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I would like to thank Al Rice for attending our July meeting. Also, Jim and Barbara Panel from Chapter K. August has brought a lot of events. Our ride to Fall Creek Falls State Park. I had some problems with my email and some people did not receive my off again on again mix up. Will and Thu lead us thru some good back roads. We arrived to find Steve Freeman there waiting on us. Went to the lookout and headed back.

I would like everyone to welcome Steve Freeman and Dan & Evie Lieberman and Terry & Judi Ness as new members to Chapter H.

August 14, Herb Williams lead a ride to Hohenwald, TN to the Junk Yard Dog Steakhouse. There were 9 motorcycles and 11 members attending. Barbara and I had something come up so we could not attend. I here the ride and Steakhouse were great!!!

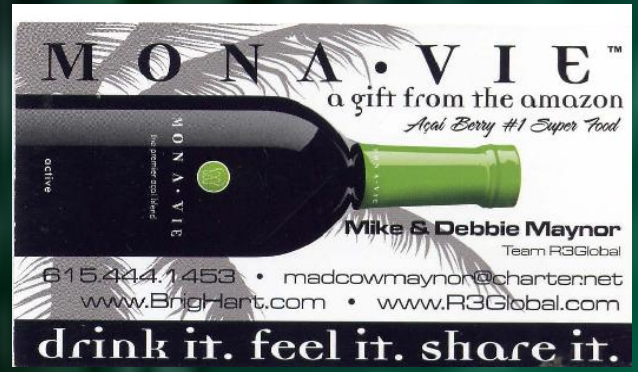
With the Labor Day holiday, We will have some fun in the next month or before the cold weather shows up. This month there is the St Judes ride across Tennessee Sept 18th. The perimeter Ride on Sept 10th and our meeting on Sept 25th. So, September is taken up for riding. Those of you who don't go on the St. Judes ride can go with Barbara and I on a trip to wherever you want to go.

October has a overnight ride called the fall color ride to Sweetwater, TN. I think it s the 22-24 of October. I will be planning a ride to the Lost Squadron Museum in Middlesboro, Ky. It will be and all day ride, or we can spend the night and ride some mountain roads on the way up. I need to know how many will be taking the trip, so I can set up the rooms. That would put us there about 4pm. I will talk about this at our meeting Sept 25th.

I would like to here from you on what rides you have taken during the months and write a article for our newsletter. You have may have traveled some where we have not seen and would want to travel to.

I also want to take this time to thank many of you for coming out for the Vanderbilt Children's Ride and helping with the breakfast and taking the ride. It was for a good cause and for us to have some fun. Thank You.

Ride safe!!!!



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White Water Wing News

Rider Education News



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"It's Not Hard To Make Decisions When You Know What Your Values Are"

We all make decisions every day; some good, some misguided. The trick, especially regarding motorcycle riding, is to give yourself the best chance of making good decisions all of the time. Good decisions come from identifying the pros and cons and choosing. The bad ones come from misinformation, or worse, no information at all.

Let's look at some information that may be helpful in rider training decisions. The two most famous motorcycle crash studies (The HURT Report and the M.A.I.D.S. study) tell us:

1. Some 90 percent of riders who crashed never had any formal rider training. They were either self-taught; or had a friend or relative who "taught them all they needed to know".
2. Even with formal training, the learning curve begins dropping after six to eight months and, without a review or refresher, is all but gone after a year or so.
3. In an emergency situation, we will do whatever we have been trained to do and what we have practiced doing. No surprise then that a huge percentage of riders who crashed failed to make any decision at all. This is, when faced with an emergency, they did nothing to try to avoid the crash.

You would think that having this information would be enough to encourage our Members to get as much formal training as possible. Sadly, that is not the case. "It's too expensive," some say or "I have to travel too far." They might have been right several years ago when formal 2-wheel training was limited and, sometimes, costly. No more.

GWRRA offers the ARC (Advanced Rider Course) which is held locally (no long-distance travel) and is cost effective due to a host of volunteers (including the Instructors) who make it Happen.

Some Members have even refused to take the ARC because "it's too hard." Too hard for what? To become a better, safer, rider? There is no pass or fail. There is only trying and learning. But, that is a personal decision. Is it a good one?

So let's look at the ARC in the context of addressing the three reasons for crashes above. Just taking the ARC eliminates riders from the first group (no formal training).

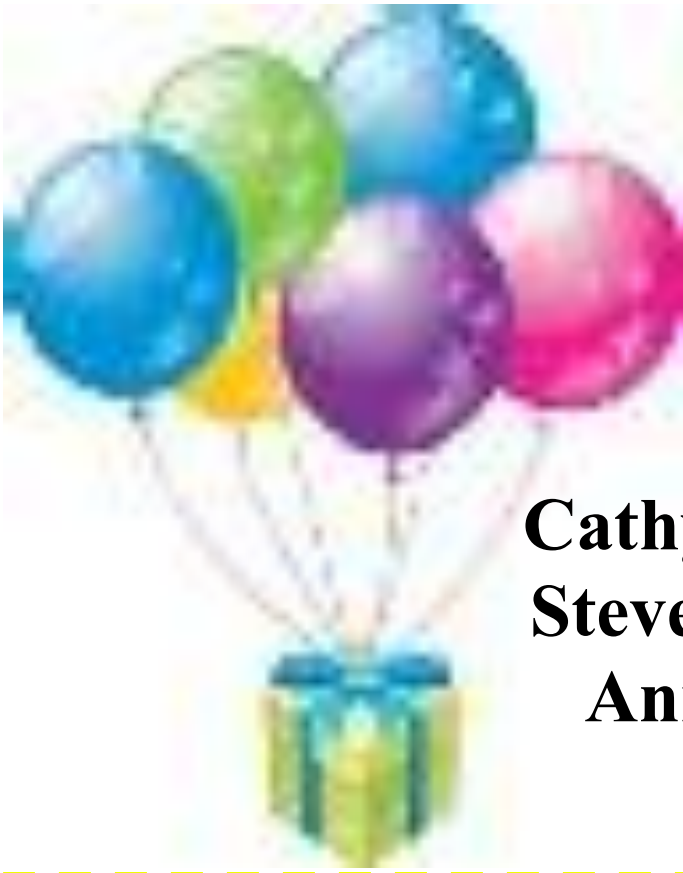
In GWRRA item two is addressed in the course by giving students techniques and skills they can practice later, on almost every ride. So, if they apply those learned skills often, they automatically prevent or delay the learning curve drop.

To address item three, in the classroom students learn strategies for arriving at good decisions while riding and dealing with and preparing for most of the issues they may encounter on the street.

They learn to organize and manage actions and reactions to emergency situations so they will not fail to react, i.e. become a statistic of doing "Nothing" to avoid a crash. Then on the range, they develop the skills required to control their Gold Wing in a variety of situations.

Making the right decisions all the time when riding is a learned skill that takes training and practice. The GWRRA ARC will help in that process. Taking it, is your decision. Make it a good one.

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Birthdays

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