



Chapter V Valley Wings News



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From the Chapter Directors:



September – WE FOUND THE SUN

As we move into September, we actually saw summer begin. The last couple of weeks both in August and now in September have been gorgeous. We have had some great ride over the last couple of weeks and now were reminded of why we live here in this area. Absolutely fabulous weather, not too hot, not too cold, but just right. We have a lot for Chapter V more chapter Rides , also Chapter WA-Y Riddler Run in Enumclaw on September 10th , Ride for the kids sept 11th , sept 17th – 18th WA-P Oyster Feed in Long Beach.

Remember, if you see something that you think the Chapter would like to do and/or see, please please feel free to let us know. We encourage your comments. Are we doing a good job as your chapter directors? What can we do better? We would be happy to take any and all suggestions to ‘our’ chapter membership to see if there is something we can all do as a group. Remember This is **YOUR** Chapter, so please send all of your suggestions along and we will see what we can do to incorporate those suggestions into our Chapter gathering and events .

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

ROM ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS:



I remember as a young boy, there was a man that lived at the end of the street. He owned a Honda 350. I thought it was huge. Little did I know that someday I would own a much larger motorcycle. I owned a Honda 360T for a first bike. I immediately slammed it into the back of a car. I found out that the most important space is the area in front of you. It was an easy lesson to learn. I also bought a 500 and 550 honda. It led me to a 1978 GoldWing that I bought in 1982. I had wanted one for so long that I remember very vividly standing at the front door of the house and

saying out loud to anyone that would listen, "I can't believe I finally own a Gold Wing". After several GoldWings and other assorted motorcycles I have figured out that the motorcycles were a lot of fun but it really isn't about the bikes but the friends that you meet along the way. Remember Honda's slogan? "You meet the nicest people on a Honda" It has led me to the great people of this chapter. See how far a little Honda 350 will take you?

Dennis

FROM HONORARY ASSISTANCE CHAPTER DIRECTOR:

Support Your Chapter



We just rediscovered something old that's been around for quite some time. *One day motorcycle rides*. After a long absence of not riding for one reason or another, we decided to give it another try. - - - Wow, why didn't someone say something, - - - well maybe you did and we weren't listening. We sort of forgot the joy of riding our trusty steeds riding out shortly after the sunrise and returning just before the sun sets and the fellowship that goes along with riding in a group.

This one was up thru Green Water, over Cayuse Pass and onto Mount Rainier's Paradise picnic area. We had six motorcycles and one covered wagon, with the total head count of 11. The weather was just outstanding with temperatures up into the high 70's, the scenery was some of the best in the state, but most of all our fellow riders are what made the day.

This ride inspired us to ride more often, maybe do more chapter visits, also some chapter events. Rides like the Riddler Run coming up on September 10. We also have one of your favorite rides, the RIDE FOR KIDS on September 11. Then our chapter ride on September 24. Remember you can't make them all, so our choice will be; Riddler on the 10th and our chapter ride on the 24th and maybe slip in a chapter visit.

Keep the wheels rolling

Ken & Marion

From the Chapter Educator:



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

LOOKING FOR TROUBLE

The two biggest dangers facing you as a rider are:

Oncoming cars that turn left in front of you, and,

Cars on side streets that pull out into your lane.

Never, never, never count on "eye contact" as a sign that a driver has seen you and will yield the right of way. All too often a driver looks right at a motorcyclist and still fails to "see."

THE ROAD AHEAD

Road Conditions - Keep checking the road surface ahead for slippery spots, bad bumps, broken pavement, loose gravel, wet leaves or objects in your path.

Traffic Conditions - When there is a car directly in front of you, look over or through the car for traffic stopping or turning further down the road; and check the roadside for cars that may pull away from the curb or cut into your lane from side streets or driveways.

Escape Routes - Always look for open space where you can leave the road in a hurry if you must. Scanning the road and roadside for escape spots is most important when you are riding in heavy traffic.

USING YOUR MIRRORS

Frequent mirror checks should be part of your normal scanning routine. Make a special point of using your mirrors in these situations:

When you are stopping at an intersection. Watch cars coming up from behind. If drivers are not paying attention, they could be right on top of you before they see you.

Anytime you plan to change lanes. Make sure no one is about to pass you.

Anytime you slow down. It is especially important to check because the driver behind may not expect you to slow down, or they may be unsure about exactly why you are slowing down. For example, they might see you signal a turn and think you plan to slow down for a turn at a distant intersection rather than a near by driveway.

HEAD CHECKS

Mirrors do a good job of letting you see behind, but motorcycles have "blind spots" just like other vehicles.

Before you change lanes, make sure to do a **head check**; turn your head to the direction of your turn and look at traffic to that side. This is the only way you can be sure of spotting a vehicle just about to pass you.

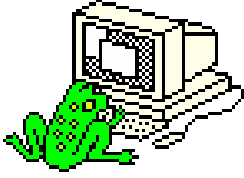
On a road with several lanes, make sure to check the far lane, as well as the one next to you. A driver in the distant lane may be headed for the same space you plan to take.

Sincerely,

GWRRRA Chapter Educator –

JOHN E. DOUGHTY

FROM THE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER EDITORS



Hay! I finally got to dig out my cotton shirt when the temperature reached in the high 70 and guess what, it started raining again. Ya just can't win with Mother Nature.

We have moved the articles due date to the last Saturday of each month. This will allow having the chapter minutes and other news ready for the current chapter meeting. We will have hardcopy's available *only* for the members that don't have a computer up and running

Still looking for some tid-bits that you might like to share with the rest of us. Send article to hart96@comcast.com

Keep the articles coming?

Ken/Marion

FROM THE CHAPTER SECRETARY



Chapter V held the monthly gathering at the Auburn Eagles on August 4th. Visitors included Dean Kalles, Chapter Q, and Cory Evons & Jody Addicks.

Fun times were shared about the past events attended by members. Garry and Maxine attended the "Run for the Dogs". JD and Carol attended Chapter A's Mystery Ride. The District Rally was well attended and a fun event. Susie and Frank Hutchinson are the new Washington District Directors. Congratulations Susie and Frank!

Upcoming events are Chapter Q's meeting August 5th and A Whale of a Picnic hosted by Chapter "O" on August 13th. The Chicken Run and Campout is August 27th and 28th. On August 20th, our Chapter is going on a ride to Mount Rainier and Paradise. Details will be coming on the phone tree. September 11th is the "Ride for Kids". Chapter V has collected \$540 from hosting the Rest Stop and \$315 from the South Hill Mall Show all for the Kids.

John Doughty, Chapter Educator asked if everyone has checked their tires. He told us the importance of never taking your eyes off the road. John stated he would like to step down from his position of Chapter Educator and asked for someone would take the position.

Chapter Member Color Drawing went to JD Miller and the 50/50 prize dollars went to Jan Ljunggren. And NO, she did not buy ice cream for LeRoy on the way home.

Jan/LeRoy

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held on 8-26-11 after Garry hosted a BBQ style hamburger, salmon burger, turkey burger dinner with everyone bringing salads and desserts.

Meeting started at 8:00 pm

Discussion over our new District Director, Susie Hutchinson and the lack of communications with the chapter directors. Garry may call her to see if she may need help.

We will be revising the phone tree list in the near future

Carol Miller notified us about the CMA event, Thunder @ The Plateau car show with prizes and all. Saturday 27th entry fee \$15.00

It was noted that we changed the newsletter article due date to the last Saturday of the month from the second Saturday

Garry called the South Hill Mall about their donation to the Ride For Kids. He said the manager will try to get a check or if not a check a letter of pledge by September 11. The chapter amount we will be giving from Mall Show \$315.00 from the Rest Stop \$540.00 and with a consensus of the staff \$140.00 from our chapter funds to round out to \$1000.00. Plus any personal donations from our members.

We talked about upcoming rides; September 10th Riddler Run, and September 11th Ride For Kids and Garry to give Jin a map with list of some of the state motorcycle rides

Talked about doing the progressive dinner on October 8. Will bring it up at chapter gathering

Marion Harter

FROM THE CHAPTER COUPLE OF THE YEAR:



Hello dear reader,

Our journey will be ending in about 5 weeks. I look back on all the times we have seen water covering roads, fields, and natural areas. Roads were due to floods in Montana, Nebraska, and Iowa. Fields occurred when we traveled through Arkansas and looked over rice fields. Natural areas looked like swamps as we crossed bridges in Louisiana. Fortunately we left the East coast about a week before the hurricane bore down on it. Our timing permitted us to see the Nation's Capital area before the earthquake. Luck?

Maybe so.

We have been traveling through the southern states of Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas so far and have been bombarded with high heat conditions day after day. Heat to such a degree that we have foregone a lot of bike riding and sight-seeing. Our loss, true, but a sense of safety is foremost on our minds. Dehydration can sneak up on a person real fast. We carry at least three bottles of water in the bike to help quench our thirst and we use them constantly. Sharon says we run out of water before I run out of room on my camera for photos.

Most of the motorcycle riders we have encountered so far have been at our campgrounds. Some of the travelers have toy-haulers or trailers and others load the bike on a carrier on the back of their RV. We all have our stories to share and suggestions of sights to see. Someone had suggested we try the Tail of the Dragon while we were in Tennessee. Sorry, my honey digs into the armrests enough as we go through some other curves and my floorboards scrap the concrete. In any case, it is still a safety factor. Do what you are comfortable with, not what you are dared to do.

We are nearing the end of our nationwide journey and look forward to seeing our friends back in the Northwest. We hope your travels are safe and enjoyable

Smile often and ride safely.

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:



After my last article on the Rare alternator I called up Rare and spoke to their technician and he stated that the alternator was working just as it was supposed to. I would buy another in a heartbeat. 13.6 to 14.0 volts is what they are supposed to be.

Onto this, I just wasn't happy with the Kuryakin heated grips on the '95 Wing. They just never got as hot as I was used to with Hot Grips. So, when I bought the new alternator I also ordered the new Hot Grips online from HotGrips.com. Now if you ride all year around like I do, sometimes the heated gloves just are not hot enough. The Hotgrips aren't anything fancy just your basic heated grips but they work better than anything I have ever

tried.

They are easy to hook up and have a switch that is Hi Low and off. You can also get a thermostat instead of the switch. On Hi they get hot enough to almost be too hot, so, that's when to put them on low. So, check out Hotgrips.com and get a set. You won't be disappointed.

Dennis

RECIPE CORNER:

Look for something new next news letter.

CHAPTER BIRTHDAYS:



Nancy Johnson
Doug Lyon
James Schmitt

CHAPTER ANNIVERSARYS



Charles and Mary J Carroll
Harold and Shirley Compau
Johnny and Carol Vallely

Quick Quiz - - - Brain Teaser

Given that **Peter** is taller than **Nancy** and **Dan** is shorter than **Peter**, which of the following can be *proved* true:

- (A) Dan is taller than Nancy.
- (B) Dan is shorter than Nancy.
- (C) Dan is as tall as Nancy.
- (D) None of the above.

Answer: See below

Did You Know



State Vegetable

In 2007, the Walla Walla sweet onion was designated as the official vegetable of the state of Washington.

The Walla Walla Sweet is from Walla Walla and is only grown properly in the Walla Walla Valley. The Walla Walla Sweet finds its origins on the island of Corsica. Over a century ago, a retired French soldier found a sweet onion seed there and brought it to the Walla Walla Valley. The sweet onion had impressive winter hardiness well-suited for the climate of southeastern Washington. Soon he and other immigrants in the area began harvesting the seed. After several generations of careful hand selection, the sweet onion developed greater sweetness, size, and shape. Today, there are many growers producing Walla Walla Sweet onions on farmland in the Walla Walla Valley. Sweet onion season is mid-June through September.

The measure was a class project for a seventh-grade honors social-studies class at Eatonville Middle School. In prior years, the bill had also been a project of a Kirkland Junior high school.

You must have something better than info on an sweet old onion ? Please send to your Editor

Answer: (D)

This space

is available

for story's as told

from members.