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Tri-Cities, Washington
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Another Month Gone...almost!

November has slid by so fast, even Thanksgiving will be gone by the time you get this newsletter.

It was a very busy month— dinner rides, ice cream runs, Veterans Parade in West Richland & visiting other Chapters at their gatherings!

We, as in my home front, also have been busy. Our granddaughter Sydni's birthday party was last weekend, when I got home....there were 19 kids there from her school. They all got a ride in a Limo! It was noisy all evening. One of the games they played was a contest involving a pie pan full of Reddi-Whip containing gummy worms. They then tried to eat the worms without using their hands. Very messy! Sound like a fun game?!



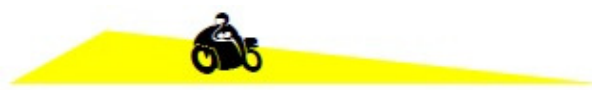
A little more on the serious side. We, as in your Chapter staff, are all volunteers. It's easy to become a volunteer- just raise your hand when asked to do some easy tasks! To learn more about being a volunteer, go online and read the GWRRA Officer's Handbook (OHB). You can find the OHB at www.gwrra.org.

To Lead Tomorrow, Learn Today, by Steve and Carolyn Cotton, Region H Trainers, contained one of President Theodore Roosevelt's famous quotes:

"It is not the critic that counts, nor the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who, at best, knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

Learn at every opportunity – we never stop learning. Thank you for everything you do for our association, whether it is as a member or officer. Remember that you are a LEADER and continue to refer to the GWRRA Officer's Handbook to find out more about what you can do!

Have a Safe ride.
Lloyd Finley, Ch. WA "L" CD



Peripheral Vision

By Tom Denny, WA-L Rider Educator

Peripheral vision is that part of vision that occurs outside the very center of our gaze. We often ignore it, in part because it provides less detail than our center of vision. This is because in humans, light receptor cells on the retina are greater in number at the center and fewer at the edges.

There are two types of receptor cells, rod cells and cone cells; rod cells are unable to distinguish color, seeing only black and white and are predominantly at the periphery while cone cells, which see color, are concentrated mainly to the central 3 degrees of the retina known as the fovea. In the fovea there are no rods at all.¹

"Flicker fusion threshold", the ability to detect motion, is higher for peripheral vision than foveal vision. Your peripheral vision is actually very good at detecting motion (a feature of rod cells).

Central vision is relatively weak at night or in low light when the lack of color cues and lighting makes cone cells far less useful. Rod cells, which are concentrated further away from the retina, operate better than cone cells in low light. This makes peripheral vision useful for seeing movement at night. In fact, pilots are taught to use peripheral vision to scan for aircraft at night and soldiers are taught to use their peripheral vision at night rather than their foveal vision. In very low light situations not looking directly at an object or area, but looking just off to either side of it, will actually enable you to see it more clearly.

If you have normal vision then each of your eyes has a horizontal field of vision that extends from the center of your field of view approximately 60 degrees towards your nose and approximately 100 degrees from the center away from your nose and approximately 60 degrees above and 75 degrees below the vertical center. Of course these figures are approximate and it varies a little from one person to the next. Also, things like goggles,

eyeglasses, hoods, hats and helmets can obstruct your peripheral vision and reduce your available field of view.

What does all this have to do with riding a motorcycle? We use our peripheral vision to detect objects that may move into our path of travel from the sides of the road like kids, dogs or deer. Vehicles entering onto the road from side streets or pulling out of driveways as well as vehicles traveling alongside us on multi-lane roads or highways can be seen in our peripheral vision even while we are looking far down the road. The more quickly you can gather information about these objects, i.e. their distance from you and their speed in relation to you, the better off you are. Your peripheral vision can help you do that.

Most of us don't use our peripheral vision to its fullest extent. It's there for us all the time; we just need to pay attention to it. Jugglers are a good example of people who use their peripheral vision to an advanced degree. While juggling they stare at a fixed point in space and rely on information from their peripheral vision to locate all the items they are catching and tossing. They don't look at the individual objects; they couldn't and still be able to juggle. As soon as they looked directly at one object they would lose sight of all the others. While some jugglers may have been blessed with better than average peripheral vision most have simply improved their peripheral vision through practice and so can you.² Even while reading this article you can see objects in your peripheral vision while still looking at this page. Try it. The more you practice the easier it becomes to practice using your peripheral vision while watching television, reading a book, walking along a path, a sidewalk or even in the mall.

Improved peripheral vision will allow you to be a safer rider. You'll take in more information about the world around you. Almost like a super power, you'll be able to see what is going on near you while apparently not looking. That will come in handy for keeping track of the grand kids and the benefits

¹ <http://www.webexhibits.org/colorart/ag.html>

² <http://www.helium.com/items/1430557-peripheral-vision>

don't end there. Visual field loss (specifically peripheral vision) is the primary vision component that increases the risk of falls in older persons.³ Regular practice using your peripheral vision may help abate this.

Here's to not looking directly at you, kid.



Ride Safe



A Ride to Remember: Part 1

By Tom Denny

In September, 2011 I rode from Kennewick, WA to New York, NY along with my friend and fellow fire fighter, Fred Ness, to take part in a motorcycle ride organized by the International Association of Fire Fighters Motorcycle Group (IAFF-MG) to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on New York, the Pentagon and the crash of Flight 93 in Pennsylvania. The ride would start in Newburg, NY and end at the Fallen Firefighter Memorial in New York City's Riverside Park.

Fred and I left Kennewick on September 1st planning to ride seven 400-mile days to get to New York and we pretty much stuck to that plan all the way. The weather was unseasonably cool, from Washington to Pennsylvania we rode through lows in the mid 40's and highs in the upper 50's and lower 60's. Though it was cool, thankfully it was dry, at least for the first six days. We saw no rain at all until we approached State College, PA. That afternoon we ran into a steady rain. As we checked into our hotel room we were hoping for the next day to be drier. Alas, that seventh day saw us riding through torrential rains from the remnants of the tropical storm Lee. Lee caused heavy rainfall that resulted in historic flooding in Pennsylvania, New York, and elsewhere. The day after we arrived in Newburg, NY many of the roads around that area, including the interstate highway, were closed for

most of a day due to flooding. I will spare you all of the adjectives describing the rain we rode through that day but it will suffice to say that it was at times of biblical proportions.

We made two stops that day for Fred to buy new boots. While riding through the rain the afternoon before Fred discovered that his boots weren't waterproof so that morning we went to Wal-Mart where he bought some "waterproof" boots. As it turned out those boots he purchased that morning were not so waterproof either. By the time we stopped for lunch his feet were soaked and his boots were literally full of water. They sloshed when he walked. Removing them he discovered that he was able to actually pour water out of them. There was another Wal-Mart nearby so he returned those boots and purchased a different pair. The second pair performed much better. Fred and I arrived in Newburg on Wednesday afternoon, the 7th of September 2011.

Meanwhile my son Tim and his fiancé Mindy rode his Honda VFR from Portland, OR to New York, also to attend the Memorial ride. They were on a much tighter schedule riding from Portland to Newburg in only four days, approximately 700 miles a day. On their third day they rode through heavy rain in Ohio and Iowa but on their fourth day, traveling only a few hours behind Fred and I, they missed the heavy rains that we had fought our way through and only had to put up with fog and heavy mist. However, the rain the day before had done its work and Tim's bike had lost all its lights except for the emergency four-way flashers. They rode the last 30 minutes in deepening twilight with only the 4-way flashers. Fortunately they made it safely. They arrived on Wednesday evening, just after dark.

Santana wasn't able to get a week off from work so she flew from Portland, OR to White Plains, where she rented a car then drove to Newburg. She arrived about an hour after Tim and Mindy, approximately 9:30 PM.

The next day Tim and I went to work on the electrical harness of his bike and managed to get all but the running lights working again. The rain had

³ Science Daily (Oct. 29, 2007)

apparently gotten into the running light circuit somewhere and after hours of looking for where, we gave up and decided to be happy with what we had.

Tim was also pulling a trailer behind his bike and the trailer hitch had broken through a weld. Since Thursday was used to repair his lights, Friday was used to find a shop to repair his trailer hitch. That turned into a story in itself but by early Friday afternoon the hitch was back in service.



On Saturday Tim and Mindy, Fred, Santana and I went into New York City to play tourists. We rode the subway and visited Battery Park where we got on a boat and went to Liberty Island to see the Statue of Liberty. From there we went to historic Ellis Island. Back in the city that evening we walked around the area of Ground Zero and visited New York's fire station 10-10. Fire station 10-10, home to Ladder #10 and Engine #10, lost every fire fighter on duty on 9-11-2001 and when the towers collapsed both the ladder truck and fire engine were destroyed as well. That evening we attended a Roller Derby game at Hunter Girls College before getting back on the train and going back to Newburg.



Sunday was the day of the big ride. Mindy rode with Tim and Santana rode with me and our two bikes managed to stay together during the ride. I didn't see Fred or anyone else I knew until we got to Riverside Park, the size of the group was enormous. The IAFF-MG expected approximately 2,000 riders to show up but the final tally was over 3,700. The

New York State Thruway was closed just for us and our formation stretched 22 miles from end to end. The ride from Newburg to NYC was a little over 60 miles.



At the Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial in Riverside Park a wreath was laid for the 343 fire fighters that perished in the twin towers collapse. At the end of the ceremony there was a moment of silence to remember those brave souls. That was why we rode

there, to honor them and to remember their service. It truly was a ride to remember. Somehow a single paragraph doesn't seem like enough to devote to those that have given all in the service of others. Let us never forget their sacrifice.



After the ceremony everyone was on their own. I got turned around in New York City three times trying to find my way out, and that was using my

GPS! Eventually we got out of the city and made it back to the hotel safely. The next morning Tim and Mindy rode back into New York City to spend a day before returning home. Santana accompanied them until she had to return to the airport. She flew out for home later that afternoon while Tim and Mindy planned on traveling through Canada on their ride home to Portland, OR. I left everyone in Newburg that morning and headed for Charleston, WV to try and meet up with group of five fire fighters from Arizona who had left early that morning on their way to the IAFF National Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial in Colorado Springs. But that is part two of this story.

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

Chapter M

November 19th a few of us went down to Oregon and Chapter H's meeting. Chip Hass was sworn in by Bob Minor as the new Oregon District Educator. Congratulations to Chip I know he will do a great job. The weather was wet and cold so we drove our cars. Coming up next month Chapter M in Yakima will be swearing in their new Chapter Directors. On December 3rd Diana and I will be going up to Toppenish and Legends Casino. I hope more



from our chapter will come up and support Chapter M.

Gary Domas
Just a Member



Ride to Banff, Alberta

By Tom Denny

We had a great time visiting with all our GWRRA friends at the Oregon District Rally in Joseph, OR but when the Rally was over on June 19, 2011 Marjorie Gardner (who many of you know), Santana and I headed north in search of adventure and drier weather. Our destination was Banff, Alberta. We had heard from many people that it was a beautiful place so we went to see for ourselves. One tip for you; if you go to Banff, don't stay there, stay in Canmore, AB instead. It is easily half the price of Banff and is only about 10 miles away.



From Canmore, AB it is an easy day ride to the Columbia Ice Fields or Highwood Pass or Calgary, and don't forget to look around in Banff. It is a tourist town to be sure but it's still interesting. The ride from Banff to the Columbia Ice field takes you past Lake Louise and Moraine Lake, both of which are worth the visit. The scenery is indescribable and wild life is plentiful. Marjorie said at one point she found herself riding along with her mouth open in astonishment. Mid to late June is considered the most scenic because the snow is still on the mountains but I'm sure it is a beautiful area all year long.

After four days in Canmore, AB we followed a circuitous route home that took us through Kelowna, BC Ferry, WA and Spokane. Here are a few pictures from our adventures in Canada.



FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 1990 Gold wing SE 163000 miles. 2nd owner we have records back to Reiner's Honda in Aberdeen and Crazy Larry has maintained it since I have had it. I have his receipts. Runs very well and it is used. Chrome wheels, etc. Lots of add-ons. But what it does come with is lots and lots of spare parts to keep it running for the next 20 years. All or nothing. Drive bike home bring truck for the parts. Pictures upon request. \$3499.00
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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!



That's where we went this spring, where are you going next year?

Calendar of Events

December

3rd Chapter WA-Q - Santa Parade (Puyallup)

7th Staff at Lloyd and Georgia's 4131 W. Hood, Kennewick 6:30

10th Regular Meeting – 8:00am Breakfast 9:00am Meeting, Pasco Red Lion Dining Room

10th Meet at Pasco Nazarene Church right after meeting to decorate and set tables

Directions: End of Court Street right after Faith Assembly drive way past Road 68, turn right. Joyce Hull and Diana Domas are catering the event.....

10th **Sat. Christmas Dinner 6:00** \$5.00 a person. Please try to pay at the next meeting in November....

Gift exchange? \$15 dollar limit. Girl for Girl, Boy for Boy, or Either Or. Please wrap and indicate gift.

Donations of money to give to "Harvest" to buy foods. They get \$10 for each dollar donated To purchase food.

10th Chapter WA-D - Festival of Lights

16-18th International Motorcycle Show in Seattle

25th Christmas

January

1st Ch B Brunch at Little Creek Casino

14th Ch X Swap Meet

28th Ch I Casion Night

February

11th Rider Ed Bremerton

24th-26th CPP Mall Show Three Rivers

Chapter L — The Looney Tunes
HOLD A REGULAR MEETING THE 2nd
SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH.

Red Lion Inn in Pasco. 2525 N, 20th Ave Pasco, WA. Breakfast is at 8:00 AM with an all you can eat, one-time through, or you can order from the menu. Meeting begins at 9:00 am.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Dec. 5	Michael Piper
Dec. 6	Lloyd & Georgia Finley
Dec. 7	Kelly Humble
Dec. 9	Fred & Beth Vickstrom
Dec. 10	Tim Denny
Dec. 18	Glenn Royer
Dec. 23	Mureen Edgar
Dec. 31	Mike Turner



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Merry Christmas

Find and circle all of the Christmas words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a secret message.

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BELLS	GABRIEL	MARY	SNOWMAN
BETHLEHEM	GIFTS	MISTLETOE	STABLE
CANDLES	GOLD	MYRRH	STAR
CANDY CANE	GREETING	ORNAMENTS	STOCKING
CAROLS	CARDS	POINSETTIA	THREE WISE
DECORATIONS	HOLLY	SANTA	MEN
EGGNOG	ICICLES	SHEPHERDS	TOBOGGAN
FAMILY	JESUS	SKATES	TOYS
FRANKINCENSE	JOSEPH	SLEIGH	TREE
FRIENDS	LIGHTS		WREATH



International Motorcycle Show

December 16th thru 18th

<http://www.motorcycleshows.com/seattle>



Where:

Washington State Convention Center
800 Convention Place
Seattle, WA 98101-2350

Attendee Parking:

Convention Center Garage: \$14.00 / Freeway Park Garage: \$10.00

4 Day Exhibitor Pass (WITH in/out privileges):

Convention Center Garage: \$50.00 / Freeway Park Garage: \$30.00

Motorcycles:

Free

On-Site Numbers:

Phone: [\(206\) 219-4501](tel:2062194501)

Fax: [\(206\) 219-4502](tel:2062194502)



Show Hours

Friday, December 16 4:00pm - 9:00pm

Saturday, December 17 9:30am - 8:00pm

Sunday, December 18 10:00am - 5:00pm

⁴ Progressive international Motorcycle Shows <http://www.motorcycleshows.com/seattle>



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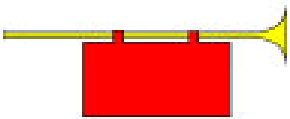
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Communication

Recently all the Districts completed their annual meetings. I happened to check a social media site the other evening and saw that recognition was given to some for their help and support. My immediate thought was “what if those people don’t use the social site - how will they know?” Of course they won’t know unless we use the more traditional ways of telling others about the good things people do and say. I recall when email was the new-fangled method of communication. Now some seventeen years later, it is common place and other mediums are popping up every day. My point is simple, if you use one, use the others also, to recognize and praise the members who step forward and help the other members.

This leads me to wanting all the District Directors to take a look at their chapters and membership and see who is due some special recognition. The Region Director’s Award for Excellence is waiting to be given to a special person. The only thing I need is a written recommendation. It brings the person more recognition for their efforts and contributions. Of course, I add in a registration for two to the Region rally. So take a look and see if you don’t have that person right there in front of you who deserves something special just for them. Do you have people serving in leadership positions that qualify for senior status? Again, we just need to make the recommendation. None of your staff work for free! They receive recognition from you and that is just what they deserve.

December is a busy month, and year-end financials are due by January 15th. An early start getting things in order always helps. Remember the 990N Post Card filing can be done just after January 1st.

- 2012 rally planning continues and more great things are being added
- The Region I buckle is selling well. Have you reminded the chapters to get their orders placed? Only about 20 of the serial numbered ones are left.
- Are you planning to attend Wing Ding this coming year? Region I has door prize responsibility and volunteers are needed to man this duty.
- 2012 planning. Have you shared with the other District Directors your thoughts and training needs? I suggest a monthly email to stay in touch with your peers.
- Wing World officer listing. Please check monthly to make sure your Chapter Directors are listed correctly.

2011 has been a great year for Peggy and me. We have learned a great deal while settling in as your Region Directors. As we enjoy Thanksgiving with our real family, you will not be far from our thoughts. We enjoy your friendship and support and hope you had a great Thanksgiving. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New year.

Mike and Peggy Hudnell
Region I Directors⁵

⁵ Hudnell, Mike “Communication” [Big Sky Region I](#) 01 Dec 2011 :1.