



**Garden City Wings**  
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**Friends For Fun, Safety and Knowledge**  
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**Thoughts from the Chapter Director**

Hey folks, can you believe this weather? I haven't been able to believe how cool it has been even in the afternoon. We have got to get out and ride. September has a lot of events coming up. Sept 10,11,12 is the Region A Rally in Dothan AL. , On September 26<sup>th</sup> we will be going on a day ride to Fletcher NC for the Wings over the Smokies. For those of you who have never been, this is the event to attend if you like venders. There are usually close to 100 venders at this rally. Our Blue Ridge ride looks to be a great success, so far we have 9 confirmed couples who are going to attend. I am really looking forward to this ride.

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### Birthdays for September

Robert Burkey 12<sup>th</sup>

Mervin Jenkins 19<sup>th</sup>

Susan Lepping 19<sup>th</sup>

Clark Mock 16<sup>th</sup>

Judy Mock 20<sup>th</sup>

Marie Shoemaker 24<sup>th</sup>

Bubba Ward 7<sup>th</sup>

### Anniversary's for September

Roger and Mary Gordon 24<sup>th</sup>

Josh and Marie Shoemaker 25<sup>th</sup>

Ty and Alice Smith 29<sup>th</sup>

### **“As I See It,” A thought from the “Educator.”**

This month's article is on paying attention to the feeling in your gut.

I have recently had some vibration on my Wing as I accelerated from 5 – 45 mph. At speeds above 50, the vibration went away.

After riding Wings for years now, I have become used to, and maybe complacent in thinking that GoldWings are supposed to vibrate some due to cupping of the front tire. Well.....

My gut told me the vibration was not the normal. I had it checked out and was told it was the tires but it was not an emergent need. Well within a short time of riding, the sideways vibration got dramatically worse to the point that I knew I needed to replace the tires. My nature is to always look for a deal to save money and this tire deal was no different. As buying tires locally would cost more money than buying them at a rally, I decided to ride to Wings Over the Smokies to get the tires. The feeling I had in the pit of my stomach said a very different message.

Two days before we were to go to the Smokies, I decided that if I could get the tires locally, I would, otherwise I would not take the bike.

One day before the trip, I had the tires replaced.....and all I can say is BLOW-OUT waiting to happen. The back tire was defective and the belt was separating inside.

When I saw the outside of the tire I saw an indentation in the tread. It did not look good but then I looked inside the tire. Now the tire had my attention because I saw a balloon developing from the inside-of-tread-(belt) part of the tire.

It was then I knew that following your gut feelings is important.

Pay attention to your Wing. Sometimes it will tell you when something is wrong.

**This monthly safety publication of “As I See It” is presented for your consideration by Ray Bowman, your Chapter Educator. Constructive comments and or suggestions are always appreciated.**

