



**July 2015**

# **CHAPTER W2 MEMPHIS GOLD**

**Meeting Time – 3rd Saturday of each month**

**Eat at 6:00 PM – Meet at 7:00 PM**

**Perkins – 1340 S Germantown Rd.**

**Germantown, TN**



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# From Your Chapter Directors

By: Ivan & Leesa Coburn

Hello W-2 Members!!! Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!!!!

Wow what happened to spring? Welcome to summer in the mid-south can't believe that we are more than half way through the year and we will be talking about Christmas before you know it. As a matter of fact we have already scheduled our Christmas Party to be held @ Perkins on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.

It was so great to see David Porch at our June gathering we have really missed him and we hope that he continues making progress and can be back permanently.

We had the pleasure of meeting Gene and Paula Sweatt who visited us for our June gathering and would like to thank them for them coming out and look forward to them coming back.

Many thanks to Tom and Beth Jullien and Jay and Linda Stapleton for participating in our Wack -A-Husband game!

We would like to thank MS-Y members who came out to our monthly gathering June 20<sup>th</sup> we had such a good time and hope to see them again soon.

The 2016 Spring Fling registration forms are out and we will be going back to Pigeon Forge. Please make arrangements to go and support your Tennessee District.

2015 Upcoming Events:

July 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>-Wings Over the Smokies, Cherokee, NC

July 18<sup>th</sup>-Monthly Gathering-Perkins Restaurant Wolf River Blvd and Germantown Road. Eat @ 6:00 meet @ 7:00 - Look forward to seeing you there!

July 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> -West Virginia Down Home Rally, Summersville, WV

August 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Blast

August 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>- Mountains, Music & Motorcycles, Mt. View, AR

September 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>: Wing Ding 37, Huntsville, AL

October 10<sup>th</sup>- Chapter N Jackson, TN Fun Day, Natchez Trace State Park, Club Lake Road, Wildersville, TN - Let's get a group ride and go support our sister chapter.

October 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>: Mississippi District Rally, Gulfport, MS. There will be a Sock Hop, Ice Cream Social, 50's/60's Costume contest and many, many other activities.

\*\*Keep an eye out for upcoming dinner rides\*\*

## RIDER EDUCATION

By Ed Johnson

### Counter-steering

Counter-steering is the term we use to identify the principle technique for maintaining balance and for controlling motorcycle lean angle. Despite the fact that a lot has been written about this characteristic of motorcycles, it still seems to be the source of much confusion and misinformation. We wouldn't try to teach counter-steering in mathematical terms because a true accurate mathematical description of motorcycle handling dynamics can be a rather imposing affair. When you turn the handlebar to the left, the motorcycle's front tire momentarily steers to the left, producing a side force at the contact patch. This side force to the rider's left is below the center of gravity and it causes the motorcycle to lean or roll to the rider's right.

To simplify this we'll use the following scenario. Imagine you are riding a trike. To steer a trike you're using push and pull steering. In other words, to turn right, you push the handlebar forward with your left hand while pulling back with your right hand. This procedure is used in reverse to make a left turn.

Using this same technique on a bike as you push forward on the handlebar with your left hand and pull back on the handlebar with your left hand, your motorcycle will move to the right. Reverse this procedure to move to the left. Now, you are counter-steering!

A way to try this technique that will demonstrate what happens. The next time you are cruising down the road without much traffic, remove your left hand from the handlebar. Then slightly push forward with your right hand. Your bike will immediately lean to the right. Then slightly pull back with your right hand. Your bike will immediately lean to the left.

Conscious and deliberate use of counter-steering as the primary input for turning may take some getting used to, so be cautious with it until you figure it out. Once you feel comfortable with the technique, you will have made an important discovery that will help you ride with control.

*(reprinted in part from an earlier rider education article)*

# FROM YOUR SUNSHINE LADY

## THE LAST CAB RIDE

(A beautiful reminder about what life  
is really about.)

I arrived at the address and honked the horn.

After waiting a few minutes I honked again.

Since this was going to be my last ride of my shift  
I thought about just driving away,  
But instead I put the car in park and walked up to  
the door and knocked..

'Just a minute', answered a frail, elderly voice. I  
could hear something  
Being dragged across the floor.

After a long pause, the door opened.

A small woman in her 90's stood before me. She  
was wearing a print dress  
And a pillbox hat with a veil pinned on it, like  
somebody out of a 1940's movie.

By her side was a small nylon suitcase. The  
apartment looked as if no one had  
Lived in it for years. All the furniture was covered  
with sheets.

There were no clocks on the walls, no  
knickknacks or utensils on the counters.  
In the corner was a cardboard box filled with  
photos and glassware.

'Would you carry my bag out to the car?' she  
said.

I took the suitcase to the cab, then returned to  
assist the woman.  
She took my arm and we walked slowly toward  
the curb.

She kept thanking me for my kindness.

'It's nothing', I told her. 'I just try to treat my  
passengers  
The way I would want my mother to be treated.'

'Oh, you're such a good boy, she said.

When we got in the cab, she gave me an address  
and then asked,  
'Could you drive through downtown?'

'It's not the shortest way,' I answered quickly..

'Oh, I don't mind,' she said. 'I'm in no hurry. I'm on  
my way to a hospice.

I looked in the rear-view mirror. Her eyes were  
glistening.

'I don't have any family left,' she continued in a  
soft voice..  
'The doctor says I don't have very long.'

I quietly reached over and shut off the meter.

'What route would you like me to take?' I asked.

For the next two hours, we drove through the  
city.

She showed me the building where she had once  
worked as an elevator operator.

We drove through the neighbourhood where she  
and her husband had lived  
When they were newlyweds.

She had me pull up in front of a furniture  
warehouse that had once  
Been a ballroom where she had gone dancing as  
a girl.

Sometimes she'd ask me to slow in front of a  
particular building or corner  
And would sit staring into the darkness, saying  
nothing.

As the first hint of sun was creasing the horizon,  
She suddenly said, 'I'm tired. Let's go now'.

We drove in silence to the address she had given  
me.

It was a low building, like a small convalescent home,  
With a driveway that passed under a portico.

Two orderlies came out to the cab as soon as we pulled up.  
They were solicitous and intent, watching her every move.  
They must have been expecting her.

I opened the trunk and took the small suitcase to the door.  
The woman was already seated in a wheelchair.

'How much do I owe you?' She asked, reaching into her purse.

'Nothing,' I answered.

'You have to make a living,' she said.

'There are other passengers,' I responded.

Almost without thinking, I bent and gave her a hug.  
She held onto me tightly.

'You gave an old woman a little moment of joy,' she said. 'Thank you.'

I squeezed her hand, and then walked into the dim morning light.  
Behind me, a door shut. It was the sound of the closing of a life..

For the rest of that day, I could hardly talk. What if that woman had  
Gotten an angry driver, or one who was impatient to end his shift?

What if I had refused to take the run, or had honked once, then driven away?

On a quick review, I don't think that I have done anything more important in my life.

We're conditioned to think that our lives revolve around great moments.

But great moments often catch us unaware - beautifully wrapped in  
What others may consider a small one.

PEOPLE MAY NOT REMEMBER EXACTLY WHAT YOU DID, OR WHAT YOU SAID. BUT THEY WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HOW YOU MADE THEM FEEL.

*Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here we might as well dance!*

## BIRTHDAYS

7/2 Leesa Coburn

There are not any more birthdays until September.

**There was no winner of the marble game at the June meeting. We will start with \$41. So come to the July meeting for your chance to win!!!**



*Piggy Backer Trailer for sale – \$750 –*

call Jim Cary [901 359-0159](tel:9013590159) [JCary89263@aol.com](mailto:JCary89263@aol.com)



*Hannigan Trailer for sale - \$2500 – Call Mike Manning*

Cell Phone [601-433-0383](tel:6014330383)

# July 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Leeza Coburn B- Day	3	4 Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9 MS – Y Meeting	10	11
12	13	14 M Meeting - Ride	15	16	17	18 W2 Meeting
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## Lets Visit! Tennessee Chapter Gatherings

*Please be sure to check the District Website (TNGWRRRA.org) for any gathering changes*

**Chapter A** ---- Last Tuesday ~ Eat 6:00 pm/Meet 7:00 pm : Golden Corral, 315 Old Lebanon Dirt Rd., Hermitage, TN. CD: Troy & Vickie Hurt; 615-351-6629

**Chapter A2**---- 4th Monday ~ Eat 6:00 PM / Meet 7:00 PM Ryan's Buffet, 1053 Hunters Crossing, Alcoa TN 37701 CDs: Dale & Ernest Hall; 423-836-8635

**Chapter B** ----1st Tuesday ~ Eat 6:00 pm/Meet 7:00 pm: Shoney's Restaurant 2405 Andersonville Hwy, Clinton, TN 37716 exit 122 east on Rt 61 off I-75 North of Knoxville at the Museum of Appalachia exit next to the new Tommy's Motorsport Cycle Store. : Senior CDs: Tom & Kathy Peck; 423-907-9712

**Chapter C** ---- 3rd Tuesday ~ Eat 6:00 pm/Meet 7:00 pm : Mama's House Buffet , 2608 North John B Dennis Hwy, Kingsport, TN. CDs: Richard & Connie Pendleton; 423-245-8484

**Chapter C2** ---- Third Saturday ~ Eat 8:00 am/Meet 9:00 am : Ryan's, 2854 North Main, Crossville, TN. CDs: David& Dianna Hamby 931-510-5595

**Chapter F** ---- 2nd Tuesday ~ Eat 6:30 pm/Meet 7:30 pm : Golden Corral, 2905 West Andrew Johnson Highway, Morristown, TN 37814. CDs: George & Lanora Baker; 423-231-7948

**Chapter G** ---- 3rd Thursday ~ Eat 6:00 pm/Meet 7:00 pm : Damron's, 714 E. Lincoln, Tullahoma, TN; CDs: Dennis & Anne Greer; 931-728-1463

**Chapter G2** ----1st Monday ~ Eat 6:00 pm/Meet 7:00 pm : IHOP, 1802 Parkway, Sevierville, TN. CD: TBD

**Chapter H**---- 4th Saturday ~ Eat at 8:00am / Meet at 9:00am : Honda of Cool Springs, 1096 West McEwen Dr, Franklin, TN.; CDs: David & Barbara Jordan; 931-607-5836

**Chapter L** ---- 1st Saturday ~ Eat 8:00 am./Meet 9:00 am : Ryan's, 405 S. Cumberland , Lebanon, TN; CDs: Andrew & Debbie Smith; 615-784-9772 (615-78GWRRA)

**Chapter M** ---- 2nd Tuesday ~ Eat 6:00 pm/Meet 7:00 pm : 550 Fort Loudon Medical Center Dr., Lenior City, TN 37772 CDs: James Whitener; 423-836-1590

**Chapter N** ---- 1st Saturday ~ Eat 9:30 am/Meet 10:30 am : Brooks Shaw's Old Country Store, 56 Casey Jones Ln # A, Jackson, TN.; Sr. CDs: Tony & Lori Douglas; 731-676-9917

**Chapter O** ---- 1st Saturday ~ Eat 9:00 am / Meet 10:00 am : Golden Corral, 350 Stuart Rd. NE (I-75 Exit 27), Cleveland, TN. 37312. CDs: Brenda & Randy Perkinson; 423-310-1551

**Chapter P** ---- 1st Tuesday ~ Eat 6:00 pm/Meet 7:00 pm : Catfish House 3424 Tom Austin Hwy, Springfield, TN. CDs: Gary & Donna Warfield; 615-384-1872

**Chapter Q** ---- Last Monday ~ Eat 6:00 pm/Meet 7:00 pm : Golden Corral, 2811 Wilma Rudolph Boulevard Clarksville, TN 37040-5002, CDs: Al & Cindy Bidwell; 731-642-9864

**Chapter S** ---- 3rd Saturday ~ Eat 2:00 pm / Meet 3:00 pm : Johnson's Crossroads Cafe, 3200 Highway 25 Cottontown, TN. CDs: Ronny & Dee England; 615-428-4611

**Chapter Y** ---- 3rd Saturday ~ Eat 8:00 am/Meet 9:00 am : Sloan's Motorcycle, 2233 NW Broad St. (Hwy 41) , Murfreesboro, TN. CDs: Ed & Mary Ann Grazier; 615-459-4499

**Chapter Z** ---- 2nd Saturday ~ Eat 5:30 pm/Meet 6:30 pm : Catfish Campus Restaurant, 2509 Keith Dr, Columbia, TN CDs: Charlie & Pam Huffman; 931-215-1650

**Chapter T** ---- 4th Tuesday ~ Eat at 6:00pm Meeting at 7:00pm: IHOP at 5604 Merchants Center Blvd, next to the Red Lobster, right off I-75 exit 108. CDs: Kimberly and Robert Burlison; 623-236-6045

**Chapter U** ---- 2nd Tuesday ~ Eat 6:00 pm/Meet 7:00 pm : Nicks 895 South Jefferson Cookeville TN. CDs: Glenn & Vickie Stockton; 931-260-6513

**Chapter V** ---- 2nd Saturday ~ Eat 9:00am/Meet 10:00am: Honda Southern Power Sports, 1394 Workman Road, Chattanooga, TN CD: Gary Boyd ; 423-718-6807