

# Warrior Angel Riders

## Newsletter



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# Words From Lilyann

Hello Ladies...

Welcome to our first newsletter issue! Warrior Angel Riders (W.A.R.) is moving towards new exciting roads, roads we have not yet traveled, and YOU are the biggest piece to our journey. Let me back up and introduce myself.

My name is Lilyann Lear, Lily for short, otherwise known as Pixel. I have been riding since 2015 so still a new rider in comparison to so many of you. When I went for my endorsement, I had only been on the back of a bike maybe a couple times in my life-time. I do not have many things tucked inside my bucket but learning to ride was definitely on the list. Thankfully, I took the pre-riding class, the class before you get your endorsement. I highly encourage anyone who has never been on a bike to do the same. The skills learned in this class are phenomenal, plus everyone is in the same place as you...there to learn. Endorsement in hand, my dear sweet brother was my mentor. If not for him, I am not sure I would have done it. Because of this, mentoring is high on my agenda.

Warrior Angel Riders was formed August 17, 2017. In comparison, we are a baby in the world of motorcycle groups. We started with a small group of ten ladies and from these ladies emerged what we called our "Core Group". We consisted of six Lady Riders who discussed upcoming events, rides, etc.

One afternoon, sitting around a table, we pondered who we are; what is our mission; how do we want others to see us and what name can describe us. At the end of the day we emerged and said we are "Warrior Angel Riders". (Please see our "history" to read how we define ourselves.)

Since August 2017, our small group of ten has consistently been growing and I do not see us slowing down. Back in 2017 if you had asked me, "do I see W.A.R. having a website", which we do, my answer would have been "no". If I was asked, "do I see W.A.R. having a logo", my answer would have been "no", but we do and that's another story for another day, but WE love our logo. Now, if you would have asked me, "do I see us having a newsletter, a business license, preparing to obtain a 501 C.3, writing up bylaws, structuring our small group of ten into a W.A.R. Board, W.A.R. Officers and currently a membership over 100", my answer would have been "HELL NO". Obviously, I underestimated the empowerment, strength and beauty of W.A.R.

Women, such as yourself, make W.A.R. explosive. I am honored and privileged to be surrounded by an incredible group of ladies. A group of ladies who have survived life struggles; supportive with family, friends and strangers; a group of ladies who want to continue enjoying life to its fullest, never giving up no matter what life throws at you, at any age.

I look forward to being a small integral part as Warrior Angel Riders continues to grow.

Thank you for sharing yourself with W.A.R., sharing your shining light with us and allowing me into your life.

Don't let the fear of what could happen make nothing happen. – unknown author

Respectfully,  
Lilyann "Pixel" Lear



# **WAR Current Events**

**27 Feb- 6-8pm Renton, WA- Jet City Harley Davidson, Wrench Like a Girl  
8 Mar- 10-1200 pm Fife, WA- WAR Meet & Greet Poodle Dog Restaurant**

## **Warrior Rides**

**(multiple rides place holder)**

# Other Washington Events

- 27 Feb- 6-8pm Renton, WA- Jet City Harley Davidson, Wrench Like a Girl**
- 22 Feb- 12-3pm Lynnwood, WA- Super Chili Bowl, Emerald City Harley Davidson**
- 22 Feb- Puyallup, WA- Mickey Fay Motorcycle and Quad Flattrack**
- 29 Feb- Pasco, WA- Biker Ball 2020**
- 7 Mar- 6-9pm Bellevue, WA- Eastside's Annual Custom Bike Show**
- 13 Mar- Spokane Valley, WA- Island Northwest Motorcycle Show**
- 13 Mar- Spokane Valley, WA- 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Spokane Motorcycle Show**
- 14 Mar- Sunny Slope, WA- St. Paddy's Ride to Winthrop**
- 21 Mar- 830-3pm Olympia, WA- Annual End of Winter 2020 Nisqually Bar and Grill**
- 22 Mar- 9-12pm Monroe, WA- 2020 ABATE of Washington Spring Swap Meet**
- 28 Mar- 530pm Seattle, WA- Monster Energy Supercross**

# Future National Events

8 Mar- 10-1200 pm Fife, WA- WAR Meet & Greet Poodle Dog  
6-15 Mar- Daytona, FL- Daytona Bike Week  
13-15 Mar- Milwaukee, WI- Mama Tried Motorcycle Show  
14-15 Mar- Rapid City, SD- Black Hills Motorcycle Show  
19-21 Mar- Depew, OK- Route 66 Spring Fling Rally  
27 Mar-5 Apr- Cave Creek, AZ- Cave Creek Bike Week

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1-5 Apr- Scottsdale, AZ- Arizona Bike Week 2020  
4 Apr- 900am JBLM, WA- WAR Spring Refresher Class  
5 Apr- 10-1200pm Fife, WA- WAR Meet & Greet Poodle Dog  
4-5 Apr- Woodstock Fairgrounds, VA- Shenadoah Valley Expo  
18 Apr- TBD- WAR Road Captain/Lead/Sweep Training  
18-26 Apr- Harbinger, NC- 18<sup>th</sup> Outer Banks Bike Week  
23-26 Apr- Golden Valley, AZ- West Coast Rendezvous  
25 Apr- TBD- WAR Drive the Route Pre-Ride  
25 Apr- Lynden, WA- Northwest Motorcycle Classic  
23-25 Apr- Laughlin, NV- Laughlin River Run 2020

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29 Apr-3 May- Panama City Beach, FL- Spring Thunder Beach Rally  
30 Apr-3 May- Depew, OK- Route 66 Biker Rally (adult rally only)  
1-2 May- Fort Smith, AR- Steel Horse Rally 2020  
2 May- 0800am Renton, WA- WAR Ladies Of Washington Ride Day  
Jet City Harley Davidson  
3 May- 10-1200pm Fife, WA- WAR Meet & Greet Poodle Dog  
8-15 May- Murrells Inlet, SC- Myrtle Beach Bike Week Spring Rally  
21-25 May- Red River, NM- 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Red River Memorial Day  
Rally  
22-31 May- Sandusky, OH- Ohio Bike Week 2020

# Featured Member/Rider

## Hollie "Thumper"

Holly started riding in March of 2018. Her first bike was a Can-Am Spider F3S and is her current ride. Stella, Hollie's Spider, has 15,000 miles and been lovingly taken care of. Holly got a divorce and pursued her passion of getting her endorsement and chasing her dreams of feeling the wind in her hair. Her parents have been long time riders and she grew up around motorcycles all of her life. Holly has even been bungee corded to the bike to ensure she didn't fall off while riding with her dad. She has been a member and rider with WAR since March 2018.



# Last Months Ride/Event

## LAST MONTHS RIDE/EVENT

### Meet at the Beach, Pacific Beach -January

WAR put on a great women's beach get away at Pacific Beach last month. Twelve ladies joined up at the two beach houses for walks on the beach, fun, games, music, and camaraderie. Food, cooking, and drink making were among just a couple of arts to partake in. A few of the ladies also put together a puzzle.





# Warrior Angel Riders



## How To Join

If you have any questions about Ladies of WAR or want to know when we have our meetings and events, please feel free to call Lilyann @ 253-325-2405 or email at [warriorangelriders@gmail.com](mailto:warriorangelriders@gmail.com).

### History:

In 2017, we were on a group ride with some experienced riders; the ride started at a respectful pace until we hit the backroads. The guys love the twisty roads and took off! Understandably. And yes, there are gals who enjoy the spirited ride too. However, several gals were not at the same riding level and felt uncomfortable being pushed to ride faster than their guardian angel can fly.

Later several of us ladies got together for lunch, talked about the ride and asked ourselves, "what can we do to make sure we are riding within our group's level, leaving no rider behind". We discussed offering to be a mentor, helping to develop our riding skills, offering tips from our own riding experiences.

*"Warrior Angel Riders (WAR)" was born!*

### Director

**Lilyann Lear**

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WAR is a group of dedicated and talented women who love to get together, have fun, and ride. We are a very diverse group of women coming from different backgrounds who pull together to make our events successful and fun. This is where lasting friendships and memories are made.

## HOME BASE

**Tacoma**

## WAR Meetings

Meetings held monthly.

Socialization begins at 09:30 a.m. followed by the meeting at 10:00 a.m. You can simply attend the meeting or choose to eat and enjoy a beverage. The members of WAR run their own meetings and sponsor activities that ladies can participate in. Many husbands and significant others are even known to gather for dinner to socialize during the meetings.

### 2020 WAR Meeting Schedule

**February 9**

**March 8**

**April 5**

**May 9**

**June 6**

**June 28**



# Warrior Angel Riders

## **WAR Meaning**

**Warrior** – is a woman whose strength has endured. Several of our gals are breast cancer survivors. Sadly, a few had to lay to rest their child, a spouse or a loved one. Something no one should ever have to experience alone. As women, we ALL fight our battles, support each other, struggle to survive and find the courage to live.

**Angel** – is a woman who looks after family, friends, co-workers, strangers. She is a loving and caring person who will make your day brighter just being there. She shows compassion; protecting and guiding, who is selfless.

**Riders** – as women riders, there is nothing more empowering than climbing onto your own bike and taking to the open road.

Our color choice to represent us: Purple and White.

**Purple** is associated with royalty. It symbolizes power, nobility, luxury, and ambition. It conveys wealth and extravagance. Purple is associated with wisdom, dignity, independence, creativity, mystery, and magic.

**White**, an inherently positive color, is associated with purity, virginity, innocence, light, goodness, safety, brilliance, illumination, understanding, cleanliness, faith, beginnings, sterility, spirituality, possibility, humility, sincerity, protection, softness, and perfection.

We believe in pursuing to be the BEST as women, through every aspect of life.

**Beauty**

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# Service Tech Tips

## **De-Winterization**

Some of the basic items to look at are the fuel, electrical system and tires.

### **Fuel**

If you kept a full tank of fuel over the winter and added Stabil fuel preservative, you are one step ahead of the game. If your bike has a carburetor and you didn't drain the fuel (float) bowls, you can do this now. For some Harleys you will need a long standard screwdriver to get from one side of the motor to the other to drain the float bowl. You can also do this on a periodic basis to check for water or debris in the carburetor, which is like a window into your fuel tank.

### **Electrical System**

If your battery has been removed, it is time to put it back into your motorcycle. One quick tip is to spray the battery nuts and bolts with WD40 or equivalent so they will not corrode and cause a bad ground.

### **Tires**

Tires have been covered in several articles and need pressure adjustments. Just because they look fine does not mean they are. All pressure adjustments are different for each motorcycle, and they will either be stamped into the V.I.N. number tag or you can find them in your owner's manual. Running the tires at max load will not wear out the tires any faster, but will, I think, give a better ride even if you are riding commando.

### **Visual items that should be checked are as follows:**

- Turn signals
- Headlight (high & low beam)
- Brake and taillights
- Windshield for excessive scratching and cracks
- Oil or gas leakage including the fork seals
- Brake fluid level in master cylinder windows

These are all items that can be checked very quickly and determined to either pass or fail in a state inspection. Rear brake lights usually have an adjustable switch to turn on the brake light when force is applied to the rear brake arm. We all know this is a very important light that can save our lives. And speaking of lights, don't forget to check your headlight and turn signals. Anything leaking such as oil or gas must be addressed immediately because these can be a great safety hazard. Also make sure to check your windshield, and if it is spider cracked, replace it. This is your only clear path of vision, and you want to have an unobstructed view.

Starting your bike and letting it run for several minutes will give you an idea of how everything is operating and should give you a starting point to get any last-minute repairs made that did not get on your New Year's agenda.

# Motorcycle Humor!!

## WOTOLCAGIE HAWOLII



"What the hell do you think you're doing?" I yelled at my wife.

"You've reversed the car over my motorbike!"

"It's your own fault," she said. "You're the one that left it in the shed."



# Riding Tips

## A word or two about Safety from your Safety Officer... NAME & EMAIL

### QUICK TIPS: MSF's Guide to Group Riding

Motorcycling is primarily a solo activity, but for many, riding as a group – whether with friends on a Sunday morning ride or with an organized motorcycle rally – is the epitome of the motorcycling experience. Here are some tips to help ensure a fun and safe group ride:

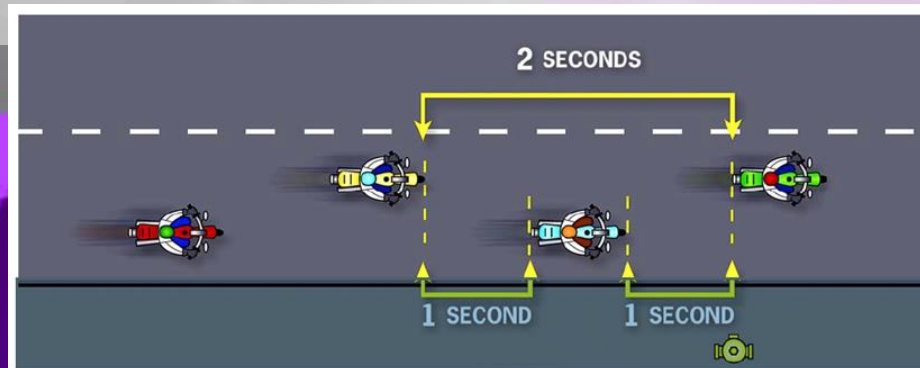
**Arrive prepared.** Arrive on time with a full gas tank.

**Hold a riders' meeting.** Discuss things like the route, rest and fuel stops, and hand signals (see diagrams on page 3). Assign a lead and sweep (tail) rider. Both should be experienced riders who are well-versed in group riding procedures. The leader should be aware of each rider's skill level before the ride and monitor the riders during the ride.

**Keep the group to a manageable size,** ideally five to seven riders. If necessary, break the group into smaller sub-groups, separated by a few seconds, each with a lead and sweep rider.

**Ride prepared.** At least one rider in each group should have a first-aid kit and full tool kit, and all riders should carry a cell phone, so the group is prepared for any problem that they might encounter.

**Ride in formation.** The staggered riding formation (see diagram below) allows a proper space cushion between motorcycles so that each rider has enough time and space to maneuver and to react to hazards. The leader rides in the left third of the lane, while the next rider stays at least one second behind in the right third of the lane; the rest of the group follows the same pattern. A single-file formation with a minimum 2-second following distance is preferred on a curvy road, under conditions of poor visibility or poor road surfaces, entering/leaving highways, or other situations where an increased space cushion or maneuvering room is needed.





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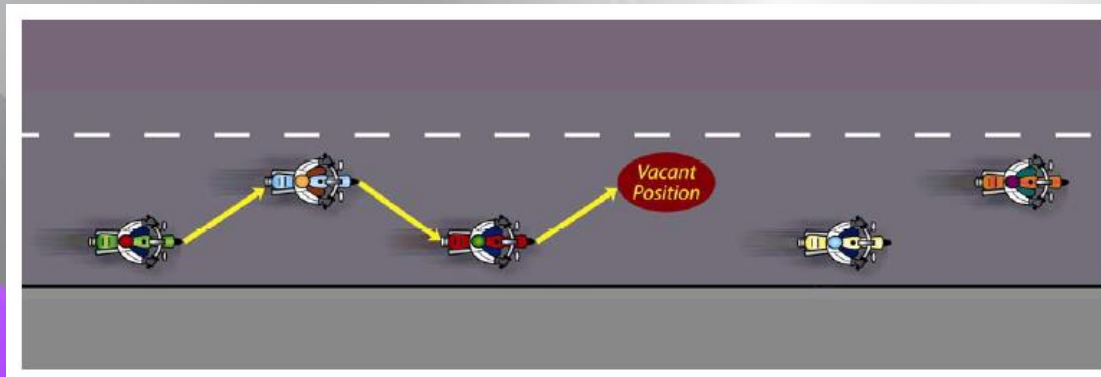
**Avoid side-by-side formations**, as they reduce the space cushion. If you suddenly needed to swerve to avoid a hazard, you would not have room to do so. You don't want handlebars to get entangled.

**Periodically check the riders following using your rear view mirrors.** If you see a rider falling behind, slow down so they may catch up. If all the riders in the group use this procedure, the group should be able to maintain a fairly steady speed without pressure to ride too fast to catch up.

**If you're separated from the group**, don't panic. Your group should have a pre-planned procedure in place to regroup. Don't break the law or ride beyond your skills to catch up.

**For mechanical or medical problems**, use a cell phone to call for assistance as the situation warrants.

**If a rider leaves** during the ride, the rest of the group should re-form the staggered formation by criss-crossing into the next vacant position. Although it would seem more efficient for the column directly behind the missing rider to move up, we do not recommend it because passing another rider within a lane can be risky.

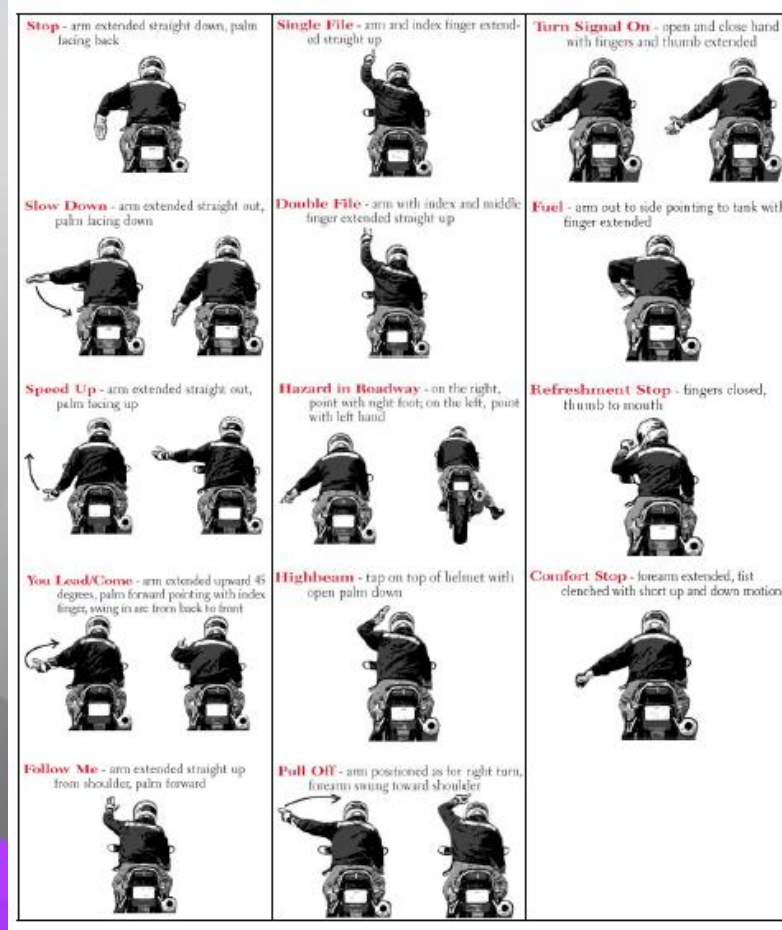




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### MSF's Guide to Group Riding: Hand Signals



Enjoy and be safe

VACANT, Safety Officer

# Helpful Links



Warrior Angel Riders- [www.warriorangelriders.org](http://www.warriorangelriders.org)

Jet City Harley Davidson- [www.jetcityharley.com](http://www.jetcityharley.com)

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