



The Pod Publisher



THE POD PUBLISHER

December 1st, 2008

Volume 18, Issue #12

Thoughts from your Chapter Director

Happy Holidays.

Yes, the Holiday Season is upon us. I am sitting here trying to think of what I want to say in this my final newsletter article as Chapter Director .

It is hard to believe that it has been four years since Myrna and I were asked to step up as CD's of this great Chapter. I can tell you it has been one of the best experiences I have ever had and for this I would like to thank my Staff and all of the members of WA "O".

When it comes time for a Chapter Director to step down there can be various reasons for it. Some CD's step down because they find out that the position was really not what they wanted after all. Some step down because they are disgruntled with GWRRRA. Some may step down because of medical or family reasons and some step down simply because it is time. I fall under the latter. I have 19 years invested in this Chapter and with out new blood to step up and take the wheel, things tend to get stale and I did not want to see this happen .

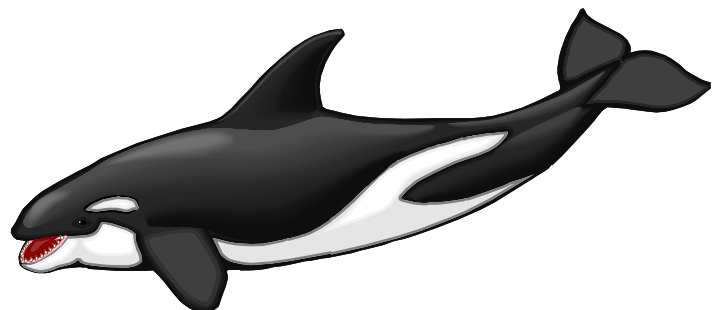
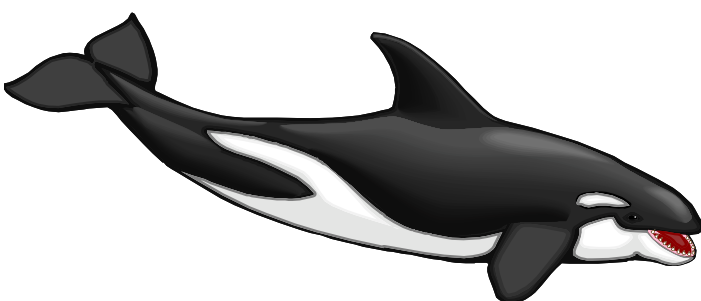
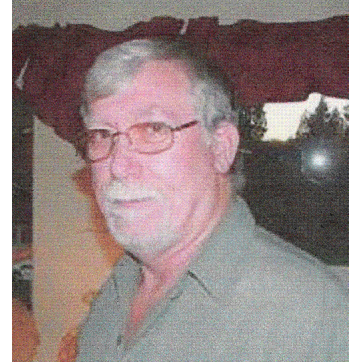
I was very fortunate to have a great couple on my Staff. When I asked Ken & Sandi Smith to step up and take over as Chapter Directors they consented to do so. They have been great Assistance CD's. I would like to ask that you give them and there Assistants Rick & Sharon Williams the support that you have shown Myrna and I.

I want to thank the rest of my staff as well. J.K. Laird, Jim & Jan, Bill & Lori, Dave & Debbie, Donna, Jack & Colleen, Jack Harrison and Pat. As well as Kay Beck, Frank Taber and our Web Master Marisa White.

I would like to give a special thank you to Mike & Barb Berreman, for being there as my assistance to start this great ride. In January at our gathering, Myrna and I will step down and Ken & Sandi will become the new Chapter Directors. I would like to ask that as many as possible Please come out and welcome the newest Chapter Directors of WA "O" and there Staff.

Once again we want to thank all of Chapter "O" as well as the District for making this a smooth ride over the past four years.

John & Myrna



ACDs Rick & Sharon Williams

Hi Everyone!

Since I am a new Assistant Chapter Director (ACD) and will most likely be abused by Ken Smith when he takes the handlebars from John starting in January, I thought I should start writing something to occupy your already overloaded minds. Don't expect witty or intelligent thoughts but perhaps something handy or wacky.

I joined WA-o in 2001 when I rode a new Valkyrie and met John Scrivner at the Silverdale Mall Show. He actually twisted my arm, made wild promises and convinced me to sign on the dotted line and fork over some hard earned dough in the process. Did I mention that it was at the Mall Show in Silverdale? That was a great public relations event that had terrific exposure of our organization and it's a shame they don't happen anymore but that's another story. Joining was a delightful experience because of the many very friendly, accepting folks that happen to all ride motorcycles and share one common thread... they were genuinely warm and fun. Life was becoming very interesting from a motorcycling point of view. I was having fun when I had the time.

Over time, I kind of drifted in and out of the organization (it's not a club ya know) and when I had time (There's that elusive element) I would slide back in and always was accepted as if I had NOT been missed one little itchy bit. Anyway, I'm back and after dabbling in some Combat Veterans groups, decided GWRRA was a very comfortable place to be and by stepping up, I can try to help keep a good thing humming along.

John Scrivner has been at the handlebars for four years as our beloved Chapter Director and has done a great job and I know that you agree. Please remember to remember (huh?) and thank John the next time that you see him. It's a lot of work for someone to run a chapter and of course, I personally know that his wife, Myrna has made him the man and director that he is so be sure to thank her too. Remember the saying, "It takes a great man to know when he has been made by a better woman" or something like that.

You get my drift so appreciation is always valued. I also want to say that he has been served well by some hard working, talented and tireless folks that make many things happen. Thank them too! It takes team work and a talented leader and we have had both.

I will sign off by reminding you to support WA-O with your participation and input. WA-O is only as good as you are. Thanks and have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday!

Rick Williams (Rocket Man) ACD WA-O

ACDs Ken & Sandi Smith

Greeting Pod Members,

November rolled in just a little better than October rolled out. We unfortunately missed the Halloween deal at Givens but I understand it was a lot of fun helping out.

I sure John is biting at the bit with this being his last newsletter article but never fear he's not going away.

Don't forget to get registered for the Christmas Party there's going to be a lot going on and a lot of fun. I am hoping to be at the upcoming chapter meeting but I am having hernia surgery this Friday the 21st so I don't know how I am going to be feeling, we'll just see.

There's also the yearly planning meeting after the chapter gathering. Right now it's at Johns but it may be moved to my house so that is something else we'll let you know at the chapter meeting.

I kept walking out into the garage and see the bike covered up and even though I haven't been on it only, if not less, than a month ago I am getting the itch. Remember it you're still out there riding watch the leaves on the roads and dress warm. Ride SAFE!

See you at the upcoming chapter gathering

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.GWRRA.ORG for other chapters meeting locations and times.

Chapter Educators

Greetings Pod from Bill and Lori your Chapter Educators.

Well the weather has certainly changed and I know I am not getting out and riding as much, but when I do I am wearing heavier gloves and warmer clothing. Don't forget, Thanksgiving leftovers at Jacks. Is everyone ready for the Christmas party? Hope to see all of you over the holidays.

Hypothermia -- Dressing for the Weather...

By David & Dori Dirig

Whether it was heading off to District Rally or enjoying this Southern California weather. I hope everyone ended their summer right. Yes, that's right. summer's over. I heard that some people had trouble with the heat on the way up to Sunnyvale and this concerns me. Exposure is a concern no matter the season. While it's typical to worry about this in July as you plot a route across the desert we need to start thinking about the other end of the spectrum. Which can be just as dangerous.

As we taper out of summer into fall and winter everyone should start thinking about cold weather gear. Diversity is a luxury that we enjoy here in Southern California where we can go from one climate to another very quickly. The dangerous part of this is that we can go from one climate to another very quickly. Did you all get that?? So you take off for a nice ride in the afternoon one Saturday in November. As you climb to higher elevations. do you have your cold weather gear? You're gonna need it even if its 70 degrees along the coast. Are your 'omigosh its cold' gloves in the side bag or they still at home in the closet making room for that trip to Phoenix in July? How about that electric vest or snow mobile suit or thermal underwear? Exposure should be a concern to each of us no matter the time of year; its simply a matter of what end of the spectrum that we prepare against. This summer we worried about heat and dehydration; now we need to prepare against cold and hypothermia.

Hypothermia is a lower than normal body temperature. That's fine, but what does it really mean? Basically as your body loses heat its starts to malfunction. Do your hands work as well when they're cold and numb? Your brain suffers the same problem in the cold. As you get cold. you lose the ability to concentrate and react to changing conditions. This can be fatal on a motorcycle.

How do we avoid hypothermia??

1) Don't ride! Know your limits; don't ride if its too cold. If you're riding and you start to get cold, pull off. Stop for a cup of coffee. Rest your mind and your body someplace warm until you can continue. If your hands and mind are numb from the cold are your reactions quick enough to save your life? If you have to ask then pullover and warm up!!

2) Dress appropriately. This can mean super thick insulated gloves and electric clothing or it can simply mean wearing multiple layers for insulation. A pair of thermal underwear or silk liners for that lighter pair of gloves can make all the difference in the world. The idea is to wear multiple layers of clothing. In this way. you can add layers to keep warm or remove layers if you get overly warm. Wear multiple thin layers as opposed to one heavy layer and the layers should fit loosely. A windproof outer layer is ideal to prevent the wind from chilling you. The idea is insulation combined with protection from the wind blast of riding at highway speeds. The better your insulation and protection from the wind the less heat you lose, thus reducing your risk of hypothermia. Remember that we ride as a group. If you're cold, let us know so we can stop and let you put on additional layers. To do anything else is unsafe. Even if you don't have the needed gear on a ride. Sing out.

Someone in the group will most likely have additional gloves or liners or a sweatshirt to get you to where you're going safely. That's the bottom line; safety. As an individual and as a group. We need to be prepared for colder weather. It may seem silly to start talking about this in October. But go ahead and but that sweatshirt or heavier set in gloves in the bike. You (or someone else) may need it down the road.

BOWLING CHALLENGE

Hosted by WA - "0"

Date: March 28th

**Location: Hi Joy Bowl
1011 Bethel Ave.
Port Orchard**

Time: Noon

**Directly following WA-0's
Gathering at the Airport Diner**

Cost: 3 games w/Shoes - \$9

**Please bring your bowlers and
supporter to join us in the fun.**

R.S.V.P. by March 14th

**Contact Ken Smith - Chapter Director
360-876-6737**

Chapter O Calendar and Schedule of Events

December 2008

- 13th - Christmas Party - Long Lake
6 - 9 PM
- 13th - WA-D Festival of Lights -FYI
- 14th - International Motorcycle Show
- Seattle Ferry - Leave time to be
announced
- 16th - Planning Meeting - Ken &
Sandi's - 6:30 PM
- 25th - *Merry Christmas*
- 27th - WA-O Gathering

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 12/14 - Linda Kleinendorst
- 12/18 - Doug Wray
- 12/19 - Edward Seifert
- 12/22 - Janice Olmsted

Anniversaries

- 12/05 - Jerry & Joyce Woods - 21st
- 12/19 - John & Myrna Scrivner - 38th
- 12/22 - John & Betty Boyd - 52nd



GWRRA Chapter WA-O Staff (<http://www.gwr-ra-wao.org>)

Chapter Director	John & Myrna Scrivner	360-275-8606	JScrivner@wavecable.com
Assistant Chapter Director	Ken & Sandi Smith	360-876-6737	ksmith6737@msn.com
Assistant Chapter Director	Rick & Sharon Williams	360-876-1994	rwilli4786@gmail.com
Greeter	Jack Davies	360-372-2705	twopoles@msn.com
Membership Enhancement	J.K. Laird	360-871-8174	jklaird@wavecable.com
Newsletter Editor	David Miller	253-651-8313	dave@ddmiller.com
Phone Tree	Donna Dodge Kay Beck	360-876-9398	donaal@wavecable.com KBeck98528@aol.com
Publisher	Myrna Scrivner	360-275-8606	MyrnaS@wavecable.com
Ride Coordinator	Jack Harrison	253-857-7792	
Rider Educator	Bill & Lori Biltoft	360-871-7518	bbiltoft@wavecable.com
Special Events Coordinator	Vacant		
Store	Jim Olmsted	360-275-4049	bethoveen5th@wavecable.com
Sunshine Announcer	Donna Dodge	360-876-9398	donaal@wavecable.com
Technical Coordinator	Frank Taber	360-895-1223	
Treasurer & Public Relations	Jan Olmsted	360-275-4049	bethoveen5th@wavecable.com
Webmaster	Marisa & Tim White		nascar8and48@msn.com

GWRRA Washington District Staff (<http://www.gwr-ra-wa.org>)

District Director	Michael & Peggy Hudnell	DD@gwr-ra-wa.org
Assistant District Director	Hank & Marilyn Smith	add@gwr-ra-wa.org
Assistant District Director	Bob & Patty Spencer	add@gwr-ra-wa.org
District Ambassadors Coordinator	Open	ambassador@gwr-ra-wa.org
District Couple of the Year	Dale & Shirley Dufner	coy@gwr-ra-wa.org
District COY/IOY Coordinators	Bob & Thess Thurgood	coy.ioy@gwr-ra-wa.org
District Educator	Jim & Pam Swart	educator@gwr-ra-wa.org
District Leadership Training	Bill & Barb Ellis	LTD@gwr-ra-wa.org
District Membership Coordinator	Carmen Weakland	Membership@gwr-ra-wa.org
District Newsletter Editor	Shirley Dufner	newsletter@gwr-ra-wa.org
District Stores	Greg & Janet Beeck	stores@gwr-ra-wa.org
District Treasurer	Erv & Phyllis Granahan	Treasurer@gwr-ra-wa.org
District Webmaster	John & Barb Smith	Webmaster@gwr-ra-wa.org

GWRRA Region I Staff (<http://www.bigskyregioni.org>)

Region Directors	Roy & Pearl McKenzie	director@bigskyregioni.org
Assistant Region Directors	Steve & Sandra Henicksman	ssheni@cablene.net
Region Couple of the Year	Suzanne & Mike Kasko	alitup617@yahoo.com
Region COY Coordinators	Sam & Marjoe White	marjoew@charter.net
Region Instructor Coordinators	Eric & Mona Carlson	ericmona@msn.com
Region Leadership Trainers	Mike & Lynn Briggs	mlbriggs60@msn.com
Region Membership Coordinators	Della & Loren Heideman	magentamomma@hughes.net
Region Newsletter/Webmaster	Donna & Doug Deskin	donnadeskin@aol.com
Region Rider Educators	Steve & Lori Fretts	sfretts@earthlink.net
Region Store Keepers	OPEN	
Region Treasurer	Marlene & Don Weikart	mkweikart@juno.com

GWRRA National Contact Information (<http://www.gwr-ra.org>)

GWRRA Home Office 21423 North 11th Avenue Phoenix, Arizona 85027	Phone: 800-843-9460 or 623-581-2500 (Phoenix) Fax: 623-581-3844 Email: customerservice@gwr-ra.org
--	---

For Sale

1988 GL 1500



Goldwing

Second owner, well maintained with records, 52300 miles, upgraded headlight assembly with new bulbs, added LED's for braking (rear), integrated side lights with turn signals, CB, Radio, 10 disk CD changer, aftermarket exhaust, comes with everything, too much to list. \$5500.00.

Contact Aaron @360.990.3311



South Bound Honda
2724 96th Street South
Lakewood, WA 98499
Phone: (253) 582-2288
Fax: (253) 582-2294
<http://www.hondabike.com>



2115 Carriage Drive SW
- Capitol Auto Mall -
Olympia, WA 98502
Phone: (360) 357-9633
Fax: (360) 754-0920
Toll Free: (800) 277-9633
<http://www.hondabike.com>

CRAZY LARRY'S

CUSTOM NEON & ACCESSORIES

Assorted Colors ~ Gold Wing Accessories
Tires & Installation ~ Service & Brakes
8016 South Durango (behind the B & I)

Phone # (253) 588-8155

Fax # (253) 589-3359

Email: larry600@email.msn.com

Owner: Larry Gay

Visit our website at: www.crazylarrysneon.com

COMPUTER & NETWORK

On-Site Service
Commercial or Residential
Microsoft Certified Technician (8 yrs)
360-271-7695

Your Advertisement Could Be Right Here!

Call John at 360.275.8606 for more information!