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What's In Your Wallet?

By now I am sure everyone has heard the credit card commercial with the phrase "What's in your wallet". Well I don't have that particular credit card but I do have something that is just as helpful. I have my GWRRA membership card. So what is so special about the GWRRA membership card? Well it is the key to opening doors to something more valuable to me than credit. It is the key to Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge. Since joining GWRRA in June of 1999, our list of friends has grown to many more than my mind of a certain age can recall the names of. Even though it may take a few seconds to recall their names, they have always been and will remain to be friends that have a special place in our hearts who have provided us with life long memories and friendship. Friends we can count on to help with problems or share in our joys. Recently I was treated to a very special event that marked the end of career in the working world (one for which I received compensation but Betty has a list of uncompensated projects for me to do) and begin the life of retirement. I was touched by the huge numbers of GWRRA friends that came to share this joyous event. Our friends have always provided the Fun that has made our memories and we look forward to many more years of fun yet to come. When I began riding motorcycles in the 60's, I couldn't even

spell safety. You have to admit it, we've all done things in our youth when we were invincible that we look back on and think to ourselves, now that was stupid. Now, I realize safety is what keeps me alive and keeps Betty safe and wanting to ride. I can't come up with a number of incidents that have occurred while riding where something I have learned about safety kept me from having an accident. We all accept a certain level of risk when we straddle that seat and fire up our bike to head out on the road, but the more we learn about risk management (safety) the more enjoyable the ride. While serving in a variety of positions we wanted to do the best job we could and we wanted to learn more. We attended every leadership class available to learn about GWRRA. We decided to become Leadership Training Program instructors (now called GWRRA University Trainers) so we could teach others what GWRRA was all about. After all, the more you know, the better it is. Another thing your membership card provides is free towing. If for some reason the bike decides to take an unexpected break by deciding not to run or has a flat tire your card is the key to getting a tow. Hopefully, you will never need it, but just in case, it is a good thing to have in your pocket. This seems like a pretty good deal considering you get all this for the price of your membership. So, again, I ask "What's In Your Wallet?"

Bill and Betty

Beware of Bambi

After a recent encounter/near miss I thought it might be worth reprinting this article . On Saturday afternoon Sep 3rd, 2011, 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 Morgan

Happy Birthday to:

Maud Verner 23 July
Marilyn Morgan 27 July

Happy Anniversary to:

Gary & Kathryn Sapp 1 July



Up Coming

Rides and Activities

July 2-5 GWRRA Wing Ding Madison, WI

July 10th Moultrie Meeting - Depart Moree's Store at 6 PM

July 21st Tifton Meeting Depart Shell on Clark Ave at 6 PM

Rally Around GWRRA

2014 Rallies of Interest

Wing Ding	Jul 2-5	Madison WI
Region A	Sep 11-13	Eufaula, AL
Mississippi	Oct 16-18	Gulfport, MS