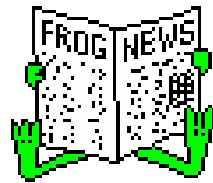


# Chapter V Valley Wings News



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## From the Chapter Directors:



November is upon us. We are taking our Halloween pumpkin and making a pumpkin pie. Thanksgiving is a day to give thanks for those we do not know as well as friends and family.

In October, there was a VERY successful progressive dinner. There were close to thirty people attending. Guess our chapter likes food. Then there was the Halloween dance held by Chapter 'Q'. Everyone was so festive when they arrived at the Poodle Dog in Fife.

Then our district leadership program was held in Buckley on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Informative, to say the least. Our District Gathering will be on July 19-22 in eastern Washington. Then on the 30<sup>th</sup>, a planning meeting for our chapter in 2012 was held at the home of Jan & LeRoy. However, YOU must attend our November gathering on the 4<sup>th</sup> to find out about that gathering's outcome.

Now a personal note. Our only son Joe, a cross-country trucker, just **won** a motorcycle. The company that he works for had a contest with 5,000 truckers took part, only 5 qualified. While on the stage the owner of the company stated he thought that he might like to own that motorcycle. Joe told him, "If I win, I'll let you sit on it." Only Joe's key turned the ignition over. What kind of cycle you ask...Let me answer this way...It starts with an 'H' and is NOT spelled Honda. Model and other information are not available right now.

So everyone, keep your Holiday Season safe. In addition, if your motorcycle is not in winter storage, be safe out there.

Respectfully Submitted

Garry L. & Maxine Alexander  
Ride Safe Have fun,

P.S. A great big Thank You to Chapter 'O' for their great lunch. It was much appreciated and enjoyed.

## Do you know...

What is written on the tablet Lady Liberty is holding? Answer in next newsletter.

## FROM ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS:



### Greeting Everyone!

Can you just feel the cold in the air?

It's almost time for Thanksgiving and then Christmas!

What happened to the warm dry months? I think that the only thing to do now is hope for a mellow winter and then a nice spring.

But what the cold winter months make me think of is the warmth of friendship at a home filled with a warm fire and dominoes.

Yeah, it's time for that again. Because GWRRA isn't just about riding but about friends and fun.

So, the weather hasn't gotten too cold and no snow is falling but, I really miss the warmth. Luckily I have my Gerbings to keep me warm!

Dennis

## FROM HONORARY ASSISTANCE CHAPTER DIRECTOR:

### Support Your Chapter

Our progressive dinner for the year 2011 is over, and what a success it turned out to be. Besides the Millers, JD and Carol there was Frank Hearn, the Damoiseauxs, Lee and Marcia, the Ljunggrens,



LeRoy and Janice, the Diambri, Joe and Patti, also John Doughty and Terri Harter and the Johnsons, Joe and Nancy and the Stoners, John and Neena, the Parrs, Vic and Sharon the Harters, Ken and Marion and the Grosvenors, Dwight and Kathleen and for desserts the Murphy's, Dennis and Sharon. For those of you that didn't make it, not only did you miss out on all the good food, you pasted up a beautiful day for a ride of over 120 miles (Correct me if I'm wrong).

We started with breakfast at the Millers with a typical morning meal of bacon and eggs and waffles and sausages and juice's more food than needed, but we saved a little room for the next step of the Progressive.

JD then lead the group out thru the valley into Black Diamond and around until Ken reminded him that we were due at the Harters at noon. We arrived, sure enough 30 minutes late. The brunch consisted of salads and miscellaneous finger foods and even some fancy donuts. After eating all those light foods we lit out for Dwight and Kathleen's for the main course.

Ken lead the group up thru Buckley down around thru the valley, trying not to travel the same path as JD, also thinking of going the back way to Dwight's house. When Marion said, you should have turned there, yep you know it. So we went around to the north side to get there. The main course was a verity of hamburgers, fish burgers, hot dogs with sauerkraut and more greens and potato salad. Once again, more than needed. But some of us saved room for the big finally, desserts. As it was getting a little late, we hit the road once more.

Dennis led us more or less on a direct route to his and Sharons home where the really good stuff was. There were desserts that I don't know the name of, but was good, really good. Needless to say most of us ate too much and with full tummys and the sun about to set we called it a good day.

Marion and I have been on the road since the Progressive Dinner, and I'm sorry to say not riding but driving our motorhome back here to Nebraska to visit her sister Marguerite. The trip is only 1442 miles and outside of a few water bugs on the windshield and some strong winds in Nebraska everything is hunkedory. Driving this late in the season thru the Rocky Mountains could be a little tricky. (Watching for snow storms.) I'll fill in the rest of this article as we return, piece mealing so to speak.

Today the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October, the weather has been great, mostly all sun shine. The weather reports are very favorable for the next ten days. We were hoping to start returning home today. But not gonna happen.

Today the 26<sup>th</sup> of October. In Lyman Wy, we got up with snow flying. The ground was covered in white and I had to break ice off the electrical cover latch. Drove down the road 60 miles crossed over to Utah and no more snow.

Enough already!

Keep the wheels rolling

Ken & Marion

## From the Chapter Educator:



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

### THE SEASON OF ROAD DEBRIS

As our riding season comes to a close for most of the motorcycle riders, I would like to bring your attention to a colorful season that is being painted across our northwest landscape right before our eyes. This color season is happening just before the winter sets as the deciduous trees turn from their Verde shades of green of the summer months to the yellows, reds, and browns of the fall months before their leaves plummet to the ground preparing for their long winter nap under the snow.

I would like to bring to your attention to a dangerous time that may cross your path when you least expect it to happen to you. It is going to be a time when you are fully absorbed in the surrounding scenery. It will catch you while you are gawking at all in the different spectacular colors, smelling the autumn smells, and being chilled by the crisp air of the autumn season itself. All of those experiences are there for you and can only be enjoyed by the motorcyclist. The automobile just does not "do it" for the autumn's pleasures quite the same way. This spectacular scenery can and will no doubt catch you off your guard in a moment of relaxation while sensing autumn's pleasure.

October is harvest time and brings with it a slow tractor of hay or trailer full of wood. Those are not the only dangers lurking on the roadway. How about the rocks sliding from our tall mountains after the heavy rains have washed

away the dirt that was holding the rocks in place. Then there are the tire snakes breaking loose from those recapped tires off cars or semi-trucks. Seasonal hazards are many, as we close this season's riding adventures. Your awareness to these things is critical to your safety.

Avoiding these kinds of dangers are pretty much the same – SEE and AVOID. Remember last month's article I mentioned using a 12-second rule "SEE – Search - Evaluate – Execute " while in heavy traffic. Well, that rule can also apply when you are out on the canyon roadway as the danger is just as great.

The danger lurking is the lonely chunk of wood that has fallen out of some wood cutter's truck. The single piece of wood that is maybe 18-inches long and about six-inches thick that was perfectly cut to fit in someone's wood stove. That "friendly" piece of wood that becomes glowing hot enough to warm some hot water for tea, pop some corn, or warm one's feet. That single piece of wood that may have fallen out of an unsecured wood pile stacked high on a truck or trailer. Take note that more than likely, the stack of wood has even over-grossed the vehicle's weight limits. You know the type of woodsman we're talking about here, the one trying to get every last piece of wood so they won't run out of wood for the this season. They probably think that the load will be OK because it has maybe a few straps to tie the load down. If they really take the time, they may even cover the wood with a tarp.

Little do they realize (or ignore out-right) that the wood may shift its position as the driver rounds that blind curve found most often in our mountains or maybe shifts as they are heading down the hill just a bit too fast. It only takes a single piece of wood in the roadway that will ruin a motorcyclist's whole day and perhaps the days that follow. That one piece of wood slips from the grasp of the tie down, slips from under the tarp, bounces off the truck's bumper, and works its way off the truck onto the roadway. Of course, the driver does not see that single chunk of wood as it bounces out of the truck and lands right in the middle of the road on this blind curve. And, even if he did see the wood come off his truck, what are the chances that the driver will go back and pick up the wood to clear the roadway of an unsuspecting motorcyclist or other vehicles?

Here comes the motorcycle driver gazing at all the beautiful trees and their awesome colors, just for a moment or two, the motorcyclist glances at the far distance mountain caps which may have its first fallen snow dusting their peaks to add to all the beauty and splendor. In just those few seconds, the motorcyclist's day can be altered forever.

In last month's article I mentioned that SEEing was an important part of roadway survival skills. Now to hone in on that SEEing skill with a little practical application and to bring the concept a little closer to avoiding debris in you path. Using the 12-second awareness rule that I spoke of, let us apply that same survival method to when we are in the mountains, coming around a blind curve, and notice that hunk of wood that has obviously fallen out of the vehicle's "secured" load. Although, it is State LAW to secure and cover loads, many drivers will not follow this law. Many times the driver is unaware that a load will shift, allowing a piece (or two) of wood to fall out from the stack while sitting in the truck bed or trailer.

Another danger that also lurks out there so, ask yourself this question: How close am I following this vehicle with four wheels or more? The danger I bring your attention to is a retread tire releasing from a semi-truck or trailer. If you're lucky, the truck has already passed along the immediate danger and was far ahead of your travels and you had the time to avoid the debris when you came upon it. But, how about if you're following the semi-truck too close and the retread tire explodes while you're directly in the back of the truck or on the side of the truck? Are you too close to that vehicle so the debris when it does explode, there is enough distance for the debris to clear you and you stay out of harm's way? SEE – Search – Evaluate – Execute. Give yourself plenty of space between the vehicles in front of you so you have ample time to react.

So, apply your due diligence and use the SEEing, 12-second forward looking rule to see and avoid the debris in the road. Don't get so absorbed in nature's beauty that you neglect to look for that debris. Although this kind of debris is not always or entirely seasonal, your encounter with this kind of debris will most often happen during this time of year. Be careful out there! Happy autumn colors.

Etcetera:

Another tidbit of information worth the price of your car.

What will the car thieves THINK OF NEXT?

The car thieves peer through the windshield of your vehicle, write down the VIN # from the label on the dash, go to the local car dealership and request a duplicate key based on the VIN #. Thieves sometimes call the dealership and pretend they lost the keys. They are told to just bring in the VIN #, and they would cut one on the spot. The Car Dealer's Parts Department will make a duplicate key from the VIN #, and collect payment from the thief who will return to your car.

The car thief does not have to break in, do any damage to the vehicle, or draw attention to him. All he has to do is walk up to your car, insert the key and off he goes to a local Chop Shop with your vehicle.

To avoid this from happening to you, simply put some tape (electrical tape, duct tape or medical tape) across the VIN Metal Label located on the dashboard.

Or, you can slip a 3 x 5 card over the VIN NUMBER. By law, you cannot remove the VIN, but you CAN cover it so it can't be viewed through the windshield by a car thief.

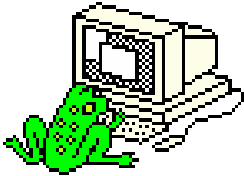
Sincerely,

GWRRRA Chapter Educator –

JOHN E. DOUGHTY

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## FROM THE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER EDITORS



From cotton shirts to fleece shirts to rain jackets. How quick the seasons change. Some of you are already thinking of leaving us and heading south for the winter. Just don't forget to send in any articles for the newsletter. As a matter of fact, those of you going south are experiencing life in a manner that the rest of us can only dream of. Therefore if you would jot down a few words and even a couple of pictures and send them in to your news editor, then those of us left behind would know what the rest of the chapter (snow birds) are doing. Don't forget those of us left behind make sure you know what we are doing by sending out a monthly newsletter.

Articles in by the last Saturday of the month

Send article to [hart96@comcast.com](mailto:hart96@comcast.com)

Keep the articles coming?

Ken/Marion

## FROM THE CHAPTER SECRETARY



Chapter "V" Gathering October 6, 2011

Chapter Director Garry Alexander introduced his staff (those present and those who were "lost in the woods". He welcomed our visitor David Krause.

Discussions included: Past Events:

Chapter "V" members participated in Chapter "Y" Riddler Run

Chapter "V" participated in and donated \$1400 to the "Ride for Kids" this year.

Chapter Educator, John Doughty

Have you checked your tires lately?

John reminded everyone to pay extra attention to the road conditions when driving in wooded areas. Always watch for debris and rocks on the road.

Members need to update their safety levels, keep CPR and First Aid cards current.

Upcoming rides and events include:

Chapter "V" Progressive Dinner Ride is October 8.

October 29 is the District Leadership Training

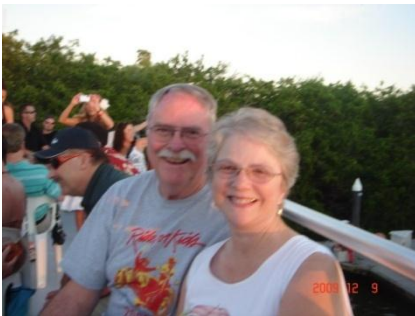
Chapter "V" Planning and Social is Sunday, October 30 at the Ljunggren's

J.D. Miller spoke to members about the importance of maintenance. He reminded everyone to check brakes and hydraulic fluid often and the need to keep the alternator clean.

Color Draw winner: Neena Stoner

50/50 Winner: Vic Parr (help for his gas bill)

## FROM THE CHAPTER COUPLE OF THE YEAR:



Here she comes again. Isn't she just gorgeous? And everywhere she goes she brings out the beauty in everything around her. Who, what, where are you talking about you may ask. Why, Mother Nature of course. If you haven't noticed the changes then you haven't taken the time to smell the roses. We noticed a small change in the color of the leaves during our Progressive Dinner ride. Last weekend I drove to and from Montana and the colors of the trees and shrubs in the higher elevations were breathtaking.

Speaking of the Progressive Dinner ride. What a great turnout! Despite the number of participants, the food was plentiful and quite tasty. It was a great time spent sharing stories and companionship.

There are some more events coming up to complete this year's activities of fun, friendship, and even knowledge. These include a couple more of our own chapter meetings, a Christmas party, and also some other chapter meetings. Let's see how many we can attend.

Smile often and ride safely.

Vic & Sharon

WAV Couple of the Year

## FROM THE CHAPTER TECHNICAL ADVISOR:



Did you know that the GL1500 has an advantage over the GI1800? I was surprised to learn that the 1800 has to go in at 32,000 miles for a valve adjustment while the 1500's are hydraulic. No adjustment necessary. And what is the deal with the sport bikes having two headlights and just one of them low beam and the other high. It just looks like one headlight is out.

I have purchased a mounted dual temperature controller from Gerbing. Not really sure how it will be mounted or where but I'll let you know next month. You have probably been told before but, here it goes again..... If you are not going to be riding you Wing then be sure to use Sta-bil or something to keep the fuel fresh. And if you do run it, then make sure that you take it out for at least a twenty to thirty minute ride so everything gets nicely warmed up. It just doesn't do the bike any good to start it up for five to ten minutes and then shut it down. So ride it to get it warmed up. Make sure that you also stay nice and warm and know the signs for hypothermia.

Be careful. Dennis

## RECIPE CORNER:

### ***Sharon Murphy's Irish Cream Bundt Cake Mum sound good!***

1 cup chopped pecans  
1 pkg yellow cake mix  
1 (3.4 ounce) pkg instant vanilla pudding  
4 eggs  
1/4 cup water  
1/2 cup vegetable oil  
3/4 cup Irish Cream liqueur

#### Glaze

1/2 cup butter  
1/4 cup water  
1 cup sugar  
1/4 cup Irish Cream

Preheat oven to 325. Grease and flour a 10 inch Bundt pan.

Sprinkle nuts evenly over bottom of pan.

In a large bowl, combine cake and pudding mix. Mix in eggs, water, oil and Irish Cream. Beat at high speed for 5 minutes. Pour into prepared pan.

Bake for 60 minutes or until inserted tooth pick comes out clean.

Cool 10 minutes.

Meanwhile make glaze by bringing water, butter and sugar to a boil. Boil and stir 5 minutes. Remove from heat and add Irish cream.

Invert cake onto a serving plater. Prick top and sides of cake. Spoon and brush glaze allowing glaze to absorb. Repeat until glaze is all used up.

## CHAPTER BIRTHDAYS:



LeRoy Ljunggren  
Nichole Parr

## CHAPTER ANNIVERSARYS



Leroy and Jan Ljunggren  
Ken and Marion Harter

## Quick Quiz - - - Brain Teaser

If some **Blips** are **Plips** and some **Plips** are **Glips**, then some **Blips** are certainly **Glips**.

(A) Is true (B) is false (C) can be true or false

See Answer below

## Looking Back In Time

### PROGRESSIVE DINNER RIDE 2010

author: Vic Parr

What can be better than meeting somewhere for some good socializing over some culinary delights? Riding as a group to several places to enjoy both activities with some friends. That is what our Progressive Dinner Ride was about. In previous times we would start our day off with a breakfast at J.D. and Carol Miller's place in Greenwater. This usually meant an early start so we had time to take the ride to their place and enjoy the waffles, pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, coffee, and anything else that was prepared by our hosts. This year we had to forego the breakfast and begin our day with appetizers at LeRoy and Jan Ljunggren's place. But, we had to work for our treats

by going on a ride first. Now, that just wasn't fair, but we grabbed our helmets and mounted our steeds so we could follow LeRoy as he led us on our first leg of the event. We joined Garry & Maxine Alexander, Bob & Barb Brooke, LeRoy Ljunggren, and John Doughty at the Fred Meyer on River Road in Puyallup at 10:00 am as previously arranged. LeRoy led us through the back roads past Sumner, Pacific, and into Kent. The country air reminded us that we were near the Smith Dairy Farm and the sun started to bring more warmth to the land. We circled around some blocks in Kent and headed back toward Edgewood via Jovita Boulevard. Soon we arrived at the Ljunggrens' place and were greeted by Jan who had stayed at home preparing the appetizers. Soon Ken &



Marion Harter joined us since they were riding in their covered wagon because they had some other commitments during the day. Then to our surprise we were also joined by some special friends, Harold and Shirley Compau. We had a lot of good times to catch up on, but all too soon we had to part ways with the Compaus (along with the Harters and Jan who would join us later) and continue on to the Parr's place for the salads event.

Before we could enjoy some of the salad food parts we had to go on another ride. These demands are really stressing us out. But, we gritted our teeth

and followed Vic & Sharon Parr as they forced us to follow them South on Highway 99 through downtown Tacoma, along the waterfront near Ruston Way and out to Fort Steilacoom near Point Defiance Zoo. We enjoyed the warmth of the sun as we looked out over the sound with the freighters and sailboats plying their way through the waters. We were unable to take the trip on Five Mile Road since the road was closed at that time of the day, so we took a quick photo break at the Fort and headed back along the waterfront toward the Parr's. Shortly we were joined there by the Harters and Jan Ljunggren and all of us shared some lively conversations along with some great salads. All too soon we were faced with another problem. We had to go on another ride to the Alexander's for the main course and dessert. Why do we torture ourselves so much?

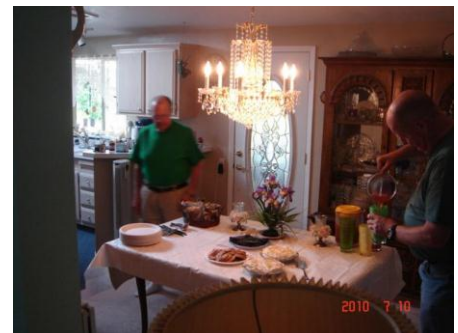


This time it was the Alexanders turn to lead the group. We were taken through Puyallup, along Valley avenue past Orting and onto Orville Rd East. The forests along the way offered some relief from the 80s degree weather. We continued on to the Kapowsin Hwy past Lake Kapowsin. Eventually we headed North on Meridian towards Puyallup. We turned off Meridian before the attack of the red lights and followed several back streets on the way to our destination. Now the final part of our Progressive Dinner Ride was at hand – the main course consisting of turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, gravy, and of course the desserts. Again we were joined by the Harters and Jan Ljunggren as they completed their own journeys. Our appetites



for good food were soon sated and we joined in many humorous and exciting conversations. Again time caught up with us and we had to make our final journey back to our own homes.

It has been a while since we have had this type of activity and I am glad that it was placed on our ride card again. We missed seeing a lot of others who had other commitments and can only hope they will be able to join us next year. Many thanks to the Ljunggrens, Parrs, and Alexanders for planning the rides and opening their homes to the tortured travelers. Also many thanks go out to all those who prepared the delectable refreshments and forced us to fill our plates and stomachs.



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## **Did You Know**

**Nebraska State Gem - Blue Chalcedoney**



We came all the way here to Nebraska to find this out. Talk about educational trips!

**You, the reader, must have something Old, something New? Please send to your Editor**

Answer: (C) can be true or false

**This space**

**is available**

**for a story as told**

**from a member who went south for winter.**