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Is Your Bike Ready to Ride

Do you know how much air is in your tires? Do you know how much air you are supposed to have in your tires? How about the oil? Which oil..... did you know you have more than one place to check oil on your bike? Do you know how often to change the oil? How often do you need to change the oil filter? When was the last time you changed your air filter? Do you know how often you should change it? Are your tires in good condition and have an acceptable amount of tread? Did you change the valve stems the last time you changed tires? When was the last time you changed the clutch and brake fluid and antifreeze? How are the sparkplugs?

If you have not figured out where I am going with all these questions, I am trying to get you to realize that these fabulous machines do, on occasion, have problems. These are some of the questions you don't not want to know the answer to while you are out on a nice ride on some desolate country road in the middle of nowhere and all of a sudden things just aren't right with your bike. If you do have a problem while on the road do you know what to do? Or at least have some

idea where to start looking? Yes, Gold Wings do break down, and normally, not at the most convenient time. There are things we can do to minimize the risk of a breakdown. The best preventive measure we can take is to simply use the TClock checklist to inspect our bike before we head out on a ride, or at least weekly if you are a daily rider. Another way you can get to know your bike and build confidence in maintaining your bike is to come to one of the maintenance days we have during the year. If you don't know how, or just lack the confidence to do your own maintenance, there are several members that are available to help. With the riding season coming up, we will schedule a Saturday to do some of the maintenance that you need to do before you get out on the road. If you have maintenance you would like to do on your bike and are not sure what you will need, just check with Jeff, Rich, Jimmie, John or me and we will help get a shopping list together for the parts you might need. There is no certainty that you will not have a great ride interrupted by a malfunction of some type, but we can reduce those chances by properly maintaining our bike. Bill and Betty

Motorist Awareness, The Two Wheel Side

Too often we think of motorist awareness as being our responsibility to educate our 4 wheeler friends about the need to be on the lookout for motorcycles. We use line and signs like “Look Twice, Save A Life”, “Look Out For Motorcycles”, or “How Many Motorcycles Have You Seen Today”. But there is a two wheel side to motorist awareness also.

We need to ride sensible. Passing between lines of cars or driving like a bat out of Birmingham because we can does nothing more than create contempt for motorcyclists among the 4 wheel crowd. We too have to share the road.

Additionally when need to make ourselves as visible as possible. If you can't see the mirrors on the vehicle in front of you the drive in that vehicle can't see you. All vehicles have blind spots. These are caused by mirror angle, door posts, items such as hanging clothes in the back seat, etc. We need to position ourselves so that we are not in blind spots and can be visible to all traffic from all angles.

We also need to make the bike as visible as possible. Safety chrome and lights go a long way. Also wearing brightly colored and contrasting riding apparel/helmet will make you stand out in the traffic.

GWRRA has now included a Motorist Awareness as part of the levels program requirements. The seminar contains an in depth review of the items mentioned above and more. We will be presenting the seminar at our Safety Saturday event on March 16th. Please put this on your calendar and attend. It is definitely worth your time. Ride Safe.

Rich Morgan

Birthdays and Anniversaries

March Birthdays

Dennis Drew 17th

Betty Livingston 19th

March Anniversaries

Rich & Marilyn Morgan 9th

Up Coming Rides and Activities

Mar 14th Moultrie—Leave Moree's at 6 PM

Mar 9 & 10 Bike Week Coffee Break on I75
Leave Enmark on Clark at 8 AM

Mar 18th Tifton—Leave Enmark on Clark at 6 PM

Mar 28 Chapter H monthly gathering

Rider's Ed Saturday March 16th

Lee County Board of Education
126 Starksville Ave N, Leesburg

9:00 AM

3 Wheel PLP followed by Motorist Awareness Seminar

11:30 AM

BBQ Lunch

High Noon

Co-Rider Seminar followed by 2 wheel PLP

You must preregister for the PLPs Contact Bill Livingston or Rich Morgan

