



Chapter V Valley Wings News



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From the Chapter Directors:



Has spring sprung? The plants sure think so! We all hope this is so!

On February 18th we had our first potluck at the home of Dennis & Sharon Murphy. There was a small turnout, but the food was wonderful. If you were one of those who did not make it, you missed a great time.

Coming up activities will be:

March 23-25 Chapter 'E' Surf Watch at Ocean Shores

April 7-11 is the Chapter 'V' rest area. (Don't forget you still have time to sign up)

April 14 is the 'C' Early Spring Fun Run

All events can be found on WA District web site & on the Chapter 'C' web site

The Chapter 'V' mall show at the South Hill Mall is in May.

As the weather warms up, we will be doing more and more cycling. Don't know about you but that thought keeps me in a cycling frame of mind.

Answer for February:

On Valentine's Day 1876, Alexander Graham got a patent. Does that ring a Bell?

Question for March:

What appeared in the newspapers for the first time in 1913?

Garry and Maxine



FROM ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS:



Greeting Everyone!

Can't you just smell Spring? I think that there might be a surprise or two but, I believe winter is just about over. I am happy!!!

So, I just wanted to say a few words about customer service and the businesses that I let get my business. I recently called Gerbing to get a few replacement parts. After talking to the representative on the phone and explaining what I needed he said the parts would be in the mail and there would be no charge. He was very pleasant and professional and it left me with the feeling that I certainly am glad that I purchased Gerbing products. Service after the sale is more important to me than the initial

purchase. It makes me want to be a customer.

I like going into new businesses and small mom and pop stores to check them out and after that first time, I make a determination on whether or not I will be back. It works the same with GWRRA and its Representatives (us). I like being a part of GWRRA and being with all the friends that I have acquired. I certainly hope that when I meet someone that is visiting for the first time that it gives them the thinking that they want to come back after the sell. Because when you think about it we are all part of this Organization and we are what has to sell it to others. Will they come back after the initial sell? If we have done our jobs correctly then they probably will.

The art of selling is just making someone believe that you have what they can't live without. It is very much an impulse. Even if someone isn't looking for a home inside of GWRRA we have to make them believe that they can't live without being a part of it. And once they are here, then that is when the service after the sell comes in.

I joined in 1995 only because I liked what I saw from the outside. Although once I became a member I found it's the people that made me want to come back. Service....if I don't get it, I don't come back.

Dennis



FROM HONORARY ASSISTANCE CHAPTER DIRECTOR:

Support Your Chapter



The main topic is still the ice storm or to be more correct would be to say, the clean up after the ice storm. Everywhere you looked there were tree's and branches scattered and piled up along road side ditches, drive ways and yards. Marion and I were fortunate enough to have our very own wood chipper, something every home owner with a lot trees should have, or at least have a helpful neighbor that owns one. We've been chipping for at least seven days, and I can see at least 3 more days of chipping, and that not to mention of the trips to the dump with the pickup with the rubbish that won't go thru the chipper. I can only wonder about the people who went south for the winter, what will they be coming home to.

We will be going south to Lacey where we purchased the bike trailer to order the parts to repair the top and front from the damage from the very large branch that crushed down on top of our "new" bike trailer.

Here we are in March already, have you given any thought to what your trusty steed will be needing for the up and coming riding season. With our Chapter Maintenance/Work Shop coming up shortly, you'd best be thinking about what you would like done. When was your last engine oil change? How about the brake and clutch fluids? Something we hardly think about until we have trouble talking to or listening to our fellow riders on the CB radio. Have you ever had your antenna tuned to the radio? Do you or have you had any electrical problems that may need fixing? The list goes on and on!

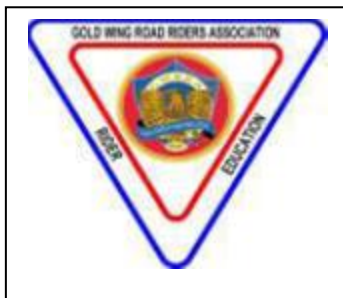
We still have the need for some good chapter members to come forth and sign up for our Rest Stop signup sheet. This year we are not manning the Rest Stop 24 hours around the clock. Only on Saturday night will we go around the clock. The rest of the evenings we will close, say 10:30, 12:00 midnight at most. That means we will open again at 6:30 in the mornings.

Keep the wheels rolling

Ken & Marion



From the Chapter Educator:



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

Braking: An attainable reaction time is 0.50 seconds if you're under the age of 30 and a professional driver. If you consider yourself a proficient motorist, your reaction time is 0.75 seconds. The "average" motorist falls into a full 1 second "time to react" mode. For those new and unskilled drivers, you can claim a reaction time of 1.5 seconds. Finally, the group that a lot of us fall into is the "older" motorists (this does hit our egos hard). The "older" folk's reaction time is in the 2 second time frame. The reality is, in the "older" motorist's reaction time, it just takes longer based a lot on experience, sometimes physical restrictions, or other impairments that interfere with that reaction time that comes into play. This 2-second number is "if" or "when" that "older" person finally decides there is danger and need to take action, "NOW!"

Let us now turn that reaction time into a space you might be able to relate to. If you have a reaction time that of the professional driver, at peak performance, they have clocked in a reaction time of .075 seconds, and if they were traveling at 20 miles per hour, they are going to travel 36 feet, or two FULL car lengths until they stop. Of course, all this good stopping distance is providing the tires and the road surface are in "ideal condition" (good rubber, dry surface, no winds, no snow, no ice, no rain, etc., you get the idea).

If you have a reaction time at .075 and set the speed to 60 miles per hour, your stopping distance will be in the range of 194 feet or 12 car lengths of stopping distance. So, with reaction time awareness coming to light, do you remember those previous articles you read about in our newsletters?

I am referring to the 12 second "SEE" (SEARCH, EVALUATE, EXECUTE) rule? Ok, so you did not read those articles, so I will re-iterate: basically, the 12-second rule means looking down the road in 12 second clips, searching for what is going on with the traffic, looking at the side roads, and looking behind you. By analyzing what you see in those 12 short seconds while looking at forward views, you are to make an evaluation of the events ahead of you. That evaluation should allow you time to prepare to react and to EXECUTE, as an avoidance maneuver in time (2 FULL seconds, remember?) to avoid a hazardous situation.

Now, if you combine the 12 second "SEE" rule and maybe accept the fact that "older" motorists take a little more time to react, like a FULL 2 SECONDS, maybe that reaction time and full braking distance will be enough. Of course, that controlled stopping distance is depending upon the miles per hour being traveled, those "ideal" road conditions, and that 12-second car-length open space you think you have. Maybe it will be enough to stop safely. Remember "SEE". Remember a 12-seconds look down the road. Remember 2-seconds of reaction time, and count on the actual braking distance you may need to avoid a collision.

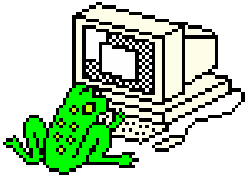
Sincerely,

GWRRR Chapter Educator –

JOHN E. DOUGHTY



FROM THE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER EDITORS



As most of you know, we are going to start something new at our chapter meetings. Trying to make our gathering a little more interesting with the hopes of increasing attendance of our members and also other chapter's participation.

First up we will do a new version of "Where's Wingy", only our Wingy will be someone's "membership number". The number will be somewhere within the newsletter and is up to that member to locate his/her number. If the individual locates and lets Garry know at the current meeting, he/she will be treated to a dinner at said meeting.

The other new game will be brought up at our meeting. Hint It's a marble game. We think you may like it

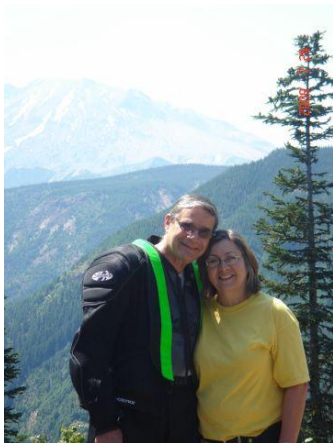
Don't forget, the last Saturday of the month. (or before)

Keep the articles coming?

Ken/Marion



FROM THE CHAPTER SECRETARY



Feb. 2nd 2012 GWRRA Meeting

Garry Alexander welcomed staff and visitors to the February GWRRA Chapter "V" gathering. Visiting guests included Jerry Weltner, from Wing WA TA and Mike Briese, Bill Holt, and Todd McLain from GWRRA Chapter A.

Garry reviewed events from last month and upcoming February events. Chapter V will be hosting the Federal Way rest area over Easter weekend this year from April 6th to April 11th. Due to short staffing, this year we will close early and only serve coffee and cookies during the days on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

Other upcoming events are Chapter P's Mall Show in Longview on February 25th and 26th. March 9th to 11th 109166 is Chapter D's Mall Show in Aberdeen. All

Chapter V members are encouraged to plan on visiting these mall shows.

Do you every wonder "where is a good place to ride?" Jerry Weltner spoke on the Wing Washington event and all the fun and interesting places to ride and see on this year's ride. With registration you get a detailed map. At the end of the riding season, a banquet is held and prizes, prizes, prizes are given away. This is a great way to see different areas of our state.

In March Chapter V will once again have our maintenance workshop where we spend time preparing our bikes for the upcoming riding season. John Doughty reminded everyone that besides getting our bike ready, we need to also prepare ourselves mentally and physically.

Ed Miller's name was drawn for the Chapter Member Color Drawing. Sorry you missed it Ed. 50/50 was won by our visitor, Mike Briese. Congratulations Mike.

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Jan Ljunggren



From the chapter couple of the year:



Well gang, have you noticed the daylight hours are getting longer each day? It not only helps bring the plants in our flower beds to life, but helps put a longer charge on our sidewalk solar powered lights. That's not such a big deal since I usually don't venture outside after dark anyway – but they are ornamental.

The snow has melted and now if the rain would stop long enough I could get out for a nice ride. I have ventured up to Everett to visit with my daughter and granddaughters a couple times, but I want to do some touring through the countryside like we did on New Year's Day. Jim Johnson, our chapter ride coordinator, has been itching to put some rides together – but really needs our input to determine what sort of rides we would like.

We have several rides (covered wagons are optional) to several other chapters in our state for Mall Shows, etc. Hopefully we can get a group of us to participate on these rides and see what they have to offer – along with just socializing. I am anxious to see some of my old friends and make some new ones. We also have some dinner and house socials planned on our ride calendar. Our last one was at Dennis and Sharon Murphy's place. Not a big turnout, but that meant more culinary delights to enjoy – BBQ chicken and ribs were the main course. We pigged out even though we were scheduled to attend a luau later that evening. Some stuff is just too good to pass up. Great job, Sharon!

We encourage everyone to take a little time away from their otherwise busy schedules and smell some flowers along with spending some time with friends and family. That's where the fun can be found.

Smile often and ride safely.

Vic & Sharon
WAV Couple of the Year

FROM THE CHAPTER TECHNICAL ADVISOR:



So, do you know what March 24th is? Garry does!! He says that it is the day after I am supposed to get my Wing off the lift at Ken's.

Ken and I have been working on my bike. We started with just changing the rear tire but it never ends there. I also had a water leak and so it starts. You know when one thing leads to another. But I have to face it that the Wing has been a great bike. The maintenance has always been done by Ken and myself. It has gotten me down the road for the last 14 years with very few problem. What a motorcycle! So, I am doing all of the maintenance on mine so it's done and we can work on yours at our annual Workshop on March 24th. With the wealth of knowledge of our members and the manuals, we can do almost anything to get your Wing ready for the riding season. *If you will be changing you fluids please bring gallon containers to put the old fluids in.*

We want everyone to have a safe and enjoyable riding season. So bring your Wing and oil and filters and your appetite for a great time at Ken and Marions. And remember that if you haven't ridden your bike in a while check your tires before coming over

Dennis.



Recipe Corner:

Pear Crisp

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cooking Time: 40 - 45 minutes

Topping

1/4 cup splenda

3 graham crackers

1/4 cup light butter

1 tsp ground cinnamon

2 Tbsp all-purpose flour

Filling

3 cup peeled and sliced Bartlett pears

2 Tbsp all-purpose flour

1/4 cup splenda

1 Tbsp lemon juice

3 Tbsp water

1/2 tsp ground cinnamon

1. Preheat oven to 350 deg F. Coat an 8" X 8" backing dish with cooking spray. Set aside
2. To make topping: place Splenda, graham crackers, butter, cinnamon, and flour in food processor. Blend until crumbly. Set aside
3. To make filling: In large bowl, gently toss together pears, flour, Splenda, lemon, juice, water, and cinnamon. Place in pre-pared baking dish. Cover with topping.
4. Bake 40 to 45 minutes or until bubbling around edges. Serve warm.

Makes 6 servings.

CHAPTER BIRTHDAYS



Paul Cecil – 8th
Terri Harter – 23rd
Bradley Parr – 6th

CHAPTER ANNIVERSARYS





Quick Quiz

Why Saint Patrick's Day ?

See answer below

Did You Know

As long as a woman can look ten years younger than her daughters, she is perfectly satisfied.

As Quoted by Oscar Wilde

Answer to Quick Quiz:

Saint Patrick is most known for driving the snakes from Ireland. It is true there are no snakes in Ireland, and there probably never have been - the island was separated from the rest of the continent at the end of the Ice Age.

Saint Patrick's Day has come to be associated with everything Irish: anything green and gold, shamrocks and luck. Most importantly, to those who celebrate its intended meaning, St. Patrick's Day is a traditional day for spiritual renewal and offering prayers for missionaries worldwide.

So, why is it celebrated on March 17th? One theory is that that is the day that St. Patrick died. Since the holiday began in Ireland, it is believed that as the Irish spread out around the world, they took with them their history and celebrations. The biggest observance of all is, of course, in Ireland. With the exception of restaurants and pubs, almost all businesses close on March 17th.

A QUICK REMINDER

CHECK TO SEE IF

YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS DUE

