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## Changes in life.

Just as birthdays come and go, so do the days of our lives. No, this is not an advertisement for a soap opera, it is about changes in our lifestyles. This year has been filled with changes in mine and Betty's lifestyle. I went from a steady employed working man to an unemployed person living off the kindness of others, exclusively the federal government through military retirement, social security and the menial retirement from civil service. This has taken some getting used to but Betty has a long honey do list to keep me busy. It has also brought about a change in motorcycles. We have recently purchased a Gold Wing with a third wheel. Yes, a trike. I didn't think the day would come so soon that I would be riding a trike, but here it is. And to be honest about it, I like it. So I have now joined the ranks of the brotherhood of the third wheel. It is totally different than a two wheeler. Since this is such a different style of motorcycle riding, it also means that I need some training. I know that the basic principles of safety still apply but the ride and handling are totally different so I need training specific to trikes. The good part about that is the training is available right here in Georgia and even better, it is free. I have lost track of the number of riding courses I have taken on a two wheeler and each time I take one, I learn something new or recall something that I had forgotten.

Every time I take a riding course, I improve my riding skills and feel more confident in getting out on the road, especially with Betty on the back. Now, I need to change my thought process on motorcycle riding and learn more about the good and not so good things about how trikes handle. My point here is that as we make changes in our motorcycling choices, we need to take the proper training to improve our skills so we get more enjoyment out of riding our motorcycles, regardless if it is on two or three wheels. It will improve our confidence and might even make our co-rider's feel better about getting on the back seat. Oh, yes, by the way, John and Sheila have also joined the ranks of the three wheeled brotherhood so check out their new ride the first chance you get, it sure is purrrrrty! Bill and Betty



## Fall Season Riding

Fall is in full swing and winter is on its way. This time of year brings with it changes in the weather and riding conditions that we need to think about and plan for. One of the first things we notice is the amount of daylight has and will continue to shorten until mid-

December. This means more night time riding. I have heard Jimmie Strickland say many times, "Don't out run your headlights" and I would agree. Many things lurk in the darkness, Bambi on the side of the road, critters in the road, pot holes and other debris in the road. We must see these things before we can react. So we often need to slow down a bit to build in reaction time so we don't outrun our headlights.

The change of the season also brings with it fallen leaves on the roads and in some locations ice on the road. Any time anything is between the tires and the road there is potential to loose traction and slide. This is not a good thing. Bikes work best in a vertical position. Horizontal is not good! We need to alter our speed and sometimes our route to reduce the risk.

Finally the outside temperature becomes an element we must also contend with. If our body temperature drops below 98.6 our ability to react to road issues is slowed and our thinking can become clouded. If we fall below 95 degrees we can develop hypothermia. Any time our body is exposed without insulation to temperatures below 98.6 we tend to loose body heat. When we are in contact with moving air, wind or traveling on a motorcycle etc., the rate of temperature loss is increased. This is Wind Chill affect. We must wear appropriate clothing to retain and maintain our body heat. In conclusion stay warn, and don't outrun your head lights. Ride Safe!!

Rich Morgan



### November Rides and Events

- ⇒ 8th Wind Down in Perry Ga—Leave Big E's at 8:30 AM
- ⇒ 13th Moultrie Monthly Meeting—Leave Moree's Store on Moultrie Hwy at 6:00PM
- ⇒ 17th Tifton Monthly Meeting—Leave Shell Station on Clark Ave at 6:00PM
- ⇒ 20th Chapter H Meeting

**Safety Begins  
and  
Ends with YOU!!**

**Rally Around GWARRA**

**2015**

- *Florida in Kissimmee FL Mar 19-21*
- *Alabama in Eufala AL May 14-16*
- *Georgia in Dillard GA Jun 18-21*
- *South Carolina in Anderson SC Jul 16-18*
- *Wing Ding in Huntsville AL Sep 3-6*
- *Region A in Eufala AL Oct 28-31*
- *Mississippi (to be announced)*

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### November Birthday

Rich Morgan 7th

