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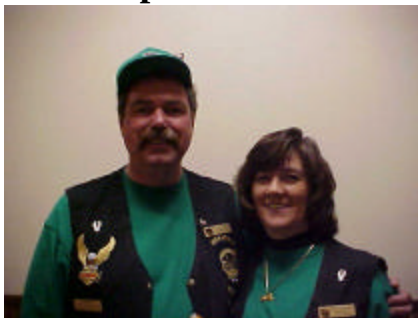


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Chapter Director



Dressed Chapter or the Best Dressed Couple? I know that Bill and Nancy are going to participate in the District Couple Competition. There will also be a Steal the Mascot Competition amongst the Chapters. We've picked up a mascot so ugly even it's own mother wouldn't steal it. Marcia, Jan, Leroy and I will be staying Tyrolia Inn at Leavenworth.

Lee & Marcia

Assistant Chapter Director's



Wow did we have a great ride. Thanks go to Ken & Marion who led the Lunch Ride to Gold Creek on the Monday after the Meeting. It was just a little gray on our side of the mountain. Once we got over Chinook pass the weather turned great. There is no area more beautiful than Chinook at this time of the year. Marcia and I have been to a lot of different places over the past few years but nothing can compare to the full view of Mt. Rainier or the beauty of riding next to that river on the way to Yakima. We had a great lunch at the Gold Creek restaurant. 10 bikes and 15 members managed to take time for some camaraderie and food. It was great to see Harold and Shirley back up on the Trike. Way to go Shirley. Seeing 10 wings on a group ride was something else. Break lights before the turns and smooth cornering made the group look like a well-lit train in the mountains. We usually don't ride in one group this large but with little or no traffic it worked real well.

Yesterday we had the picnic in the Park at Five Mile Lake. Garry outdid himself on the Burgers and Dogs. He should have been a chef or a baker in his former life. It seemed that everyone had a good time and the bellies were full again.

Time to think of the District Rally to be held in Leavenworth. Do we want to participate in the Best

From the other Assistant CD:

Minute Matters

I looked, but I did not see you. Sounds like a statement after an accident, doesn't it? Actually, the place I was looking for you was at one of our Chapter meetings. Although the meeting is preceded with a dinner, the meal is not a prerequisite. The dinner usually starts about 6:00 pm with our meeting following at 7:00 pm. What a place for friendship and sharing ideas! How many other places can you think of where you can get information about past events, upcoming events, tips on safety not just related to motorcycles, recognition for special achievements, have a

chance at door prizes, and a 3 chances at a share of a 50/50 drawing?

Hopefully you have provided our sunshine person with dates of your birthday and any anniversaries so we can celebrate with you. Although we don't give gifts other than a card, there are times when something special will be given for no special reason. Imagine a part for a Harley given away at the last meeting.

This is also a good time to help plan group rides, discuss gathering places and times, and coordinate with who will bring what food item to the next potluck or picnic. I can hardly wait for the next event. Will you accept a personal invitation? Come, share your time with us at the meeting and any event you feel would provide you with the sense of belonging.

Vic Parr
Chapter V, ACD

Chapter "V" Minutes

Auburn Eagles

June 5th, 2003

7:00 PM

Introduction of Staff by Lee Damoiseaux

Guests in attendance were:

Chapter E:	Bob and Thess Thurgood (COY)
Chapter S:	Dan & Phoenix Landis
Chapter G:	Thom & Marty Sears
	Leon Barber (CD)
	Ernie & Mary Neuman
Chapter Q:	Larry Maulding (CD)

All the way from Topeka KS:

Joe & Nancy Johnson (Chap V)

New Member:	Steve Turner
Potential Member:	Dave Norgaard
Visitors:	Mark Gallup
	Robin Ensign

Mascot Drawings:

Pink Panther "G"	Paul Cecil
Teddy Bear "F"	Bill Cordray
Ape "F"	Vern Williams

50/50 Drawing winners

1 st Place	Shirley Compau (\$30.00)
2 nd Place	Vern Williams (\$20.00)
3 rd Place	Steve Turner (\$10.00)

Victoria Days Weekend

The events for this weekend all started with a social gathering at Aztecas in Federal Way. I was asked if I was going to Ephrata that next weekend for the Victoria Days

ride. After I stated that I had not registered nor had made any motel reservations, Garry Alexander mentioned that he had a camping trailer for sale and would give me a good deal. After some hesitation on my part, Garry suggested I give the trailer a trial by taking it to the event over the weekend. That sounded like a decent proposition, so we started making plans.

Friday arrived and I was to meet at Garry's place to pick up the trailer. Garry still had to get the new license tabs and I had a quick doctor's appointment. Upon shutting my apartment door, I realized I had left my keys inside. Ok, get the extra from the apartment manager. You say they are out of town, well I'll try the maintenance man. He's not around either. Oh, well, I have everything and I can get my spare from my in-laws on my way to the doctor. Thankfully, they were home. I finally arrived at Garry's after the visit with the doctor. It didn't take us too long to hook up the trailer, air the tires, and gather up all the other items. We were to meet the Harter's at the Dennys in Auburn soon. I look in my trunk for my prescription sun glasses and couldn't find them anywhere. Did I drop them back at the apartment? Ok, I'll go check and meet the others in Auburn. Got back to the apartment and didn't find the glasses around the parking area, so went inside. There I found my key, but no glasses. Stepped outside, locked the door (had my key this time) and turned around and saw the glasses in the case lying on the sidewalk. Guess they fell off the batch of stuff I originally took out to the bike. Ok, off and running to meet the others.

It didn't take me too long to get to Dennys and everyone else was ready to go. We took Hwy 18 to I-90 and headed toward Snoqualmie where we took our rest break. It was getting pretty chilly going up to the summit and falling snow replaced the little rain that was coming down. We were all dressed warm enough anyway and the snow was not gathering on the roadway. Rest time is over, let's move on down the road. We arrived in Cle Elum for fill-up on gas and stomachs. As we sat in the restaurant, a gentleman approached our table and inquired if we were the motorcycle riders. I think our riding apparel gave us away. He man asked if Keith was with us, and we replied no. Then he asked if Kenneth was with us and again we started to say no, but then realized Ken Harter was there. The man then asked Ken if the billfold he was showing him was his. Sure enough, Ken had left it on the seat of his bike. Ok, now we don't have to pay for Ken's meal. We finished our meal and got ready to ride. Why is Ken doing the Macarena dance? Oh, he is just checking every pocket in his riding suit at least twice to try and find his bike keys. Did the wallet finder run off with his keys? Good thing Ken checked his trunk because they had fallen in with some of the stuff there. Finally, on the road again. We arrived in Ephrata without any further mishaps.

After we dropped some items off at the motel, we went to the State campground just outside Ephrata where the event was to be held. We registered and fortunately managed to get some of the last tickets for the main meal and entertainment. Garry helped me set up the camper.

Wow, that was fairly simple and it was all done in a matter of about 10 minutes. There was a lot of open areas to set up camp, and the Meads had a great spot for me. Thank you very much. The neighbor next to me even offered me a space heater to use. Believe me, it came in handy that evening. The others left to return to their motel and I started checking out the campgrounds for accommodations and to see who was all there. I met quite a few friends from other chapters and even visited with Bill & Nancy Cordray who were also camping there. Several of us got together and went downtown for dinner. The special was prime rib, but it seemed the cook had a little trouble fixing it to our requested taste. Time to head back to the campground and get some rest.

Saturday began with a lot of clouds and the threat of rain. The Miller's were to meet the Meads and take a ride to Quincy to check out the Honda dealer there. I couldn't turn down the invitation to join them, so off we went. Coffee and donuts were a welcome sight along with meeting more friends who had the same idea. It appeared our bikes were getting cooled down to much, so it was suggested that we take a ride to find some place for lunch. Good idea. The lunch part of the ride ended at a small tavern with great food. We continued to a large country store that had everything from individual clothing to items for livestock. That was also about the time the rain decided to join us. By the time we left the store, the rain had subsided to a point that riding was not uncomfortable. Good thing since it was time to go back to the campground and get prepared for the main dinner.

We drove to downtown Ephrata to where the meal was to be served. We found the place and the long line waiting to enter the building. Once the line started moving, it wasn't too long and we were inside gathering our eating utensils, salads, and drinks. After we found places to sit, we were served the main course of prime rib. I must say, the service was very good and so was the meal. They also provided entertainment from a group of young fiddlers and their teacher. Some of the entertainers had taken top honors in State competitions.

Did someone mention a game of dominoes to be held back at the motel? That sounded like a good way to finish the evening. It appeared we needed another set of dominoes, so I went to Wal-Mart to make the necessary purchase. When I got back to the motel, it was determined that we already had enough sets, so the games continued. During the discussions of weekend events, it appears that Vic and Ken were not the only people with key problems. It appears that Jeff H. had to remove a lock without the use of a key. Paula mentioned that many other things had not gone too well, but wouldn't list any details. Good thing she was at dominoes so she could show Vic where the bottle opener was in the ladies room. The evening ended too soon and several groups wanted to get ready for the poker ride in the morning.

The next morning was greeted with sunshine, but clouds in the background. I was able to put the camper back together so it could be connected to the bike. Garry and Maxine stopped by and made sure that everything

was fastened correctly. They invited me to ride home with them and I readily agreed. We decided to take our time going back and bypassed the chance for the poker run. We left Ephrata and proceeded toward Soap Lake with the sun in our face. We then went north on Hwy 17 toward Hwy 2. The lakes and hills provided some picturesque scenery. We turned west on Hwy 2 and stopped in Waterville for a late breakfast. The clouds started gathering over our heads and the temperature dropped suddenly. Soon we were seeing snow flakes again. We ate a delicious breakfast special in a small café and donned our warm riding apparel to challenge Mother nature. Although rain made its presence for some short periods, the rest of the ride home was quite enjoyable. Even Stevens Pass was shrouded with rain suppressed clouds.

This was a fun filled weekend and I wish to thank all those responsible. My friends who I journeyed with on the way over, Chapter "S" for the great event to include the accommodations and meal, and the time shared with Garry and Maxine on the way home. I hope I am able to join others in future events, but I also hope that you may be able to join others at an event and enjoy the companionship and fun filled atmosphere. Ride safe.

Vic

Special Olympics – Bicycle Marathons

I had received an e-mail from Jim Littlefield informing me that the coordinators for the Special Olympics were looking for volunteers to help with the bicycle marathon events. Since I had helped out previously, I felt my experience may benefit everyone. Although it was advertised many times at out meetings, in the newsletter and even by e-mail, the help was very scarce. Volunteers from all other sources were also minimal. Many people are needed to help along the course to cheer the participants along and ensure there is help when a mishap occurs. My daughter, Nichole, had volunteered also as part of a community service project at school. I'm certain she would have joined me without the project as a goal. She has helped at the hospitality kitchen in Tacoma several times and has been given her own specialized apron. We arrived at north Fort Lewis around 8:30 am and got through the gates with minimal effort since I am also a military member with the National Guard. After we arrived at the event registration area, we checked in and coordinated with Carl (the route coordinator). My motorcycle was the only one there Saturday, so it was our task to ride the course checking for any debris that may cause an accident, and then follow the last bicycle out and to the finish to ensure all was well as the riders made their rounds.

What dedication they have. We watch people during the World Olympics perform outstanding feats and capturing medals with time differences of less than a second. These

Special Olympians give just as much effort and the smiles on their faces when they have completed the marathon, even if in last place, is very heartwarming. The award ceremonies with presentations of gold, silver, and bronze medals mean so much to the winners and the other competitors alike.

The weather remained partly cloudy most of the weekend, with just an intermediate sprinkling to dampen the roadway on Sunday. This did not stop the riders and within a short period of time the road was dry again. This does not mean to say that there were no accidents. A young lady lost control of her bike immediately in front of me and took a nasty spill on the pavement. I called the accident in on the CB, and joined the girl's mother in ensuring that there was no damage other than bruised body and attitude. With some prompting, she remounted her bike and managed to complete the race. Another youngster had an accident and broke his shoulder. He was taken to Madigan hospital along with another elderly man who complained of chest pains.

Lee and Marcia joined us on Sunday. Lee had his two wheeler and Marcia rode her trike taking the lead point for each marathon. Lee and I rode Charlie and got a lot of practice in riding reeaalll slooowww. He feels that we are ready for some of the competition rides at the State Gathering. Carl even brought his Gold Wing and joined in the course safety checks. Coffee, water and other beverages, pastries, fruit, and lunches were provided for the participants and volunteers. The day ended with the amusement area being taken down and our hula pictures gathered (real class there Lee). I must say the Karoke was used extensively. Our day was complete and tiring. I have learned another lesson in dedication and persistence. If you have a free day, or even part of a day, to help with some of these events, I believe you will leave with a very positive attitude and a sense of accomplishment.



Special Olympics - Color Guard



Special Olympics - Event Preparation
Special Olympics2



Special Olympics – Marcia always ready



Special Olympics – Marcia not ready



Special Olympics – Vic & Nichole celebrating finish by
dancing the Electric Slide.

See you next time. – Vic

A Monday Ride

Below is an article from Shirley Compau with pictures of a ride taken on a beautiful Monday, June 9th, complete with pictures.



It was great to be back on three wheels again. Thank you, Ken and Marion, for the use of your trike. My faith in a Higher Power has helped me not to allow fear to control my life and go back to doing what Harold and I have enjoyed so much. July 2nd will be three years since our accident and we are so appreciative of all our GWRRA friends. Our eleven years with Chapter V have touched our hearts with nice people and unforgettable memories. And, I have the pictures to make that a fact.



Getting close to the summit, it got cool



Lunch with Paul, Sue, Lee and Marcia



This was our stop in Greenwater to put on warmer outer-ware for going over the top of Chinook Pass.



What a contrast on the east side



Ken, Marion, Joe, Nancy, Bill, Nancy, Doug, Sally,
Johnny, Harold and I

Submitted by Shirley Compau

6 Bikes to Bickleton



We left Costco at 9:00 AM after a send off with Darrell and Leslie Mead. The weather was great. Boy what a day for a ride. We headed up 410 to Greenwater to meet JD and Carol. We all appointed JD as ride captain. That was a great decision; JD has a wealth of knowledge about the Mt Rainer area. We learned so much about the area. We headed to Randle and had lunch at a great café. From there we moved south on NF Road 25 riding along the east side of Mt St. Helens. We stopped at the Forest Service Information Center and watched a 20 minute video about the eruption. From there we headed on NF Road 90

towards Carson. We then rode along the Columbia River on the Washington side to the "Bridge of the Gods". I'm glad it was a short bridge as it is grated all the way. As we were crossing the bridge we saw the paddleboat going by us. We then came to the town of Cascade Locks so we decided it was ice cream time. Like the good Goldwingers that we are, we found the biggest ice cream cones in town. The temperature was now reaching toward 96 degrees. We then headed toward Hood River, our destination for the night. We stayed at the Best Western on the river and it was a really nice place. We all relaxed for an hour then headed out for dinner. We had Mexican food at another great restaurant. When then went back to the hotel, went swimming for awhile, and then back to the rooms for a quick game of dominos. We all hit the bed at 11:00 PM.

Sunday was another beautiful day for riding. We all met at the bikes at 8:00 AM. Our first destination would be Goldendale for breakfast. Once again we picked a great restaurant. Everyone in the town was so friendly. From there we would now head on to Bickleton! The whole reason for the ride was to go see the bluebirds. Guess what--we really saw them! The town has all of 91 people and it was a very cute town. They were all busy getting ready for the rodeo next weekend. They have an antique carousel that only comes out one time a year for the rodeo. They also have a grocery store, tavern and gift shop. Before you even get close to the town you start seeing birdhouses on fence posts with blue roofs. We stuck around town so that we could go to the gift shop (they had ice cream) so while we waited, we watched the bluebirds feed their babies. As we were waiting three 1800's came rolling into town. They stopped and all the guys started talking. One of the guys is trying to break a record for riding he had already rode 31,000 miles in 30 days. (John I think this guy has you beat). He had several sponsors' names written on the side of his bike.

After the guys were all talked out we headed toward Toppenish. The roads once again were great for riding. At one time Carol saw 4 mountains in a row. Mt. Hood, Mt Adams, Mt. St. Helens

and then Mt. Rainer. We then stopped out of Toppenish for cherries and then headed to Naches for lunch. We then headed back over Chinook Pass, dropped Carol and JD off at home, and then we all got back home by 6:00 PM on Sunday night.

We all had a wonderful time and those had to be the best riding roads that I had ever been on. If you like corners this is the ride for you. Thanks again JD for being ride captain.

Jeff & Paula Hardwick

July 2003

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	RIDE DAY
		1 Cecil Anniversary Wing Ding	2 Carol Miller B'Day Wing Ding	3 Chapter V Gathering Wing Ding	4 Wing Ding	5
6	7	8	9 Ken Harter B'Day	10	11 Dawley Anniversary	12
13 Ron Smith B'Day "A" Mystery Ride	14	15 Carol Vallaly B'Day	16	17 "V" Social	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 WA Dist Rally	25 Nicloe Yager B'Day WA Dist Rally	26 Dennis Murphy B'Day WA Dist Rally
27	28	29	30	31		



Ron Smith

Dennis Murphy

Ken Harter

Carol Vallaly

Carol Miller

Nicole Yager

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EVERYONE and EVERYONE
ENJOY SAFE RIDING IN 2003



Paul & Susan Cecil

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August 2003

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	RIDE DAY
					1 BC Rally "Q" Benefit Run	2 BC Rally "Q" Benefit Run
3 BC Rally	4	5 <u>Lorne & Ruth Wilson</u>	6	7 "V" Gathering	8 Gary Alexander	9 "Y" Riddler's Run Nancy Cordray
10 "F&G" Mountain Run	11 <u>Gary & Maxine Alexander</u>	12	13	14	15 Region I Rally – Mt. Hood, Oregon	16 Region I Rally Maxine Alexander
17 Region I Rally Yvonne Jellison	18	19 <u>Jim & Marcia Yager</u>	20 Bob Brooke Tori Schmitt	21 "V" Social	22 "P" Oyster" Feed - Bridgeport, WA Raliegh Andrews	23 "P" Oyster" Feed - Bridgeport, WA
24/31 "P" Oyster" Feed - Bridgeport, WA KateLynn Schmitt	25 Marriane Moad	26 Paula Hardwick	27	28 Marcia Damoiseaux	29 Jim Cox	30 "B" Appreciation Dinner – Silverdale (Barbecue & Campout)



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