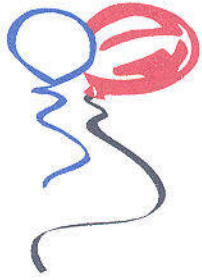
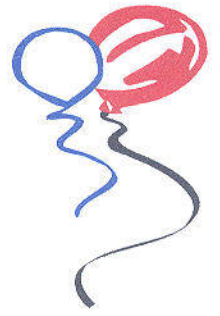


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Rogue Valley Wing's News Letter May 1, 2008



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Bikers Have Heart-May 3
at D&s Harley-check in 11-1
Rogue Valley Wings Meeting-May 17
Oregon State Rally-May 23-26
Madras, Oregon
GWTA Chapter A Yard Sale-May 30-31
At Don & Judy Coons

MAY 2008 Safety Tip

- 1) There is nothing magic or sacred about avoiding the center track of your lane. Debris usually ends up not in the center track, but on the lines on a freeway. Since there is so little stopping on a freeway, the center track is usually not significantly more greasy than to either side of it. So, in high wind situations, favor the center track. Passing between a pair of 18-wheelers, use the center track. Riding in the fast lane with a guard rail or retaining wall near by, use the center track.
- 2) Assuming you are in the slow or second slowest lane and you approach an on-ramp, do a head check to the right. Equally as important, if you are approaching an off-ramp, do a head check to the LEFT (and catch that guy who is about to cut in front of you to make his exit).
- 3) If it's shiny or black, ride a different track. Just because you are in staggered formation does NOT mean that you have to stay in your track. There is a whole lane at your disposal without encroaching on the traffic rights of other motorists. You ride staggered to give you maneuvering room in case you need it. Rather than ride over a patch of shiny or unusually black surface, assume you need it.
- 4) Do not assume your mirrors only say NO. That is, if you see a problem in your mirrors, they are telling you NOT to move into that problem. If they do not

show you a problem that is not the same as them saying YES, make your move. Head checks every time are for your safety.

5) When riding in a group it is far more important to put your most qualified/experienced/prepared rider in the drag position than it is to put that person in the lead. This person is, after all, the first person who will need to deal with an accident, is in the best position to observe the riding skills of the others and recommend changes to accommodate them if need be, and is the person that most often obtains that new lane for the group. That's plenty of activity and responsibility, and merits the best, not the worst of the group.

6) Remember, arriving at your destination safely is the most important part of any ride.

Don Coons, Oregon State Safety Director

Sunshine, bike's and friend's. What more could a person ask for on a beautiful Saturday morning. It was off to the coast for a lunch at the Grotto in Crescent City. It was my first time since last year to be able to go with Ken and what a great ride. The spring colors of the grass and tree's took my breath away. The food was great and the ocean a clear blue. Surrounded by such beauty make's you reflect on the many blessing's we have been given. After lunch we visited for a while and then on to Cave Junction for ice cream at our favorite place, THE DQ. We even got to see Danial Boone on the way over coon skin hat and all. He joined us in full Boone gear(no horse, just a bike) on our ride for awhile. The day ended as well as it started and I can hardly wait for the next time.

Betty Krois

HELLO TO ALL MY RIDING FRIENDS

Back in January 2008, I posted a Safety Tip and suggested that everyone treat their bikes like an airplane and conduct a preflight inspection before every extended ride.

Too bad my neighbor didn't read and follow that suggestion. He was the new proud owner of a 2007 Honda VTX 1800 and I have been attempting to get him to join GWTA but he has no interest in joining any clubs.

Anyway, not long ago, he had just returned from a great ride and was preparing to go on another extended ride right away.....BUT....first he needed an oil change. So he contacted Honda in Medford and was told that they had a four-week backlog. He needed to leave before that and was talking to his garage mechanic, where he takes his car, and they said they could do the oil change on his bike for him.

He took the bike to them and departed on his extended trip thinking all was well. While in a hard turn the bike went out of control and was totaled. He suffered a broken clavicle and several broken ribs. Later he found that the oil plug had not been tightened and had come out of the bike causing his own oil slick and that is what caused the bike to slide out of control while in the hard turn.

I could probably cover a different subject for a monthly Safety Tip for the rest of my life and that just proves that you have to protect yourself. I wish that there was a magic rulebook and that as long as you followed the rules you would have a safe ride but every accident seems to be unique. Motorcycle riding is a dangerous sport and you must take precautions. The minute you assume that everything is OK or just relax and drop common sense, you're in trouble.

My neighbor is home now but will find, as he gets older, that those early injuries come back to haunt you in later life. If he had only done a preflight inspection he may have noticed oil seeping from the loose plug and been able to prevent this accident but, again, hind sight is 20-20.

Take time to check those bikes and stay alert. We all want to talk to you and not about you.

Ride Safe, Don Coons, GWTA Oregon RED

P.S. A Safety tip from Betty Krois: If you break down along the road a universal sign that you need help is to set your helmet on the road by your back tire. BUT...check the inside of it before putting it back on. Critters love the shade.

Rogue Valley Wings General Meeting April 19, 2008

Ken opened the meeting at 9:34 and introduced all guests. He then announced all birthdays and anniversaries.

Coming up events were talked about. Fallen Rider in Redding is this coming weekend. Meet at Valley of the Rogue State Park and plan to leave at 11:30 a.m. Our garage sale is on May 30th and 31st. Our State Rally is the weekend before. There will be a June potluck at the Hancock's at 5:00 p.m. the same day as our meeting. These are all posted on the web.

If you are interested in doing the court house rides please take the application and send in your money. Look on the web to find an application also.

ABATE is doing a poker run on May 4th at 9:30 a.m. Meet at Full Throttle on Rogue River Highway.

There is a ride called Bikers Have Hearts coming up on May 3rd starting at D&S Harley.

This aims to help children with medical problems.

Judy reported on safety issues for Don who is home sick today. She read an article from the paper about a motorcycle going 164 mph on I-5 near Eugene. They have never seen a bike or any speeder going this fast before. Judy said, "DON'T DO THIS!!"

Judy reminded us to save all goods for the garage sale. Please don't bring clothes.

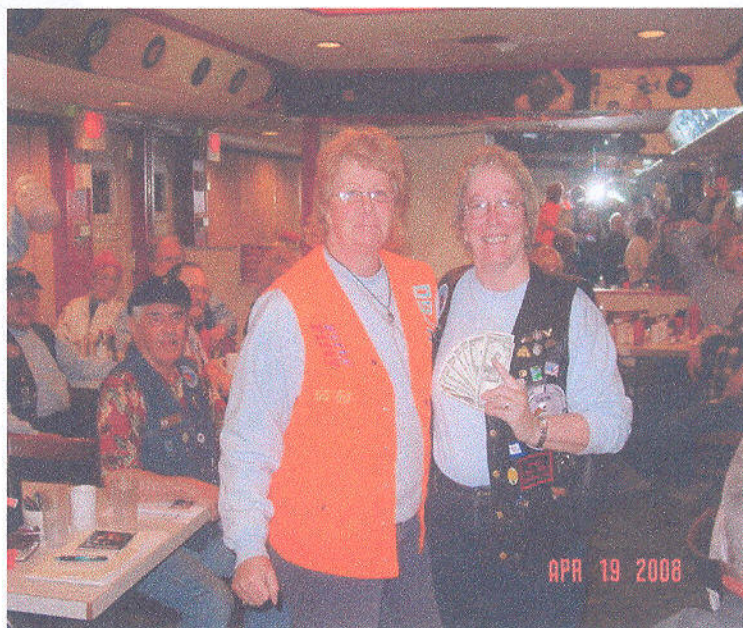
Dave May was ribbed pretty good about having a CB he didn't know he had. He was a very good sport.

Judy won the 50/50 for \$38.00. Nice going Judy!

Ken has national tickets to sell. Please take a packet and sell them. You can add a ticket with your tip to the waitress. She will be happy and it adds to your sales.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10

Carmen Warren
Secretary



The BIG WINNER again
Judy Coons and Donna

Hi All,

As I was heading down south to Medford last weekend on my Wing, I ran across a motor vehicle accident, a one car rollover. I was the first one on the scene.

There was a 36 year old female strapped in and hanging upside down. She was somewhat conscious and had difficulty breathing. She also complained of numbness and no feeling in her legs. I felt she should not be moved; however other bystanders were on scene by now and were trying to move her. I had quite a time with them not trying to move her and keeping her airway and c-spine intact. The State Patrol arrived and I had him keep them back until Fire and Ambulance arrived.

We protected her airway, c-spine and got her very carefully onto a back board. They transported her to the hospital. The next day I received an email from one of the responding paramedics. He stated that she had a C-4 fracture, (broken neck) and slight head injury and that if she had been moved by the crowd she would have died from her fractured neck.

The reason for writing this is please, please do not move patients unless it is absolutely necessary and is a life or death situation. Most accident victims do not have to be moved. Please keep well meaning bystander back and make sure you do your ABC's, (Airway, Breathing & Circulation).

Just remember if the well meaning bystanders were to have moved this young lady the outcome would not have been good. And if you have not had a First Aid/CPR/AED Class please think about taking a class soon.

Thank You...

Scott Peabody

...Friday 4/25/08

...Time 5 A.M.

...Destination Redding, California

The birds had not even woke up to the new day to sing their morning songs for us. When Ken was awake with that I can't stand one more minute of waiting aura about him. Yep, we are going to the Fallen Riders Run. Of course we are not leaving till 11:30 so that means Ken will be walking around for the next 6 ½ hours acting like a kid on Christmas waiting for Santa to come. Finally at 10:45 he can no longer stand it so off we go to Valley of the Rogue State Park. Bob Dobson was the only one there and there we stood waiting for all the normal people to show up. At 11:45 Don and Judy, Scott and Sharon, Bob and Ken and I headed out. It was a beautiful day, cool but comfy. We got to Redding around 3 and us girls took a walk while the guy's went shopping. Ken lost a vent and was none to happy about looking at the big ugly hole. Couldn't find one so off to dinner we went, then on to motel 6 to visit with everyone staying there. Around 8 we headed back to our motel and tried to get some sleep. We woke to sunshine and 89 degree temp. for Saturday. The ride was breathtakingly beautiful, after the ride we had a good lunch and headed home. All in all the weekend was fun, enjoyable to see our friend's and making of new one's. God's beautiful makings for our eyes and heart to see were truly a blessing.

Betty Krois

