

Vancouver, WA Chapter WA-X

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION "PHOENIX FLIGHTS"

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Region I

Great rides with Great friends!!

CHAPTER DIRECTOR'S CORNER

GREETINGS!!

HI ALL!

Our fundraiser this month for Rosie's grandson Liam was a success! Pete and Lynda and Michael did an awesome job!!!!!! The ride Michael had set out was a beautiful ride. His directions were even all correct. Pete and Lynda did an awesome job in setting up the VFW. The breakfast was great and all of the VFW staff was really nice and also very appreciative. The weather was beautiful. A perfect day for a ride.

We only had 10 bikes show up. BUT----we had the most generous, wonderful people step up! We raised over \$800 for Liam. Rosie was so grateful.

Bob and Kathy Eggett won the best poker hand and graciously donated it back to Liam.

Lisa won Rosie's painting in the raffle. (I wanted it)

Several other members also won some of the raffle prizes.

We need to keep up with the prayers for Liam. (If you have not yet checked out his web-site, PLEASE do. liam@liamsjourney.com)

Anyone having any donations will still be appreciated. Let Pete or me know.

I cant leave out our chapter members that worked the checkpoints (Larry and Bruce #1, Michael and Vickie #2, Deb and Steve#3 and of course your sweepers. (Connie and Me)

We will be seeing some of you at the district rally this next week.

Keep safe and wheels down.

Vanora and Dee

Editor's corner.....Summer riding, and maintaining your ride

Hey there, fellow riders!!

As we progress through this wonderful weather and riding season, please be sure to keep up with all of your bike's maintenance, as well as repairing any item related to safety that needs attention.

It can be very tempting to "just hop on, turn the key and go", especially as our riding season winds down, but you will be "being kind to your future self" by always being sure your bike/trike is in good, safe working order every time.

Be sure to maintain yourself, as well! This means keeping hydrated on your trip, and eating at reasonable intervals along the way.....

A well-maintained ride and body will make for happy, safe journeys!



WORDS OF SAFETY by Michael Miller, Rider educator

T-Clock checks! Be sure to keep a close eye on tires, among other safety items on the bike. Summer road conditions can wreak havoc on your tires! Construction zones are sometimes littered with debris that can ruin a tire...just because your tires were good at the beginning of your riding day, that does not mean they are good by the end of the day....check for foreign objects stuck in them, chunks of tread out, etc. after a day of driving through construction zones.

Safety tip of the month

by Michael Miller

When doing tire service on your ride, check your brake pads at that time.....You have the caliper there right in front of you while removing/replacing the tire, and it only takes a few minutes to change those brake pads.....a good rule of thumb to use is if the pads are at 40% of their original size or below, change them out.....It is cheap to change pads in comparison to having a crash.....

Ramblings from your editor

BRAGGING RIGHTS

First of all, I'd like to say that Chapter X has made a great showing at events lately!! Way to go, Chapter X folks!!

The charity ride for Liam was a success, even with a small turnout! Over 800 dollars was raised for the family!!

Our Coffee stop is this next weekend, and there are still a few spots to fill as far as shifts go, and a couple more cookie bakers are also needed, so please lend a hand if you can.....It will be greatly appreciated by all of us, as well as the travelers along the route.

Our august meeting is also this next weekend, so same bat-time, same bat-channel there, 8:30am at the hometown Buffet, Saturday, august 4th

The District rally was fun, and we also made more money than we thought we would on the food and games.....a Big thank you to our chapter women Lisa, Vanora, Virginia, Lynda, Connie, and Vicky for "manning" our booth! Us guys did a little too, but it was mainly our girls that got the job done! (I ended up not feeling too good, to the point I had to be checked out by a paramedic, so I was not much help for the games), but am happy to report that with a little cool-down session, I ended up fine.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

There are a LOT of rides going on at this point in the riding season, and if you want to participate, it's as easy as going on the district website, (gwrra-wa.org) looking around at what's going on, downloading the registration forms of your choice, and going for it!

Our chapter X august gathering will be on Saturday, August 4th, at 8:30am at the Hometown Buffet as usual. Hope to see you there!

Our Coffee stop is coming up as well...August 4th and 5th at Gee Creek South-Bound Rest area....There's still time to sign yourself up for a shift or to volunteer to bake cookies.....If you want to bake, contact Dee or Vanora, at 360-254-2343 or 360-624-8048 and they will get you set up.

If you want to sign up for a shift, go to our chapter website at gwrra-wax.org and look under rides and info page, and follow the link to the coffee stop signup sheet

The calendar for August will include a lot of fun rides all around the GWRRA family, so be sure to visit your regional, District, and local chapter websites for info and flyers! Let's get out there and support our fellow chapters by riding one of their fundraisers, etc!

The position of ride coordinator has been filled, at least for now, by our own Michael Miller.... Thanks for stepping up and putting on yet another hat for us and this organization, Michael! It's greatly appreciated by all!!

As of press time, I do not know if there is an after-meeting-ride planned for August, but if you ride to the meeting, I am sure that at the very minimum, an impromptu ride could very well be at hand.

For directions and flyers to any of these events and a whole lot more, please go to GWRRA.org, and follow the link to the region/district/state map pages from the home site.

Chapter	Week	Day	District Time 8:30AM	Chapter's	Gathering Information	Phone
				Town Seattle	Contact	
A	4th	Saturday			Sam & Doreen Grubbs	206-718-6814
B	1st	Sunday	8:30AM	Bremerton	Jim & June Dutton	360-551-2236
C	2nd	Saturday	8:00AM	Everett	Lee Ann Kelly	206-362-4903
D	2nd	Sunday	8:30AM	Aberdeen	Kerry & Greg Bash	360-249-4640
E	3rd	Saturday	8:00AM	Bellevue	John & Barb Smith	206-391-6343
H	2nd	Tuesday	6:30PM	Lynden	Randy & Debbie Reid	360-733-3123
I	3rd	Sunday	8:00AM	Olympia	Ray Abitz	360-790-2832
L	2nd	Saturday	9:00AM	Kennewick	Lloyd Finley	509-783-9789
M	1st	Saturday	12:00PM	Yakima	Pete and Jean Hernandez	509-453-6951
N	3rd	Sunday	8:30AM	Spokane	Dave and Terri Chromy	509-292-0314
O	4th	Saturday	8:00AM	Port Orchard	Ken Smith	360-876-6737
P	3rd	Saturday	1:00PM	Longview	Chuck Porter & Reggie	360-636-0519
Q	1st	Friday	7:00PM	Puyallup	Dean & Christie Kalles	253-845-7177
R	1st	Saturday	9:00AM	Walla-Walla	Jim Corn	509-525-1304
V	1st	Thursday	6:00PM	Auburn	Garry & Maxine Alexander	253-770-3866
X	1st	Saturday	8:30AM	Vancouver	Dee Hall & Vanora Volk	360-254-2343
Y	2nd	Friday	6:30PM	Enumclaw	Roy & Pearl McKenzie	253-862-0220
Z	2nd	Saturday	1:00PM	Centralia	Jesse & Eva Valentine	360-888-0546

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