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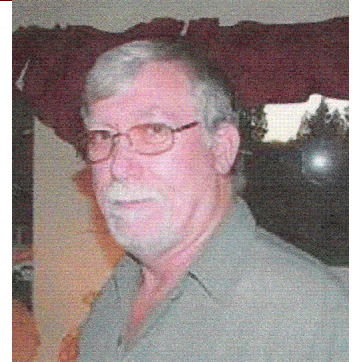
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Thoughts from your Chapter Director

Hello to the Pod,

Well I thought that things would start to slow down a little bit in October, but as it turned out we had quite a bit happening.

On the 2nd, I along with about 7 or 8 other Orcas were involved in something that I was truly proud to be apart of. We were part of a motorcycle escort for six unclaimed veterans that left the Coroners office in Port Orchard and went to Mt. Tahoma National Cemetery in Covington. Please read the attached article in this newsletter on page 8.



On Saturday the 11th we had our 3rd annual Leaf Ride. Man was it cold when I left my house at about 8 am. How cold was it you ask.? It was 28, and believe me that was plenty cold enough. By the time the 9:00 am leave time rolled around between Chapter "O" and Chapter B we had 13 Bikes ready to roll. We hit a little fog and had two deer standing in the road, but we saw them in plenty of time. Before the ride was over we had lots of sunshine. We ended our ride at Jack and Colleens. We had Bratwursts and lots of deserts. Oh by the way I almost forgot, we had something this year that we have not had before Rabbit Stew. Thanks to our friends in Chapter L. (see the pictures on pages 2 & 3). We had about 25 people and I believe a good time was had by all.

On the 18th Ken Smith, John Morrison and I joined Chapter B on their 1st Annual Harvest Ride. If you missed it you missed a great ride. Good job to Jim Dutton who laid out and led the ride.

Well I believe it will soon be time to put my trusty steed "White Magic" to bed for the winters and when I do I will be able to set back and think about all the great rides I have been on this year and I hope that all of you will be able to do the same.

In closing I would like to thank this great Chapter for all of your support.

John.

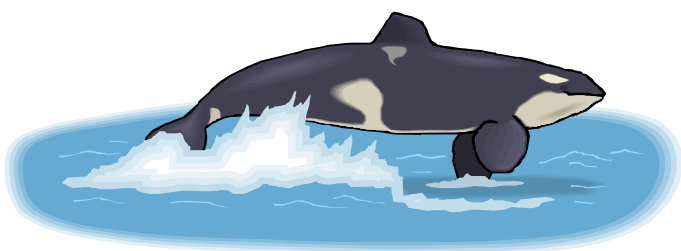


Chapter Educators

Well we just had our Leaf ride and gathering at Jack and Colleens. I don't know about you but I managed to make a pig of myself with all the great food. Of course I am always hungry after a great ride. Thanks to Jack and Colleen for opening up their house to us and supplying all the great food.

Read "50 Ways to Save Your Life" starting on page 4.

Fatting Up



Your ACDs Ken & Sandi Smith

Greeting Pod Members,
October, changing leaves and rain, fall is here. As usual Sandi and I have been busy.

I went with John we he plotted out the Leaf ride but then we missed it because I was out trying to get Bambi to co-operate and walk into my rifle sights, but alas, no venison for dinner.

Then John called the night of the dinner social and asked if I forgot something and well Yes I did, I was in the middle of gutting out our bathroom and remodeling it.

John, John Morrison and I went on Chapter B's Harvest ride and it was great and it was the leaf ride in reverse. It's really getting about time when I wash the bike one more time, change the oil, put the battery tender on and putting it to bed for it's long winter nap.

Make sure if you store your bike for the winter to top off your gas and use some type of stable product in the gas to keep it from breaking down. Also if you are at your oil change, do it to so your engine isn't sitting with the acid formed by the oil break down. If you keep riding stay warm as hypothermia can come up pretty quickly and watch those roads for wet leaves or ice on the road.

See you at the up coming chapter gathering

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.

Autumn Days

Well we have had another month filled with rides, gatherings and food. It's time for Autumn. Everyone is trying to get in the last rides of the season.

Our 3rd Annual Leaf Ride was a success. It was a bit foggy and a little cold, but there **was not a drop of rain**. There were 25 of us that came together at Jack & Colleen's on the 11th of October. We shared Brats & Beans, and more dessert then I can name. Thanks to those from Chapter B who joined us.

On the 14th around twelve members met at Jimmy D's in Belfair, for dinner. Thanks to Pat Holmes for that suggestion. Remember if you have a favorite place or some place new, add it to the Suggestion Jar at the next meeting.

If you have not signed up for the Christmas Party, there is a flyer in this newsletter or on line, with the time, place and such. Just take a moment to write your name and amount at the bottom of it and send a check off to Jan Olmsted or bring it to this months meeting. The sooner we have a count of those who are going to attend, the easier it will be to plan for food and prizes etc....

Have you been thinking about the *Cookie Contest* ?????

We'll all share in the cookies that are left after the judging is over. It is fun to see all the different kinds we end up with. This is open to you guys too, men are good cooks. I think that Jack's won once. So get out your cookbooks, go on line, be creative.

John & Myrna

Rabbit Stew



50 Ways to Save Your Life

We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit. --Aristotle

writer: The Motorcyclist Staff

The best bike in the world is scrap--or soon will be--unless you learn how to use it. The most powerful piece of high-performance hardware is between your ears. To help you program it with the right information, we've assembled 50 potentially lifesaving bits of street savvy. Some you'll know, some you won't. All are worth remembering, because when it comes to riding motorcycles on the street, the people over at the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (www.msf-usa.org) have the right idea with their tagline: The more you know, the better it gets.

1. Assume you're invisible

Because to a lot of drivers, you are. Never make a move based on the assumption that another driver sees you, even if you've just made eye contact. Bikes don't always register in the four-wheel mind.

2. Be considerate

The consequences of strafing the jerk du jour or cutting him off start out bad and get worse. Pretend it was your grandma and think again.

3. Dress for the crash, not the pool or the prom

Sure, Joaquin's Fish Tacos is a 5-minute trip, but nobody plans to eat pavement. Modern mesh gear means 100-degree heat is no excuse for a T-shirt and board shorts.

4. Hope for the best, prepare for the worst

Assume that car across the intersection will turn across your bow when the light goes green, with or without a turn signal.

5. Leave your ego at home

The only people who really care if you were faster on the freeway will be the officer and the judge.

6. Pay attention

Yes, there is a half-naked girl on the billboard. That shock does feels squishy. Meanwhile, you could be drifting toward Big Trouble. Focus.

7. Mirrors only show you part of the picture

Never change direction without turning your head to make sure the coast really is clear.

8. Be patient

Always take another second or three before you pull out to pass, ride away from a curb or into freeway traffic from an on-ramp. It's what you don't see that gets you. That extra look could save your butt.

9. Watch your closing speed

Passing cars at twice their speed or changing lanes to shoot past a row of stopped cars is just asking for trouble.

10. Beware the verge and the merge

A lot of nasty surprises end up on the sides of the road: empty McDonald's bags, nails, TV antennas, ladders, you name it. Watch for potentially troublesome debris on both sides of the road.

11. Left-turning cars remain a leading killer of motorcyclists

Don't assume someone will wait for you to dart through the intersection. They're trying to beat the light, too.

12. Beware of cars running traffic lights

The first few seconds after a signal light changes are the most perilous. Look both ways before barging into an intersection.

13. Check your mirrors

Do it every time you change lanes, slow down or stop. Be ready to move if another vehicle is about to occupy the space you'd planned to use.

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14. Mind the gap

Remember Driver's Ed? One second's worth of distance per 10 mph is the old rule of thumb. Better still, scan the next 12 seconds ahead for potential trouble.

15. Beware of tuner cars

They're quick and their drivers tend to be aggressive. Don't assume you've beaten one away from a light or out-paced it in traffic and change lanes without looking. You could end up as a Nissan hood ornament.

16. Excessive entrance speed hurts

It's the leading cause of single-bike accidents on twisty roads and racetracks. In Slow, Out Fast is the old adage, and it still works. Dialing up corner speed is safer than scrubbing it off.

17. Don't trust that deer whistle

Ungulates and other feral beasts prowl at dawn and dusk, so heed those big yellow signs. If you're riding in a target-rich environment, slow down and watch the shoulders.

18. Learn to use both brakes

The front does most of your stopping, but a little rear brake on corner entry can calm a nervous chassis.

19. Keep the front brake covered--always

Save a single second of reaction time at 60 mph and you can stop 88 feet shorter. Think about that.

20. Look where you want to go

Use the miracle of target fixation to your advantage. The motorcycle goes where you look, so focus on the solution instead of the problem.

21. Keep your eyes moving

Traffic is always shifting, so keep scanning for potential trouble. Don't lock your eyes on any one thing for too long unless you're actually dealing with trouble.

22. Think before you act

Careful whipping around that Camry going 7 mph in a 25-mph zone or you could end up with your head in the driver's side door when he turns into the driveway right in front of you.

23. Raise your gaze

It's too late to do anything about the 20 feet immediately in front of your fender, so scan the road far enough ahead to see trouble and change trajectory.

24. Get your mind right in the driveway

Most accidents happen during the first 15 minutes of a ride, below 40 mph, near an intersection or driveway. Yes, that could be your driveway.

25. Come to a full stop at that next stop sign

Put a foot down. Look again. Anything less forces a snap decision with no time to spot potential trouble.

26. Never dive into a gap in stalled traffic

Cars may have stopped for a reason, and you may not be able to see why until it's too late to do anything about it.

27. Don't saddle up more than you can handle

If you weigh 95 pounds, avoid that 795-pound cruiser. If you're 5-foot-5, forget those towering adventure-tourers.

28. Watch for car doors opening in traffic

And smacking a car that's swerving around some goofball's open door is just as painful.

29. Don't get in an intersection rut

Watch for a two-way stop after a string of four-way intersections. If you expect cross-traffic to stop, there could be a painful surprise when it doesn't.

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30. Stay in your comfort zone when you're with a group

Riding over your head is a good way to end up in the ditch. Any bunch worth riding with will have a rendezvous point where you'll be able to link up again.

31. Give your eyes some time to adjust

A minute or two of low light heading from a well-lighted garage onto dark streets is a good thing. Otherwise, you're essentially flying blind for the first mile or so.

32. Master the slow U-turn

Practice. Park your butt on the outside edge of the seat and lean the bike into the turn, using your body as a counterweight as you pivot around the rear wheel.

33. Who put a stop sign at the top of this hill?

Don't panic. Use the rear brake to keep from rolling back down. Use Mr. Throttle and Mr. Clutch normally--and smoothly--to pull away.

34. If it looks slippery, assume it is

A patch of suspicious pavement could be just about anything. Butter Flavor Crisco? Gravel? Mobil 1? Or maybe it's nothing. Better to slow down for nothing than go on your head.

35. Bang! A blowout! Now what?

No sudden moves. The motorcycle isn't happy, so be prepared to apply a little calming muscle to maintain course. Ease back the throttle, brake gingerly with the good wheel and pull over very smoothly to the shoulder. Big sigh.

36. Drops on the face shield?

It's raining. Lightly misted pavement can be slipperier than when it's been rinsed by a downpour, and you never know how much grip there is. Apply maximum-level concentration, caution and smoothness.

37. Emotions in check?

To paraphrase Mr. Ice Cube, chickity-check yoself before you wreck yoself. Emotions are as powerful as any drug, so take inventory every time you saddle up. If you're mad, sad, exhausted or anxious, stay put.

38. Wear good gear

Wear stuff that fits you and the weather. If you're too hot or too cold or fighting with a jacket that binds across the shoulders, you're dangerous. It's that simple.

39. Leave the iPod at home

You won't hear that cement truck in time with Spinal Tap cranked to 11, but they might like your headphones in intensive care.

40. Learn to swerve

Be able to do two tight turns in quick succession. Flick left around the bag of briquettes, then right back to your original trajectory. The bike will follow your eyes, so look at the way around, not the briquettes. Now practice till it's a reflex.

41. Be smooth at low speeds

Take some angst out, especially of slow-speed maneuvers, with a bit of rear brake. It adds a welcome bit of stability by minimizing unwelcome weight transfer and potentially bothersome driveline lash.

42. Flashing is good for you

Turn signals get your attention by flashing, right? So a few easy taps on the pedal or lever before stopping makes your brake light more eye-catching to trailing traffic.

43. Intersections are scary, so hedge your bets

Put another vehicle between your bike and the possibility of someone running the stop sign/red light on your right

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and you cut your chances of getting nailed in half.

44. Tune your peripheral vision

Pick a point near the center of that wall over there. Now scan as far as you can by moving your attention, not your gaze. The more you can see without turning your head, the sooner you can react to trouble.

45. All alone at a light that won't turn green?

Put as much motorcycle as possible directly above the sensor wire--usually buried in the pavement beneath you and located by a round or square pattern behind the limit line. If the light still won't change, try putting your kickstand down, right on the wire. You should be on your way in seconds.

46. Every-thing is harder to see after dark

Adjust your headlights, Carry a clear face shield and have your game all the way on after dark, especially during commuter hours.

47. Don't troll next to--or right behind--Mr. Peterbilt

If one of those 18 retreads blows up--which they do with some regularity--it de-treads, and that can be ugly. Unless you like dodging huge chunks of flying rubber, keep your distance.

48. Take the panic out of panic stops

Develop an intimate relationship with your front brake. Seek out some safe, open pavement. Starting slowly, find that fine line between maximum braking and a locked wheel, and then do it again, and again.

49. Make your tires right

None of this stuff matters unless your skins are right. Don't take 'em for granted. Make sure pressure is spot-on every time you ride. Check for cuts, nails and other junk they might have picked up, as well as general wear.

50. Take a deep breath

Count to 10. Visualize whirled peas. Forgetting some clown's 80-mph indiscretion beats running the risk of ruining your life, or ending it. -MC

B.Z. Toons

by Brian Zaikowski



Ticket School

Six Forgotten Veterans of Kitsap County

On Thursday, October 2, 2008, a gentle rain accompanied the gathering of local Patriot Guard Riders and Veteran Support Organizations in the parking area of Givens Community Center and Kitsap County Coroner's Office in Port Orchard Washington. The seriousness of the moment was witnessed by Port Orchard Police Department, Kitsap County Sheriff's Department, Washington State Highway Patrol and Motorcycle Escort Services. The number of people riding in the escort was very large and came from all walks of our community.

Although unrehearsed and impromptu, the remains of six veterans, four Navy, one Army and one Marine, with respect and dignity were carried by Navy, Army and Marine Corps Veterans. Each of the deceased was also escorted by an Army uniformed soldier holding an umbrella to shield the remains from the rain. A hand salute was rendered as each of the deceased was carefully placed in the back seat of the transporting vehicle driven by Leif Bentsen, Coordinator of Kitsap County Veteran Assistance Program. The remains of the six Veterans were draped with the American Flag and accompanied with a bottle of Brandy and a good American Cigar. Kitsap County Sheriff, Steve Boyer, spoke with words of great appreciation for this escort taking place and what an honor it was to be part of it.

At exactly 1030 a.m. the escort mounted their motor cycles, drivers got in their cars and with police and escort services, the procession departed the Kitsap County Coroner's Office for Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent. The seventy plus mile escort stopped only once on the Tacoma Narrows Bridge for toll collections and then via Highway 16 to Interstate 5 and north to Highway 18 and Tahoma National Cemetery. The procession continued at posted speeds and non stop. The cars and commercial vehicles stopped along the way and many of the drivers covered their mouth and some saluted and respectfully waved when they recognized the significance of the escort. Not a single vehicle along any of the major highways hindered any part of the funeral escort.

Upon reaching Tahoma National Cemetery, the escort riders rode side by side at a very slow speed to the committal shelter. Again, with dignity and respect the remains of the six veterans were carried to the Committal Shelter where full military honors were given. A final roll call was taken and each of the six veterans name and branch of service was called and followed by the ringing of a bell. A U.S. Flag was unfolded and held open as the honor guard fired three volleys. Upon completion of the service, an Army Bugler played taps and three brass shell casings were presented to the Kitsap County Veteran's Assistance Coordinator, Leif Bentsen.

It was because of the many Veteran Service Organizations including but not limited to Combat Veterans International, Warrior Brotherhood, Combat Veterans Association, Brotherhood in Arms, Gold Wing Riders Association, Patriot Guard Riders with Alky Angels, Star Riders and others including non veteran riders that this escort and service was filled with such dignity and respect. It was truly a brotherhood shared by a family of military veterans and supported by our local police and sheriff departments.

Respectfully,
Drake Evans
Vice President
Combat Veterans International
Chapter 5



Carrying remains from Coroner's Office.



Carrying remains from Coroner's Office.



Transporting vehicle.



Committal services.



Completion of services.



The Chapter is having a
Christmas Party



Date: Saturday December 13th

Place: Long Lake Community Room

5100 Long Lake Rd. Port Orchard WA 98367

Time: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Cost: \$10 single, \$15 couple, kids under 16 free

Food and Drink will be provided

Bring New Unwrapped Toys to be Donated to
Kitsap Foster Care Association



Best Cookie Contest

Drawing for Prizes

**Christmas is our chance to show appreciation to all our members
for another good year**

Please come and Join us!

\$25 Prize drawing for Pre-register by November 29th

Send registration to Jan Olmsted

90 E. Old Ranch Rd. Allyn WA 98524



Chapter O Calendar and Schedule of Events

November 2008

- 1st - Leadership Conference Lv. 76 at 6 AM
- 2nd - WA-B Gathering - Meet there
- 20th - Planning Meeting - Rick & Sharon's at 6:30 PM
- 22nd - WA-O Gathering
- 22nd - Yearly Calendar Planning Meeting - John & Myrna's at 1 PM
- 27th - Happy Thanksgiving to All
- 29th - Leftovers at Jack & Colleens at 1 PM. Bring your Thanksgiving leftovers.
- 29th - Last day to pre-register for the Christmas Party

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 11/08 - Eileen Seifert
- 11/21 - Donna Dodge

Anniversaries

- 11/19 - Patrick & Debbie Holmes - 25th



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