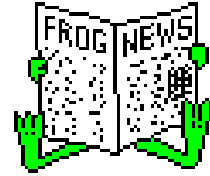




GWRRR Chapter WA-V



August 2010 Newsletter

FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTORS:



Wasn't July a busy month? But time does fly and it is now August.

10 July was our Progressive Dinner. Appetizers were at the home of Jan & LeRoy, after we all met at the Fred Meyer in downtown Puyallup. Sharon & Vic took us through Point Defiance on the way to their home, and the salads. Garry & Maxine headed to Orting and made the loop back for the main course at their home. Then to let all of that day's wonderful food 'settle' we sat and visited. Laughs were in great abundance. What a fun and wonderful day.

Then on 15 July some 'V' members headed for Pt. Townsend, what a lovely community. We found the fairgrounds with no problem and met with Ed & JoAnne Miller. Soon Vic & Sharon Parr arrived. We headed downtown to the hotel that would be our 'home' for the next three days. This hotel was built in 1889, and what a hotel it must have been in its day. Garry signed us in then came back to the motorcycle. He informed me that we were on the third floor, no problem I thought...WRONG. He was telling the truth and there was really no elevator. So Garry, Levi and I headed up to our room. Small, but really comfortable.

If you couldn't find something to keep you occupied... Many things were going on, a walk about, and cycling on routes from 44 to 108 miles one way. What fun.

There were people attending the rally from many places, BC, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Utah, and Florida. If I missed a state I apologize. There were also vendors from many areas, with many items for you to peruse and buy if you found something you just had to have.

There was dancing and great entertainment on Friday night. The band was 'The Juke Box.' Great music. There was even a 'Gender Bender' program which had people laughing until their sides ached. Saturday night was a dinner and presentation of awards from the Motorcycle Show in downtown Pt. Townsend. There was also a 'Light Parade' on Friday night. Wow did all of the bikes glow.

Food, fun and friends what a wonderful weekend it was! Thank you to all of those who have worked so hard, for so long to put on a great district rally.

We are encouraging all of our members to ride safely, and be observant even at a stop light or sign.

Our monthly meeting was held 5 August. "Where have all the members gone?" Know the weather has been enticing, and Sea Fair is in full swing. Sure hope that our membership numbers increases in September. See YOU there.

Respectfully Submitted

Garry L. Alexander

Chapter 'V' CD



FROM THE ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS:



A/CD's TWO BITS

Hi everyone, this is a test to see if everybody really reads our newsletters. A few of us take a little time to sit down to type an article for the news letter. Some of us find it difficult to type an article, but we manage to scribble down some notes and transcribe these notes into an article. I think that most of you have a story that would be nice for you to share with us. such as a trip, not necessary related to motorcycles. Something that happened to you that could be a humorous or even a little sad. The point is, we would really like to read some articles other than the officers. I know there is the

potentials of all of you to sit down and make our day a little brighter by telling a story. (In an article)

Now for the test. If you read this, please e-mail me hart96@comcast.net Just jot down the word YES . Thank you for making my day a little brighter by responding.

Ken/Marion

FROM THE CHAPTER EDUCATOR:



BIKE DOWN!! BIKE DOWN!!

By David & Dori Dirig

We had a ride the other weekend where a chapter member went down, and I finally had to hear those fateful words. There was no co-rider, the rider was extremely lucky in the incident with minimal physical harm, and bike and rider were able to continue on. I won't go into the specifics of the incident, as I didn't see it. However, I will proceed from those four words, as I was the front door, and there were a number of developments after the rider went down that need to be addressed in the category of "what role does each of us play when someone goes down?"

The purpose of this article is not to fault or criticize anyone for what they did the other weekend. My sole purpose is to put forth a procedure so that all the chapter knows what to do and who to turn to in case such a thing happens again. For group members as well as front and back doors, this article should provide direction on what do to if someone goes down.

First off, the word "down" only has one meaning and usage during a ride; that is to designate that a rider has dumped his bike. Cars are 'stopped on the right,' they are not 'broken down.' If the call goes out that a bike has gone down, everyone should be primed to fulfill their role. This role varies depending on your position within the group. The bottom line is that once this call goes out, the non-involved groups (assuming multiple 5 member groups) should find a place to safely pull over and await further commands There may be a need for further first aid kits, additional trained personnel, a cellular phone call for help, or people to direct traffic. Radio silence should be

maintained to facilitate communication between the front and back door of the group involved in the incident as well as between the leaders of other groups.

If we take it from the call above, what happens and who calls the shots? The front and back door manage the situation, but it is the back door of the downed bike's group that is running the show. In the case of the other weekend, I had already gone around the next turn by the time the call went out, so I had no way to keep track of the situation except for CB communication with my back door (who did an excellent job of keeping us apprised of the situation). Your back door should naturally have a good CB and should be your best rider, carrying a first aid kit, and ideally be CPR and First Aid trained (Rider Ed. Level 3 or 4). Assuming there are multiple groups on the ride, the other groups should find place to pull off the road safely and await further developments. This doesn't necessarily mean pull over immediately, but the front doors of the non-involved groups should be looking for a safe resting place for their groups while they monitor the situation.

That's actually the key concept for everyone; get stopped safely and be available should the front and back door of the involved group need help, but staying put within your group if they don't. Communication is key here, and all should stay within radio range if at all possible. If not, arrange a meeting place up ahead or send a rider to scout ahead to find a good stopping place if the groups are unfamiliar with the area. The most important point is to stay calm and organized. No one should take off on their own or go back for the downed bike unless help is asked for by the leaders of the group managing the situation. The worst thing that could happen after an incident like this is to have someone take off on their own and get in trouble or become one more thing for those helping the downed biker to worry about.

Looking back on last weekend, there are a number of things that could have been done differently, but everyone pulled together, helped out our friend and got everyone back on the road safely. In a perfect world, we'll never have to worry about this procedure. However, this is not a perfect world, and we all enjoy an inherently dangerous hobby. If we do get into a similar situation, now everyone will know what to do, who to turn to, and how to handle the situation.

Submitted by
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GWRRA Chapter V Educator

FROM THE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER EDITORS:



The Mall show is still developing. Barb and I have started contacting Motorcycle shops and so far it looks like we have two signed up. I'm still working on the State Police but not making much headway there. We have zero preregistrations but have promises from a couple of chapters that they should start coming in any time. Ken and Marion have picked up the spreadsheet that we started for the walkabout and will be handling the Walkabout from here on out. Thank you Ken and Marion for taking on that task.

October will be here before we know it so lets start getting in a Mall Show state of mind.

Bob and Barb

FROM THE CHAPTER SECRETAY



Leroy is home and getting better after his procedure but Jan is busy taking care of him, she is making no submission this month. Our thoughts and prayers go with them – your editor

RECIPE CORNER:

Peanut Butter Cookies

1 Cup Jif extra crunchy peanut butter

1 cup sugar

1 egg

Makes 2 dozen Bake at 375 degrees for 8 to 9 minutes

Flatten out cookies with fingers before baking to make sure they are done in middle. With peanut butter you usually use a fork to flatten but I find using fingers a little easier.

These are so easy and yummy Ken and Terri sure like them.

ENJOY!

Marion

CHAPTER BIRTHDAYS:

Garry Alexander Aug 08

Nancy Cordray Aug 09

Maxine Alexander Aug 16

Lee Damoiseaux Aug 18

Bob Brooke Aug 20

Paula Hardwick Aug 26

Marcia Damoiseaux Aug 28

CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES:

Garry & Maxine Alexander Aug 11

Bob & Barb Brooke Aug 19