

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

Hi All!!!

Dee is on the Buzzard Butt Buster ride with Michael. I guess it is going well. They have had some HOT weather but otherwise OK. He found out that it was not his transmission on his bike but something else. (Driveline and u-joint)...After two days and a LOT of cuss words he got it running in time to go on the ride.

I want to thank everyone for their co-operation on our coffee stop. I have not heard how we did but like Dee says "As long as we didn't go in the hole we are OK." I do know that we had a LOT of people thank us for being there and especially with the ice water and lemonade. So it does show bikers in a new light to some people.

I do have a little news on Liam. His liver was elevated. He may need a liver biopsy and a boost from his brother Hunter. If the boosts do not work, he will have to have another bone marrow transplant. Let us ALL keep this little boy and his family in our prayers and hope for the best. Maybe there will be something else we can do for this little boy and his family. Ideas welcomed.

We will be having a meeting on September 1st, Labor Day weekend. Some of us do not go out of town on those big travel weekends, so Dee thought we should go ahead with the meeting. We may have a short ride after and then go to Lisa's in Ridgefield for a Chapter appreciation and Bar-B-Que. She does have a pool and she said swimsuit are optional, speedo's welcomed. The Chapter will provide food and you bring your own beverages. Families will be welcome. Please let me know so we can have a head count for food. If anyone want to bring a favorite recipe, feel free to do so, but you do not need to. Desserts will be greatly appreciated. (by me)

Thank you again EVERYONE for all of your support for Chapter X

Vanora writing for Dee

Editor's corner.....What this summer has meant to Connie and me...

Hi, everyone!!

We have been having a blast with all of you this summer, doing all of the rides and rallies we have been fortunate enough to be able to attend!!

What a great bunch of people we have in this organization!! It has not only been fun, but has been an honor as well to be able to run with all of you!

We all conduct ourselves very well on and off the road, and it is impressive to look into the rearview mirror and see such a wonderful, safe line of bikes/trikes behind. I, for one, am very proud of our group!

We have had some awesome times with you this summer, and are always looking forward to the next ride or event!

There's still more riding season ahead, so we are looking forward to some more great times with great friends!

See you out there!!!

Kelley and Connie Huse



WORDS OF SAFETY by Michael Miller, Rider educator

The personal safety word of the day is "HYDRATE".

This hot weather really takes the water out of you fast, so you need to keep drinking water, sports drinks and/or Gatorade. **DO NOT** drink beverages with caffeine in them when the heat is at its worst! Caffeine is a diuretic, and will deplete your bodily fluids even quicker!

REMEMBER....If you are thirsty at all, you have already

More Safety tips

by Michael Miller

While riding, always play the "what if" game with yourself....Such as, what if....that car to my right were to run that stop sign??

Always leave yourself an out, and always expect the unexpected from other drivers out there.

Ramblings from your editor

BRAGGING RIGHTS

Our chapter is growing all the time, and we are attending lots of rides, rallies, and have done quite a bit this year in the giving back to the community , and I, for one, am very proud of us as a group!

Our own Lisa Pearson is the proud new owner of a GL1500! As of press time, I have not seen it myself, but Dee tells me it's a beautiful bike. Congrats, Lisa!

We also have one of the best-stocked Chapter Stores around!!

So, if you're in need of shirts, hats, pins, patches, or some bling for your vest , purse, or whatever, just contact Deb Pattison at 360-225-9553, or get with her at a chapter meeting to submit your order.

We also have one of the best selection for door prizes around! Thanks to Dave and Virginia sharpe, our selection is very good, and usually contains some hand-made items from a few of our members, and the descriptions of the items are done with Humor, and everyone has a great time, and the lucky ones each meeting walk away with useful items! Thanks, Dave and Virginia!! I always look forward to the month's selection of give-aways!

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!

We want to thank all of you for your support and stepping up to do the coffee stop. All went well. No big problems. Except the heat!!!

We will be having a staff meeting on Fri.Aug.24. Time and place to be announced later. We may try a different place.

We WILL be having our regular meeting on Sept.1st. We know that this is Labor day weekend, but we thought we would have it anyway. (Some of us do not go anywhere on holiday weekends.)

We plan on having a short meeting and possibly a short ride followed by a pool party and barbeque at Lisa's. The chapter will provide food. We ask that you bring whatever beverage you would like to bring.

Please let us know if you are planning to attend so we can have a head count for food.

THANK YOU ALL again for all of your support this year. Keep it up!

Vanora and Dee

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR EDITOR

As your assistant Chapter Director, I would like to let you know that Dee and I attended Chapter OR-I's meeting this past month.

It was a lot of fun to exchange hello's, hugs, and information with their group.

As you probably already know, OR-I had collected and donated \$200.00 already to our fundraiser for Rosie's grandson Lliam, which was already mighty generous!

When it came time for the 50/50 drawing, (the total came to fifty dollars and fifty cents to the winner—what are the odds on that, eh? The 50/50 being \$50.50)

It was won by one of the members of OR-I, and upon collecting his winnings, promptly walked over to Dee and I, and said "here...this is for Lliam".

I was very touched by the generosity of this man, as well as the generosity of this entire chapter.

I would like to suggest that we keep showing up to their meetings and fundraisers when we can, as OR-I is most-assuredly a wonderful group with a lot of heart. Please join me in helping give back to them some of the support they've shown us.

The calendar for September includes 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, That's the way all of keep going.....Helping each other out!

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 was stated earlier, there probably will be a short ride after September's meeting, then it's off to Lisa's for fun and food!!

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	Wk	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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	Darren and Kathy Hempel		.com			