

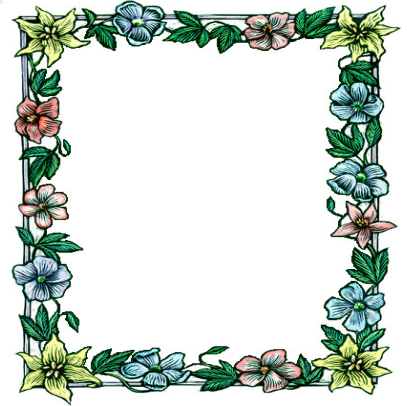
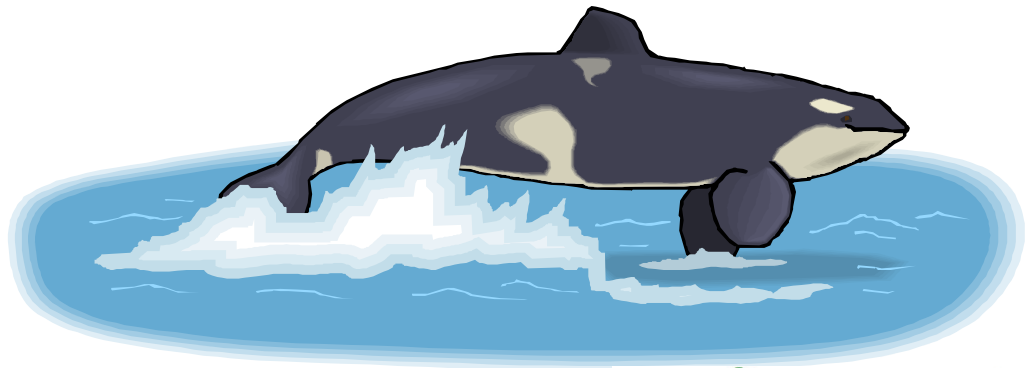
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The Pod Publisher



Thoughts from your Chapter Director

Hello to the Pod ,

WOW, what a great start to the riding season.

On the 28th of May, Jack Davies and I joined up with some of Chapter B in Bremerton for breakfast, then a ride to Legend Harley Davidson in Silverdale. There we joined with 100 or more Bikes for a ride to the Retsil Veterans home, to talk to the Vets there. I think we all had a great time.

On the 4th of June we went to WA-B's meeting and saw them present a check to Holly Ridge for 12,000.00 dollars. Way to go "B". We also saw Bob and Becky Minor announce that they were stepping up in July at the District Rally as our new District Directors. Also Doug and Jean Clark stepped up as Chapter B's new Chapter Directors. Congratulation to all.

We had a ride to Packwood after our last meeting and some of us only made it as far as Centralia. Ask Mike Berreman about that.

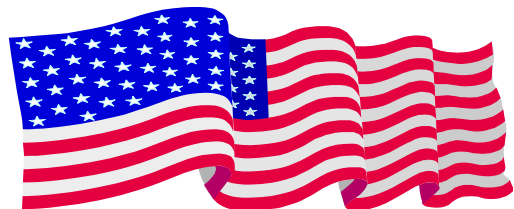
On the 7th of June, we had a challenge from chapter B to see who could have the most chapter members at the DQ in Port Orchard. The Chapter CD who lost had to buy Ice cream for the CD who won. At last count I believe we had 38 and B had 40. Between the two Chapters what a great turn out. I really don't believe that there was a loser.

On the 10th of June, 11 Bikes and 14 Orcas made our way to Aberdeen for the Chapter D Duck Hunt, and guess what, we found one. Thanks Tom and Margo Curley for leading the search.

The District Rally is coming up fast, the 20th through the 23rd of July. If you have not registered please do so.

In closing, I Just want to say Thank you to the chapter for putting the "O" back in Go. You make me very proud.

John.



Editors Note

Greetings,

PLEASE READ !!

A reminder for your articles, jokes, recipes for the News Letter has a dead line of the 15th the each month. We'll try and remind everyone as John will, around the 10th of each month to help us keep on track. If there's no last minute edits by the staff the News Letter will go out 10 days before the end of the month. If you send stuff at the dead line or after it will go into the next News Letter.

Normally I enjoy everything Sandi and I have been doing since joining the GWRRA and Chapter O. I enjoy being the News Letter Editor and as such I am expected to watch what goes in the News Letter and edit it if needed. Being part of GWRRA and Chapter O is getting to choose what activities we want to participate in and volunteer for, without being pressured, chastised or degraded into to doing something...

With that said as your editor I have recently let several articles go into the News Letter that were degrading, chastising and directed towards Chapter members that did not participate in a particular function. (Reference GWRRA Officers Guide Book, Section 7, Guide Lines for News Letter). Many of us have already, this year, participated in various chapter meetings, chapter visits, education classes and riding programs, Governor's Run and the Arm Forces Day Parade just to name a few. If it is not known most people do have lives away from the chapter environment. From this point on any articles that are degrading or chastising Chapter members for their choice not to participate in an activity for what ever their reason is, will not be put in the News Letter or will be edited to reflect only the information about the activity the member participated in...

If this does not meet with some ones expectations to satisfy all Chapter members then I invite who ever to take over the News Letter.

Thanks for your support! Ken

Arm Forces Parade-05-20-06

Veterans Day Parade

Rita Walker

ANOTHER FIRST FOR ME! A chance to ride in a parade honoring our Veterans, what a treat that was! A chance to show my appreciation for all they have given to this country.

Since the day dawned gray and cloudy we had figured it might rain but then we don't shrink so we cleaned up the bikes a little and headed off to meet Jack Davies at the usual spot. We left there at 8:00 am and headed out for the staging area of the parade, just the three of us, Jack, Vern and myself. We arrived and were told to go into a parking lot to await our turn when the parade got formed and to wait for the others that would be riding with us. Then chapter "B" arrived and I was very impressed with all the different bikes there!

After what seemed to be a very long wait we were told to form up and get ready to go and I was more than ready! This was my first time riding my own bike in a parade and I really did look forward to it. My bike performed perfectly with no overheating from the slow

pace and the stop and go that parades usually have. Since my bike has the automatic transmission I didn't have the sore clutch hand that the rest of our riders seemed to have. The "Tow Pac" trike kit kept my bike upright so all I had to do was wave and smile which I did a LOT of! I did get my picture taken a lot on this route as well and I also enjoyed that a lot!

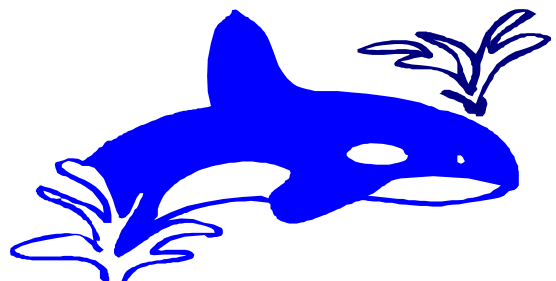
There really were a lot of people along the parade route, the route was really pretty short it seemed but then it could have been I was having so much fun I didn't want to stop waving and smiling! But all too soon it was over and after a nice lunch at Sizzler we headed back home.

I do want to thank Chapter "B" for allowing us to ride with them and congratulate them on their turnout for the parade. GREAT JOB EVERYONE IN CHAPTER "B"

Duck Hunting

On Sunday, June 10th. @ 7:00am , eleven bikes and 14 people head for WA. "D"'s duck hunt. There was John S., Mike B., Donna D., Allen F., Ken S., Isaac B., Tom & Margo C., Jack & Louise H., Pat H., Jack D., Doug & Kathy W. John lead us down to Shelton and on to Matlock which was a bit longer but much more scenic. Arriving at the school and we checked in, got our directions, talked to a few people we hadn't seen for awhile, had some pastry and was on our way. We all decided we need breakfast so we stopped and ate. We all appointed Tom and Margo as our map readers and they did a real good job. We headed out and went thru Cosmopolis the back way, then out thru Aberdeen on the back side out to Humptulips, turn off 101 and headed for Capalis crossing to check point 2. We checked in but they for got to tell us that we needed to go back the way we came so we did a Chapter "O" turn around after we went the wrong way for about 10 minutes. But that wasn't Margo's fault they didn't tell us they just let us go. Well we got back on the right road and headed on into Capalis, and ocean shores and on to check point 3, then on thru Hoquim and a wrong turn and another Chapter "O" turn around, but we had fun and everybody got thru the ride. We were the last ones in. They had duck soup for us and the silent action was over, they made some money for their chapter. I feel as a Chapter on the go again. We had a great turn out and a wonderful day. I thank you guys and ladies for the good company and great ride.

Mike & Barbra you're a/CD



Memorial Weekend

On Memorial weekend, after the Chapter 0 meeting, a group of us got together and headed for Packwood, their annual flea market There was Mike and Barbra, Jack and Collin, Doug and Kathy, John Scrivener, Mark and Kathy and Doug and Jean from Chapter "B" all on bikes. Jan and Jim, Nelson and Renee followed in their cars and I understand that Nelson had some car problems also. The weather started out fairly nice, headed for Shelton, on towards Olympia. We had a little rain and a little sun on I-5.

Just out of Olympia I had some bike problems, a whining noise that ended up to be an alternator problem. All the bikes stayed with us and helped us along. Finally after a few curses and pushes we go to the Honda shop in Centralia. While Mike was busy with the bike, Barbra decided to buy a new Black Cherry 1800 with heated seats. What can I say! It was cold out, it also had heated grips but the price was high and the trade in was low. So reality set in and away we went, with a new alternator and our old Grand Prize and only \$400.00 dollars in debt instead of \$22,000.00. It was a hard decision, we had lots of help from Doug and John egging us on all the way, but I have to admit, it would have been wonderful to have such a beauty.

We made it on to Packwood, Doug, Jean and John headed back to Bremerton, it was getting late and the weather was getting worse. After spending a few hours in Packwood the Maiers, Barb and I went on our weekend vacation to Grand Coulee. We stayed in Union Gap the first night... arrived wet and tired. Then headed we north, hoping for better weather but that didn't happen as it cold most the time. Arrived at Grand Coulee, relaxed, walked the town, did some sight seeing and watched the Laser show on the damn and turned in early.

We headed home Monday morning on Hwy 2, which took us about 4 hours to get over the pass, traffic was unbearable and wouldn't you just know it, the weather was hot and beautiful. It was a fun time but so glad to be home.

Mike and Barbra Berreman

Chapter 0, A/CD



Cartoon Corner



Recipe's

HARVEY HOUSE SLAW

- 1 lg head cabbage sliced finely
- 1 lg onion sliced thin
- 1 green pepper sliced thin
- 1 1/2 c sugar or 1 c Splenda

Put sliced cabbage, onion and pepper in a large bowl and sprinkle sugar on top.

In saucepan bring to a boil:

- 1 Tb sugar
- 1 c vinegar
- 3/4 c oil
- 1 tsp dry mustard
- 1 tsp celery seed
- 1 tsp salt

Pour over salad and cover to hold in steam. Let stand overnight on counter. Stir thoroughly and refrigerate. Can be kept up to one week in refrigerator.

-from Kay Beck



RICK'S NOTES

Hey all,

Just a "Thank You" for those that remembered the true meaning of Memorial Day. Since I am here to live the life that many could not, today is but a token for what they have given. What can you give?

On a different note, I may not be doing the E-mail thing of years past. I will attempt to keep up but not like before. How fun it was!

I have put my business on a part time basis and taken the position of a "outside sales rep" for the company that I have been buying my wood from. The job promises to be a serious challenge, rewarding and with a great bunch of people. Sharon and I are also taking the Summer off from being Foster Parents. We are drained, burned out and in desperate need of a break after 9 years without more than a couple of days off at a time. This summer we hope to put hardwood floors in, paint inside, put up a cedar fence, go to Calif. for our Nieces wedding, (YAHOO!) go on a motorcycle trip (oh boy!)and scatter Barb's ashes in Montana. 🤝

To all of you, try to do those things that you have planned but never have done. The clock could run out before you know it! Just do it!

Thanks for always being a part of my life!!

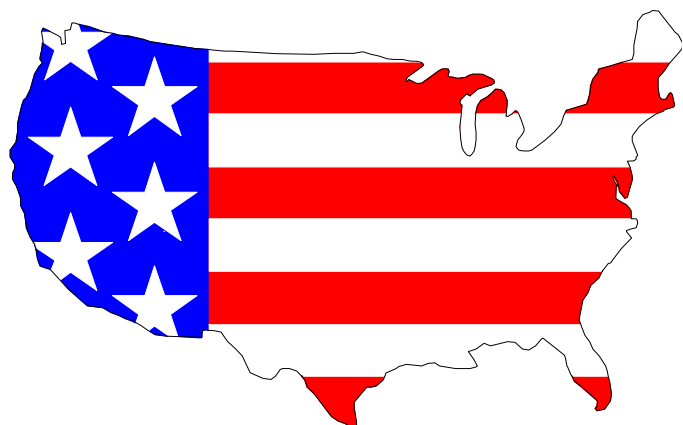
Rick Williams 🤝



GWRRA Chapter Gatherings

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| WA-V, Auburn, 1 st Thu | WA-Q, Puyallup, 1 st Fri |
| WA-M, Yakima, 1 st Sat | WA-R, Walla Walla, 1 st Sat |
| WA-B, Bremerton, 1 st Sun | WA-H, Lynden, 2 nd Tuesday |
| WA-W, Wenatchee, 2 nd Tues | WA-Y, Enumclaw, 2 nd Fri |
| WA-C, Everett, 2 nd Sat | WA-L, Kennewick, 2 nd Sat |
| WA-Z, Centralia, 2 nd Sat | WA-D, Aberdeen, 2 nd Sun |
| WA-S, Ephrata, 3 rd Thu | WA-E, Bellevue, 3 rd Sat |
| WA-G, Gig Harbor, 3 rd Sat | WA-K, White Salmon, 3 rd Sat |
| WA-P, Longview, 3 rd Sat | WA-I, Olympia, 3 rd Sun |
| WA-N, Spokane, 3 rd Sun | WA-A, Seattle, 4 th Sat |
| WA-O, Port Orchard, 4 th Sat | WA-F, Tacoma, 4 th Sun |

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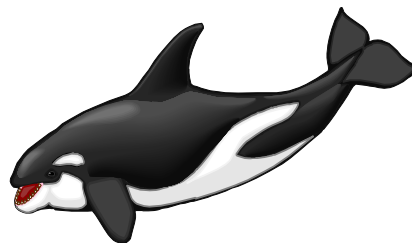


Why didn't that driver see me?

Don't ever assume that you are visible to a driver. As a motorcyclist, it is your responsibility to make your presence known to the driver. Select and wear an appropriate helmet with retro-reflective materials. Wear bright, contrasting protective clothing. If you choose darker clothing, wear a florescent vest.

- **Twenty three (23) states require that the headlight be on while the motorcycle is on the highway.** Use high beams rather than low beams and consider using a modulating leadlight if your state allows it. (If you are uncomfortable riding with your high beams on, mechanically adjust the position of your headlights such they are just below the high beam setting. For the 2001's and newer motorcycles, set the electrical headlight adjustment to the "12 o'clock" position. If an on-coming vehicle flashes its high beams at you, turn your high beams ON/OFF. This action satisfies the on-coming vehicle and they will go back to their low beams.
- **Proper lane positioning** is important to being seen and for protecting your riding space. If you can see the driver in his side-view mirror, the driver can see you **maybe**. Don't "hide" in the driver's blind spot! (This is especially true around 18 wheelers!)
- **Clearly communicate your intentions** by signaling appropriately. Let the driver know what you intend to do. Think to yourself, "How can I increase the driver's awareness of my presence?"
- **Make yourself visible.** Choose protective riding gear that will increase your visibility in addition to providing protection in the event of a crash. A motorcycle helmet is your most valuable piece of protective gear and should be most visible to the driver.
- **Ride where you can be seen.** Remember that there is no one safe place to ride. Use lane positioning to your advantage: to be seen and to provide extra space for emergency braking situations or avoidance maneuvers. Avoid the driver's blind spot. Make your lane moves gradually, and always use appropriate signaling.
- **Never share a lane with a car.** A driver may not expect you to be there and may not be aware of your presence. (Just because motorcycles are equipped with fairings and windshields and were under-represented in the Hurt study (1981), we still aren't as big and wide as the smallest car out there.)

Clearly signal your intentions to the driver. Always signal and do a "head check" before changing lanes and never weave between lanes.



Schedule of Events

- July 2nd, Chapter B Meeting Day
- July 4th, Independence Day
- July 8th, Ride for Scouting, Legends Harley Silverdale, Chapter O to work check Points TBA
- July 11th, Staff Meeting at JK Ranch, 6:30pm
- July 15th: Rodeo Drive Inn, Come on you r Bike or in your car, Meet at Dusk
- July 16th, BBQ at Jacks, 2pm Pot Luck, Meet supplied
- July 20-23 District Rally, Longview WA
- July 22nd: No July Meeting WA-O Regular Meeting, 8:00am, Airport Diner, Bremer-ton Airport, This month only, different Saturday
- July 29th Stone Cold Creamer, Lv: Texaco, 1 pm

July 2006

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 07/5 Leveny West
- 07/06 Joyce Woods
- 07/18 Mike Berreman
- 07/27 Robert Nelson



Anniversaries

- 07/14 Jim and Jan Olmsted
- 07/16 Frank and Diane Taber
- 07/31 John and Wilma Laird



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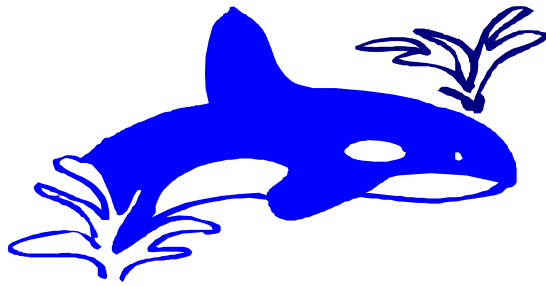
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