

Vancouver, WA Chapter WA-X
GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION
“PHOENIX FLIGHTS”



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Region I

Winter is just around the corner...Is your ride ready for it?

CHAPTER DIRECTOR 'S CORNER

As your Chapter Director, I would first like to thank each and every one of you, Members and staff alike, for the truly stellar support you have given me, Vanora, and the rest of the staff. YOU , the Members and staffers, are the reason this chapter is so alive and full of fun!

That having been said, I would like to make an announcement:::::

As of march, 2013, I will be stepping down as your chapter director, but will not be going anywhere....I will still be at meetings and events, just not in a Director capacity.

Nothing is wrong, I just have been running at full-speed for so long that I feel it is time to take a break, and to enjoy chapter life and events from a regular member perspective for a while. This job of CD is a wonderful one, and I have greatly enjoyed my time in it, but now it is someone else’s turn at-bat.

Kelley Huse and I have been discussing this, and he has tentatively accepted the position, pending finding out if there are any of you in our group who may have aspirations of stepping up into the Chapter Director capacity.

Kelley has said that he would gladly and proudly lead our group, but he and I would also like to give others a chance to step into the position if they wish. All and any full members in good standing with GWRRA are qualified to apply, and applying is easy...Just let Dee or Kelley know you’re interested.

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If indeed you are interested, you will need to let Dee or Kelley know by our December meeting, which will be on December 1st, 2012, as the preferred way to step into the office of Director is to already have your staff picked out and trained up where necessary, (such as treasurer needs a financial course).

If there are no persons interested in the CD job by December 1st, then Kelley will be juried by District and sworn in come March.....He is also busy putting together his staff should he be the next batter -up in March.

GWRRA has now changed the rules concerning Chapter Directors, and the Cd position will run from January to January, and will still be performance-based, and pending re-acceptance upon each January by district staff. No tenure timeline will be attached to the job...A director will simply have to be re-accepted with district each January.

The reason we are not going to change until March is the fact that Kelley and I both agree that changing leadership in the middle of the group's largest fundraiser of the year (Swapmeet), would not be in the best interest of our group. The learning curve of the job could possibly detract from the success of the fundraising efforts.....No matter who and how good the incoming CD might be.....

So, here is your chance to step up into the Chapter director position if you are so inclined, and let me tell ya....It is a very rewarding job, leading one of the best chapters that ever existed in the entire GWRRA!

Once again, you have Vanora's and my many thanks for being so super supportive, and for being one of the best groups ever!

I would also like to add, that no matter who is our next director.....One of you, or Kelley.....This group will continue to be the fun-loving, high participation group that it has been, thanks to all of you! We are a great bunch of folks!

Kelley and Connie will be staying behind to run November's meeting, and most of the rest of our staff will be in Buckley for seminars on meeting day, so have a happy, fun November meeting, everybody, and remember to be getting your parts, silent auction items, etc ready for the Swapmeet!

Thanks again, everyone!

Dee and Vanora

Editor's corner



WORDS OF SAFETY by Michael Miller, Rider educator

Fall can bring slippery roads that can be as dangerous as ice....Watch for rotting leaves in roadways, especially in curves and near driveways.

Cold winter roads can be dangerous if you let them! Be aware that bridges and overpasses freeze first, so even if the regular road surface isn't frozen, NEVER trust a bridge or overpass to NOT be frozen....All the concrete and steel re-bar in their construction is the reason they freeze easily.

More Safety tips

by Michael Miller

If you are not a cold-weather rider, make sure to winterize your ride.....And the winter down-time is the perfect time to get those maintenance items that you've been meaning to get to taken care of....need new Tires? Brakes? Want to add some cool safety chrome or other accessories? Do you have a way of properly maintain your battery? (such as a battery tender).....that way, come next season, a thorough T-clocks check, and you're safely back on the road!

Ramblings from your editor

BRAGGING RIGHTS

Our chapter is growing all the time, and we are attending lots of rides, rallies, and have done quite a bit this year in the giving back to the community , and I, for one, am very proud of us as a group!

Our Swapmeet is coming along nicely, and a special thanks for that goes out to Lisa and her committees! All of us can get involved with making it another success....take flyers out to local bike shops, restaurants, stores, etc will help get the word out!

About 14 of us chapter X folks went to Chapter Q's Halloween dance, and had a great time! Full report and pictures within this issue.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Ready? Set? It's getting close to GO TIME for our swap meet!!

If you want flyers to hand out to bike shops, stores, etc, see Lisa Pearson, Dee, or Kelley. Kelley will have those materials for you at the November meeting.

Get your parts, bikes you want to sell, and your friends together.....this is going to be another good one, folks!!

We also need to be assessing how many of us will indeed have parts and accessories to sell, individually and/or as a group, so Lisa can plan how much space we will need, so she knows how much space she'll have for other vendors.....

Chapter P is participating in the three-rivers mall private "Black Friday" event again this year, to be held on December 2nd.....Have you bought your tickets to the event yet? They are \$5.00 per ticket again this year, and to get yours, contact Chuck Porter or Reggie Baumer.....

Connie and I (among other chapter x folks) went last year, and had a great time! The stores deeply discount their merchandise, it is a private event, so we have the mall all to ourselves, and there is usually special guests, and pictures with Santa for the kids.....Something for everyone.

Also coming up in February, chapter P is again participating in the mall show at Three-rivers mall, and we're all invited to enter our bikes/trikes, camp-trailers in the show...it's also a great time! I will be getting the flyer/registration forms soon, and if you want to participate, just let me (Kelley) or Dee know. It's a chance to show the public who we are & what we ride with pride!

Report on events/rides for the month of October, 2012

There were about 12 outlaws come to town, the likes of which Fife had never seen.....
They waited until dinner had been served and eaten, so the Sheriff and his deputies would be full and not suspecting a thing.....

The music started, and the bandits quietly got up, and stealthily moved about the room, ready to surround the sheriff and his chapter P posse at the signal of the she-bandit known as Lisa.....

The sheriff was deftly captured by Lisa's number one bandit-buddy Vanora, as the rest of us desperados held off the rest of the posse with our trusty six-shooters.....

The bandits also showed the posse and all who might be deputized that we had captured their horses....each of us had their stick-horses with the chapter mascot on top in OUR possession, so there would be no chance to hunt us down and throw us in jail!

Even though the sheriff was fairly cooperative, we shot him anyway! (I tried to get the band to play I shot the sheriff, but they were too stunned by the cleverness of our capture to comply) We also flaunted the ill-gotten-gains from our last heist....directly in front of the sheriff, and dared him to try & stop us!

All-In-All, a great night! Lots of fun, some really cool costumes, and dancing and musical chairs.....we now can add musical chair whiz to Kathy Hempel's resume, as well as Dallas murphy's resume! Great job, you two!

AND, (sorry to throw ya under the bus, Lynda), but Dee says that if you hadn't sucked down that bartender's selsa-water, we probably would have won the costume contest...LOL (just joking, of course, my dear!) to those of you that don't know, one of the judges ended up being that bartender! LOL

Congrats go out to chapter P for winning the costume contest! Even though the sheriff's clothes had been filled fulla lead courtesy of the bad-Mamma-Jamma bandits of Chapter X!

A great time, and I'm already looking forward to next year's party!

Some pics of the event on the following page.....



Not seen...Dallas and Cheryl murphy.....I am searching who may have your pictures.....

For other fun events/rides, stay tuned to your monthly newsletter, as well as visit your local , district, and regional GWRRA websites for info, fliers, etc..... There are a LOT of events coming up around the Holidays.....Lots of toy runs, etc.....

For directions and flyers to any of these events and a whole lot more, please go to GWRRA.org, and follow the link to the region/district/state map pages from the home site.

Chapter	Week	Day	District Time 8:30AM	Chapter's	Gathering Information	Phone
				Town Seattle	Contact	
A	4th	Saturday			Sam & Doreen Grubbs	206-718-6814
B	1st	Sunday	8:30AM	Bremerton	Jim & June Dutton	360-551-2236
C	2nd	Saturday	8:00AM	Everett	Lee Ann Kelly	206-362-4903
D	2nd	Sunday	8:30AM	Aberdeen	Kerry & Greg Bash	360-249-4640
E	3rd	Saturday	8:00AM	Bellevue	John & Barb Smith	206-391-6343
H	2nd	Tuesday	6:30PM	Lynden	Randy & Debbie Reid	360-733-3123
I	3rd	Sunday	8:00AM	Olympia	Ray Abitz	360-790-2832
L	2nd	Saturday	9:00AM	Kennewick	Lloyd Finley	509-783-9789
M	1st	Saturday	12:00PM	Yakima	Pete and Jean Hernandez	509-453-6951
N	3rd	Sunday	8:30AM	Spokane	Dave and Terri Chromy	509-292-0314
O	4th	Saturday	8:00AM	Port Orchard	Ken Smith	360-876-6737
P	3rd	Saturday	1:00PM	Longview	Chuck Porter & Reggie	360-636-0519
Q	1st	Friday	7:00PM	Puyallup	Dean & Christie Kalles	253-845-7177
R	1st	Saturday	9:00AM	Walla-Walla	Jim Corn	509-525-1304
V	1st	Thursday	6:00PM	Auburn	Garry & Maxine Alexander	253-770-3866
X	1st	Saturday	8:30AM	Vancouver	Dee Hall & Vanora Volk	360-254-2343
Y	2nd	Friday	6:30PM	Enumclaw	Roy & Pearl McKenzie	253-862-0220
Z	2nd	Saturday	1:00PM	Centralia	Jesse & Eva Valentine	360-888-0546

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