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Happy New Year....

We hope that everyone had a joyous and peaceful Christmas and that you got that special piece of safety chrome or lights for your bike. 2015 is now just a memory and a new year is upon us. The beginning of a new year always encourages us to make resolutions to improve our life or to make plans to do something that we have always wanted to do but just never made the time for. For us as your Chapter staff, we call these resolutions goals. What do we want to do in the new year that we either have not done or did not do often enough that would improve your benefits as a member? What can we do to give you the most benefits for your membership and to provide you with what you expect from your Chapter? What can we do to improve participation by our members? These ideas cannot come just from your Chapter staff, but each one of our members play an important part in how successful our Chapter is by providing your ideas and suggestions for places to go, things to do, and we don't want to forget, your favorite places to eat. The primary purpose of the Chapter is to do the things that you want to do and to make Chapter life fun and enjoyable. We would also like to find new ways of getting people that share the same interest in motorcycling to join the Chapter. We are very happy about getting new members like Debbie Miller and Donna Laue as well as Dennis Drew and Kelly participating

with the Chapter again. You are the best form of recruiting we could possibly have. Do you know anyone that has a bike and likes to ride? Why not invite them to join us on a ride or come to one of our monthly gatherings to see what we are all about? We need your ideas and participation to make our Chapter the best it can be. Your Chapter staff will get together prior to the January gathering and discuss ways to improve the Chapter and present our suggestions at our January monthly gathering on the 28th so we are asking everyone to give some thought to where you would like to ride, places you would like to visit or ways to get new members and bring them up at the gathering. We sincerely thank you for your support in 2015 and hope that you continue to participate and try to go on more rides and join us as often as you can. The more you participate, the more fun you will have.

Ride Safe and Ride Often
Bill and Betty

Ride Safe

As we begin a new year and a new riding season, it is a good time for all of us to take time to think about riding safety. There is nothing like going out on the road on a Wing. But from the time we put the key in the ignition, until we put the bike back on the kick stand, we expose ourselves to many dangers. Riding safe involves reducing the risk and limiting the potential for harm to our body. The following are some points to think about regarding

making a ride as safe as possible.

ATGATT (All the gear all the time) – Our bodies don't fare to well when they impact a hard object or tumble and slide on pavement. Wearing the proper gear all the time can greatly reduce the amount of bodily harm done should we come off the bike at any speed. 1st – Wear a DOT approved helmet. The more of your head that is covered the less potential there is for head trauma. Got a \$5 head, wear a 5\$ helmet. 2nd – Wear long sleeves and long pants. Armored Jackets and pants are even better. It's easier to replace clothing than the hide that would be peeled off in a slide. 3rd – Full fingered Gloves. Hide peels off of fingers too. 4th – Over the ankle shoes. Your ankles are a weak point in your legs. If they are twisted the wrong way something is going to give. Over the ankle shoes, or even better, boots, will give your ankles a lot of extra support and could save a sprain or break when you try to keep the bike vertical at a stop.

Ride within the bike's limits and yours—The bike does have performance limits. Bikes hydroplane very easy on water covered roads, slide on gravel and debris covered roads, etc. You must control the ride. Obey speed limits and road signs. They are there for a reason. Don't tailgate or weave in and out of traffic. 4 wheel motorists often react like a squirrel crossing the road. Weaving and tailgating makes you a good target.

Be Seen and be Obvious – Wear colored clothing that contrasts with the bike color. Don't ride in blind spots. Position yourself on the road so that you are in the other motorists field of vision or rear view mirrors. You need to do everything within your control to catch and keep the eye of every motorist on the road. Use turn signals and brake lights so that it is obvious that you are changing lanes, turning, or stopping. The best surprise is no surprise when it comes to riding.

Always use proper braking technique—Your bike has been designed to brake using both the front and rear wheels. Consistent and even slowly increased pressure on both the front and rear achieves the fastest stop. Over pressure can cause a slide. Yes just one brake can slow you and even stop you but when you get into that emergency stop you will be in a heap of trouble. Remember we are creatures of habit. What you practice intentionally will be what you do when you have to instantly react to a situation.

Just as prior planning can prevent poor performance, prior thought and practice of good riding technique can prevent an accident and save your life.

Be Smart and Ride Safe.

Rich Morgan

Happy Birthday to:

Chuck Farmer Dec 2nd

Kelly Royal Dec 27th

Sheila Andrews Jan 3rd

Joann Cannon Jan 16th

Rides and Events

- January 14th Moultrie Meeting - Depart Moree's Store at 6 PM
- January 16th Chillie Willie at Buckners in Jackson Ga - Depart Depart Big E's on 300 at 8:30 AM
- January 18th Tifton Meeting - Depart Shell on Clark Ave at 6 PM
- January 28th Chapter H monthly meeting

Lets Rally

