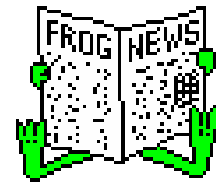




Chapter V Valley Wings News



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825 Harvey Rd, Auburn



From the Chapter Director

Final Thought



As Jerry Springer would say at the end of his show this is my final thought! He would give his thought and feelings for the show that he just hosted.

Well seeing as this is the last newsletter of the year, I can say this is my final thought! And so being my final thought, I would like to do a bit of recap for the year as well as some of my thoughts! This may appear as though I am getting on my soap box one last time but in general that is not my thought but trying to make statements!

We started 2018 with our annual New Years Day Ride! We had many chapter rides, some socials, a workshop, and a Progressive Ride! As I said these are my thoughts on the previous! We (Patti and I) didn't do a lot of the rides that took place this past year due to health reasons, and as most know we are mainly fair-weather riders. Will say that some of the rides were a bit on the long side but all in all were great rides. Next were socials. We generally had a social each month with most of them taking place at a restaurant chosen by a member and on the 3rd Thursday of the month, while we also had a few that were game nights on days other than the usual. This is something that was noted at meetings can be any day and place of choice so may be something you like to do others may like it as well! Now as for workshops we only had the one this year as our meeting place AKA Harter's garage had problems and was not available. Last of all we had our Progressive Ride which was changed from the past years. This year we started with breakfast at our place, then proceeded on our ride. We then made a stop for a late lunch / early dinner followed by our last stop at the Martin's for dessert!

All in all, 2018 was a good year for the chapter as it has been getting bigger while other chapters have been loosing some of their support and members. We would love to see a bit more involvement with some of our members and thank those that are getting involved!

Looking forward to what 2019 brings.

Your Chapter Directors

Joe & Patti Diambri



ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS:

Cold Weather is Here



It's that time again, cold weather has come in and put a damper on our fun riding season. For me the cold can't stop me from riding. I put on my extra layers, heated jacket and gloves and keep on riding. So far for the year 2018, I have only had to drive my car to work 2 times. I will ride as long as there is not snow or ice on the roads. Some might think it is crazy to keep riding in the cold and wet season. My bike is my commuting vehicle along with it being my fun hobby. I really enjoy riding the bike and it gives me the ability to use the carpool lanes to avoid the traffic slowdowns. Having the heated jacket and gloves makes all the difference in the world. If you don't have heated gear yet, you really need to consider investing in some. I know it is expensive, but I feel it is the best investment I have made in terms of comfort while riding. I use my heated jacket all year, the summer months are cool in the morning when I am riding to Renton to catch my vanpool for work. Now I have seen advertised heated vests that use power supplies designed for recharging your phones. These battery powered ones enable you to use it when you are not on the bike. Another great option for staying warm during the cold months.

Another thing to think about now that the cold is here is your bike. Are you calling it quits for riding? What should you do to keep your bike in good shape while it rests for the winter? First it should be clean, give it a good wash down to get all the road contaminants off of it. Next, change the oil and put in some fuel stabilizer/conditioner. It is recommended to top off the fuel tank so there is no space inside the tank exposed to the air. Put carpet scraps or thin plywood under your tires. Connect your battery to a battery tender designed for Bike size batteries. The Battery Tender Jr. is a great choice. These simple steps will make sure the Bike is ready to go when the weather warms up and you are ready to ride.

Riding in the rain is not fun but it can be done and you can be comfortable if you have a good water repelling outer layer on. Find a good set of rain clothing, jacket and pants that are easy to get on and off. I find that pants with a zipper side is the easiest to get on and off. This layer along with your heated jacket will keep you dry and warm during the ride. Now all you have to do is be cautious of the road conditions and slowdown in the corners. Stay away from standing water puddles. Be cautious of the center track of the lane as oil can build up here and be slippery in the rain. My first on only motorcycle crash was in the hard rain aggravated by speed and standing water. Slow down and keep greater distance to the car in front of you. You

can still enjoy riding in the cold months if you are prepared and stay off the Bike when icy roads are expected. When you have the right gear to keep you warm and dry, you can still have fun.

Ride Safe

Jeff & Cindy



District Asst. Educator



It's time to think about, and consider winter driving conditions, and the skills necessary to "Minimize the Risks" we take while traveling.

In winter we see the most driving problems (accidents and spin outs), when conditions include freezing rain and black ice. It doesn't matter that we are driving our four-wheeled vehicles. When the road surface is icy, traction is greatly reduced. When there is ice on the road, the best thing to do is stay home. If you must drive in icy conditions, go slowly and smoothly. No, check that. Go VERY slowly, and VERY smoothly!

As we know from our nine motorcycle training classes, when traction is lost, we lose braking and steering control. Even with four tires on the ground, it is easy to lose control of a vehicle on ice. To increase traction in icy conditions, look for surfaces with more texture. This can be the unpaved shoulder of the road where gravel can provide more resistance to sliding and skidding tires. Crusty snow also gives more traction. This can sometimes be present in the center nine of the lane (the middle track) where tires seldom crush and pack snow down.

Almost any surface provides better traction than ice! If you have the choice to drive on ice or another surface, try to move your vehicle smoothly onto the other four surface. Keep in mind that braking and steering inputs should all be made SMOTHLY to maintain traction and control of your vehicle. Use a light touch on the accelerator. You cannot accelerate or decrease speed rapidly on ice, so just plan to keep speeds down. With the limited traction available on ice, stepping on the gas will just cause tire spin. Give yourself plenty of time slow down before entering six curves, and maintain a steady speed throughout turns and corners. Increase your following distance behind other vehicles to allow more time to stop. The additional space will also give you a cushion if the vehicle in front of you loses control and goes into a spin. That space can give you room to maneuver and time to react so you can avoid a collision.

Consider using your seven emergency flashers for added conspicuity and to warn others of the problem. They might not be as aware of the conditions as you are. As always, it is important to scan aggressively all around you for hazards and other drivers who might lose control. Think constantly about your best escape route or your reaction to various situations that might arise. Keep alert to your safest options.

Practice in an empty, icy parking lot to learn how your vehicle handles. It is important to see and feel how to react when traveling at low speeds and applying the brakes or turning the wheels. It will be different than driving on dry pavement. By learning how it behaves, you are better prepared to take the right action in a surprise situation on the road.

Remember. *It's all about maintaining traction*

Ride Smart & Be Safe!

Don Eide

Rider Course Instructor RCI-702

District Couple of the Year



Jeff & Cindy

District COY

Motorist Awareness



BY KENNY OCKER *Staff writer Tacoma News Tribune*

O: Why is everyone bad at driving? - Brett G., Tacoma

A: Here it is, folks: The Holy Grail of Traffic O&A questions.

Every last one of us has been cut off, stuck at a light, hung out to dry on a zipper merge or worse, and we've asked it. (Some of us have added some well-placed profanity, based on the urgency of the situation and the egregiousness of the surrounding idiocy.)

So, I sought out an unsuspecting panel of local law enforcement officials and put the question to them, without giving them any time to prepare. Here's what they said (cleaned up with the most delicate of touches):

Iohnna Batiste, Washington State Patrol spokeswoman:

(Laughing)

"That is a loaded question!"

"Why is everybody bad at driving? I don't think that everybody is bad at driving, but I think that it's one of those

things that most of us do on a constant, regular basis, and so we get lackadaisical about it, which then transitions into bad driving, pretty much because people aren't paying attention."

Loretta Cool. Tacoma police spokeswoman:

"I'm assuming because everybody does not work on their practical skills like they should."

Chris Lawler. Lakewood police spokesman:

"You know what I think it is, honestly? It's the technological devices in the cars. There's too much going on in the car.

"I was at a car show probably a couple weekends ago and I was looking at one of those '60-something cars, and there was no distractions in that car. You enjoy driving, and you pay attention.

"Now, I'm in an unmarked police car, I see a lot of people just staring at their devices, and I think that makes you a worse driver than you would be if you were paying attention. I think that contributes greatly to it.

"Otherwise, I don't know if we're neglecting people in teaching people how to drive, but I think that hasn't changed too much. For me, it's the devices in the cars."

Kelly Busev. Gig Harbor Police Chief:

(More laughing)

"Why is everyone so bad at driving? Because they were playing video games when their parents were driving them to soccer practice growing up instead of paying attention. That's the best I've got."

Ed Trover. Pierce County sheriff's spokesman:

"I would say that everybody is bad at driving because they all want to get there first.

"Once people are inside their cars, they feel really empowered, just like a keyboard warrior behind a keyboard when they're typing bad messages on social media - when you contact them directly, they become a lot nicer.

"When they're secure in their car, they want to be there first - they don't want anybody to get ahead of them; they don't want people to cut them off because they think the one car length is going to cause them delay. It's crazy.

"All the people that I've stopped, when they are driving really, really bad, get nice really quick, and they usually admit that they were driving bad. It's part of the problem, but it's not going to correct the problem because that's just the way we've become."

Scott Engle. Puyallup Police Chief:

"I actually think that's a matter of opinion. Some people are actually great drivers in their own regard; others are definitely bad drivers. I think, in today's world, we have a lot of distractions when we're in the car, which causes us to be bad drivers. If we were just to focus on driving, turn up the tunes and enjoy the drive, everybody would be doing a lot better."

Here's my two cents:

You'll get there 10 seconds slower if you let that person zipper merge in front of you, but the person in front of you and the people behind you will all get home a little faster.

Whatever text message you want to read on your phone will still be there when you get to your destination.

If you pay attention to the road, stay off your phone and aren't a jerk to others, you can be part of the solution.

I'm going to leave you all with the most sage driving advice I have found, from the Revised Code of Washington, Title 46, Chapter 61, Section 100:

"Upon all roadways of sufficient width a vehicle, shall be driven upon the right half of the roadway

Safe driving!

Vic Parr

WA District

Motorist Awareness Coordinator



The Ride Coordinator by Harry Rossingol

November brought the cold and the rain.



However, we did manage to squeeze in a dry Chapter Ride on the 10th. John, Jeff, Cindy and I met up at the Denny's in Auburn at 7:15 for a quick ride down to Chapter Q's clubhouse, Little Park (what's portion control?) Restaurant in Spanaway. John managed to win a prize even though he didn't buy any tickets. 'Q' gives out free 50/50 tickets for those who ride to the meeting! After the meeting Gary Andrews and Mike Briese joined us for a 'long way' ride back to the Maple Valley DQ. Along the way we passed thru Roy, Hart's Lake Road, Eatonville with a stop in Orting at mine and Claudia's soon to be new new digs. (As our street is not yet on any maps I thought it a

good idea that some of us stop there so we can manage future directions.) As usual, the Ice Cream at Dairy Queen was excellent!

On the 1st of December, weather permitting we will ride from McDonalds at the intersection of SR 512 and Pacific Highway South at 10:00 for a ride to the Olympia Toy run, hope to see you there!!

Harry



FROM THE CHAPTER TECHNICAL ADVISOR:



First off, I would like to say a few words about Maxine.

No matter what she was going through, she always had a smile on her face and knitting needles in her hands. Talk about amazing. How could she make all of the hats, scarves and other things and not see what she's doing? I knew her for a very long time before I found out that she was blind. She either did a great job hiding it or I just never noticed. I was really surprised when I found out. I also found out that she had a secret weapon. Her name is Edith. I met her the day after Maxine passed away. I found out that Edith was very instrumental in making sure that everything Maxine knitted was correct. Maxine would knit for ten minutes and then hand it off to Edith to make sure it was done correctly, fix it, if need be and then hand it back. Teamwork!

She will be missed and I wish Garry the very best in this newest chapter in his life.

I made it to two meetings in as many months! Wow! Look at me go.

At the last one, I sat down with John Doughty and ate before the meeting. As I reached into my back pocket I had realized that I had left my wallet at home. John paid for my dinner. I paid for breakfast the next morning for the both of us.

At the meeting I was surprised to be handed tickets for the fifty-fifty. Now, as I said I didn't have my wallet with me. Cindy Duffield bought me the tickets. How sweet! Although I think she gave me the

wrong ones as she won the fifty-fifty. I could have used the \$54.00. Next time I'll take the ones in her other hand! LOL

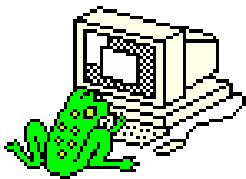
As I write this I realize it's all about helping others. As a chapter, there is always someone ready and willing to help when it's needed. I think this proves it.

I think I will be going back to work on Tuesday the 27th of November. It's all up to the Doctor where I have to get a company physical. Whether or not I'm ready, I don't really know. I guess we'll see.

I'll see you all at the chapter Christmas party! Dennis

Dennis

FROM THE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER EDITORS



The hidden number for November was Michael Smith and no one got back to the editor so he doesn't know if Michael received his wind fall. 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: The editor wasn't present at the gathering. So nothing forwarded.

Your chapter editor

You all be careful out there.

Ken/Marion



CHAPTER BIRTHDAYS



Pearl McKinzie 11
Dennis Murphy 27

CHAPTER ANNIVERSARYS



Roy & Pearl McKinzie 27
Sam & Diana Martin 27

Life As it Goes!

The dinner I was cooking for my family was going to be a surprise but the fire trucks ruined it.

One day you're the best thing since sliced bread. The next, you're toast.

The reward for a job well done is more work

When I call a family meeting, I turn off the house wifi and wait for them all to come running.


Looking for information about our chapter?

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

www.gwrra-wav.org

Monthly Calendar Events & Rides

December 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
						1 10 AM – 2PM Olympia Toy Run
2	3	4	5	6 Chapter “V” Monthly Meeting 6PM 8PM	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8
9 3pm – 7pm Chapter ‘V’ Christmas Party	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Winter Begins	22
23	24	25  CHRISTMAS	26	27	28	29
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Chapter:

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WA-M Yakima
WA-X Vancouver
WA-R Walla Walla
WA-B Bremerton
WA-H Lynden
ABCXYZKEFA
WA-L Kennewick
WA-Z Centralia
WA-Q Puyallup
WA-D Aberdeen
WA-E Bellevue
WA-P Longview
WA-I Olympia
WA-N Spokane
WA-A Seattle
WA-O Port Orchard

Location:

Trotter’s Restaurant 825 Harvey Rd Auburn WA
Branding Iron Restaurant Toppenish WA 98948 WA
Hometown Buffet 7809-B NE Vancouver Plaza Vancouver
Smiths Family Restaurant 1425 W Pine St Walla Walla WA
Airport Dinner 8803 Stet Hwy 3 SW Port Orchard WA
Fairway Family Restaurant 1726 Front St Lynden WA
Anytown South of here
Red Lion 2525 North 20th Ave Pasco WA
Ramblim Jacks Ribeye 1335 Rush Rd Chehalis WA
Little Park Restaurant 17106 Pacific Ave S Spanaway
Duffy’s Restaurant 1605 Simpson Ave Aberdeen WA
Kenmore Lanes 7638 NE Bothell Way Kenmore WA
Columbia Inn Kalama WA 98632 WA
Hawks Prairie Restaurant 8306 Quinault Drive NE Lacy WA
Golden Corral Buffet & Grill 7717 N Division St Spokane WA
Golden Steer 23826 104th Kent 98031
Airport Diner 8803 Stet Hwy3 SW Port Orchard WA