



# Valley Wings



## Chapter Directors

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## Newsletter Editor

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**Chapter Meets 1st Thursday of the Month**

**Dinner Starts at 6:00 / Meeting Starts at 7:00**

Denny's Restaurant

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# From The



Hello again. We had our second meeting last month since our time off due to the pandemic, and had 12 members show up for it! The meeting was short as we didn't have a lot to cover, but one of the things that was on the table is the changing of the director. Yes for those of you that haven't kept up on the news after 8 plus years we are going to step down from the chapter director position. The big problem is when we announced this there was no one that wanted to take over this position so we were at a stalemate! Would someone step up or would the chapter have to close up? There was a good amount of discussion on this matter and we even

had Mike Berreman and Garry Alexander representing district there to help talk of the issue! They suggested that we discuss this a bit further at our social later in the month then again at our September meeting. There was talk of the possibility of joining up with Chapter A who has their meetings on Saturday mornings.

Moving on we had our social 2 weeks later at our old meeting area Trotter's Restaurant! We had a small group but a nice gathering which met in the room downstairs where we originally started. Following our dinner, we started a small discussion as recommended by district noting that we would be stepping down. We noted that the step down would be taking place at the end of October, and that we would be more than happy to help as much as possible to whom ever was to step up! Shortly after starting the discussion Jeff and Cindy Duffield spoke up saying that after further thought they would be willing to take over the director position as long as we agreed to be there to help! Guess that means we are ACD's. With that we have noted we will remain in the director position through December but mainly on the sideline so Jeff and Cindy can start taking the reins! We also have a couple talking of taking on the position of ACD as well.

Now with all that said our next meeting September 2nd the changes will be starting as plan is to have Jeff and Cindy start running the show to which we feel there will be not a problem, and transition will be smooth! Come the first of the year they will be taking the chapter over! When this does happen, I ask that everyone in the chapter give them your support in this matter! I have said it before and will say it again, the director job is not the most difficult but it does need support to which I am sure they will get!

See You Thursday

Your Short Term Directors

*Joe & Patti Diambri*

# Assistant Chapter Director



## Smooth Transition

With the announcement that Joe and Patti were wanting to step down from our Chapter Director position there was a lot of speculation on what was going to happen with the Chapter. A couple years ago, Cindy and I had considered taking over for Joe and Patti when that time came. With the Covid shut down and no activity for over a year, it gave us time to think about a lot of things. We are both very busy with things other than GWRRA stuff and has been hard to squeeze in all the activities we would like to participate in. I have new commitments with a business I am

doing now and I can't give up too much of my time to these fun activities. We are trying to get set up for retirement, we have a few years to go until we can join that club. After much thinking and soul searching we have made a commitment to step up for the good of the Chapter and keep it going.

Now we have some time to make a smooth transition as Joe has agreed to not leave us floundering. We will need all the Chapter members to pitch in and help in our success. Our main priority will be to keep our fun going with activities and rides for all of us to enjoy.

The social we had at Trotters was good with the small room downstairs all ours. We had a good turnout and with our announcement that we would be willing to be the new Directors, the discussion after the meal was short. Some decisions will need to be figured out, like do we change to a Saturday Morning meeting time? It could exclude some people and we don't want to do that. There are advantages to having the meeting on a Saturday morning like more visitors from other Chapters could join us, and a ride after. Give it some thought and come with some ideas to our upcoming gatherings.

As Cindy and I assume the Director position in the months to come, we hope we can live up to the expectations of all of you.

Jeff & Cindy

# Technical Advisor



Nothing  
Available  
At  
Publishing  
time

# Ride Coordinator



From the Ride Coordinator, we are still riding! Chapter visitation and multi-chapter group have become the norm. On Sunday July 18th we rode with Chapter I from Lacy to Carbonado. On Saturday July 31st we rode the Chapter A 5 Aces Ride to Liberty, Washington for pie and Ice Cream. On Sunday August 1st we rode with Chapter A to Miner Burger in Yakima. On Saturday, August 21st we rode with members of Chapters A, I and former Q to the Chapter O Whale 'O of Picnic.





# Motorist Awareness



## OBVERSATIONS

I've traveled more than a thousand miles since my last month's article. While that may not seem like much for some people, it is a different situation for someone who is retired and might be spending their time on the back porch sipping a liquid refreshment.

As we travel we see many unsafe practices by other drivers. I would like to touch on a couple that I've come across just in this past month. Some of these are really scary.

First, let's look at passing. We all know about double yellow lines and what they mean. Evidently that doesn't apply to some people. I saw a driver cross those lines, going around a corner and even forcing oncoming vehicles to the side of the road so as to prevent a collision. I also witnessed another driver passing a vehicle while traveling up a hill. Fortunately, no one came over the crest.

Secondly, I would like to mention tailgaters. Now, these are not the people who get all scythed up before a football game. No, they are the ones who are almost riding along with you in your trunk. I've had people so close to the back of my pickup that their headlights were hidden by my tailgate. If I needed to make an emergency stop you can only imagine the scene. I try to apply the 3 second rule as I follow the vehicle in front of me. I really wish others who follow me would do the same.

Be safe, enjoy the day.

Vic Parr

WAV Motorist Awareness Advocate

# Birthdays & Anniversaries



## September Birthdays

1st Steve Cotes

14th Carmi Jorgenson

27th Nancy Johnson

## September Anniversaries


None



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# September

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					Chapter Meeting		
					Denny's in Kent		
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