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What's a Roundtoit?

I wrote this article a few years ago, and I realize it may be old news, but with the small number of people we have had on our past several rides, I felt it was worth repeating.

Have you ever seen a roundtoit? I haven't. I tried to look it up in the dictionary and couldn't find anything close. I know it must exist because I use it and hear it all the time from a lot of people. Since it is such a popular word, it must mean something. There must be a definition somewhere out there. If anyone knows what it is or where I can find one, please let me know. When your Chapter team plans a day that provides you with opportunities to hone your riding skills, something that we all could use, and even provide a free lunch, we hear the phrase "if I get a roundtoit". When we plan a day that provides opportunities to learn more about safe riding and information about GWRRA, again with a free lunch, we hear the phrase "if I get a roundtoit". If we plan an opportunity to learn or refresh your skills for CPR and first aid, again, you guessed it "if I get a roundtoit". If we plan a ride to visit a sister Chapter, go to a Fun Day, go on a dinner ride (you never know when the Chapter will pick up the tab), or go to a museum or other point of interest, you got it "if I get a roundtoit". This must be a very important object and your

Chapter Team will try our very best to find one of these coveted objects so we can give them to you. You are missing out on a lot of fun, fellowship and almost always some great food by waiting until you get one of these roundtoits. We realize there are a lot of legitimate reasons you can't go on rides and we have heard a lot of them, like: I need to change the air in my tires, I have to wash my hair, my dog ate my homework, I need to water my plants, my favorite team is playing on television today. There are more, but I think you get my point. While these are very good reasons for not doing something fun, it only takes one reason to go for a ride, and that is "I want to go for a ride with some of my friends and have some fun". All joking aside, we realize everyone can't make every ride or event we plan, but don't wait to get one of those roundtoits, we would love to have you join us every chance you can.

Bill and Betty Livingston



Mountain Riding

There is nothing better than taking a ride on any of the roads in the North Georgia Mountains. But the enjoyable ride can quickly become a slide if we are

not on top of our game. The following are some items to think about and practice for a safe mountain ride.

Distractions - The scenery in the mountains can be breath taking. One of the reasons for the ride is to take in the beauty of nature in. But if we lose focus of the road we can quickly get into trouble. Road first and scenery second.

Turns – Generally the turns in the road are much tighter than what we experience in South Georgia. Proper technique is a must. Slow down when going into a curve. Approach from the outside, travel towards the inside at the center of the curves, then accelerate as you exit moving back to the outside. This maneuver tends to take a bit of the tightness out of the turn. Speed is not your friend in a turn.

Blind Curves – Many of the mountain curves have a bit of the mountain on one side blocking your view. Position yourself going into the turn so you have the maximum forward view possible. Again reduce speed and be prepared to stop or swerve to avoid a bolder in the road, four leg critter crossing the road and any other issue that might ruin your day.

Speed - You will notice I have mentioned slowing down a bunch. Fast is fun but you need to ride at a speed that keeps you in total control of the bike. Two wheels can generally run faster than three. But gear your speed to your abilities and the road conditions.

Braking - Use your gears for braking unless you have to decelerate rapidly or stop. Your brakes can get real hot if you ride them too much and hot brakes can fail. Never use the front brake by itself. Use both front and rear at all times. Apply enough pressure on both to slow down or stop without sliding. I know it can feel like you are rubbing your belly while patting your head jumping up and down. But, you can safely stop extremely fast if you down shift and brake with both front and back.

This is not meant to be a tutorial but just some items to think about. Ride your ride and always think safety.

Ride Safe

Rich Morgan



Happy Birthday to:

Bill Livingston June 13th

Deb Plowden June 20th

Wilbur Cannon June 22nd



Happy Anniversary to:

Jeff & Maud Verner June 16th



Rides and Events

- June 9th Moultrie Meeting - Depart Moree's Store at 6 PM
- June 20th Tifton Meeting - Depart Shell on Clark Ave at 6 PM
- June 23rd Chapter H monthly meeting

Lets Rally

Jul. 14-16 South Carolina Rally Anderson, SC

Aug. 31-Sept 3 Wing Ding Billings, MT