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Thoughts from your Chapter Director

Hello to the Pod,

Well here it is almost summer, the days are longer and we are getting some sun and I for one am glad to see it. This is the time of year that we have all been waiting for.

Good riding weather.

We have a lot of things going on in the next few months so please, when you get that phone tree call from Donna or Kay try to make as many of the rides as you can. We have got DQ rides planned, we also have Chapter Visitations on the calendar and soon we will have a few Parking Lot Practices on our schedule. Our Rider Educators Bill & Lori will be working on that. Keep an eye on our Web site and the Newsletter for more information. We will keep you posted on all the good stuff we have planned.

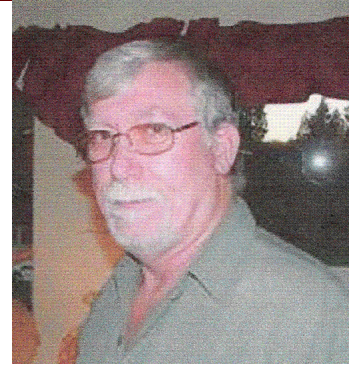
In May we had an ARC class, see Bill's article. Thank you to everyone who took the course.

On the 17th Fred, Phil and I joined Doug Clark and some of the Chapter B folks in representing GWRRRA in the Armed Forces Day Parade. It was great weather, for a Great Parade. Oh yes, I almost forgot Ken Smith he could not ride his Wing because he was there representing the Kitsap County Sheriffs Dept.

I want to remind all of you of the District Rally coming up on July 18th, 19th and 20th in Lynden, Washington. It would be great if we as a Chapter could turn out in force. If you have any questions about the Rally give me a call. Remember we need to support the District.

Well I guess the bottom line is lets get out and ride, If you have a ride you want to go on let one of the staff know and we will see if we can make it happen.

Ride safe John.



Your ACDs Ken & Sandi Smith

Greeting Pod Members,

IT'S HERE, IT'S HERE, RIDING TIME! With that check over your bike, tires, lights, levers, drive train, oil, your helmet and riding gear. Everything needs to be up to par so you don't have any problems out there on the road.

John, Bill and I have scheduled a bike maintenance day at my house just to putter on the bikes kick the tire and change oil or whatever. It has been scheduled for June 21st at 10 AM. A planning meeting for the Whale of a Picnic will follow at about 1 PM.

Well I went to the ARC class the first of the month with the 1800 and was it a good one. Two years ago when I went through it on the 1500 it was a pretty basic course similar to the one in the Cornering Practice book. This one started out with some of the basic turns and stops but that's where it ended and then got very interesting. Nice tight circles, Figure "8s", nearly lock turns, Gray Clutching and Rear Brake Drag to get through some of the exercises.

I thought it was a great course. For those who went I know they enjoyed themselves and boy talk a smooth ride in Phil. Hey for those who went some said the exercises were hard and so did I for just getting into them but we were still able to get through them. I guarantee that if we had known then and practiced them before or if we practice them now, we'll be able to do every one, not one person there wasn't able to get through them.

Yes I did scrape my lower chrome a little so the 1800 is no longer a virgin. Last Friday our heat wave day, John Seifert, Bill, Kevin and I took a ride up to Discovery Bay and had to stop at Fat Smitty's for lunch, then we rode around the canal and stopped at John's (CD) to see how his ear surgery went for the cancer. He said they got it all but I asked him what was keeping his brain in now, Ha. Well I suppose that's enough for now, need to keep you hanging.

See you at the chapter gathering,

Ken & Sandi Smith ACD

May Dinner Social

Well this month Jim Olmsted suggested we gather at the Puerto Vallarta in Port Orchard.

We had a great turn out of members, 20 in total. There were some new and some longtime members, some that have been down south and have returned home just in time for the riding season to begin.

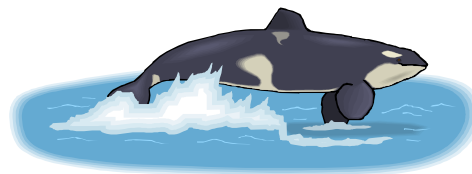
Way back when our Chapter held it's monthly gathering there, and the same gentleman is still the manager. The food is just as good as it was back then.

Our next Dinner Social was chosen by Vern Walker. In June the Manchester Inn will be our destination. I think that the last time we were there it was a very well liked restaurant. We are look forward to having you join us.

In the summer months to come we are going to change our social's to Ice Cream Runs, the first one will be at the Port Orchard Dairy Queen, on the 18th of June at 6:30.

We will try to hit all the Ice Cream places close by throughout the summer months.

Your CD's



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.

Chapter Educators

Hello From Your Chapter Educators:

Well, another month is swiftly passing. Maybe that's because we've been busy and haven't had time to watch the clouds roll in with so much rain that we don't want to do anything.

In fact we had an ARC class the 9th and 10th of May to plan for and to attend. If you have not taken one, I highly encourage you to do it. Some of us thought it was going to be easy and a waste of our time. Boy were we wrong.

It started out slow but by the end it was really challenging. Most of the participants want to try more of these exercises at a parking lot practice. We had 11 Chapter "O" members go through the class, plus prospective member Kevin Jochem. I think we were all impressed with the difficulty of the exercises as we progressed.

Some of us breezed through the course, some of us struggled. We were all impressed with newer member Phil Kirbow's riding ability. I can't express enough of our appreciation to the instructors, who do not get paid and have to use their own valuable time to give us this instruction.

I also want to thank our Chapter Director John for getting the Theler Center and having it all set up for the classroom portion. John also took the time to help lay out the course at the Bremerton Skills Center. He brought his motor home out for the riding portion with gas at \$3.79 a gallon (I know it's higher now) to give us a facility to use and furnished us with cold pop and water. A big thank you to John for all your hard work and efforts on our behalf!

In the future, we plan to have parking lot practices, so we can master some of these difficult exercises. Also the instructors are talking about having a trike class.

Riding season is upon us. Some things to think about:

1. Air pressure (tires) need I say more? Keep your tires in good shape by keeping the correct pressure in them. New tires are expensive but your safety is priceless!
2. Clothing. When the hot weather comes, we tend to want to discard some of our protective clothing. Have any of you seen the new mesh clothing they are coming out with? It is relatively inexpensive and nice looking. You can take everything out but the mesh outer shell with the armor still in place. At the very least, try to wear long sleeves and long pants to help protect you from the elements, bugs and sun.
3. Give your bike a good going over to make sure all the fluids are clean and full. The mice have been removed. Everything is working, as it should be. Remember to TCLOCK before you ride.
4. Now lets get together and RIDE!

Bill and Lori

Official WA State Map

I'm sure I don't have to tell you how important it is to know where you are going. Traveling by motorcycle or car sometimes it's handy to have a map of where to hang the next right or plan an outing. I read a newspaper article the other day about the new official Washington state map is available. The new 2008 edition offers "baby boomer" larger print and says mapmakers drove every inch of Washington state roads to make sure the map is accurate. Anyway, you can either call or order (by web) a free copy mailed to your house. The telephone number is 360.705.7279 or you can access and order by <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/publications/highwaymap>. I've ordered mine and thought I would share this information to my fellow biker buddies.

J/K

A WHALE OF A PICNIC

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



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**SILENT
AUCTION**

AUGUST 9TH, 2008

Registration starts - 9AM Donuts & coffee
Ride starts from JARSTAD PARK- 10AM
PICNIC LUNCH BEGINS- 1PM
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FOR GRAND PRIZE AND
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CALL: JOHN SCRIVNER - 360-275-8606 or KEN SMITH 360-876-6737

Chapter O Calendar and Schedule of Events

June 2008

- 1st - The 5th Annual Bikes, Blue-grass & Bikes 1-4 PM Harper Church, Sedgwick Rd, Port Orchard
- 7th - WA-D Duck Hunt Leave Belfair Safeway 7:15 AM
- 10th - Dinner Social at Manchester Inn 6:30 PM Vern Walker's suggestion
- 18th - Dairy Queen Ice Cream Run 6:30 PM Port Orchard
- 21st - Bike Maintenance - 10 AM at Ken & Sandi's Followed by planning meeting for A Whale of a Picnic Starts about 1 PM, Call Ken for more information
- 24th - Planning Meeting at Bill & Lori's 6:30 PM
- 28th - WA-O Gathering/Installing New ACD Rick & Sharon Williams
- 28th - Fathoms of Fun Parade - More information to come.

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					

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 6/03 - Rita Walker
- 6/06 - Ken Smith
- 6/07 - Jon Parsons
- 6/14 - Nelson Wagner
- 6/15 - Renee Wagner

Anniversaries

- 6/11 - Ken & Sandi Smith - 31st
- 6/12 - Gordon McKay - 47th
- 6/13 - Jon Parsons - 27th
- 6/15 - Isaac Barrett - 18th
- 6/23 - Jack Davies & Colleen Powell - 12th
- 6/25 - Edward & Eileen Seifert - 10th



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