

# Warrior Angel Riders

## Newsletter



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# Words From Lilyann

Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Warrior Angel Riders!

August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Three years ago, no one knew the Warrior Angel Riders.  
This is not the truth today.

"Anniversaries are an important part of life. They remind us of important events, both personal and cultural. Whether we're marking a birthday, a wedding or civil partnership, a momentous event, or the death of a loved one, an anniversary puts a pin on the calendar to remind us of something that matters to us." ~ the Awareness Center

This month as I reflect on our anniversary, I realize the milestones W.A.R. has accomplished is only the beginning. As an incredible group of women who came together, empowering each other to succeed is testimonial to where we are today.

Where are we going as we move into our 4<sup>th</sup> year? I have been told we are going to "explode" and had it not been for COVID this year, who knows where we would be today. My thoughts, wherever you want us to go!

You determine the road we travel, our destiny. I want to hear your suggestions, recommendations, concerns and encourage you to please speak up. We are growing together as a group. I get excited when we move outside the box and are willing to try something new. We never know if an idea is a bad idea until we try!

"If you only do what you can do, you will never be more than who you are right now" ~ Master Shifu ~

"To the future and beyond"

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# WAR Events

## MARK FAGUCC

- 1 Aug-830am-Fred Meyer Puyallup, WA - Fire Mountain Grill Ride**
- 8 Aug- 8am-Poodle Dog-Fife, WA- W.A.R. Celebrates 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Ride**
- 15 Aug- 830am- Fred Meyer-Puyallup, WA-Paradise Lodge Coed Ride**
- 16 Aug- 930am- Denny's Auburn- Snoqualmie Falls ride**
- 22 Aug- 9am-, WA- TBD**
- 29-30 Aug- 8am Poodle Dog- Fife, WA- End of Summer Getaway Ride**
- 12 Sep- 1-6pm-Iron Horse, Tenino, WA- Kickin' Ass Lily's Bachelorette party**
- 3 Oct- Time TBD - Zogg's Fox Island, WA - Challenge Ride Luncheon**
- 10 Oct- Time TBD -Lacey, WA- Lily's Wedding at NW Harley Davidson**
- 7 Nov- 8am-12pm- Puyallup, WA.- W.A.R. on the Range (Marksman Gun Range)**
- 14 Nov- Time TBD- W.A.R. Holiday Luncheon**
- 10 Dec- 6-9pm- Steel Creek- Sizzle Sparkle #50**

# Featured Member/Rider

## Juli Bowen

I started riding 2 years ago just before I turned 50. I called it my mid life crisis, but it was one of the best decisions I ever made. I had enjoyed being a passenger before, but wanted to be able to just hop on my own and go without waiting for an invite to be a backrest. There is just something so empowering and freeing being out in the wind and I plan to ride for many more years.



# Last Months Ride/Event

## Crater Lake Ride -July

Kenny led 28 bikes to Oregon for a 4-day 3 night ride to Crater Lake and the coast. The most gorgeous body of water you ever laid eyes on is in Oregon made by a volcano crater. There was lots of riding and good company to be had on this co-ed ride. Lots of cool stuff to see on the ride down and back to Washington on the back roads.



# Last Months Ride/Event

## Crater Lake Ride - July



# 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

## Regular Rider Maintenance For Your Motorcycle

If you value safety there are some things you should check yourself on a regular basis. Routine maintenance is important but pre-ride inspections and regular safety checks should be done between service intervals. If you don't have an owner's manual with specs on your motorcycle try to get one. If you can't find your owners manual or if it is lacking specifications you may want to consider purchasing a service manual for reference. Factory manuals can be very expensive, but there are generic manuals available at most motorcycle shops and bookstores that will have the information you need for your bike.

You should always have the manufacturer's recommended regular services performed, but the following are things the operator should do between services.

### Things you should check before every ride.

**Tires and Tire pressure** – Make sure both the tires are in good condition. Look for uneven tread wear or damage. You should have a good tire gauge and check that the tires are inflated to specifications. (**Note: Because your tires may not be the same brand as the ones that were originally on the motorcycle check the max pressure inscribed on the sidewall of the tire, NOT the numbers listed in the Owner's Manual or the sticker on the frame.**) Remember that the tire pressure should be checked and adjusted when the tires are "cold" aka ambient air temperature. Tire pressures will rise 10% or more when they reach operating temperature. Don't trust gas station pump air gauges they are often inaccurate; use a good hand-held air gauge. And check the tire pressure regularly. Tires will loose air over time; as much as 5 psi per week.

**Oil level** – Check the oil as per manual with the bike on a level ground.

**Brakes** – Make sure the brakes are functioning properly.

**Lights** – All lights should be checked; high and low beam, turn signals, running lights and brake light (check both front and rear brake lever activation).



# Service Tech Tips

## Regular Rider Maintenance For Your Motorcycle cont.

**Chain or Belt** – Check the tension of the belt or chain. Look for damage on belts and make sure chains are well lubricated.

### **Things to check periodically on your motorcycle**

**Battery** – Make sure battery connections are tight and free of corrosion. Also check the electrolyte level on conventional batteries.

**Brakes** – Look for fluid leaks and inspect brake pads or shoes for wear.

**Controls** – Levers and switches should operate smoothly. Check cables for signs of wear or breakage.

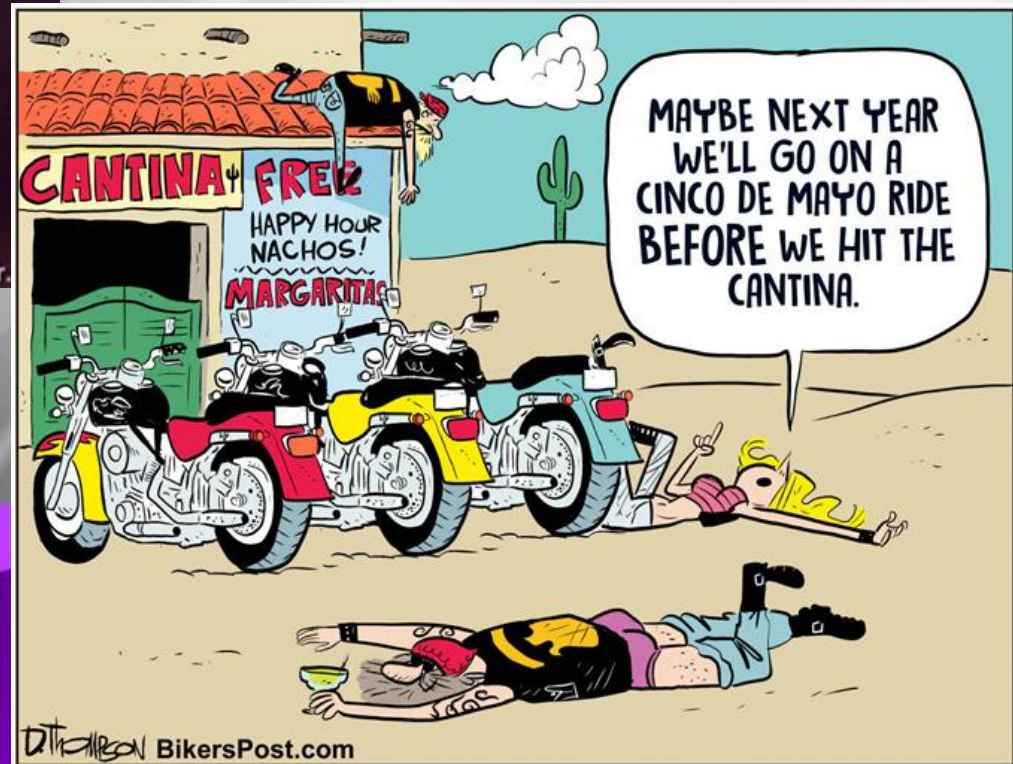
These suggestions are for the operator to perform between regular service intervals. Be sure to keep up with the regular scheduled maintenance as these procedures are designed to avoid catastrophic failures and prolong the dependability and ride ability of your motorcycle.

# Motorcycle Humor!!

**MOTORCYCLE YOU LOVE**

**RIDE YOU MUST**

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# Riding Tips

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

### **Avoiding Edge Traps on a Motorcycle**

It has recently come to my attention that edge traps are a serious problem for motorcycles and aren't well known about. Or they may be known to be a serious problem, but some riders don't know the name for them. Edge traps are essentially a change of elevation on the road surface that runs parallel to the path of travel. Some examples of edge traps are uneven pavement layers, railroad or trolley tracks, pavement seams, curbs, ruts, etc.

Why are edge traps a problem for motorcyclists?

The front wheel of the bike can fall into the edge trap, in the case of the gap around railroad and trolley tracks, or they can track along an edge, like uneven layers of pavement often seen in repaving construction zones. These things can "trap" the front tire and control the steering of the bike to the point of causing a crash. In heavy traffic or low visibility situations, edge traps are much harder to see in advance. As soon as you identify an edge trap - and sooner is better than later - you need to decide whether you can safely avoid it. If this isn't possible you will need to pass over it.

### **How To Ride Over an Edge Trap**

Once the decision has been made to cross the edge trap, it is important to slow down as much as it is safely possible to do so. Be very aware of the surrounding traffic, especially the traffic behind you! Slow down smoothly and as gradually as possible. Don't just downshift and/or roll off the throttle. Actively use the brakes. When the brake lights come on this signals the surrounding drivers that slowing is happening. Those lights are for the other vehicles, not for the motorcyclist. Make sure they come on. When slow enough to safely cross, swing wide in the lane approaching the edge trap as head on as possible with a minimum of no less than a 45 degree angle.



# Riding Tips cont.

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### **Top 15 Motorcycle Tips For Street Riding Safety cont.**

#### **Avoiding Edge Traps on a Motorcycle**

Crossing any obstacle is always best at as close to a 90 degree angle (or straight on) as it is possible to get. Forty-five degrees is the minimum crossing angle. Riding parallel to the edge trap and hoping to just drift across it is the worst plan of action.

If it is in your lane directly parallel to your path and needs to be crossed over, then swing the bike as far away from it as possible while still remaining in the lane. Angle the bike to cross the edge as straight-on as possible. Making sure to remain in the lane during the entirety of the procedure.

In addition to approaching the crossing at no less than a 45 degree angle, the next most important thing when dealing with edge traps is seeing them as early as possible. When approaching construction zones there may be signs warning motorcyclists of uneven road surfaces, but this always isn't the case.

There are usually signs warning you to slow down in construction zones but that's easy to remember if only because fines double. It is also a good idea to increase following distance in construction zones or heavy traffic. This makes it easier to spot hazards before needing to deal with them.

There are times, especially in construction zones, where the new smooth pavement is like the song of a siren. It usually coincides along with old pavement that is rough, bumpy or uneven because of patching. The new lane is usually elevated higher than the old lane which creates an edge trap. The safer option may be to stay in the rough lane rather than dealing with the edge trap at all. The lane may not be wide enough to achieve enough of an angle before surmounting the edge trap or the edge itself might be significantly higher than the current lane. If it is uncomfortable to cross the edge trap because of inexperience (or anything else) and it isn't a necessity, consider remaining where you are.



# 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 @ 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

**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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