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Are you ready for the riding season?

The weather has been unseasonably warm lately and that causes the urge to dust off the Wing and go for a ride. Have you taken advantage of this wonderful weather and gone on a ride just for the fun of it? I know that since the weather has been great for getting those things done around the house that you just didn't feel like doing over the winter months, but wouldn't you be more motivated to get those chores done after going on a ride with your favorite co-rider? It doesn't have to be a day long ride, but it could be if that is your desire. It could be a ride on your favorite local country roads for a couple hours just to get some wind beneath your Wing. Your Chapter plans rides during the month that you could participate in or you could just go on a solo ride through the countryside. Ok, maybe I have reached that spot in your brain that motivated you to get on the road. The next question is "Are you ready?" There are some things you need to consider other than where you want to go. I recently participated in a GWRRA Trike Rider's Course that reminded me of some things to consider before getting on the bike. Some of these things to think about is are you ready? Are you mentally and physically ready? Have you had a medical issue since the last time you were on your bike? Are you taking medication that would limit your ability to safely operate your bike? Do you have to proper riding

gear. Remember if you happen to have an accident and there is a part of your body that you would like to use again, cover it. Have you been out in a parking lot somewhere and practiced some of the basic techniques of breaking, swerving and turning? Have you checked your bike to make sure it is mechanically ready for a ride? I am sure you have heard the acronym TCLOCS which stands for Tires and wheels, Controls, Lights, Oils, Chassis and Side stand. There is also a checklist for trikes that includes Tires and wheels, controls, Lights, Oils and Chassis. These checklists should be used at least weekly before any ride. Of course you should check your tire pressure before every ride. This insures proper inflation to prevent tires from overheating if under inflated and also increases tire life if properly inflated. Just ask your Chapter staff for these checklists. If you would like more information about getting ready for the riding season, Rich Morgan, your Rider Educator is the expert and will be glad to answer any questions you might have. We hope you will plan to join us on one of our planned rides.

Bill and Betty Livingston



Distracted Driving

Distracted Driving occurs any time your eyes and or mind are not focused on the road whether you are behind a steering wheel or handle bars. In either case, you can be offender, victim, or both.

Probably the most common form of distracted driving is texting or using a cell phone. This is prevalent among the behind the wheel crowd and we can become the victim if we don't look for the telltale signs and take defensive action. Some of the distracted driving clues include the car suddenly slows from 60 to 40 for no apparent reason, the driver is visibly holding a cell phone to his/her ear, or the driver is looking down at his lap and not out the windshield. The Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) has released accident statistics for 2014. Of note is the fact that 10% of all highway fatalities for that year were caused by distracted driving. I would imagine this statistic for 2015 was even higher. This is a real problem and can be fatal.

We, the members of the handle bar crowd, sometimes contribute to the problem. Our vices include listening to our radio, long conversations on the CB, making adjustments to the GPS, and admiring the scenery instead of the road. Given that the steering wheel crowd just doesn't see us, we have to be constantly vigilant and ride defensively so we can enjoy our ride and not have to collide or slide.

Ride Safe!! Rich Morgan



Happy Birthday to:

Larry Mcemore April 13th

Raymond Jones April 21st



Happy Anniversary to:

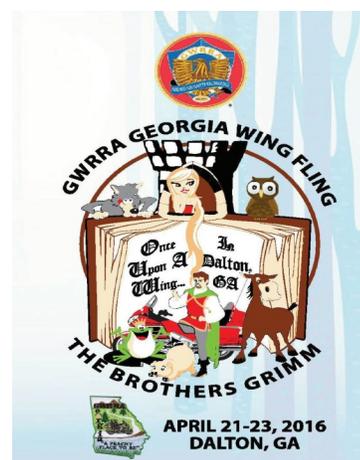
John and Sheila Andrews April 2nd



Rides and Events

- April 14th Moultrie Meeting - Depart Moree's Store at 6 PM
- April 18th Tifton Meeting - Depart Shell on Clark Ave at 6 PM
- April 21-23 Wing Fling Rome Ga
- April 28th Chapter H monthly meeting

Lets Rally



**Motorist Awareness
is our Responsibility!!**



Eyes here!



Not Here!

