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GWRRA GEORGIA CHAPTER H

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Getting Ready for Summer

With a little luck and some kindness from Mother Nature we might be getting into a great time to get the bikes out and do some traveling. There are a few things you need to consider before heading out on an adventure. Have you checked your bike in the last few months? By checking, I mean doing a thorough T-Clock inspection.

How long has it been since you changed the brake and clutch fluid and final drive oil? Are any of your switches or buttons sticking? Are all your lights working properly? We already check the air pressure before every ride, right? These are just a few reminders of what we need to take care of before we head out on the road. Some other things to consider is weather. Have you checked the weather forecast? Is there a possibility you might get caught in the rain and or a thunderstorm? Do you have the proper riding gear for rainy weather? The safest thing to do, especially in a thunder storm is to get off the road and wait it out.

When the temperature gets up in the 90s, something a lot of us don't think about until we feel a little

slide is tar snakes. You know, those little tar patches the highway department put on the road to fill small cracks. They can give you a thrill if you find one in a curve. Now let's talk about proper riding attire. When Betty and I first joined GWRRA, we showed up for a day ride to Tallahassee wearing shorts, tank tops and tennis shoes. The ride leader asked us if that is what we were going to wear and we said "Of course it is. We'll be fine. It was sometime in August and the heat was unbelievable. By the time we headed back, we stopped at every convenience store between Tallahassee and Albany to get something to try to cool us down, nothing helped. Needless to say that was the last time we tried that. It was full and proper riding attire from that point on every ride. ATGATT – All The Gear All The Time. Believe me it is more comfortable than getting sun burned and getting dehydrated. Which bring up another point, hydration. You need to make sure you have plenty of water or sports drink to keep you hydrated. There are a variety of cooling vests or wet ties to help keep you a little cooler

on a long ride on a hot day. I hope I have given you something to think about before the hot riding season gets upon us. Remember, the best ride is the last ride you had but think safety before you head out on your next ride.

Bill and Betty

Motorcycles and Road Construction

We have recently experienced an increase in road repair/repaving projects in the Albany area. These present several issues we need to be aware of and plan our ride accordingly.

Normally lanes are closed as they are repaved. Traffic has to merge into a single lane. The 4 wheelers are generally not patient and often try to block people from merging in front of them. We become a target of opportunity and often have to take evasive action to avoid a collision. And yes the statement is always the same. I didn't see you.

The project also comes with its own obstacle course, cones and barrels that mark the temporary pathway and workers standing and walking near the travel lane. These can end up in our lane and we must be prepared to avoid them.

Since pavement is laid down in layers, the road can have uneven surfaces with a 1-2" height change between the layers. We need to exercise caution when we change lanes and anticipate the transition.

Finally, fresh asphalt contains a lot of oil that floats to the surface during rain storms. The makes the road extremely slick. We need to exercise extreme caution when making turns or stops.

Safety is risk management. Think through the situations you are presented with and have an avoidance plan.

Ride Safe !! Rich Morgan

Happy Birthday to:

- John Andrews 2 May
- Jeff Verner 20 May
- Ken Stutely 29 May

Happy Anniversary to:

- Jimmy & Betty Strickland 16 May
- Frank & Regina Barron 31 May



Up Coming

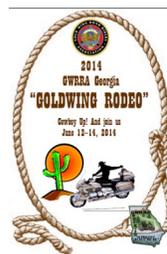
Rides and Activities

May 8th Moultrie Meeting - Depart Moree's Store at 6 PM

May 19th Tifton Meeting—Depart Shell Station on Clark at 6 PM

May 22nd Chapter H Monthly Meeting

Telephone call down will be used to publicize other rides and events.



See our website for flyers
chapterh.gwr-ra-ga.com

Rally Around GWRRA
2014 Rallies of Interest

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| South Carolina | May 1-3 | Florence, SC |
| Georgia | Jun 12-14 | Dillard, GA |
| Wing Ding | Jul 2-5 | Madison WI |
| Region A | Sep 11-13 | Eufaula, AL |
| Mississippi | Oct 16-18 | Gulfport, MS |