

Warrior Angel Riders

Newsletter



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Words From Lilyann

Hello Ladies!

"March Madness...and that is putting it mildly. Costco is sold out of toilet paper, paper towels, hand sanitizer wipes. USA Today price gouging...Purell two-pack \$149.00, Clorox Wipes \$44.25 plus \$14.59 shipping. Tennessee man stockpiled 17,700 bottles of hand sanitizer. March 13, Gov. Inslee shut down all schools, K-12. March 16, Gov. Inslee orders a temporary statewide shutdown to all restaurants, bars, entertainment, and recreational facilities. I understand the seriousness and the intent to keep us at a safe distance; so as not to come into contact and/or spread germs. After all, I care for my 95 young mother and doing everything possible to keep her safe.

April was going to be a busy month for us. Unfortunately, all events planned for April have been "postponed", not canceled. As soon as it is deemed safe we will schedule the Spring Refresher Class. The International Female Ride Day (IFRD) organization has postponed their event until Saturday, August 22, 2020. Based on this news our 1st Annual Ladies of Washington Ride Day will be postponed until August 22, 2020. In addition, the Road Captain class will be rescheduled.

Something new for Warrior Angel Riders. With everyone now working from home and practicing social distancing we will host April Meet and Greet via ZOOM. Zoom has become very popular as more and more people are interacting via virtual venues. This is a first for me so we will see how challenged I am. I would much rather interact with you face-to-face as I appreciate the personal interaction; however, until then, we will do what we must to keep safe.

On another note, April is a bittersweet month for me as one of our founding Warrior Angel Riders moves on to begin a new chapter in her life, Elladell, also known as "Giggles". I met Elladell, June 10, 2017, on my very first ride to Mt. St. Helen's. She will tell you had she known the type and length of ride she would have passed. However, I am thankful she did ride because this is where our paths first crossed. You may not know this; had it not been for her and some of the challenges she endured on this ride, I do not know if W.A.R. would exist today. I wish Elladell all the best in her new endeavors, praying she finds everything she deserves and is looking for, happiness and love. She will never be far from our hearts. Please wish her well although she will always belong to "Warrior Angel Riders".

"Here's to strong women. May we know them.
May we be them. May we raise them."

— Author Unknown

Lilyann "Pixel", Director
Warrior Angel Riders



WAR Current Events

5 Apr- 10-1200pm- WAR Meet & Greet via ZOOM

8 Apr- 7-8pm- WAR Virtual Game Night 7 wins it! Via ZOOM

Warrior Rides

(multiple rides place holder)

Other Washington Events

ATTENTION: Due to COVID-19 virus situation please check that any event you plan to attend is still occurring. Thank you.

4 Apr- 9am Enumclaw, WA- Breakfast ride-N-feed at the KRAIN Corner Inn

8 Apr- 6pm Seattle, WA- Old Bike Night in Georgetown (Slims Last Chance)

25 Apr- 8am Redmond, WA- 2020 Tulip Ride for Seattle Humane (Blazing Bagels)

Future National Events

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1-5 Apr- Scottsdale, AZ- Arizona Bike Week 2020
4-5 Apr- Woodstock Fairgrounds, VA-Shenandoah Valley Expo
18-26 Apr- Harbinger, NC- 18th Outer Banks Bike Week
23-26 Apr- Golden Valley, AZ- West Coast Rendezvous
25 Apr- Lynden, WA- Northwest Motorcycle Classic
23-25 Apr- Laughlin, NV- Laughlin River Run 2020

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
3 May- 8am Everett, WA- A Ride for a Cure 2020
8-15 May- Murrells Inlet, SC- Myrtle Beach Bike Week Spring Rally
21-25 May- Red River, NM- 38th Annual Red River Memorial Day Rally

5-7 Jun- Reno, NV- Street Vibrations 2020 Spring Motorcycle Rally
11-14 Jun- Austin, TX- Republic of Texas (ROT) Rally 2020
11-14 Jun- Cave In Rock, IL- HOGROCK River Rally
12-13 Jun- Piercy, CA- Redwood Run 2020
30 Jun-4 Jul- Springfield, MO- Wing Ding 42 - 2020

Featured Member/Rider

Elladell "Giggles" Morris

May you always have work for your hands to do.
May your pockets hold always a coin or two.
May the sun shine right on your windowpane.
May the rainbow be certain to follow each rain.
Goodbyes are not forever.
Goodbyes are not the end.
They simply mean I'll miss you...
Until we meet again.
May the hand of a friend always be near you.



Last Months Ride/Event

Nusual and Pekuliar Ride -March

Tracy led us on a perfect ride leaving from Fred Myers; picnic lunch at Lake Wilderness Park; then to a hidden charm, Green River Gorge. With us a few new riders! Welcome Cammie, Elaine and Eric, Halo, Bugs and granddaughter Liz.



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.

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Service Tech Tips

Motorcycle Charging Systems

When it comes to this subject you must ask yourself what is involved in my bike's charging system. Let me clarify this to the best of my ability. Since 1978 to the present, motorcycles have what they call non-serviceable type charging systems. What does this mean to the average rider? This is a maintenance-free type system; however we are going into this a little deeper. You must consider that if you add up all the parts in today's motorcycle charging systems, there are just three parts to make your ride event free.

1st component – Battery

The battery is the most critical part in starting the charging system. When you turn on the key, you are using stored chemical energy from the 12-volt battery; that is the hub of the motorcycle. Without a properly charged battery, this system will not function correctly. Battery voltage must remain constant to keep this system's output at its peak. Throughout my tour of duty in the service industry, this is by far the most overlooked component in the charging system.

2nd component - Stationary Alternator

The alternator uses the principle of electromagnetism to produce voltage and current. A rotating magnet, called a rotor is located on the end of the crankshaft or alternator shaft. The strength and polarity of the voltage is dependent on the direction of rotation, the strength of the magnetic field, the number of conductors and the speed of the rotor inside the stator. This type of generator puts out AC voltage, which after the fact will change the flow from AC to DC current. To convert the AC voltage into DC voltage, a series of diodes are used. A diode is an electrical one-way check valve that allows current to flow in only one direction unless it is damaged. By allowing current to flow in only one direction, we are able to convert alternating current to direct current. This is a very essential requirement - to be in sync or you will have problems that cause costly repairs and LEAVE YOU STRANDED. The alternators on most current motorcycles are very efficient and produce incredible amounts of AC voltage. The key is making sure this voltage gets to the next piece in the charging system without getting any outside interference. Once the AC voltage has been generated from the Stationary Alternator, it will be sent to the Regulator/Rectifier. This is normally a finned-type part that is bolted directly to the frame. If you are riding today's Harley, they are located directly behind the front fender on the frame support. If you are riding a metric cruiser/sport bike, they are usually closer to the battery. This makes for easier removal and repair.

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Motorcycle Charging Systems cont.

3rd component - Regulator/Rectifier

The voltage regulator controls current applied to the alternator. When there is no current applied to the field, there is no voltage produced from the alternator. When voltage drops below 13.5, the regulator will apply current to the field and the alternator will start charging. When the voltage exceeds 14.5, the regulator will stop supplying voltage to the field and the alternator will stop charging. This is how voltage output from the alternator is regulated. Amperage or current is regulated by the state of charge of the battery. When the battery is weak, the electromotive force (voltage) is not strong enough to hold back the current from the alternator trying to recharge the battery. As the battery reaches a state of full charge, the electromotive force becomes strong enough to oppose the current flow from the alternator; the amperage output from the alternator will drop to 0, while the voltage remains at 13.5 to 14.5. When more electrical power is needed, the electromotive force will reduce and alternator amperage will increase. It is extremely important that when alternator efficiency is checked, both voltage and amperage outputs are checked also. Each alternator has a fixed amperage output depending on the electrical requirement of the motorcycle.

One of the best visual tests of your charging system is to rev up the motorcycle to where you cruise in high gear. If you have your bike inside, you can see the headlight get brighter when you rev the engine. Usually this happens around 2500-3500 rpm. This is a pretty great visual test to see if the charging system is reaching what we techs call the break-away voltage. I want to stress, this is NOT the actual procedure on a charging system test. This is strictly a visual inspection only. I recently had one of my customers' Kawasaki in for a charging and starting problem. The regulator side of the regulator/rectifier had shorted and the alternator produced enough voltage to blow the main fuse and burn out the ignition module of his bike. Both of these components are very expensive and it left him stranded. We are all susceptible of this failure if we do not have the charging system tested periodically and have the battery in our motorcycle serviced on a routine schedule. Check the water level and charging on a trickle charger when you are not riding for three weeks or longer, there could be complications. Today's systems are pretty bulletproof! Take the time and check your battery water level and if low, ONLY use distilled water. By adding tap water, the cells in the battery (6) will tend to sulfate faster. Distilled water has the minerals removed and you can buy this for \$1 a gallon at your local grocery store.

Motorcycle Humor!!

You don't quit riding
because you're old

You get old because
You quit riding

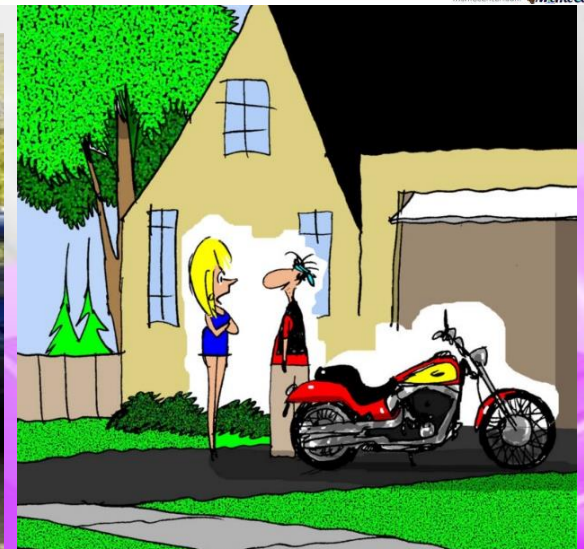
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I'M LISTENING, OH MIGHTY ROAD

TELL ME YOUR SECRETS

I'VE GOT MY HELMET ON...

SO I CAN'T HEAR YOUR
BULLSHIT!



"What do you mean you were having so much fun riding with your buddies you lost track of time? You were supposed to be home over a year ago!"



Riding Tips

A word or two about Safety from your Safety Officer...

What to Watch Out for on Your First Spring Motorcycle Ride

It's nearing the time to put your bike back on the road. But, when you do, that first ride of the year can be one of the most dangerous. This is what to watch out for on your first spring motorcycle ride.

Sand/Gravel/Salt

Over the winter, the roads will have been covered in traction-aiding substances like these. They tend to stick around for the first few weeks after the snow melts and gather in corners and intersections. We all know what the consequences of hitting this stuff in a corner or while braking is, so keep any eye out for it.

Potholes

These are formed as water expands and contracts with freezing; they're created over the winter. There'll be more of these in the spring than there were last fall. Small ones aren't a huge concern so long as you don't hit one while cornering or braking, but in the Northeast, potholes can get big enough to swallow a Bentley, let alone your bike.

Subsidence

With heavy rains and snowmelt, erosion can occur, undermining the footing of roads, especially in the mountains and out in the boonies where there's little road maintenance. Pay special attention to the edges of the asphalt and the verges, where previously firm ground can crumble away.

Animals

Spring means babies and animals migrating in search of food. Pay particular attention near bodies of water during dawn and dusk hours. You wouldn't want to kill a duckling, would you?

Flowing Water

Snowmelt or busted water pipes can create streams of water running across roads in unexpected places. Even if water is not currently present, its previous flow could have swept sand and other debris across the road.



Riding Tips cont.

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Cold Temperatures

You're eager to start riding again, we get that, but doing so in just-above-freezing temps requires a little extra caution. Even if all other hazards are nonexistent, your sportbike tires aren't designed to work at temps below about 50 degrees and you'll need to account for the cold's effect on your body and dress accordingly.

Other Riders

It's not just you who's skills are rusty. Other riders are already a major hazard on the best of days, but on their first ride back in the spring? Watch out, particularly on popular riding roads.

What You Can Do About It

In town and on the highway, leave extra following distance behind other vehicles; they can obscure potholes, gravel and other hazards until it's too late.

Ride with extra caution, leaving more room than usual to slow down, change line or avoid hazards. Your skills will be rusty too, so leave some extra speed in your pocket to account for that too.

Heading to your favorite riding road for the first time in a while? Run a reconnaissance lap looking for hazards before you try and take it at your normal pace.

Even if the day starts warm, the sun still sets early. Make sure you pack a clear visor and stuff a silk balaclava and glove liners under your seat in case temperatures drop unexpectedly.

Looking forward to your first ride of the year? What hazards are you planning to look out for?



Riding Tips cont.

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Watch for road hazards. A motorcycle has less contact with the pavement than a car. Sand, wet leaves, or pebbles can cause a bike to slide unexpectedly, easily resulting in a spill. Bumps and potholes that you might barely notice in a car can pose serious danger when on a bike. If you can't avoid them, slow down as much as possible before encountering them, with minimal steering input. Railroad tracks and other hazards should be approached as close to a right angle as possible, to reduce the chances of a skid.

Be ready to roll. Before each ride, do a quick walk-around to make sure your lights, horn, and directional signals are working properly. Check the chain, belt, or shaft and the brakes. And inspect the tires for wear and make sure they're set at the proper pressure. Motorcycle mechanics we've spoken with say they routinely see worn-out brakes and improperly inflated tires that greatly increase safety risks. When tires are under-inflated, "handling gets really hard, steering gets hard, and the bike doesn't want to lean," says Mike Franklin, owner of Mike's Garage in Los Angeles.

Enjoy and be safe



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.

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.

2020 WAR Meeting Schedule

April 5

May 9

June 6

June 28

Helpful Links



Warrior Angel Riders- www.warriorangelriders.org

Jet City Harley Davidson- www.jetcityharley.com

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