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Director's Notes

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FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE

We had a great meeting in September with 23 members attending. We had a lot of members out of town hopefully riding there Wing. The weather has finally cooled off and the leaves are turning, it is a great time to get out and enjoy the fall days.

The next big thing coming up is the Mississippi Rally , Oct 15-17, next is the Region A Rally in Eufaula, Al. at the Lake Point State Park Lodge, Oct 27th -31st. We still have a lot of rallying to do. Then the Georgia District Wind Down at James E. Worrall Community Center ,1060 Keith Drive, Perry, Ga.

We will not have a meeting November 21st instead we will have our end of the year party at Quincy's in Toccoa starting at 6 pm ,hope you have plans to attend, We will have a great meal and a lot of fellowship. This will be our last get together this year as we take December off for the Holidays. Our Next meeting will be January 16, 2016

Melinda and I wish you the Best in the Holiday Season.

Ride Safe and Enjoy Life.

Frank & Melinda Brothers

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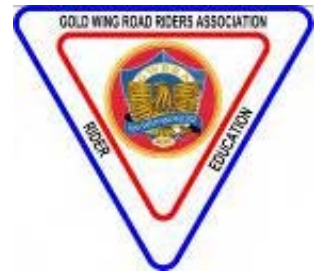


Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge





Larry Crouse Chapter Rider Educator



<http://re2.gwrra.org/>

Deer, Oh Dear!

There are a lot of “booby traps” that the unwary motorcyclist can ride into, including innocuous-looking alleyways, raised pavement edges, railroad tracks, loose sand, sunken manhole covers, tar snakes, and white plastic arrows glued to the pavement. Most of those hazards occur in the city. Out in the country on those twisty back roads we love to ride, we can expect some different types of booby traps.

One major trap that can spring on us is a wild animal, especially wild deer. Deer are so delicate and demure that it’s hard to think of them as a hazard. But when we come upon the sickening sight of a dead deer along the highway, we are again reminded of the danger, both to the animal, and to ourselves.

Animal strikes are a significant hazard for those of us who enjoy long-distance travel. Statistically speaking, vehicle collisions are the major motorcycling hazard, but as motorcycling experience builds and we get a little smarter, our risks of a car/bike collision should decrease. But the risk of animal strikes remains high because animals are so difficult to predict. Wild deer are found all over North America, in large numbers, their population is increasing, and they have habits and instincts that put them on collision courses with motor vehicles.

The typical deer strike occurs with the animal suddenly leaping in front of the vehicle, often at night. The vehicle slams into the deer, with sickening consequences. What’s startling is the amount of damage even a small deer can do to a speeding vehicle. If the motorist happens to be a **motorcyclist**, the odds are high that both deer and biker will be seriously injured. What’s so insidious about motorcycle/deer collisions is the unpredictability.

You may have ridden for hundreds of thousands of miles, proficiently avoiding thousands of left-turners, alley jumpers, edge traps, graveled corners, and decreasing-radius turns. Then, on some easy country ride, a deer suddenly leaps out of the woods into your path, and **Thud!** We don’t have reliable statistics on motorcycle/animal collisions, because many accidents don’t get reported. The famous “Hurt Report” gathered statistics from only motorcycle accidents in the Los Angeles area, where there are few wild deer. But animal strikes are a frequent enough problem elsewhere, that we should practice appropriate countermeasures on those rides that take us into deer country.

Deer Instincts

To understand what to look for and what to do about deer, let’s consider their instincts and habits. Deer are cautious, and prefer to hide in the trees. They like munching on tender foliage. So, in the summer, expect wild deer in forested areas or riverbeds where the trees and underbrush provide lots of cover and fresh salad. That lush roadside grass the highway department keeps mowed is a dinnertime favorite.

That means you should expect deer feeding along the shoulder of the road in shady areas. In the daytime, a deer feeding on the road shoulder will have it’s head down, so it may look like a log in the ditch, or a mossy boulder, or a crumpled cardboard box. When the head comes up, you’ll immediately see those large ears, and perhaps a rack of antlers.



Rider Education



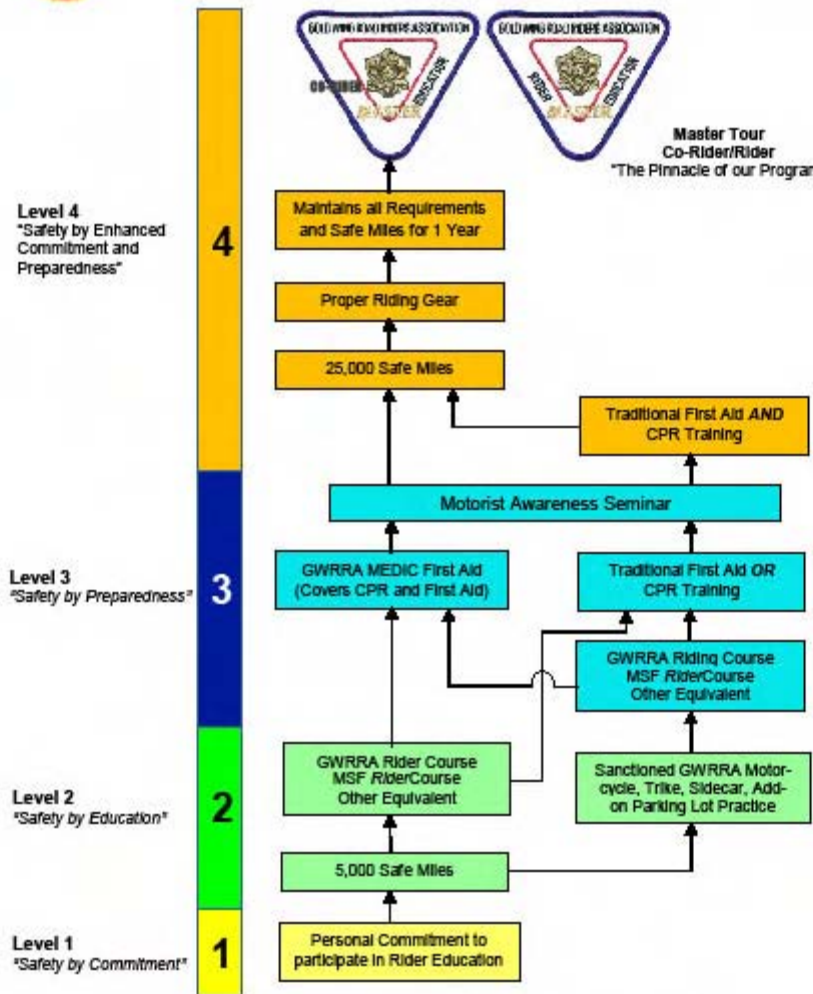
Seminars, and classes that are available at the Chapter Level.

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| 1. "Level Up" PPT Presentation | 9. "Dealing With Different Elements" |
| 2. Co-Rider Seminar | 10. Riding in the Heat |
| 3. Co-Rider-Two Seminar | 11. Night Riding ... |
| 4. Riding With New and/or Inexperienced Riders | 12. Motorcycle Crash Scene Response |
| 5. Motorcycling for Mature Riders | 13. High Side Scenarios |
| 6. Seasoned (Mature) Rider Supplement | 14. "Going, Going, Gone" |
| 7. Road Captain Course | 15. Trailering Seminar |
| 8. Team Riding Seminar | 16. Why_Motorist_Awareness_1_2013.ppt |
| | 17. "Think Motorcycles" ppt presentation |

View your Rider Ed Level accomplishments: http://re2.gwrra.org/login_mem.php



Gold Wing Road Riders Association Rider Education Levels Program "The Building Blocks of Rider Education"



(Chart Available in the Clip Art Section of the Rider Education Website)



Jeanna Phillips Motorist Awareness Coordinator



MOTORIST AWARENESS

Motorists need to be aware of how their actions can impact the safety of motorcyclists and learn to share the road safely with motorcyclists. A large portion of motorcycle crashes involve two key components: poor speed and spatial judgment of other drivers and poor motorcyclist conspicuity.

Safety Tips for Motorists

- ♣ Search the traffic around you constantly and expect to see motorcycles.
- ♣ Check your blind spots before changing lanes or merging, especially in heavy traffic.
- ♣ Double-check traffic at intersections before you turn or pull out.
- ♣ Motorcycles can easily be hidden in traffic. Look for a helmet above,
- ♣ tires below, or a shadow alongside a vehicle that you can't see around.
- ♣ Leave at least a four-second distance between your car and a motorcycle in front of you. Note when a motorcycle passes a point in the road. If your vehicle passes the same point in less than four seconds, you're following too closely.
- ♣ When passing a motorcycle, give a full lane to the motorcycle. Do not share lanes!
- ♣ Keep a watchful eye at all times. Individual motorcycles may blend into a larger group and may be closer than you think.
- ♣ Watch out when turning left because most crashes between cars and motorcycles occur involve left turns at intersections.
- ♣ Stay attentive and focused because distracted driving is a major cause of car-motorcycle crashes.
- ♣ Make sure to always signal when changing lanes to ensure the motorcycle rider knows what action you intend to take.
- ♣ Remember that failing to yield right of way can result in the death or serious injury of a motorcyclist.
- ♣ Make sure to observe and obey all traffic laws, signs, and signals.

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation web site provides information for Car Drivers.



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Gold Wing Road Riders Association

October Birthdays

- 6th Linda Palmer
- 8th Cynthia Callahan
- 9th Melinda Brothers
- 12th Arthur Seavey
- 20th Larry Crouse



*Congratulations
Couple of the Year (COY) 2015*



**Congratulations to Jane & Paul
Moricz for being selected as
Chapter I-2's Couple of the Year
2015 (COY).**

October Anniversaries

- 1st Ronnie & Karen Lewis
- 9th Larry & Delores Crouse
- 13th Phil & Linda Palmer
- 14th Arthur & Lucy Seavey



CONCERNS

- ♣ Phil Palmer has had lot of pain the last 3 or 4 weeks and finally broke down and went to see a doctor. When X-rays were taken it showed he had a crack/broke ankle. Doesn't know how or even when it happen He is now in "THE BOOT" and using a walker and crutches
- ♣ Melinda Brothers underwent Carpal Tunnel Surgery on the 6th
- ♣ Anne Reed, Region A Co-Senior Rider Educator, is still recovering from the TIAs (Mini-strokes) she has experienced, and is presently participating in Physical Therapy. Chuck will keep us updated.
- ♣ Sue Jackson - Region A Director, Jim Jackson's wife, is recovering from hip surgery.



Chapter I-2 Mascots

Bucky & Cupcake Blacksheep





Up Coming Events For 2015



- Jan 1 New Years Day Lunch Ride. "Cottage House Restaurant", 5702 Hwy 115 East, Cleveland, Georgia. Come on 2,3 or 4 wheels. We will leave Lavonia Exxon at 11:00 Am.
- Jan 24 Chapter I-2's Gathering for this month only will be the 4th Saturday vs. the 3rd Sat. at Shoney's. Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm. This change was necessary due to the "Officers Conference" on the 17th.
- Jan 17 "Chilly Willy" is back in conjunction with the GWRRA Ga. Chapter's "Officers Conference". Being held again this year at "Buckner's Family Restaurant", Jackson, Ga.
- Feb 14 Chapter S "Sweetheart Fun Day". Midway Christian Church, 1406 Hog Mountain Road, Winder, GA.
- Feb 21 Chapter I-2 Gathering at "Shoney's". Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm. I-2 Co-Rider, and Co-Rider Plus training Seminars will be held after our monthly gathering at Line Fire Dept.
- Feb 28 We'll deliver the District **Hot-Potato** to Chapter E-2, Pooler, Ga. We will need to leave Lavonia at 10:30 am.
- March 21 Chapter I-2 Gathering at "Shoney's". Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.
- March 24 We will be visiting Chapter R, "Sidelines Grille", 147 Reinhardt College Parkway, Canton, Ga Tuesday, March 24th. We'll leave Lavonia at 3:30 pm. Hope some of you can make plans to go and visit them.
- March 28 Chapter I-2 Lunch Ride to "Vanna Country BBQ". Meet at 10:30, leave at 11:00 am from Lavonia Exxon, or join us at "Vanna Country BBQ", Hwy 17S, Vanna, GA at 11:30am.
- April 18 We'll not have our regular Chapter I-2 Gathering at "Shoney's" this month. Instead we will visit Chapter T for their Fun-Day. Leave Lavonia Exxon at 9:00am.
- April 18 GA Chapter T's fun-day at Blacks Creek Baptist Church 3754 Blacks Creek Church Road Commerce, GA 10am until 1pm.
- April 25 Chapter I-2 Lunch or Dinner Ride, Location and Times to be decided.
- April 25 Visitation to GA Chapter B for their "Fun-Day" being held at Red Top Mountain State Park & Lodge, 50 Lodge Road Southeast, Cartersville, GA 30121. Some of us may go over there on Friday and spend the night let me know if you would like to make it a weekend trip.
- May 16 Chapter I-2 Gathering at "Shoney's". Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.
- May 23 Memorial Day "Motorist Awareness" campaign at the "Georgia / South Carolina I-85 Welcome Center".

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- May 23 Chapter I-2 Dinner Ride, following the “Motorist Awareness” campaign, Location T.B.A.
- June 2 Ga Chapter S visitation, and “HOT TATER” delivery.
- June 18-20 **2015 Georgia District Convention; “GoldWing Dynasty Wing Fling- It’s a Family Thang”.** "River Vista Mountain Village", 20 River Vista Drive, Dillard GA 30537.
- June 27 Chapter I-2 Lunch or Dinner Ride, Location and Times to be decided.
- July 9-11 **"Wings Over The Smokies 32"**. The rally for 2015 will be held on July 9th-11th, 2015 in Cherokee, NC. It will be at the "Acquoni Expo Center", 1501 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC.
- July 10 Chapter Ride to **“Wings Over The Smokies”**. It will be at the "Acquoni Expo Center", 1501 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC. We will leave Lavonia Exxon At 8:00 am. Come ready to ride.
- July 17 Chapter I-2 day-ride to **SC District Rally, 2015**. Civic Center of Anderson, SC. Leave Exxon at 9:00am.
- July 18 Chapter I-2 Gathering at “Shoney's”. Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm
- August 15 Chapter I-2 Gathering at “Shoney's”. Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.
- August 22 Chapter I-2 Lunch or Dinner Ride, Location and Times to be decided.
- Sept. 3-6 **Wing Ding 37** at the "VonBraun Center" Huntsville, Alabama.
- Sept. 19 Chapter I-2 Gathering at “Shoney's”. Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.



Florida District Convention, Kissimmee	March 19-21
Alabama District Convention, Eufaula	May 14-16
South Carolina District Convention, Anderson	July 16-18
Georgia District Convention, Dillard	June 18-20
Wing Ding 37, Huntsville, AL	Sept. 3-6
Region "A" Convention, Eufaula, AL	October 28-31

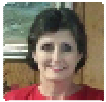
- Sept 26 Chapter I-2 Lunch or Dinner Ride, Location and Times to be decided.
- October 17 Chapter I-2 Gathering at “Shoney's”. Eat at 11am, Meeting 12-1pm.
- October 24 CPR/First-Aid Recertification, Line Fire Department, 545 Pleasant hill Cr., Martin, GA 8:30am.
Our monthly Lunch-ride will follow the Class.
- October 28-31 **Region "A" Convention, LAKEPOINT STATE PARK RESORT LODGE, Eufaula, AL.**
- November 14 **Ga District 2015 Wind Down**, James E. Worrall Community Center, 1060 Keith Drive, Perry Ga.
- **No Chapter I-2 Gathering at “Shoney's” for November and December.**
- **November 21** Chapter I-2 "End of Year 2015 Celebration". Same location and time as last year: **“Quincy's of Toccoa”**, 605 Big A Rd, Toccoa, GA, 7:00 until 9:00.pm.



Chapter Classifieds Bike & Non-Bike Items

Updated: October 10, 2015

1. **For sale 2004 Honda Goldwing with Champion Trike, 71,000 kit, CB, Diamond Seat, LED lights, driver and passenger footrest, and more. 2 Nolan Helmets. 2001 Black Escapade trailer. All, always garaged kept. \$20,000.00. See photo below. Contact Mike at (706) 202-4535.**
2. **Goldwing 1500 SE 25th anniversary edition 2000. One owner, Must sell can not ride two bikes. Asking \$7,000.00 well maintained and have the records. I have a complete list of every thing that has been added and recent prevented maintenance also pictures upon request. Contact Sid Cohen @ [706-340-5737](tel:706-340-5737) or E-mail cateringby-cohen@gmail.com.**



2. **Since we sold my bike we don't need all those extra parts we have from Phil's bike when we converted it into a Trike. See below, Thanks, Linda.**

**2008 GoldWing; Complete Back End, Swing Arm. Set of Perfect WHITE Saddle Bags. Mounted Back Wheel with New Tire, and New Front Tire. Tires are Shinko Brand. Asking \$200 for all of this.
Call Phil at 770-561-3376 or email at philatco@windstream.net**

3. **Assorted Bits and pieces leftover from '02 1800 GoldWing (Illusion Blue), and '08 1800 GoldWing (Dark Red Metallic) TRIKE CONVERSIONS. These parts include, complete rear-end assemblies, brake-discs, rear-wheels, side-bags, etc. IF You need parts for repairs or just to have extra on-hand contact me. Ronnie at 706-340-7320 or EMAIL ronniev@bellsouth.net**

MIKE'S TRIKE

4.





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October 2015



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18	19	Larry Crouses' Birthday • 20	21	22	23	24 Chapter I-2 Lunch or... ♦ Lc ▶ 8:30AM - 12:00PM CPR/ First-Aid Recertification (Line Fire Department, 545 Pleasant hill Cr., Martin, GA)
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November 2015



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GEORGIA DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Chapter Tickets

Do you know why your Chapter sells Chapter Tickets? This is a fund raiser for the Chapter. 80% of the funds collected for these tickets goes to YOUR chapter. This money goes to support your chapter so you can have more fun! You can have a fun day, a Christmas party, help send your Couple of the Year to the selection, go on a special ride, and support many other things the chapters do for fun.

Of course, there is the prize too. \$500 is given to the lucky winner and \$50 goes to the person who sold the winning ticket. You don't have to be present to win this money, so even if you can't go to the Georgia Wing Fling, you can still win! Also, you can sell these tickets to persons outside of GWRRA—who doesn't want to have a chance on \$500!

We are encouraging you to support your chapter by buying and selling the Chapter Tickets. All of you are winners in GWR-



Larry & Pamela Clemmer
Georgia District Directors

RA, and I hope one of you is lucky enough to win this \$500. *See you at the Rally April 21-23, 2016 in Dalton, GA.*

Larry and Pamela Clemmer
Georgia District Directors

Bushtec Tickets for Sale

The District Team would like to thank you for being receptive to selling the tickets for the Bushtec Trailer give-a-way. Even if you don't need a Bushtec GL trailer, you can sell it to someone who needs one or trade it on a fancier trailer or a camper. The chapter which sells the most Bushtec tickets receives \$100 and the person who sells the most Bushtec tickets receives \$50. Free money folks!

The trailer is only **one of three grand prizes** to be given away at the 2016 Wing Fling in Dalton, Georgia. We will be giving away two \$500 grand prizes as well.

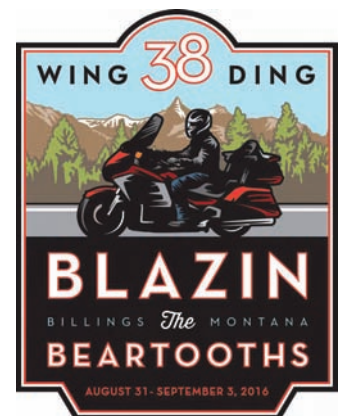
Thank you for helping with the tickets!

Larry and Pamela Clemmer
Georgia District Directors

Billings, Montana Announced as location of 2016 Wing Ding

Due to popular demand, Wing Ding 38 has been moved back to a Wednesday thru Saturday pattern! Mark your calendars for August 31 - September 3rd, 2016 to be in Billings, Montana for Wing Ding 38. Join GWRRA as they celebrate **Blazin the Beartooths** for fun, honors, learning and prizes. Next year's events will be held on the MetraPark grounds in Billings, Montana's Trailhead.

For more information, call (406) 245-4111 or 1-800-735-2635 or email us at WingDing38@Visit-Billings.com.



Couples of the Year to be Celebrated at Wind Down

We attended Wing Ding in September, and had a great time. We helped at the Recruiting Booth on Thursday, and Friday was Georgia District's day to work Ticket Sales. Our own Georgia Southern Stars & Stripes Drill Team performed Saturday at the Drill Team Competition. They had a great show. It was hard to believe that they have only been together for 7 months. They ended with doing drills with trailers, which was a great touch. Finally, they opened the trailers to release red, white & blue balloons.

We are planning to go to the Mississippi Rally the 15th through the 17th of October and then to the Region A Rally the 29th, 30th & 31st of October.

The District staff will be holding Wind Down on November 14th where we will be having our District Couple of the Year selection. Since we did not have a Couple of the Year for 2015, we are thrilled to have 3 couples who will be participating.

We hope that all 11 Chapter Couples of the Year will attend Wind Down so that we can honor all of them for their service to their chapters and to GWRRA. Chapter Directors, please encourage your Couple of the Year to attend and to wear their medallions.

Chapter Directors, if you are going to



Vance & Fern Oakes
Asst. District Directors West/
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have a Fun Day in 2016, you need to start planning now in order to get approval from Larry for the date you want. As many of the Chapters plan their rides for the next year before December, get that date out to the rest of the Chapters as soon as possible so they can include them in their calendar for next year.

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Newsletter Contest Dates Changed for 2016



Georgia Fling for 2016 has been moved from June to April. This will change the months for your newsletters to be submitted if your chapter is entering the newsletter contest. The November, December and January issue are the ones that are to be submitted.

Please go to the Georgia District website, click on the 2016 Georgia Rally tab, select rally contest rules and scroll down to Georgia Wing Fling 2016 Newsletter Contest. You will find all of the rules for this competition and the scoring sheets that will be used in judging.

If you have any questions or need more information contact either of us.

Norm and Wendy Morton
Membership Enhancement Coordinators



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KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS
Sue Jackson - Region A Director, Jim Jackson's wife, while she recovers from hip surgery
Chapter A - Jim Thomas
IN MEMORY
Mr. Sam Wilson - Chapter A
Richard Mashburn - Chapter F

Great Fun with Chapter R



Jim & Kay Elrod
Asst. District Directors North

Good morning Wingers. I would like to say that I sure I'm glad the weather has cooled some. If it would only stay this way it would be great. Eventually it will turn cold, but some of us will still ride.

I would like to congratulate Chapter R for a great fun day held at Dallas Landing in Acworth, Ga. They had about 80 people there from Chapters A, B2, L, F2 and S. What a great turn out! If I missed your Chapter, I am sorry. I was busy cooking hamburgers and hotdogs. My glasses were covered in grease, but what a great time we had seeing old friends and meeting several new ones. This is what it's all about, so get out there and participate. We bought our bikes to ride and have fun.

We have the Mississippi Rally next and then the Region A Rally in Eufaula Ala. These are great rallies. If you can make one or both, I guarantee you will have fun and meet new people who will quickly become friends.

Then, it will be time for Wind Down, which will be held in Perry, Ga.. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Until we meet again, Ride Safe Ride often.

Jim and Kay Elrod
Asst. District Directors North

There Are Only TWO Aspects to Motorcycle Safety

Stacey "Ax" Axmaker
MRFA&E Recording Secretary

In my years in the motorcycle safety and rider training business, I have come to conclusions that there are 2 aspects (and 2 aspects ONLY) to motorcycle safety:

1. Prevent the crash
2. Survive the crash

...and the rider is responsible for both. You can make the argument that other drivers are also responsible for preventing crashes, and while there may be some truth to that, there is precious little you can do to make someone ELSE take responsibility (just ask anyone who has ever been married or had kids!) So, since it is the rider who stands to lose, it is the rider who is responsible for both preventing and surviving crashes. And to put this in perspective, if WE don't succeed in reducing the crashes, injuries, and fatalities involving motorcycles, more government regulation of our sport is very likely.

This month's article will address the first aspect- **PREVENT THE CRASH**.

There are a number of skills that we know contribute to preventing crashes. A few notes: **ONE**-None of this is rocket science, but at the same time, almost none of it comes naturally. **TWO**-None of these items are guaranteed 'crash-preventers,' but they sure stack the odds in your favor!

•**Visual Scanning** - This means head and eyes up at horizon level and looking well ahead (if you don't see it and know it's a hazard, the other skills don't matter). There are two elements here; one is seeing and the other is perceiving. Get your eyes up so you can see 20 seconds ahead (look ahead to a point it will take you 20 seconds to reach- for example, at freeway speeds, that will likely be over 1/3 of a mile). This includes corners- to see the hazards as soon as possible, you need to actually turn your head and point your nose in the direction of the turn. This is part of proper cornering technique, but also part of good general visual scanning habits.

•**Following Distance** (time = distance) - Americans tailgate...you know it...I know it. Every state I know of recommends a 2, 3, or 4 second following distance. Take a stopwatch and stand on the side of the road and measure what drivers (and riders) are actually doing. You'll find that it is closer to a half a second...maybe 1 second. Unfortunately, this is very common and it's really asking for trouble. Have a passenger take a stopwatch and measure your following distance and just see what it is. Once you know what it is, you are free to choose to adjust it. Knowledge is power.

•**Maximum Braking** (Quick Stops) Mo-

torcycles have the ability stop very quickly. Unfortunately, the crash reports tell us that many riders don't. Even after all these years, there are STILL riders who say 'stay away from the front brake.' Your front brake has MOST of your stopping power- learn it, live it, love it. What we see in the crash reports is riders locking up the rear brake (skidding), often ending up in a low side crash (laying it down), and using very little (if any) front brake. If you want to have the skill of stopping quickly you HAVE to practice it - there is no other way. Since you use your right foot to stop every time in your car, that is what your 'emergency response' will likely be - UNLESS you spend time practicing using with both brakes on your bike. The more often you stop with both brakes on your bike, the more likely your 'emergency response' will be the right one.

•**Cornering** (running off the road or low-siding in a corner) - This is becoming a more and more common crash scenario. Proper cornering technique (and the ability to respond to 'mid-corner surprises) is one of those skills that simply does not come naturally (even with lots of miles). There are books, courses, videos, magazine articles etc. that can provide this information. Knowing in your head is a good start, but there is no replacement for practice. If you can master countersteering, head turns (see 'Visual Scanning' above), and relaxation, you can avoid many of these cornering crashes.

•**Group Riding**-I have often talked with riders who are proud of how tight their group rides. This isn't just one kind of group either- I hear this among police officers, HOG groups, and Outlaw groups. One phrase I hear is "That's how we ride!" "I encourage you to give this some thought. The two main issues we see in group riding are riding with a very short following distance within the group, and poor visual scanning. The result is predictable; we are seeing quite a bit of 'bike-on-bike' crashing. Here is the advice: - **Spread out**. Give 1.5-2 seconds between each rider in staggered formation (not the 1 second recommended in many rider training courses). If a car gets in the middle of your group, LET IT. Believe me, they don't want to be in the middle of a group of bikers any more than you want them there - they will leave soon. Having a car in the middle of your group temporarily is much less of a risk than riding in a tight pack and 'fighting' against a car who may need to get over to take the next exit. - **Avoid target fixation**. Many riders in groups end up focusing on the rider directly in front of them (only about 1 second ahead) rather than 20 seconds ahead (see 'Visual Scanning' above). Yes,



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you need to know if the rider ahead of you changes speed, BUT if you are looking well beyond the rider (20 seconds ahead), your peripheral vision will give you the information you need. Just because the rider ahead of you rides into trouble, that doesn't mean you have to follow them there. - **Break it up**. Many of us ride in rallies and parades where there are hundreds of bikes in a single group. While this is impressive looking and makes for great media coverage, it's not what we recommend for most group rides. Break up your group into sub-groups of 4-8 rider.

As I said before- none of this is complicated, but it does take deliberate practice. But, if we really want to be active in crash prevention, it starts with ourselves, our riding buddies, and our groups and clubs. By working on crash prevention, we accomplish several things:

1. Save ourselves and our friends from injury (or worse)
2. Save the families of those folks from having to watch their loved ones suffer.
3. Improve the public perception of bikers (you know... 'the public'...the ones who vote)
4. Reduce the likelihood of more government regulation in the sport of motorcycling

Ride well, ride lots.
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HOW DO YOU LEARN BEST?

We all learn differently. As trainers, we often ask “How do you learn best?”

The Analyzer: The analyzer is a perfectionist who hates mistakes. Analyzers need to hear the whole presentation and role play. They break the task down into manageable parts. Never throw the analyzer into a “wing it” situation. These learners will not get into a sail boat until they have read the manual, taken lessons and visualized exactly what they are supposed to do. And believe it or not, actually they sail pretty well the very first time.

“A human being should be able to change a diaper, plan an invasion, butcher a hog, conn a ship, design a building, write a sonnet, balance accounts, build a wall, set a bone, comfort the dying, take orders, give orders, cooperate, act alone, solve equations, analyze a new problem, pitch manure, program a computer, cook a tasty meal, fight efficiently, die gallantly. Specialization is for insects.”

Robert Heinlein
Science Fiction Writer

Doer: The doer is the dominate learning style. For the doer, the most powerful learning moments occur during performance.



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These learners will get into the sail boat, turn it over, sink it and destroy it in the process, but they will learn. Therefore, give doers a small task and the outcome you want. Then let them go and get out of their way. Doers are frustrating because they won't give your advice much credence. They have to experience the good and bad outcomes themselves before they believe that it's true. But they



are wonderful to have around because they are the first to volunteer and jump into a new challenge.

The Watcher: The watcher is an imitator. They won't learn by breaking the task down and role playing. They learn by watching a total performance. For them to see the individual parts is like seeing the pixels of a digital photograph. They need to see the whole picture. The best way for this person to learn is a “ride along” with one of your great performers.

At this point in our lives, we have pretty much developed a way of learning. Depending on what I am doing, I learn better by getting involved. What kind of learner are you?

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Master Trainers
Georgia District Trainers

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COUPLES OF THE YEAR!

International —
Jim & Reba Berry

Region A—
Dewey & Alice Cole

GA-A—Gary & Juanita Rackley
GA-B—Paul Loeser & Geraldine Duenas
GA-B2—Dick & Gail Cross
GA-D—Joel & Jenny Reasons
GA-F2—Randy & Georgia Moore
GA-I2—Paul & Jane Moricz
GA-J—Dave & Judy Hurd
GA-L—Murry & Dawn Cail
GA-O—Barry & Barbara Owens
GA-S—Craig & Pat Whitehouse
GA-T—Tommy & Vicky Martin

Georgia Traveler's Plaque: Chapter GA-Q captured the Georgia Traveler's Plaque from GA-A! It will be given away at their Dessert Auction on October 3rd. See their website for more information!

The Georgia Hot Potato—Was last seen with at Georgia L in Rome. Look out for the Hot Potato! You could be the next in line!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chapter Q's Dessert Auction
October 3rd, 2015

Mississippi Rally
October 15th-17th, 2015

Region A Rally
October 29th - 31th, 2015

Wind Down
November 14th, 2015

OCTOBER 2015

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 GA-T	2	3 GA-F2
4	5	6 GA-S	7	8 GA-K,M	9	10 GA-B,D
11	12 GA-Q	13	14	15 GA-D2	16	17 GA-A, C2, I2, J
18	19 GA-O	20	21	22 GA-H, L	23	24 GA-B2, E2
25	26	27 GA-R	28	29	30	31

Chapters frequently have had changes in meeting locations and time. The District website (www.gwrra-ga.com) also posts times and locations of Chapter Gatherings. As always, call before you visit to confirm date, time and location.