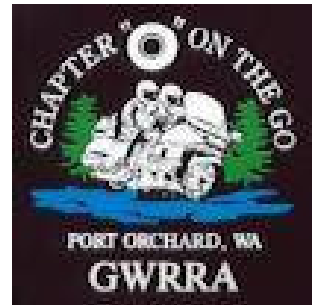




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Thoughts from your Chapter Director

Hello to the Pod.

April showers bring May flowers. Well, I don't know about the rest of you but I am ready for some **May flowers**. I am tired of the showers and I want to get some riding in. It seems that every time I think about getting the Bike out and going for a ride it starts to rain before I can get to the garage.

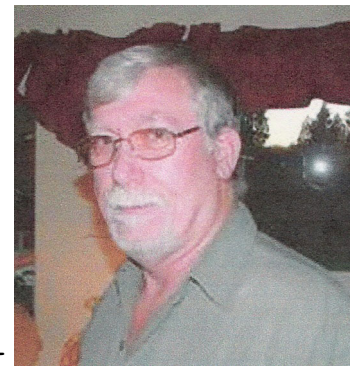
I know there are a lot of riders out there that ride in the rain every day, but as most of you know I am not one of them. It is one thing to get caught out in it but I have a real hard time leaving the garage when it is raining. So come on May bring on the SUN.

We have a lot of things going on in May, starting with The Governors Run. Chapter "O" will once again be putting on the dinner, Saturday. As well as handling the on-site registration for the weekend. I want to thank all of you in advance for your help. May, also has a couple of events east of the Cascades for those who want to get your butts and your seats reacquainted before heading for Wing Ding. Check our web site and calendar for more information on these events.

Speaking of Wing Ding, it seems as though a large number of our Chapter will be there. I wonder how many people think the way I do? It is not the destination but the ride. I am really looking forward to hitting the road and seeing some of the wonderful things that this country has to offer. Is it time to go yet? Oh well, I guess we will just have to wait a little longer for that trip, but I know there are enough upcoming rides here in our on back yard to appease us until then.

If any one has a ride they would like to go on just let our new Ride Coordinator, Jack Harrison know and we will see if we can make it happen.

Ride Safe! John.



ACDs Ken & Sandi

Greetings Fellow Pod Members,
 Was this a repeat of last month or what, it was again a really hectic month at home and work for Sandi and I. Sometimes Sandi and I just seemed like we were spinning our wheels. Sandi was very busy with the Easter Holiday. We had a motorcycle maintenance day at my house the first week end of the month. Work was done on one Bill's, Mark's and Jim's bikes. Boy we had a heck of a time getting things lined up again in Jim's bike and all he wanted to do was change his battery. Our CD John, John S, John M, Donna Jan and JK were all there as well. Donna was putting together a list of phone numbers for everyone who's going to Wing Ding, so we can get in touch with each other there. Hope I didn't forget any one. I'm heading off the 20th to Walla Walla for the NW Regional championships with the South Kitsap High Navy JROTC. Air Rifle team, so wish us luck, The Sporter team just won the Washington State JR Olympics and will head to Kentucky in July for the National finals.

Well that's about it for now see you at the chapter gathering.

A/CD Ken and Sandi Smith

April Dinner Social

We had another successful dinner social. Vern and Rita recommended the 2 Margaritas in Silverdale, as a selection for one of our socials. If there's one thing that Bikers know it's good food.

We arrived and were soon followed by the rest of the Pod members.

We were all pleased to see Kay Beck and her daughter. It was good to see her up and about.

The food was very good...our service was a little slow but it was worth waiting for. I think that it would be a place we would return to.

Our next dinner is planned for the Ponderay Café on Callow Street in West Bremerton. On the 15th of May, at 6:30. See you there.

P/S Mike will tell you they have the best Bread Pudding!!!!!!

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.



ACDs Mike & Barb

Hi gang....I haven't been in touch with the pod lately, still been busy with houses.

We have a lot of things happening so I'm sure I'll get back into the grove, soon.

I was cleaning my bike today to get ready for some riding and it's a good thing I did. I found a nest and 2 mice in the trunk, I'm not sure how they got in there but they are looking for a new home now.

Hope to see everyone at the Govn. Run... Looks like were going to have fun with the dinner again.....it's time to find those cute little aprons.

See ya there. Mike and Barb
A C/D

Rider Education

Well, how many of you are ready for the season of riding? It was great to see the turnout at Ken and Sandi's for the maintenance workshop. A lot of guys helping each other and I even seen some come out of the garage with grease all over them. We will have to do another soon as the weather gets a few more people out riding.

It seems like this has been a busy year already for most of us. Now that riding season is here, take a few minutes to check your helmets, boots, gloves, riding gear, CB radio. Beings it has been awhile since you used some of these, they also need some TLC. So get the lotion and water repellent out, clean the leathers up. For your helmet, check the straps, clean the visor, wash out the inside with a mild soap to remove sweat, also you can spray with fabreze, just lay out to air dry. Check your CB and make sure it works especially before you go on a group ride, believe me, I know what it is like to not have your CB working right. It is really frustrating to try and communicate with the group when it isn't working right. Give the boots a good shine and water repellent spray, you know our weather is ALWAYS WET!!! Same goes for you chaps and jacket and gloves. It is a good feeling to go on that ride you are looking forward to when you have prepared everything ahead of time.. As always Alan and I wish all of you a safe riding season ahead. Be safe and have a lot of fun!

Senior Rider Educators, Alan Fewel & Donna Dodge

Thoughts form an old Biker

- Four wheels move the body. Two wheels move the soul.
- Life may begin at 30, but it doesn't get real interesting until about 60 mph!
- You start the game of life with a full pot o' luck and an empty pot o' experience... The object is to fill the pot of experience before you empty the pot of luck.
- If you wait, all that happens is that you get older.
- Midnight bugs taste just as bad as Noon time bugs.
- Saddlebags can never hold everything you want, but they CAN hold everything you need.
- It takes more love to share the saddle than it does to share the bed.
- The only good view of a thunderstorm is in your rearview mirror.
- Never be afraid to slow down.
- Don't ride so late into the night that you sleep through the sunrise.
- Sometimes it takes a whole tank full of fuel before you can think straight.
- Riding faster than everyone else only guarantees you'll ride alone.
- Never hesitate to ride past the last street light at the edge of town.
- Never do less than forty miles before breakfast.
- If you don't ride in the rain, you don't ride.
- A bike on the road is worth two in the shed.
- Respect the person who has seen the dark side of motorcycling and lived.
- Young riders pick a destination and go... Old riders pick a direction and go.
- A good mechanic will let you watch without charging you for it.
- Sometimes the fastest way to get there is to stop for the night.
- Always back your bike into the curb, and sit where you can see it.

Bob Merriman Memorial Washington Governor's Run

Mike White, GWRRA Chapter WA-B Governor's Run Coordinator

Hi everyone. Just a quick note about this year's Governor's Run. In case you didn't know, it is our 25th this year. We are going all out this year and plan on having the best run we have ever had. The highlights of the run this year are our Grand Prizes. This year we are giving away not ONE but TWO motorcycles. One will be a new Honda



Gold Wing and the other is a new Harley Davidson Electra Glide Standard. We also have a new Bushtec Turbo +2 trailer to give away. As it has been in the past, you do NOT need to be present to win any of the Grand Prizes. All for the low sum of \$25 per registration. You can register more than once as well. We also have a lot of other prizes and a silent auction going on both days. This year, we also have a 25th Anniversary commemorative coin.

We plan on having a huge Show and Shine (better than last year I'm told) on Saturday. Anybody who puts their bike in the Show and Shine will be eligible to win some prizes. Last year's top prize was a set of 4 car/truck tires valued up to \$2500. We are still working on the prizes for this year. There will also be trophies given out for the winners of the various classes.

Also on tap will be new Bike Games for Saturday. GWRRA Chapter G did a fantastic job last year and told me that this year will be even better with more fun and more challenges. Again, anybody that participates in the bike games will be eligible to win some prizes.

You have to be registered for the event to participate in the Show and Shine and the Bike Games.

Saturday will also have some great entertainment. We are still working on the entertainment. GWRRA Chapter O is putting on a great dinner of pulled pork, baked beans, salad, corn on the cob, and dessert for only \$8.

Sunday is the actual run itself. Starting at 8:05 am just after a quick opening with a color guard and the National Anthem, the ride coordinators promise me a wonderful ride throughout the area. We will also have two non-motorcycle drill teams performing for us on Sunday afternoon. Then we will have motorcycle drill teams right after that. The GWTA Northwest Wings have confirmed they will be there. Still working on the Cossacks.

One final highlight. The vendor area in the Pavilion will be open this year! No charge to come see the vendors!

If you would like to volunteer to help us put on the run, we can always use extra help. We will give you a 25th Anniversary hat.

If you need further information and registration forms, you can go to www.governorsrun.net or contact me at mikew@wavecable.com or call me at 360.340.2588.



So... Are You the Perfect Co-Rider from the Region I Newsletter

What does it mean to be a co-rider? Does it just mean we set on the back of the bike and enjoy the ride, while our riding partner does all the work? I think not. As Region I Couple of the Year, we think of ourselves not just as a couple but a partnership with equal responsibilities when it comes to the ride...does that make me the "Perfect Co-Rider"? Of course not, but if we look at what the perfect co-rider might be, then maybe we can all learn how to be a better co-rider.

1. **TAKE THE CO-RIDER SEMINAR** - I would suggest ALL members, not just the co-riders attend the seminar. By attending you will learn what a co-rider is and does, and your riding partner can learn how you can help.
2. **BE PREPARED** - Take an active, if not lead role in making sure that all necessary items are packed. Do you have rain and/or other appropriate gear, sunscreen, chap stick, water and emergency food? Is your cell phone fully charged? Did you double check that your first aid kit was restocked the last time you used it? Did you TCLOC your bike? (If you don't know what that is...see #1 above).
3. **DRESS APPROPRIATELY** - Besides a helmet, you should wear motorcycle gloves, a jacket (one with a liner is good since it can be removed if it gets too warm) and pants (or a full one piece suit), and heavy-duty (over the ankle) boots. All should fit snug and not flap in the wind. You either dress for the ride, or you dress for the crash. (Excerpts taken from yensbikes.blogspot.com)
4. **WHO'S ON FIRST** - The rider should always mount first and dismount last. Prior to mounting you should make sure the bike is level and straight. Never mount (or dismount) until both you and the rider have giving the signal, or acknowledgment, then mount from the left side of the bike by holding onto the rider's shoulder, putting your left foot on the left passenger foot peg, and swinging your right leg over the seat.
5. **SIT DOWN AND STAY STILL** - Enjoy the ride, but remember you have responsibilities as well. Keep your feet on the pegs and set still, this helps the rider. Excessive or unplanned movement may cause the rider to have to rebalance the bike and if unprepared could have very unpleasant results.
6. **KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN** - Remember you are the rider's second set of eyes. You can see things that they may not be able to see. Make sweeping glances, are there animals running toward the road, cars that may not be stopping, a dip or pothole that you need to hold on and prepare for? Relay these things to the rider; they will appreciate the heads up.
7. **AROUND THE CORNER** - Don't be afraid of the bike leaning, it is necessary when cornering. If you are turning or cornering left, look out to the end of the turn over the riders left shoulder, if turning or cornering right, look over their right shoulder. This not only keeps you steady, it also helps with the turn. Whatever you do, DON'T over lean, or counter lean just "be one with the bike."
8. **NAVIGATION** - The rider has their hands full riding the bike, you as the co-rider should be the one reading the map, letting your rider know that the rest stop is coming up and that you are coming up on the last gas station for 100 miles. You take care of the small details and let them get you there safely.
9. **COMMUNICATE, BUT DON'T AGGRAVATE** - Chatting with your rider and giving them directions is great, yelling at them or engaging in an argument is not. Remember there is a place and time for everything, on the bike is NOT the time to distract the rider.
10. **ENJOY THE RIDE** - Two-up riding is a great fun so set back and enjoy the ride...but remember you are a CO-Rider, not just a passenger. Do Your Part.

RIDE WARM, RIDE SAFE.

Terry & Cheri Huffman

Schedule of Events

- 5 & 6—25th Annual Bob Merriman Memorial Washington Governor's Run
- 12th - WA-Z Chehalis Gathering Leave Belfair Safeway at 5:30 PM
- 15th - Dinner Social at Ponderay Cafe - W. Bremerton on Callow St. - 6:30 PM
- 18th to 21st - Victoria Days WA-S (FYI)
- 22nd—Monthly Planning Meeting - John's - 6:30 PM
- 25th to 27th—Desert Spring Fling - WA-L (FYI)
- 26th—WA-O Gathering Airport Diner - 8:00 AM Breakfast, 9:00 AM Meeting - Ride to Port Townsend to follow.
- 27th—Packwood Ride - Leave Tremont 76 at 8:00 AM.

May 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Govr's Run
6 Govr's Run	7	8	9	10	11	12 WA-Z visit
13	14	15 Dinner Social	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Month Planning	23	24	25	26 Monthly Gather
27 Park-wood	28	29	30	31		

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

5/1 Tom Curley
5/30 Dave Miller



Anniversaries

5/2 Gerald & Lori Biltoft - 27th
5/22 Rita & Vernon Walker - 24th



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