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# GWRRA GEORGIA CHAPTER H



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## When I get around to it.

At the end of a beautiful day or after getting started on the Monday grind at work, have you ever wished you had gone for a ride while the weather was so nice? Have you ever told a friend that asked you to go for a ride that you would when you get around to it? Have you ever been told about a free parking lot practice, rider education seminar or CPR first aid class and said "I'll get around to it"? If any of these situations sound familiar, did you ever get around to it? We seem to get tied up in our day to day routine and chores at home that we don't make time to do the things we enjoy. Like riding our bikes. We can always think of excuses not to go for a relaxing ride, join friends on a ride that will surely involve eating great food, or seizing the opportunity to hone your riding skills or learn how you could possibly save a friend or loved ones' life. We have to make an excuse to get out of our routine or work around the house and get out and have some fun. Take advantage of the opportunities to improve our riding skills and learn some very important life saving skills. Your Chapter staff has members with the training to provide those opportunities. We also offer chances to just get out

and ride or go visit our sister chapters and enjoy great fellowship with our friends. We just ask that you finally "get around to it" and come join us on rides or take advantage of training opportunities. We just need to know a few weeks ahead of time of the date to get the necessary materials and coordinate with District Staff to insure there is no conflict with any other scheduled events. If anyone is interested, please contact Rich Morgan or Bill Livingston. We might even provide lunch for all Chapter H participants.

Bill and Betty

## Motorist Awareness Making Believers One At A Time

There is a story of a little girl who walked the beach each day picking up star fish that had washed ashore.

She would then throw them back into ocean so that they might live. She was told that there was no way she could ever save all the washed up. She agreed that the statement was true but said she made a difference for each one she threw back.

Motorist awareness us much like the little girl and the star fish.

There are so many motorists that ignore motorcycles. There is probably no way to reach them all. But each of us can make a difference one motorist at a time. We are often approached by curiosity seekers when we are out and about on the Wing. Besides talking about our pride and joy we need to weave in the fact that we share the road and motorists need to be on the look out for us. By doing this we are making a difference one motorist at a time. Our action just might save someone's life.

If each member of a chapter of 25 talked with one motorist a week, in a year, 1,300 motorist would be enlightened. Imagine the number if every GWRRA member talked with just one motorist a week!! I would submit that we all can find at least one star fish a week to throw back into the sea.

Ride Safe—Rich Morgan

### Trailer Safety

Trailers are a wonderful thing. They give you more room for your stuff!! But with out proper preparation and thought, your trailer can become a real liability.

You should always carry out a good safety inspection for the ride just as you do with your bike. The GWRRA Rider Education Program N.19 Trailer Check form is an excellent guide. There is more to the trailer then lights, wheels, and hitch. Everything should be checked as the item missed could ruin an otherwise great ride.

Now that the trailer has been checked it is ready for your payload. Packing should be done so that items won't shift on the road or during braking. Don't exceed the trailer manufacturer's maximum load rating and tongue weight. You can adjust your tongue weight by changing the load placement within the trailer. You might consider putting the heaviest item over and

slightly forward of the trailer axle. Remember tongue weight is added weight on the rear suspension of the bike. The sum of your passenger, bike side pocket/trunk cargo, and

tongue weight should not exceed the bikes recommended rear end load limits.

OK your checked and packed so it's time to get ***On The Road Again***. You must now add a few more things to your thought processes as you ride. Your bike brakes now have additional weight to contend with so anticipate braking and allow for more stopping distance. Like wise your take off will be a bit slower so make sure you have the additional room needed when you take off from a stop or pass traffic on the road. Besides checking for traffic in the rear views you need to also take a look see at the trailer occasionally to make sure it is tracking correctly behind you. If you feel any strange vibrations in the bike or observe abnormal trailer motion, ***STOP*** and check it out. It is always best to err on the side of caution. Happy Trailering

### September Birthdays

8th Ray Hinman

27th Kathryn Sapp

### September Rides and Events

11-13 Region A Rally in Eufala, Al

15th Tifton Meeting Depart Shell Station on Clarke at 6 PM

25th Chapter H Meeting

*Rally Around GWRRA*

### 2014 Rallies of Interest

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[chapterh.gwr-ra-ga.com](http://chapterh.gwr-ra-ga.com)

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| Region A    | Sep 11-13 | Eufaula, AL  |
| Mississippi | Oct 16-18 | Gulfport, MS |