



# GWRRA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER VANCOUVER CHAPTER WA-X



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RIDING WEATHER GREETINGS, EVERYONE!!  
I HOPE YOUR RIDES AND YOUR 4TH OF JULY HAVE  
ALL BEEN SPECTACULAR!!



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KIDS ON MICHAEL'S BIKE DURING A RIDE



AS THE TIME GROWS NEAR FOR THE DISTRICT RALLY, WE ALL ARE GETTING READY FOR THE FESTIVITIES.

PART OF WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO IS GETTING A NEW CHAPTER BANNER READY FOR USE AT THE EVENT, AND FOR CHAPTER USE FROM NOW FORWARD.

CONNIE AND I HAVE BEEN LUCKY TO COUNT AMONGST OUR FRIENDS A MAN BY THE NAME VON VINHASA.

VON IS A GRAPHICS DESIGN ARTIST BY DAY, AND THE DRUMMER FOR THE CLASSIC ROCK BAND "THE SATURDAY NIGHT ORPHANS" BY NIGHT.

VON HAS DESIGNED AND CREATED THE ABOVE SPECTACULAR BANNER FOR US, AND I'M GIVING YOU JUST A TASTE OF IT HERE.

WE GOT A SUPER GOOD DEAL ON THIS, AND ONE LOOK AT IT AND YOU CAN SEE THAT IT IS QUALITY, AND A WONDERFUL DESIGN, AND CAPTURES WHO WE ARE PERFECTLY. THE BANNER IS 3 FEET BY 6 FEET, AND NOT ONLY SHOWS WHO WE ARE, BUT WHAT WE RIDE AS WELL.

WE ARE GOING TO BE TALKING TO VON IN THE NEAR FUTURE ABOUT DOING OTHER ITEMS FOR OUR CHAPTER STORE SUCH AS BIKE FLAGS, COFFEE CUPS, ETC. HE CAN AND DOES DO IT ALL, AND DOES IT QUITE WELL!

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## Chapter Stores

**Lots of items**

*Your chapter store  
is here for you!*

*Store open during and after  
meetings, and you can purchase in-  
stock items as well as order items  
from GWRRA and more!*

*Talk to Deb Pattison  
(storekeeper) to get your  
items purchased or ordered*

Lots of chapter x items!! Also a few "phoenix" items as well! Just ask to see the items or list.

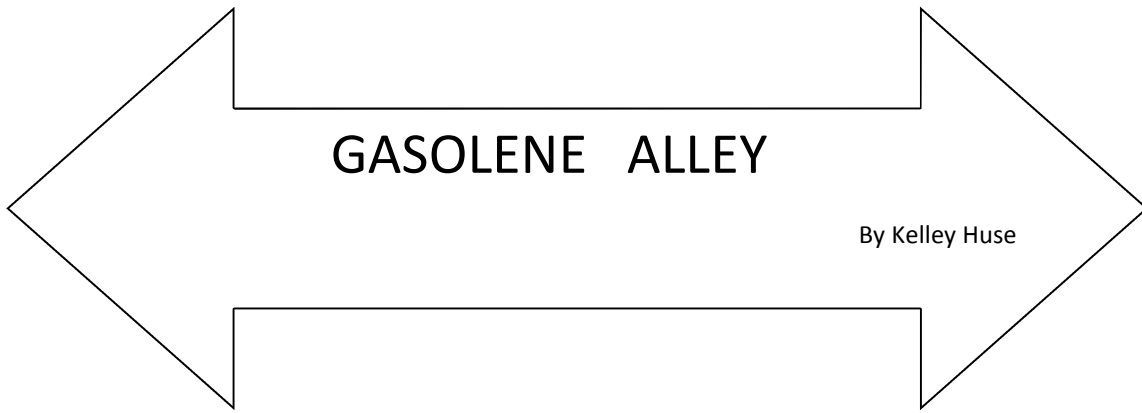
YOUR CHAPTER STORE IS HERE FOR YOU, AND IS A GREAT WAY TO PURCHASE THE GEAR AND BLING YOU WANT AND ALSO SUPPORT THE CHAPTER FUNDS.

NEW AND EXCITING ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE, AND SUGGESTED ITEMS ARE BEING LOOKED AT FOR POSSIBLE PURCHASE THROUGH THE CHAPTER STORE.

JUST A COUPLE OF ITEMS BEING CONSIDERED ARE BIKE FLAGS TO FLY ON THE BACK OF YOUR RIDE, AND COFFEE CUPS ( USEABLE ON AND OFF THE BIKE ), SO LOOK FOR THESE AND OTHER ITEMS IN YOUR STORE.

CONTACT DEB PATTISON TO SEE THE ITEMS AS WELL AS THE COST SHEET.

HAVE FUN!! IT'S YOUR STORE!!



### LET'S TALK ABOUT TIRES FOR A MINUTE:

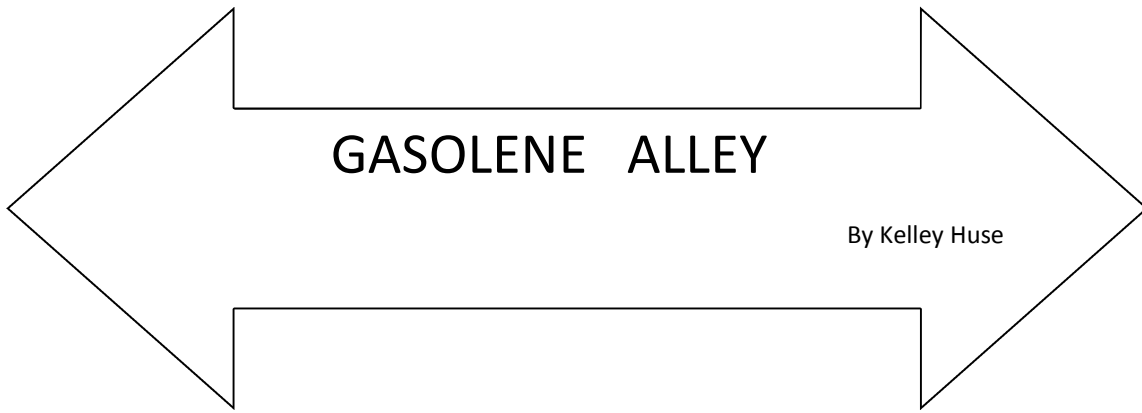
We all know how important it is to keep proper air pressure in our tires, but do we really consider the consequences of not keeping up with the proper inflation of a tire?

I was lucky enough to have many tire manufacturers visit and put on tire seminars and Demonstrations during my two years at Motorcycle Mechanics Institute in Phoenix, AZ, and they opened all our eyes to the dynamics of rubber (natural as well as synthetics), and how Pressures affect temperatures, and so-forth. VERY eye-opening!

An under-inflated tire (just even 5lbs under), can result in the exponential rise in tire temp, causing undue wear and breakdown of the rubber compound....This means that if your tire temp at a given speed, and usual conditions properly inflated is, say, 90 degrees F, then at 5lbs under, it probably will endure a 15% jump in temp, meaning that your temp would be approx. 104degrees....Plus you have too much "contact patch" on the road surface, making the machine harder to steer, as well as breaking down the carcass sides of your tire.

Over-inflated tires can result in not enough contact patch on the road causing unstable steering, as well as breakdown of the tire's center...right where you need it most. The contact patch takes in the center of the tire, and is the only thing between you and the pavement.....BE KIND TO YOUR CONTACT PATCH!!

Tires are impregnated with special oil-like compounds during the manufacturing process, and CANNOT BE DUPLICATED post-manufacture. This is simple and pure fact.



These manufacture oils have a life of five (5) years before they dry completely out.

When they dry out, the rubber, whether it's natural or synthetic, breaks down at a fairly Rapid rate, and you might see visible "weather cracking" on the tire.....

BUT HERE'S A VERY IMPORTANT FACT I WANT YOU TO ALWAYS REMEMBER.....

RUBBER, NATURAL AND SYNTHETIC, BREAKS DOWN FROM THE INSIDE-OUT!!!!!!

This means that while you're seeing weather cracks on the outside of that tire, THE ENTIRE INSIDE OF THAT TIRE IS ALREADY ROTTEN!!!!

PLEASE, WHILE YOU'RE DOING YOUR PRE-FLIGHT T-CLOCKS CHECKS, CHECK FOR WEATHER-CRACKING ON YOUR TIRES...EVEN ONE CRACK VISIBLE MEANS THAT TIRE IS ROTTEN!!

**NOTHING** ON THE MARKET CAN RESTORE THAT.....**NOTHING**

Back in the 90's there were a few companies that claimed their product could "renew" the tire to manufacturer specs.....You might remember this.....ALL 4 COMPANIES WERE SUED OUT OF BUSINESS BECAUSE PEOPLE BOUGHT AND USED THEIR PRODUCTS, AND WERE RIDING ON ROTTEN TIRES, RESULTING IN SEVERAL SERIOUS INJURIES, AND A FEW DEATHS, Because the tires rotted right off the rims, resulting in crash after crash.

My information to you on the subject of tires doesn't come from just me....I learned from the good people at Dunlop, Bridgestone, Michelin, Avon, and Metzler. Your tires are the second-most important thing on that machine....The first is YOU.....



I'd like to recognize a couple of upcoming birthdays

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO DEB PATTISON JULY 29TH!!**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO PETE GOETZ ON AUGUST 4TH!!**

If you would like to be included in having the group help to celebrate your birthday, anniversary, or other special day, contact me, Kelley Huse, at [wingrider10@msn.com](mailto:wingrider10@msn.com) with your name, e mail address, and the date(s) you wish recognized, and I will put you on the calendar!

THAT'S IT FOR JULY,

SO I HOPE YOU'RE HAVING A GREAT SUMMER, FANTASTIC,  
SAFE RIDES, AND IF YOU'RE COMING UP TO THE DISTRICT  
RALLY,

BE SURE TO STOP BY THE NO-ZONE CAMP, AND YOU CAN  
STEP UP INTO OUR SEMI AND HAVE A LOOK AROUND!

OUR CHAPTER IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LIGHT SHOW  
THIS YEAR AT THE RALLY, SO THAT WILL ALSO BE FUN!!

HERE'S WISHING YOU GREAT, SAFE JOURNEYS, AND  
STELLAR WEATHER!!

YOUR EDITOR,

Kelley Huse