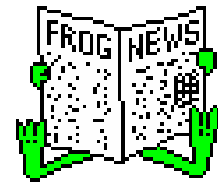




Chapter V Valley Wings News



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Meets 1st Thursday 6:00
Trotter's Restaurant
825 Harvey Rd, Auburn



From the Chapter Director

Another Year Starting



Yes, it's hard to fathom but we are starting another year! As you are reading this, we are either on the last day or two of 2018 or already into 2019! Can you believe 2019 is here? Seems like we just finished 2018, oh wait we did just finish 2018 didn't we!

With the start of a new year come some new challenges along with many of the old ones which makes each day a challenge and something different! As a chapter we will be making a few changes throughout the year starting out with an old item that we will be doing again. We are going back to a sign in sheet mainly for chapter tracking purposes. Last year we changed staff a few times. We started off by losing our Chapter Educator due to the main office thinking there wasn't a need for that position any longer, and I for one miss having that portion going on each month! We have changed our Treasurer, MEC, Sunshine Lady, and Ride Coordinator, along with having learned that we will have needs for a new Web Master sometime during 2019 as our current one will be leaving the state.

We have lost a few great members in 2018 which we don't want any more than we already lost, but at the same time we have a chapter that has many older members so this is bound to happen as much as we hate it to! With that said we would love to be able to bring in some new younger members into the chapter. As most know GWRRA is no longer open to just Gold Wing and Valkyrie riders but is available for anyone, so if everyone was able to get one new member just think of how big our chapter would be!

WELCOME TO 2019



HOPPY NEW YEAR



ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS:

5 Years and Counting



Our journey with GWRRA started almost 5 years ago after the purchase of our '95 1500. I was fortunate in having some previous knowledge about GWRRA and I knew that I wanted to be involved with a group of like minded Bike enthusiasts. Since we joined and became involved with Chapter V, we have met and made some great friends. We felt like the young kids in the group but that did not hinder our enthusiasm of being new in the chapter. Getting to experience new things and learning new riding skills has been one of the biggest benefits in belonging to GWRRA.

Some of the things I would like to focus on is Group Riding, Chapter Gatherings, Socials, Rallies, and Wing Ding. Learning how to ride safely in a group has been fun. When I see Harley groups going down the road at high speed riding side by side I cringe thinking, how do they do that or even want to do that, it does not look safe. One wrong move could result in bikes colliding. I like how we do it, staggered and a safe distance apart. It still looks cool to the others around us, but gives us room for error if we stray out of our lane track. Chapter Gatherings are our way to stay in touch and keep up on what is going on. We also get to visit other Chapters gatherings to support them and meet and make new friends. Socials are another way to join together as a group whether checking out a different restaurant, or getting together at a members house for food, or having a game night to have some fun and laughs as we play Dominoes, Bunko, Farkle or other fun games. Rallies are our getaway yearly event to explore new areas and catch up with our Friends in other parts of the State or other States/Provinces. We have participated in Light Parades, Bike Shows, and fun rides. Most of us use our RV's to camp during these Rallies, others stay in Motels nearby. We have done both and really enjoy these events. So far we have only been able to go to one Wing Ding, in Billings. It was quite an experience being in the same place with so many other Gold Wings and their Riders.

In all, we have really enjoyed our time in GWRRA and look forward to many more years. The other plus is our personal growth, getting out of our comfort zone and getting better at public speaking, or just meeting new people. We hope you feel the same way about GWRRA as we do, it really is Fun with Friends Safety and Knowledge.

Jeff & Cindy



District Asst. Educator



Regardless of your driving skill or vehicle preparation, there are some winter conditions that can't be conquered. These tips may help prevent snowy and icy roads from ruining your day.

1. Get a grip. To have adequate snow traction, a tire requires at least 6/32-inch deep tread, according to The Tire Rack. (New passenger-car tires usually have 10/32-inch of tread.) Ultrahigh-performance "summer" tires have little or no grip in snow. Even "all-season" tires don't necessarily have great snow traction: Some do, some don't.

2. Make sure you can see. Replace three windshield wiper blades. Clean the inside of your windows thoroughly. Make sure your windshield washer system works and is full of an anti-icing fluid. Drain older fluid by running the washers until new fluid appears: Switching fluid colors makes this easy.

4. Check your lights. Use your headlights so that others will see you and, we hope, not pull out in front of you. Make sure your headlights and taillights are clear of snow.

5. Give yourself a brake. Learn how to get three maximum efficiency from your brakes before an emergency.

For non-ABS stopping on a mixed-surface road, push the brake pedal hard until the four wheels stop rolling, then immediately release the brake enough to allow the wheels to begin turning again. Repeat this sequence rapidly. This is not the same as "pumping the brake." Your goal is to have the tires producing maximum grip regardless of whether the surface is snow, ice or damp pavement.

To properly use antilock brakes: Stomp, stay and steer. After you "Stomp" and the ABS begins cycling when you will feel pulses in the pedal or hear the system working ease up slightly on the pedal until the pulsing happens only once a second.

6. Watch carefully for "black 0 ice." If the road looks slick, it probably is. This is especially true with one of winter's worst hazards: "black ice." Also called "glare ice," this is nearly transparent ice that often looks like a harmless puddle or is overlooked entirely. Test the traction with a smooth brake application

7. 3 Too much steering is bad. If a slick section in a turn causes your front tires to lose grip, the common reaction is to continue turning the steering wheel. This won't improve the situation and may make things worse. If the icy conditions end and the front tires regain grip, your car will dart whichever way the wheels are pointed. That may be into oncoming traffic or a telephone pole..

8. 8 Technology offers no miracles. All-wheel drive and electronic stability control can get you into trouble by offering a false sense of security. AWD can only help a vehicle accelerate or keep moving: It can't help you go around a snow-covered turn, much less stop at an icy intersection. ESC can prevent a spinout, but it can't clear ice from the roads or give your tires more traction. Don't let these lull you into overestimating the available traction.

Ride Smart & Be Safe!

Don Eide

Rider Course Instructor RCI-702

District Couple of the Year

Opportunity for Growth



The Chapter and District COY position is an opportunity to learn and grow. We can step up and be a bigger part of GWRRA in the form of an additional ambassador promoting this fun organization. Cindy and I have enjoyed representing the District as COY. We always wish we had more time to do more Chapter visits and other activities that promote GWRRA. We hope there are other couples out there that are willing to step up to the COY program to take over from us. We got a call the other day from one of the National Leaders in the COY program to tell us about how National is going to select the new National COY. It is being done via ZOOM teleconference. Each couple will be interviewed and one from 4 different areas of the Country will be selected to compete at Wing Ding 41 in Nashville. Cindy and I will participate in this interview sometime soon and we will see if we can be selected to represent the Northwest part of the Country at Wing Ding.

Don't forget to support Chapter I on January 26th for their annual Casino Night. Doors open at 4:00 pm at the Camp Murray Armory. The theme this year is Mardi Gras, so come in costume or just a mask. We will see you there for this fun event.

Let your Chapter Director know if you want to be considered for either Chapter or District Couple of the Year. We will have another COY selection for the District level at our District Rally in Cashmere. Now is the time for you to be COY.

Jeff & Cindy

WA District COY



I know most of us riders have put up our bikes for the winter, but there are a few of us that will take them out on nice days, so there will be some bikes on the road, all year long. This is a good reason that we need to be more alert, as other drivers will not be looking for us as hard, and that is why we as riders cannot let up on telling the general public that we are out there, so look for us harder.

While we mostly change our positions from rider to driver, we also must not forget that there may be a biker pop up out of nowhere, at any time! This can happen even more as we may travel from an area that may have what we call winter, to another that has warmer weather.

It is also a great time to wear our jackets, shirts, or anything else that will identify us as riders, so people will remember we are out there. Also, please don't forget to hand out Tri-Folds and Stickers that will also remind them about us. Remember we, as riders, do not want to become invisible behind the blind spot called winter!

I wish all of you a Happy Holidays season, and look forward to what we all call the riding season, next year.

Your Assistant Motorist Awareness Director

Carl Maier



The Ride Coordinator by Harry Rossingol



Our final ride of the year was to the Olympia Toy Run.

Gary Andrews, Cindi Duffield, John Doughty, Sam Martin and myself made the trip.

There were a lot of bikes there...most in need of muffler repair.

Despite that...the residents of Olympia enthusiastically lined the route for what the

out-sized parade!!

Looking back on the year we managed to have scheduled rides in 11 out of the 12 months and look forward to having as many if not more rides next year!!

Harry



FROM THE CHAPTER TECHNICAL ADVISOR:



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.....Well, that was last week.

Nothing ticks me off more than having someone send me something with XMAS in the title. It's Christmas!!! A couple of years ago my son sent me his Christmas list and it said you know what in the title. I told him he wasn't going to get anything if he kept it up. He learned.

So Christmas is over with and I hope you got everything that you wanted and also really worked to put a smile on some ones face.

New Year Day ride is coming up. I think it's on New Year's day..

I haven't heard back from my lawyer as far as the accident is concerned but I really hope to get a new bike by March. I returned back to work on Dec. 12th. I'm doing ok as far as the injury is concerned but, having issues with just walking in general. My legs are very sore most of the time and wheeling around 3,000 lbs pallets is just getting to me.

I've been working on Garry's trike. adding led headlights, a ring of fire, stack lights on the forks and a switch pod on the right handlebar. I'll probably have it done just after the 1st. Seems like I'm always busy doing something....

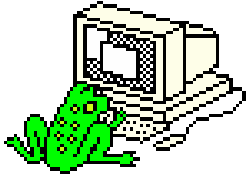
If you need something done with your bike give me a call. I'm more than willing to help.

Remember when you had a 1500 and someone would say "have you drained your tubes"? They were referring to the drain tubes on the left side of the engine by the alternator. They would fill up with a brown milky watery fluid and would need to be drained occasionally. Well, the 1800's have the same tubes but they are hidden behind the left cylinder valve cover. If you don't know where they are, they are right where the spark plugs are. Easy to get the bottom valve cover off and drain the tubes. If someone else has been doing the spark plugs on your bike then they should have been drained already.

Here's hoping that 2019 is an awesome year for you and your loved ones and that this GWRRA chapter keeps growing and getting better! Dennis

Dennis

FROM THE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER EDITORS



The hidden number for December was Carmi Jorgensen and she enjoyed her dinner refund. Remember if you want to win you must show up at our meetings and you should check the entire newsletter when you're looking for your membership number, it can be rather difficult. It might be spelled out or just printed out as a number or both ways or broken up in one or more articles. If you find your number its good for a \$10.00 dinner refund at the current meeting, honored before 50/50 drawings.

Other activities: Patti was drawn for colors and won. Marble game, the winner was drawn and drew a white one.

Your chapter editor

You all be careful out there.
Ken/Marion





Michael Briese 09

Bill Holt 01

Life As a Wing Goes!

No matter how bad your day is, your bike will make you feel better

You're a biker when you ride a motorcycle, not so the world can see you, but so you can see the world.

Four wheels move the body, but two wheels move the sole

Love is a feeling you get when you like something as much as your motorcycle

Looking for information about our chapter?

Future/Pass Events, Photo's, Links to other Chapters go to chapter web page.

www.gwrra-wav.org

Monthly Calendar Events & Rides

January 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 Chapter "V" Monthly Meeting 6PM – 8PM	4	5

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 WA-M Yakima
 WA-X Vancouver
 WA-R Walla Walla
 WA-B Bremerton
 WA-H Lynden
 ABCXYZKEFA
 WA-L Kennewick
 WA-Z Centralia
 WA-Q Puyallup
 WA-D Aberdeen
 WA-E Bellevue
 WA-P Longview
 WA-I Olympia
 WA-N Spokane
 WA-A Seattle
 WA-O Port Orchard

Location:

Trotter's Restaurant 825 Harvey Rd Auburn WA
 Branding Iron Restaurant Toppenish WA 98948 WA
 Hometown Buffet 7809-B NE Vancouver PlazaVancouver
 Smiths Family Restaurant 1425 W Pine St Walla Walla WA
 Airport Dinner 8803 Stet Hwy 3 SW Port Orchard WA
 Fairway Family Restaurant 1726 Front St Lynden WA
 Anytown South of here
 Red Lion 2525 North 20th Ave Pasco WA
 Ramblim Jacks Ribeye 1335 Rush Rd Chehalis WA
 Little Park Restaurant 17106 Pacific Ave S Spanaway
 Duffy's Restaurant 1605 Simpson Ave Aberdeen WA
 Kenmore Lanes 7638 NE Bothell Way Kenmore WA
 Columbia Inn Kalama WA 98632 WA
 Hawks Prairie Restaurant 8306 Quinault Drive NE Lacy WA
 Golden Corral Buffet & Grill 7717 N Division St Spokane WA
 Golden Steer 23826 104th Kent 98031
 Airport Diner 8803 Stet Hwy3 SW Port Orchard WA