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Tri-Cities, Washington  
"The Looney Tunes"



# ACME TIMES



Gold Wing Road Riders  
Association  
Region I — WA District  
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## Are we having fun yet???

By Lloyd Finley, Wa"L" CD.

If you are, I know you are joining in and doing the dinner and ice cream rides. If you're not, then maybe you need to join in and start going with us.

We had a very good turn out for guard duty for the fair parade. I think that everyone that attended had a good time and we were rewarded with free tickets to the fair.

I'm going to the Chapter "Z"s Chicken Run this weekend. By the time you get this newsletter, I'll be back home with another ride done and new places under my belt. A lot of Chapter "Z" members have come to support our "conventions", we need to go to other chapter rides and events to get them to come to our. It's a proven fact that it works.

Your staff and I are going to try to get a bus group to go to Chapter "T" Casino Night in January (2012). What do you think???. Maybe a lot of fun-Party bus? Let's think about getting signed up for this event!

About 16 of us went on an Ice cream run to Country Mercantile on 395 Tuesday evening. Had a lot of fun and got to visit and plan our next ride. Oops! There I go again! Come join us, have some fun and help plan the next ride!

**Our meeting in September, 10<sup>th</sup>, will be at Immigrant Springs and Camp out.** Should be a lot of fun. We have a good ride planned from there! Come join us!!!

Have a question about upcoming events?  
Call Phil or Joyce LoParco (509) 582-6994.

## Ten Attacks on your Comfort and Safety

By Tom Denny, Chapter WA-L Rider Educator

While perusing the Internet for motorcycle safety information I came across this article on the pages of the African motorcycle safety website.

Apparently motorcyclists face many of the same problems in Africa that we do here and some that may be unique to that continent but the message is the same, be careful. From the website, "Flames On My Tank",

(<http://www.flamesonmytank.co.za/articles%20archive.htm>). Here is a list of ten unexpected attacks on the comfort and safety of your next ride:

**Slow attack.** Beware the vehicle up ahead that is traveling very slowly. They are going that speed for a reason! They may be able to see something that you cannot. The driver could also be lost and be on the verge of doing something totally unpredictable, like turning across your path. Blasting past very slow vehicles is a significant cause of critical and fatal accidents for both bikers and drivers.

**Bug Attack.** No matter how careful one is, getting a bug in the eye or neck happens. The first reaction to panic is not a good choice! Forcing your eye to stay open while the bug does breaststrokes across your cornea is akin to holding a Gold Wing upright on an ice rink, but you have to do it while you look for a place to pull off (or the bug disappears behind your eye to reemerge later out your nose!). On longer tours taking an antihistamine cream or tablets along in your first aid box is a good idea for stinging insect attacks in the vulnerable neck area.

**Mechanic Attack.** Your mechanic is not always your best friend as your bike is more likely to break down directly after a service. If your bike does not have a petrol gauge and you use your odometer to keep track of your fuel you could be in for a surprise. After a service you should ignore your odometer and fill up regardless.

**Heat Attack.** We are being constantly bombarded with new and better protective clothing options most of which are designed for countries where 10C (50F) is a hot day! In Africa where 40C (104F) can happen, dehydration while riding is a very real problem, especially if you then stop for a few ice-cold beers (which dehydrate you even more). The latest generation of airflow biking gear could just be the best investment you could make this year! (*So could an insulated cup holder full of water. TD*)

**Rider Attack.** Unfortunately it is not always the drivers of vehicles that can cause your ride to come to an ugly end. Other riders can be an even greater threat either by forcing you to ride beyond your capabilities or causing an accident by their poor judgment. Remember it is your bike, your skin and your life. Choose your riding companions with care.

**Road Attack.** Riding is all about traction and when you don't have it you find yourself traveling down the road on your butt. Strange colors on the road surface are a big no-no. Keep your rubber on the good stuff. Predict possible poor surfaces by taking in the environment. Construction, trucks and chemical smells are an indication to slow down. The roads after a heavy rainstorm become covered with leaves, mud and loose sand in unexpected places.

**Taxi Attack.** It is no good condemning South African taxi drivers from the discomfort of your hospital bed. Give them a wide berth. Do not blast past them from nowhere. Do not assume that they can see you. Do not hope that they use their rear view mirror or turn indicators. Expect the worst. Many of these drivers are tired and irritable. Many are driving un-roadworthy vehicles. What is the point in watching for brake lights and turn indicators that do not work? Watch their front

wheels like a hawk. They begin to turn moments before the vehicle crosses your path! I do not think I have ever seen a taxi driver wearing spectacles. Think about it!

**Service Station Attack.** In the rural areas, service and gas stations are not the same as in the city e.g. air compressors and tires gauges may not work. The only gas station on a long stretch of country road could close at sundown or early on a Sunday evening. Top up early and never depend on one town for gas.

**Night Attack.** Do not ride in rural Africa at night. Besides animals and potholes, laborers use the roads when walking home at night. Over the weekends many of them are drunk and become a danger both to themselves and to motorists.

**Temperament Attack.** Riding requires 100% of your attention. This is especially true of city or fast country riding. It has been said that only a tightrope walker makes as many small body adjustments as an accomplished rider at speed. Being upset, angry or under the influence of drugs or alcohol is an accident waiting to happen. Riding to work and preparing for an important meeting in your head is a distraction you should avoid.



## An Un-Lucky Strike

by Phil LoParco

When you hit one of these hydraulic jacks laying in the middle of the road at 35 mph, it takes out both tires and scares the hell out of you! You call Gary Domas at 06:30 and cry for help. Full Throttle came to the tire rescue though.



## 45 Lessons Life Taught Me

Written by Regina Brett, 90 years old, of the Plain Dealer, Cleveland, Ohio .

"To celebrate growing older, I once wrote the 45 lessons life taught me. It is the most requested column I've ever written. My odometer rolled over to 90 in August, so here is the column once more:

1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
4. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and parents will. Stay in touch.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
8. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
9. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.
10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
11. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
12. It's OK to let your children see you cry.
13. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
14. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.
15. Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry; God never blinks.
16. Take a deep breath It calms the mind.
17. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
18. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
19. It's never too late to have a happy childhood. But the second one is up to you and no one else.
20. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.
21. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.
22. Over prepare, then go with the flow.
23. Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear

purple.

24. The most important sex organ is the brain.
25. No one is in charge of your happiness but you.
26. Frame every so-called disaster with these words 'In five years, will this matter?'
27. Always choose life.
28. Forgive everyone everything.
29. What other people think of you is none of your business.
30. Time heals almost everything. Give time time.
31. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
32. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
33. Believe in miracles.
34. God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.
35. Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.
36. Growing old beats the alternative -- dying young.
37. Your children get only one childhood.
38. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
39. Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.
40. If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.
41. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
42. The best is yet to come..
43. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
44. Yield.
45. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift."

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## The "After Meeting" Ride

By Tom Denny

Saturday the 13th there was a ride scheduled after the Chapter meeting. The sun was shining and it looked like it was going to be a gorgeous day. I was supposed to go to my cousin's wedding after the meeting but after some deliberation I decided

that I could miss the wedding and just go to the reception later in that afternoon, who could blame me? So I went along for the ride. I wasn't really dressed for it having worn a short sleeve shirt to the meeting (under my jacket) and I ended up borrowing a long sleeve shirt from Phil LoParco. (Thanks Phil, I got that shirt all stretched out for you now.) My apologies to anyone who may have seen me changing my shirt in the parking lot that morning but don't worry the image will eventually fade from your memory.

Okay, ready to go and I'm now told that I'm going to be leading the ride! How the heck did that happen? Okay, "So where are we going?", I ask. "Mardon Resort", I'm told. Right, let's see that's north, near Othello, um, okay, follow me.

That's how the ride started. The aforementioned Phil LoParco along with Joyce LoParco, Herb and Gaylene Powers, Lloyd Finley and "Michael" on a Suzuki trike followed me to Mardon Resort. We turned off of Road 100 and went down by the Columbia River then up Road 68, left to the Ringold area and then another left on Klamath road. There the signs warned of gravel but the signs have been there a long time and there wasn't any gravel found on the road. We made our way to Sagehill road and over Radar Hill into Othello where we made a comfort stop. From there it was back roads to Mardon Resort and I only missed one turn.

Lunch at the resort was actually pretty good while the company and conversation were great. Herb and Gaylene had other places to be so they took their leave of us after lunch. The rest of us headed over to Warden where we found the back road heading south out of town was closed and so we had to backtrack, eventually finding ourselves on the freeway for quick run home.

I made the wedding reception that afternoon and got to ride with my friends that morning. How great a day was that? If you didn't go with us, consider going next time. It was a lot of fun.



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Your Gold Book contains information that will help you ride like a seasoned member of the group, trailer your bike with safety, and know who to call in an emergency. Keep it handy!

## ACD CORNER

Wow, September has been an exciting month. It pretty much started off with us losing our email communications person, Mary Ann, which means, I guess our Ride Coordinator Tom J. also. Hopefully someone will step up and fill those positions. Volunteering for GWRRA can be very challenging and at the same time very rewarding. We all need to remember our logo "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge." Fun is the first word for a reason, it is meant to be fun, you can have safety and knowledge and it can still be "FUN". Joyce and I have been members for seventeen years and there have always been ups and downs. That is because we are all volunteers and we need to make what we do fun. If that means getting a lot of ideas from the membership that is even better because more people are involved. Somewhere in this news letter you should see pictures of plaques we have received in the past. They are for Largest Chapter in Attendance. I'm pretty sure if we all pull together we can achieve that status many more times.

It looks like things are going very good for the next "Spring Fling", with lots of very cool ideas.

Rally meetings will begin soon. Patricia is working very hard on the Rally.

Our after the meeting ride to the Pot Holes, via Mar Don, Warden, Othello and working our way home was a lot of fun. We did have to do a couple "Crazy Ivan's" due to missing a turn and some road construction, but, all in all a good day. I really, really hope to see more participation with future rides. If anyone has some ideas where they might like to ride, please let us know. In participation for this ride was Tom Denny (our ride leader), Lloyd Finley, Herb and Gaylene Powers and Phil and Joyce LoParco. Thanks to Tom Johnston for setting up the ride.

- Phil & Joyce LoParco



## Thank You Chapter "L"

By Mary Ann McKinley and Tom Jonhston

Thank you, for allowing us to be the Ride Coordinators for Chapter L. It was a great experience. The three things we heard repeatedly were:

- 1) Been there before
- 2) Too long of a ride
- 3) Too short of a ride

Some friends of Tom's just took a journey. Over a period of 31 days they traveled approximately 7500 miles and on Harley's to boot. When they returned home, she made a post on her Facebook that said, "It's not the destination, it's the journey."

Please keep this in mind when you finally select your next Ride Coordinator.

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## FOR SALE

**FOR SALE:** 97 ALFA SEE YA 30 FT 5TH WHEEL, rear kitchen, 2 slides, middle bathroom and queen bed. Asking 8,000. NADA: high 15,705 low 13,030. Contact Phillis Mitchell (past Ch-L) Nice !!

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**FOR SALE:** GL1200 Limited for sale. 56,000 miles needs to be finished. \$1500 or trade. Gene Myers 509-947-5993

### For Sale

Folding aluminum folding loading ramp. 1500 pound load capacity.

Robert Goodman  
cell 509 528-9672  
Thank you.



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### For Sale

2010 Lees-ure Lite "Excel" Pop up Motorcycle Tent Trailer.



Used three times, excellent condition, approximately 800 miles on original tires. Always garaged. Call to view.  
Robert Goodman  
cell [509 528-9672](tel:5095289672)

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sept. 01 - Christy Krul-Oldright  
 Sept. 06 - Gary & Christy Oldright  
 Sept. 07 - Cari Domas  
 Sept. 08 - Marvin Tulberg  
 Sept. 11 - Loren & Della Heideman  
 Sept. 24 - Matt Callanan & Cheri, are getting married

## Calendar of Events

### September

- 2, 3, 4 **Idaho Dist Convention**  
 Lewis and Clark Resort, Kamiah ID  
 M/C and RV Camping on site
- 2, 5 **Chapter WA-B - Ocean Campout**
- 10 **Chapter Y - Riddler Run**
- 11 **Ride for Kids**
- 7 **Staff and Rally Meeting (Staff is always open to all members.)** 6:30 at 4131 W. Hood, Kennewick WA 783-9789
- 10 **Meeting -**  
 Mark your Calendars, We are talking about camping out this weekend at Emmigrant Park Oregon (On top of Cabbage Hill) More news to come. We will be holding our meeting there or at local café somewhere... Contact and RSVP with Mike Turner ASAP [509-845-1069](tel:509-845-1069) evenings.
- 10 **Chapter WA-Y - Riddler Run**
- 16, 17, 18 **Chapter WA-P Oyster Feed, Long Beach WA.**
- 20 **Non-GWRRR Ride – Rock’n Roll Poker Ride for a Cure**
- 23-25 **Chapter OR-H – End of Season Camp Out**
- 25 **Non-GWRRR Oyster Run - Anacortes Dinner/Ice-cream ride**

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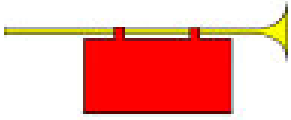
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