

Warrior Angel Riders

Newsletter



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Words From Lilyann

Can you believe we are half-way through the year... it is June! To recap our first half of the year...

January, we had our first Winter Getaway Weekend (WGW) at the beach planned by Charlie and Tracy. If you missed the party, you must plan to attend next year's! We had so much fun playing games, eating great meals, singing karaoke, well not me...lol...

February, we became official! The By-Laws were approved, and W.A.R. Board introduced at our largest attended Meet and Greet. We received our EIN and SOW 501 C.3 Non-Profit status. Shawna published our first monthly newsletter

March was our last Meet and Greet after Stay-Home was put in place.

April, we held our first live Facebook feed, recapping upcoming events by Tracy. We tired our hand by hosting a Virtual Game Night played every Wednesday night via ZOOM, gift cards were given to the winners.

May was our first ZOOM pajama Meet and Greet party, winner received a gift card! We finally had our first group ride since March to Long Beach, Jessie debuting her first ride as Captain.

We, just like so many, had plans for the year that had us excited. The pandemic changed everyone's lives and how we conduct business. We are still discovering together how our world will look next week, next month, next year.

Majority of the yearly events around the State and Nation have been canceled. However, now as we slowly begin to return to normalcy, we may look forward again and plan our year. Let us make the second half of the year 2020 end with a bang!

Mark your calendars because we intend to fill it up! June already has us busy every Saturday, starting with our Welcome Back Meet and Greet at my place. Tracy has going on a great ride afterwards, weather permitting (lol). Preparing us to lead and group riding best practices is our Group Riding Class 101. Then we start getting ready for the summer with a Ride and BBQ at Charlie's, hosted by our men Darrell, Scott, and Kenny. What a wonderful month to revive our group and take us into the summer!

"If you only do what you can do, you'll Never Be Better than what you are." ~ Master Shifu

**Lilyann "Pixel", Director
Warrior Angel Riders**



WAR Events

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- 13 Jun- 10-1130am- Lakewood, WA- Crater Lake meeting at Lilyann's house**
- 20 Jun- 9am- 2pm-Lakewood, WA- Road Captain 101/ride afterwords**
- 27 Jun- 9am Eagle Leather, Tacoma, 0930am Fred Meyer, Gig Harbor- WAR Summer Bash: Bikes, Babes, & BBQ**
- 4 Jul- Tentative - Steilacoom, WA- Steilacoom 4th July Parade**
- 10-13 Jul- 8am- Eagle Leather- Crater Lake Ride**
- 24-26 Jul- Time TBD- Ocean Shores, WA.- Hog Wild Rally**
- 8 Aug- 10am-1pm- Renton, WA- Pre-ride LOW Ride Day route**
- 22 Aug- 10am-4pm- Renton, WA- Ladies of Washington Ride Day**
- 11-13 Sep- Time TBD- Lily's Bachelorette party**
- 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**
- 10 Dec- 7-9pm- Steel Creek- Sizzle Sparkle #50**

Featured Member/Rider

Rachael Rollins

I've always has a passion to ride. In 2004 I learned to ride a sportster in a Home Depot parking lot. I got my endorsement shortly after when I was 26. However, as a wife and mom of 4 riding just wasn't in the cards so it was put on hold. In 2016 we moved to Florida and for our 18th Anniversary Pete took me to the Harley dealership and I got my first bike that November. Since then I've ridden over 30,000 miles; long trips, short trips, group rides, solo rides and everything in between. I love riding, I love the freedom, and I love the camaraderie.



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

Tips For Finding A Good Motorcycle Mechanic

A good motorcycle mechanic is a treasure, but like most treasures, they're hard to find. With the time, training, and inclination, you may learn enough to do all your own work. In the meantime, here are the things that you should look for.

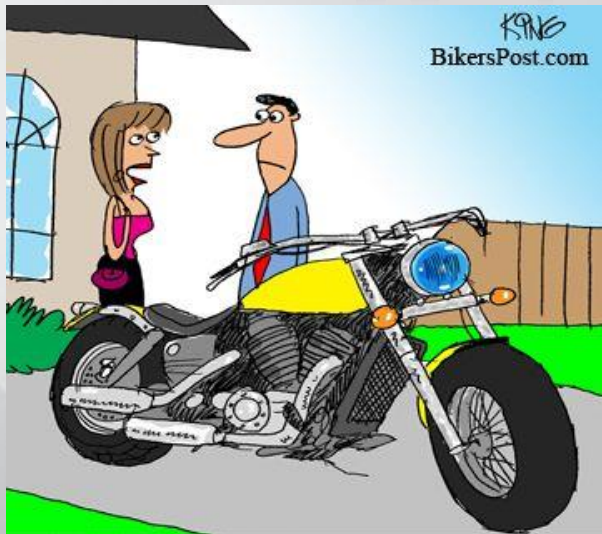
EXPERIENCE Your buddy who "knows a lot about bikes" may only know slightly more than you do. And if you know nothing, then he knows next to nothing. You can do better than that.

TRAINING Some people are naturally gifted. But it's safer to trust someone who's graduated from a certified training program, or who has extensive experience working in shops or for race teams.

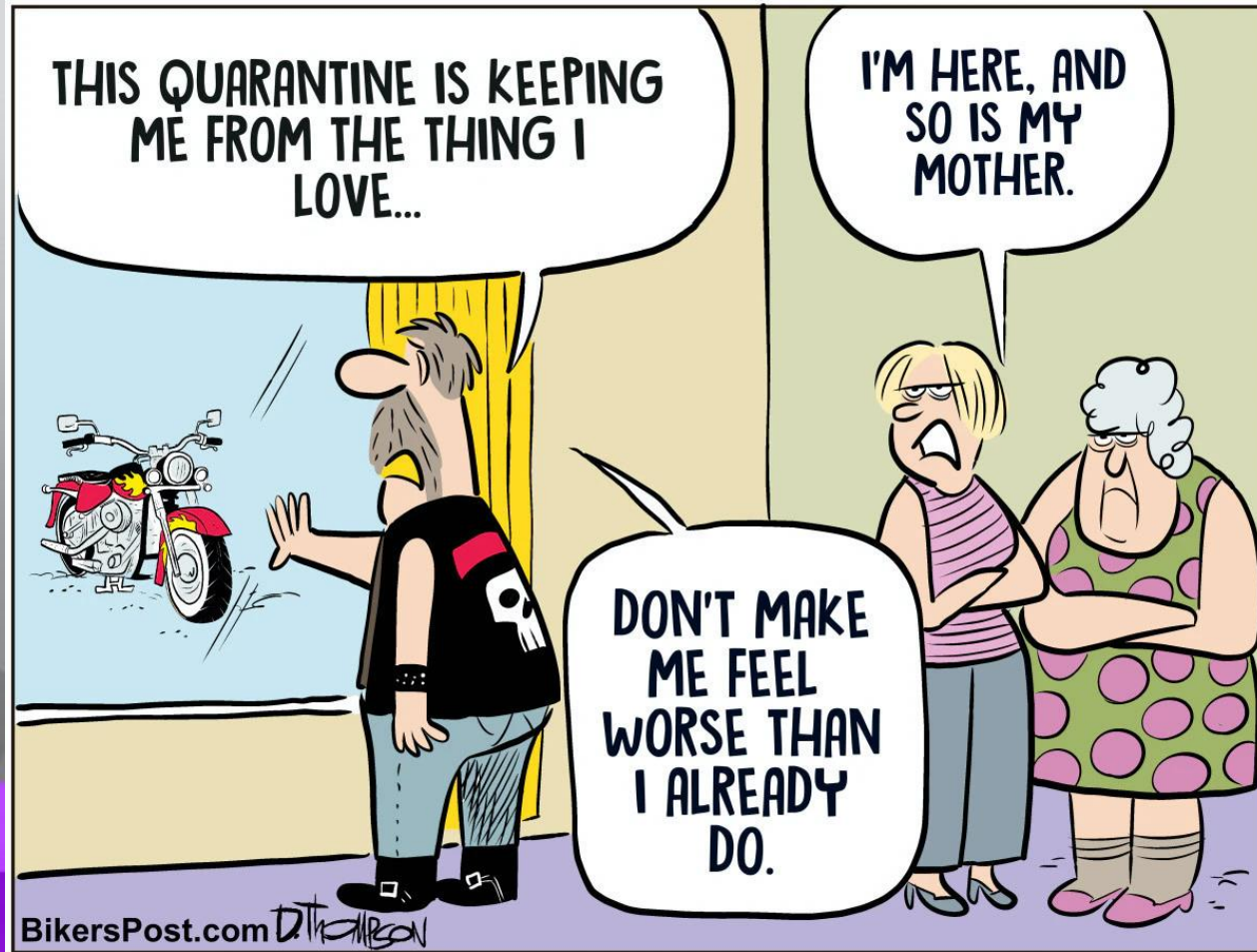
PROFESSIONALISM He says he'll work for beer? Pass. A real mechanic is a professional. He offers a guarantee, keeps accurate records, and doesn't try to do stuff he's not trained to do.

PERSONALITY I've known plenty of great bike mechanics who related better to machines than to people. The smarter mechanics hire someone with a more sociable personality to work the front office while they stay in the back. And remember: He's your mechanic first, not your friend.

Motorcycle Humor!!



"How rude of me. Our first date and I've talked about my bike all night. I haven't given you a chance to talk about my bike."





Riding Tips

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

RIDING STRATEGIES- Five Key Points to Safe Riding

Assume you are invisible to other drivers.

Don't ever assume another driver knows you're there. Adhere to the attitude that no one else on the road is concerned with your personal safety. Learn to use a riding strategy like SEE (search, evaluate, execute) to manage the roadway and traffic. You can learn SEE in a basic or advanced training course.

Look where you want to go.

It's called visual directional control. Keep your head and eyes oriented 3-4 seconds ahead of you when cornering. You can get instruction and practice in this technique in a basic or advanced training course. In an emergency, do not stare at the guardrail, the gravel shoulder or the oncoming car — chances are you'll hit whatever you're trying to avoid. (The term for this is target fixation.)

Countersteer.

Use precise inputs to the handgrips, not body lean, to lean the motorcycle. When you countersteer, you initially turn the handlebars in the opposite direction you think you should. Press forward on the right handgrip, the bike leans right. Press forward on the left handgrip, the bike leans left. (Note: countersteering is not how you turn a motorcycle; it's how you lean a motorcycle.) You can learn to use this technique in a controlled setting by taking a basic or advanced training course.



Riding Tips cont.

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Five Key Points to Safe Riding cont.

Use both brakes.

Your front brake provides 70 percent or more of your stopping power in an emergency. Squeeze , do not grab, the front brake, and keep squeezing, increasing the squeezing pressure until you've slowed sufficiently or stopped. Untrained riders are often afraid to use the front brake, for fear of flipping over. Trained riders know better. You can learn how to use your front brake for maximum braking in a basic or advanced training course.

Never stop riding the bike.

Don't ever give up control of your motorcycle. "Laying it down" is not a strategy. The person with the most control of any situation is you. Look where you want to go, countersteer or use maximum braking to avoid a crash. You can get instruction and practice in all these techniques by taking a basic or advanced training course.



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 @ Elmer's in Tacoma begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:00 p.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

Jet City Harley Davidson- www.jetcityharley.com

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

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