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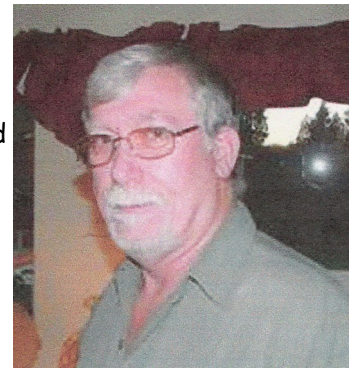
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Thoughts from your Chapter Director

Hello to the Pod.

Can you believe that August is just about over and September is right around the corner? Is it just me or does it seem like there is never enough time in the day, week or for that matter the month to get all the riding in that we would like to before the days get shorter and the nights get cooler? I am trying to get as many in as I can before old man winter sets in.

Ken Smith and I rode over and joined WA-A for there mystery ride. It is a good thing that Marv & Judy Scott along with Thom Sears and his lady friend, (I am sorry Thom I can not remember her name) Chapter G let us tag along with them or Ken and I would have had to open are emergency directions that we received at check point one. Good job Thom I know it is hard leading a ride that is a mystery. Good job Tim (Chapter-A's CD) to you and all of your Chapter. It was a great ride.



As most of you know in February our mascot, the Orca took a wrong turn in Puget Sound and went up the Columbia River and some how ended up way over east of the Cascades. We thought he was gone for good, but guess what? Chapter L (Tri Cites) Mike Messenger and his gang have been taking good care of him for all these many months.

I received a letter a few weeks ago from Mad Mike Messenger, saying that his chapter was tired of feeding our little Orca. So if we ever wanted to see him again, we had better come and get him or they would put him back in the river.(well maybe that is not exactly what it said).

I put out the call on our Phone Tree for volunteers to go rescue poor Little Orca.

Six trusty souls answered the call. Friday the 10th of August at 1:00 p.m. we mounted our steeds. Led by J.K. & his GPS we headed east. After a lunch break in Buckley, we headed over Chinook Pass and made our way to Kenne-
wick & our lodging for the night.

As we were checking in we were told that the Super 8, had over booked the rooms and there was no rooms left in the Inn. After a little bit of a heated exchange they found a couple of rooms. You will have to ask Mike Berreman and Mark for the rest of the story.

Saturday we were up bright early to go to WA- L's gathering. After a good breakfast, good conversation with the "L" folks and a good meeting we took Little Orca & headed home.

Oh, by the way we also brought the Traveling Trophy home with us. If you don't know what the trophy is all about come to our September meeting and we will have it there.

I want to thank JK Laird, Mike Berreman, Ken Smith, John (Python Man) Siefert, Mark Maier & Mike Carroll (my brother in law) for making it a great ride.

Until next time keep the Safety Chrome Shiny. John.

ACDs Ken & Sandi

Greetings Fellow Pod Members,
Well July has come and gone and we're in the middle of August already. Sandi and I have a new addition to our family many of you have already heard about. It's a 2008 Red Pearl 1800. We just celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary and bought our first Goldwing in 1978, so to stay with the 30 theme we bought the 08 for 30 years of riding a Wing.

It was interesting when we went and check out the bike at South Sound. John our fearless leader called and told John Seaford and I there was 06 Titanium and a new red 08 at South Bound. When we check them out John pretty much wanted the 06 and Sandi and I looked at the Red 08. The first words out of Sandi's month were "That is the color I want". So we added it to our family and it will be paid off when we retire.

The bike got its first outing when John and I went on Chapter A's Mystery Run. It then got a little more use when, John, John's brother in law Mark, John Seaford, J.K, Mike B and Mark M. went the Tri Cities and to L Chapter L's meeting to rescue our Orca and kidnap their bunny.

I don't know about you other 1800 riders but this bike is extremely rider friendly and handles much easier than my 1500 did. Nothing against my 1500 it was a good bike but as people have told me once you ride a 1800 you want one.

Well I took the 3rd week of this month off, painting the house and sprucing up so I will signing off for now and see all of you at either the chapter gathering or the picnic afterwards.

A/CD Ken and Sandi Smith



Dinner Social

We where so happy to see all of you that turned out for the August Dinner Social. Many came on bikes, so there was a lot of tire kicking in the parking lot.

Especially with all the NEW tires to kick. There were about 24 member of the Pod in attendance.

We have such a hard time picking a restaurant at the planning meeting. John, saw where another chapter was letting the members name their favorites restaurants. So we decided to try it.

At each gathering there is a Suggestion Jar. Just write down your favorite place to eat and sign your name. At the monthly gathering a restaurant will be drawn and the person who suggested it will receive there meal FREE, at that months Dinner Social.

Donna was our first winner, we all enjoyed her choice of Jimmy D's in Belfair.

This months winner is Tom Curley. Hope to see you all at Fat Rascal's in Port Orchard the 11th of September at 6:30 pm.

Your CD's

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.

Where are you looking?

Maybe I should say, where we should be looking down the road while we are riding. The short answer is "everywhere" but the main focus should be down the road approximately 12 seconds ahead of our immediate position. By looking ("scanning" is the term the MSF uses) this far ahead and recognizing potential dangers, we give ourselves adequate distance ("Space Cushion") and time to avoid the situation altogether rather than reacting to it at the last minute. Try this on your next ride. You will be impressed with the extra perception it gives you.

Two other times that are important are the two and four second following distances. Two seconds is the minimum following distance, under ideal circumstances, in which you can stop when the vehicle directly ahead of you reacts to something. Four seconds adds the time it takes to recognize a danger and decide to react to it. Although difficult to achieve in heavy traffic, these times are great tools to keep us out of trouble while riding. You all have had times when you use these, this is just to refresh your memory to be aware of its importance! Ride Safe!!

Senior Rider Educators
Alan Fewel & Donna Dodge

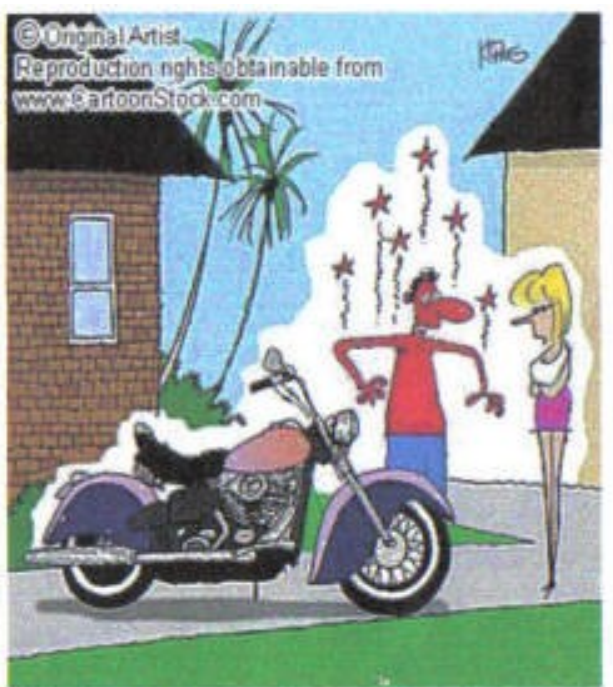
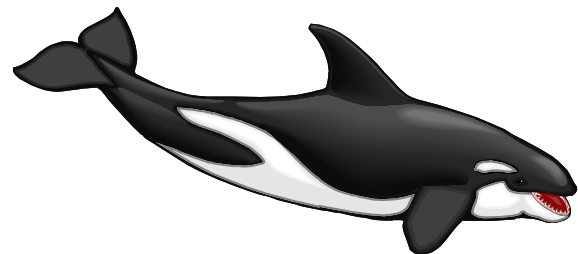
Listen to That Little Voice

We have all heard that little voice-- It doesn't just relate to riding a motorcycle; it relates to all aspects of life where confidence sometimes outweighs common sense. The tough part is recognizing that voice and responding to it in the proper way. We've all heard it: you think-- "John took that curve at this speed: I should be able to"--that little voice says "ride your own ride: I think we're going a little fast".

You think that you can continue on for just another 50 miles for tonight so we'll make better time tomorrow.

This little voice says " HMMMM, If you are tired enough to be thinking about stopping, why are you pushing our luck for a measly hour tomorrow?" Which voice will you listen to? I encourage you to listen to that little voice; it could save you a lot of misery.

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"Next time you go on a poker run in 100-degree weather, I suggest you wear a shirt or sun screen."



"What do you mean you were having so much fun riding with your buddies you lost track of time? You were supposed to be home over a year ago!"



G.W.R.R.A.

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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)

Seminars that will be offered:

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

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By: Sept. 19, 2007 GWRRA member \$15.00 X _____ = TOTAL \$ _____
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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

- 1st Packwood Yard Sale— FYI
- 7-9 WA-M No Host Camp Out - Cascade Peaks, FYI
- 8th Theler Community Center & Wetlands Poker Run— Belfair 8:30 am First Bike out 9:30 am, Meet there.
- 9th Ride for Kids - FYI
- 11th Dinner Social - Fat Rascals - Port Orchard 6:30 pm
- 16th WA-Z - FYI
- 18th Planning Meeting - Laird's Ranch, 6:30 pm
- 22nd WA-O Gathering - Airport Diner

September 2007

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
						1 Packwood yard sale
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Theler Poker Run
9	10	11 Dinner social— Fat Ras- cals	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Planning meeting	19	20	21	22 Chapter O gath- ering
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

9/6 Frank Taber
9/12 Steven Lefave
9/13 Sandi Smith
9/23 Lori Biltoft



Anniversaries

9/5 Dave & Debbie Miller - 4th
9/10 Robert Nelson - 43rd



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