



Newsletter for Motorcycle Enthusiasts  
**Auburn Valley Wings**

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Staff Chitchat



Co-Director Dennis Ensey

Good news, Green Freeze is now behind us and no one drowned. Yes we made it without liquid sunshine.

A good time was had by all and the food was plentiful. The prizes were plentiful and scooped up quickly. I was personally surprised by winning big, since I hadn't won anything for the last 2 years.

I really do want to thank everyone for their help at Green Freeze. Many hands make for easier work and more fun. Bless you one and all.

As our chapter banner says " Green Freeze Ends Summer Begins". Now we can plan for the State Rally. We'll be asking for volunteers and ideas. Remember that now our fun can begin.

We also have the Prosser campout then our Chapter campout at the real beginning of summer, with some awesome rides.

Dennis Ensey

Staff Chitchat



Co-Director - Vonda Brest

*DON'T BE OBLIVIOUS*

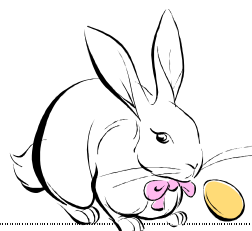
Ever poured a cup of coffee in the dark and your cup overflowed. Well that is what belonging to a chapter of GWTA is like. You look at the group your with and realize how many talented people you are surrounded by.

Do you really know what they do for a living, how many children they have, what are their hobbies are, how many grandchildren or granddogs? Each person in each of your chapters has a talent of some kind. Tap into that talent and use it. I guess its ok to remain a small chapter, easier to handle, easier to know people, maybe harder to find someone to ride with.

As I looked over the audience at Green Freeze and realized how many people were there helping put on an event like this my heart was huge. Please give yourselves a big pat on the back, you deserve it.

So, don't be oblivious to who is around you, what they do. Chapter V rocks!!!!

Vonda Brest



**Staff Chitchat**



**Asst Dir Glen & Edee Disbrow**

*Taking a break this month*

Glen & Edee Disbrow

**Staff Chitchat**



**Newsletter - Bill & Eva Bytheway**

Eva and I have decided that with our travel plans and schedule for this summer, we will not be able to spend time to produce a quality newsletter.

With this in mind, we have decided to pass on this task to a new editor / publisher starting in June. The month of May will be our last newsletter.

Newsletter articles should be submitted in Microsoft WORD or plain text email with attached JPG pictures. Cutoff date for submission is the 21st of each month for the upcoming month.

Bill & Eva Bytheway

**Staff Chitchat**



**Rider Education - Troy Linnell**

Hi everyone,  
I really enjoyed the three Green Freeze events. A big thanks to all of you that put the rides and the banquet together.

I am sad to hear that Nic will not be joining us for the Experienced Rider Course April 9th. but I am more excited that Nic is out of the hospital at home and getting better. It was also great to see Bill Bytheway at the last green Freeze banquet. I was glad to see him up and around after major back surgery. Bill said that he hopes to be riding again by late summer. I also want to thank The Stocks for stepping up to fill Nic's spot so we could keep the ERC class together.

Have a great spring  
Troy Linnell



**Motorcycle safety is nothing to fool around with,**

**Happy April Fools Day**

**Upcoming Events**

Date	Event
3-Apr	Chapter V Meeting
9-Apr	Northwest Motorcycle Safety an ERC or Experienced Motor Cycle Safety Course
17-Apr	Chapter I -- Rally at the Alley
1-May	Lime Run 2011
1 May	<b>NO CHAPTER MEETING</b>
7-May	Chapter N North Cascades GPS Challenge
14-May	Chapter G -- Motorcycle Awareness Days, Spokane
21-May	Chapter C -- Blue Crew Fun Run
22-May	Orting Soldiers Home Cemetery Clean Up and BBQ
27-May	Eastern WA Campout -- Prosser (3 days)
4-Jun	Chapter B -- Silly Stilly Valley Ride
5-Jun	Chapter V Meeting
17-Jun	Chapter V Campout - Manchester State Park
17-Jun	Chapter A Family Campout
30-Jun	Washington State Gathering, Port Townsend
2-Jul	<b>NO CHAPTER MEETING</b>
9-Jul	Seattle to Portland Bicycle Classic (STP) (2 days)
15-Jul	Mt. Baker Campout
23-Jul	One Fun State Ride

**In the News**

Chapter M will be collecting items for two different events all year long. We will be collecting school supplies for distribution in August of this year and we are also collecting food items for the food bank for delivery in the Spring of 2012.

If anyone is planning to attend our general meeting and they bring any of the above items, they will be given a raffle ticket for each item brought. We will have a drawing at the end of the event – prize yet to be determined – possibly cash.

ALSO, mark your calendars for September 24th – Chapter M will be putting on an event. The idea is still in its infancy stage so can't report what it is yet – but it will be fun and different!

See you all out and about

Sue Miller  
Sky Valley Wings



## Rider Education -- Motorcycle Clothing

**Motorcycle Clothing** -- Last month we talked about helmets. This month I would like to continue the motorcycle personal protection series and talk about clothing.

To improve [motorcycle safety](#) many countries mandate the wearing of **personal protective equipment** such as [protective clothing](#) and [helmets](#). Protective gear may include certain types of [jackets](#), [gloves](#), [boots](#), and [pants](#). Jackets meant for motorcyclists are typically made of nylon, leather, or [Kevlar](#). These jackets typically include heavy padding on the elbow, spine, and shoulder regions. Gloves are generally made of [leather](#) or Kevlar and some include [carbon fiber](#) knuckle protection. Boots, especially those for sport riding, include reinforcement and [plastic](#) caps on the ankle and toe areas. A well-protected motorcyclist will wear boots with heels that fit on motorcycle foot rests (pegs) and provide good ankle support. Pants are usually leather, [nylon](#), or Kevlar. Except for helmets, none of these items are required by law in any state in the USA but are recommended by many of those who ride.

**Leathers**

A rider and passenger wearing racing leathers

Leathers are 1-piece suits, or 2-piece jackets and trousers worn by motorcyclists mainly for protection in a crash. The leather used is not fashion leather but protective leather which is stronger, moderately flexible and much

tougher. Both leathers and joins (seams and zips) should be officially tested for ergonomics and impact abrasion, cut, tear and burst resistance. They do not have to be too heavy and there is no such thing as competition leather - just safe and unsafe leather and joins. The most common leather used for motorcycle wear is from cattle such as beef cattle. An inexpensive 1.1–1.2 mm South American beef leather is both attractive and flexible and was considered entirely adequate in the 1990s for good road and racing suits.

[Kangaroo](#) leather is becoming popular for its suppleness, light weight and strength compared with cowhide. <sup>[citation needed]</sup> The one-piece racing leather suit, usually referred to as 'racing leathers' was first used by world champion motorcycle racer [Geoff Duke](#).<sup>[1]</sup> His suits, like the majority of those used in the 1950s, were made from horse hide.

Originally, motorcycle leathers were adapted from tank corps gear immediately following World War I. [Duster coats](#), which tended to catch in the wheels, were switched for short coats. Wide-pegged [breeches](#) were worn by some motorcycle police and by dispatch riders in [World War II](#), but were largely abandoned in the post-war years because of their association with certain [Nazi](#) uniforms.



Shoulder panel of motorcycling racing suit after a ca. 150 km/h (94 mph) crash. The rider escaped unharmed.

Currently there are two major styles of motorcycle leathers: the tight fitting and sometimes colorful one or two piece suits based on motorcycle racing leathers; and the somewhat looser fitting leather trousers and jackets, usually black and often decorated with metal studs and tassels. The latter style, the jackets in particular, are also worn by people who are fond of the style but do not ride motorcycles. The classic American [Perfecto motorcycle jacket](#) with [epaulets](#) and diagonal zipper, made famous by [Marlon Brando](#) in [The Wild One](#), (1954) was invented in 1928 by Irving Schott, of [Schott NYC](#) in [New York City](#). Leather [chaps](#), adapted from cowboy gear, were used by American bikers starting in the early 1960s.

Many modern leathers have [armour](#) on the inside at major impact regions such as shoulders, elbows, hips, knees and back. The energy absorbers and load spreaders range from high density foam to foam backed hard polymers and carbon fiber. It is designed to spread the impact load and shear strains to prevent and reduce harm levels of injury and disablement. In [Europe](#), by law, it has to have a [CE mark](#). However, the present European performance level is considered by some to be very low. They argue that a much higher standard is required, because there are many superior materials and combinations available. There are also motorcycle jackets that use an airbag system, which deploys in the event of an accident, inflating to protect the riders neck, torso, and lower back (see also [Airbag#On motorcycles](#)).

Typically, an accident at a race track will result in the racers sliding, rolling and tumbling for comparatively long distances and long times compared to an accident on the public road. This is because of the large safety run-off areas found on most race tracks; hence racers have a much lower probability of hitting hard vertical solid objects during a crash. Some racing leathers have additional protection properties to increase sliding and decrease bouncing and rotation. Racers mostly hit horizontal surfaces experiencing large

high speed shear strains which may cause ligament tears. To decrease or prevent such injuries, most modern racing suits have an area that helps sliding at the knees, shoulders and elbows – often made of titanium or high-density plastic, so the rider slides more along the track environment and so decreases the bouncing and rotation through the air, which may cause worse injuries from angular accelerations and rotational forces

**Textiles**



Armored textile jackets: Cordura left and fully ventilated right

An alternative to leather is protective equipment constructed of man-made textiles. These can offer improved weather protection from heat, cold, and water, and the increased utility these garments tend to provide in terms of pockets and vents. Common materials include high density (600–1000 [Denier](#)) [ballistic nylon](#) (e.g., [Cordura](#)) and [Kevlar](#), or blends of Kevlar, Cordura, and Lycra; and often include waterproof liners made from materials such as [Gore-Tex](#). Additional protection may be provided by armour (CE approved is desirable) and airbag systems.

Not all textile clothing is made from synthetic materials. Heavy weight [waxed cotton](#) was used for many years before the development of modern materials, typified by the jackets made by companies such as [Belstaff](#).

**Proper fit**

Whatever materials one chooses for one's motorcycle gear, it is important to get the correct fit when purchasing it. Incorrectly fitted garments may result in

excessive injury if armour shifts out of position during a riding mishap. Flapping due to loose-fit also creates unnecessary wear and tear, [wind drag](#), noise, and can distract the rider. In the event of a fall, loose garments may grab the road surface, resulting in a tumble rather than a slide. Two piece suits often come with zips to join the jacket and trousers/jeans together, thus improving safety in the event of

**References**

- Sports Champions
- Susan Wells
- Wikipedia

Troy Linnell  
Chapter V Motor Cycle Safety Director

**Events and Activities**

Miss the events fliers?? Go to the GWTA state web site and get the latest chapter information and fliers.

**Letter from Cascade Blood**



**GWTA**  
March 19, 2011

March 21, 2011

GWTA  
Attn: Lisa Alberts  
2111 54<sup>th</sup> Ave E  
Fife, WA 98424

Dear Lisa:

Thank you for serving as coordinator for your recent blood drive on Saturday, March 19. During this drive, there were 20 participants and 6 people donated for the first time. Your efforts and the contributions of your donors are greatly appreciated.

For over 60 years, Cascade Regional Blood Services has been the exclusive provider of blood products and services to patients at hospitals in South King and Pierce County. Your donations directly support MultiCare Health System and Franciscan Health System hospitals and clinics.

Blood drives furnish over 50% of our community's supply. CRBS relies on community sponsored blood drives, like yours, to help us fulfill our mission to provide the blood products needed. Thank you again for the support you and your donors provide. Blood donors truly do save lives.

Sincerely,

Dan Schmitt  
Director of Donor Resources

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- RONALD I SILVERMAN
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- MARY L SPAID
- MICHAEL P STEVENSON

Green Freeze Ride 3

Green Freeze III and the banquet culminates the three monthly rides put on by Chapter V members to benefit Ride for Kids (Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation).

While we may enjoy the great rides, the camaraderie, the food and of course the prizes, the real winners are the kids. A big THANK-YOU to all and we hope to see all of you and your friends next year! Please pass the word along to everyone in hopes that next year will be even greater!!!



**Chapter Meeting**

Visitors are always welcome at our GWTA Chapter V meetings. Our members come from all walks of life and have a common interest in our love for motorcycling and friendship. We are a family-oriented national motorcycle association and our motto is:

**“Destination Friendship”**

Our meeting is held the first Sunday of each month. Breakfast is at 8:00 a.m. and the meeting starts at 9:00 AM.

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**Did Ya Know?**

1. Vonda is mean when it comes to teapots!!!
2. It was a hot auction.
3. Craig wants to gold plate it!
4. Gerry James took the Ch D auction 50/50.
5. Terry got helmeted.
6. Jennifer S is going to Lime run, are you?
7. Ch V can't afford good wine!
8. Dan B got re-tired again.
9. We have a traveling Ch V basket, where will it show up next?
10. Vonda likes em hard and stale!
11. July of 2011 has 5 Fri, 5 Sat and 5 Sun it only happens once in 823 years!
12. The University of Alaska is in 4 time zones.
13. There are 25 million bubbles in a bottle of champagne!!!

**Motorcycle Wisdom**

1. A friend is someone who'll get out of bed at 2 a.m. to drive his pickup to the middle of nowhere to get you when you're broken down.
2. Catching a yellow jacket in your shirt at 70 mph can double your vocabulary.
3. If you want to get somewhere before sundown, you can't stop at every tavern.
4. Be careful. Don't argue with an 18-wheeler, a bus, or even a car.
5. Never be ashamed to unlearn an old habit.
6. A long ride can clear your mind, restore your faith and use up a lot of fuel.
7. If you can't get it going with bungee cords, wire and electrician's tape, it's serious.
8. If you ride like there's no tomorrow, there won't be.
9. Bikes parked out front mean good chicken-fried steak inside.
10. There are old riders. And there bold riders. There are NO old, bold riders.
11. Always replace the cheapest parts first.
12. You can forget what you do for a living when your knees are in the breeze.
13. Patience is the ability to keep your motor idling.
14. Only a biker knows why a dog sticks his head out the car window.
15. There are two types of people in this world; people who ride motorcycles and people who wish they could ride motorcycles.
16. Never try to race an old Geezer, he may have one more gear than you.
17. Gray-haired riders don't get that way from pure luck.



**Anniversaries**

Husband & Wife	Years	Day
Mike & Becky Wilcox	34	2-Apr
Nic & Phyllis Nicholas	30	4-Apr
Marty & Anita Murphy	29	16-Apr
Jim & Jim Brown	23	23-Apr
Bob & Sharon Cool	22	23-Apr

**Birthdays**

Name	Birthday
Bob Williams	1-Apr
Phoebe Ensey	3-Apr
Ron Gehring	4-Apr
Rick Thiederman	4-Apr
Anita Murphy	6-Apr
Janis Kronlund	14-Apr
Vince Ash	15-Apr
Edee Disbrow	18-Apr
Nick Konkler	4/24 & 10/10
Erin Bryan	25-Apr
Mona Hall	27-Apr

**New Members**



Our newest members Steve and Angela Furguson. From what we hear they do like to ride, getting up at 2:30am to do some Dam ride! They live in Tacoma. Give them a call at 253 383 0931 or an e-mail at <mailto:windboundwheels@gmail.com>. Welcome to Ch V!

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