

# Warrior Angel Riders

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# Words From Lilyann

Hello Ladies! Sunday, March 15, 2020, Gov. Inslee said he would ordered all bars, restaurants, entertainment, and recreation facilities to temporarily close to fighting the spread of COVID-19.

It has been almost two months since the Stay Home order went out. I know we have all struggled over this in some fashion or another. I pray and hope YOU and your family are doing well. If no one has asked, “how are you doing”? Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need anything.

I am seeing on Facebook more riders slowly emerging as they practice “Social Riding Distance”. I know I am ready for “Social Closeness”!

Looking for the silver lining, we (I) took advantage to learn something new during this period, “ZOOM”. One of the many platforms enabling us to stay connected via our electronics. We gave it a whirl and hosted our “Virtual Game Night”! We held 3 games. Winners are: Game 1 – Tracy who won a Target gift card \$20; Game 2 - Rachael who won a \$15 Starbucks Gift Card and Game 3 – Jessie won a \$20 Target Gift Card! The Concept of the game, the first person to reach 7 points wins! The BONUS is we have learned so much about each other. An example, did you know Tracy was in a beauty pageant? Martha Ann lived in Viet Nam for 7 years and rode a bike to get around. Dallas has lived in several European countries and rode a bike there as well!

Stay in touch via our Facebook page, Website, and/or MeetUp for upcoming events. The moment we get the green flag we will be posting rides almost every weekend! At this time, we still plan on the following events: June 20 at NW Harley Big Bad Bike Show; June 27 Bikes, Babes & BBQ W.A.R. Annual Summer Bash; July 10-13 Crater Lake; August 22 1<sup>st</sup> Annual W.A.R. Ladies of Washington Ride with Jet City Harley; November 7 W.A.R. on the Range.

We have been receiving incredible pictures for the Spring/Summer Challenge Ride “Nusual to Pekuliar”! If you have not signed up, it is not too late! This is on-going from March to September 20, 2020.

Continue to stay strong, stay healthy and we will ride together soon!

Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people.

— Eleanor Roosevelt

**Lilyann “Pixel”, Director  
Warrior Angel Riders**



# **WAR Events**

**19 Mar- 21 Sep- Challenge Ride “Nusual to Pekuliar”**

**9 May- 9am- Eagle Leather- Long Beach Ride**

**16 May- 9am- Eagle Leather- Mt St. Helens 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ride**

**7 Jun- Time TBD - Sparkles and Spurs**

**13 Jun- Time TBD - Ocean Shores**

**20 Jun- 11am- 3pm-Lacey, WA- WAR Solstice at NW Harley Davidson**

**27 Jun- 9am Eagle Leather, Tacoma, 0930am Fred Meyer, Gig Harbor- WAR Summer Bash: Bikes, Babes, & BBQ**

**4 Jul- Tentative - Steilacoom, WA- Steilacoom 4<sup>th</sup> July Parade**

**10-13 Jul- 8am- Eagle Leather- Crater Lake Ride**

**24-26 Jul- Time TBD- Ocean Shores, WA.- Hog Wild Rally**

**22 Aug- 10am-4pm- Renton, WA- Ladies of Washington Ride Day**

**3 Oct- Time TBD - Challenge Ride Luncheon**

**17 Oct- 1pm -Fife, WA- Wedding Reception at Poodle Dog**

**7 Nov- 8am-12pm- Puyallup, WA.- W.A.R. on the Range (Marksman Gun Range)**

**14 Nov- Time TBD- W.A.R. Holiday Party**



# Featured Member/Rider

## Gaye Schmidt-Larimer

As my two boys were growing up and they wanted motorcycles, I always told them “they couldn’t have one until mommy had her Harley.” Well time went by and all of a sudden, I was 50 and I still didn’t have my Harley. Then I got breast cancer and went through treatment. So I figured I couldn’t afford to waste any more time and I went out and bought a 1200 Sportster in 2008. By 2009 I upgraded to a Deluxe Softail. 45,000 miles later I upgraded to my current 2015 Indian Chieftain which now has 32,000 miles. I fell in love with long distance riding and never looked back. My husband Dan, who does not ride, has supported me on all my adventures



# 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

Empowerment

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# Service Tech Tips

## How To Bleed Motorcycle Brakes

Replacing your brake fluid and bleeding the system of air bubbles is regular maintenance that your owner's manual will likely suggest doing once every two years. Brake fluid needs to be replaced because it degrades with use—water gets absorbed out of the air and reduces the boiling point, and air bubbles can sneak past the seals and make the lever spongy. Replacing the fluid solves both of those issues, and we walk you through the entire process in [how to bleed your motorcycle brakes tutorial from MC Garage](#).

### Remove The Cap And Diaphragm

Before you start removing bolts and flushing fluid, take a second to wipe down your brake reservoir, calipers, and brake lines with a clean rag. This will ensure that you aren't contaminating your pads or getting dirty fingerprints all over your bike. When everything is wiped down, go ahead and turn the handlebar so the fluid within the reservoir is level. Then carefully remove the cap and diaphragm and set both aside on a clean towel, taking note of the condition of the diaphragm. If it is worn, cracked, or torn order a replacement.

### Prepare The Bleed Nipple On The Caliper

Pump the brake lever to pressurize the system and—with the lever still pulled in—crack the bleeder screw just loose enough to allow the pressurized fluid to escape. Allow the lever to come almost back to the bar then close the bleeder bolt. Don't release the lever until you've closed the bleeder bolt. Keep an eye on the fluid level in the reservoir as you repeat this step.

### Top Up The Reservoir As Needed

Repeat the previous step until the brake fluid reservoir is almost empty. Refill it with the new brake fluid until fresh, clear fluid is seen in the hose; it could take dozens of tries so be patient. Do not let the reservoir go empty if you do allow it to run dry it will introduce air into the master cylinder and the bleeding process will take a lot longer.

# Service Tech Tips

## How To Bleed Motorcycle Brakes cont.

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### **Tighten The Bleeder Bolt And Clean Up**

Finally, tighten the bleeder bolt, remove the hose, fill the reservoir to the proper level, reinstall the diaphragm and cap, and you're done. Brake fluid does nasty things to paint, so make sure to wipe up any spills with a damp rag. Before you set out on for a transcontinental adventure, take the bike out around the block, testing the brakes and lever feel. If the lever feels spongy, you introduced air bubbles into the line and need to start over.

# Motorcycle Humor!!

My Motorcycle  
is calling...



Remind Me

Message



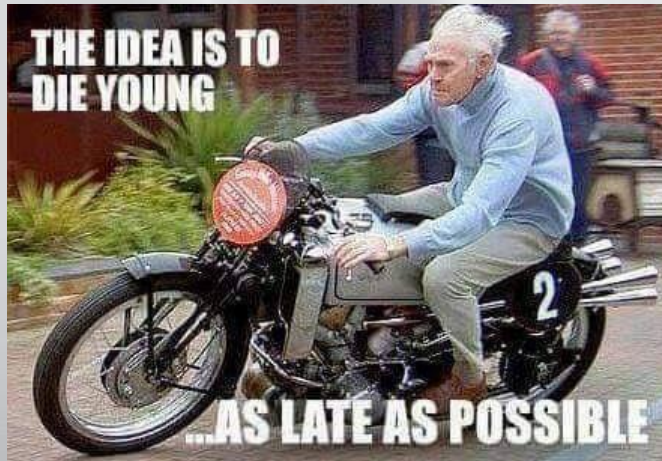
Decline



Accept

and I must go!

THE IDEA IS TO  
DIE YOUNG



...AS LATE AS POSSIBLE

WHEN YOU DROP YOUR BIKE FOR  
THE FIRST TIME



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"MEDIC! I NEED A FUCKING  
MEDIC!"

Make a Mem

My favorite  
accessory is my  
motorcycle





# Riding Tips

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

## 6 Riding Tips for Dealing With Tailgaters

Tailgaters suck! Even though these intruders can make the hair on the back of your neck rise, your main concern needs to be whether the tailgater can stop short of rear-ending you if you need to stop quickly. Trying to change a tailgater's behavior is about as likely as convincing Donald Trump to endorse Bernie Sanders for president. Any attempts to do so will only distract you from other hazards and could trigger deadly road rage. Instead, I present to you a few tips for minimizing the risk of being the recipient of a Buick enema.

**1. Check your speed.** If people regularly tailgate you then maybe you aren't maintaining the expected speed of surrounding traffic. While you should avoid riding faster than you are comfortable, riding too slowly could increase the risk of being tailgated if traffic is moving significantly faster than you are. If this is the case, you may need to find an alternative route where the pace is more to your liking.

**2. Let them by.** If it becomes apparent that the driver is not going to back off, then find a safe place to pull over. This is often easier said than done, but why let a tailgater ruin your ride if you can let them pass? Be sure to signal early and slow gradually. Then watch as they zoom by to tailgate the next vehicle ahead.

**3. Increase your following distance.** A common response to a tailgater is to speed up to try and get away from the tailgater's bumper. But, this usually results in the tailgater also increasing speed. Instead, slow down. No, not to piss off the tailgater, but to gain a space cushion ahead of you. This allows you (and the tailgater) ample time and space to slow if necessary. A minimum of 3 seconds should do the trick.



# Riding Tips cont.

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- 4. Communicate intentions early.** Most motorcycle brake lights don't command a lot of visual attention. But you can increase its effectiveness by flashing it two or three times before actually reducing speed. Also, be sure to activate turn signals at least 4 seconds before slowing to give drivers behind you plenty of notice.
- 5. Use smart lane positioning.** To prevent a close call from a tailgater it's important to choose a lane position that allows you the best angle of view past the vehicle ahead so you can spot problems early and slow gradually. When stopping at a traffic light or stop sign, keep an eye on your mirrors and flash your brake light. Also, place yourself in the right or left-hand portion of your lane to give the driver behind an escape if he can't stop in time.
- 6. Stay cool.** This may be the most crucial. Even though tailgaters can get under our skin, smart riders don't let this bad behavior affect their judgment. Instead, they initiate strategies that prevent these bozos from decreasing safety and enjoyment.



# 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**

**Cell 253-325-2405**

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

**June 09**

**July 07**

**August 04**

**September 08**



# Helpful Links



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

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

Eagle Leather- <https://eagleleather.com>

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