



Chapter V Valley Wings News



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Meets 1st Thursday 6:00pm
Station Bistro
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From the Chapter Directors:



Will April really bring more showers? Sure, hope not. Our chapter held its annual workshop at the home of Ken & Marion Harter this past weekend. We had a good spaghetti feast and a lot of work was accomplished on the cycles. Now, we are ready to ride. Hope Mother Nature will be good to us, sooner rather than later.

The first weekend in April begins our watch over the Federal Way rest area. There is still time to sign up. All help is appreciated.

Ken and Garry were guests at the chapter meetings of 'Q' and 'E'. Ask Ken what extra monies he came home with.

Our first chapter ride for the season will be Early Spring Fun Run April 14 by Chapter 'C'. Let's all try to attend; this ride is always a great one.

Moreover, heaven forbid, it should be raining, we'll go by Covered Wagon.

It might also be noted that our Thursday night meeting place has changed.

We are meeting at the: Station Bistro, address and directions are on this web page. See you on April 5.

Respectfully Submitted
Garry L. & Maxine Alexander

The answer for MARCH QUESTION OF THE MONTH

The crossword puzzle first appeared in newspapers in 1914.

QUESTION FOR THIS MONTH

How long did it take to 'carve' Mt. Rushmore? Which president, who is on the mountain, had a son attending the start of this work?

Maxine



FROM ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS:



Wow!!! What a busy month....

I would like to thank all of you that attended the ride to Ocean Shores for the spreading of Mary Carrolls ashes. There was wind and rain and hail but, It was great to go. My heart goes out to "Chico" and his family.

When Chico and I sat down at the last meeting he told me that "WE" are his family also. So, it wasn't a case of thinking about going, it was I Am Going. That is what you do for family. I have been to a lot of funerals where I did not know the deceased. I think

that you go to celebrate a life that once was, but also to support the family.

I have been working on a lot of Wings this past month and Saturday the 24th was no exception. We had our workshop at Ken and Marions. There were I think 8 bikes that showed up. We worked to build up an appetite for the Spaghetti and garlic bread. But I had to wait for my plate to be filled because Garry cut in line and ate up my portion. As much work as I do on his bike you would think that.....never mind. Anyway, a great time was had by all. I had really been looking forward to the workshop. It didn't disappoint.

So, spring is here and I have new tires on my Wing. I was going to try and wear them out by fall but I also work at the Valley 6 Drive In and it will be opening up in April. So, I will be busy. It will just be nice to be able to ride without bundling up so much. So remember as you get out on the bikes there is still a lot of sand on the road, watch for it

Dennis



FROM HONORARY ASSISTANCE CHAPTER DIRECTOR:

Support Your Chapter



We just closed the doors on our fifteenth annual Maintenance Shop/Social event. We had plenty of bikes to work on, in fact we had enough bikes that we couldn't finish them all with the crew we had on hand and you might know who bike didn't get finished --- Garry's. Oh well that will give Ken something to work around! We also tuned everyone's antennas, except of course, Garry's. The weather cooperated by showering us with a little sunshine, and pushing the temperature up to 61 degrees. We even had to shut down the furnace. We were working on our bikes, when the buzzer in the rear of the shop sounded indicating chow time. Now for the social time of the chapter maintenance shop. If you like spaghetti, you sure lost out on a another good one, but that's alright, all the more left overs for me.

For you dudes that went south. If you need to change your brake and clutch fluids or need new brake pads or what ever we can set up a special shop day. Check with Ken and Garry.

Now that the riding season is near, we should be thinking of which rides and rally's we want to participate in. Remember you can't take them all in so plan ahead, be ready! Check with other members, ask where and when they are planning to go. Also if there is a special route or direction you like, speak up, Jim or someone else will see about your ride.

Chapter 'Y' is trying something new for selecting a ride a month (or more). They pick a difference member each month for where they would like to ride to. That member is to pick a direction (route) he doesn't have to plan it, that up to the ride coordinator, but he or she picks a destination.

Yea I did hit it big at chapter 'E' 70 plus dollars, but - - - - - I had to pay for both of our breakfast Oh well, you know the old saying, easy come.

Ride with care

Ken/Marion



From the Chapter Educator:



From the desk of John Doughty GWRRA 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 131926-01 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,

GWRRA Chapter Educator –

JOHN E. DOUGHTY

Did Someone Say Maintenance Workshop?

It was all to start at 8:00 in the morning on the 24th of March, but upon pulling into where I thought was the residence of Ken and Marion Harter (note this was a first time there) I found nothing going on! I looked at the address and yes it matched, so I looked around for a sign saying "The Harter's" still nothing, so instead of going up to the door and possibly waking someone up I decided to wait around for a while. Walking around and looking for some signs of life without any luck, I decided ok a few more minutes and I will give a call and see if I am in the right place! While waiting the time I also thought seeing as I have a dozen donuts with me I'll have one while

waiting my time! Boy the smell must have made its way to the house as I had no longer eaten it and who comes out of the house but Dennis Murphy saying come on in.

My thoughts about Dennis smelling the donuts and finding I was out there must not have been true as while sitting and talking, I noted that I had brought some donuts and so I had to go get them so Dennis could have one or two.

After some nice conversation with the Harter's and Dennis, Gary and Maxine Alexander showed up with the rest of the goodies, yes more donuts and pastries putting Dennis in 7th Heaven! After some more talk or better known as BS it was time to head to the shop. My bike was put on the lift and Dennis and I proceeded to tear it apart. Having this being my first time at this, I was a bit concerned as Dennis started telling me take this off, then take this off, then this then that, but when he told me the radio had to come off I thought WHAT. I hope he know as much as he says he does! I am not new to pulling things apart and repairing them, but going this far was getting me worried and had me thinking what if?

Well as the morning progressed Vic Parr and John Doughty also joined us in the shop and everyone did what was needed to be done on their bikes. A few hours went by and the word came from the house stating that it was time to eat. Well the group of us from Chapter V that were in the shop, proceeded to the house to find many others who had joined in for the delicious Spaghetti and Garlic Bread lunch that Marion and Terri had prepared for us as well as the pot luck items which others had brought.

Lunch is over and it is time to go back to work. The original group and a couple others joined in doing what was needed, more shooting of the bull, and just doing whatever. A couple of hours later the Boss AKA Ken Harter said time to go in and have cake. It was Terri's birthday the day before so we all went in and had cake and sang Happy Birthday to Terri then back to the shop!

Much to my amazement my bike did get back together and ran, so I had no reason to worry anymore. After spending the day with this group I found that belonging to a chapter is the way to go! I say this as this is not my first Wing but is the first time I have been a member of a chapter, and feel that I picked out a GREAT one! Everyone was willing to pitch in to help each other and get what was needed done!

In the end I want to say that I really enjoyed myself and all of the help I got from others in this workshop. It was not what I had expected it to be but again I enjoyed it, as what I understood was going to be a Workshop did happen, but it really seemed more like a big party!

My Thanks to EVERYONE involved for a GREAT DAY.

Respectably Submitted

Joe Diambri



Motorist Awareness Division/Program



Several weeks ago I attended the District Rider Education Workshop in Buckley. One class presented by the Department of Licensing showed us statistics of motorcycle accidents that have happened in the past 20 years. Accidents have increased due mostly to the large number of riders joining the ranks. Fortunately, the ones with fatalities have decreased. The DOL is attributing this to better training requirements and motorist awareness seminars.

Another class related to what the DOL had explained was one for the Motorist Awareness Division of GWRRA. This one really got me interested and I felt, with the proper equipment, that I could make a difference in the world of motorists by becoming a liaison with anyone that would listen. So I contacted the GWRRA home office and they provided me with Power Point presentations and a stack of brochures and bumper stickers. I talked our Chapter Director and Treasurer into the need of a projector and then proceeded to make some personal visits to local high schools, church groups, and drivers training organizations.

We want the general public to be aware that we, as motorcyclists, are also out there on the road. A good slogan that the DOL and GWRRA (along with others) is to “Share the Road”. Maybe with a little more public awareness we can reduce accidents and ultimately reduce insurance and medical costs.

Vic Parr

Motorist Awareness Program Liaison



From the chapter couple of the year:



Hello fellow riders. Spring has finally arrived and Mother Nature still throws us some nasty curves with snow, sleet, hail, lots of wind and rain. Then come the days when the sun breaks through and it appears to be the best day of our lives. These are the days you use any excuse to put those wheels on the road and enjoy the day.

But, the bike should be ready for the season – just like you. Fortunately we have a motorcycle maintenance day scheduled each spring to do just that. We have a couple of guys who have the knowledge and skills to fix almost anything. A maintenance DVD is another handyman’s tool. So, do the maintenance, shine that baby up and show it off to the world.

Recently several of us joined a good friend, Charles Carroll (Chico), and his family and friends as they took a trip down to Ocean Shores. Charles (Chico) rode his bike in tribute to his wife (Mary J), who had passed away after

a bout with cancer. This was “her last ride” and also her birthday. We shared some thoughts of Mary and watched as her sons spread her ashes over the breaking waves. It seemed that Mother Nature was also paying some respect by withholding the rains for that period of time. Thank you, Chico, for extending the invitation to us, your GWRRA family and friends.

Many events within the GWRRA chapters and other local organizations are approaching for your riding pleasure. It is understood that we can't make them all, but I bet the ones you can attend will be fun filled and enjoyable. I hope we can meet you at least once to share some laughs.

Smile often and ride safely.

Vic & Sharon
WAV Couple of the Year



FROM THE CHAPTER TECHNICAL ADVISOR:



Brake Fluid Explained

The three main types of brake fluid now available are DOT3, DOT4 and DOT5. DOT3 and DOT4 are glycol-based fluids, and DOT5 is silicon-based. The main difference is that DOT3 and DOT4 absorb water, while DOT5 doesn't.

One of the important characteristics of brake fluid is its boiling point. Hydraulic systems rely on an incompressible fluid to transmit force. Liquids are generally incompressible while gases are compressible.

If the brake fluid boils (becomes a gas), it will lose most of its ability to transmit force. This may partially or completely disable the brakes. To make matters worse, the only time you are likely to boil your brake fluid is during a period of prolonged braking, such a drive down a mountain -- certainly not the best time for brake failure!

As a DOT3 or DOT4 brake fluid absorbs water, its boiling point decreases. It can absorb water from the air, which is why you should avoid opening your car's brake fluid reservoir. For the same reason, you should always keep containers of brake fluid tightly sealed.

DOT5 fluid does not absorb water. This means the boiling point will remain relatively stable, but it also means that any water that does get into your brake system will tend to form pure water pockets, which could cause brake corrosion.

Two other important things about brake fluid: DOT3 and DOT4 eat paint, so don't spill either of these on your car. Also, none of the different types of brake fluid should be mixed. They can react badly with each other and corrode your brake system.

Dennis.



FROM THE CHAPTER SECRETARY



March 1, 2012
GWRRA Chapter "V" Gathering

Chapter "V" met at The Station Bistro in Auburn, WA, to enjoy the fellowship of great people and fill up on delicious food.

Guests to the March gathering included District Director Susie and Frank Hutchinson, Bruce and Sandi McMahill from Chapter "C", and Mike Briesi from Chapter "A".

Chapter Directors Garry and Maxine Alexander, introduced his staff and thanked everyone for being here. Past and future events were reviewed.

Bruce McMahill invited everyone to join Chapter "C" for the Early Spring Fun Run on April 14th. The Run will start at the Angel of the Wings Casino and proceeds go to support the Ride for Kids and the Everett Food Bank.

Suzie Hutchinson reminded everyone to register for the State Rally to be held this year in the nice facility of Grandview, WA. Chapter "M" is the host Chapter. There will be lots of good prizes and fun things to do.

John Doughty spoke on how important it is to prepare for the upcoming riding season. Besides preparing your bike, it's important to prepare yourself mentally to ride. Oh yes, be sure to check your tires before every ride.

Garry Alexander introduced the marble game to members and visitors. From the container of 100 marbles, one marble is green. The pot grows each week until someone draws that green marble. Suzie Hutchinson was the first to draw for a marble but unfortunately did not find the green one.

Chapter "V" Mall Show is coming up on May 18 - 20 at the South Hill Mall. All proceeds will go to the food bank. April 7th through the 11th is when Chapter "V" will host the Federal Way Rest Stop. Many members have already signed up to help. If you are available please contact Garry.

Vic Parr is our liaison for MAD (Motorist Awareness Division). He is available to speak to groups.

Big winners this month are:

Dennis Murphy won the Registration to Chapter "C" Spring Fun Run.

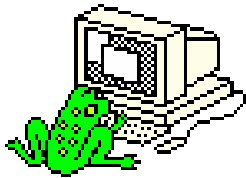
Marlene McCartney won the Chapter Member Color Draw.

Suzie Hutchinson won the 50/50.

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Jan Ljunggren

FROM THE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER EDITORS



My special “thank you” to Joe Diambri for his article in this months newsletter.

Our (‘Wingy’) membership number in the newsletter has started out successful, that is out of the two members who had their numbers printed neither see their number. For the month of February it was Jim Johnson and he said he read the newsletter thru and thru as least twice, and for the month of March is was LeRoy, sorry guys, but keep reading you never know when it might happen again. As for the rest of you, good luck!

We have one less marble in the marble bag. Good luck on that one too.

Don’t forget, the last Saturday of the month. (it would help before the last)

Keep the articles coming? (And READ them)

Ken/Marion

Recipe Corner:

Rhubarb Bars This is super good, just ask Dennis and Garry

Filling:

- 2 Tablespoons cornstarch
- ¼ cup water
- 3 cups cut up rhubarb
- 1-1/2 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Crust:

- 1-1/2 cups oatmeal
- 1-1/2 cups flour
- 1 cup brown sugar
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup margarine

In saucepan, dissolve cornstarch in water. Add rhubarb, sugar, vanilla. Cook until thickened.

Remove from heat.

Stir together oatmeal, flour brown sugar, soda
And salt. Cut in margarine as for piecrust.

Pat half of the oatmeal mixture into 9x13 pan.
Spread rhubarb mixture over crust. Sprinkle
With remaining crumbs and bake at 350 degrees
For 30 minutes. Refrigerate 24 hours before
Cutting.

CHAPTER BIRTHDAYS



Charles Carroll – 13th
Joe Diambri – 23 Patti Diambri – 13th
Joe Johnson – 10th
JD Miller – 18th
Michael Smith – 16th
Ed Miller – 13th

CHAPTER ANNIVERSARYS



Jim & Ruth Johnson – 23rd
Ed & JoAnn Miller – 21st
Vic & Sharon Parr 18th
John & Neena Stoner – 7th

Did You Know

- April 27th Is National Arbor day. **1872**—The first Arbor Day was held in Nebraska City, Neb., through the efforts of J. Sterling Morton. More than one million trees were planted in Nebraska during the first Arbor Day. (*Editor's Note: What happened to them, you can drive for miles and not see one in Nebraska?*)

The Arbor Day Foundation:

- Began in 1972 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first Arbor Day.

- Is one of the world's largest nonprofit conservation organizations dedicated to planting trees. The Foundation plants and distributes more than 10 million trees each year.
- Works with the U.S. Forest Service to plant trees in America's national forests and the National Association of State Foresters to plant trees in state forests. Through the generous donations of our members and partners, the Foundation has helped the Forest Service plant more than 20 million forestland trees since 1990.

Washington Chapters Gatherings

Day:	Time:	Chapter:	Location:
1st Thu	6:00 PM	WA-V Auburn	The Station Bistro 110 2nd St SW, Auburn, WA
1 st Wed	6:00 PM	WA-Q Puyallup	The Sizzler Restaurant 10701 S Tacoma Way, Lakewood
1st Sat	12:00 noon	WA-M Yakima	Legends Casino, 580 Fort Road, Toppenish, WA.
1st Sat	8:30 AM	WA-X Vancouver	Hometown Buffet 7809-B NE Vancouver Plaza Vancouver, WA
1st Sat	9:00 AM	WA-R Walla Walla	Oasis Restaurant 85698 Hwy 339 Milton-Freewater, OR
1st Sun	8:30 AM	WA-B Bremerton	Eagles 6 th ST & Washington Ave Bremerton, WA
2nd Tue	6:30 PM	WA-H Lynden	Fairway Family Restaurant 1726 Front St Lynden, WA
2nd Fri	6:30 PM	WA-Y Enumclaw	Krain Corner Restaurant 39929 264 th SE Enumclaw, WA
2nd Sat	8:00 AM	WA-C Everett	Denney's Restaurant 132 128 th St SW Everett, WA.
2nd Sat	9:00 AM	WA-L Kennewick	City Grill 300 N Ely, Kennewick WA
2nd Sat	1:00 PM	WA-Z Centralia	PJ's Pizza 1232 Alder St. Centralia, off exit 81, Mellon St.
2nd Sun	8:30 AM	WA-D Aberdeen	Duffy's Restaurant 1605 Simpson Ave Aberdeen, WA
3rd Sat	8:30 AM	WA-E Bellevue	Crystal Creek Café 22620 Bothell-Everett Hwy, Bothell WA
3rd Sat	1:00 PM	WA-P Longview	Sizzler 936 Ocean Beach Hwy Longview, WA, 98632
3rd Sun	8:00 AM	WA-I Olympia	Fatso's Bar and Grill 3205 Martin Way East Olympia, WA
3rd Sun	8:30 AM	WA-N Spokane	Golden Corral Buffet & Grill 7717 N Division St Spokane, WA.
4th Sat	8:30 AM	WA-A Seattle	Old Country Buffet 25630 104 th Ave SE Kent, WA
4th Sat	8:00 AM	WA-O Port Orchard	Airport Diner 8803 Stet HYW 3 SW Port Orchard, WA

A QUICK REMINDER

CHECK TO SEE IF

YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS DUE

