



ROGUE VALLEY WINGS

NEWS LETTER

JULY 1, 2008



JULY BIRTHDAY'S:

Linda Bartholomew---July 9
Tami Brown--July 11
Darlene Koughan--July 14
Joyce Armstead--July 2
Stephen Badgett--July 24

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Washington State Rally-Wintrop, WA.
July 4-6
1st Annual Veteran's Tribute Ride--
VA Domiciliary-White City.OR-11 AM
Gold Rush-Billings, MT,--July 14-17
Rogue Vally Wings Meeting--Hart's
Resturant--July 19
3rd Annual Michael's Run-D&S Harley
8:30 AM--July 26
State Staff Meeting--Grants Pass. OR.--
August 9- Time and place TBA

Please check out updates of web page as Judy
add's new things when they come up. We don't
want you to miss the fun.

Pre-ride Briefing For Your New Passenger
S/he is the BOSS, but you set the rules

By: James R. Davis

Before I let a passenger onto my bike I host a briefing with them. I explain that so long as they are on my bike THEY are the boss - that if they want to slow down, or to stop, for any reason, we will do so. I explain that it is not my intention to scare them, ever, while they are on the bike, but to help them enjoy the experience. In exchange for this there is a price: They have four jobs while riding as passenger, and they must agree to get on and off the bike only with the permission of the driver.

I explain the 'passenger twist' where they connect their helmet cord while facing the bike, then do a full turn clockwise so that the cord wraps behind them before they get on the bike. That they get on and off only while I am on the bike, which is in neutral, and have both feet down and the side stand up (this, because if the side stand is down and they plump themselves on the saddle they will compress the shocks and that will lever the bike to the right - possibly all the way over onto its side!) I nod and tell them it is OK to get on the bike when I'm ready for them. I do the same when I'm ready for them to leave the bike. Finally, I ask that when they mount

and dismount the bike they try to keep their weight centered on the bike - that they not pull the bike towards them but, rather, push themselves towards the bike.

I explain that while we are moving they can talk to me if they want, and that they may use the PTT button near their left hand to talk on the CB, but as to moving around, I'd prefer that they pretended to be a sack of potatoes (actually, I tell them they can move about, just not suddenly) - that they NOT try to help me through the turns - that they not lean in anticipation or when we are in a turn.

I tell them that I have never had an accident, but that no matter what happens while we are moving, they are to keep their feet on the passenger floorboards and never, ever, try to touch the ground with their feet to try to hold up the motorcycle. I show them the saddlebag guard rails and point out that they are heavy steel, like 'roll bars', and will protect their legs only so long as their feet remain on those floorboards.

Oh, as to those 'jobs' they have:

- They are to wave at all motorcyclists approaching us in the opposite direction
- They are to wave at all policemen who are on their feet
- They are to wave at all children that show any interest whatever
- They are to demonstrate to the world that they are enjoying themselves, particularly at all rest stops!

Failing any of those jobs, I declare, will result in them having a new job when the ride is over - the spokes. (There are no spokes on my Wing, of course.)

As to my own personal rules while riding with a passenger:

- The only thing I want to 'show off' is that riding a motorcycle can be safe and enjoyable
- I wish to challenge myself with the task of trying to shift gears without the passenger being aware of the activity (no head snaps in either direction.)
- I want to start and stop with the passenger never quite sure that we have started to move or that we have come to a full stop - i.e., smoothness all around.

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HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY



SOUTH MEETS NORTH

We had a wonderful time on our boat trip with the group from California. What fun it is to get together and make a **BIG GOLD WING SPLASH**. Some of the brave hearts sat up front and I do believe they got a little wet. We started out at 8:30 AM and needless to say it was one chilly morning. Never saw so many people with Fogg Toggs on. Me, included. We went to Galice thru hellsgate canyon down to the bridge and then back to Galice for a hearty lunch. On the trip back we had war with squirt guns with people on the banks, in the other boat and on rafts. It was quite a wet but fun ride., We saw a bald eagle which was magnificent. They make it look easy to fly. At 5 PM we all met up at Vickie and Clarence's home and had a wonderful BBQ, No one walked away hungry, thats for sure. It was Vickie's granddaughters birthday and we all sang you our my sunshine to her. Well, I just mouthed it as I didn't want to ruin her day by my singing. We send out a **BIG THANK YOU** to the Hancock's for inviting us to share in a day of fun !!

THE GANGS ALL HERE



Clarence and Vickie enjoying the day



TIME TO EAT



Rogue Valley Wings General Meeting
June 21, 2008

Steve Riggs opened the meeting at 9:00 am. with 28 people in attendance. He asked everyone to introduce themselves. It was a wonderful idea and well received. He then read birthdays and anniversaries.

There is a potluck at the Hancock's tonight at 5:00. Please bring your favorite dish. Everyone is welcome.

Steve read an article on the last ride we took to Canyonville and on to Shady Cove. It was a fun ride.

Chuck talked about the danger of flying recaps coming off semi tires that can take out bikes. Heads up !!

Steve talked about how important it is to ride at your own pace and don't try to keep up with jerks when you aren't ready to do that speed. We shared stories about backing off to give yourself room to act when cars make stupid moves. Safety first.

Joyce talked about our poker run and August 23. Please keep this date in mind.

Bonnie talked about the raffle tickets for the poker run and reminded everyone that all proceeds go to the safe houses. She encouraged everyone to take some tickets to sell. Don has already sold 70. We all voted to order 300 more now.

Joyce reminded everyone to pick up small things for door prizes. If you bought gloves that don't fit maybe you could donate them.

Name tags are not going to come because the company is dropping this service. Marty will research them with 'Making it digital' and will get us some information.

Betty begins her fight against cancer in earnest starting next week. She will be having lung surgery next week and then follow with radiation and chemo for the other. She wants everyone to know she really appreciates your prayers.

Steve read about up coming events for the next two months. There are lots of fun rides to take.

Randy Kilpatrick won the 50/50 for \$41.50. That's a great way to treat a new member.

Carmen Warren
Secretary