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First Friday of each month—7:00 p.m. Dinner, 8:00 p.m. Meeting

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C/D News

FALL IS UPON US

Well its fall; days are getting shorter, the leaves on the trees are turning colors and falling off and the rain is starting to fall.

The summer riding season was a good one! We had a good chapter cookout, a great District Rally and some good riding time. Although we started it late in the season, the dessert rides were enjoyable and we may still get a couple more rides in.

At the District Rally, we asked Chet and Paula Olson to become the Chapter Couple, and they took to it with great enthusiasm. Nancy and I feel that they will be great for the chapter.

As I said in the beginning, the leaves and the rain are starting to fall and this can be a dangerous condition for a motorcycle. Be careful out there. For those of you that put your bike away for the winter, be sure to add a stabilizer in the tank as gas can go bad sitting for a long time.

Don't forget the Halloween Dance and the South Hill Mall Show!

Let's be safe out there!

Chuck and Nancy Caldara
Chapter Q CD

I got to go to a couple of Wed. night dessert runs. Those are a nice chance to get out in the wind.

The biggest outing of the month was the Chapter P Oysterfest at Long Beach. Bill, Linda and I had a really nice time. It sprinkled a little on the way down there, but that was all. It was sunny, or at least partially sunny a lot of the time.

We found a nice place to camp along side Chapter Z. They had quite a bunch there. We got all set up and everything was going well. There were hotdogs and chili for dinner on Friday—a “urapeen potluck” they called it. I didn’t get to see what that was, but I heard everything was served with a toilet seat over it. Kind of weird, really.

Friday night, or rather 1:30 Sat. morning, I got woke up with a bunch of noise. Jessie Valentine woke up to see what looked like Dori & Jim Barnhouse’s tent on fire! It turned out to be the extension cord that exploded, still coiled up in the yellow thing for winding cords, sitting under the cooler. It was very near the tent, but didn’t catch it on fire. Those extension cords aren’t supposed to be used while they’re stilled coiled up. It just overheated with the breathing machine and a heater going. Jessie was able to get it unplugged and get the fire out without much damage, except to the cord and the cooler. I didn’t get to see it, but I heard someone say they had an extension cord for sale, cheap. Both ends were good, just the middle was burned up. The cooler had a nice little “stand” on the bottom of it. That was plenty of excitement for the weekend!

Next day we went for a little ride into town so Bill could get a heater. Guess he got cold at night. There were lots of oysters to eat. Bill had a fun opening them for a while. He and Linda also played tower golf, where you throw golf balls on a string and see if you can get them in the right place on the tower. Bill’s pretty good at that. There was a big potluck Sat. night, but, of course, I can only smell the good food. They had quite the entertainment on Sat. night. There was a lady called Mama who was all dressed up and entertained everyone. There were some other people dressed up, too, including Jeff Riggs. He makes a fine woman! I heard all the laughing. It must have been fun. I think I heard a little holler out of Linda when they announced the winning ticket for the 50/50. **Bill won!** He sure had a big smile when he got back to camp.

Saturday night was much quieter. I did hear the patter of raindrops on the bike cover early in the morning, but it had stopped by the time they got up. It was a little easier to pack up when it wasn’t raining, even though things were wet. I heard that it had been raining a lot in other places, like Gig Harbor and Olympia. It even stopped Larry from coming to see us Saturday. He just didn’t know how nice it was where we were! We did go through a little rain cloud on the way home, but it wasn’t bad.

Too bad more of Chapter Q couldn’t make it, but maybe next time.

Your faithful reporter,
The Bug on Bill’s Windshield

Rider Educator’s Spot;

I’m getting tired of putting “no article submitted” in this space, and rider ed is too important to leave it out of the newsletter. So even though I’m not qualified or trained in rider education, I’m going to put something in this spot every month from now on. If nothing else, I’ll print out excerpts from the Washington State laws (RCW’s). There is way too much misinformation circulating about WA State law anyway. But this month I’m going to let the bug on Bill’s windshield be the educator. In the article above, it tells the story of an incident at the oyster feed. Luckily it turned out to be just another good story to tell around the campfire later, but if someone hadn’t woke up to see the fire, it could easily have turned into a tragedy instead.

While putting a knot or two in electrical cords is a common lightning protection practice down south, we should never use an extension cord while it is coiled or looped. Even just a couple of loops in a cord used to power large loads like heaters can cause problems. Coiling adds “inductance” to the cord, which can cause both heating of the wire and a drop in voltage to the device being powered. So you could end up with a fire, either in the cord, or in the device being powered. Putting anything on top of the cord can also cause problems, since that will trap the heat generated by the cord. Even without a loop in the wire this can be dangerous. In this case putting a cooler on top of the coiled up cord caused a very dangerous situation. Especially when running heaters, we need to be very careful with extension cords, making sure that they are of sufficient size for the intended use, and that they are not coiled, cut, nicked or put under anything. We all take extension cords for granted, and we commonly misuse them. I have done so myself, and I definitely know better! But extension cords can, and all too often do, start fires that kill people. I would suspect that our assistant CD and resident firefighter, Dean Kalles, could tell you more about fires caused by the misuse of extension cords.

Your Newsletter Editor,
Ron Hall

WA-Z “Chicken Run”

I believe that 4 bikes from Q participated in this run. It was going to be five, but duty called John B away. Barb and Mona and I rode it at a slower pace than the others in our group, so we only saw them at the start and finish of the run. In fact for most of the run we didn't see another bike on the road (and very few cars), except at the checkpoints. Chapter Z outdid themselves with this route, we rode some very interesting roads! For most of you downhill left turns are not a big deal, but with a sidecar they can present an unusual challenge. We had plenty of tight twisties to keep it challenging, and we rode through little towns that some of us had never seen before. The games at the checkpoints were a fun twist as well. Well-done, chapter Z!

Ron H

Newsletter Editor's Spot;

If you notice a “retro” look to the newsletter this month, and a few important things missing, that's because I had to use the October 2003 newsletter as a template for this one. My computer died again, and this antique laptop hasn't done a newsletter since 03. Last time it was the power supply on my computer that failed, this time the hard drive failed. It's supposed to be back from the shop tomorrow. If all my backups are OK, it should only take me a couple of days to reload everything, so next months issue should be back to normal. This month I'm only putting in the basics, and this machine can barely handle that.

Your newsletter editor,

Ron Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS.

October

5th WA-Q Gathering
25th WA-Q Halloween Dance
24th-25th-26th WA-F All Motorcycle Mall Show

November

1st District Leadership Training

December

13th Festival of Lights

October 2008

Key	Dates	Events	Chapter	Flyer
	25	Halloween Dance	WA-Q	Flyer/Registration
	24-26	All MC Show	WA-F	Flyer/Registration

November 2008

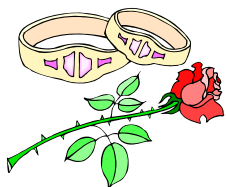
Key	Dates	Events	Chapter	Flyer
	1	District Leadership Training	Washington District	Flyer/Registration

December 2008

Key	Dates	Events	Chapter	Flyer
	13	Festival of Lights	WA-D	

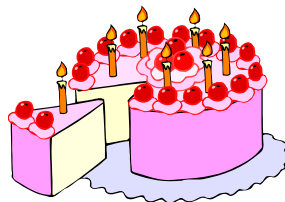
OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Anniversaries



Jenny & Larry Maulding October 15
Bill & Leah Starr October 16
Dave & Nancy Malloy October 29

Birthdays



Linda Davis October 5
Anne Boyatt October 10

The Goldwing Galley recipe of the month:

TACO SOUP

½ lb. ground beef 1 (16 oz) can stewed tomatoes(diced)
¼ c. onions, chopped 1 (8 oz) can tomato sauce
1 (16 oz.) can kidney beans (not drained) ½ envelope taco seasoning

Brown ground beef and onion. Drain. Add 1 ½ cups water and preceding ingredients. Simmer for at least 15 minutes. Serve with chopped green onions, chopped olives, sour cream, grated cheese, tortilla chips, and salsa. Serves 4 -6.

Submitted by Nancy Caldara

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GWRRA GATHERING SITES

Chapter/ Website	City	Chapter Director	Meeting Date/Time	Map	Location
'A'	Seattle	Jeff Harvey	4th Saturday of the Month 09:00 AM	Map	RMC, 3701 East Valley Rd Renton, Wa 98055
'B'	Bremerton	Doug and Jean Clark Phone: (360)-275-5614	1st Sunday of the Month 09:00 AM	Map	Bremerton Eagles 205 6th Street Bremerton, Wa 98337
'C'	Everett	Bud and Sandy Wells Phone: (425)-788-1734	2nd Saturday of the Month 08:00 AM	Map	Eagles 1216 Broadway Everett, Wa 98201
'D'	Aberdeen	Steve Hopkins Phone: (360)-580-6982	2nd Sunday of the Month 08:30 AM	Map	Duffy's Restaurant 1605 Simpson Avenue Aberdeen, Wa 98520
'E'	Bellevue	Dave and Sheila Chavez	3rd Saturday of the Month 08:00 AM	Map	Denny's Restaurant 22833 Bothell-Everett Hwy. Bothell, Wa 98021
'F'	Tacoma	Raeanne and Rick Mitchell Phone: (253)-848-0947	4th Sunday of the Month 08:30 AM	Map	Eagles #3563 22316 Mountain Hwy E. Spanaway, Wa 98387
'G'	Gig Harbor	Judy Scott Phone: (253)-857-5970	3rd Saturday of the Month 08:30 AM	Map	Cottesmore Life Center 2909 14th Ave NW Gig Harbor, Wa 98335
'H'	Lynden	Garry and Judy Calman Phone: (360)-631-2052	2nd Tuesday of the Month 6:30 PM	Map	Fairway Family Restaurant 1726 Front Street Lynden, Wa 98264
'I'	Olympia	John and Dottie Yarnell Phone: (360)-438-9765	3rd Sunday of the Month 08:30 AM	Map	JJ's North Grand Buffet 2915 Harrison Ave NW Ste 225 Olympia, Wa 98502
'L'	Kennewick	Gary and Diane Domas Phone: (509)-582-7214	2nd Saturday of the Month 08:00 AM	Map	Cousin's 4605 N. Road 68 Pasco, Wa 99301
'M'	Yakima	Ron Hafsos Phone: (509)-697-4415	1st Saturday of the Month 08:00 AM	Map	Branding Iron Restaurant 61311 Hwy 97 Toppenish, Wa 98948
'N'	Spokane	Tom and Darla McCollin Phone: (509)-326-5486	3rd Sunday of the Month 08:30 AM	Map	Golden Corral Buffet and Grill 7717 N. Division Street Spokane, Wa 99208
'O'	Port Orchard	John and Myrna Scrivner Phone: (360)-275-8606	4th Saturday of the Month 08:00 AM	Map	Airport Diner 8803 State Hwy 3 SW. Port Orchard, Wa 98367
'P'	Longview	Chuck and Reggie Porter Phone: (360)-636-0519	3rd Saturday of the Month 08:00 AM	Map	Izzy's Pizza 94 Oregon Way Longview, Wa 98632
'Q'	Puyallup	Chuck and Nancy Caldara Phone: (253)-770-4927	1st Friday of the Month 7:00 PM	Map	Hangar Inn 16919A Meridian E Puyallup, Wa 98372
'R'	Walla Walla	Keith Crain Phone: (509)-525-2777	1st Saturday of the Month 08:00 AM	Map	Elmer's 1425 W. Pine Street Walla Walla, Wa 99362
'V'	Auburn	Eddie & Clarine Dunn Phone: (206)-431-0961	1st Saturday of the Month 08:30 AM	Map	Old Country Buffet 1816 S. 320th Federal Way, Wa 98003
'X'	Vancouver	Steve and Deb Pattison Phone: (360)-225-9553	1st Saturday of the Month 08:30 AM	Map	Billygan's Roadhouse 13200 NE Hwy 99 Vancouver, Wa 98686
'Y'	Enumclaw	Don and Marlene Weikart Phone: (206)-915-8107	2nd Friday of the Month 6:30 PM	Map	Krain Corner 39929 264th SE Enumclaw, WA 98022
'Z'	Centralia	Susie and Frank Hutchinson Phone: (360)-352-7813	2nd Saturday of the Month 05:30 PM	Map	Denny's 3210 Galvin Rd Centralia, Wa 98531