



February 2015

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

Happy Valentines W-2 Members!!!

Just to let everyone know that we will be going to the Winter Fest Ball on Feb 14th and invite everyone to join us. We have created a coed basket for the Winter Fest Ball and we are looking forward to this trip.

MS-Y has invited us to their Valentine Dinner to be held @ Spaghetti Warehouse on Feb 15th starting @ 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$16.00/per person. The address is 40 Huling Memphis, TN come join us for fantastic company and dinner see everyone there.

We are getting ready for the trip to Spring Fling and would like to have a good showing from W-2, let's all go and enjoy a great time with a lot of good riding and see old friends and make new ones.

2015 Upcoming Events:

Feb 14th: 2015-TN District Winter Fest/C O Y Sweetheart Ball Falls Creek Park Conference Ctr, Falls Creek, TN

Feb 15th: Valentine's Dinner Spaghetti Warehouse 5:30 p.m.

Feb 21st : Monthly Gathering-Perkins Restaurant

Germantown Road and Wolf River

Eat @ 6:00 Meet @ 7:00

April 23rd-25th: TN Spring Fling Camp Jordan East Ridge TN Theme: Southern Family Reunion

May 3rd-4th: MS-Y has invited us for a ride to the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY. Sunday we will visit the Museum and Monday the plant and then start the return trip home after the plant tour. Staying at the Super 8 Motel in Bowling Green, KY, call for reservations 1-270-781-4000.

September 3rd – 6th: Wing Ding 37, Huntsville, AL

October 15th-17th: Mississippi District Rally, Gulfport, MS. There will be a 50's/60's Sock Hop and many, many other activities.

RIDER EDUCATION

By Ed Johnson

20 Rules for Riding

Last month I decided to reprint a rider education article from a few years ago which covers the top 20 rules for riding. This was compiled by former International Rider Education Director Bob Lorenz. Last month we covered rules 20 through 11. This month I'll give you rules 10 through 1.

10. You know you have left the side stand down when all left turns are bad turns, and you are in first gear at 4000 rpm and going nowhere fast. (The older Gold Wings didn't have a side stand engine cut off switch)

9. Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make all of them by yourself.

8. When in doubt, slow down. No one has ever hit something too slow.

7. The rear wheel is just a big fan on the back of the bike and is used to keep the rider cool and his or her butt relaxed. If going into a corner too fast, slamming on the rear brake causes the fan to abruptly stop, you can actually see the rider start sweating and his or her butt become tense.

6. The only time you have too much fuel is when you are on fire.

5. It is always better to be on the sidelines wishing you were on the track,

than on the track wishing you were on the sidelines

4. Riding isn't dangerous! Crashing is dangerous.

3. If you push the handlebars to the left, the bike goes left. If you push the handlebars to the right the bike goes right. That is unless you continue pushing the bars all the way, then the bike will go down.

2. Every ride is optional.

And the number 1 rule for riding is: A "good" ride is one which you can walk away from after is done. A "great" ride is one after which you can use the bike again.

I hope you enjoyed these bits of wisdom. Some of these apply to everyday life and not just riding.

Take care and ride safe.



FROM YOUR SUNSHINE LADY

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

Sending and receiving Valentine's Day Cards is Celebrating all the loveliness of an ancient tradition. Since the death of St Valentine around the year 269, legends almost without number have blossomed forth to explain the beautiful practice of sending cards to convey affection for loved ones.

What can be said with some certainty is that Valentine was a priest, perhaps even a bishop, and a physician who lived in Rome. He was beheaded for his faith in that city by order of Claudius the Goth on February 14th.

Because of the love this young priest had for his Lord and for his people, his name has become beautifully and indelibly associated with the devotion that loved ones have for their beloved that children feel for their parents, and their friends.

People of medieval times believed that birds paired off on February 14th and that this was the special day of the year when, through natural law, love abounded and triumphed. No wonder "love birds" are so frequently included in the art on Valentine's Day cards!

Whatever the origins of this ancient tradition, two things are quite clear: Valentines are sent as an outpouring of love, devotion, or affection, and they are received as one of the sweetest gestures and nicest compliments one person can give to another.

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
TO ALL OF YOU AND
YOUR SWEETHEARTS!!**

BIRTHDAYS

2/10 Jim Brewington
2/11 Ken Holman
2/13 Margaret Higdon
2/17 Audrey Caldwell
2/25 David Porch
2/28 Alan Keough
3/6 Joe Higdon
3/9 Sissy Beloate

ANNIVERSARIES

2/28 Doug & Linda Pyron
3/8 Ivan & Leesa Coburn
3/22 George & Debbie Wible



February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6	7 N Meeting
8	9	10 Jim Brewington B-Day	11 Ken Holman B-day	12 MS-Y Meeting	13 Margaret Higdon B-day	14 Winter Event - Valentine's Day
15 Valentine Dinner – Spaghetti Whse.5:30	16 President's Day	17 Audrey Caldwell B-Day	18	19	20	21 W2 Meeting
22	23	24	25 David Porch B-Day	26	27	28 Alan Keough B-Day

Congratulations to Ivan for winning the marble game!!! The pot was \$134.

****** George Wible has a condo available for Bike Week in Daytona Beach, Florida right on the beach. It's the first week in March. If you are interested, contact George and he will make you a deal!!!***

Wings over the Smokies

We are Charles and Marion Dudley, the North Carolina District Marketing Directors. Some of you may have heard already that our 32nd Annual Wings Over The Smokies® Convention/Rally, has changed to July 9-11, 2015 and yes, we are returning to where it all started in 1984 in Cherokee, NC. Cherokee is North Carolina's premier motorcycle vacation destination. Are you still undecided about your summer plans? Make "Wings Over The Smokies®" your summer vacation destination for 2015.

Cherokee is in the middle of the Great Smoky Mountains and our rally site is only 1 mile from the southern entrance to the Blue Ridge Parkway. Besides riding Deals Gap famously known as "The Tail Of The Dragon" (318 curves in 11 miles) Cherohala Skyway, Cades Cove, and Clingmans Dome there are amazing and beautiful roads all over the area. Within a short ride there are places such as Pigeon Forge, Gatlinburg, and Dollywood; also, in Cherokee we have a Harrah's Casino; just down the road is the world famous Wheels Through Time Museum in Maggie Valley. Some of you may remember when our "Wings Over The Smokies®" Rally consistently had over 10,000 in attendance. Prior to our return to Cherokee in 2014, our last year in Cherokee (1994) we had more than 13,500 registered folks. Yes, that year we were larger than Wing Ding. While we may never see numbers like that again, we believe that we can once again become the premier GWRRA District Rally in the country. We believe folks came to our "Wings Over The Smokies®" rally back then because we gave them what they wanted – absolutely gorgeous riding and the camaraderie of our Gold Wing family.

Marion and I, along with our District Directors, would like to personally thank all the Regions, Districts and Chapters across the country for their support of our rally in the past. Our 2014 rally drew nearly 3,100 motorcyclist and we invite you to come back to Cherokee July 9-11 and ride the Great Smoky Mountains with your GWRRA NC family. If all the beautiful mountain riding is not enough to entice you to attend our rally then just picture yourself as the winner of one of our two Grand Prizes: a 2015 40th Anniversary, Special Edition Honda Gold Wing and a 2015 Bushtec GL Quantum Trailer - you need not be present to win. The drawing is at closing ceremonies on Saturday, July 11th.

Thanks and ride safely, Charles & Marion Dudley NC District Marketing Directors