

# WARRIOR ANGEL RIDERS NEWSLETTER

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# Words from the Board

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Hello Ladies!

How does that saying go, "April Showers"? Enough! I am so ready for summer, sunshine, and RIDING!

Not all of us are year-round riders, but fair-weather riders. If so, it's time to dust off the cobwebs and look over your bike before hitting the roads. Remember "T-CLOCS"? No, I understand it has been six months or so. Think "safety."

T -- Tires and Wheels

C -- Controls

L -- Lights

O -- Oil and Fluids

C -- Chassis and Suspension

S -- Side stand UP

Go to an empty parking lot and practice. Even the best riders must practice keeping their skillset, especially at slow speeds. Practice your U-turns, figure 8, tight circles, etc. Remember endorsement class?! Watch YouTube videos! There are so many out there, all extremely informative.

We look forward to seeing everyone as the weather warms up and new adventures begin!

Create your moments that will take your breath away,

Lilyann "Pixel" Lear

Director

Warrior Angel Riders

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## Recognition Korner

W.A.R. wishes to recognize and thank two incredible Ladies, Michele "Stitch" Courvoisier and Shawna "Thunder" Chisholm. They both volunteered their time and energy to help shape Warrior Angel Riders.

Michele "Stitch" volunteered to take on the challenge as our 1<sup>st</sup> Membership Officer. We had no protocols in place or guidance. She helped to shape our membership program, created a tracker, and manage our birthday greetings! She recently accepted a promotion with her employer and with this new role comes new responsibilities. She served in this role for a year. She reluctantly had to step down but promised we will continue to see her and not miss her laughter.

Shawana "Thunder" found us on a poker run. She has so much experience behind her as a military motorcycle safety liaison and her previous membership with HOG. She volunteered her time and more as our 1<sup>st</sup> Newsletter Editor creating a format we immediately loved. She held this role for about 8 months before transitioning to Safety Officer. She held this role for several months. Shawna is my go-to when I have a question regarding protocols and best practices for the safety of our group. She recently purchased a home with her new love, Sandy "Creepy Sheep" and her daughter Lily Bug. This new venture requires more of her time, and she thought it would be best to step down. We will continue to see Shawna and Sandy on rides; she mentioned this year she may even lead a couple!

These phenomenal ladies gave themselves to W.A.R. unselfishly, and to them I am grateful for all they do.



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# Who we are:

**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\* \*Strength\* \*Trust\***

# Who we are cont.



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.

If you have any questions about W.A.R. 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 (W.A.R.)” was born!**

## W.A.R. Meetings

Meetings held monthly. Socialization @ Black Bear Diner in Lakewood begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:00 p.m. You may attend the meeting or choose to eat and enjoy a beverage. The food is great and reasonably priced. The members of W.A.R. run their own meetings and sponsor activities that ladies can participate in.

## W.A.R. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

**May 4, 2021**

## Wing Sister Mentorship Program

We are excited to announce our Mentorship Program known as 'Wing Sisters'.

Goal: The Wing Sister Program will serve as an opportunity for new riders to overcome barriers by building camaraderie with fellow motorcyclists in W.A.R. and pair riders together to foster safe motorcycle riding practices. We want to show new riders how fun riding can be and how to feel safe on the road; we will not be teaching ladies how to ride.

At this time, we have 9 amazing Wing Sisters ready to Mentor new riders; they will share their love of riding and adventure, as well as being a *cheerleader*, *consultant*, and *counselor* for new riders beginning their journey. We have begun outreach to local motorcycle shops, Motorcycle Safety Classes, and other locations to reach new riders. We have a few brochure displays in key locations to reach potential new lady riders. If you would like a brochure rack for a location you feel has good visibility to new riders let us know. We have extra brochures if you need a few. Stop by Eagle Leather and take what you need; they are located on the counter by the backdoor. We will be refilling the brochure rack regularly.



## Wing Sisters mentorship program – pt. 2

What will a Mentor do for a new rider?

Call to check riding progress

Advice on safety gear

Go on rides with a mentee – escorting them home if needed

Counsel to seek additional Safety Training

Bike purchase conferring

Encourage attendance at the W.A.R. monthly general membership meetings & social events

We could use your help; while we feel we have enough ladies volunteering to be Wing Sisters we would like to *identify new riders* - Mentees - who would like to join Warrior Angel Riders and take part in having a Big Sister to call on for their beginning riding experience. If you know of a new rider please let us know. We will be pairing them up with geographic location so their 'Wing Sister' will live in their general area.

NOW the most exciting part of this program: Elaine 'Earhart' Weaver has agreed to be the facilitator. We are thrilled she has agreed to run this program and we welcome her to the Leadership Team. Elaine can be reached at [mentor.warriorangelriders@gmail.com](mailto:mentor.warriorangelriders@gmail.com).

Let us all reach out to new and beginner riders in our area and welcome them to the incredible world of riding motorcycles and the amazing camaraderie of Warrior Angel Riders.

Charlie 'Angel' Houmes - Assistant Director

Elaine 'Earhart' Weaver - Mentorship Facilitator



# Featured Rider

# Sandy "Bad Ass" Knab

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Six years ago, I would have never thought I would experience the thrill of riding an 800-pound steel horse through the winding country back roads or go on a weekend bike trip and see it through the eyes of a riding companion named Teddy. Or to meet new people who share the same passion; and even more so make lifelong friends who have become my sisters. Keep the rubber side down and the shiny side up!



# Upcoming Events:

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

- ❖ 5/1/2021 – 9AM International Female Ride Day w/Jet City Harley
- ❖ 5/17/2021 - Norwegian Constitution Day Parade
- ❖ 5/23/2021 - First Aid beyond CPR for Motorcycle Accidents
- ❖ 6/18/2021 - Lolo Pass
- ❖ 6/21/2021 – National Ride to Work Day
- ❖ 7/23/2021 - Deception Pass/ Whidby Island
- ❖ 8/7/2021 – 9AM – W.A.R. Anniversary Ride
- ❖ 9/23/2021 – 12PM – Street Vibrations Bike Rally – Reno, NV
- ❖ 9/26/2021 – 9AM – 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Oyster Run – Anacortes, WA
- ❖ 10/23/2021 – Spring/Summer Luncheon – Details TBA
- ❖ 11/5/2021 – 2nd Annual Meet at the Beach – Pacific Beach/Ocean Shores, WA
- ❖ 12/4/2021 – 4:30PM-?? Hoedown Holiday Party - American Legion Post 15 Memorial Hall – Kent, WA

# Comings and Goings...

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Hello, I'm Pamela "Merlot" Nolan-Sims and I am the new Membership Officer for Warrior Angel Riders...

I bought my first bike in 2018 which was a 2000 Honda Knighthawk named Quim. I loved it and I had it for 1 year until it went on its last ride to Pasco and went to motorcycle heaven.

I currently have a Vulcan 900 custom-named Quim 2. I was introduced to motorcycle riding when I joined a social club and quickly fell in love with motorcycles. I was introduced to several female motorcycle riders by a fellow rider and loved what they stood for and still stand for today. At the time I did not have a bike; so I quickly started looking for one to purchase and then I found Quim.

Building a sisterhood one bike at a time!



My name is Geneva Laing aka "Blink." I'm the new Secretary for WAR. I've been riding for 5 years. I love to ride and love the empowerment it gives women. I love WAR because of our safe riding style and the way we encourage women to get out and ride no matter their skill level. I also like the way we stop and smell the roses so to speak, stopping at different locations all over our beautiful state. The camaraderie and bonding of the WAR ladies is a beautiful gift. I feel lucky to have made lot of new friends through this group. We have fun and enjoy each other's company. I am honored to be a member of WAR!

# More Comings and Goings

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I'm Hollie Imburgia, some of you know me and some don't; so I wanted to introduce myself. I've been riding for 3 years and have been a W.A.R. member for 2. I've been in the medical field for 25 years and I've been an active community service leader for a good 10 years. I'm pleased to have accepted the position of War's first Angel Amassador. In this position It's my responsibility to be a helpful and loving presence for all WAR members. Being a WAR sister means we celebrate with you when you experience triumphs and cry with you in your times of sorrow. We are all wind sisters and as such It's a privilege to also be friends. Thank you for allowing me to represent WAR and please help me to celebrate in your moments of need or triumph by keeping me in the loop. My phone is always available 253-961-8591 or you can send me a FB message. Also if you know of a wind sister who needs anything please send me an email at [hollieimb30@yahoo.com](mailto:hollieimb30@yahoo.com)



I am so excited to be the facilitator for our new mentorship program, Wing Sisters! This program means so much to me because I get to share my love of riding, adventure, and exploration (hence my road name, "Earhart") with new riders who are just beginning their journey. I started riding at 5 years old but took a long break when my children were younger. I am thrilled to be back in the saddle, a member of the Amazing W.A.R. Sisterhood, and on the Leadership Team as the Wing Sister Program Officer



## Welcome to April!

Spring has sprung, days are longer, it's getting darker later. The likelihood of riding at night is being minimized.

### GOOD TIMES INDEED!

The summer, with its long days and bright sunshine is almost enough to make a person forget how important the lighting system on their vehicle can be. "Why would I be worried about my lighting if I am not riding in the dark?" This is a legitimate question you might ask.

The simple truth is, on a motorcycle you become less visible in the bright sunshine. At night, there is a good chance your lights will be easily recognized by an oncoming vehicle. Disappearing in the daylight is why auto makers added daytime running lights to cars. It is why motorcycles headlights are ALWAYS ON as an industry standard.

How can I be MORE visible? Simple answer is LEDs.

Light bulbs are old technology. It is a piece of metal, sealed in an inert gas so when electricity passes through the metal, it is a controlled burn, glowing near white hot, thus creating light. This requires a large current flow (amps). As time passes, the metal deteriorates and eventually the bulb burns out.

## CONVERSELY,

An LED, (Light Emitting Diode) is a modern semiconductor that when electricity is applied, light is emitted. Thus, the name. It requires stable voltage and very little current (amps).

The ultimate goal with installing LEDs, is more light and greater visibility (the ability to see and be seen). The unintended consequence is less wear on the electrical system.

Can I install LEDs and be done? For headlights, fog lights and road lights, yes. For turn signals, there is more to it. For a turn signal to flash properly the system must have a certain amount of current flow. LEDs for turn signals can work, but it will require a load compensator of some sort to allow the flasher to function properly. This may require a voltage stabilizer. However, some LED bulbs have compensators built onto them. This will require some research, so be sure to do your research.

I hope you found this article illuminating.

See you on the road!

Jessie Lynn

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# Motorcycle Memes

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THE ONLY THING BETTER  
THAN A BIKER CHICK IS...



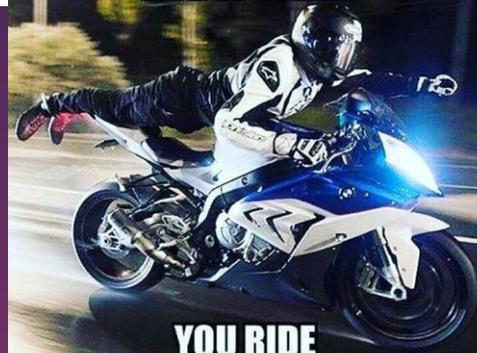
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GIRLS WHO LIKE BIKES  
ARE NOT WEIRD



THEY ARE A RARE GIFT FROM GOD

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*Be so happy loving your life that  
you have no time for hate, regret  
or fear"*

*~ Karen Salmansohn*



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