



ROGUE VALLEY WINGS NEWS LETTER DECEMBER 1, 2009



*Christmas
Joy to
All*

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Daryl Fairrington -- Dec. 3
Randy Kilpatrick -- Dec. 3
Hans Raub -- Dec. 7
Don Wagy -- Dec. 8
Deane Lebow -- Dec. 13
John Naughton -- Dec. 14
Bud Saber -- Dec. 20
Herb Votaw -- Dec. 27
Jerry Jones -- Dec. 31

ANNIVERSARIES:

Don & Rose Wagy -- Dec.2
Gary & Janet Ewing -- Dec.28

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Christmas Party -- Dec.13
Meeting -- Dec. 19
Christmas Day -- Dec. 25
Polar Bear Ride -- Jan. 1
Time and Place TBA

STATE RALLY DESIGNS & LOGO DUE BY
DEC. 19. "WESTERN THEME"

Rogue Valley Wings General Meeting November 21, 2009

This meeting was held at the Black Forest Restaurant with 39 members and 4 guests in attendance. Ken opened the meeting at 9:35. Daryl gave a blessing. Birthdays and anniversaries were announced.

Ken thanked everyone for coming in today as nominations for Chapter Director will happen today.

He mentioned we are getting too large for this facility and will be looking for new accommodations.

Don Coons and Don Wagy both had recent surgery and are here today and healing. We are very glad to see them.

Past events we talked about. The Halloween party was a big hit and lots of fun. Carmen and Marty were thanked. Dave and Cindy were also thanked as Cindy did all the decorations. The Applebees free dinner for Veterans didn't work out for us, as the wait was way too long. We went to Sizzlers instead and had a wonderful time.

The Christmas party is Dec 13th at The Brewery at 5:00p.m. The gift exchange limit is \$20.00. Bring a gift and receive a gift.

Larry offered to read the story again. We are all looking forward to the evening.

The state meeting was discussed. The vote for the place of the state rally was for John Day and will be held over Labor Day. A western theme was decided on. Please submit suggestions for the logo on the shirts and pins by January 1st. The winner will win a free registration to the rally.

GWTA is doing a new promotional. Get two brand new members and you will get a free extra year on your own membership dues.

Ken introduced the guests.

Don Coons talked about the ride to Billings and doing some sight seeing. Let him know if you are interested in joining them, so we can get together and plan. See some new country and enjoy a fun ride and go to Gold Rush too.

If you know somebody who belongs to a different motorcycle club and wants to change to GWTA, National will reimburse their remaining dues from the current club and apply it to the GWTA dues. Check out the details.

Win a vacation in Alabama. There is a drawing for a week in a vacation house in Alabama. Buy a ticket at the next meeting and win!!

Ken & Betty Krois, Carmen & Marty Warren, Scott Starke, Steve Riggs, Donna May, Judy Coons, Bonnie Balloy, and Joyce Armstead were given certificates for a job well done in helping to keep this chapter running well. Way to go!!

We have \$250 to give to the food bank. Well done troops. We will try to get someone here to receive the check.

Nominations for chapter director were opened. Bud Bowling put Ken up for nomination. Bud Saber seconded the nomination and closed it. Ken Krois was elected unanimously.

Please call Carmen before a meeting for shirts or sweatshirts so she can pack along the right size. You won't be interrupting her evening. It's no fun to guess on what to bring.

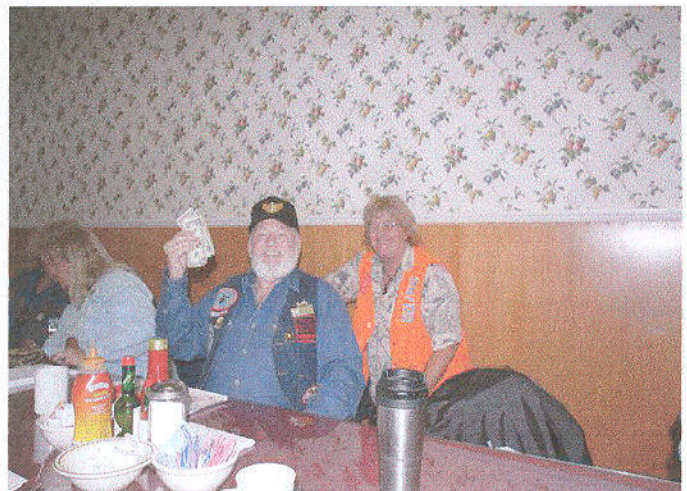
Marty talked about patches and rockers in stock and what items are on order.

Harriet talked about a local lady who does embroidery on hats, shirts and windshield covers with bikes logos and chapter names etc. for a reasonable price. Her work is just beautiful. She has Cyndi's Classic Embroidery. The phone # is 471-9073 and she could use the work.

Larry Balloy won the 50-50 drawing for \$63.50. Excellent!!

Meeting adjourned at 10:40.

Carmen Warren
Secretary



GROUP RIDING Part 1

"Group Leaders"

Responsibility of Group Leaders:

1. Assume Leadership of the group while in transit
2. Be firm and decisive
3. Explain routes to predetermined destinations
4. If distance dictates, select some rest stops and stick to the plan
5. Explain the formations to be used during transit; staggered formation should be used for nearly all the group rides.
6. Find out the riding skill level of the group members you are leading, so that you do not attempt to lead beyond their ability.
7. Explain the two-second rule and the necessity to keep closed up.
8. Explain the lane numbers (lane #1 is the fastest or left lane)
9. The Group Leaders should select their own Back Doors.
10. Maintain the integrity of the group
11. If the Back Door advises that one of the group is having a problem and is leaving the group, the Group Leader should bring the group to a safe place to pull off and wait for the Back Door to report.
12. Recognize and obey all vehicle code rules and regulations. (Watch speed limits).
13. Slow down if necessary, when the Back Door tells you part of the group didn't make the light, etc.
14. Lane Changes (2 lane - 2 way traffic): If it looks like it is going to be a long drawn out process to get all of the bikes in your group around a vehicle, consider slowing down instead and keep your group intact.
15. Lane Changes (highway with at least 2 lanes for your direction): The Group Leader will inform the Rear Bike of the need to move into another

lane and the number of the lane to move into. At the first opportunity, the Rear Bike moves into the new lane, preventing any traffic from trying to pass the team in that lane. The Rear Bike informs the Group Leader when the lane is "secure" and the Group Leader will then announce over the CB to all bikes in his group "Let's all move to the #___ lane, NOW!" The Group Leader hesitates before saying NOW, allowing each bike a few moments to look for themselves, that it is safe to move over. Then all the bikes will signal and follow the bike in front of them into the new lane. This method is used, as not all bikes are equipped with CBs and wouldn't otherwise know that the group is moving to a different lane. This is a better method than a simple free for all and certainly looks better.

16. Keep in mind that the Group Leader's job is not to be a tourist, but to maintain the group in a safe manner. If you want to just enjoy the ride, don't volunteer to be the leader!
17. If there is more than one (1) group, use group # when using the CB
18. You and/or your co-rider should point at any hazards you may see on the road for the bikes behind you, even if you have already said something about it on the CB

SUBMITTED BY: BUD SABER
CHAPTER SAFETY DIRECTOR



HALLOWEEN PARTY

What a great time was had by all, at Carmen and Marty's home. Love, Laughter and food galore. The costumes this year were fantastic. Take a look at the website. The decorations Cindy put up were great. I think next year we should have a costume contest. Haven't seen that many cool ones in years. My favorite was Bill Bradley as the rat man and JD as Elvira. Thank you all for participating and bringing a dish. So as you go about your busy days be thinking of the coming years party and a costume for the contest. You might be the winner.



FROM YOUR CD KEN KROIS

Well here it is December already. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends. I know Betty and I did. We all have so much to be thankful for, I would like to take this time to thank each and everyone of you for letting Betty and I be your CD's for another year. We hope to be worthy of your choice.

For starters I am going to try putting a little note in the monthly news letter from now on.

I am not real good at this, but I know all of you will bare with me. We have a great group of people to have fun with. In January we would like to have a business meeting to get an idea and calendar put together for the year. We are planning it then because of the holiday's going on now and everyone is so busy yet full of cheer. I need an assistant CD to fill Steve Riggs place as he opened up the spot. If you are interested in it please let me know. I can't be CD forever, even though I love it.

I could go on and on but I will keep it short (I promised Betty). I know we are going to have a great year filled with lots of laughter, love and fun.

Love to you all,
Your Chapter Director
Ken



GIRLS DAY OUT

We will be planning a girls day out while the guys play golf or are off to work every month in the winter. Get your suggestions in. It could be a walk in the park, movie, shopping, etc. We all have a great time whatever we do. Plan a date and place, let me know and I will get it out to the club. Thank you and see you Wednesday. Betty