

Warrior Angel Riders

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Words From Lilyann

Did you think we had more fireworks this year than we did last year? I sure did! Hopefully, your neighbors were as considerate as ours and cleaned up the debris on Sunday. Regardless, I hope you had a great holiday weekend doing what you like/love most...hopefully, riding!

Speaking of “riding” we have our 1st Annual “epic” ride this month, July 10-13, riding to Crater Lake, OR. We started with 33 bikes; final count now is 26 bikes! If you missed out on this opportunity, do not fret. We are collecting suggestions/ideas for next year. If you have a destination in mind, please let me know!

Tuesday, July 7th, was our Meet and Greet at Elmer’s Restaurant. It was wonderful to see everyone and of course, practicing Social Distancing. We had 16 Angels join us plus we welcomed three new members! By the way, the marble game is now at 189! Just saying, that’s a lot of marbles...lol...

COVID has dampened so many plans this year. So, we just need to become a little more creative. What that means, I am not sure, yet. But stay tuned!

Are you someone who enjoys planning parties, prizes, menus, etc. If so, please reach out to me! We have at least three upcoming events where we could use you. Thinking outside the box is always welcome.

Please keep safe. Hug your loved one. Take a deep breath. We will survive.

“Each time a woman stands up for herself, without knowing it possibly, without claiming it, she stands up for all women” ~ Maya Angelou

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



WAR Events

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- 10-13 Jul- 8am- Eagle Leather- Crater Lake Ride**
- 18 Jul-9am-Eagle Leather-Sparkles, Spurs and BBQ**
- 19 Jul-8am-Poodle Dog-Flash Gordon Rocket (coed ride)**
- 1 Aug-8:30am-Fred Meyer Puyallup-Fire Mountain Grill and Bigfoot**
- 04 Aug-6:30pm-Elmer's Restaurant-Meet and Greet**
- 15 Aug-8:30am-Fred Meyer Puyallup-Paradise Lodge (coed ride)**
- 16 Aug-9:30am-Denny's Auburn-Snoqualmie Falls Ride**
- 3 Oct- Time TBD - Challenge Ride Luncheon**
- 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

Mary Bateman

I became interested in motorcycles as a little girl because I had little boyfriends that had dirt bikes. I was really getting around at that time because they were twins, Tom and Steve. No, I did not ride motorcycles as a child and rode b**** behind those two little guys, but I always had an interest in motorcycles. After dating someone for about a year who had a motorcycle, after she nearly killed me on the back of hers, I decided if I was going to die, I may as well be in charge of my own demise and have my own bike. I got a used 1200 Sportster and had an accident, while riding with a group. Lily was riding right behind and traveling through my dust cloud wondering if she was going to hit me, because she had no visibility. There was born my road name, tumbleweed, as I tumbled over and over down the narrow, grassy ditch along the road. It took a while for my bike to be totaled by the insurance company and for me to get another bike, but I continued to ride the next year, though with some bit of apprehension as I had been injured in my accident, though not as much as I should have been because I was agatt. The girl was long gone, but my interest in riding and motorcycle remains. I have very much enjoyed my riding and all of the wonderful friends I have made. They have proven to be kind and supportive women (and men), whether it be in Weekenders or WAR. Though several of us started out in weekenders and continue to enjoy riding with them, those women provided the nucleus 4 the inception of WAR and a desire to have a group that was female-focused and supportive of women's issues. It's now 2020 and we are off to more new adventures in this year of my 60th birthday.



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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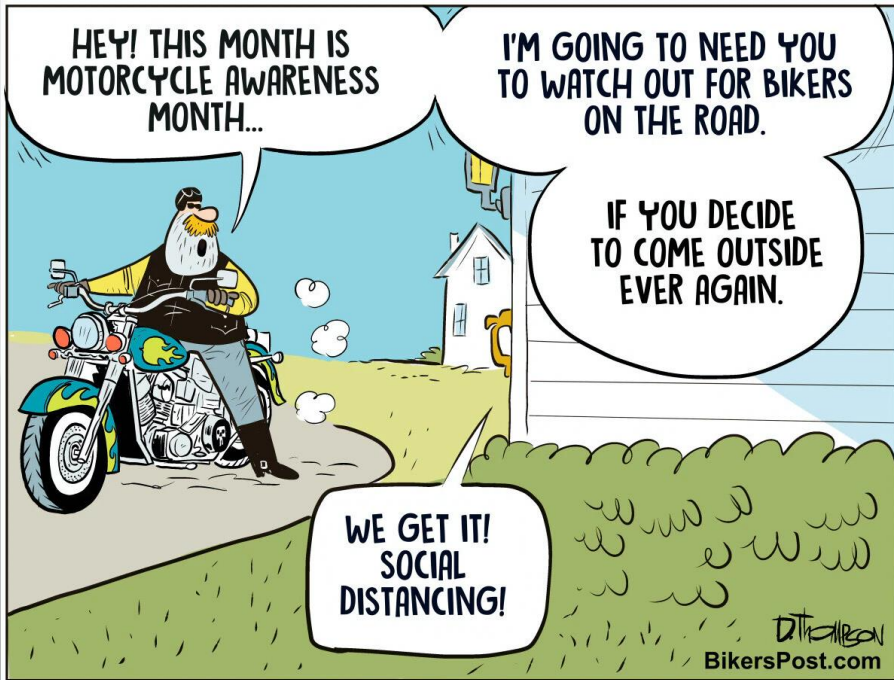
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3rd component - Regulator/Rectifier

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.

Be safe out there and check your battery often.

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Riding Tips

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

Top 15 Motorcycle Tips For Street Riding Safety

Close your eyes and recall your last ride in heavy traffic. Imagine the vehicles surrounding you, crowding you, cutting you off. Imagine yourself monitoring closing speeds, reading street signs, noticing and anticipating traffic lights. Then imagine guessing what pedestrians will do, or how slippery that painted line might be. And those distracted drivers on their phones... imagine trying to guess what they're going to do.

Riding in traffic can be a nightmare, especially for beginners. Is it any wonder so many motorcyclists crash and burn while riding on congested streets? It's amazing how many different tasks motorcyclists deal with on a normal traffic-choked commute. Doing it successfully means processing a multitude of items at once and reacting correctly to each. Doing it wrong can mean roadkill—the humankind. Here are 15 smart strategies for dealing with traffic-choked streets.

Watch Drivers' Heads And Mirrors

Watching the head movements of drivers through their windows and mirrors is an excellent way to anticipate sudden moves. Most drivers won't lunge left or right without first moving their heads one way or another—even if they don't check their mirrors.

Trust Your Mirrors, But Not Totally

Your bike's mirrors can be lifesavers, but they don't always tell the entire story even if they're adjusted properly. In traffic, always buttress your mirror-generated rear view with a glance over the appropriate shoulder. Do it quickly and you'll add an extra measure of rear-view and blind-spot knowledge to your info-gathering tasks.

Never Get Between A Vehicle And An Off-Ramp

This sounds almost too simple, but drivers who decide to exit at the last minute kill plenty of riders each year. The simple rule, then, is to never position yourself between a vehicle and an offramp. Passing on the right is generally a no-no, but in this day and age, it's sometimes necessary. So if you do it, do so between exits or cross streets.



Riding Tips cont.

Top 15 Motorcycle Tips For Street Riding Safety cont.

Cover Your Brakes

In traffic, you must often react extra quickly, which means not fumbling for the brake lever or pedal. To minimize reach time, always keep a finger or two on the brake lever and your right toe close to the rear brake pedal. When that cellphone-wielding driver cuts across your path trying to get to the 7-Eleven for a burrito supreme, you'll be ready.

Be Noticed

Make sure drivers and pedestrians can see you, even from a distance. Ditch the all-black attire and wear brightly colored gear, especially your helmet and jacket. Hi-vis yellow suits and jackets are common at every gear shop.

Be Ready With The Power

In traffic, ride in a gear lower than you normally would so your bike is ready to jump forward instantly if asked. Doing so gives you the option of leaping ahead instead of being limited to just using the brakes when that pickup suddenly moves over. The higher revs might also alert more drivers to your presence.

Traffic Slowing? Stay Left—Or Right

When traffic slows suddenly, stay to the left or right of the car in front of you. This will give you an escape route if needed. It will also help keep you from becoming a car-motorcycle sandwich if the driver behind you fails to stop in time. Once you've stopped, be ready: clutch in, your bike in gear, and your eyes on the mirrors. You never know.

Practice The Scan

Constantly scanning your entire environment while riding—from instruments to mirrors, to the road ahead, to blind spots, to your left and right—keeps you aware and in touch with your situation, and therefore better able to react. Dwelling on one area too long—watching only behind or in front of you, for instance—is just begging for trouble.



Riding Tips cont.

Top 15 Motorcycle Tips For Street Riding Safety cont.

Left-Turn Treachery

When approaching an oncoming car that's stopped and about to turn left, be ready. Watch the car's wheels or the driver's hands on the steering wheel; if you see movement, be ready to brake, swerve, or accelerate, whichever seems best for the situation.

Study The Surface

Add asphalt conditions to your scan. Be on the lookout for spilled oil, antifreeze, or fuel; it'll usually show up as shiny pavement. Also keep an eye out for gravel and/or sand, which is usually more difficult to see. Use your sense of smell too; often you can smell spilled diesel fuel before your tires discover how slippery the stuff is.

Ride In Open Zones

Use your bike's power and maneuverability to ride in open zones in traffic. In any grouping of vehicles there are always some gaps; find these and ride in them. Doing so will separate you from four-wheelers, give you additional room to maneuver, and allow you to keep away from dangerous blind spots. And vary your speed. Riding along with the flow can make you invisible to other drivers, especially in heavy traffic.

Use That Thumb

Get into the habit of canceling your turn signals often regardless of the traffic situation. A blinking signal might tell drivers waiting to pull into the road or turning left in front of you that you're about to turn when you aren't. Better to wear out the switch than eat a Hummer's hood, eh?

It's Good To Be Thin

A huge advantage single-track vehicles have over four-wheelers is their ability to move left and right within a lane to enable the rider to see what's ahead. Whether you're looking to the side of the cars ahead or through their windshields, seeing what's coming can give you lots of extra time to react.



Riding Tips cont.

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Top 15 Motorcycle Tips For Street Riding Safety cont.

More Than One Way Out

Yeah, motorcycles fall over. But they're also light, narrow, and hugely maneuverable, so you might as well learn to exploit their strengths when things get ugly, right? So don't just brake hard in a hairball situation. There's almost always an escape route. Swerving into Mrs. Smith's front yard could be a lot better than center-punching the Buick that turned left in front of you. Always have an escape route planned, and update it minute by minute.

Running Interference

This one's easy, and we'll bet most of you already do it: Let larger vehicles run interference for you when negotiating intersections. If the bonehead coming toward you from the left or right is going to blow the light, better they hit the box van next to you, right? For the same reasons, don't lunge through an intersection as soon as the light turns green. Be patient and use the vehicles next to you as cover.



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!

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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

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