



# Chapter V Valley Wings News



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**A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EACH AND ALL**

## From the Chapter Directors:



Happy New Year everyone! It has been a great year and another one is ahead of us all.

At our December meeting, John Dougherty received his "Level 4" patch and certificate. **Congratulations John!** This is the highest level of motorcycle knowledge and safety that can be obtained. We encourage all of our members to begin thinking about "motorcycle safety". We had our Christmas gathering on the 11<sup>th</sup>, about 20 attended. Lots

of good food and packages were exchanged to the delight of us all.

We are looking forward to many interesting and fun rides this coming year. Starting with the annual New Years Day ride January 1<sup>st</sup>. We will meet at Denney's of Auburn (just off hiway 18 off ramp) around 10:00AM and leave at 10:15. We will stop at a restaurant around noon for lunch or coffee.

We sure hope that the weather will be nice enough to ride our trusty steeds; however, our covered wagons are always welcome.

Respectfully Submitted

Garry L. & Maxine Alexander  
Ride Safe Have fun,

**Do you know** By Max  
Answer to Decembers question

Santa got his new updated suit of clothes from the Coca Cola Co. in 1945.

Question for January.

Elvis Presley was born in January. In what year and on what day?

# A HAPPY NEW YEAR

## FROM ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS:



Greeting Everyone!

Well, as I sit here and write on the 29th day of December and I can't wait till March. That is when I hope the weather will change and I won't get wet every day. But hasn't the weather been great. Oh, who am I kidding this is still Washington. Home of the perpetual raindrop.

So, Christmas is over and I got the nicest watch that I have ever seen. It is a Citizen EcoDrive. My lovely bride has great taste. It really took me by surprise.

I took some Cinnamon Rolls to Ken and Marions on Christmas morning and wished them a Very Merry Christmas. I took Ken some tools for when I need them to work on motorcycles. I try to make him think that they are for him. That's what friends are for! Sometimes when I see the vast amount of tools he has there, I think he has it all but there is always something he doesn't have.

Anyway, I had a great Christmas and am really looking forward to the New Year. Thanks for making 2011 so great.

Dennis



## FROM HONORARY ASSISTANCE CHAPTER DIRECTOR:

### Support Your Chapter

Another Chapter Christmas party under our belt and I personally had to let out one more notch in that belt. The chapter had a very good showing of members. Those of us that stay here at home and had our social gathering to enjoy ourselves

being together over the Christmas holidays. However we did miss the “Snowbirds” that went south for the winter season, what a bunch of wimps they are. I think they believe sunshine and warmth is all that there is to life. (Is the envy beginning to show here) We, Marion and I, were seriously considering going south ourselves in January, but while I was bending over sideways working on a 1500 three days ago, I pinched a nerve (spinal cord) in my back. Ow! Ow! At the present time I’m a little reluctant to try driving any distance. We will just have to wait and see.

Marion and I hope every last one of you a most prosperous and a Happy New Year!

Keep the wheels rolling

Ken & Marion



## From the Chapter Educator:



From the desk of John Doughty GWRRA Chapter Educator Chapter V.

While the weather outside is frightful, I wondered if anybody else had thoughts of riding their trusty Gold Wing steed? I had just sat down in my easy chair getting that feeling of warmth and being cozy. I had just sipped a warm drink of whatever and was just settling in under a blanket in front of the fireplace to read my latest Wing World while trying to find the elusive “Wingy’s” hiding place. My feet covered in a blanket to keep them warm and was asking myself if maybe I reduced the house heat a little lower than in the “comfort” zone? I am trying to do my part after all, by lowering of the overall house temperature, conserving that precious energy we have come to take for granted.

I sat there watching the fire, and as flicking sparks flew up the chimney, I began thinking about my summer package of fun sitting out in the garage waiting for my attention. As this grand touring machine was resisting neglect in spite of me, my iron horse was parked on its center stand in the garage, and bare-naked. I had forgotten to cover up my trusty steed for the season.

The cool days turned into the winter months before I realized that time had passed by quickly. I was not riding much now, for the riding season was over for the year. Winter had begun, touching the roadway while dusting it with frost and light snow. New thoughts for the new season was crossing my mind as after all, it was just a few LONG months away.

The garage was cold and it was dark. There my iron horse sat collecting dust on the windshield and on the paint. Invisible dust was settling ever so slowly. As the dust layered on the paint finishes, the dust was doing its microscopic damage. The iron horse was absorbing the dust everywhere. Especially, the dust was gathering everywhere there was leftover grease and grime. The natural processes of inactivity were laying down dust from the windshield and throughout the iron horse's body. Dust was no big thing I thought except, when I realized the dust would eventually work its way into the Plexiglas windshield scratching and dulling the finish. Eventually the dust would work its way deep into the windshield, impeding visibility as the micro dust particles turned the clear glass to opaque.

As the dust continued to work its way into the body paint, the dust would take away the paint luster that I so meticulously attempted polish this past season. Thank goodness, the chrome is a little more resilient to the dust penetration. In addition to the dust, I realized moisture was accumulating on those unprotected metal parts where those tiny scratches I picked up last season exposed the bare metal. The moisture was going to allow rust to form and begin to fatigue the metal parts. Then, I thought about the battery and its pulsation. The battery pulse was almost like the beating heart of a living being and had its own rhythm. A slow trickle of electricity was escaping into the atmosphere. As the battery cells expended their energy, corrosion was forming on the posts and the wires.

Oh, did I forget to attach a battery tender to keep that pulse alive?

This machine was sitting, idle, the oil slowly moving away from the internal engine parts and dripping into the oil pan ever so slowly exposing the bare metal cylinder heads and pistons. As the metal parts exposed themselves, moisture began to accumulate throughout the engine's casings as the cool garage air began to consolidate. The idle engine was growing into the corrosion process as the oil drained off the metal parts.

I imagine that as the oil continued to coagulate, the oil became tar-like and gooey, while standing still in the oil pan.

I also realized my tires were leaking small amounts of air pressure from the tiniest pockets of degenerating rubber. The tires were leaking air slowly, the tire was flattening, and the deflation formed hairline cracks in the rubber. The cold and dampness of the garage lingers, the rubber stiffens and takes an unseen toll on the tire's longevity. I could almost hear the tires groaning under the idle weight of my steed while it lacked motion during this forced winter hibernation. My steed, my iron horse, my pride of joy is deteriorating and waiting for me out in that cold, dark garage. The machine that generates all those pleased miles year after year is waiting for me. AND waiting... AND waiting.....

The guilt has now consumed me and to ensure my future fun and safety, I will get out of my easy chair and go out to the garage to pay some much needed attention to that machine. I will take my iron horse off the center stand, and push this beast out into the open air. I will fire it up while hearing the forgotten sounds of engine start up. It will be a little rough and may even cough a bit reminding me that I neglected it just a wee bit too long. I will run my steed until it is warm allowing full circulation of the oil and water. I will check the battery fluid level to ensure it is on the mark and proper water level. I will check the tire pressure and add air bringing the PSI where it is suppose to be. I will check my radiator fluid and top it off. Then, I will give my steed a few strokes with a dust rag so that I can once again see its luster. Once I have paid the needed attention to my iron horse, I will shut it down push it back into its place of rest to resume the winter's idleness. This time though, I will attach the battery tender and cover it with my traveling canopy. I will cover my steed so that it resists some of the dust penetration and avoiding all those little dust particles. And, I am not going to let it sit there too long this time being ignored as I have done these past several weeks.

After I take some care with my machine, perhaps I will extend its luster, beauty, and safety. If I do something now, all of those things will return to me during the next season of fun and adventure. I am waiting patiently for the coming season and all that fun and adventure. I will know that my machine has

had some attention and has not been totally forgotten. I will prepare a list of things to do when the riding season returns. I need not forget to spend a little time and attention on my iron horse so that it will continue to rarely fail, get me through all those natural elements of weather, back onto those curved roadways, through the mountain passes, and renewing all those great Gold Wing friendships.

Happy and safe riding.

Sincerely,

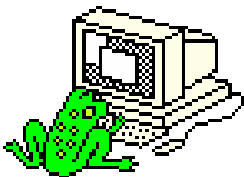
GWRRRA Chapter Educator –

JOHN E. DOUGHTY

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## FROM THE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER EDITORS



We keep hammering that we would like the news articles in by the last Saturday of the month, but nothing says you couldn't send your articles a few days earlier. It sure would make your editor happy if they came in a little early.

With the new year already here I'm still optimistic that some day in the very near future I'll be editing more articles. At any rate your editors once again wish all our members in chapter "V" and other chapters a very

happy and flourishing New Year.

Don't forget, the last Saturday of the month

Keep the articles coming?

Ken/Marion



## FROM THE CHAPTER SECRETARY



December 1, 2011 GWRRA Meeting

Garry Alexander greeted everyone and introduced his Staff members.

John Doughty, Chapter Educator, reminded everyone to "check your tires". He explained how the cold weather effects tires and that the chemicals used to de-ice the roads has been known to be slick. Take care when winter riding.

Events, both past and upcoming were discussed. A date for our Chapter to host the Federal Way Rest Stop has not been confirmed yet.

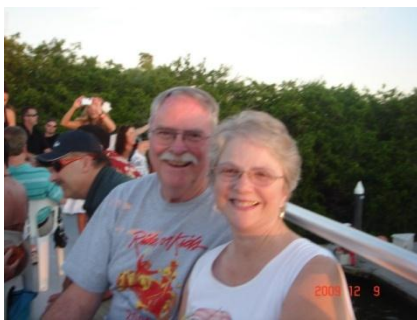
Gary Alexander presented John Doughty with his Master Rider patch. John is an excellent rider with many thousands of miles on his Goldwing. John explained the four levels of the GWRRA Safety program starting with the commitment to be a safe driver. The Master Rider is the highest level.

This month's color drawing is won by Ed Miller.  
The 50/50 drawing was won by Maxine Alexander.

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Jan Ljunggren



## FROM THE CHAPTER COUPLE OF THE YEAR:



Welcome to the New Year. Did you follow through with last year's resolutions or were you like me and played it safe by not making any? If I had made one it probably would have been to buy a newer bike,

maybe an 1800 – but as it turned out I would have resolved to keep my trusty 1500. We will see what 2012 brings.

Christmas has slipped into the past for another year. I, for one, did not have to fight the crowds searching for that last gift in the stores this year. I also decided I didn't need any Air Jordan shoes. Santa was good to me this year and so was the birth of our Lord a long time ago. Remember "the reason for the season".

The winter solstice has also come and gone. Now until the middle of June the daylight time will start getting longer giving us more hours for some riding pleasure. Start doing some of the maintenance work on your bike so you will be ready when the time presents itself.

What are your plans for the New Year? Did you provide any input for our chapter calendar? Those would have included a day or weekend ride, chapter visits, our chapter meetings, rallies, training sessions, or some of our own chapter socials. Our chapter calendar has quite a few events and I know we can't make them all, but will do our best. Hopefully we will see you at one of the events.

Smile often and ride safely.

Vic & Sharon  
WAV Couple of the Year



## FROM THE CHAPTER TECHNICAL ADVISOR:



Greetings everyone, if you really want a fun time come over to Ken and Marions when Ken, Garry, John Doughty and I are working on a Wing. We have a great time. We even have Hot Chocolate delivered to us by some pretty hot ladies!

All of us have been working on Dan Dawley's 88 GoldWing, getting it ready to sell. Collectively we have changed the air and fuel filters, oil and filter, fork seals, anti-freeze and checked out everything that there is to make sure that someone will be buying the best Wing for the money. It's a great looking bike. And only has 51,000 miles! It comes with a trailer also. Good buy!

So, this is the time to do the maintenance that really needs to be done. Why wait? We have a chapter full of people willing to help out anyway that they can. Take advantage of us!

Dennis.



## RECIPE CORNER:

### Strawberry Pretzel Salad By Sharon Murphy

2 1/2 cups crushed pretzels  
3 T powdered sugar  
3/4 cup melted butter

Mix together and press in to a 9 x 13 inch baking pan. Bake at 350 for 10 minutes. Cool

1 cup powdered sugar  
8 oz. cream cheese  
9 oz container Cool Whip

Mix cream cheese and powdered sugar. Fold in whipped cream. Spread over pretzel crust.

1 6 oz strawberry jello  
2 cups boiling water  
1 20 oz pkg frozen strawberries

Mix jello and boiling water. Add frozen strawberries broken up with a fork. Partially set before pouring on top of cream cheese layer.  
Refrigerate before serving.

Raspberries and rasperry jello can be substituted for strawberries.

## CHAPTER BIRTHDAYS:



## CHAPTER

## ANNIVERSARYS



John Stoner  
Kathleen Grosvenor  
Marion Harter  
JoAnn Miller  
Barbara Brooke

Nick and Sharon Ferderer



## Quick Quiz - - - Brain Teaser

Who popularized the song “Auld Lang Syne”?

- 1 Robert Burns
- 2 Guy Lombardo
- 3 Madonna

Answer below

## Did You Know

### State Fish

#### ***Steelhead Trout***

The steelhead trout is an anadromous fish, meaning it returns to fresh water rivers to spawn. The scales of the steelhead shine flecks of silver with a gray spotted back from head to tail and an intensely white belly; the two colors separated by a hint of opalescent pink. Steelhead trout is one of the most popular fish for recreational fishing, a major industry in Washington State. The steelhead trout (*Salmo gairdnerii*) was adopted by the Legislature as a state symbol in 1969.



Answer to Quick Quiz:

**It was bandleader [Guy Lombardo](#)**, and not Robert Burns, who popularized the song and turned it into a New Year's tradition. Lombardo first heard "Auld Lang Syne" in his hometown of London, Ontario, where it was sung by Scottish immigrants. When he and his brothers formed the famous dance band, Guy Lombardo and His Royal Canadians, the song became one of their standards. Lombardo played the song at midnight at a New Year's eve party at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City in 1929, and a tradition was born. After that, Lombardo's version of the song was played every New Year's eve from the 1930s until 1976 at the Waldorf Astoria. In the first years it was broadcast on radio, and then on television. The song became such a New Year's tradition that "*Life* magazine wrote that if Lombardo failed to play 'Auld Lang Syne,' the American public would not believe that the new year had really arrived."

**You, the reader, Nick Ferderer must have something Old, something New? send to your Editor**

