



# Chapter V Valley Wings News



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Trotter's Restaurant  
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## From the Chapter Director

### Is Winter About Over?



Well again not too much to report this month but then how do we get to report any riding when there is that white stuff on the ground. Yes, the white stuff I am talking of is snow! Yes, snow like in snowman, snow balls, and cars, bikes, most vehicles sitting. With the white stuff around we didn't get the turnout at our monthly meeting like we normally have, but then it really wasn't too bad considering!

Speaking of turnouts! We had a very good one at Mrs. Turner's Restaurant on the 21<sup>st</sup> as we had 20 in attendance (one of our bigger ones) to enjoy the food they had. We thank Michael and Karen Smith for hosting the event. This is the second month in a row that Michael and Karen have hosted, and they also plan to host the March gathering, so again we thank them for that as well. With the groups we have been having at the last couple of socials we are thinking that maybe we put them in permanent charge of the socials! Your thoughts Michael and Karen?

Then on the 23<sup>rd</sup> the memorial for Maxine Alexander was held. There was a nice turnout for the service with many chapters within our district represented including 14 of us from our chapter! Thanks to those that attended as were sure Garry and family appreciated it!

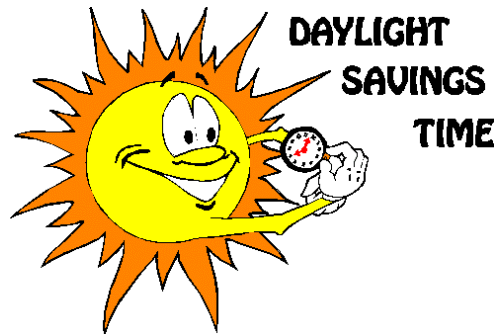
Now with the month of February already gone we have a few days at the start of the month to note! On the 2<sup>nd</sup> there is a chapter ride, then our monthly meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> and our planning meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Our planning meeting will be at the clubhouse of Jeff and Cindy's complex so plenty of room for all. As previously noted, this is a planning meeting (everyone welcome) to which we will go over the events for the year as well as discuss ways to which we can make things more exciting for the chapter. Please bring a calendar to jot events on as we will not be providing them this year as most have been using their phones. Also please bring a snack to share and what ever you would like to drink.

Now one last thing we need to cover! As most of you know Carolyn Andrew left us a few months ago as she said she was going to greener pastures! Well I am not sure about greener as her move was to Florida and as I remember it was a lot warmer there and had Palm Trees not Evergreens! Well we have missed her around here but seeing as they have a long-distance relationship Gary has decided its time to retire and move down there as well! Really can't understand his thoughts but oh well have a good ride Gary! Yes, Gary is calling work quits, packing up his bike trailer and pulling it to Florida to be with Carolyn! With that said this next meeting will be

the last one for Gary so join us in wishing Gary farewell for a safe journey to the opposite corner of the US! Gary will be gone but not forgotten as he is going to be doing some long-distance web work for us until we get someone that can fill his shoes or fit his saddle! Thanks Again Gary for All You Do, You Are Going to be Missed!

Your Nearly Frozen Directors

*Diambri Joe & Patti*



## ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS:

### Are You Ready



Most of us do not expect or anticipate a breakdown or an emergency situation while riding our Bikes. For the most part, Gold Wings do not suffer breakdowns often. We have faith that the bike will stay running and not give us trouble for tens or hundreds of thousand miles. Are you ready if something does happen? Do you have supplies in the bike to save you from a situation that could leave you stranded?

Some of the things that are helpful to carry with you are: Fuses, Relays, Light Bulbs, Tire repair/Pump. Plus a good flashlight, High Vis Vest, First Aid Kit, and Duct Tape.

I found out the hard way recently on my way to the last Chapter Social in Puyallup. Cindy, Manuel and I were riding our bikes on back roads to the location for the Social Dinner. Our GPS took us on these roads due to the heavy southbound traffic on 167. We were going up Peasley Canyon Road heading to Peasley Canyon Way. There is a small roundabout and we had to travel  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way around. I misjudged the curve and ended up undercutting it causing the left side of the bike to strike the small curb. This impact broke the side stand switch which tells the bike if the side stand is up or down. With this switch broken off and destroyed, the bike thought the side stand was down. This caused the bike to immediately shut off. I was upright and kept it upright to a stop. With Manuel on the back, I had to quickly figure out what to do. I did not think straight due to we were in the middle of the road blocking traffic. Cindy said, Get Manuel Off the bike, so I did that. I then walked the bike about 10 feet to a spot that was out of the way. Cindy pulled into the traffic circle and parked. The traffic was able to get around us as I tried to figure out what to do. I took off the side cover on the left and could see the wire harness leading to the switch. I then pulled out my knife. This is the thing I am glad now I had with me. I suggest that a knife of some kind be kept in the bike for times like this. Using the knife I stripped off the protective sleeve from the 3 wires going to the switch. I

thought of how this switch might work. 3 wires, one has to be ground and the others are positive for something. I cut the broken switch off leaving the 3 wires. I stripped the insulation off those 3 wires and wrapped two of them together. I started the bike and put it in gear, the bike died. That was not the right ones to wrap together. I then wrapped all three together. I started the bike again and put it in gear. It stayed running, good, now we can get back on the road to Puyallup. I put the side cover back on and Cindy got Manuel on her Spyder. Off we went to the Social. We made it on time with that little 15 minute delay. If I did not think of how to fix it, we could have been stuck there for a while waiting for a tow truck. I hope I am not the only one who can figure out stuff like this. So if your side stand switch breaks and your bike will not run when in gear, cut and wrap the Green/GreenWhite wires together and you will be back on the road. The part cost around \$40.00 and is easy to replace. I call it being a McGyver.

Unfortunately now I have another problem. While I was cutting off the strap holding the wire harness, I cut a hole in my cooling system hose running in that area. The bike is down until I get the new switch and cooling hose. Take note of what you are carrying for those just in case moments. Add a knife to your kit.

Until next time, Ride Safe.

Jeff & Cindy



## ***District Asst. Educator***

It's almost March and on the east side of the Cascades, snow is still visible on the hills and in the shadows of the ditches along the roadside. The rains have one stopped for now and the roads are almost dry. Our bikes are checked out, batteries charged, and tires aired up. We head out for a crosstown ride and find a menace everywhere we turn. "POTHLES"

Pothole damage accounts for nearly 500,000 insurance claims every year!

So if you've been a victim of one, you're not alone. That's why it's important to stay alert, slow down, and keep an eye out, to avoid some costly damage and some serious stress.

**General strategies to use whenever driving in hazardous situations.**

**Leave more space between you and the driver ahead of you.** This is just general good driving practice, but it comes in handy avoiding 0 potholes too. After all, the more space between you and the other guy, the more likely you are to notice a pothole and calmly avoid it.

**Slow down.** Ratchet your speed back a little bit to seven improve your reaction time. Also, hitting a pothole at lower speeds typically doesn't cause as much, or as serious damage as hitting one at higher speeds.

**Watch out for water.** After a rainstorm or snow, potholes can fill with water. That makes them harder to see, and harder to judge how deep they are, which makes them even more mysterious and dangerous! So when in doubt, avoid them.

For a safety discussion during your March or April Chapter Gathering, Try this.

Imagine you are riding on a one lane road and you suddenly see a huge pothole, directly in front of you.

What would your natural reaction be?

What could you do to handle the situation?

The following suggestions for question 2 were obtained from:

1. Motorcycle Safety Foundation materials ([www.msf.com](http://www.msf.com)).
2. GWRRA Rider Education Materials.

First, try seven to avoid the pothole, which would be the safest course of action. However if swerving or stopping is not an option, attack potholes and every obstacle at a straight on or 90 degree angle if possible. This will help you avoid a loss of control if the wheel gets snagged.

Second (if the pothole is unavoidable), perform a quick brake maneuver, (slowing down your bike as much as possible before you reach the hole), Let off the brake just before entering the pothole and stand up slightly with your knees bent on your pegs, to act as shock absorbers. Lean back slightly to take some of the weight off the front wheel. After entering the pothole, regain your normal riding posture and smoothly increase your speed. Accelerating the bike transfers weight rearward and in turn provides increased traction to the rear wheel.

Any Washington GWRRA member can call or e-mail me directly with questions/concerns with your education needs and levels information.

Ride Smart & Be Safe!

Don Eide

Rider Course Instructor RCI-702

## District Couple of the Year

### Getting Closer



The selection for 2019 International COY is moving right along. We are doing all of our work in this process via the internet doing ZOOM calls and email. We have found out that there is only one other couple in the Northwest Territory that we are competing against. They are from Iowa. We have completed our Resume, and are now doing trial runs with the interview process. We need to give a 5 minute presentation and then answer eight questions from the judges. It is a little nerve racking, but we are learning and growing from this experience. -

There is a one fund raiser going on this month. On the 16<sup>th</sup>, we have a day ride down to Oregon I for their Blarney Run. We will then come back for a St Patty's Day Dinner Dance.

Watch the District Web Site for more details. The proceeds will go to help fund the trip to Wing Ding for us if we are selected.

Keep in mind of other couples in your Chapter that would be good as the next COY for our District. The District Rally is coming up in Cashmere. That will be the time we could be selecting the next District COY. Get your nominees in and we will assist them in getting ready for the selection process.

Another fund raiser is in the planning stages that will entail showing off your riding skills. Come and compete against the COY. Are your riding skills better than our COY? The date is looking like June 8<sup>th</sup> in Buckley. It will be in the parking lot of the Church and will test your ARC skills. It could be lots of fun. Plan to join us in these efforts to raise money for our COY to go to Wing Ding.

Jeff & Cindy  
WA District COY

## Motorist Awareness



During this time of the year we motorcyclist are wishing it would get warmer quicker, as we are longing to get back on our bikes, for a fun ride and take our long awaited first ride of the season.

This is also the time to start the practice of remembering, and going through the things we all have heard and read on how to make this first ride of the season a safe one, for us and the others who share the road with us.

I have had the opportunity to see a bike on the road the other day, which really was surprising and thought provoking, but at the same time it made me watch this individual do some things, that I thought were not what I would say, were that of a rider who was a good example of a person who was following the practices we want to see as aware motorist.

These practices that I am talking about are ones that help other motorist on the road see us, especially at this time of the year when they are not looking for motorcyclist on the road.

1. Lane position (riding or driving in the lane that you are not in the No Zone).
2. Following distance (following to close) (also in the No Zone).
3. Leave some distance behind other vehicles at stop lights, and signs.
4. Use of turn signals.
5. Wearing of helmets, and clothing that stand out, and can be seen.
6. Watch for other drivers' blind spots (things in rear windows, and hanging from mirrors).
7. Be Friendly and Courteous, this will help others on the road to look for you.

As Motorist Awareness people, which I hope we all will be, please think of ways to make people want to look for us and see us on the road.

We will be having coloring books and crayons, to give to kids, no age restrictions, wherever you may have the opportunity, to help them become more aware of us, therefore this will also help their parents be more aware of us also.

Also, I wish to ask you all to hand out the Motor Awareness Bi-Folds to all your friends, old and new, so they will help us in this mission.

Your Assistant Motorist Awareness Director

Carl Maier



***The Ride Coordinator*** by Harry Rossingol

From the desk of the ride coordinator



February this year reminded us of what most of the rest of the country has to put up with every February snow and ice covered roads. Hopefully March will bring us better weather so we can get out on the road.

On March 2<sup>nd</sup> we have a ride scheduled with kickstand's up at 10 am from the Auburn Way Denny's in Auburn. We will tentatively wander the country side passing through such scenic communities as Krain, Cumberl and Kanaskat, Hobart ,Issaquah ,Sammamish, Fall City and North Bend ending our trip at the finest destination any Goldwinger could wish for...Maple Valley DQ.

On Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> Chapter 'A' will be leading a ride down to the Oregon Chapter 'T' Blarney ride with kickstand's up at 7 AM from the McDonalds at SR512 and South Tacoma Way. Some of the participants will be stopping in at the Washington District St Patrick's Day celebration on the way back.

Harry

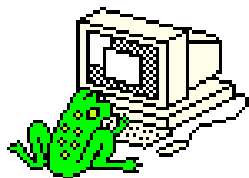


**FROM THE CHAPTER TECHNICAL ADVISOR:**



We hope to see Dennis informative article in the upcoming newsletters

## FROM THE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER EDITORS



The hidden number for February was Lee Damoiseau and he was not at the meeting. 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: Marble Game – Sam Martin's ticket was drawn but not the green marble.

Colors – Joe Diambri was drawn and was wearing colors

50/50 - Was won by new member Steve Cotes

You all be careful out there.

Ken/Marion

## CHAPTER BIRTHDAYS



Gary Andrew 20

Terri Harter 23

Don Hatley 02

## CHAPTER ANNIVERSARYS



Bill & Teresa Holt 29

## Life As a Wing Goes!

Sometimes I ride to forget. But I never forget to ride

When life gets you down remember its one down and the rest is up

The only good view of a thunderstorm is in your rearview mirror.

## Looking for information about our chapter?

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

[www.gwrra-wav.org](http://www.gwrra-wav.org)

## Monthly Calendar Events & Rides

February 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
					1	2 10 AM 2PM  Chapter Ride
3	4	5	6	7 Chapter "V" Monthly Meeting 6PM – 8PM	8	9 10 am – 3 pm Chapter V Planning Meeting
10 Daylight Saving Time Begins	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 St Patrick's Day	18	19	20 First Day of Spring	21 6 pm – 7:30 pm Chapter V Social	22	23



24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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<b>Day:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Chapter:</b>	<b>Location:</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Thur	6:00 PM	WA-V Auburn	Trotter's Restaurant 825 Harvey Rd Auburn WA
1 <sup>st</sup> Sat	8:00AM	WA-M Yakima	Branding Iron Restaurant Toppenish WA 98948 WA
1 <sup>st</sup> Sat	8:00 AM	WA-X Vancouver	Golden Corral 11801 NE 4th Plain Blvd Vancouver WA
1 <sup>st</sup> Sat	8:00 AM	WA-R Walla Walla	Smiths Family Restaurant 1425 W Pine St Walla Walla WA
1st Sat	8:00 AM	WA-B Bremerton	Airport Dinner 8803 Stet Hwy 3 SW Port Orchard WA
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tue	6:00 PM	WA-H Lynden	Fairway Family Restaurant 1726 Front St Lynden WA
8 <sup>th</sup> Day	1:Oclock	ABCXYZKEFA	Anytown South of here
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat	9:00AM	WA-L Kennewick	Red Lion 2525 North 20 <sup>th</sup> Ave Pasco WA
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat	8:30 AM	WA-Z Centralia	Ramblim Jacks Ribeye 1335 Rush Rd Chehalis WA
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat	8:00 AM	WA-Q Puyallup	Little Park Restaurant 17106 Pacific Ave S Spanaway
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun	8:30AM	WA-D Aberdeen	Duffy's Restaurant 1605 Simpson Ave Aberdeen WA
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat	7:30 AM	WA-E Bellevue	Kenmore Lanes 7638 NE Bothell Way Kenmore WA
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat	9:00AM	WA-P Longview	Columbia Inn Kalama WA 98632 WA
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	7:30 AM	WA-I Olympia	Hawks Prairie Restaurant 8306 Quinault Drive NE Lacy WA
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat	8:00 AM	WA-N Spokane	Golden Corral Buffet & Grill 7717 N Division St Spokane WA
4 <sup>th</sup> Sat	8:00 AM	WA-A Seattle	Golden Steer 23826 104 <sup>th</sup> Kent 98031
4 <sup>th</sup> Sat	8:00 AM	WA-O Port Orchard	Airport Diner 8803 Stet Hwy3 SW Port Orchard WA