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GWRRA GEORGIA CHAPTER H

September 2011



August 25th 2011 MEETING

There were only about 18 of us at our monthly meeting at the Golden Corral but I was impressed with the amount of folks riding their bikes. We had 10 bikes in the parking lot. That's always a good sign and more Wings to look at after the meeting.

As I gathered my stuff to head to the meeting I noticed that it had rained. No biggy unless you are already headed to the meeting like Bill was. He got pretty much drowned just going 4 or 5 miles across town. Of course everybody knows we just got soaked the Saturday before going to Yodder's and Bill was leading. I think Bill has a lot in common with the Peanut's character who runs around with the cloud over his head.

Our visitors were Barry, Johnell, Jimmy and Virginia Yarborough. It's always good to see them come over from Moultrie and Tifton. Rich reminded us about the Motorcycle First Aid and Parking Lot Practice coming up the 24th of September. Remember if you pre-register you get a free lunch. That's pretty cheap seeing how the training is free. Just let Rich know and he'll reserve you a spot at the table. It's also out on the website which is listed at the end of this article.

Two months in a row your CD has won the Riders Cup money. This time it had \$24.00 in it. I think I'm on a

roll. Maybe I should play the lottery or go to Vegas? Maybe not! Chuck Farmer and Ray were winners in the 50/25/25.

We won't have a dinner ride in September because the month is full. We're went to Chapter E meeting in Thomaston on the 3rd, the Dessert Auction in Warner Robbins on the 10th, the Region A Rally at Lake Eufaula the 15th thru the 17th, our own PLP/MFA Rider Education Fun Day in Leesburg, will be on the 24th. That's all the weekends. Remember we ride to Tifton and Moultrie every month too.

We appreciate the members bringing door prizes so we can give them away at our meetings. Thank you one and all.

Come on out to the next meeting on the 22nd, yes there are 5 Thursday's in September. Brush up on your comedy routine and let's have some fun. Bill and Betty will be ready with a new game too.

See you on the road.

Jeff

Safety is a way of life!

Beware of Bambi

On Saturday afternoon Sep 3rd 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 M.



Impact Spot on Jimmy's Trike



The bike was fine and Jimmy was too!!



September Birthdays

Ray Hinman 18th

Ron Munson 18th

Ann Zupko 26th

UPCOMING

Rides and Activities

October

8th Maintenance Day - Jeff's House 9 AM—Until

13th Moultrie Meeting - Leave Moree's Store at 6 PM

15th Lets talk Gold Wings Recruiting event at Honda Dealership in Albany 10 AM—4 PM

17th Tifton Meeting—Leave Enmark on Clark at 6 PM

22nd Tifton Fun Day—Leave Enmark on Clark at 9 AM

27th Chapter H Meeting at Golden Coral

29th Rome Fun Day—Leave Citgo on Dawson Rd at 7 AM