

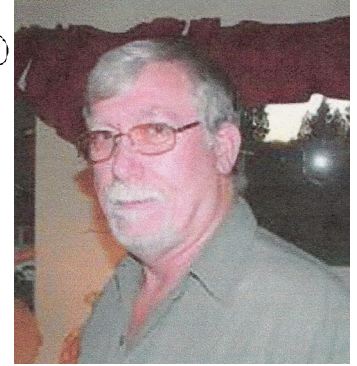
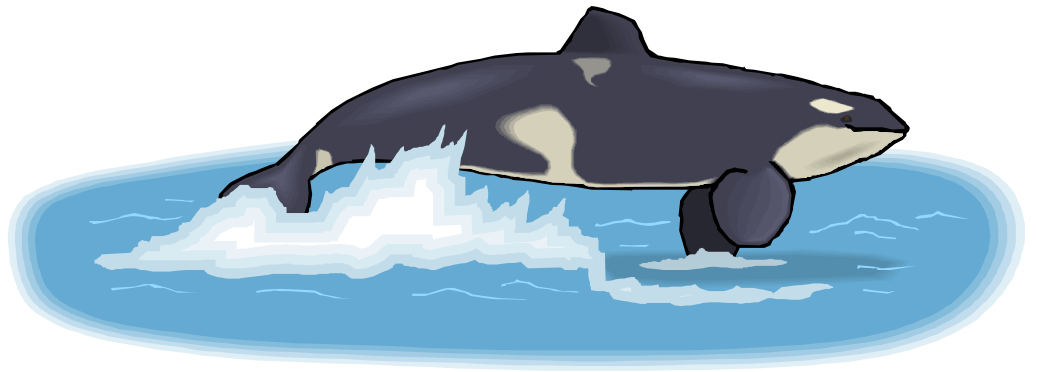
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The Pod Publisher



Thoughts from your Chapter Director

Hello to the Pod.

Well, here it is April and the riding season will soon be upon us. I am ready to put some miles on my bike. I am hoping we have some good chapter rides this year. In order that our ride coordinator can plan these, we need input from everyone. So, if you have any ideas call and let Jack Davies or I know.

My staff and I would like to welcome our new chapter members, we are glad you chose to join Chapter "O". It is great watching our chapter grow. If any one has any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

May is going to be a busy month for us. The first thing on our list will be the Governors Run, May the 6th and 7th, brought to you by Chapter B. Once again our chapter will be helping out by handling registration on Saturday and Sunday as well as providing the BBQ on Saturday. This went over very smooth last year, and I know that we can do it again this year.

The rest of May has a lot to offer as well. We have a Dinner social and chapter visitations, Bremerton also has an Armed forces Day parade on the 20th, Chapter WA. L in Kennewick has a rally in Hermiston Oregon on the weekend of the 26th.

What it boils down to is lets ride. Lets do some after work rides, we might even find out where the traveling trophy is and make some spur of the moment calls on a Friday night, and take off on Saturday morning to try and get it. Sound like fun? Summer is all most here and if the Dairy Queen social on the 11th was any indication (over 30 people) the Pod is ready to put "O" on the Go.

Thanks to a great bunch, you make me proud to be apart of this great Chapter.

John.

Rider Education, Senior Educators Donna and Alan

Time sure has a way of sneaking away on us, do you know the feeling? It seems like just a few months back I had just taken a Trike course, and I can't believe it has been 3 years.

April 1st, I met Ed Bevelheimer from chapter WA-B to head for Buckley for another Trike course. I was a chilly morning and of course it was drizzling rain when we met at the Albertsons on Sedgwick. We started out to meet another member of WA-B at Gig Harbor. We picked up Unis Robertson and headed down the road. It was **pouring** down rain by this time, but we were determined to make it there and do the course that day. I had looked forward to this day for weeks now and wasn't going to get discouraged by nothing. We all had it in our minds that the weather wasn't going to co-operate anyway, and we made it there early and ready for class.

We were students for this day and had teachers who were getting certified at the same time they taught us.

While we had class, it rained, it snowed, it hailed, it poured rain, and all 15 students just knew we was going out there in this mess and we would be very, very **WET!** But, to our surprise, 20 minutes before we went to get on our bikes, **IT STOPPED RAINING!!!!!!!** God smiled on that day and it sprinkled on us once the whole afternoon. We all passed the class, including the instructors. (Ha!) We were put through the ringer on the course that day and so get prepared for the same thing if you are taking an ARC course soon, because these are the guys who will be teaching you!

I am proud to announce that GWRRA has 4 new certified instructors to teach classes to all of us who want them. They are:

Gary Pavone from WA-H

Eddie Dunn from WA-V

Eric Carlson from WA-I

Gale Nickels from WA-G

Congratulations to all of them they have worked hard to become instructors.

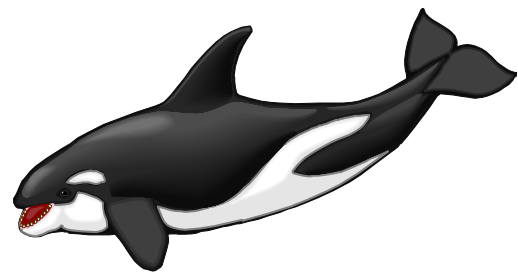
It was a long day that was full of learning, laughing, sharing, fun, and good friends.

Senior Rider Educator

Donna

Words from, Mike and Barb

Well I guess I'd better write something for the pod. We as a motorcycle group are going to have to start looking at summer and bike rides. Sounds like fun, so let's start thinking about where, when and how far, an afternoon, a weekend or a three day ride, what? We need your input, so lets us hear from you bike riders that's what it's all about. Call Jack Davies, John S. or myself with your ideas. We need your ideas and support so we can get the "O" on the go again. We had a couple new members at the last meeting and hope we can get them to go riding and get involve with us. It's about time for the GOV. RUN we need all of you WA."O" members who haven't registered yet to please get'er done, we are gone to need all the help we can get. Everything seems to be falling in place as far as the dinner for Saturday night. Well I've got to get this off to Ken, so ride safe. Your, A/CDs Mike and Barbra



Chapter Store

Greetings,

Just a reminder to everyone the store items will be at the chapter meetings. We have most patches, pins, anything you might want for your vest. We have everything displayed in our new catalogue, so check it out. Or if there's something you want me to check on call or email me and I'll find out what I can.

Recently the Staff meeting it was decided to get more uniformed with our chapter shirts. White was discussed as the color but black will still be considered. John is looking into the same place Chapter G is having theirs done for pricing.

We still have a few older shirt and t-shirts left at 50% off. So get your goodies and display your chapter affiliation.

Store Keeper Ken (Smith)

Trike History 101

The first trike in history: Karl Benz (Of Mercedes-Benz fame) in 1885. The same year that Gottlieb Daimler was putting an engine on two wheels. the two later combined to build a Quadra cycle.

Dedion Bouton Trike 1895, .5 HP, 138 cc single cylinder engine that caught on well.

Trikes lost favor over the years and reappeared in the 1930's as utility vehicles. Harley Serve-Car and the Indian Dispatch Tow both emerged. These early vehicles were considered unstable at high speeds.

During the big war, sidecars were widely used and after WW!! the trike was further developed using the Harley Davidson Hydra glide for one.

In the 1960's, VW trike became popular as they were easy to build and inexpensive. A German company began building trikes called Panda Trikes from BMW.

Now trikes are everywhere! They can stop faster, turn quicker and in a shorter distance, depending on the design, and all without the constant threat of dropping your machine and the possible retribution from a disgruntled Co-Rider. You get the feeling of security even on wet, slippery roads. Even the challenge of gravel is no longer a threat.

This article gives a little info on Trikes that I wanted to share, Hope you find it interesting.

It is part of the info given at the Trike Course.

Senior Rider Educator



Riddler's Corner, Submitted by Rick Williams



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Operating motorcycles on roadways laned for traffic.

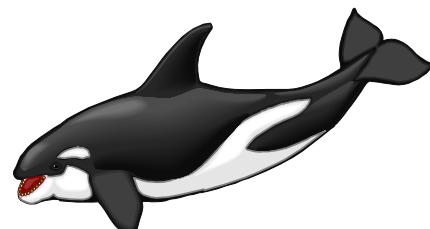
(1) All motorcycles are entitled to full use of a lane and no motor vehicle shall be driven in such a manner as to deprive any motorcycle of the full use of a lane. This subsection shall not apply to motorcycles operated two abreast in a single lane.

(2) The operator of a motorcycle shall not overtake and pass in the same lane occupied by the vehicle being overtaken.

(3) No person shall operate a motorcycle between lanes of traffic or between adjacent lines or rows of vehicles.

(4) Motorcycles shall not be operated more than two abreast in a single lane.

(5) Subsections (2) and (3) of this section shall not apply to police officers in the performance of their official duties.



Editors Note

Greetings,

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.

Please send us your articles, recipes, short stories jokes (good taste), Etc. Please send them as earlier and often as you'd like. I can always hang on to things for the next News letter.

Thanks for your support! Ken and Sandi Smith

Washing your Scooter 101

We older types, and that makes us the majority these days, seem to have learned a few tricks through the years even though our wives would probably disagree. We husbands or significant others would never claim the opposite to not be true. (huh)?

I have owned motorcycles since I was 15 yrs. young and it occurred to me that I only thought about washing them about....hmmmmm maybe 15 years ago. What I did to keep them pretty and clean seems to escape my foggy memory but I do know that a car wash was not the answer. Those swirling brushes can kick the smarts right out of you. (don't ask)

So here I am at 57 years OLD and I have come of age. I now own and ride a beautiful Fire Engine Red "04" Wing. Not my personal image of a tough as nails biker but anyway, I want to tell you what 57 years have taught me about keeping a \$17,000 road warrior sparkling clean with the least of efforts.

Yes, the customary water is in order but, as to soap, (hate the word) I suggest buying by the gallon at Wal-Mart or where ever, a "special, soothing, self shining elixir." Turtle Wax and a host of others can be had for several dollars by the gallon. Here is the nifty part. No water spots! Natha, Nilch, none. This stuff even leaves your old wax on! You don't wax you say? Well then, your even farther ahead!! Gently lather, rinse.....and dry. Oh God, I hate drying!

You hate to dry too? Well, dear friend, I discovered, several years ago, that my Sears Vacuum has a detachable motor unit that will BLOW WARM air at over 100 miles an hour. Now all I do is de-

tach, attach and blow all the water into evaporating droplets that quickly disappear. No fuss, no effort and no sweat! All the areas that are hidden in seams, pockets and who knows where, are blown dry and clean. Places that you know are full of dust and muddy water, are blown clean. I confess that I do keep a soft towel handy for those little touchup areas because, after all, you just have to touch, rub and caress the creature that brings so much happiness into your life.

With all new things, you will discover that a systematic approach to drying helps in not repeatedly drying the same areas over and over. A point to ponder is when a high wind hits water, where does the water go? Right! You can chase it all over the darn place so try to head down with the help of gravity. Need I say that gravity and strong winds aren't everything. Remember that towel?

Hope this helps some. My discovery has greatly changed my life for the better and I hope I have helped yours! Washing your sweet thing can be a very personal experience and I just wanted to spice it up a bit. After all, 57 years has to amount to something!

Lipstick Rick

Crime Prevention, Ken Smith

BEING A GOOD WITNESS

A Boy Scout recently asked me what he could do to help law enforcement officers protect our community. I had to think about his question for a few moments because law enforcement officers are in the business of helping people, not the other way around. The one thing I could think of, however, was how hard it was to investigate a crime when a witness could not remember details of what they saw or heard. I told the Scout that the best way he could help law enforcement and our community, was to be a good witness.

A good witness is someone who remembers the details, such as the height, weight, hair color and style, and clothing of a suspect. If a vehicle was involved, a good witness would remember a license plate, color, make, model, and any other identifying marks. A good witness would probably consider carrying a pen and paper with them to write these things down as they happen or immediately after. The longer you wait to write information down the more you forget.

But, most importantly, we would never want to see a witness hurt, so please don't try to get involved if a crime occurs... just be a good witness by calling 911 and write down everything you see and hear as soon as possible.

Thank you for supporting law enforcement and our community!

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News Release

Motorist Awareness Now Under Rider Education

In support of the Motorist Awareness Division (MAD) and the many dedicated MAD Coordinators throughout GWRRA, we are pleased to make the following announcement: The Motorist Awareness Division will now be integrated into the administration of the Rider Education Division. This integration will serve to provide a greater level of program awareness, support and success.

The mission of MAD is to provide information and education to the motoring public on behalf of motorcyclists. This has been, and will continue to be, the mission, but MAD will now have the depth and strength of the Rider Education Division to support it.

The Educators have provided assistance in the past and will now jointly and cooperatively provide a broader range of education and information. The focus of the Educators will continue to be to inform and influence motorcyclists within the Association, and the MAD Coordinators will continue to focus on the motoring public beyond GWRRA.

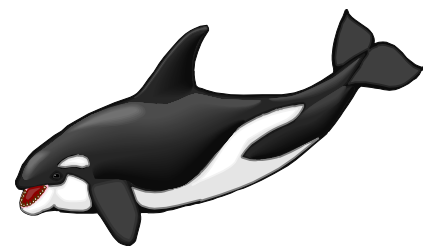
It is also our pleasure to announce that Ron and Kathy Jackson, formerly serving as the Region A MAD Coordinators, have been selected and appointed as the National Program Directors for MAD. They bring several years of experience in both the MAD and Rider Education Programs, having served as GWRRA Educators as well. Their energy and enthusiasm will go a long way toward growing the Motorist Awareness Department and its impact on our sport. Please join us in congratulating them on their new assignment.

Ron will report to Bob Lorenz, Rider Education Division. Ron will contact Regional MAD Coordinators in the near future to discuss program needs and planning. These Regional MAD Coordinators will report to Ron, and they will continue to coordinate and collaborate with Regional Operations and Education staff as well.

This model will cascade through the District and Chapter levels. MAD Coordinators will collaborate and coordinate with the respective Educators at that organizational level.

Bob Lorenz
Senior International Director
Rider Education


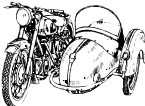


Don Brock
Executive Director
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Schedule of Events

- May 5th-7th Governor's Run, Kitsap Fairgrounds, Chapter B and Chapter O
- May 14th, Mothers Day
- May 16th, Dinner Social, Puerto Vallarta, Port Orchard, 6:30 pm, (Kitsap Card)
- May 20th Arm Forces Parade, with Chapter B?
- May 20th, Chapter G Meeting Day
- May 23rd: Staff Meeting at John's, 6:30pm
- May 27th: WA-O Regular Meeting, 8:00am, Airport Diner, Bremerton Airport
- May 28th: Chapter F Meeting Day
- May 29th, Memorial Day

May 2006

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 05/01 Tom Curley
- 05/17 Mary Cooper

Anniversaries

- 05/02 Bill & Lori Biltott
- 05/22 Vern & Rita Walker



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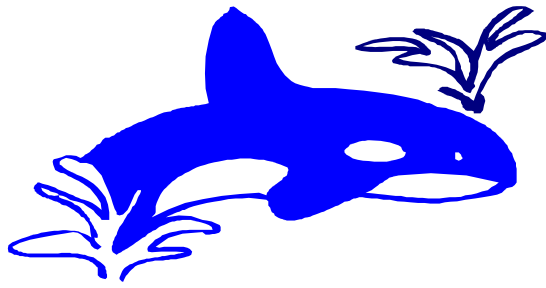
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For Sale: 1967 Honda CT90 trail bike. Red, like new tires, new battery, all else great. Has Hi/low range transmission. Low miles. Looks and runs super. Collectable too! \$1000.00 Rick Williams @ 360-876-1994

For Sale: Motorcycle Jacket, size 50 Brando style (motorcycle cop) very heavy leather, brass zippers, thinsulate zip out liner. Like new. Cost \$225.00 sell for \$100.00 great deal! Rick Williams @ 360-876-1994

For Sale: Portable 4ft by 4ft dry heat sauna, nice white cedar construction. Happy sun lighting lights with inferred heat , stereo AM/FM CD Player, paid over \$3,000.00 new asking \$2,000.00 just don't have the room for it now. Ken Smith @ 360-876-6737

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