



August 2017 GGMC Meeting Notes & Articles

James Griffin - President's Corner

Greetings to all the GGMC family

We have a few members with health issues, please keep them in your prayers. Scooby, GGMC's founding member has problems with his vision "Glaucoma" and will no longer be able to ride.

We have completed one ride since our last meeting. It was a great ride to Bryson City and "Road to No Where". Approximately 310 miles round trip. We only had a total of 7 bikes/members probably due to the confusion most members thought the ride was cancelled.

GGMC's Face Book is for our GGMC's members only and should only post club rides and events. Apparently, somehow someone had posted a non club ride (Deals Gap) to our page and then posted that ride was cancelled due to weather. Our members misunderstood what and, therefore the majority of our members did not show up for our to "Road to No Where" Bryson City.

Debra has brought extra hand out of our July Newsletter. If you have not read it or want an extra copy, please pick one up. It has a lot of information and great tips for Group Riding by Kerry.

I would like to remind our Members to visit our website and review our ride rules & hand signals. It never hurts to look at them from time to time.

Please remember we have one more overnight ride to Lake Guntersville State Lodge October 7 & 8. If you have not made your reservations, you need to do so ASAP. See information listed under upcoming ride schedule below.

GGMC fun night with the Gwinnett Braves. I checked the remaining game schedule and it looks like a bust for this year. They only had 1 game left for a Wednesday Night. We will look at this again next year.

Thanks Again to all of our Officers, Road Captains and Members that make GGMC the BEST Motorcycle club of them all!

As always, Ride safe, "IT'S ALL ABOUT THE RIDE!"

James Griffin, GGMC President

Richard Martin - Sunshine Report for August 2017

We have had no new members. He continues to call those on the list that we have not seen for a while.

Gary and Sheri Dorris - Treasurer's Report for August 2017

Treasurer's Report for	17-Aug
Beginning Balance	\$885.29
Income (\$62.00 from 50/50 drawing & 1 - New Member)	\$87.00
Expenses	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$972.29

Ride Statistics as of August 01, 2017	
Rides Completed This Year	12
Avg. bikes per ride	14.4
Total scheduled route miles	3,300
Total bike miles	44,605
Members riding this year	42
Guests riding this year	7

Mark Trager - Webmaster Report for August 2017

Did not attend the meeting. James and Debra M. will follow up with him in regards to our Website, Calendar and Instagram.

Secretary Report for August 2017

No other updates. Had printed July Newsletters available.

Upcoming Scheduled GGMC Rides:

August:

- 5 - Jim's Smokin Que - Blairsville, GA - Kerry
- 20 - Cave Springs - Cave Springs, GA - Chris

September:

- 9 - Cashiers, NC - Details to follow - Chris
- 17 - Little General - Details to follow - Gary

October:

- 7 & 8 - Lake Guntersville State Lodge (3rd Overnight), Guntersville, AL. - Paul and Dellree

Note: We still have a few rooms available. If you are interested, please call and make your reservations@ (256) 571-5440 and give them the GGMC Group Code 6863. Our rate is \$131 for Double Queen Bed, Bluff-Side 3rd Floor.

- 22 - Brother's at Willow Ranch - Young Harris, GA

November:

- 4 - Richard Russell Dam, Elberton, GA
- 19 - Rumors Hazit, Clayton, GA

December:

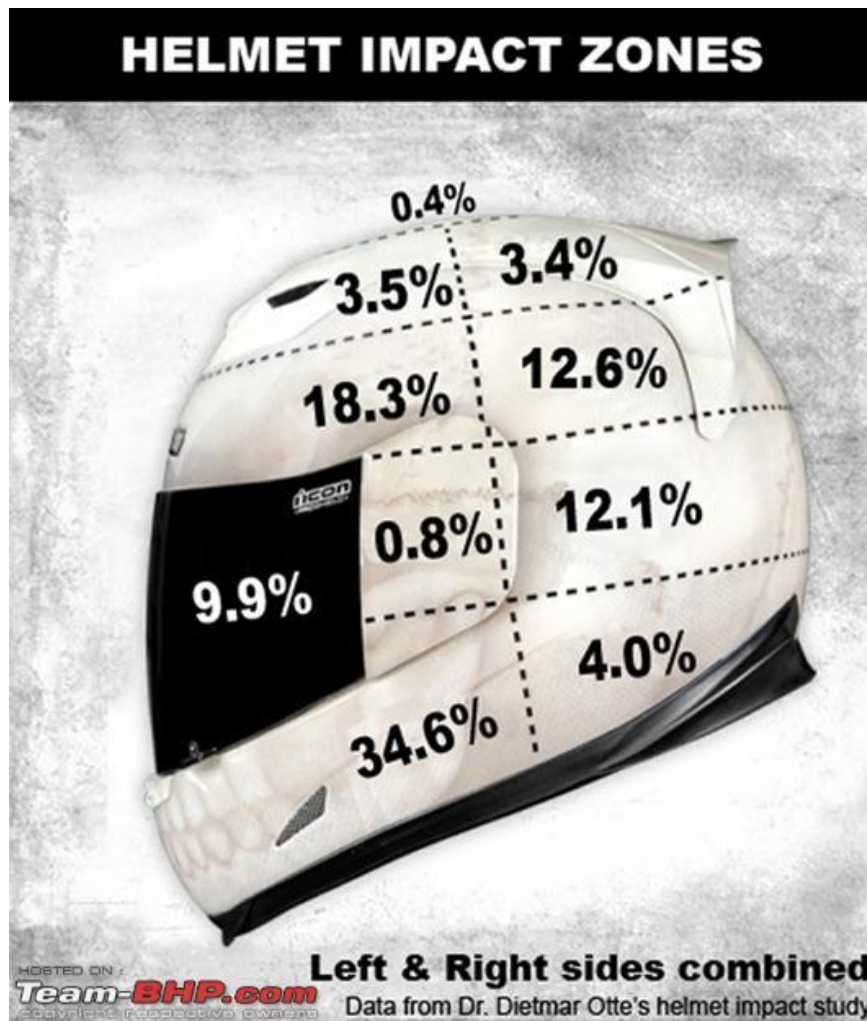
- 2 - GGMC Annual Charity Ride
- 9 - 2017 - Christmas Party will be hosted by Richard and Mabelle Martin

Motorcycle Helmet Impact Zones

Article by Kerry Wood

Every time we head out to ride a motorcycle we are taking a risk. Some of the questions we might ask ourselves are:

- Have I been trained sufficiently to ensure a safe ride?
- Has my bike been properly maintained, will it be safe?
- Is my riding gear providing me with ample protection in the case of an accident?
- Will my thoughts and concentrations be focused on my ride?



Obviously, we can only prepare for the things we have control of. Nothing will ever protect you from someone turning left in front of you or running you off the road because they were paying more attention to their cell phone than their driving.

I recently purchased a new helmet, not because my old one was worn out but I was looking for something that allowed me a little more room for wearing a headwrap without causing the helmet to be too tight.

Helmets are the most critical component in the riding outfits we wear. While I was doing the research for a new helmet, I came across an article with the photo you see above. It depicts the impact zones statistics at different locations of the helmet. In other words, if you fall off your bike, where is the impact most likely to occur. Although I have always worn a full face or modular helmet I was particularly struck by the overwhelming number of impacts that occur in the front, especially the chin bar and forehead areas.

While I've always been an advocate of helmets with chin bars I can understand they are uncomfortable or even claustrophobic for some. For me, the safety a full-face helmet provides makes it worth any slight discomfort they might provide.

I decided to share this image because I found it interesting and I hope that you might consider this information on your next helmet purchase.

Kerry