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Will it ever stop raining?

I don't know about you, but we have had just about all the rain we can handle. With the bike being in the shop for more than two months, then all the rainy days and evenings, we are ready to get out and get some wind beneath our wing. It seems that every time we want to plan a ride, there are showers and thunderstorms. I know what you hard core bikers are thinking, a little rain won't hurt you. But a bolt of lightning is not something we would like to encounter. I have had Betty out riding and got caught in a thunderstorm and trust me, it was not a good ride. I know what Rich would say, you need to pull over if you get caught in a thunderstorm or severe downpour. I totally agree with him on that little safety tidbit. But this weather pattern can't last forever. So we need to get out and do some riding. With exception of the Region A Rally September 12th through the 14th and the Mississippi District Rally coming up in October, the rally season is coming to an end. But there are still lots of events coming up that would give us a great opportunity to do some riding and visit some old friends and maybe make a few new ones. On the 27th of July Chapter R is having a picnic in Acworth. We already have reservations for the Region A Rally and always look forward to a fun time the Region A staff will provide for everyone. We may even go a day or two early and do some camping. If you are a camper, Lakepoint campgrounds

offer some great amenities with large campsites. After the Region Rally, Chapter A is having a "Teerific" Fun Day in Forsyth. We had a good group visit Chapter A last year and weather permitting, we plan on attending again this year. Chapter Q will be having their Desert Auction on October 5th. Chapter H always has a few folks that ride to Warner Robins to see how much people will pay for deserts. After Chapter Q's event, comes Wind Down on November 9th which will be held at the Dublin Civitan Club again this year. As usual, we will plan something for August at the gathering. If you have any suggestions of someplace fun and exciting to visit, we would sure like to hear your ideas. Just make sure there is someplace to eat involved. If you haven't been on any rides lately, we missed you and hope you can come out on the next one.

Bill and Betty Livingston



Look out for us.
Please. 

Motorist Reactions to Motorist Awareness Messages

I recently posted a motorist Awareness message on my Facebook Page which diplomatically suggested that in lieu of motorists instructing cyclist on proper riding technique, they should place their focus on their own driving and be observant of Motorcycles on the road. I received one of the common challenges to motorist awareness information; What about the cyclists who change lanes erratically, ride between lanes, do wheelies at high speed in traffic etc.

After giving this some thought I have developed a response which I wish to share should you ever need to respond on this subject. First, the fact that the motorist observed the poor driving indicates that they are in fact looking out for motorcycles and should be thanked for that. Additionally, we need to point out that cyclists are a cross section of society just as other motorists are. Some are good and others are a liability to all. There are just as many motorists that brake for no reason, change lanes without signaling or looking, and pull in to the inside lane of a 4 lane road from a side road. This type of driving is dangerous to all be it four or two wheel driver.

Actually debating bad driving is missing the point. Numerous national studies have been conducted on motorcycle crashes involving 4 wheel vehicles. In better than 40%, the at fault motorist stated they didn't see the motorcycle. Bottom line- Motorist must be on the lookout for motorcycles. We cyclists need to drive that point home. It's our life that is at risk. Ride Safe!

Rich Morgan



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Maud Verner 23rd

Marilyn Morgan 27th

Up Coming Rides and Activities

- ♦ Aug 8th Moultrie—Leave Mooree's at 6 PM
- ♦ Aug 19th Tifton—Leave Enmark on Clark at 6 PM
- ♦ Aug 22th Chapter H monthly gathering

Herbie Harley's Approach to Maintenance!!



"I need a really loud horn.
My brakes are a bit spongy."