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Happy New Year everyone!

After the holidays we seem to make a lot of new year resolutions, to either lose weight, save money, mend fences of all kinds, and whatever else we think needs changing in our lives. Whatever yours may be, I pray that you would have all the wisdom and determination to finish what you have begun.

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FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTOR,

HELLO AGAIN,

I, ALONG WITH YOUR STAFF, HAVE JUST COME BACK FROM THE YEARLY DIRECTOR'S CONFERENCE. WE EVEN LEARNED A FEW THINGS THIS YEAR. I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE ONES THAT WENT AND SAT THROUGH ALL THOSE MEETINGS. I REALLY AM LUCKY TO HAVE SUCH A GOOD STAFF.

NOW, TO THE IMPORTANT STUFF, THE 5 CHAPTER BREAKFAST IS JAN. 26TH. WE STILL NEED DOOR PRIZES AND HELP. IF YOU HAVEN'T GIVEN OR SIGNED UP FOR ANYTHING LET ME KNOW. I WOULD LIKE EVERYONE TO HAVE THEIR NAME TAG ON AT THE BREAKFAST, SO IF YOU NEED A NAME TAG OR REPLACEMENT LET ME KNOW, PREFERABLY BY E-MAIL. SATURDAY EVENING THE 11TH AT 6PM WE ARE MEETING AT MY HOUSE TO STUFF REGISTRATION BAGS AND GET THE DOOR PRIZES IN ORDER, WE WILL PROBABLY ORDER PIZZA FOR THE WORKERS.

I AM HOPING THAT NEXT MONTH WE CAN GET BACK TO NORMAL AND DO SOME RIDES, MAYBE WEEKEND CAMPING, BUT FOR THIS MONTH JUST KEEP CHECKING YOUR E-MAIL FOR LAST MINUTE RIDES.

IF ANY OF YOU ARE PLANNING ON GOING TO THE DISTRICT RALLY, IT IS MARCH 27TH-29TH AT THE CROWN PLAZA IN BRANDON, FL. YOU WILL NEED TO MAKE RESERVATIONS REAL SOON.

I WOULD LIKE ALL OF YOU TO KEEP CHARLIE DAVIES' FATHER IN YOUR PRAYERS, HE IS HAVING A ROUGH TIME OF IT RIGHT NOW.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JAN 6
GARRETT LOPEZ
JAN 9
TERRY BORELLI
JAN 20
VIC DOHERTY
JAN 23
PEG NICHOLS
JAN 24
LAURIE REID



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

JAN 5
MIKE & GAIL TELESCA
JAN 13
ED & CHRIS IVINS
JAN 13
MIKE & PAT DUQUETTE



REMEMBER!!!!

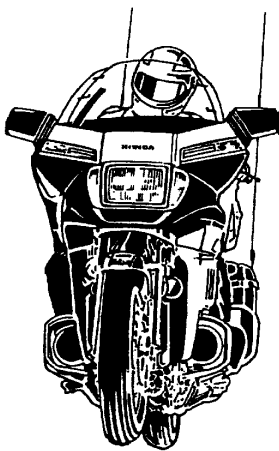
5 Chapter Breakfast on Jan. 26th, what did you say you would volunteer to do? Oh, I remember you said wherever the chapter needed help, right? Thanks, we knew we could count on YOU!

Here is an article I thought everyone would enjoy reading.
Chapter Educator, Mike Duquette

Georgia GWRRA Safety

Paul A. Holko - Georgia District Educator

WHERE YOU LOOK IS WHERE YOU GO !



Georgia Gold Wing Road Riders

Did you ever hit a pot hole or run off the edge of the pavement and wonder why, since you were looking straight at it?

That's the key. You were looking at a specific spot and you are somehow drawn to that spot. To hit a pot hole or rough edge is bad enough in any vehicle, but more so on a motorcycle. Many times, however, such hazards can be avoided if seen in time and once seen, you don't focus on the hazard.

Instead of continuing to look directly at the hazard, focus on another spot to the right or left above the hazard.

Try this exercise sometime when you're alone and have a nice empty parking lot.

While sitting on your Gold Wing in an empty parking lot with **no traffic**, pick out a spot, a painted line or crushed paper cup, (not a lamp post), and stare at it for a few seconds. Now start riding **S-L-O-W-L-Y** toward the spot, without taking your eyes from it. Try turning away from the spot. You can't help yourself, you will find yourself steering directly towards the spot. Now, go around again and try it once more only this time as you approach the spot, break your concentration and look up and away from the spot; you will easily move away. If you're not brave enough to try this while riding, first do it while walking.

Ever wonder why your motorcycle "wobbles" when riding through a curve? The technique below is taught in motorcycle safety courses; but not in the same words.

As you approach a curve, look at the curve; adjust your entry speed; and keeping your eyes up, look through or out of the curve to your "**exit**" point. Do not look down at the side of the road and don't stare at the curve! By keeping your eyes up and looking through your "**exit**" point, your eyes "**pull**" you through the curve smoothly.

Think about it !

Ride safe y'all,

The GWRRA Touring and Braking Seminar teaches you more about high-siding and its prevention as well as the MSF Experience Rider Course taught by GWRRA.

DO NOT TRY ANY EXERCISE IF YOU FEEL YOU WILL ENDANGER YOURSELF!

Braking Exercise, Equipment Needed:

Let's try some simple braking exercises that will help you understand the techniques required to achieve maximum braking. The exercises will take one rider, one observer, one piece of chalk, and two paper cups. On an empty parking lot free of obstructions and loose gravel, place two paper cups about 6 feet apart, somewhere about 40 feet from the end of the lot

NEVER EXCEED 20 MPH WHILE DOING THESE EXERCISES.

Exercise One: Rear Wheel Braking Only:

Start riding toward the cups at **15-20 mph**. Achieve a speed and hold it constant. Remember how fast you are traveling, say 18 mph. As your **FRONT** wheel passes the cups, apply your REAR brake only; try not to skid. If you do lock the rear wheel, DO NOT RELEASE IT!! When you have safely stopped, have the observer come over and make a line opposite your front axle. This will show you how much braking power is in the rear wheel alone. (Gold Wings have the integrated braking system where both brakes are applied with the right foot pedal, but still do this exercise, you will see why later.)

Exercise Two: Front Wheel Braking Only:

The rider again starts driving toward the cups at 18 mph. Keep the same speed as you had in the rear wheel braking exercise. As the **FRONT** wheel passes the cups, apply your **FRONT** brake only. DO NOT GRAB THE BRAKE! If you skid, release the front brake IMMEDIATELY, regain control and go around and try again. When you have stopped, have the observer come over and make a line opposite your front axle again. You should see that the line is closer to the cups than the line drawn when doing the rear wheel brake exercise.

Exercise Three: Braking With Both Wheels:

Again the rider starts driving toward the cups at 18 mph. As the **FRONT** wheel passes the cups, apply **BOTH** brakes simultaneously. Keep your eyes up and look straight ahead. The observer now marks the line where the front axle is. You will notice it is considerably closer to the cups than the previous two lines.

TIPS:

If you keep your eyes and head UP and look STRAIGHT ahead, you will stop straight. If you look down or to one side, you will stop crooked. If you were in second gear when you stopped; you should have downshifted to first, and your left foot should touch the ground first.

The whole point of these exercises is to point out to those old experienced riders that never use the front brake that maximum braking is achieved by apply both brakes simultaneously, to the point where your wheels are about to lock. Apply firm even pressure, do not grab!

These are among many of the techniques taught in the MSF Experienced Rider Course (ERC) available to all members. This Safety Corner bulletin is not a substitute for the ERC. The situations outlined do not ensure you have learned the proper techniques. Only by taking an ERC, with proper coaching by a MSF trained instructor, can you be presented with the proper riding skills to make you a safer rider. I urge every member to enroll in one of the available ERC courses as soon as possible.

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