

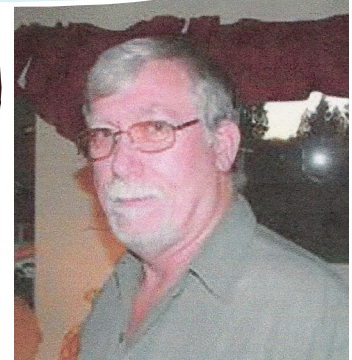
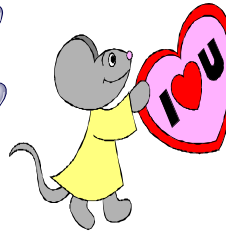
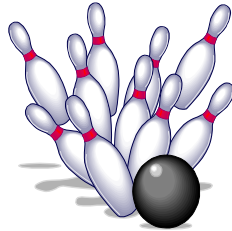
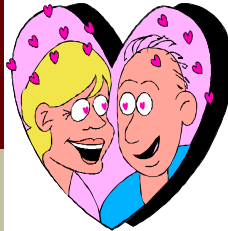
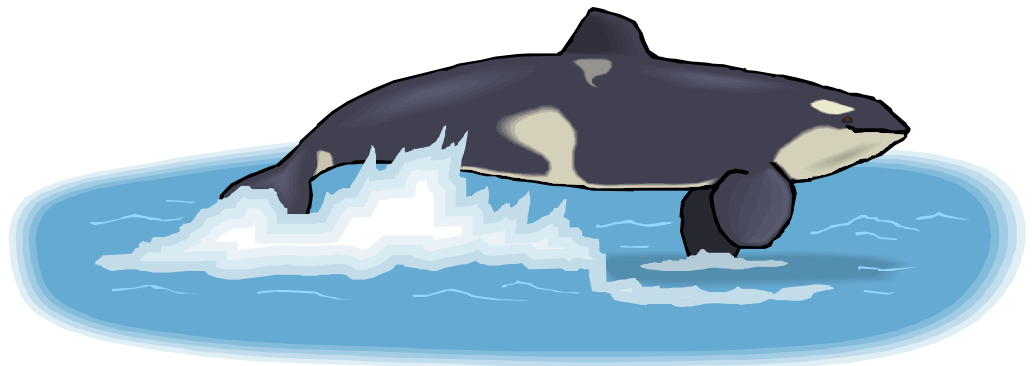
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Thoughts from your Chapter Director

Hello to the Pod,

Well here it is one month closer to spring and I don't know about you but I have had about enough of this winter and all the snow and ice that it comes with. Some people choose to ride no matter how wet or cold it might be but I'm not one of them. When it gets too cold or wet I am a stay at home kind of guy or the 4-wheeling type. I did wake White Magic up from it's winter nap to join Jack Davies and John Morrison for breakfast and a ride to Olalla on New Years Day to watch the Polar Bear Club take the plunge from the bridge. Let me see, how is the best way to describe these people? Were they brave? Probably. Were they crazy? Maybe. Were they cold? That's a BIG 10-4. You should have seen their faces when they came out of the water. It was really worth the ride just to see that. If you check out our web site you can see a few pictures I took.

On the 13th of January eight Orcas braved the weather and went to Casino Night hosted by Chapter I. Mike & Barb Berreman, Ken & Sandi Smith, Nelson & Renee Wagner and Myrna and I all had a great time.. We won or lost our fortune in Bull Bucks as the case maybe but fun was had by all.

On the 20th of January we have a chapter visitation to Chapter E in Bellevue. We will be leaving the Tremont 76 Station a 7 am so come on and join us.

On the 27th of January we have our chapter gathering and there will be a lot of things happening that day. Ken and Sandi Smith will be stepping up to become my newest Assistant Chapter Directors and I would like to thank them. It is always good to have a lot of help.

After the chapter gathering our District Trainers Mike Briggs and Bill Ellis will be giving us 2 to 3 classes that last about an hour each. These classes will be centered around the history of GWRRA, the Structure of GWRRA and the Leadership and Chapter Structure. We will be moving to the Givens Center in Port Orchard for the training and the room after the chapter gathering. I know everyone is busy but I would like to see as many chapter members as possible participate in these classes. We are all dues paying member and the more understanding we have of our organization the better and the easier for us to help out when we want too.

Well that's about all I have for now,

John

P.S. I almost forgot following our February chapter gathering on the 24th we will be hosting the Bowling Challenge, everyone's welcome to bowl. See the Flier on the web site

Myrna's Thoughts

We had several members of the Chapter in attendance at this months Dinner

Social. I think that we counted nineteen altogether.

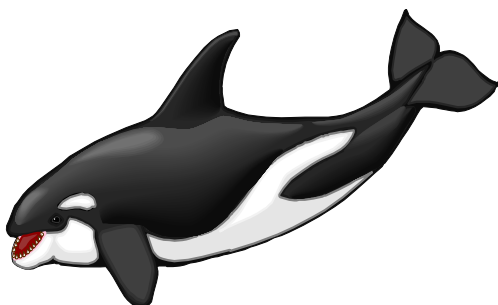
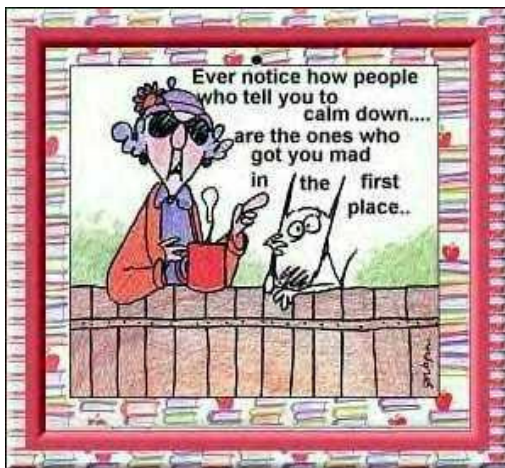
We were joined by Steve & Melva Lefave, Bob Nelson. Its always nice to have someone who has been member for a long time drop in for a visit.

It was equally good to see everyone who came to enjoy some good food and good conversation. Many people are busy planning there trip to Wing Ding in July. Hope you have your room or camp site booked. Sounds as though Chapter "O" will have quite a showing.

We will be gathering at the 76 station in Port Orchard, on the 11th of February, at 9:30 am. We will be going up the Clearwater Casino, for the Longhouse Buffet's Sunday Brunch. It 's cost is \$11.95— 50% off 55+, wonderful food & all you can eat, every bikers dream come true.

I guess that's about it for this month, thanks to all who braved the cold to join us.

Myrna



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CHAPTER GATHERINGS



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

FOR MEETING LOCAIONS VISIT THE GWRRA WEB SITE FOR CHAPTER GATHERINGS

Why didn't that driver see me?

Why didn't that driver see me?

Don't **ever** assume that you are visible to a driver. As a motorcyclist, it is your responsibility to make your presence known to the driver. Select and wear an appropriate helmet with retro-reflective materials. Wear bright, contrasting protective clothing. If you choose darker clothing, wear a fluorescent vest.

- **Twenty three (23) states require that the headlight be on while the motorcycle is on the highway.** Use high beams rather than low beams and consider using a modulating leadlight if your state allows it. (If you are uncomfortable riding with your high beams on, mechanically adjust the position of your headlights such they are just below the high beam setting. For the 2001's and newer motorcycles, set the electrical headlight adjustment to the "12 o'clock" position. If an on-coming vehicle flashes its high beams at you, turn your high beams ON/OFF. This action satisfies the on-coming vehicle and they will go back to their low beams.
- **Proper lane positioning** is important to being seen and for protecting your riding space. If you can see the driver in his side-view mirror, the driver can see you **maybe**. Don't "hide" in the driver's blind spot! (This is especially true around 18 wheelers!)
- **Clearly communicate your intentions** by signaling appropriately. Let the driver know what you intend to do. Think to yourself, "How can I increase the driver's awareness of my presence?"
- **Make yourself visible.** Choose protective riding gear that will increase your visibility in addition to providing protection in the event of a crash. A motorcycle helmet is your most valuable piece of protective gear and should be most visible to the driver.
- **Ride where you can be seen.** Remember that there is no one safe place to ride. Use lane positioning to your advantage: to be seen and to provide extra space for emergency braking situations or avoidance maneuvers. Avoid the driver's blind spot. Make your lane moves gradually, and always use appropriate signaling.
- **Never share a lane with a car.** A driver may not expect you to be there and may not be aware of your presence. (Just because motorcycles are equipped with fairings and windshields and were under-represented in the Hurt study (1981), we still aren't as big and wide as the smallest car out there.)

Clearly signal your intentions to the driver. Always signal and do a "head check" before changing lanes and never weave between lanes.

Submitted by, Ken Smith

What you need to know about

What you need to know about trucks.

The following is a list of the most common mistakes motorcyclists and motorists must avoid when driving around trucks:

- **Cutting off a truck in traffic or on the highway to reach your exit or turn.** Cutting into the open space in front of a truck removes the truck driver's cushion of safety. Trying to beat a truck to a single lane construction zone represents a particularly dangerous situation. Take a moment to slow down and exit behind a truck. It will ONLY take you a few extra seconds.
- **Don't linger alongside a truck when passing.** Always pass a tractor-trailer completely and always on the left side. Flash your light to high beam and back to alert the truck driver. If you linger while passing, your position makes it impossible for the trucker to take evasive action if an obstacle appears in the road ahead.
- **Following too close or tailgating.** When following behind a tractor trailer, if you can't see the driver's rear-view mirrors, there is no way the truck driver can see you. Tailgating a truck or other motor vehicle is dangerous because you take away your own cushion of safety. If the vehicle you are following hits something in the road, you will have no time to react and avoid a collision.

Never underestimate the size and speed of an approaching tractor-trailer. Because of its size, a tractor-trailer often appears to be traveling at a slower speed than it is. A substantial number of car-truck collisions take place at intersections because the driver of the car or rider of the motorcycle does not realize how close the truck is or how quickly it is approaching.

Submitted, by Ken Smith

News Letter Editor's Notes

Greetings,

This note it to just let everyone know since Sandi and I are stepping up at the Jan. gather to be Assistant Chapter Directors for John this will be my last News Letter. Dave Miller will be taking it over in the near future Also Jim Olmstead willing be taking over the Chapter Store as well. Sandi and I look forward with assisting John as much as possible in the Chapter Functions. If I'm not mistaken I believe there maybe as couple other staff positions open, if anyone is interested contact John. I find I do get more of an organization when I am part of it's function

Ken Smith

Mike & Barb your ACD

Well, it's time again to write a few lines, I missed last monthtime got away from me.

Hopefully, were over the snow and freezing, this definitely isn't riding weather and I'm so ready for a ride.

The first of the year Chapter "O" started a raffle on a Poker card table set. The table is black and has seating for 8 people and a 500 pc set of cards and poker chips, also a carrying case for the table and accessories.

We are selling the raffle tickets for \$1.00 each and will draw the final ticket at the Gov. run.... This will be a fund raiser for our Chapter as well as splitting the winnings with Chapter "B" for Holly Ridge..

We are going to do as many chapter visits as we can to promote the raffle.....at the Chapters and the Govn. Run. If anyone would like to see the Poker set, get in touch with me or John or come to our meeting and I think it might be on our web site,also.

We did get to B's meeting, sold some tickets and it's looking good so far, and we hope to sell a lot more.

Some of us went to Chapter "T", the 13th, Saturday night for the Casino night. Barbra and I car pooled with John and Myrna (I didn't have to drive, loved that), met up with Ken and Sandy in PO and met us with Rene and Wagner in Tacoma. We had a great time, won some bullbucks and lost a few.....had a fantastic dealer.. It was nice to see all our old friends and made some new ones. Anyway, we pooled our bullbucks and ended up with about \$8,000,000.00. We had fun buying a few things for the chapter....we all had a good time.

Hope to see everyone at the Chapter meeting on Sat., 27th.....

You're A/CD's

Mike and Barbra Berreman



Rider Education

Tires Change in the Cold Weather:

Tire pressures and treads depth affect traction in rain and snow. According to Bill Egan, chief engineer of advanced tire technology for Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., a tire inflated at 32 pounds per square inch (psi) on a warm 70-degree Fahrenheit day will register at an under-inflated 26 psi in freezing weather.

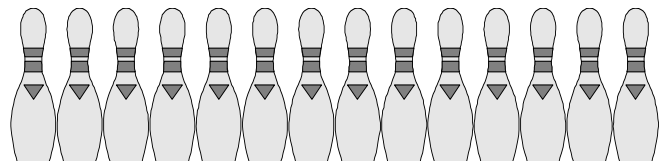
Tire inflation is very important, since a properly inflated tire provides optimum traction and will last longer. Egan says a tire loses 10 percent of its expected tread life for every 10 percent it's under inflated.

This is not a once-a-winter check. Make a point to monitor your tire pressure about twice a month in the cold months.

Egan also offers a cautionary note regarding studded tires on automobiles. While they can offer traction improvements of up to 40 percent over conventional street tires on hard-packed snow and ice, they reduce traction on dry roads because the studs keep the tire from gripping the road.

Tread depth is critical to controlling any motor vehicle at all times but especially in snow or heavy rain. Check tread depth with the "Lincoln head penny test." Insert a penny in between the tread blocks, making sure that President Abe Lincoln's head goes in first; if the tread doesn't reach the top of his head, you need new tires.

Valentines Day





RCW 46.37.530

Motorcycles, motor-driven cycles, mopeds, electric-assisted bicycles — Helmets, other equipment — Children — Rules.

(1) It is unlawful:

(a) For any person to operate a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle not equipped with mirrors on the left and right sides of the motorcycle which shall be so located as to give the driver a complete view of the highway for a distance of at least two hundred feet to the rear of the motorcycle or motor-driven cycle: PROVIDED, That mirrors shall not be required on any motorcycle or motor-driven cycle over twenty-five years old originally manufactured without mirrors and which has been restored to its original condition and which is being ridden to or from or otherwise in conjunction with an antique or classic motorcycle contest, show, or other such assemblage: PROVIDED FURTHER, That no mirror is required on any motorcycle manufactured prior to January 1, 1931;

(b) For any person to operate a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle which does not have a windshield unless wearing glasses, goggles, or a face shield of a type conforming to rules adopted by the state patrol;

(c) For any person to operate or ride upon a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or moped on a state highway, county road, or city street unless wearing upon his or her head a motorcycle helmet except when the vehicle is an antique motor-driven cycle or automobile that is licensed as a motorcycle or when the vehicle is equipped with seat belts and roll bars approved by the state patrol. The motorcycle helmet neck or chin strap must be fastened securely while the motorcycle or motor-driven cycle is in motion. Persons operating electric-assisted bicycles shall comply with all laws and regulations related to the use of bicycle helmets;

(d) For any person to transport a child under the age of five on a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle;

(e) For any person to sell or offer for sale a motorcycle helmet that does not meet the requirements established by this section.

(2) The state patrol may adopt and amend rules, pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, concerning standards for glasses, goggles, and face shields.

(3) For purposes of this section, "motorcycle helmet" means a protective covering for the head consisting of a hard outer shell, padding adjacent to and inside the outer shell, and a neck or chin strap type retention system, with a sticker indicating that the motorcycle helmet meets standards established by the United States Department of Transportation.

Schedule of Events

- Feb. 3rd Ride Education, Buckley, Lv: 6:30am, Tremont 76
- Feb. 4th, Chapter B's Regular Gathering
- Feb. 11th, Breakfast Social, Clearwater Casino. Lv: 9:30 am, Tremont 76
- Feb. 20th, Monthly Planning Meeting, Bill & Lori's, 6:30pm
- Feb. 24th, WA-O Regular Gathering, 8:00 am, Airport Diner, Bremerton Airport, 1200 Bowling Challenge at the High Joy Lanes in Port Orchard.
- Feb. 25th Chapter F Tacoma Visitation, Lv 7:30 am, Tremont 76

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 02-04, Wilma Laird
- 02-08, Roger Kleinendorst
- 02-10, Debbie Miller
- 02-19, Diane Taber
- 02-19 Vernon Walker



Anniversaries

- 02-22, Doug & Kathy Wray



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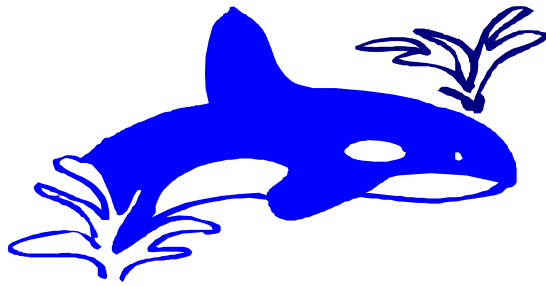
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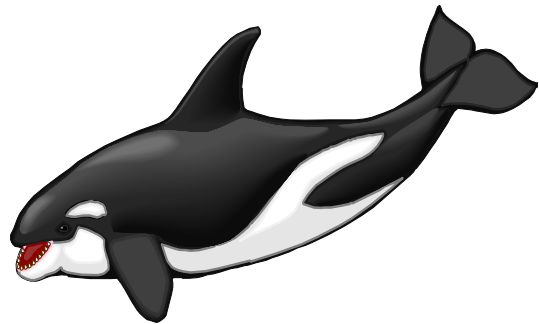
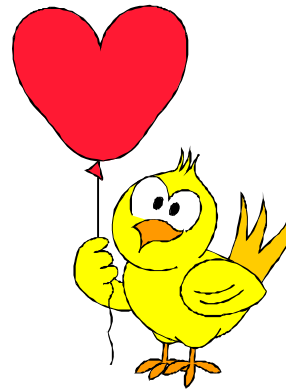
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