

Vancouver, WA Chapter WA-X

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION "PHOENIX FLIGHTS"

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Great rides with Great friends!!

CHAPTER DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Hi, all!!

Good riding weather is finally here!!!

We look forward to many happy hours this spring and summer with you all, as the miles melt away under our tires.....

The simple fact that we share the love of a Honda GoldWing or Valkyrie brings us together.....

We STAY together because we are friends who enjoy each other's company.....A Family.....

On March 30th, our "family" got together for the District Bowling Challenge in Vancouver, Washington, and not only smacked quite a few bowling pins around, but also came to the aid of another

Family who could use our help.....I am extremely proud of what we were able to accomplish, and a full report is included within the pages of this issue, but I first want to publicly thank Chapter P for their support for this event, (as you may or may not know, it was Chapter X's turn to coordinate the event), and I would like to give a very special Thank You to Jeff Riggs for the tremendous amount of help and advice he gave me personally during the event...Jeff, buddy, you really helped me out there, getting the ticket sales moving, and it is appreciated very, very much!

I would also like to stand up and applaud Chuck Porter.....He not only made it to the event, folks, but he was feeling good enough to ride his Wing to the event!! I had the same smile on my face as everyone else had when we greeted him at the door! We love ya, Chuck!

Here's to lookin at the miles rolling by as we have together-time with you all this year!

Kelley and Connie Huse

Riding season is here!!!!!!!!!!

Remember your T-CLOCK inspections! Remember what it stands for?

T=Tires & wheels....condition, air pressure, wheel cracks, dents, broken spokes.....

C= Controls....levers, cables, hoses, throttle, choke

L= Lights....Battery, reflectors, wiring, lenses, all bulbs in working order, headlight, driving/fog lights

O= Oil.....Level. Leaks, hypoid gear oil level, leaks

C= Chassis...condition of frame, steering head bearings, swingarm bushings/bearings, forks, shocks, chain/belt, all fasteners...

K= Kickstand..cracks, dents, retraction, centerstand...cracks, dents, retraction...all fasteners.



WORDS OF SAFETY by Bruce Hibbs, Rider educator

As the weather improves and spring descends upon us, it is important to not only do your T-CLOCKS inspection on your machine, but it is also important to give the same scrutiny to all your riding gear, Helmet included, and inspect your other safety components, such as your First Aid Kit.....helmets are sometimes the most overlooked piece of equipment we have....

Look for dents, dings, deep scratches.....If your helmet has any of these, it's probably time for a new one.....Consider it cheap insurance in the event of a crash....

Also, are your riding pants and jacket up to the task of protecting you from not only the weather, but from the road should you meet up with it? Any tears, rips, broken zippers, snaps, etc that would leave you unprotected in a crash?

We all shudder a bit at that word...CRASH.....an unfortunate word and concept, but also something we must be realistic about.....The fact that at any time, we could be involved in a CRASH.

Please keep that in mind as you pack and gear up for a trip.....Dress to be SEEN.....Ride to be SEEN.....Force them to SEE YOU.....

All these things may help avoid a crash, but remember to be prepared, nomatter what, anyway

Ramblings from your editor

This March 30th marked 2013's District Bowling Challenge, and this year it fell to Chapter WA-X to host the shindig, and we chose Bailey's Classic Lanes in Vancouver for the venue.

It was decided to turn the tournament into an 8 pin no-tap, which meant that if you knocked down 8 or more pins on your first ball, it counted as a strike...THAT made the scores jump through the roof, and everybody had a great time!

The charity that was chosen this year was the family of a boy we Vancouverites and woodlanders have gotten to know pretty well, and enjoy helping out when we can. For those of you who might not know, Liam River Smith has a rare blood disorder (HLH), and has been the literal "boy in the bubble" for both of his two years here on this earth, and the family has been able to use our monetary and maintenance help from time to time.....You can view our little warrior's story at [Liams journey . com](http://Liamsjourney.com)

Chapter X put together a give away table that included some very nice prizes, and the people who came to bowl, and the people who came to support the bowlers and event opened their pocket books, and gave very generously to this very deserving family!

Over \$600.00 was raised, and we now have more than enough money to get Liam's brother Noah's motocross bike fixed, and to keep mom in gas to commute back and forth to the hospital to see her son for a few months!!!

Thank You ALL, and Congratulations goes out to John Siefert of Chapter O in Port Orchard for High Series Scratch in the event of 765, as well as High game of 280....Chapter O started this event years ago, and has hosted it many times.....Looks like the traveling trophy's coming back home, John!! Congrats!!

A good time was had by all who attended, and I want to thank you all for making this a successful fundraising event, as well as just downright fun!! I have posted a few pictures within this issue of the event.

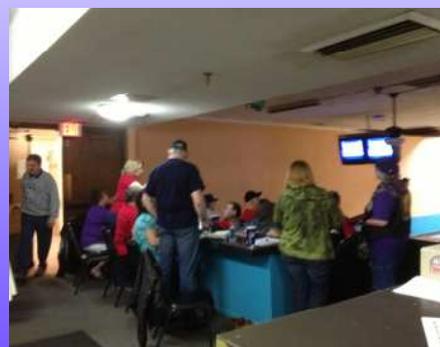
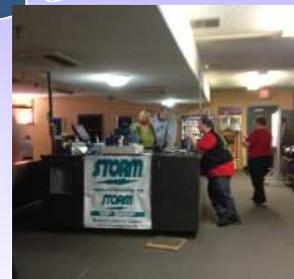
The Owners of the bowling alley, Dennis and Robin Bailey, only asked that we pay for the games bowled by our people...No money for the rent of the hall, and no money for rental of bowling shoes.....

When I went up to the desk to pay the bowling bill, THEY GAVE ME HALF OF IT BACK, and said that they were more than happy to be contributing to Liam and his family!

Folks, if you enjoy bowling, PLEASE go up to Bailey's Classic lanes, located in the same parking lot as the Vancouver Elks club, and spend your money there with this wonderful couple. They are awesome!!

Kelley Huse

ITEMS OF INTEREST



Our next meeting is April 6th, at 8:30 AM at our usual place of Hometown Buffet in orchards....

We will be gearing up for our next coffee stop this month, and giving reports on staff, rides, and events....

We hope to see you there!

Love and smiles to everyone!!

Kelley and Connie Huse