



# The Pod Publisher



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## Thoughts from your Chapter Director

Well here we are, about to go in to October. The leaves are changing and there is a little nip in the air at night. I hope we have a late summer, I am not ready for old man winter.

September WOW what a month, I don't believe there was one weekend that we did not have something going on. Saturday the 6th we had the Theler Community Center Poker Run. This was our 2nd year of helping them with this run. The Orcas did the Chapter proud with 16 or 17 turning out to support this good cause. It was great weather and a great ride.

On the 12th four of us Ken Smith, Mike Berreman, John Seifert and myself headed east to visit our friends in the Tri-cities. WA-L was hosting the Bowling Challenge. On the 13th we joined them for their gathering. After the gathering we looked outside on the patio and guess what. There was our long lost Orca. For you that may not remember our Orca made its way East last year after our Picnic on the back of a WA-L bike. I would like to thank Gary and his crew for taking good care of him. They said that they would miss him and ask if they could sign him before we took him home. The next time he is on display check it out.

After their gathering we went to the bowling alley to try and reclaim the Bowling Challenge Trophy. We had a great time bowling and we met some of the Walla Walla Chapter. They were sure a fun group. Not only did we have a good time, but our mission was accomplished. We brought the Bowling Challenge back to Port Orchard.

On the 14th Jack Davies, Jim Olmstead, Ken Haddenham and I met with Doug Clark and a swarm of WW-Bees in Belfair for a trip to support WA-Z's Chicken Run. After a stop in Shelton for a cup of coffee and a bite to eat the four of us left to continue on while some of the B folks were getting fuel. After arriving we were greeted by Suzie the CD of Chapter WA-Z. After more coffee we headed out to find the 2nd check point. We made it through the entire run with just having to make 2 or 3 "O" turns. I would like to thank Chapter Z for a great ride and I would also like to thank Jessie for one of the best laid out rides I have been on in a long time.

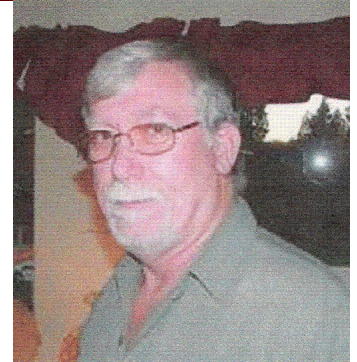
Once again Chapter "O" was asked to assist Tom & Margo Curley with a poker run on the 20th, to benefit the Boy Scouts Of America. We had a great time doing it last year and were ready again this year. Now for the bad news. Rain, Rain and more Rain. Even though the ride had to be canceled, those that were there were able to draw poker hands and get door prizes at the 1st check point which was at Legends Harley in Silverdale. Thank you Tom and Margo, we will do it again next year.

Well last but not least is our September Gathering on the 27th. Like I said September was a very busy month.

I would like to remind everyone about the Leadership training that will be held on Saturday the 1st of November. I will be talking more about it at our Gathering.

In closing I would like to thank everyone for your help and participation.

John.



## Your ACDs Ken & Sandi Smith

Greeting Pod Members,

Well we're now winding down as fall is fast approaching. September has been a very busy month with the Theler Ride, the Bowling Challenge, the Chicken Run the Scout Ride wow, but it was all fun.

As most of you are aware John has asked Sandi and I to step up next year to the Chapter Director's position. Each new chapter director gets to pick their own staff as well as ask sitting staff members to maybe stay on. As we approach the end of the year I have asked and will be asking many of you to consider staff positions. If there's something you might like to try or assist in let me know. Our chapter currently runs extremely smooth because we have so many people who like to help in one way or another.

I also want to bring up an answer to a question I've been asked before about the different between a Club and a Chapter like GWRRA. Major differences are officers are picked out not elected, there's no problem with a pecking order in GWRRA like there is in a club. Your staff makes the majority of decision with input from chapter members, where a club votes on everything.

On page 4 is a section out of the GWRRA Officers Guide that helps explain the differences. We enough of politics, especially when one of the things GWRRA puts emphasis on is that we participate in what we can.

See you at the up coming chapter gathering

Ken & Sandi Smith ACD



## Chapter Educators

Greetings pod from Bill and Lori your Chapter Educators. Wow we sure had a good time on the poker run last weekend and the weather was perfect. Also the food was good out at the casino and winning a little money didn't hurt. Everyone got there safely and as far as I know home OK. On page 3 is an article about dog hazards and thought it would be good reading. Hope to see you all at the next run, rally or at our next meeting.



## 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.GWRRA.ORG](http://WWW.GWRRA.ORG) for other chapters meeting locations and times.

## Doggone It! How to handle charging animals

By: Cash Anthony

When it comes to handling dog problems on a bike, here's a couple of ideas:

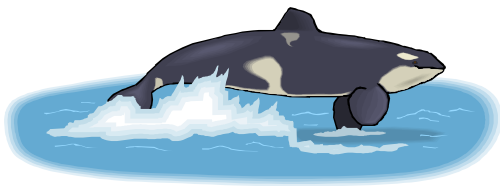
If you have a dog problem that's chronic (a neighbor who routinely fails to fence or leash his critter), you may have to deal with the same dog repeatedly. You may find it handy in such a case to keep a can of black pepper on the bike. Let him come close (not within contact, though!) and get a co-rider to sprinkle it liberally in his face while you drive at slow speed.

You could also try the pepper spray stuff that is sold for personal protection. It may do the same thing, maybe even be better -- but you have to be pretty close to hit the dog with it in the face. There may be some long-term effects on the dog (besides to discourage him from chasing bikes!), such as damaging his eyes; however, this doesn't seem to be a problem for human beings who are pepper-sprayed.

Dog lovers may not like these ideas, but if you ride, you need some strong self-protective instincts, too. While it may infuriate you to see someone treat a dog badly, a big dog can be serious road hazard for a motorcyclist if the owner is stupid enough to let the animal run loose near a road.

The preferred method with the occasional dog adventure is to change speed so that the dog is confused. If it is trying to chase you on the bike, vary your speed so that the dog can't tell where you're going to be next. Slow down so that it overshoots your front wheel, then speed up so it can't catch you. In short order, the dog will probably give up.

The one thing you want to avoid is kicking at the dog. You can seriously destabilize yourself on the bike by doing this -- and if you kick out and he bites and grabs hold of your leg as you're moving, you are very likely to go down (besides having teeth marks in your boot!). If a vicious dog approaches you on your bike while you're stopped and unable to drive away, you'll be doubly glad to be wearing good boots and leather chaps.



## Christmas Times a Coming!

I know it is hard to believe, but we are approaching October. The Leaf Ride and Halloween will be here soon.

We have decided to do things a little different this year for our Chapter Christmas Party. People always in the kitchen cooking or having to fuss to ready their home to accommodate the Pod's arrival. We want everyone to relax and enjoy the holiday. Christmas is our chance to show appreciation to all of our members for a great year.

So instead, this year we have rented the community room at Long Lake Park in Port Orchard for Saturday the 13th of December from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

The chapter will provide the food, games and prizes.

Start thinking of the best Christmas Cookie you can make. It should taste good and look good, simple or elaborate, a childhood memory or something brand new.

Again we want to support the kids. If you would like to bring a new unwrapped toy it will be taken to a local organization, Kitsap Foster Care Association. They will ensure the toys are distributed to children in need by Christmas day. We have done this the last couple of years and we believe it was enjoyed by all.

To aid us in planning for the food we need to order, we are going to have a **Cash Drawing for Pre-registration**. So get signed up by the **29th of November**. Your Christmas might be a little richer.

We look forward to a fun time and hope that you will add this date to your busy schedule and be able to join us for the holiday.

John & Myrna



# THE GWRRA WAY

## HOW GWRRA DIFFERS FROM MOTORCYCLE "CLUBS"

*"GWRRA is not a motorcycle club." We've all heard it, haven't we?"*

### But just what does it mean?

Simply put, it means that our Association and our chapters don't function in the same organizational and procedural format that "clubs" do. That is, we don't elect anyone to any position by running candidates against each other and having the membership vote on them. We don't choose our officers with popularity contests. We don't impose our wishes on others. We select, not elect. Clubs usually are local in scope. Chapters are national or international and tied to a single organization.

We don't have long and heated debates, make motions, second motions, call for votes or go into long, detailed reports in our chapter meetings. We don't need uniforms, people giving us rules to obey, or exorbitant fees or dues. We try not to do any "heavy-breathing."

In other words, a GWRRA chapter meeting is not presided over by a "president" and conducted according to Roberts' Rules of Order or the parliamentary procedure process. That is the format that many "clubs" use in their meetings.

We don't say that we are better than clubs, we are just different. Some people like the club format of operation. This is all well and good. Those folks should be encouraged to attend and participate where they are the most comfortable. We think when they "try it"(our format!), "they'll like it."

The GWRRA chapter format of operation is more flexible than a club format. A GWRRA chapter is not a "club," either in its organizational structure or its operational format. It is **PART** of something bigger than itself. Sometimes, less-informed chapter participants will try to lead the chapter into the "club" format of operation. It's the responsibility of GWRRA officers to work together to retain the non-political, non-club environment in the chapter. If this becomes a problem, other members of the Operations Team will be able to assist you.

### **AND WHAT A DIFFERENCE IT IS...**

#### **A CLUB usually consists of:**

1. Self-governing and regulated body of local individuals.
2. Monthly dues.
3. Political officers and events, campaigns, voting, etc.
4. Popularity contests decide outcomes.
5. Individual's qualifications may not important in holding office.
6. Attempts to maintain control and build "empires" .
7. Many personality conflicts.
8. "Bosses" and the potential for power struggles.
9. Majority rules - 49% disagreement 100% of the time.
10. Funding and disbursement disagreements.
11. Seldom clear "directions" and goals.
12. Non-educational.
13. Everything must be VOTED upon.

#### **GWRRA CHAPTER usually consists of:**

1. Officers selected and appointed based upon individuals qualifications and desire.
2. Continuing officer development and training.
3. Regular Operations seminars and meetings to establish new concepts.
4. Officers are volunteer "employees".
5. Members wants and needs are the only important guiding forces.
6. Meetings with purposes - dissemination of valuable information, fun, education.
7. Common purposes - no popularity contests.
8. Decisions based upon member response and input from staff and committees.
9. Limited financial goals and maximum stability - all officers have corporate liability insurance.
10. Members participate as they choose.
11. Members are WELCOMED by all chapters.
12. No additional dues or fees at the chapter, state or regional level.
13. Full time Rider Education Division with trained professionals and Rewarding Programs.



The Chapter is having a  
Christmas Party



**Date:** Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup>

**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 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Send registration to Jan Olmsted**

**90 E. Old Ranch Rd. Allyn WA 98524**



## Chapter O Calendar and Schedule of Events

# October 2008

- 5th - WA-B Gathering, Meet there
- 11th - Leaf Ride - 9 AM Leave, Location to be announced. Brats & Beans at Jack's at @ 1 PM
- 14th - Dinner Social - 6:30 PM, More information by phone tree
- 18 & 19th - WA-F Mall Show - FYI
- 18th - WA-Q Halloween Dance - FYI
- 21st - Planning Meeting at Jim & Jan Olmsted's - 6:30 PM
- 25th - WA-O Gathering
- 25th - Yearly Planning Meeting- John's 1 PM
- November 1st - Leadership Training - Buckley Leave 76 at 6 AM - Flyer available on our Web site

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	31	

## 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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