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Thoughts from your Chapter Director

Hello to the Pod.

Well it is that time of year again, the days are shorter and the nights are getting colder and guess what, rain, rain, rain. I guess it is about time to put the bike away for the winter. Oh well, I am not a ride in the rain type of guy anyway.

The Pod was pretty busy in October. On the 6th a group of us went to Buckley to attend the Ins and Outs of GWRRRA, hosted by our new District Directors Mike and Peggy Hudnell. Every year I go to this and every year I learn something new. I really appreciate the education that GWRRRA provides.

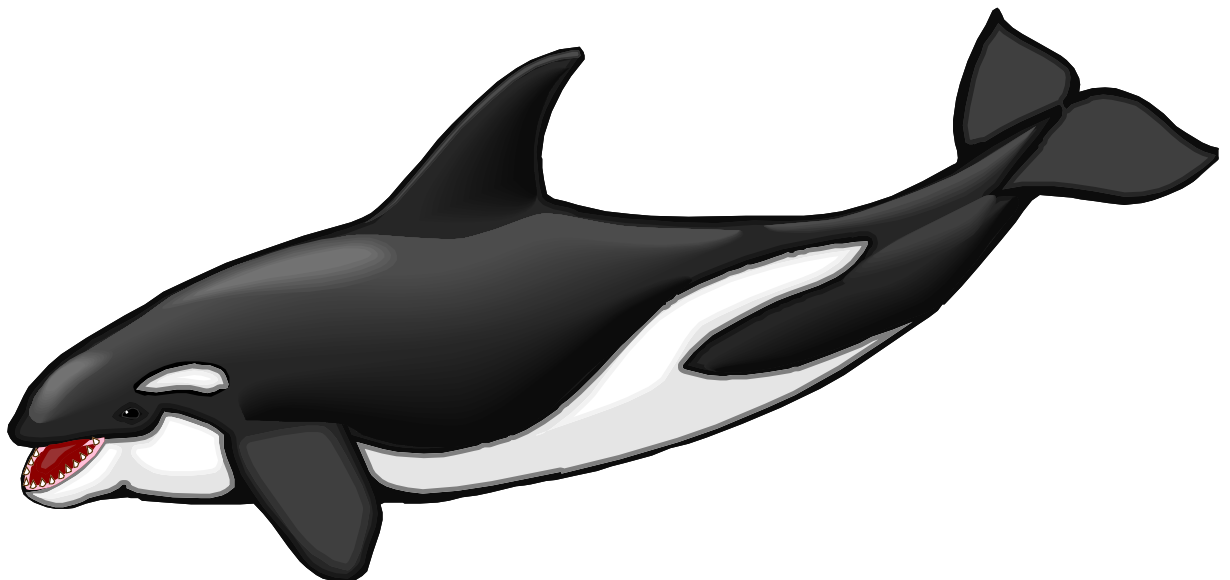
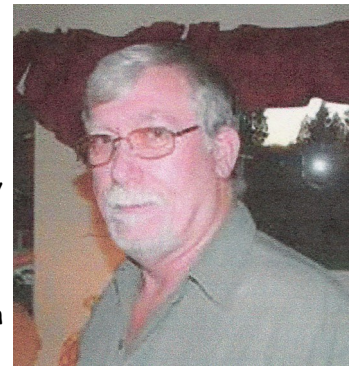
On the 13th, we had 11 bikes carrying 16 friends, go on the leaf ride. I led the group on a 108 mile ride and we saw some beautiful fall colors after the fog burned off. I want to thank all of those who helped make this years ride a success. I would like to especially thank

Jack Davies & Colleen Powell for opening their beautiful new home to a bunch of hungry people on a beautiful fall day.

On the 31st (Halloween,) The chapter will once again be providing security for all the little ghost and goblins. If you have never participated in this please come out and join us it is a lot of fun and it is a great way to help out our community.

Well I hope to see you all at our October gathering. Until then be safe, it is wet out there.

John.



ACDs Ken & Sandi

Greetings Fellow Pod Members,

Well it is now definitely the end of the main riding season for Sandi and I. I'm not much for riding in bad weather unless I get caught in it.

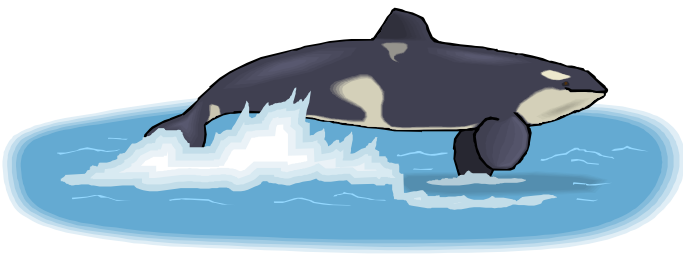
I went to the Ins and Outs for some great training the first of the month. Sandi and I also got to the dinner social at El Sombrero and it was a full house.

I also had a great time on the leaf ride but Sandi had to work. John picked out an excellent route. We started out from the Safeway in Belfair with Jim D. Jim S. and Dave W. from Chapter B. We had some new friends ride with us on their brand new 2008 Black 1800; Rodney and Susan Lopez. Jack D. knows a friend of theirs, Kim and my memory has gone, who Jack's worked for and who also just bought a Red Pearl 2008 1800.

Jack told Kim about the leaf ride and Kim told Rodney and Susan. I invited them to our next gathering at the Airport Diner. There was 11 bikes total with John our fearless leader, John and Eileen Seifert, John Morrison, Jon and I apologize I forgot Jon's wife's name Parsons, Jim Olmstead, Jack and Louise Harrison and myself from Chapter "O".

We did have some fog for part of the ride but that didn't matter we still saw some beautiful fall colors. We went around the Mason County area, Hunters Farm and along the Canal. I've never been to the New England States and have been told that they have some of the most beautiful fall colors around, well we don't that department. It's really great to see how nature changes for its long sleep only to come out again and amazes us in the spring Can't wait for that.

See you at the chapter meeting



Dining Out in Port Orchard

Fall has come upon us fast this year. Seems like only yesterday we were out enjoying a ride around the Canal on a sunny day. Thankfully we got another sunny day for our Leaf Ride.

We had many of our members show up at El Sombrero, on the 9th of October. I think we had around 23 all together. The food was good as usual. There was talk of hunting trips, Frank & Diane brought their Grandson, Bill & Lori were there too, his first time out after back surgery. It was great to see everyone.

We have our next dinner coming up on the 13th of November. We are also close to the Thanksgiving Left-over Party at Jack & Colleen's place. That will be after the meeting on the 24th.

The Holiday season will be here in no time.

Your CD



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 & Barbra

It's 4:15 AM, I'm rolling out of bed, headed for the shower. I have to meet John, Myrna and Jan at John's at 5:30. Way to early in the morning but we have to head out for the District In and Out Meeting in Buckley. From John's we met up with Ken Smith and John Seifert, JK had already left. So we all headed for Buckley, missed the turn, it wasn't marked very well but then, that's a Chapter "0" ride ...a good start for the day.

We checked in, saw a lot of people we hadn't seen for a long time, did a lot of visiting. Talked with some chapter F folks, a few from chapter I. Started with opening ceremonies, and introducing Mike and Peggy Hudnell as new District Directors. We all got our packets and decided on what classes we wanted to take, I took a couple of computer Excel classes, as did Jan and Myrna. I then went to a safety course. Then we broke for lunch and had a visit with a few more people from other chapters.

After lunch we had a pep talk by Mike Hudnell, he had to leave early because of prior commitments. We all headed for our next classes, Mike Briggs put them on and did a great job and we had a lot of fun and talked about different parts of the classes. At the closing they gave awards and then we left for our four hour ride home. But we all had a great time until we hit I 5 and the turn off to highway 16 had to go around to 84th street and out to Jackson to get over the narrows bridge. But we final got home in one piece. Had a great time.

Ride safe

Your A C/Ds

Mike and Barbra Berreman

B.Z. Toons

by Brian Zaikowski



November 1st, 2007

Winter Riding Season Is Here

In the northwest our winter months can challenge the motorcyclist, so safety is always on our minds. You have so many things to consider, wet roads, wind, rain, wet leaves, snow, ice, fog, debris on the road, I could go on but you get the idea. This is the time of year when you need to be aware of the cold and how it can effect you and how it effects your bike. Your reaction time and senses can be effected by the cold. You have to make sure you are dressed warm enough when riding because as you know, when you are on the bike moving it is colder. You can feel warm while standing in the sunshine getting ready to go on a ride, and when the ride starts, realize you didn't dress warm enough. I am sure we have all been there at least once, right ?

Temperatures can change dramatically from one place to the other. A good example of this, is every time we head for Tacoma on a ride I freeze on my bike. Another reason for this happening, and most of probably don't think of it, is we listen to the news reports on TV and they say it is going to be 50 degrees today. But where is that report taken? Our weather in Kitsap county can be quite different from that of Seattle as you know from living here. So it is important to make sure you are getting the right weather prediction for our area and where you are headed on your ride destination. If you are cold on any part of you body during the winter riding season, you need to upgrade your gear. You can not have a safe ride worrying about your body being cold and miserable. This will effect your riding skills in an emergency situation which could cause an accident.

The cold weather effects your bike. Make sure you always check your tires to make sure they are properly inflated.

Check your bike with the T-clock List. Your tires are cold when you start out and you don't the traction that a warm tire has. You need to be careful when making your turns, you tire won't grip the road.

Riding in the winter months is very different from summer riding and I just want you all to ride safely. Just take into consideration the difference of the season. RIDE SAFE SO YOU CAN RIDE AGAIN!

Senior Rider Educator
Donna Dodge

A Brief Description of Chapter Staff Positions

By J. K. Laird

While most of us attend GWRRA meetings on a regular basis and know many of our Members on staff, all may not be aware of the duties of those positions. John asked me to put a newsletter article together with a brief description of the different positions a Chapter can have. I used the *Officer's Guidebook* to collect the information that you can read below.

The Chapter Director (CD): The CD Serves as an Staff Member to the District Director. This person assumes organizational and advisory control of the Chapter, arranges for a place to hold Chapter and Staff meetings, and appoints Members to serve as Staff. The CD also correlates activities and programs through the Staff and acts as an information link between Members and the District. Also, the CD ensures that a newsletter is sent to all interested participants, other District CDs, District & Regional Directors (DD, RD), and National/International Headquarters every 30 days. Last, but not least the CD makes an annual report to the DD on activities and finances.

The Assistant Chapter Director (ACD): The ACD assists the CD in his effort to bring about a active, coordinated, and fun filled Chapter. The ACD is a liaison between the CD and Staff Members, and during the absence of the CD assumes the CD duties. Also, the ACD through mentoring of the CD becomes prepared to assume the CD position upon District Director approval.

The Chapter Educator: This person promotes GWRRA's Rider Education Program to all Chapter participants. Also, the Educator relays information to all Chapter participants from District Educator, and provides monthly Rider Education reports as required.

Secretary-Treasurer: The Member holding this position makes notes on items requiring follow up for the CD in both regular and Staff meetings. The Treasurer keeps the finance records and makes those records available to all interested parties at Chapter meetings. The Treasurer writes checks for expenses at the direction of the CD and assists CD in establishing prudent, reasonable, and fair fiscal policies. Treasurers submit the Annual Financial Report to the DD by December 31st after CD approval.

Correspondence Secretary: Tasks include Correlation of the activity calendar and maintaining a current mailing listing. Also, the assistance of any Member's paperwork along with ensuring GWRRA literature and a sign in sheet are at all meetings. Lastly, this person can assist the Newsletter Editor as requested.

Newsletter Editor: Compiles and edits and Chapter newsletter for all Members on a monthly basis. Newsletter Editors receive articles from the CD, ACD, and Membership while working with the Correspondence Secretary for mailing lists, updated birthday, and anniversaries.

Membership Coordinator: Uses GWRRA National/Regional/District Membership listings and reminds those Members of their expiration dates as they arrive. Also, places calls to newly joined Members and assists in making them feel welcome at the meetings.

Chapter Couple: Represent the Chapter. As such, they should be positive in attitude and spirit and enthusiastically support all GWRRA programs and lead by example while promoting an atmosphere of Fun, Safety, and Knowledge within GWRRA. Not only are they the greeters at each Chapter meeting, the guidelines also include wearing GWRRA colors at all events and be able to speak in the community about the organization.

Activity Coordinator or Special Events Coordinator: Plans monthly activities as suggested by the Membership as well as work with the Ride Coordinator when planning outings or events involving riding in groups. Directs the planning and implementation of special events such as poker, pie, and fun runs.

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Chapter Staff Positions (con't)

Ride Coordinator: Instructs, informs, and assists the Road Captains, Group Leaders, and other participants in group riding. In addition, this person plans and directs group rides to/from destination point, selects the Road Captains and Group Leaders for the rides. As part of this, the Ride Coordinator would plan the rides, rest stops to ensure a enjoyable ride for everyone. Also, this person would submit newsletter articles to the Editor to keep the membership current on riding activities.

Phone Tree Coordinator: Sets up and maintains the Membership phone list as well as work with the Activity Coordinator to provide information & reminders to the Membership.

Technical Coordinator: Plans and develops programs to inform members of proper Gold Wing maintenance, new products and tips.

Recognition and Special Awards Coordinator: Locates and recommends pins, trophies, awards, etc., which can be used at standard or special events. Also, this person would maximize recognition efforts for as many members as possible.

Ways & Means Coordinator: Conducts 50/50 drawings, door prize drawings at Chapter events.

Chapter Historian: Produces a running documentation of Chapter events and happenings by use of a photo album or scrapbook as well as encourages Chapter Members to share photos, written articles, etc.

Member Enhancement Coordinator: Submits news items to local newspapers to publicize Chapter events and works with the with selection of Couple of the Year.



Hi Honey, it's me. You'll never guess what happened today.

Impact Jackets

The high tech products they come out with are mind boggling. When I ran across this one I wanted to share with you. Who knows, some day we all could own this one.

The impact jacket comes with a lanyard(already attached to the jacket) two anchoring cables and a CO2 cartridge as part of the complete airbag system. The anchoring cable is connected to the frame of the bike, and when you get on the bike very simply connect the lanyard to the anchoring cable and you are ready to ride. When you get off just disconnect and if you forget, it takes 25 to 35 lbs. of pull force to deploy, which minimizes false inflations.

In the event of an accident and you are ejected from the bike, the lanyard separates from the connection and activates the CO2 cartridge and the jacket is inflated in .05 seconds. The jacket protects the front chest area, side ribs area, and the back area giving support to the neck and spine areas.

The jacket is reusable, after inflation it will need a new CO2 cartridge and be inspected by an authorized dealer. To view a video and see more about this product, please go to (www.impactjackets.com)

We all take a lot of care in protecting ourselves in the proper riding gear we wear, so when they come out with new products that make our riding safer, it is always worth a few minutes to read about. Ride safe !

Senior Rider Educator
Donna Dodge

B.Z. Toons

by Brian Zaikowski



What's wrong, Lyle? You seem awfully depressed lately.

Schedule of Events

- 4th—WA-B...Meet there
- 10th—Veteran's Parade...FYI
- 13th—Dinner Social Manchester Inn, Port Orchard 6:30 PM Jack Davies suggestion
- 18th Annual Planning Meeting (2008) & Monthly Planning Meeting John's 1:00 PM
- 24th WA-O Gathering Airport Diner
- 24th Thanksgiving Leftovers Party Jack & Colleen's TBA

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

11/8 Eileen Seifert
11/21 Donna Dodge



Anniversaries

11/19 Patrick & Debbie Holmes - 24th



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