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A New Look At Safety

When we think of safety we usually think of all the things that Rich has talked about wearing the proper clothing, how to minimize the risk of having an accident by practicing riding skills, being mentally and physically ready to ride and the many other suggestions to make our ride safe. But how often do we think that the condition of our motorcycles and how they are maintained also plays an important role in safety. When was the last time you checked the pressure in your tires? Is it important to have the correct tire pressure? How often should I check the tire pressure? To answer these questions, it is recommended that you check your air pressure before each ride. I am sure I am as guilty as a lot of you by not following that advice. If I ride every day or several days a week on short rides, I admit I do not check the pressure before each ride. But I do ensure I have the correct tire pressure at least weekly. If it has been a week or more since my last ride, I do check the pressure before getting out on the road. You should check your owner's manual to determine the correct pressure for your particular bike. How old are

your tires? Tire manufacturers recommend replacing your tires every five years. You should check your tires for cracks, unusual wear or screws, nails or other foreign objects each time you check the tire pressure. If any of these issues are detected, you should replace your tires. What about brake pads? Are they worn to the point of nearly scraping the rotor? When was the last time they were checked? If you ride a lot they should be checked more often. Do the condition of the clutch fluid, brake fluid and coolant have an effect on the safe operation of the bike? Yes. Clutch and brake systems get contaminated with moisture which has an effect on how well the system works. Replacing the coolant and engine oil and filter decreases the likelihood of engine failure which can be a real problem if you are out on a long trip. These are just a few of the things to consider before heading out on the road on two or three wheels. There are recommended maintenance schedules in your owner's manual or in the service manual if you have one for your particular motorcycle. With a good manual, all of these maintenance tasks can be made by anyone with the desire to do their own maintenance or

you can find a shop that has experience in performing maintenance. Either way, safety is your number one priority when riding your motorcycle.

Betty and Bill

South Georgia Road Hazards

Normally when we think about road hazards, things come to mind like animals, people, intersections, and cars or trucks. Yep we have all of those. But we have a lot of farmland around South Georgia.

Farming adds another dimension. In days gone by, tractors, implements, and combines would fit nicely in the bounds of a single lane. But not any more. Harvest time is fast approaching and it won't be uncommon to see a four wheel drive tractor with dual rear wheels pulling a four row peanut combine. This combo takes up a lane and a half. Then there are the cotton pickers and grain combines. The headers (front of the unit that gathers the crop) now are pushing two lanes in width. Most of the time the drivers will move over for approaching traffic. But if there is an obstacle on the side of the road like a road sign or railing they are probably going to keep on coming. The best course of action is to slow down and approach with caution. Look for clearance to pass safely and proceed slowly. But, be prepared to stop or pull off the road. Remember people do not see motorcycles and there is a person operating the farm equipment. If you tangle with one of these vehicles the outcome won't be in your favor. And one final note, The person pulling the wagons full of peanuts can't see very much behind the tow vehicle. Be warned, beware, and ride safe.

**Motorist Awareness
is our Responsibility**



Happy Birthday to:

Sep 7th Regina Barron

Sep 8th Ray Hinman

Sep 18th Ron Munson

Sep 27th Kathryn Sapp



2 Second Stagger saves lives

Rides and Events

- Sep 8th Moultrie Meeting - Depart Moree's Store at 6 PM
- Sep 19th Tifton Meeting - Depart Shell on Clark Ave at 6 PM
- Sep 22nd Chapter H monthly meeting

Lets Rally

Oct 27-29 2016

Region A Rally

Eufala, AL

June 22-24 2017

Ga District Rally

Dalton, GA