you should be relaxed and enjoying your ride, there are many things your mind needs to be thinking about and processing. How about your instruments and gauges? Speed, rpm's, fuel level, coolant temperature, warning lights, all need to be monitored. Are you keeping an eye on the other riders in your group? Are you too close, too far

apart? How about the traffic around you? What is vehicle going to do that just came up on the cross street? Are you scanning ahead for possible hazards? Are you thinking about weather conditions? Hot, cold, rain, wind, etc. How does the road look? Rough, smooth, uneven, railroad tracks ahead, oil or debris in your path? And that curve ahead, is it broad, narrow, slick? Going too fast or too slow?

Wow!!! Have you ever thought about how many things you need to think about when you ride? How could you have time to daydream? It's a good thing our brains can multitask and process a lot of information at the same time. Although much of this processing is done kind of automatically without much effort, don't get too lax with it, or you may miss some important information.

Help your brain out by giving it enough rest, nourishment, protection (helmet), and by starting out with a good attitude. If it is tired, overworked, or upset, it may not work as well as it should, and you could be in trouble. Think safe and be safe.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Mardi Gras	5	6 Joe Higdon B-Day	7	8
9 Ann Belote B-Day	10	11 Steve Greer B-Day	12	13 MS-Y Meeting	14	15 W2 Meeting
16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 David Porch B-Day	26	27	28	29
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FROM YOUR SUNSHINE LADY

HAPPY SAINT PATRICKS DAY

Here's wishing all of you the luck of the Irish, hoping you find the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. (If you do, would you please share?)

IRISH BLESSING

May the road rise
to meet you,
May the wind
be always
at your back,
May the sun
Shine warm
upon your face,
The rains fall soft
upon your fields
and until
we meet again
may God
hold you
in the
hollow
of His
hand.

BIRTHDAYS

3/6 Joe Higdon
3/9 Sissy Beloate
3/11 Steve Greer
(I know he moved, but we still miss him.)

ANNIVERSARIES

3/8 Ivan & Leesa Coburn
3/21 Pat & Jim Brewington
3/22 George & Debbie Wible



WANT TO SEE WHAT'S IN YOUR GWRRA RIDER EDUCATION FILE?

Once you get to the GWRRA.org website, click on either Officers or Programs from the blue menu bar to view a drop down menu. Click on "Rider Education".

On the left side of the main Rider Ed page (the index page) you will see a new button for "My R.E. Training" or "My R.E. Info" (we are still working with the exact name)

Click on that button to follow the link to the login area.

Use your Membership number to log in. If there are not enough digits, the program knows to add them for you. (Include the -01, -02, etc. if it is applicable). There is no need for an MOU or Confidentiality Agreement for this access, since the user only has credentials to view their own information.

Your password is the same many of us use for the GWRRA message board. There is a link for "I need help logging in".

Note the information on the bottom of that login screen:

"This site is meant for the membership to check and track their GWRRA Rider Education Levels status, riding courses and seminar information. If you find any discrepancies in your information please get in touch with your Chapter Educator or Leadership Trainer to correct the error."

This should help us maintain the information more accurately and give the Member instant gratification. The Chapter Educator can see his or her workload reduced if the Member looks their own information up. The down side is that as data entry people, Members will potentially expect more accurate and timely record keeping – which might be an issue if you are not used to entering data on a routine basis.

Once your Username and password are entered, click on "Submit" to see your individual record.

If you are the primary Member, you will be able to access the information for each of your family Members. Using the table that is displayed, the far right column has a link to "View" the records of the person listed in that row by clicking on it.

Please take a moment to check out this new feature and provide us some feedback if you can think of anything that might improve the tool for general Membership use.



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