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Do you have Pride in GWRRA?

After just returning home from the Region A Rally at Lake Point, seeing all the long time friends proudly wearing their vests inspired me to write about Pride. Our pride is partially connected to motorcycling and the Gold Wing or any other bike we might ride. But our pride goes deeper than that. We display our pride in GWRRA, our Region, District and Chapter by wearing a variety of patches and pins that have a particular meaning or reference to an event or training that brings memories of friends, fun and maybe even safety or knowledge. (It's funny how the GWRRA motto of Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge keeps coming up.) As you read this, see if you can remember seeing someone's vest and all the pride it displays. Think of all the Chapter visitation bars, poker run, rally or fun day event pins, rider education or leadership training course completion pins and patches, the GWRRA, Region and District patches proudly worn on the hallmark clothing of a true motorcyclist, the all hallowed vest. All these trinkets proudly display pride in accomplishments by participating in some form of event that provided fun and always brought us together with friends and in most cases, food. Look at a vest worn by one of your Chapter staff. They proudly wear a GWRRA ten inch patch on the back and staff position rockers showing their dedication to serving the members in a specific volunteer position. How do you

show your pride? Do you have a shirt with the GWRRA logo or something with your Chapter designation on it hanging in the closet? Do you wear a shirt, vest or jacket with some type of emblem, patch or pin that shows your pride in your Chapter? At the next Chapter gathering or ride, look around for the signs of pride we have in belonging to an organization that provides unlimited opportunities for making friends, providing fun, safety and knowledge (there it is again). If you are not sure where to get a vest or Chapter shirt and want to learn more about all those dangly things and patches on vests, just ask any of your Chapter staff, they will be proud to point you in the right direction.

Bill and Betty



Ride Safe

We often tell each other to Ride Safe as we are parting company as a reminder that we need to be on our guard when we are on the Wing. But do we follow the advise we give to others?

We participate in a fun sport but also a dangerous sport and share the road

ways with cars and trucks. They are larger than we are and have much more protection should they be involved in an accident. We on the other hand only have the protection that we wear. ATGATT—All the gear all the time.

Your best protection is a full face helmet. It protects your head and chin should you leave the comfort of your bike unexpectedly. Less helmet is less protection.

You should also consider an armored jacket and heavy pants. Asphalt is very abrasive and will peel the hide off your body should you slide. There are two lies told by Gold Wingers; I will never be involved in an accident. And I will never drop the bike again.

Footwear must also be taken seriously. Tennis shoes and flip flops might be comfortable. But, they don't provide any ankle support. The ankle is a very weak joint and is easily damaged in stress situations.

Besides the gear we also need to ride smart. We need to constantly look for potential problems and be prepared to speed up, stop, or swerve to avoid a problem. I often hear people say that they avoided a major accident by laying the bike down. This is not a viable defensive technique. When the bike is on the ground there is a potential for you ending up under a vehicle with the bike on top of you. T-boning a vehicle would not be pretty but you have a better chance of survival.

There have been several bike accidents reported in the news this week. This just serves as a reminder that we need to protect ourselves, ride smart, and ride defensively. So besides telling other to ride safe, practice what you preach and Ride Safe!!

Rich Morgan



October Birthdays

Betty Strickland 15th

October Anniversery

John & Lynn Hyde 23rd

October Rides and Events

- ⇒ 4th Chapter Q Burger Burn—Leave Big E's at 9:30 AM
- ⇒ 9th Moultrie Monthly Meeting—Leave Moree's Store on Moultrie Hwy at 6:00PM
- ⇒ 11th Alabama Chapter M Burger Burn and Swap Meet—Leave Citgo on US 82 at 9:30 AM
- ⇒ 20th Tifton Monthly Meeting—Leave Shell Station on Clark Ave at 6:00PM
- ⇒ 23rd Chapter H Meeting

Rally Around GWRRA

Mississippi Oct 16-18 Gulfport, Ms

See our website for flyers
chapterh.gwrri-ga.com