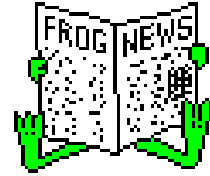




# GWRRRA Chapter WA-V



## May 2010 Newsletter

### FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTORS:



Hello to everyone...

Our May gathering was held on the sixth, we had a great gathering of 28 members and visitors. It was nice to see many smiling faces from our chapters past. Nice to see all of you. That feeling also extends to our new member and visitors.

Nick Ferderer, and the two of us, attended the Memorial Services to Celebrate the Life of Jim Olmsted, long time member of Chapter WA O. We send our love and prayers home with his wife Janice. As many of you might know, Maxine has known her since they were 'just kids.'

A Mystery Ride is being held monthly. We encourage everyone to attend if they can, this month we will picnic on our ride so bring your lunch 15 May. Weekends vary so you will have to stay on your toes to know when and where we will be meeting. It sure would be fun to have ALL Chapter V members on one of these great rides.

A couple of our members were spotted at the 'Lilac Lady's Garded' in Woodland the weekend prior to Mothers Day. Then we heard that this group headed to Mossy Rock to visit the Tulip fields. It seems that the rain doesn't detour us from having a good time together, on a wing or in a covered wagon.

Please, never forget to ride safely and have lots of fun and fellowship.

Submitted by:

Garry L. & Maxine Alexander

Chapter WA V CD

## FROM THE ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS:



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## FROM THE CHAPTER EDUCATOR:



Submitted by JIM CULP SC-A, CHAPTER EDUCATOR  
MSF Rider Coach

Do you dread having to do a U-turn in a confined space, find yourself "duck-walking" your 'Wing around? Do you find yourself making lots of small corrections as you go through curves instead of making nice, smooth arcs?

Good news! It's all in your head. No, I don't mean like that; I mean that most of your control problems are all in your head or, more specifically, how you position your head.

The single biggest error that most riders make is their failure to LOOK WHERE THEY WANT TO GO. I know that, for most of us, it's been drilled into our heads since we started walking, "Look where you're going!" Usually, that works pretty well but motorcycle handling is a bit different.

Motorcycles tend to go where you are looking and the failure of riders to smoothly negotiate curves or successfully make U-turns is their failure to turn their heads and focus on their desired destination in the roadway. Most riders, when making a U-turn, will focus on the roadside or ditch rather than the area much further behind them like the centerline of the roadway. I'll say it again, motorcycles tend to go where you are looking. If you're focused on the ditch, guess what? That's where you'll go. A Gold Wing Top Gun rider I know suggests that the rider should, "Look past their antennas or tail lights." Another one told me, "Don't look where you're GOING; look where you WANT to go."

Similarly, if the rider doesn't look as far through the curve as possible, they end up doing what Lee Parks, in his excellent book TOTAL CONTROL, calls "50 pencing" (the British 50 Pence coin is faceted around its edge), basically converting the curve into a series of short, straight lines. Again, the cure is to TURN YOUR HEAD. Focus your attention as far through the curve as possible (keeping moving your focus as you progress through the curve), maintain a steady or increasing throttle and trust your tires (you do have good tires, don't you?). The majority of riders who crash in a curve follow the same process: (1) They fail to slow to an appropriate entry speed (that's a speed that will allow you to accelerate all the way through the curve), (2) They stop looking where they want to go (if they ever were), (3) They start looking where they want to land. One more time; motorcycles go where you look. If you think you're too fast as you enter a curve: (1) Keep looking at (or for) the exit of the curve, (2) Press the handlebar to lean the bike some more, (3) Hold your throttle steady and stay off your brakes, (4) Trust your tires.

If you go back and consider the things I've just talked about, you'll see that the solutions to these very common problems are "all in your head." Some of the solution is how you position your head; some is how well you use the contents of your head. Safe riding is much more your eyes and brain rather than hands and feet.

Sincerely,

JOHN E. DOUGHTY  
GWRRRA Chapter V Educator

### FROM THE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER EDITORS:



#### April Chapter Staff Meeting

Chapter V staff meeting was held at Ken and Marion Harter's home at 6:30 on 29 April 2010.

Garry opened the meeting by referring to the Officers training he had just attended and by stating we would have staff meetings every month from now on. Every third month will be an open staff with all chapter members invited. He stated that there would be no secrets in how Chapter V was operated.

The rest area was discussed and we decided to do it again next year with one small change. Each shift will total the money taken in during their four hours so we can discover if it is worth keeping it open 24 hours a day.

Garry stated he needed to develop a chapter budget to ensure we knew how the money came into the chapter and how it is spent.

We discussed the Mall Show in October and we are beginning to need help from chapter members. Barb and I will handle tracking pre-registration and are developing a flyer for it now. We will soon be going out to dealers, bike shops and all the stores in South Hill Mall to discuss displays and possible donations. We need to start chapter visitations to promote their participation and get early sign ups. These visits should be in chapter colors and are definitely not limited to only GWRRA functions but any motorcycle function you may be aware of.

Getting new members was discussed and Garry appointed me (Bob Brooke) membership coordinator. Garry has contacted our District director to order membership apps and bike hangers so we can start carrying these with us wherever we go. If you would like to be the contact for a local motorcycle shop, please contact me for materials.

Vic Parr will be contact for Ride for Kids and will get literature for that.

Next Staff meeting was scheduled for 12 May at Garry and Maxine's.

## FROM THE CHAPTER SECRETAY



### Chapter "V" Gathering Minutes for May, 2010

Chapter Director, Garry Alexander, introduced his staff and welcomed visitors to our gathering.

Visitors included Charles (Chico) Carroll, Sue DeLong, and Debby Whitten. Awards were handed out to all the volunteers who helped man the rest stop in April.

Ride Coordinator, Jim Johnson gave an update on the upcoming rides.

May 15<sup>th</sup> is a Chapter V Mystery Ride. This will be somewhere across the Narrows bridge. There is a group leaving from the Poodle dog restaurant in Fife at 10 am where we will meet another group at Cutters Coffee in Olympic Village. Bring a picnic lunch.

May 21<sup>st</sup> is a weekend ride to Soap Lake. A group will depart from Denny's in Auburn at 9 am for a leisurely day ride. Some are staying Friday and Saturday night at the Soap Lake Inn. (509-246-1132).

May 28-31 Kennewick is having the Spring Fling.

July 15-18 is the District Rally in Port Townsend

August 26-29 is the Regional Rally in Tillamook Oregon

Garry announced that the Chapter will reimburse \$10 for each member's registration fee for the District and Regional Rally as an incentive to attend.

Chapter V will be doing a Mall show at the South Hill Mall this fall. There will be lots of things to do to prepare for this show and will involve all our members. Please contact Bob Brooke or Ken Harter to volunteer. This is going to be a fun and exciting event. More information to follow.

#### The Brothers GWRRA Appreciation Day Ride

Chapter "V" was well represented at the Brothers Motorsport 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual GWRRA Appreciation Day ride on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Garry Alexander, John Doughty, Jan & LeRoy Ljunggren, Jim Wilson, Nick Ferderer, and Jim Johnson all attended. Jim Johnson did an awesome job of putting together the 105-plus mile route that included poker run stops at Scenic Beach State Park, Belfair State Park, and Penrose Point State Park and included many beautiful sites along the way. Jim and Nick staffed the first stop poker run stop at Scenic Beach State Park, taking pictures and distributing water and granola bars to the riders. The ride ended at the Brothers where riders were greeted with hot dogs, hamburger, chips, chicken wings, cookies, plus pop, water, and coffee. What a spread of food!

The Brothers gave many prizes away including hats, t-shirts, gloves and a set of tires as the grand prize. Garry Alexander with his usual "luck" won two hats and had the best poker run hand consisting of a flush in clubs making him a winner of \$100.00. Jan Ljunggren won the 50/50 for \$131.00. This is a great ride to support again next year.

## FROM YOUR RIDE COORDINATOR:



We had a great ride on the 17<sup>th</sup> of April. We had 4 wings and 1 car. We met up in Gig Harbor and toured out to Belfair State Park via Key Peninsula, for a brief stop and then on to Scenic Beach State Park via Dewatto Road for lunch. After lunch we headed back home. We got rained on a little but we all had a good time with lots of back road riding and beautiful scenery.

May 2<sup>nd</sup> brought the Brothers Powersport GWRRA appreciation Poker Run and we had a nice time.

May 15 (Saturday) will be another Mystery Ride. Meet at the Poodle Dog in Fife to depart at 1000am or meet at Olympic Village (Cutters Coffee house) in Gig Harbor where the group will depart at 1045. We will have another State Park as our destination for lunch.

May 21<sup>st</sup> is our Soap Lake weekend ride and we will leave Denny's in Auburn (just off of HWY 18) at approx. 0900am.

## FROM THE CHAPTER TECHNICAL ADVISOR:



I once had an '87 Aspencade that I wanted to add some driving lights to. So, not really knowing how to wire them up to the Wing, I went to the local Honda shop and asked how to do such a thing. I was told to just wire them up to the accessory fuse. Well, I knew enough about wiring that they draw much more than the 5 amp circuit would allow. I asked about this and was told "just put a bigger fuse in it!" WRONG!!! It just doesn't work out that way.

All of the circuits in the Wing or car or just about anything are designed for a certain load on the wiring, fuses and relays. Never put a larger amperage fuse in place of a smaller one in the fuse block. If it takes too long for the fuse to blow then you could have melted wires or possibly start a fire. Voltage will just keep flowing until something like a blown fuse stops it. Remember that the purpose of a fuse is to blow if there is a problem in the wiring.

I went to another Honda shop and discussed with their mechanic the correct way to wire up the lights and I ended up wiring them up so they would come on with the hi-beams. Since then I have learned through trial and error and talking to people that know much more than me the correct way and the quick way to wire. And what the difference is. More on that next month.

Dennis Murphy

## RECIPE CORNER:

### Gourmet Tillamook Grilled Cheese

**Description:** This reinterpretation of the lunch standard adds Tapenade to the cheesy, crunchy classic. The perfect companion to a bowl of rich tomato soup.

#### Ingredients:

8 (1/2-inch-thick) slices crusty country bread  
3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil  
8 teaspoons tapenade (olive spread)  
2 cups (8-ounces) Tillamook® Shredded Sharp Cheddar Cheese  
3 tablespoons minced fresh basil  
2 roasted red peppers, cut into strips  
8 slices bacon, cooked

#### Instructions:

Brush one side of each bread slice lightly with olive oil. Turn over 4 slices, oil sides down, and spread 2 teaspoons Tapenade on each. Toss cheese with basil; press half of cheese on Tapenade. Top with red peppers, bacon, then remaining cheese mixture. Place remaining bread slices, oil sides up, on top, making 4 sandwiches.

Grill sandwiches over medium heat in large skillet until golden brown, about 5 minutes per side.

Makes 4 sandwiches

From the Tillamook Cheese webpage

**CHAPTER BIRTHDAYS:**

Johnny Vallely                      May 05

Neena Stoner                        May 10

**CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES:**

Sally and Douglas Lyons            May 17

Paula and Jeff Hardwick            May 30