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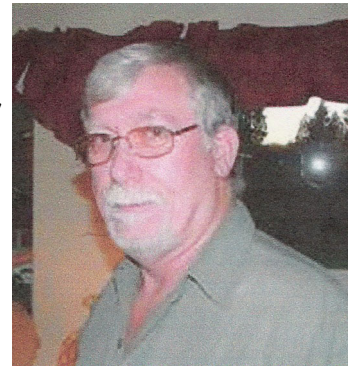
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Thoughts from your Chapter Director

Hello to the Pod.

I can't believe how fast our summer has gone away. It seems like only yesterday I was planning my trip to Wing Ding. Now as I see all the leaves falling and starting to change colors, I realize it will not be long and it will be time to put my ride away for the winter, (Heavy Sigh).

I want to talk a little bit about our August picnic. First off I want to thank all of those in the Chapter who worked hard to make this years picnic a success. I also want to thank our friends from chapters A,B, and L for joining us. Thanks to everyone's generosity we were able to give the North Mason Food Bank 50 or 60 lbs of food and a check for 100.00 dollars. I want to thank Jack Harrison & Pat Holmes for setting up the ride and thanks Jack for leading it. I heard nothing but good things.



Well Boys & Girls, it seems as though once again one of the Pod has headed East. Big Orca, Little Orcas big Brother has taken off to see the other side of the state. If you want to see how he got there I know where you can see some pictures. Check Chapter L's newsletter. I think we might have to have an exchange of captives, don't you?

August had some great weather for riding, my niece came to visit from Phoenix and wanted me to take her on a bike ride. She had never ridden very far so we decided to make a day of it.

Mt. Saint Helens seemed to be a good destination. After a long day and about 350 miles later she had a little bit of tired butt and a grin from ear to ear.

I hope that October brings nice weather at least on the 13th, that is the day that we our planning on our 2nd Annual Leaf Ride. Last year we had a great ride even if it was a little cold. We will hope for more sun this year. If you would like to join us please RSVP by the 5th of Oct.

Once again Chapter "O" will be helping Given's Community Center in Port Orchard. As in years past on Halloween night, we will be manning the crosswalks as well as providing directions to the various parking areas. We will also help inside as needed. This is a great way of showing our support to our community. If you would like to join in the fun please call Donna Dodge at 360-876-9398 or myself 360-275-8606.

Until next time.

John

ACDs Ken & Sandi

Greetings Fellow Pod Members,

Talk about a turn in the weather. Middle of August sunny and bright and now in mid September it's over cast and some rain. I guess that's why they call it fall. If you haven't had a chance to check out Chapter L's web Site and newsletter do so. They kidnapped our inflatable Orca that was just minding its own business and doing its job letting everyone know where our chapter picnic and ride was. John's considering what to do about this dilemma and out and out kidnapery. Thanks for everyone's help at the picnic and we'll do it again next year too.

Sandi and I went back over to the Tri-Cities and helped pack up her folks and they're now back in Great Falls Montana. We were raised there and have a lot of family there, so Hareld and Dorla won't be lonely or idle. Sandi and I will most like retire in Great Falls as well.

We did a bit of riding the last part of August and this month so far with just a day ride around the area and the Theler ride around the canal. It's getting close to the time where I wash up the bike, hook up the battery tender and cover it up for the winter. At least now with the new garage completed the bike is in a position where we can take it out weather permitting.

See you at the chapter meeting

A/CD Ken and Sandi Smith



Halloween Night

It's that time of year again and as a chapter we have for years done the Security at Givens Senior Center for the children!

This year as in the past, the Kitsap Parks and Recreation will be putting on an Indoor Halloween Party for this area.

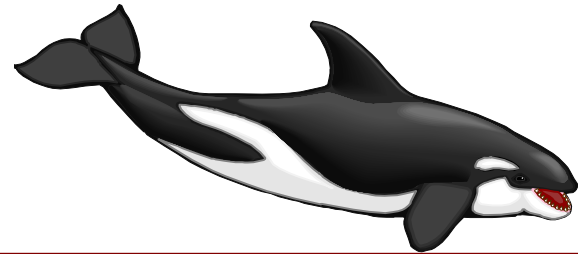
Chapter "O" will again be asking you as members to come and join the fun.

Wednesday evening of the 31st we will gather around 4:00 PM to have some food and a short orientation. Then off we go to do the security around the building and cross walks and also inside.

So if you want to be outside, dress warm and dry. We usually are done by 8:00 PM to 8:30 PM and some clean up afterwards.

So please join us and have another year of fun with the kids and for the kids.

Donna



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.

ACD's Mike and Barb

Well, Hi everyone one. Ours days are getting shorter and colder, it looks like there aren't a lot of riding days left. Let's just hope the weekends will be nice for a few more runs.

Saturday September 8th were up at 6:00 AM, for Thelers first poker run, in Belfair. It didn't start till 9:00 AM but John wanted everyone there at 8:30 AM so I was there at 8:25 AM. Jim Olmsted showed up about the same time and for awhile we thought we were the only riders but then about 9:00 AM, everyone started showing up.

Being Thelers first poker run, we all were able to give some hints and pointers, they didn't know about the 50/50, so John had Myrna bring in some tickets. Next year will be a better one for them.

The weather was very nice and they had planned a beautiful ride around the Canal.

We had Barbra, myself, John and his passenger Jonnie (from Theler), Jack and he also had Gladys, a passenger, and then our Donna, Jim J.K., Ken, John Morison, Doug and Jean from "B", Frank, and a couple on a Beamer, Michael and Cecelia Larry of Bremerton.

The two passengers from Theler bought tickets to ride, neither had ridden before and just loved it. John's passenger, Jonnie was so happy she was ready to buy her own bike before the ride was over. Jonnie works at Theler Center, she said she was just getting out of her car and they told her to find a helmet and get on the bike (I guess the gal that bought the ticket had chickened out)....so on the bike she went and got paid to have fun.

The ride started out on 3, over the Hood Canal Bridge to 101 to Brinnon, then to Hoodsport. Probably the best stop was at the Hood Canal Winery, for some of us. Myself, I don't drink wine but I saw a lot of tasters in there. The last stop was at the Park. Kind of a pit stop rest, too. Last bike in was 3:00 PM, so we had a little time to kill. They had a BBQ for us and the Belfair Flea Market was still up so we looked around there. Bought the best green beans, they were flat, called Romeo's, the best yet!

Anyway, It seems like everyone had a great ride and we'll do it again next year. I won the top hand with 4-3's, got a \$50.00 bill and also won a front end alignment from Les Schwab. Barbra won low hand and there were a lot of other giveaways. We also had a very interesting grab bag...

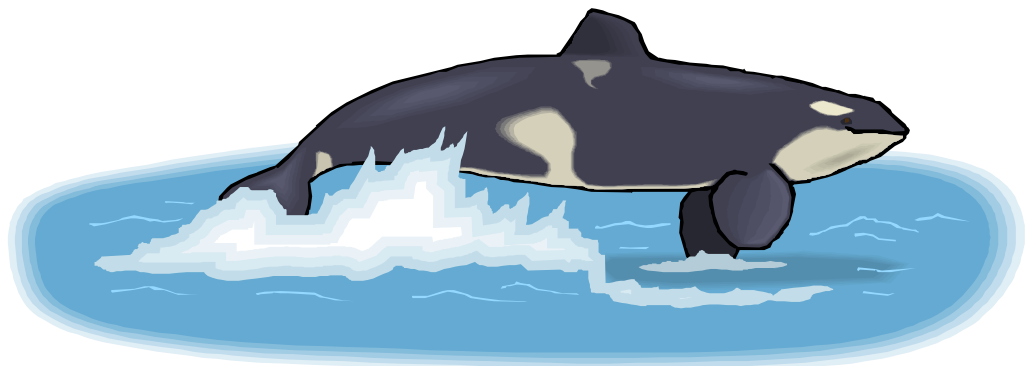
We have been so busy, haven't had much time for anything else.

The Chapter O picnic turned out nice, the weather was in our favor and we had a lot of folks there. I didn't get the name but we had some live country music and they were great. It was our Anniversary so as much as we were enjoying everyone's company, we were anxious to get on our way to Ocean Park for the week. Long Beach was having they're kite festival and it's one of our favorite places to go. As it turned out, Saturday, was so nasty and wet, they had to pull their kites in so we did get to see a lot Sunday that normally wouldn't be there so late. They were just waiting for us. We had nice weather and rode the bike everywhere, even had to go to Tillamook for ice cream, Of course!

Be careful on the road, never know when it's going to rain, it's that time of the year. Be sure your raingear is handy.

Mike and Barbra Berreman

A C/D



Rider Education



Why have this program?

Due to the alarming increase of motorcycle accidents GWRRA, saw the need to create an outreach program in our organization to become proactive in our communities in educating the public on "Motorcycle Awareness". Stated in June 2003 article when announcing "A New Division in GWRRA."

"Few of us could have foreseen the increased hazards imposed on motorcyclists in the past five years. Competition for road space is often fierce, especially during rush hours or on busy interstates and streets. Vehicle operators are more distracted than any of us could have imagined with cellular telephones, concentration on talk radio shows, and stereo systems so loud, outside noise is completely shut out of the inner sanctum within their vehicle. In our judgment, we have crossed into a new era that will need the cooperation of all highway users to cope with our modern-day traffic congestion. It is time to expand our focus beyond just our own Member/Riders and Co-Riders. It is time to take an active role in helping to educate other highway users that motorcycles and Trikes share the road with them every day."

The main purpose is to have representatives from the Region, District and Chapter levels out there visiting community organizations like student drivers education classes, Elk, Kiwanis or Lion's clubs. Possibly even retirement communities or your local church group. Through the distribution of literature and conducting short seminars they will demonstrate the vulnerable position motorcyclists are in when sharing the road with the typical motorist. The goal is to leave them with a new attitude and awareness of our fellow motorcyclist.



Don't gamble, take this advice from the New York Safety Tips.

- Learn** More than 90% of riders involved in accidents had no formal training. Take a Motorcycle RiderCourse® to develop good basic riding techniques.
- Get Licensed** Nearly half of all motorcycle riders involved in accidents are unlicensed or improperly licensed
- Prepare** Wear appropriate gear for comfort and protection.
- Be Seen** Stand out. Wear bright clothing and use [retro reflective](#) material.
- Be Awake** Fatigue and drowsiness can impair a motorcyclist's ability to react.
- Plan** When riding in a group, determine your route in advance and coordinate it with the other riders.
- Inspect** Conduct a safety inspection of your motorcycle before each ride.
- Ride Sober** Alcohol and other drugs affect judgment and do not mix with motorcycling.
- Obey the Law** Don't speed; know the local traffic laws and rules of the road.
- Be Courteous** Be considerate on the road; show courtesy and respect to other drivers.
- Improve** Take an Experienced RiderCourse® to sharpen your street-riding strategies and accident-avoidance skills.



Braking Distance

Slowing down a little can reduce braking distance a lot.

Motorcycles that stop really well are capable of braking to a stop from 60 mph in a distance of about 110 feet. So how long would it take the same bike to brake from 30 mph to zero? It's half the speed... so it must take half the distance, right? Actually, NO. Through the magic of physics, the braking distance from half the speed would be about one-fourth the distance, or 28 feet. It turns out that slowing down by only 18 mph (to 42) is all that is required in this case to halve your stopping distance. So how can we use this information to enhance our safety while riding? When you find yourself in one of those all-too-common situations where you might need to stop suddenly, like urban streets with lots of intersections or when approaching a potential left-turner, keep in mind that even a relatively moderate reduction in speed will allow you to reduce your stopping distance considerably.

Speaking of stopping. Rather than my motorcycles ability, it's the guy behind me I have more concern about. It's not unusual to develop tunnel vision driving behind a motorcycle, or actually viewing past the motorcycle to the point they may actually ignore it. They are accustomed to getting in sync with the larger vehicle ahead. However, when it's a motorcycle and they develop simulation patterns subconsciously with a motorcycle ahead. The motorcyclist should be aware of this and utilize precautions such as not braking too quickly or allowing more room from vehicle ahead. In essence, compensating for the vehicle (behinds lack of safety margin of error in their braking.

An old saying: Sometimes a motorcyclist needs the skill of a sheep farmer or cow rancher to keep the herd at bay.

Senior Rider Educator
Donna Dodge

Rider Education



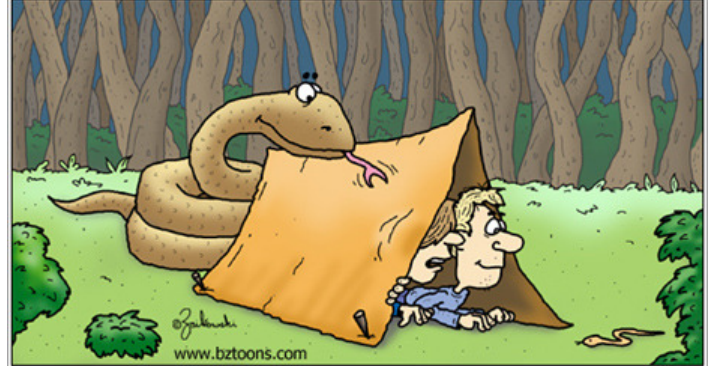
Fall is approaching and we need to be aware of many things on the road way that could give us a wake up call. Sand, gravel, leaves and other material that could give us a slide we did not plan on. Be aware when riding and cornering. You need all your traction to be able to ride safely. Keep alert of what is in front of you. If you turn that corner what will you find. Wind can be a problem also and we need to be alert to gusts that come on us without notice. We know big trucks and motor homes can be a problem when passing or coming upon us. What about the wind that may be there when we pass a building or bridge. we need to keep our minds open to all situations and ride within our means.

Do not try to ride over our ability, ride within it. Don't let your ego take over. Riding within your limits will let you ride another day.

Cartoon Corner

B.Z. Toons

by Brian Zaikowski



Oh yuk, a snake! I hope they don't get any bigger than that.

B.Z. Toons

by Brian Zaikowski



Oh yes, please!

B.Z. Toons

by Brian Zaikowski



I'll take care of this one, you can go.



G.W.R.R.A.

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION WASHINGTON DISTRICT

IN's & OUT's of GWRRA Workshop
(The more you put IN's ~ The more you get OUT's)
October 6, 2007



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SCHEDULE

Saturday

7:00am Registration desk is open
7:40am - 7:55am Opening
8:00am -12:00pm Seminars
12:00pm -1:00pm Lunch (inc. with registration)
1:00pm - 4:00pm Seminars
4:00pm - 4:30pm Closing

(50/50 & Award for the Largest chapter in attendance)

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Chapter Directors Forum, Chapter Finances, Time Management, Stress Management, Public Speaking 101, Remembering Names, Make MS Excel Work For You, Basic Web Use and Site Design, Setting up for Chapter Rider Ed. Courses, Chapter Of the Year plus Couple and Individual Of the Year, History of GWRRA, Structure of GWRRA, How to Participate in GWRRA, Listening & Communication, Putting Fun & Spirit back into your Chapter

Registration: IN's & OUT's of GWRRA Workshop / Buckley, WA / October 6, 2007

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AGREEMENT

I/we the undersigned, agree to comply with the rules governing this event and to hold harmless GWRRA, its officers, Representatives and event sponsors for loss or injury to person or property I/we may incur by participating in this event. I/we have read and understand this form. Registrants must sign.

Registrant _____

Registrant: _____

Schedule of Events

October 2007

- 6th In's & Out's GWRRA Workshop Lv. 76 at 6:00 AM for Buckley
- 7th WA-B Gathering - meet there. 9:00 AM
- 9th Dinner Social 6:30 PM El Sombrero, Port Orchard John Seifert suggestion
- 13th Leaf Ride Safeway 9:00 AM. Jack's new house after for October Fest Meal Directions available 360-275-8606
- 23rd Planning Meeting John's 6:30 PM
- 27th WA-O Gathering 8:00 AM breakfast, 9:00 AM meeting. Ride after to WA-F Mall Show
- 31st Givens Halloween Security - Meet there 4:00 PM

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

10/10 Jack Harrison
 10/13 Kathy Wray
 10/16 Jerry Woods
 10/21 Gordon McKay



Anniversaries

There are no anniversaries in October



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