



GWRRA Chapter WA- V



March 2011 Newsletter

FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTORS:-



Happy St. Patrick's Day to each and every 'Irishman'.

At this writing, we are gearing up to attend the staff gathering on 11 March at Around the Corner in Orting. Time? 6:30. If you have any ideas and would like to attend we will see you there. Then on 12 March, a Saturday, we will have our annual motorcycle maintenance workshop at the home of Ken & Marion. Marion will have the coffee pot on and club members are asked to bring deserts and salads. Main course is also being provided, so hope to see you and your motorcycle there. We always like to make sure that our transportation is safe, and positional problems are discovered before problems occur. Remember, our riding season is upon us.

We still have a few open time slots for the rest area. Please give a call Vic at (253) 922-7497, or myself at (253) 770-3866 to put your name down for that open time period. Thanks for your help.

We would also like to thank Barbara & Bob Brooke for all of the help and hard work they have given to our chapter in past years. They are planning on moving to a warmer climate and retirement.

On 9 April is the Early Spring ride with Chapter 'C', more information will follow. Many of us are planning on attending. This has always been a real great ride.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at our April 7th gathering. Our gatherings are at the Eagles in Auburn, 7:00 PM. Ride safely, and we will see you there

Respectfully submitted,

Garry L. & Maxine Alexander 

FROM ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS:



Here it is March. Time to get the motorcycle ready for the season. Hopefully snow is but a memory and the cold days also.

Sharon and I went to Gerbings and I found out that you can leave your jacket liner and they will wire it up for heat for \$179.00. What a deal. I should get it back in a couple of weeks. I can't wait! Sharon got a new jacket and matching heated gloves. She's happy and hot now! After Gerbings we headed south through a little bit of rain and visited the Mall show in Longview. Very nice show. We saw a lot of neat things to do to our Wing and had a great

time

visiting

also.

Jim has got some nice rides set up for us and we are planning on doing a chapter visit every month. Remember, it's your chapter and there are a lot of thing set up for you to do. We're planning on having fun and just want you to join in.

Dennis

FROM THE CHAPTER EDUCATOR:



Newsletter article for March:

The new season is upon us (in spite of the rain). The cool weather is just about behind us and we are now thinking about getting our steeds from under their covers. Are we checking the oil and battery, checking the overall condition of the motorcycle, checking your riding clothing, checking your rain gear, checking your helmet, and last but not least, checking YOU? Are there cracks in the windshield that needs attention or repair?

Have you checked the air in the tires? Do those tires need to be replaced? Have you glanced through your owner's manual lately to familiarize yourself with your machine's options? Have you checked the riding attire to see if it needs replacing? Have you checked your helmet for damages and is it time for a new one? A five year limit is recommended for a helmet's life, and by the way, has that helmet been abused since last year, like falling off your seat bouncing on the pavement? Have you checked and replaced your first aid kit band aids and your emergency flashlight batteries? Have you started doing a few physical exercises to get your body in shape for handling those 900+ pounds of dead weight that you will need to hold up at a stop light? Have you begun some mental preparations for combating those "other" vehicle drivers that think we are still in hibernation and still sleeping through the winter? Are you thinking of ways to make yourself visible to those other drivers? Are you thinking of survival strategies to combat those other drivers? Are you getting a new reflective vest, some additional lighting on your machine, and maybe a new conspicuous helmet color in your plans for this new season? If you have warmed up your machine to see if it still starts, have you thought about going out to do some Parking Lot Practicing (PLP's) before you expose yourself to some real traffic? Are your machine, your clothing, and YOU ready for the new season?

Sincerely,

JOHN E. DOUGHTY

Chapter Educator

FROM THE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER EDITORS:



Greetings fellow members on the windy Month of March

Yeah I know I must have looked in the wrong direction, but what ever, here I am doing the Newsletter. Trying to remember what keys to punch to make things happen the way their supose to.

Maybe with a little luck and a whole bunch of help from Vic, we'll have a newsletter posted this month.

There was a time, when I was on District Chapters it was easy, but then that was what seemed like two or three eons ago.

Wish me luck on my learning skills and maybe it will work out.

Now all we need is to have our readers to send in articles to keep me busy.

Keep the articles coming

Ken/Marion

FROM THE CHAPTER SECRETARY



Chapter "V" March Gathering Notes

Chapter "V" held the March gathering at the Auburn Eagles.

Special guests included Sam & Robin Stewart, Chapter WA "Q", Jesse & Eva Valentine (WA "Z") and Frank & Suzie Hutchinson (WA "Z"), Mike Tennyson (WA "D").

Events and items of discussion:

March 11th – Chapter V Staff Meeting

March 12th – Chapter V Maintenance Workshop

March 18 -20th – Chapter "E" Surf Watch

April 23rd – 27th – Chapter "V" will be hosting the Federal Way Rest Stop. We still need volunteers to help. Please sign up.

Sam Stewart promoted the Ride for Dogs benefit run. Donations help provide Guide Dogs for people who are visually impaired. There will be a burger and beer for \$1.00 following the ride.

Mike Tennyson spoke about the PBTF Ride for Kids, the Chapter D Mall Show and Duck Hunt.

Jesse Valentine provided information about Chapter Z poker run in August.

Chapter "V" has a new newsletter editor – Ken Harter. Please provide articles before the 2nd Saturday of the month.

Vic Parr and Jesse Valentine presented safety talks about checking tires for air pressure, cracks, nails, thread separation, etc. This should not be a "once a year" thing.

Jim Johnson provided a list of rides that individuals have recommended. He now needs Ride Captains to lead the rides. There will be ride to Chapter "O" this month.

Dennis Murphy can order rockers and patches. Contact him for any of these items.

Garry displayed the training videos that we have in our Chapter. These are available for your use:

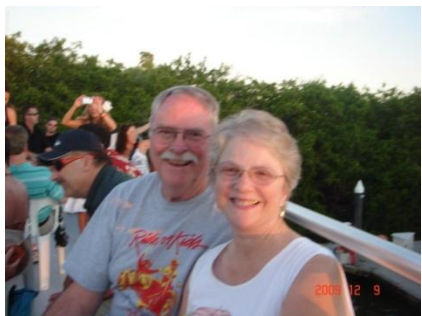
- Co-Rider
- Slow-Speed Cycling
- Touring & Braking
- Trailer

Jim Johnson won the \$10.00 Chapter Member Color drawing.

Garry Alexander won the 50/50 prize.

Minutes taken by Jan & LeRoy

FROM THE CHAPTER COUPLE OF THE YEAR:



Has Mother Nature given you enough surprises so far? The sun was shining so nice and the grass was actually getting tall enough that I figured it should be mowed. Got that job done and decided to take the bike for a spin down to a local RV place to get a repair part. As I was coming home there were some water bugs collecting on my windshield and by the time I got home those buggers were being replaced by snowflakes. Whoa! The next morning there was more than an inch of snow covering the area.

Our riding season is rapidly approaching. I will be joining several others at our annual maintenance workshop at the Harter's in a couple of weeks. The tools and expertise

are there to get some quality work done. Oh, yeah, almost forgot about the time for socializing with a potluck lunch.

My package has arrived from National which contained the PASSPORT program folder. I could have used it already this month if I had taken the bike to our meeting. Ah, Mother Nature made me change my mind and take the covered wagon. That's OK. I figure I will be doing a lot of other activities that will enable me to gather some event participation stamps or signatures. I hope you utilize the program if not for the PASSPORT entries then just to share some good times with people at other chapter events.

Ride safe,
Vic & Sharon

FROM THE CHAPTER TECHNICAL ADVISOR:



Time to get the Wing ready for the years riding. You know what to do.

If you aren't like me and don't ride all year long then it's time to get it out of hibernation and see what you can do to make it wake up.

First, check the tires and make sure they are up to the riding season. Then start looking at the fluids and determine what needs to be topped off and or changed. I like to change the oil in the spring .and every 3000 miles. If the brake and clutch fluids are looking brown and it's been a couple of years then it's probably time to change them also. It's a good idea to check the rear drive lube. That's one of the things that gets overlooked. Check your switches also. A little bit of contact cleaner really works great to keep them working good. And one last thing, make sure that you check the air cleaner. Critters like to make nests there and you don't need nest materials being sucked into the engine.

There were a lot of your fellow chapter members at Ken and Marion's for the workshop today. We had a great time fixing, changing and just hanging out together. It was a great time. Lots of food and fun. It was nice seeing Ken back to his old self.

Dennis



RECIPE CORNER

We had four recipes submitted last month by Chico Carroll. This is one more of them.

Zesty Beef Stew

Preparation couldn't be simpler for this hearty no-fuss stew!

Notes Margaret Turza of South Bend, Indiana, "I created this dish when I didn't have some of my usual ingredients for vegetable beef soup.

My husband says it's the best I ever made!"

6 Servings Prep: 10 min. Cook: 3-1/2 hours

Ingredients

- 1 pound beef stew meat, cut into 1 -inch cubes
- 1 package (16 ounces) frozen mixed vegetables, thawed
- 1 can (15 ounces) pinto beans, rinsed and drained
- 1-1/2 cups water
- 1 can (8 ounces) pizza sauce
- 2 tablespoons medium pearl barley
- 1 tablespoon dried minced onion
- 2 teaspoons beef bouillon granules
- 1 /4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes

Directions

- In a 3-qt. slow cooker, combine all the ingredients. Cover and cook on low for 3-1/2 to 4-1/2 hours or until meat is tender.

Yield: 6 servings.

Nutrition Facts:

1 serving (1 cup) equals 251 calories, 6 g fat (2 g saturated fat), 47 mg cholesterol, 526 mg sodium, 28 g carbohydrate, 8 g fiber, 21 g protein.

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<http://www.tasteofhome.com/Recipes/Zesty-Beef-Stew/>

CHAPTER BIRTHDAYS:

Mary J Carroll

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CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES:

None for March