

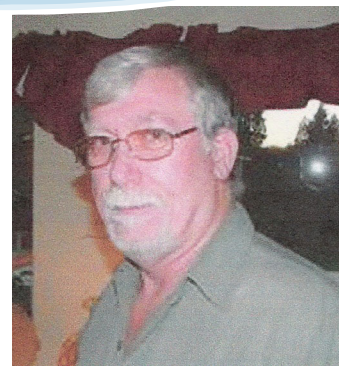
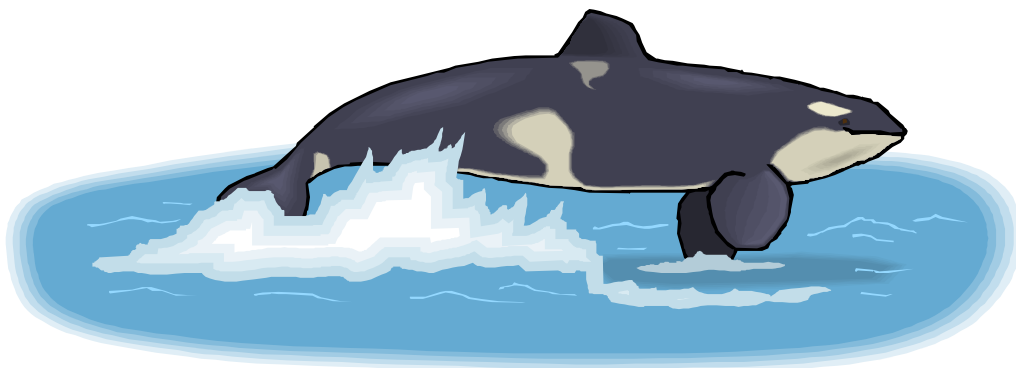
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Thoughts from your Chapter Director

Hello to the Pod,

August is rapidly coming to an end and September will be here before you know it. My, oh my, how time flies when we are having fun.

July and August has given us some great riding weather or should I say hot rid-ing weather. It was over 100 degrees when we went to Longview for the District Rally in July.

In August a group of Orcas went on a Mountain Run to Mt. Saint Helens, which was hosted by Chapter "G" of Gig Harbor and Chapter "F" of Tacoma. It was a long hot day but what a great ride we had. The Orcas had 12 in the Pod for that ride, Thanks everyone.

September is the month for our picnic. If you have any thing for our Silent Auc-tion please let me know. The more items we have, the better the auction. Sept. the 16th is the day.

For those who do not know, we have new District Directors. Congratulation to Bob and Becky Miner for taking that big step and it will be a pleasure working with them. I would like to also congratulate Roy and Pearl, they are our new Region Directors. With Leaders like this the District and Region are in great hands.

One more thing before I close this out, if you have any questions about Jackets or shirts please let me know.

John.



Courteously To Other Riders And Drivers While On The Road

While we are out riding on our motorcycle it may not have occurred to some of us and it may have as to how we represent ourselves to the general public while riding. All motorcyclist whether they ride a Honda or what type of motorcycle actually represents all of us in the motorcycling community. It really matters not as to which organization you belong to or whether you even belong to one. What does matter is what we do and how we act while we are on the road while riding. Most of you should or do agree that how we act and behave while on our bikes does make an impact to those none motorcycle riders. While it is true that the 2%ers, those type of riders that give all motorcyclist a bad image will never change and will continue to be the bad example for all of us, we as the more responsible riders can make a positive image. As you are aware all automobiles are generally much bigger and heavier than we are. We are actually very vulnerable while riding the highways and streets. If you are or get into a confrontation with an automobile (car) or other larger vehicle you will lose every time. Showing respect to other drivers will make us as motorcyclist look to those other drivers as motorcyclists that are different than what's called the 2 percenters. Courtesy is the best policy even when dealing with even the most irate drivers on the road, remember there bigger you are. I know myself that there have been times when the blood boils and you just really want to let them know what you think of them. Most generally what happens is you make a gesture to them and they get mad and then you on the motorcycle have a big heavy irate problem on your hands. You will actually feel better in the long run by simply backing off and letting them get out of your way. If you can't or they want to continue their aggressive behavior then the best advice is to get off the road at the next available off ramp or road.

Most times people on the road are courteous drivers and sometimes they really don't see us. I think that as motorcyclist that we really have the responsibility to make ourselves be seen. One way to do that is by driving with your brights on during daylight hours. Other ways include bright colored cloths. There are headlight modulators out there for most bikes that make your head light pulse, but make sure that they are legal in the state which you are using them in. Some people wear fluorescent colored vests that you can wear over your leather jacket. What ever it may be it is always good to make your presence known to other drivers while on the road. Once again though, being courteous is always the best approach and will not only benefit you but all motorcyclists everywhere.

EDUCATIONAL POTLUCK

Converting Stock Highway Running Lights on a 1999 GL 1500

Are you fed up with Honda gouging us for parts? Here is an inexpensive fix for burned out running lights...

Honda supplies us with a dual element 18/18 watt halogen bulb... Did you know that only one of the elements is used? Did you know that the only source for these bulbs is from you Honda dealer for about \$20.00 each?

From a local auto parts store I purchase the following 2 parts...

Single Element Universal Socket, Water Resistant
"Caltern" part number 08535 \$3.99

Turn Signal Bulb
"Wagner" BP3497 (27 watt) \$4.49

STEP 1

Remove all the wiring from the new socket... The socket is slightly larger in circumference than the hole in the housing. Using a file, slowly file away outside edge of the socket. Only take off enough to allow socket to "snap" into place inside the light housing assembly... (Photo 2)

STEP 2

Pull back the rubber boot from around the stock socket. You will need to un-solder the green ground wire. (Photo 1) Cut the brown/white wire near the base of the socket.

Using a piece of 320 grit sandpaper, rough up a small area on the side of the new socket about 1/2 inch from the end... (Photo 3) This will give a better surface for the solder to hold to. Carefully solder the green wire to the new base (Photo 4)...

STEP 3

Take the center wire and cut it 1" from the circular bulb base (Photo 5)... Strip this wire and connect a "blue" wire connector. (Photo 6)... Connect the center wire to the end of the wire connector. (Photo 7)

STEP 4

Install the completed assembly into the light housing... Light bulb filament should be in the "vertical" position. Be sure you have the socket all the way into the housing... Pull the rubber boot over the assembly... You may have to trim a bit of the boot that surrounds the wires to allow room for the thicker wire connector... (Photo 8)... Wrap electrical tape around the wire to prevent water and dirt intrusion.

Steps 1 through 4 take about 15 minuets to do... You now have affordable running lights that can be replace for a fraction of what Honda wants for their bulbs.

Douglas Wray GWRRA #129074 Chapter "O", Port Orchard Washington

We have had a great summer, lots of beautiful weather with plenty of things to do.

Our chapter has a lot of new members, all wonderful people. We are glad to have each and every one of you added to our pod of Orcas. One of the great things about our addition of new members is the freshness of new ideas. I have really enjoyed the rides that you have participated in, and hope you will join us in many more.

As the summer starts to unwind and the riding season gets shorter for some, it is time to start thinking of brushing up on our riding skills and education on riding safely. So let's get together and have a pot luck and watch the new videos on Rider Education.

On September 23rd, at John and Myrna's house, at 4: pm (same day as our meeting)

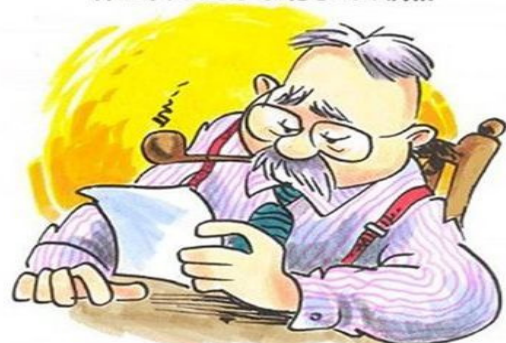
We are going to have a potluck. Bring a favorite dish and what ever you are going to drink. We will have the videos shown on John's big screen TV and have a discussion after the video is shown. This can also include the co-rider seminar to get certified.

Senior Rider Educators

Donna Dodge & Alan Fewel

Cartoon Corner

YOU KNOW YOU'RE GETTING OLD
WHEN YOUR BANK SENDS YOU
THEIR FREE CALENDAR...



ONE MONTH AT A TIME!

MYRNA" NOTES

Chapter "O"'s Picnic's

On July 16th, there was an invasion of Orca's. The group gathered at the local party house.

There was the smell of Bar-B-Que chicken and hamburger in the air, that drew them in.

The day was warm, by Washington standards. Lucky for us the back yard had a bit of a breeze blowing and plenty of chairs for all to sit and talk.

Stories filled the afternoon, along with the great food and great friends.

That is one of the things about belonging to GWRRA, there's always a great group of friends to enjoy a backyard get together, a nice meal or a ride to who knows where.

Our thanks go out to Jack & Coleen for once again opening their home to us.

They made us all feel very welcome. Thanks to all who came and shared the day.

Chapter 'O' will be hosting another Picnic.

We have Jarstad Park in beautiful downtown Gorst, scheduled for the 16th of September.

It will be a Brown Bag Picnic. You provide your own lunch and we will provide drinks and desserts. We will have a silent auction, 50/50, horseshoes and shade trees to sit under and just visit with fellow members.

The entry fee for this event will be at least one can of food to be donated to our local food bank.

Time is from 11am to 5pm. No pets. No alcohol.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you there.

We still are in search of any items that you

might want to donate to the silent auction. Please call we will be glad to pick them up.

Myrna

YOU'RE A?CD'S MIKE AND BARB

Hello Pod: It's been awhile, so let's see what has been happening in WA "O". We had a ride to WA, Z in Centralia. The Porker Run what a great ride, we rode down with some of WA, B'S bunch [Bremerton]. Then did the lawman 1000 with Mark & Kathy Mieres to Eugene, OR. It was a cold and very hot ride all in one day. There wasn't a lot in July, Wing Ding. Staff meeting at J.K. Lairds Ranch.

Barbra and I became Great Grandparents on the 15th of July so we missed the barbeque at Jack and colleens, but was worth it, her name is Brooklan Harlow Burns. Don't ask but she's beautiful.

On July 19th at about 7:00 pm Barbra & I, John & Myrna and Jim & Jan Olmstead met out side of Allyn heading for Longview, WA, for the District Rally. We stopped at the last rest stop before Longview for the night and listened to the diesel trucks come and go most of the night. Up early and on the way to the fair grounds in Longview, where we found our camp sites and unloaded our bikes and other junk. We parked next to John & Myrna, And close to Jim & Jan. There were some people there but more was to come. We seen people from WA.'S "A" "B" "I" "E" "P" "Z" "D" and I'm sure there were some Chapters that I missed and I'm sorry if I did. Check in was at noon time, then the rest of the day was pretty quiet.

Friday was opening ceremonies and then a planned ride, but then a group of us decided to go down to Portland to Wingman at 10:30am. By the time we departed it was headed for three digits, I needed a new windshield as mine was so bad it was hard to see through. We also bought a few other things since it was my birthday. When we left Wingman it was in the triple digits, so when we got back to the fair grounds it was way to hot for a ride. We found a cool place with cold water and stayed put for the rest of the day.

Saturday came and we woke up to J.K. Laird and Bill and Lori Biltoft, then came Pat and Debbie Holmes, Jack and Louis Harrison Donna Dodge, Isaac Barrett, they came down to check out the vendors but there weren't but about 4 so the didn't stay to long, but it was great to have them come and see us and then they left heading back home. They did 50/50 all three days and hand out some nice bundles of cash to bad I didn't get any.

Saturday afternoon they had a farmers market across the street from the fair grounds, so we attended and bought stuff we probably didn't need. Later that evening we attended opening ceremonies, different chapters put on some skits. Some where funny and they had music with real singer some excellent some not to hot. They all did wonderful we really enjoyed all of it. Then it was changing of the guards time and they swore in Bob and Becky minor as the new District leaders as Roy And Pearl stepped down or should I say up to region. What a great time we had. It was to hot but we survived it as always and had a marvels time, as we meet old friends and meet some new ones. Well I think I've said way to much about nothing so Ride Safe and we will see you at the meeting.

WA."O' A C/D Mike and Barbra Berreman



CHAPTER NEWS ALERT

Chapter "O" Summer Final Blast



To All GWRRRA Chapters and Members:

Chapter "O" Brown Bag Picnic & Fund Raiser

ENTRY FEE: 1 can of food, per person, for food bank donation

PLACE: Jarsted Park in Gorst.

DATE: September 16th , 2006

TIME: 11:00am to 5:00pm, Silent Auction and 50/50

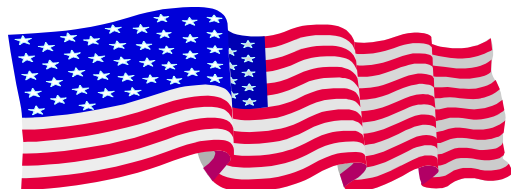
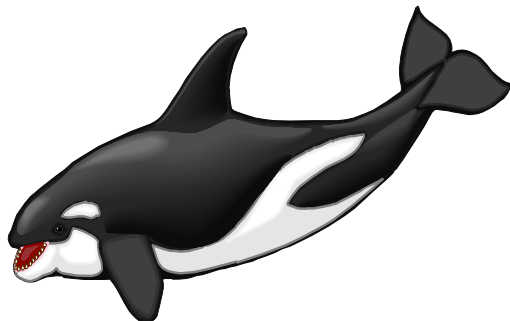
Chapter O members please review your extra possessions to see what you would might like to put in the silent auction. Please contact John to let him know what you might have.



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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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FOR MEETING LOCAIONS VISIT THE GWRRRA WEB SITE FOR CHAPTER GATHERINGS



Schedule of Events

- Sept. 3rd, Chapter B Meeting day
- Sept. 5th: Diner Social , The New Amy's by the Bay, Port Orchard, 6:30 pm (the old JJ's by the library)
- Sept. 10, Ride for Kids, carnation WA
- Sept. 16th, Chapter G Meeting Day
- Sept. 16th, Chapter O Picnic, Jarstad Park, 11 to 5pm, Brown Bag, Can Food Drive, etc.
- Sept. 19th : Staff Meeting John's 6:30 pm.
- Sept. 23rd: WA-O Regular Meeting, 8:00 am, Airport Diner, Bremerton Airport
- Sept. 23rd, Riders Education Pot Luck at John and Myrna's 4:00 pm.

September 2006

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 09/06. Frank Taber
 09/12 Steven LeFave
 09/13 Sandi Smith

Anniversaries



GWRRA Chapter WA-O Officers and Volunteer Staff Members

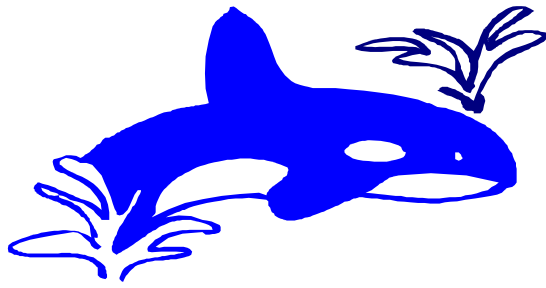
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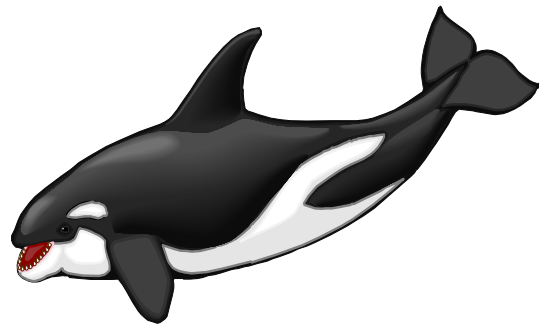
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