



Valley Wings



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Chapter Meets 1st Sunday of the Month

Breakfast Starts at 9:00 / Meeting Starts at 10:00

Golden Steer Restaurant

23826 104th Ave SE

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From The Chapter Director



A Great Loss!

May has brought our Chapter great loss. Our former Chapter Director Patti Diambri has lost her battle with cancer. After struggling with several bouts with cancer she is now out of pain. Although not unexpected, it is still hard for us to come to grips with her not being with us now. On top of her passing, our good friend and another former Chapter Director Garry Alexander passed away from a heart attack. He was full of adventure and planning lots of outings driving his Slingshot. He was cut short in living his life as full as he could, now he is reunited with his beloved wife Maxine.

Our Monthly meeting for May was a small gathering. Our ride after was good with myself, Cindy and Mike B following my waterfront tour down through Tacoma to Steilacoom. The only issue was with road construction that detoured the last few miles back to I-5 and 512 to take us home.

Harry and Claudia are out on another great riding adventure. They left on the 24th of April to ride down to Key West Florida. They chose a great route with many interesting sights and places along the way, and now they are still on the East Coast visiting Family. I am sure we are in for a treat hearing all the details when they return.

Due to upcoming events, Our June Chapter Meeting will be cancelled. Cindy and will be traveling down to Oregon for the Chapter R and L Blue Mountain Rendezvous. This event is combining the two Chapters events into one. This will be a new one for us and a new area to explore. We hear that there will be several rides in the area and a good warm up for our District Rally in July. As of writing this, The District Rally is still going forward. There is a possibility that it could be cancelled if there are not more reservations made. Stay tuned, June 15th could be the cutoff date where a decision will be made to keep it or put it off till next year when we will try again.

Our next meeting will be on July 3rd. Plan to be there to hear all the latest news about our summer activities.

Jeff & Cindy

Assistant Chapter Director



Well they say a picture is worth a thousand words. This picture has unlimited amount of words. It is a picture of myself and the woman who was the greatest in the world my wife Patti. This picture is one showing Patti with her wonderful happy face and the face that is now only a memory. The last face I saw was a face that was in pain. It was a face that didn't want to be here anymore. The last few weeks were the most painful for Patti but she tried not to show it but instead put a smile on her face so all figured it was ok.

I apologize if this is boring but would rather let all know what happened in Patti's fight rather than tell it 10 times.

It was discovered in September of 2018 that Patti had ovarian cancer. They started chemo on her and got it shrunk down so they could do surgery on her. Next up was a full hysterectomy and hopes that all the cancer was gone. Next was the scan that showed it gone, but more chemo was involved.

Now comes another glitch, her Gall bladder and more surgery. Gall bladder removed and back onto recovery but only for a short time as one year to the day the cancer returned but in her stomach and liver this time. It started small so back on chemo she went. She fought and fought for some time until she couldn't handle how the chemo was making her sick and decided to quit. Well that decision took it's toll as well. Patti fought and fought without the chemo only to go downhill with her health. Patti went on hospice for a short time only to end up in the hospital as she was vomiting everything that went down came back up. After 9 days in the hospital it was back home and on hospice again, and her health went downhill rather quickly sending her into heaven on May 12th. Would give just about anything to have her back with me, but at least she is no longer suffering or in pain! R.I.P. Honey!!

Joe

P.S. I hope no one minds but I would like to keep her in the picture for a while at least as she was and will always be the strength in me and I enjoy looking at the smile on her face!!

Ride Coordinator



Ride Coordinator is out putting miles on his bike so not available!

From The Editor



Your Editor is lost for words this month other than a big thanks to the chapter for the Sympathy Card as well as the cards and thoughts sent my way!!

Thanks

Joe

Motorist Awareness



ROAD HAZARDS

Recently I was traveling the highways either on my motorcycle or in my truck and it dawned on me that my attention was fixed on looking for road hazards. You know, major cracks in pavement, tar strips, potholes, and even items that don't belong on the road. It also made me aware that I was missing some scenic beauty in the surrounding country. But, there's more. I was also not giving a lot of attention to the traffic around me. Am I the only one? I don't think so.

Is there a solution? Maybe if road repairs were taken more seriously in areas of dire need. Maybe if items on the roadway were removed. I don't see these happening anytime soon, so I guess it is still up to us to take a little more time away from our fixation on the road and watch for traffic around us when it is there or smell the roses a little more when conditions permit. In any case, drive safely as if your life depended on it, because it does.

Vic

WAV Motorist Awareness Advocate

Chapter Highlights

Meeting was small and nothing to report

June

Birthdays & Anniversaries



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Chapter Meeting Directory

Ch.	Meeting Day	Meeting Times	CD / Asst. CD	Meeting Location
A	4th Saturday	Breakfast @ 8:00 Meeting @ 9:00	Todd McLain 206-241-3565 Don Hatley 253-941-5674	Golden Steer Restaurant 23826 104th Ave SE Kent, WA 98031
E	3rd Saturday	Breakfast @ 10:00 Meeting @ 10:30	Ron Peck 408-219-0695 ron@peckmanor.com	Kenmore Lanes 7638 NE Bothell Way Kenmore, WA 98028
I	3rd Sunday	Breakfast @ 8:00 Meeting @ 8:30	Ray Abitz 360-790-2832 Ron Wolf	O'Blarney's Irish Pub 4411 Martin Way E Olympia, WA 98516
L	2nd Saturday	Breakfast @ 9:00 Meeting @ 10:00	Gary & Diana Domas 509-551-6133 Tom Denny 509-205-4667 gadomas@charter.net / tomdenny@charter.net	Shooters Sports Bar Finley, WA
N	3rd Saturday	Breakfast @ 9:00 Meeting @ 9:45	Don & Hope Sundahl 509-993-5501 LoriAnn Robertson 509-251-4443 foxfour22@gmail.com / mmloriann@gmail.com	Illinois Ave Bar & Grill 1403 E Illinois Ave. Spokane, WA 99207
O	3rd Saturday	Breakfast @ 8:00 Meeting @ 9:00	Ken & Tami Smith 360-440-6357 John & Myrna Scrivner Jack Davies	Everybody's Restaurant 4215 SE Mile High Drive Port Orchard, WA 98366
R	1st Saturday	Breakfast @ 9:00 Meeting @ 10:00	Pat & Von Webb 509-438-3906 Patrick.charles.webb@gmail.com	Shari's Café & Pies 814 W. Chestnut St. Walla Walla, WA 99362
V	1st Sunday	Breakfast @ 9:00 Meeting @ 10:00	Jeff & Cindy Duffield 253-293-0744 Joe & Patti Diambri 253-740-7224 jeffmd2@comcast.net J_diambri@yahoo.com	Golden Steer Restaurant 23826 104th Ave SE Kent, WA 98031
X	4th Tuesday	Dinner @ 5:30 Meeting @ 6:30	David Van Nice 360-901-7217 www.gwrra-wax.org/index.html	The Peach Tree Restaurant 6600 NE Hwy 99 Vancouver, WA 98662
Z	2nd Saturday	Breakfast & Meeting @ 9:00	Jesse & Eva Valentine 360-891-6889	The Ribeye Restaurant Exit 78 Napavine, WA