



# ROGUE VALLEY WINGS NEWS LETTER MAY 1, 2009



## MAY BIRTHDAY'S:

- Johnny Collins -- May 1
- Melanie Jackson -- May 12
- Lori Erickson -- May 12
- Gary Ewing -- May 13
- Roseanne Badgett -- May 14
- Jay-Dee White -- May 18
- Coleman LaFon -- May 21
- Steve Riggs -- May 22
- Jenny Basset -- May 25
- Dick Armstead -- May 26
- Dave Bartholomew -- May 26



## Anniversaries:

- Deane & Barb LeBow -- May 6
- Bill & Darlene Pichford -- May 10
- Marty & Carmen Warren -- May 11
- Toby & Lori Snyder -- May 20



## Upcoming Events:

- Yard Sale -- May 1-2
- Sun Runners Ride - May 8 - 10 New Mexico
- State Staff Meeting -- 7 PM - May 12
- Rogue Valley Wings Meeting -- May 16
- Social Hour: 8:30 Meeting at 9:30
- Chapter M Yard Sale -- May 16
- First Annual Jack Woods Memorial Ride May 23
- Wedding - Rosemary and Alan  
May 24 -- 4 PM
- Far side Of Shasta -- June 6
- For Time's and Place's check out the web page  
also for new updates..Thank You

## Rogue Valley Wings General Meeting April 18, 2009

Ken opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. He introduced all guests. Daryl Farrington, our chaplain was asked to bless our ride.

Anniversaries and birthdays were announced Ken gave updates on our riders who have had health difficulties. Chuck is out of the hospital after having his thyroid removed and doing well, as he is here today. J. D. White is in rehab with a broken hip. She is doing well and anxious to get back on the bike with Donna. Daryl is finally well on the mend but has some swelling yet from the broken leg.

Fallen Rider is coming up next weekend. Meet at Valley of the Rogue at 9:00 a.m. on Friday.

The yard sale is coming up May 1st and 2nd at Don and Judy's. Anything you bring, you will need to pick up and take home if it doesn't sell. Please no clothes.

May 8-10 is the rally in New Mexico.

May 23rd there will be a Memorial ride for Jack Woods. It is a picnic ride so bring your lunch. Details to follow.

Please sell your GWTA tickets. Nationals really needs the help.

Tomorrow there is a ride to the coast. Meet at Fred Meyers at 10:00 a.m. We will pick the riders in Cave Junction and head out.

Bonnie talked about all the entertainers coming to Douglas Co. Fair. Call her if you want to go along with the Balloys when they go.

Don presented Larry Balloy with a special power tool in honor of his retirement. It was a little rake with a power cord attached to it. Too cute.

Ken said Chapter A earned a trophy for the Best Motor Cycle Group at the fundraiser for the Oregon National Guard we participated in. It is a very nice trophy and we will display it in the clubhouse at Scott and Sharon's.

Rosemary Sanders sent us a card saying she is getting married on May 24th to Allan Wytcherley. There will be a potluck celebration. We are all very happy for her.

Don talked about an eye spray his doctor recommends for dry eyes. It is called Natures Tears. We all need extra lubrication at our age especially after being on bikes.

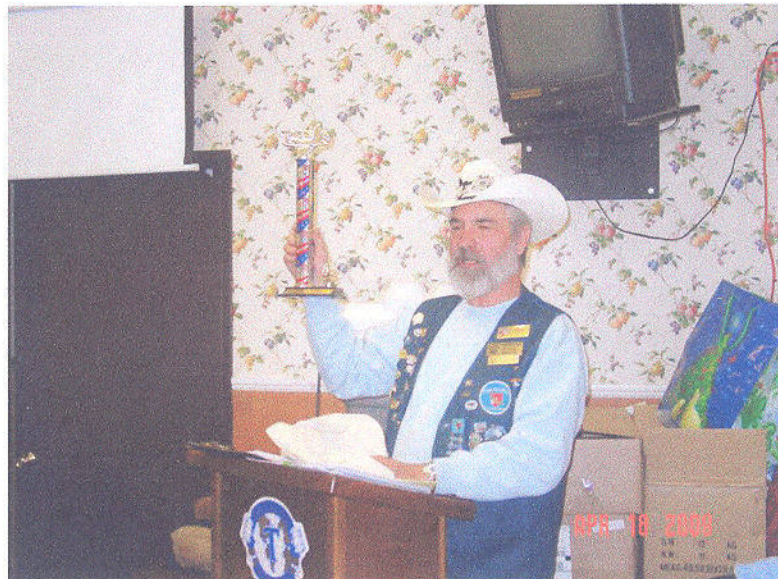
Scott said we need to be very careful about dressing warmly on the bikes in these cold mornings. Wrap your neck. Hypothermia happens quickly.

Chuck's hospital roommate was there due to a Brown Recluse bite. It is extremely painful and very hard to treat. Everyone needs to be aware that they are in our neck of the woods and are very aggressive. Wear gloves when taking wood from the woodpile. Look out!!

50/50 was won by Herb for \$46.50. Well done.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05.

Carmen Warren  
Secretary



KEN AND TROPHY



LARRY AND RETIREMENT TOY



AND THE WINNER IS: HERB VOTAW

## Carmen and Marty's story

Marty was born in Berkeley, California on September 30th of 1947. He was the first of 3 children. His folks finally settled and bought a home in the El Cerrito area. Although there were a few different homes, they stayed in this area. He graduated from El Cerrito High in 1965. He worked for Safeway for a while but really didn't think it was his calling so he went to the Coast Guard recruiter. He entered the Coast Guard on February 14th 1966.

Carmen was born in Berkeley, California on June 16th of 1950. She was the youngest of 3 children. We lived in Albany all my growing up years in the same house. I graduated from Albany High in 1968. Working in Berkeley as a nurse's aid in a nursing home was her first real job.

Carmen and Marty met at the Albany swimming pool the summer of 1963. Carmen had just turned 13. Marty rode his bike and delivered papers. We "dated" when his parents would take us places. Although he was 16 that September he wasn't allowed to drive right away because he had borrowed his dad's jeep for a little self taught driving lesson and got caught. That meant he wasn't going to be driving any time soon.

We were on and off as the saying goes. I went to one of his proms and he went to one of mine. When he went into the service we were off and I didn't even know. When he came home on leave from Coos Bay he called my mom and found out where I was that evening and came looking for me. Well, the boy had grown into a man. Wow!! That was the beginning to a permanent relationship. We were married in May of 1969 so 40 years next month. Our first duty station as a couple was Port Angeles, Washington. What a beautiful place to live. Marty was making \$238.50 a month. We rented a little converted garage for

\$75.00 a month. Marty even managed to put me through nursing school so I became an LPN.

We got orders to the Shetland Is., U.K. in September 1970. We were so excited. This was an adventure of a lifetime and we knew it. The Shetlands can be very lonesome and bleak. This was the opposite of growing up in the Berkeley area. There are no trees, so we didn't have seasons. The mailman was also the milkman. The library truck came every 5 weeks and the fish man every other Tues. We were both homesick. Lesson learned. It's not where you live, but rather the good people in your life that makes the place. We ended up loving it. The important trips we took include a tour of Scotland and the trip through France, Germany, The Netherlands and Belgium in our Gremlin. We only had one TV channel. We teased each other that we had summer on a Thursday while we were there. We really started growing up there and were a more solid couple when we left. This was a blessing.

Next orders were to New York City. Oh Boy!! Marty was stationed on the Spencer and out to sea every other month. We got into government housing on Long Is., which meant he had to commute to work when the ship was in, but was nicer for me. Our son was born there. They had the best bagels in the world.

Next stop was Connecticut. This is a beautiful state. He had recruiting duty and we loved it. We met nice people and had a real house to live in. Our daughter was born here.

From here we went to Maryland where Marty became a Warrant Officer and caught an icebreaker. Now he was out to sea 6 months here and 5 months there. I have to say, we met some wonderful people here too, but I didn't like the state. This was our hardest duty station.

Our next duty station was back to Port Angeles. This is a perfect place after the east

coast. I got a job in the nursing home as a medications nurse. This was my calling. We also bought our first house.

From there we were sent to Astoria, Oregon. We settled there and did well. Marty retired from the Coast Guard in 1986 and both our children graduated from Astoria High. Marty ran his own hobby shop, then managed the local bowling alley. This was good, because I didn't want HUF disease. (Husband Under Foot) I worked for the school district and enjoyed every minute.

Marty's folks bought the Sunny Valley KOA in 1995 and we moved down here to run it along with Marty's brother and his family. We really enjoyed this business and learned to work well together.

Then one day some nice folks from Oregon State GWTA came to us and asked if they could have their state rally in our establishment. This was the first time we had ever heard of GWTA. They ended up having a great time and we got our first trike during that rally as it had been ridden in and a "for sale" sign put on it. They had more than one rally there.

We have had a lot of adventures in this marriage and we do expect to have more. Some things happen that aren't fun or good but we always ended up stronger and more appreciative of our life.

Marty told me not too long ago that before we were married he would see couples by riding on a big motorcycle and wished he would someday get to take his wife and ride all over the country. Well, we have been able to do just that. How blessed we are.



**MARTY AND CARMEN**

A Big Thank you to Steve ODell and Chapter M for inviting us on a ride to Canyonville for lunch. We met at the Apple Peddler in Medford and went the back way. What a great turn-out, around 33 bikes and the weather and scenery was breath taking. We rode in 3 groups had a great lunch at the truck stop and then of course to the Dairy Queen in Grants Pass. It was a perfect ride on a perfect day.



**Ride to Canyonville**

God Speed Don and Judy Coons as you travel to Branson, Missouri, and home again. Have a wonderful time and a safe, fun trip.

Your friend's in Chapter A