



Chapter V Valley Wings News



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From the Chapter Directors:



It seems to be getting a little warmer and looks like a great riding season is in store. We were pleased to see 22 persons at our chapter meeting. Thank you for your participation.

The first Saturday after our June 2nd meeting was the Special Olympics at Ft. Lewis. We would like to thank those from our chapter and those from Chapter 'Q' a heartfelt thank you for making the two-day event such a great one. Chapter 'Q' had two bikes that attended and Chapter 'V' had eight. Great job well done!

On June 11th is the Duck Run. This is a great, fun filled event. Hope we see a couple of bikes from Chapter 'V'. Then on the 21st to the 24th of July is the district rally at the Chehalis Fair grounds. Also in July is the Ride for the Dogs on July 16th. This is Levi's school and we hope many of our members will attend.

Looks like a busy schedule to me.

Many of us have purchased yellow reflective vests from "Sportco" in Fife. They reflect well and have many pockets. Not to mention, even one on the back. (So the co-rider can read directions on all of the chapter rides we will be attending.) Ride safely and have fun...we want to see you at our next meeting on July 7th.

Ride Safe Have fun,
Respectfully submitted by;
Garry L. & Maxine Alexander

FROM ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS:



Greetings All,

I had a great time at the Special Olympics and that is really an understatement. If you have never done a ride/escort like that, then you don't really know what you are missing. It's always much more fun when you get to do something like this as a chapter. I think by now everyone that wanted a vest has gotten one. Anything that helps to be seen is a

good thing.
Keep Wingin and get involved.

Dennis

FROM HONORARY ASSISTANCE CHAPTER DIRECTOR:



Support Your Chapter

First up, a report on our fishing on the Pend Oreille River. We had nothing but good weather and a little bit of good luck. Marion tied into a wild jumping Northern Pike, it turned out to be 29 inches long. However Ken caught one 29 and one half inches long the day after, it went right at 8 pounds. Just goes to show ya. We had a nice visit with our kids, and with all that sun shine we got a nice tan.

Second up, the South Hill Mall Show was very successful. There was a good variety of bikes, from Goldwing's to scooters. As well as a variety of people asking questions. With all the new signs provided for Garry it helped demonstrate our cause, Motorcycle Awareness Month. I don't have any idea how much we brought in for the Ride For Kids, but ample I'm sure. Except for a little mix-up at the reception table all went well and we only had one incident with security but I'll let Garry tell about that.

Garry has already committed us to next year, same time, Motorcycle Awareness Month, this was a consensus of all Chapter V members present at the Mall Show.

What we would like to see is more of the chapter to get involved, also more chapters as well. This takes members to visit the other chapters and or other motorcycle organizations. The thing that impresses the general public is our willingness to be there and explain our common cause "To Share The Road". - - - - - (nothing wrong with recruiting new members at the same time)

One more thing, I made a poster about Motorcycle Awareness but it lacked something, maybe like a motorcycle and a car involved in a left turn accident. If any of you have any pictures particularly any left turns motorcycle accident please send or e-mail them to me. Thank you!

Ride with care
Ken & Marion

From the Chapter Educator:



Credit: Chuck and Anne Reed Georgia Senior District Educators

LOOK UP

Always look up, never letting your eyes drop below the horizon. This is one of the most important things you can do, to safely control your motorcycle. Your eyes take you where you are looking. Always look through the turn. If you look down, you are probably going to go down. Look ahead, keep your thoughts and your vision ahead. If you are riding at highway speeds for example, and you are looking, oh say, 50 yards in front of you, by the time you see any obstacle in your path, it is going to be too late to avoid it. Plan 12 seconds ahead.

SQUARE UP

Always square your handlebars when you stop and keep them square when you are starting forward. Even an emergency stop in a curve, you stop quicker and much more safely, if your **FIRST** square up your handlebars **BEFORE** applying the brakes. Ever stop at a stop sign with your handlebars turned a little right or left and you find yourself wrestling with the motorcycle to keep it from falling over, or even falling over? If this is a problem you have, chances are very high that the cause is, your handlebars are not square to the motorcycle. Square up those handlebars!!

RIGHT FOOT UP

Always stop and start your motorcycle with your right foot covering the rear brake and your left foot on the ground. In stopping, the most effective way to stop a motorcycle is with both brakes, by applying even pressure on both the front and rear brakes. When you stop, your left foot should touch the ground first. When you start, your right foot should be covering your rear brake pedal. When the vehicle in front of your moves, you will begin to move. If that vehicle suddenly stops, you can quickly stop if you have your right foot covering the brake. It will take you at least 1 to 2 seconds to cover the front brake with your right hand. However, if your right foot was on the rear brake, you would already be applying the rear brake while you were trying to cover the front brake. When you start and stop your motorcycle in the same manner each time, you will find you can control your balance much easier.

So, remember, L.S.R., the Three Ups

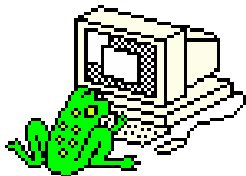
LOOK UP SQUARE UP RIGHT FOOT UP And, as always, always be watchful for the unwatchful

Sincerely,

GWRRRA Chapter Educator –

JOHN E. DOUGHTY

FROM THE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER EDITORS



Now that the riding season is here, I sure do hope to see some articles about the different rides you all are taking. Being that Marion and I more or less stay at home we would sure like for you write about the different

excursions the chapter is promoting. Maybe we can't take all the rides, but we could enjoy reading and seeing pictures of them.

Remember all articles are due on the second Saturday of the month. Send to hart96@comcast.com

Keep the articles coming

Ken/Marion

FROM THE CHAPTER SECRETARY



Chapter V Gathering June 2, 2011

Chapter Director, Garry Alexander, introduced his staff and welcomed Charles Carroll's son, Manny to the meeting.

Past Events:

- The Mall Show received \$315 in donations for "The Ride for Kids©".
- Mall Show Donations may still be coming in.
- Seven bikes did the Chapter Hood Canal Loop ride on May 28th

John Doughty, Chapter Educator:

- Check your tires before every ride.
- Stay visible. Wear a vest that is highly visible.
- Make sure all the lights are working both on your motorcycle and your car.
- Break early when coming to a stop when cars are behind you.
- The volunteers who are helping with the Special Olympics June 4th and 5th need to wear the required proper riding gear.

Upcoming rides and events include:

- Chapter B's Harvest Run on June 4th
- Chapter D's Duck Hunt on June 11th
- District Rider Ed ARC and TRC Classes on June 11th and 12th
- Chapter V Ride to Port Townsend is on June 18th
- District Rally is in Chehalis on July 21, 22, and 23. All members are encouraged to attend this fun event.

Color Draw winner: Frank Hearron

50/50 Winner: Joe Johnson

Jan/LeRoy

FROM THE CHAPTER COUPLE OF THE YEAR:



Our travels for this extended journey are progressing as planned. We can't do too much about the weather except dress accordingly and find appropriate shelters. We were using our heated gear in Idaho and Wyoming. Now we are looking for some cooling gear as we travel through Missouri and Arkansas. We have had tornado warnings in Nebraska and Iowa and had to detour around floods in Montana. Even digital highway signs in Wyoming recommending light trailers to not travel beyond their warning area – we figured our RV had enough weight. Is this stuff following us?

We had an occasion to drop the bike while we were practically stopped. It did some damage that was temporarily repaired at the drop site and had the fortune to find a contact listed under Billings, Montana in the Gold Book. Tom Killham referred me to Bill Wagner. He even called Bill to ensure he was in town and informed him that I would call him right away. Bill said to bring the bike into Billings the next morning and he would start work right away. And, this he did. He had other bikes in his shop, but a space was cleared for mine and he spent the next 2 ½ hours fixing things in a status that I thought was “better than new”. More kudos for the Gold Book and the people who are in our organization.

We have not found time to attend any local Chapter meetings, but have met people on all kinds of bikes and trikes. We all have tales of great places to visit and people to meet. A lot of those places are of the dining category (of course).

If you are interested in reviewing some of our pictures and our comments in a journal, check them out at www.gwrra-wav.org/2011-Vacation.htm.

Vic & Sharon
WAV Couple of the Year

FROM THE CHAPTER TECHNICAL ADVISOR:



I am always looking for ways to plug in different things to the Wing, and I have found the perfect website for you to check out. Powerlet.com has all sorts of plugs and outlets for plugging anything into your particular bike. I have an accessory outlet on the trunk and one in the fairing pocket. Also one next to the radio for plugging in the Gerbing heated line of clothing. Powerlet, also has adapters for plugging in battery chargers. They eliminate the need of having plug-ins hanging out from the bike. Check out their website and I'll bet you'll find something that you'll want.

Dennis

RECIPE CORNER:

We are short our regular recipe for the month. If you have special, tasty recipe that you would like to share with fellow members please send to our friendly newsletter editor. He will even translate pencil written old time recipe from grandma's recipe drawer. Provided it's all in English.
Thank you!

CHAPTER BIRTHDAYS:



David (Cappy) Elmquist

Myra Getchell

Betty Willard

CHAPTER ANNIVERSARYS



Dan & Phoenix Landis

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Did You Know

State Fossil

Columbian Mammoth



Following a four-year effort by students from Windsor Elementary School near Cheney to have this behemoth designated as our state fossil, the Legislature recognized in 1998 that the large, hairy prehistoric elephants of the extinct genus *Mammuthus* roamed the North American continent, including the Pacific Northwest, during the Pleistocene epoch (ice ages). Mammoth is the common name given to any member of an extinct genus *Mammuthus* of the elephant family. The first North American mammoths migrated across the Bering Strait from Asia down through Alaska about two million years ago. Nearly all mammoths died out about 10,000 years ago. From studies based on deposits of the Columbian mammoths, *M. columbi*, it is clear that grasses featured prominently in their diets. The maximum life expectancy of the mammoth would have been 60 to 65 years. The

males grew to the size of modern adult elephants; females were about half that size. Several years ago, fossils of the Columbian mammoth were found on the Olympic Peninsula.

Do you have a gem or trivia information you would like to share?