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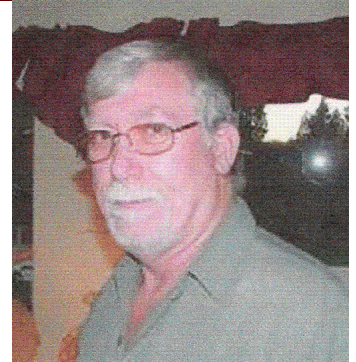
Thoughts from your Chapter Director

Hello to the Pod,

It is hard to believe that it is August already and half of our summer is gone. I believe the older I get the faster time seems to fly by or maybe I just notice it more.

Before I move on to other things I want to once again thank Rick & Sharon Williams for stepping up to become my ACD's at our June Gathering.

July has brought us beautiful weather, ice cream at the Cold Stone Creamery and some good rides. Speaking of good rides, on the 18th of July 11 Orcas met at Denny's on Kitsap Way in Bremerton to head north to Lynden WA. By way of Port Townsend and Whidbey Island. Ken & Sandi, Mike & Barb, Fred & Peg, Phil & Nancy, Donna and Myrna & I.

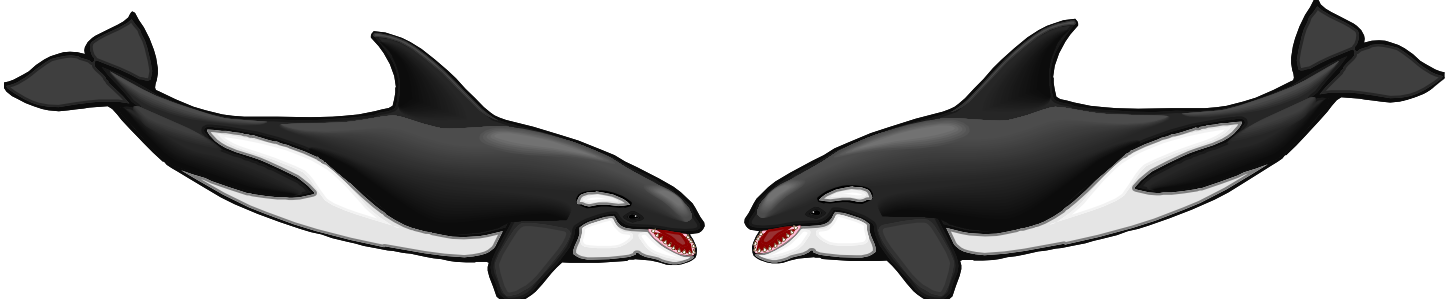


We were headed to the District Rally to meet up with Jan & Jim, as well as Jack. It was a little cloudy but we had a good ride across on the ferry and across Whidbey. We stopped at a great little restaurant for brunch and oh before I forget I have got to tell you what we saw parked out in front of the restaurant. I have seen some Rat Bikes in my time but this one has got to be one of the worst. It was an old Harley Sportster, that looked as if it was on its last legs if it had any. It must have had to have two batteries to keep it going, because he had the second one mounted on the passenger seat. Now we are not just talking about him carrying it there, It was attached. It sure looked funny.

We arrived in Lynden about 3:00 pm and got registered at the rally and were greeted by Jan & Jim and Jack. Those of us who were staying at the hotel climbed back on our trusty steeds and went to check in. After check in we went back to the rally to do what Gold Wingers do best besides stopping at DQ's. We sat around and BS'ed for awhile. This is when we found out that Jim Olmsted had won the pre- registration drawing you will have to ask him how much he won. By this time we were getting hungry. Phil Kirbow's wife Nancy invited us to join her and Phil along with her Sister and her husband for pizza at a great pizza restaurant. Thank you Nancy.

Saturday was an early wake up call, Ken & I had to be back at the rally site to help cook breakfast, but as it

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Your ACDs Ken & Sandi Smith

Greeting Pod Members,

June came is wet and now July is it for ridding. I got to see everyone at the Kingston Parade July 4th, but I got to walk through the parade not ride.

Sandi and I got to see our grand-daughter also. The fireworks going off all around us didn't seem to bother her a bit.

The ice cream social was a big hit with a large number of hungry Orcas descending on the Cold Stone Creamery in Silverdale.

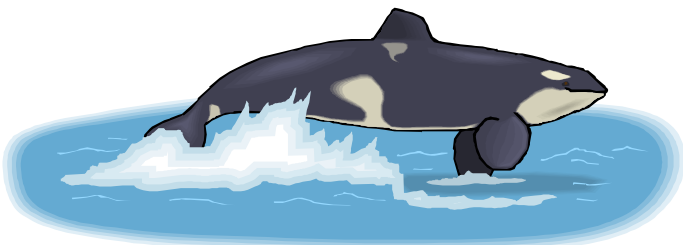
We also went to the District Rally in Lyndon and had a great time. Rode up to Mount Baker and found some really tight corners and snow, but I'll let John tell you about that. Chapter "O" was well represented with 14 Orcas there and one winning the pre-registration 50/50 of over \$300.00 but I won't mention names.

This was our first one and it was a lot of fun. If you've never been to one, put it on your calendar for next year.

Sandi and I are off to Montana Saturday the 28th for a week to visit family members. We decided to drive the Explorer instead of the bike. We figured the costs for the 725+ mile trip and since we could drive it in one day in the Explorer the cost would be the same as if we took the bike and took 2 days to get there.

We stay in motels when we're on the bike and only travel about 350 miles a day so the explorer would get us there quicker and save visiting days there. We'll be back the Sunday before the picnic and will be available for any help anyone needs. So see you all at the picnic and be prepared to have a relaxing and fun day. I attached a couple pictures of your hard working chapter and assistant chapter directors.

Ken & Sandi Smith ACD



Chapter Gatherings

WA-V	Auburn	1st Thu	WA-Q	Puyallup	1st Fri
WA-M	Yakima	1st Sat	WA-R	Walla Walla	1st Sat
WA-B	Bremerton	1st Sun	WA-H	Lynden	2nd Tue
WA-W	Wenatchee	2nd Tue	WA-Y	Enumclaw	2nd Fri
WA-C	Everett	2nd Sat	WA-L	Kennewick	2nd Sat
WA-Z	Centralia	2nd Sat	WA-D	Aberdeen	2nd Sun
WA-S	Ephrata	3rd Thu	WA-E	Bellevue	3rd Sat
WA-G	Gig Harbor	3rd Sat	WA-K	White Salmon	3rd Sat
WA-P	Longview	3rd Sat	WA-I	Olympia	3rd Sun
WA-N	Spokane	3rd Sun	WA-A	Seattle	4th Sat
WA-O	Port Orchard	4th Sat	WA-F	Tacoma	4th Sun

Chapter O hosts a gathering the 4th Saturday of each month at the Airport Diner, located at the Bremerton Municipal Airport on State Route 3. Breakfast starts at 8:00 AM followed by the gathering at 9:00 AM. See WWW.GWRRR.ORG for other chapters meeting locations and times.

Thoughts from your CD (con't)

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turned out the District staff had it under control so we did not have to do much, but we did get to show off our Chapter "O" aprons. I think most of you know the ones I am speaking of.

After Breakfast some of us once again mounted up and rode up to Mt. Baker. What a great ride, they had just cleared the road up the mountain a couple of days before. That was a good thing. I had told those that were riding with me about a few curves that said 15 mph. And let me tell you when they said 15 they meant 15. I think I saw my tail lights. When we got to the top there was about 20 feet of snow piled along the sides of the road and parking lot. It was very very beautiful.

After a safe ride back it was time for more BS followed by a great BBQ. There were closed to 300 people there. Thanks to Mike & Peggy Hudnell, District Directors and everyone else who had a hand in making this a great weekend and a great rally. I would like to thank all of the Pod who attended. You made me proud.

P.S. I will see you at our Picnic August the 9th

B.Z. Toons

by Brian Zaikowski

www.bztoons.com



What happened? Is she a witch?

Nope. Telemarketer.

Chapter Educators

Greetings from Bill and Lori, your Chapter Educators.

We hope everyone is enjoying the summer and making time to get out and ride.

Bill went on the Lawman 1000 a couple of weeks ago. It was a great ride with lots of twists and turns and beautiful scenery. It got hot with temperatures over 95 degrees.

This tends to make you want to remove some of your safety gear, wear smaller helmets, no gloves or jackets. We came across an accident where a bike went down with a rider and co-rider. Both had on the small helmets that only protect the top of the head. The co-rider had extensive damage to her face.

The next day we were talking to another group of riders about the accident, and the one thing that everyone agreed on was, from now on we were riding with full-face helmets.

I recently received an e-mail from Bob Rifentberry, telling about riding to work, backing into a parking space, going into a pot hole and dropping his bike. Bob said his gloves, jacket and helmet saved him from major injury and his next stop was to buy new gloves and a new helmet.

So get out and ride, but remember to wear your protective gear.



A WHALE OF A PICNIC

For a Whale of a Good Time
Come join the Pod
For a Picnic in the Park



50/50

**SILENT
AUCTION**

AUGUST 9TH, 2008

Registration starts - 9AM Donuts & coffee
Ride starts from JARSTAD PARK- 10AM
PICNIC LUNCH BEGINS- 1PM

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JAN OLMSTED
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I here by agree to comply with the ideas governing this run, and I further agree to hold harmless to the GWRRA and any property owner or owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I may become involved by reason of participation of this run. I do also agree to assume responsibility for any property damage which I may unknowingly damage. You are responsible for your own insurance. Signature _____

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Chapter O Calendar and Schedule of Events

August 2008

- 3rd - WA-B Gathering, Meet there
- 9th - WA-O "WHALE OF A PIC-NIC". Come join the fun. 9:00 AM Jarstad Park
- 13th - Chapter WA-B has invited us to their Ice Cream Social at Dairy Queen in Port Orchard. Time will be noted on phone tree
- 14-17th - WY Region Rally - FYI
- 19th - Planning meeting at Rick & Sharon's 6:30 PM
- 23rd - WA-O Gathering
- 29-31st - WA-B To the Ocean - FYI

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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 8/08 - Margo Curley
- 8/19 - Jack Davies

Anniversaries

- 8/07 - Fred & Peggy Schmidt - ???
- 8/22 - Nelson & Renee Wagner - 26th
- 8/25 - Mike & Barb Berreman - 19th



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