



**June 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 FATHER'S DAY TO ALL THE DAD'S!!!

We would like to invite everyone for a dinner ride Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup> to Big John's shake shack @ 6:30 come join us by bike, car, or any other means but come join us for a good dinner with a lot of laughs.

We want to have some rides but this weather just won't cooperate keep an eye out for upcoming rides as the weather allows.

Please keep Richard and Colleen Hutson in your prayers Richard has had to have neck surgery and rotator cup surgery he is at home re-cooperating.

2015 Upcoming Events:

June 6<sup>th</sup>: Chapter Q Fun Day, 2308 Rotary Park Drive, Clarksville, TN Cost of \$10.00/person includes 1 door prize ticket

June 20<sup>th</sup>: Monthly Gathering, Perkins Restaurant, Germantown and Wolf River Blvd. Eat @ 6:00 pm meet @ 7:00 pm we are looking forward to seeing everyone please all come.

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

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

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

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

**There was no winner of the marble game at the May meeting. We will start with \$20. So come to the June meeting for your chance to win!!!**

# RIDER EDUCATION

By Ed Johnson

## Stay Awake, Stay Alert, Stay Alive

Rider fatigue can be deadly. It can happen any time, but is more dangerous on long rides after dark. Along with feeling drowsy, other signs of rider fatigue are back tension, burning eyes, shallow breathing, inattentiveness and erratic riding.

One aggravating factor is alcohol. Alcohol is a depressant, and even one drink can be enough to produce a drowsy rider. Other culprits include today's Gold Wings themselves. They are smooth, quieter, and more comfortable. Cruise control is a wonderful feature but can contribute to falling asleep while riding.

The National Safety Council recommends the following tips for staying awake, and staying safe when you are riding.

- Get enough rest. This may seem obvious, but if you have not had a restful sleep, you are inviting rider fatigue.
- If possible, do not ride alone.
- Try to avoid riding long distances at night.

- Use the audio on your radio to help keep you awake and alert.
- Use the cruise control sparingly.
- Ride with your head and eyes up along with good posture.
- In the daytime wear sunglasses to fight glare and help prevent eye fatigue.
- Take frequent breaks.
- Avoid overeating, have light meals and snacks. Don't drink any alcohol.
- If you find yourself getting drowsy pull over into a rest stop, or just stop for the night at the next motel.
- Listen to your co-rider. Co-rider watch for the warning signs for fatigue, and tell the rider you need a break. Once stopped, talk about your observations.

Remember, safe riding is important and demands your full attention.

Take care and ride safe.

(reprinted in part from an earlier rider education article)

## FROM YOUR SUNSHINE LADY

This was sent to me via e-mail and I wanted to share it with you.

**Chris Kyle: Amen**

This is apparently from a wife of one of the Navy Seals in attendance... it makes interesting, disturbing, but hardly surprising reading.

**Chris Kyle** became the armed services number #1 sniper of all time. Not something he was happy about, other than the fact that in so doing, he saved a lot of American lives.

Three years ago, his wife Taya asked him to leave the SEAL teams because he had a huge bounty on his head by Al Qaeda. He did and wrote the book "The American Sniper." 100% of the proceeds from the book went to two of the SEAL families who had lost their sons in Iraq. That was the kind of guy Chris was. He formed a company in Dallas to train military, police and I think firemen, how to protect themselves in difficult situations. He also formed a foundation to work with military people suffering from PTSD. Chris was a giver not a taker. He, along with a friend and neighbor, Chad Littlefield, were murdered trying to help a young man that had served six months in Iraq and claimed to have PTSD.

**Now I need to tell you about all of the blessings.**

**Southwest Airlines** flew in any SEAL and their family from any airport to the funeral... free of charge. The employees donated buddy passes and one lady worked for four days without much of a break to see that it happened. Volunteers were at both airports in Dallas to drive them to the hotel.

**The Marriott Hotel** reduced their rates to \$45 a night and cleared the hotel for only SEAL's and family.

**The Midlothian, TX Police Department** paid the \$45 a night for each room. I would guess there were about 200 people staying at the hotel, 100 of them were SEALs.

**Two large buses were chartered (an unknown donor paid the bill)** to transport people to the different events and they also had **a few rental cars (donated).**

**The police and secret service** were on duty 24 hours during the stay at our hotel.

**At the Kyle house, the Texas DPS parked a large motor home** in front to **block** the view from reporters. It remained there the entire five days for the SEALs to meet in and so they could use the restroom there instead of the bathroom in the house.

**Taya, their two small children and both sets of parents** were staying in the home. Only a hand full of SEALs went into the home as they had different duties and meetings were held sometimes on an hourly basis. It was a huge coordination of many different events and security. Derek was assigned to be a Pall Bearer, to escort Chris' body when it was transferred from the Midlothian Funeral Home to the Arlington Funeral Home, and to be with Taya. A tough job. Taya seldom came out of her bedroom. The house was full with people from the church and other family members that would come each day to help. I spent one morning in a bedroom with Chris' mom and the next morning with Chad Littlefield's parents (the other man murdered with Chris). A tough job.

**George W Bush and his wife Laura**, met and talked to everyone on the Seal Team one on one. They went behind closed doors with Taya for quite a while. They had prayer with us all. You can tell when people were sincere and caring.

**Nolan Ryan** sent his cooking team, a huge grill and lots of steaks, chicken and hamburgers. They set up in the front yard and fed people all day long including the 200 SEALs and their families.

**The next day a local BBQ restaurant set up a buffet in front of the house and fed all once again.** Food was plentiful and all were taken care of. The **family's church** kept those inside the house well fed. **Jerry Jones**, the man everyone loves to hate, was a rock star. He made sure that we all were taken care of. His wife and he were just making sure everyone was taken care of....Class...

**He donated the use of Cowboy Stadium for the services** because

so many wanted to attend. The charter buses transported us to the stadium on Monday at 10:30 am. Every car, bus, motorcycle was searched with bomb dogs and police. I am not sure if kooks were making threats trying to make a name for themselves or if so many **SEALs** in one place was a security risk, I don't know. We willingly obliged. No purses went into the stadium!

**We were taken to The Legends room** high up and a large buffet was available. **That was for about 300 people.** We were growing.

**A Medal of Honor recipient was there, lots of secret service and police and Sarah Palin and her husband.** She looked nice, this was a very formal military service.

The service started at 1:00 pm and when we were escorted onto the field I was shocked. We heard that about **10,000 people had come to attend also.**

**They were seated in the stadium seats behind us.** It was a beautiful and emotional service. The Bagpipe and drum corps were wonderful and **the Texas A&M men's choir** stood through the entire service and sang right at the end. We were all in tears.

The next day was the 200-mile procession from Midlothian, TX to Austin for burial. It was a cold, drizzly, windy day, but the people were out.

We had dozens of police motorcycles riders, freedom riders, five chartered buses and lots of cars. You had to have a pass to be in the procession and still it was huge.

Two helicopters circled the procession with snipers sitting out the side door for protection.

It was the longest funeral procession ever in the state of Texas. People were everywhere. The entire route was shut down ahead of us, the people were lined up on the side of the road the entire way.

Firemen were down on one knee, police officers were holding their hats over their hearts, children waving flags, veterans saluting as we went by.

Every bridge had fire trucks with large flags displayed from their tall ladders. People all along the

entire 200 miles were standing in the cold weather. It was so heartwarming.

Taya rode in the hearse with Chris' body so Derek rode the route with us. I was so grateful to have that time with him.

The service was at Texas National Cemetery. Very few are buried there and you have to apply to get in . It is like people from the Civil War, Medal of Honor winners, a few from the Alamo and all the historical people of Texas. It was a nice service and the **Freedom Riders** surrounded the outside of the entire cemetery to keep the crazy church people from Kansas that protest at military funerals away from us.

**Each SEAL** put his Trident (metal SEAL badge) on the top of Chris' casket, one at a time. A lot hit it in with one blow. Derek was the only one to take four taps to put his in and it was almost like he was caressing it as he did it.

Another tearful moment.

**After the service Governor Rick Perry and his wife, Anita,** invited us to the governor's mansion. She stood at the door, greeted each of us individually, and gave each of the SEALs a coin of Texas. She was a sincere, compassionate, and gracious hostess. We were able to tour the ground floor and then went into the garden for beverages and BBQ.

**So many of the Seal team guys said that after they get out they are moving to Texas.** They remarked that they had never felt so much love and hospitality. The charter buses then took the guys to the airport to catch their returning flights. Derek just now called and after a 20 hours flight he is back in his spot, in a dangerous land on the other side of the world, **protecting the world.**

We just wanted to share with you, the events of a quite emotional, but blessed week."

**To this day, no one in the White House has ever acknowledged Chris Kyle; his service, his death, his duty, his generosity, his caring, his life.**

**The SEALs have asked that you please, keep this moving if you think Chris Kyle would have made a good son.**

## BIRTHDAYS

7/2 Leesa Coburn

There are not any anniversaries to report. Surprising because June is the most popular month for weddings, followed by October.



## June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 N Meeting – Chap Q Fun Day
7	8	9	10	11 MS-Y Meeting	12	13
14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19	20 W2 Meeting
21 Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30		Leesa Coburn B- Day		

## 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 Burleson; 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