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Some thoughts on our Motto.

For some reason I had a difficult time trying to come up with a subject to write about for this month's newsletter. I know some of you are thinking "I can't believe he doesn't have something to talk about". Yeah, I do like to hear myself talk don't I? So, I started thinking about our organization and what it means to me. The first thing I thought of was our motto, Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge. With all the positions we have held in GWRRA, all the things we have learned about safety and leadership, and more fun than I can even remember, my first thought is the Friends we have made. If you think back to the time you joined GWRRA can you remember why you joined? What did this organization have that satisfied your interest in a social organization? In 1999 when Wilbur Cannon urged us, for more than a year, to just come to a meeting and see what GWRRA is all about we had no idea what we were getting in to. After the first meeting, we understood it all. Yes, the common interest in motorcycling brought us in to GWRRA and along with that comes the fun we have with our many Friends. Since joining GWRRA we have made so many life long friends we could not begin to count them all. I don't mean acquaintances that we call friends that you see once in a while and most times cannot even recall their names, I mean Friends that you can count on in good times as well as the bad things that life deals to each of us. I mean Friends that I would not hesitate to call on to help if I needed it and have no doubt they would be there. It has been because of our Friends that we have learned so much about having fun, riding safely and learning more about GWRRA. Friendship is one thing someone cannot have too much of. Just ask anyone you know in the Chapter if they have made any Friends since joining GWRRA and if they tell you they haven't, then they haven't been involved enough. I guarantee if you get out and meet other members in any Chapter

you will make new Friends. Get involved and you just might make some life long friends right here in your home Chapter. Yes, for us, it was the interest in motorcycle that brought us into GWRRA, but it is the Friends that keep us here.

Your Friends

Bill and Betty Livingston



"Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it", a quote for Sir Winston Churchill.

As I drove to work this AM and spied numerous deer about, the quote above came to mind. I then thought it might be worth republishing an article from our September 2011 Newsletter on the subject of Bambi and motorcycles in an effort to educate and prevent a reoccurrence.

Beware of Bambi

On Saturday afternoon Sep 3rd Jeff Verner, Jimmy Strickland, Bill and Betty Livingston, and I took a ride up to Chapter E in Thomaston. It was a great day for riding and we were motoring stately north on US 19. Jeff was in lead, then Jimmy, and yours truly. Bill and Betty were running drag. As we topped a hill, Jeff saw a couple of deer on the right shoulder and radioed everyone to slow down. We quickly slowed to about 30 MPH and Jeff blew his horn. One went back into the woods and a fawn ran across the road in front of us to the median and then back to the right shoulder and on into the woods. At this point a Doe (fawn's mom)

came flying out of the woods on the left side of the road crossed the south bound lanes slipping a bit. She then hit the median regained her footing and speed and hit our lanes. She went down on the pavement and slid head first very rapidly across our lanes and struck the left rear tire of Jimmy's trike. The impact broke the deer's neck and killed her instantly. Jimmy said he felt the bike move about a foot to the right. We all pulled over and stopped to check Jimmy and his trike out. Fortunately both were fine. There was a small pinch of fur caught between the rim edge and tire. We dragged the deer out of the road, collected our thoughts and continued on to Thomaston. The event really made me think. If he had been on a two wheeler, he would have been down and things would have been a lot worse. If it had happened a second later, I would have taken the hit. Two seconds later, Bill and Betty would have been the target. This happened at 4 PM in broad day light. The situation could have been totally different at night.

So what did I learn from this? First when riding the bike you need to be looking for any and all potential hazards. Day dreaming can be hazardous to your health. Second, animals are very unpredictable and erratic in movement. Slow down when they are present. This will give you more time to react. Third maintain proper intervals when team riding. This gives you more room to maneuver. Bambi might be a cute furry critter but Bambi can kill you!!

Ride Safe -- Rich M.



Impact Spot on Jimmy's Trike



The bike was fine and Jimmy was too!!



Happy Birthday to:
Betty Strickland Oct 15th

Happy Anniversary to:
John & Lynn Hyde Oct 16th



Up Coming

Rides and Activities

- ◆ Nov 9th Wind Down in Dublin Ga
Depart Enmark on Clark 9:00 AM
- ◆ Nov 14th Chapter M Moultrie—Depart Moree's store on Moultrie Rd. at 6:00 PM
- ◆ Nov 18th Chapter O Tifton—Leave Enmark on Clark at 6 PM
- Nov 21st Chapter H Meeting 3rd Thursday vice 4th Thursday this month
- Dec 14th Chapter H Christmas Party
FOP Lodge Dunbar Lane 6 PM

