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Wing Fling...what's it all about

Having a lot of experience in putting on District Rallies, we can speak with a lot of expertise in what it means. Your District Staff start working on Wing Fling up to a year and a half before the actual event. A lot of planning, coordinating, negotiating, money and very hard work go into putting on such a huge event. Many hours of hard and exhausting work goes into making this single event the one event they hope will be the most memorable event you have ever attended. Even with all the effort the District Staff puts into this event, it could not be a success without us, the members. Without us, there would be no need for such an event. All the hard work is done for us. All the fun games, contests, food, talent show, bike show and other events are for us. It is the only event the District has that allows them to generate enough operating funds to last an entire year. This year Wing Fling will be held April 21st through 23rd at the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center in Dalton. The theme for this year's rally is The Brothers Grimm. How is the riding in the Dalton area you ask? It is great. There are some beautiful mountain roads in the area and the District staff have coordinated with Chapters D in Dalton and Chapter

L in Rome to provide some wonderful rides along the beautiful Northwest Georgia roads. So if you can pull yourself away from all the fun events at the rally site, you can take a ride to enjoy some of the beautiful scenery. There will be a dinner on Thursday for an additional cost of \$10.00 per person; lots of fun games all three days; a talent show on Friday and lots of fun events that I know you will enjoy. Oh, yeah, did I mention vendors? If you are looking for that special item of safety chrome or lights, you can find it there. There are more than 20 vendors registered and if you don't like walking around the vendors in the heat or possibly getting caught in a rain shower, not to fear. All vendors will be indoors so you can shop to your heart's content and not worry about the weather. A lot of your old friends will be there and even more that will be friends before you leave. If you have never been to Wing Fling or haven't been in a while, please send in your registration and take a Gold Wing vacation that we guarantee you will remember forever. You can find all the information about the rally you need at <http://gwrra-ga.com/HP2.html>

Bill and Betty Livingston

Practice Makes Perfect

Cold weather isn't the best riding weather even with heated clothing. Most of us tend to take four wheels instead of 3 or 2 and the bike stays nice and warm in the garage. When we don't ride regularly we tend to get rusty. Stops aren't smooth and tight turns are a bit rough. We need to get the feel of the brakes again and the clutch friction zone. I have a suggestion or two.

Athletes do warm up exercises before they participate in their various sports and we can do the same. All that is needed is your bike and an empty parking lot, church, school, business after hours, etc. Start off by just riding around the perimeter of the lot, 1st or 2nd gear and 5 to 10 MPH. Take a few laps. Then pick a point somewhere in the middle and start riding in a circle around the point. Remember the bike goes where you are looking. Keep the head turned and focus on your center point. Slowly tighten up your circle. Shift your weight in the seat to counter balance the bike. You know the Wing will make a real tight turn with controlled slow speed and counter balancing. After you have gotten as tight as you are comfortable with, repeat the process in the reverse direction.

Next pick some evenly spaced points in a line like parking lines. Ride in a straight line weaving left and right between the points. Sounds easy, but we tend to focus on the first point in front of us. We need to focus on the second point. Our brain already knows where the first point is and will automatically set us up to hit the mark on our swerves. Actually the best way to practice this is by setting out a line of cones. If you look 1 up you will hit a few, but 2 up and you should have a clean ride.

The last thing is braking. First ride in a straight line, pick a stopping point, down shift to 1st gear and apply smooth even pressure on both front and back brakes until you come to a smooth stop. After a few repetitions, ride in a large circle, pick a point to stop. At that point straighten the handlebars, down shift, apply

even pressure to both front and rear until you come to a smooth stop.

We do these type activities in an PLP, ARC, or ERC so they shouldn't be new to us. So be an athlete and do your exercises before you take on the open road after a winter break from riding.

Ride Safe – Rich Morgan

***Motorist Awareness
is our Responsibility!!***

Happy Birthday to:

Gary Sapp 24 Feb

Happy Anniversary to:

Bill and Betty Livingston 27 Feb

Rides and Events

- February 11th Moultrie Meeting - Depart Moree's Store at 6 PM
- February 15th Tifton Meeting - Depart Shell on Clark Ave at 6 PM
- February 25th Chapter H monthly meeting

Lets Rally

