

# WARRIOR ANGEL RIDERS NEWSLETTER

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# Letter From The Editor

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Hello Angels, and welcome to our Newsletter!

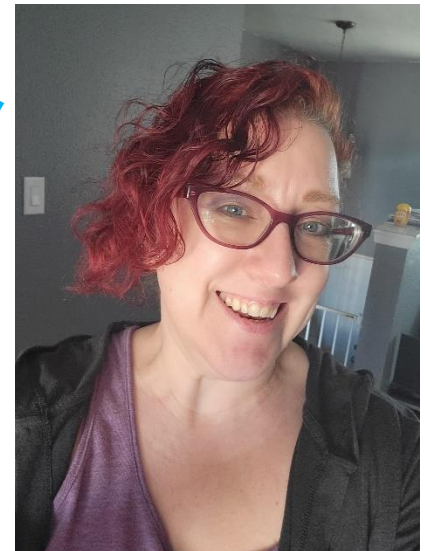
I wanted to take a minute to introduce myself. I am our Newsletter Editor, Cammie AKA "Boots". Just a reminder that I can't put together this newsletter without each of you! **If you have anything you would like to contribute to our newsletter our deadline for submission is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

*If you are a new member of the group and I haven't reached out to you yet, please feel free to reach out to me! I am working on getting everyone into the newsletter but don't wait on me!*

**I'm always Looking for ride pics (group and individual), new members to highlight, Birthdays to announce, Motorcycle Memes and new events to add in! (I'm sure there's stuff I'm missing, these are just some examples)**

I look forward to riding with you ladies,  
keep it rubber side down always!

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# Who we are



W.A.R. is a group of dedicated and talented women who love to get together, have fun, and ride. We are a very diverse group 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 the Ladies of 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**.

## OUR 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!**

## Our Meetings

Meetings are held monthly at Black Bear Diner in Lakewood. Socialization begins at 6:30 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 W.A.R. run their own meetings and sponsor activities that ladies can participate in.

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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\***

February, the shortest month of the year. When I hear February, I think of love and friendship. Fun fact. Galenitne's Day, celebrated on February 13, seems to have been popularized by Amy Poehler's character Leslie Knope on *Parks and Recreation*.



Whatever you do to celebrate Galentine's and/or Valentine's Day, I hope you the day of love however you want – even if it's through self-love.

As for W.A.R., we had our first Council Meeting for the year. We discussed upcoming events, rides, and our programs. We have our annual events returning, such as the Anniversary Ride, Motorcycle First Responder Class, Challenge Ride, Biker for Babies Poker Run, etc. This year our Swap Meet will be a LeMay's Car Museum! We are excited about this event.

We are also introducing our Road Captain/Sweep Training class! We have talked about this program, but COVID interfered with the plans; now there should be nothing in our way. I'm praying all will be good.



We mainly use the MeetUp site for details on our upcoming rides and events besides Facebook. Be sure to check-in at least once a week to see if anything new has been added!



**Here are the links:**

<https://www.meetup.com/warrior-angel-riders/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/warmembersonly>

Looking forward to seeing you at our March Meet and Greet, the Motorcycle First Safety Responder Class, and our Challenge Ride Kick-Off!

Till then, may you and your family be safe, healthy, and strong.

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# Let's Meet the Players!

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# Let's Meet the Players!!!!

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We are a diverse group, and we all bring something to the table, and we cannot do many of the things we do in W.A.R. without all of you!! What talents do you bring to the table that you would like to share? We are always looking for extra help. Here are a few places we are looking to add in support:

- **Road Captains (Dire Need)**
- **Sweeps (Dire Need)**
- **Event Support (this is HUGE)**

If you feel you have some time and would like to help, please reach out to our AWESOME director at [warrirorangelriders@gmail.com](mailto:warrirorangelriders@gmail.com)

Stay tuned for more upcoming events to be added in!!





To make sure your first ride is safe and enjoyable, here are some maintenance and springtime riding tips.

## Maintenance Tips

1. **Check your tires.** Cold air can cause tires to lose tire pressure. After sitting all winter, it's likely your tires are low. Driving with under-inflated tires is dangerous. Under-inflated tires can lead to tire failure, poor handling, and the need to buy tires more frequently. Also, inspect your tires for wear and tear. Things to look for include:

- Uneven tread wear
- Cupping
- Punctures, cuts, or cracks

2. **Inspect your battery.** For many it's common practice to trickle charge the battery during winter storage. However, if you didn't keep an eye on your battery during winter, hook it up to a charger. Also, double check your battery terminals for corrosion or leaks.

3. **Inspect your lights.** It's important that other motorists can see you. Replace bulbs that are burned out.

4. **Check your fluid levels.** Changing your oil at the beginning or end of the season is common. However, don't forget about checking these other important fluids:

- Brake fluid**
- Coolant**
- Transmission oil**
- Hydraulic clutch fluid**
- Fork oil**

Always refer to your owner's manual for recommended service intervals. **Springtime Riding Tips:**

1. **Avoid road debris.** After a long winter, the side of the road can be a mess. Until the first good rain or until street sweepers clean it up, debris can make its way into traffic lanes. Metal pieces can puncture a tire and leftover salt and sand can reduce traction and increase braking distance.

2. **Be on the lookout for potholes.** Keeping potholes filled during the winter months can be a losing battle for road workers. Therefore, it's up to you to constantly scan the road so you're aware of what's in front of you. Hitting a pothole could not only damage your motorcycle, but it could also cause you to lose control if you're not expecting it. Also, keeping a safe following distance will allow you to see them and use your brakes more effectively.

**3. Watch for pedestrians.** After a long, cold winter, everyone is itching to get outside. So, when the first nice day arrives, be alert for pedestrians. Especially watch for excited children who may run into the street without looking.

**4. Don't expect other drivers to see you.** After several months of winter driving, motorists may not see you or expect you to be on the road. Therefore, it's in your best interest to make sure you're seen. Here are some things you can do.

- *Wear bright colored safety gear.* Consider wearing at least one bright item when you go for a ride. If you love your black leather jacket, then wear a brighter helmet.
- *Use additional reflectors or reflective tape.* While these items won't do much during the day, they can make a difference at night. Reflective tape can be used in unique places and installation is easy.
- *Avoid blind spots.* Always be aware of your position on the road. While you can't avoid blind spots completely, being aware can help you make a quick lane change or allow you to speed up or slow down. Proper road position can give you a better chance to spot and react to hazards safely.
- *Use your high beams.* Depending on the situation, it may make sense to use your high beams during the day. While it may annoy other motorists, you'll be more visible.
- *Use your signals.* Because motorcycles are small and nimble compared to cars, I often see lane changes made with no signals. Using your signals increases your visibility by alerting drivers to what you're doing.

**5. Drive slower.** Like many activities, sitting out for a season can cause you to come back a bit rusty. Now's the time to take it easy and to become re-acclimated with your motorcycle and riding techniques. While your skills will likely come back quickly, it's best to take it slow. If you're starting out the season with a new motorcycle, this tip is critical.

**6. Pack extra gear.** Being comfortable on your ride can lead to the first great ride of the season. However, wind, spring showers, and fluctuating temperatures can make it a bit tricky. Packing extra gear or wearing layers will allow you to adjust as needed.

**7. Avoid nighttime driving.** While the days are longer, it's not summer. Nighttime driving requires extra skill and alertness. During spring, road conditions can change when the sun goes down.

**8. Contact your insurance agent.** While you should have insurance on your motorcycle year-round, if you don't, make sure to contact your agent before taking it out on a spring ride.

# Wing Sisters

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Hello, My name is Jen  
"Pandora" and I am your Wing  
Sisters Coordinator!



The wing sister program is here to help strengthen our group. This is a mentor/mentee program. If you'd like to help a newer rider, get more confidence, more skills and make connections please sign up! If you have things you'd like to learn or get refreshers on, please sign up and ask for a Mentor. As Warrior Angel Riders we want our group of lady riders to know how to safely ride in groups. Our future relies on our new gals!

The goal of this program is to give opportunities for new riders to overcome barriers while building camaraderie with fellow riders. We want riders to have fun and feel safe on the road always.

For Mentors, you can share your love of riding and adventure! We can encourage them to become the strong women they are and the strongest riders they can possibly be. You will be their confidence booster and motivator. We will not be giving instruction, merely be present as needed. You can give as little or as much time as you are able. Think of this as a "Big Sister" program for riding.

As a Mentor, this group (Wing Sisters) will use collaboration and cooperation in the development of this program. Please bring comments and suggestions to my attention. Let's work together to assist new and inexperienced riders to get off to a great start!

If you have any questions or would like to sign up as a Mentor or Mentee please reach out to me at [dajgallagher@comcast.net](mailto:dajgallagher@comcast.net)



# Bunk-A-Sister

HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUNK-A-BIKER? W.A.R HAS SOMETHING SIMILAR -- "BUNK-A-SISTER"

BUNK-A-SISTER IS PROGRAM TO HELP OUR FELLOW SISTERS WHO MAY NEED A PLACE TO STAY OVERNIGHT, OR LONGER, TO ATTEND EVENTS/RIDES THE FOLLOWING DAY IN LIEU OF STAYING AT A HOTEL.

W.A.R. SOLICITED OUR MEMBERSHIP AND DISCOVERED SEVERAL LADIES ARE HAPPY TO HAVE A FELLOW SISTER STAY WITH THEM OVERNIGHT, SOME SAID EVEN LONGER, BUT DO NOT OVERSTAY YOUR WELCOME. HOW TO FIND OUT WHO IS PARTICIPATING? LOOK AT OUR PHONE DIRECTORY AND YOU CAN SEE WHO IS SIGNED UP WITH THE BUNK-A-SISTER PROGRAM. THERE YOU WILL FIND A FEW COMMENTS NOTATED REGARDING IF YOUR SIGNIFICANT OTHER IS WELCOME, HOW MUCH NOTIFICATION IS REQUESTED, IF THERE ARE PETS IN THE HOME, ETC.

HOW DO YOU PLAN TO STAY WITH A BUNK-A-SISTER? CALL YOUR SISTER AND PLAN YOUR STAY DIRECTLY WITH HER. GOES WITHOUT SAYING, PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL AND DO NOT ABUSE THE PROGRAM.

HOW TO SIGN-UP WITH THE PROGRAM? IF YOU ARE OPEN AND WILLING TO HAVE A SISTER STAY WITH YOU, PLEASE LET LILYANN KNOW TO BE ADDED TO THE LIST.

HOW LONG DO YOU HAVE TO PARTICIPATE? TOTALLY UP TO YOU. YOU MAY JOIN AND DROP OUT BASED ON YOUR PERSONAL SITUATION AS OFTEN AS YOU NEED/WANT.

W.A.R THANKS OUR BUNK-A-SISTERS!



# WE NEED YOUR INPUT (see below) !!!!

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We are looking for all you content creators out there for input!!

If You have any expertise/tips/ETC on anything riding or rider related, we could really use your help. We are looking for anything from safety info/tips to other rider stuff to mechanical info.

We would love to tap into our awesome pool of knowledge (all of you) – what do you have to offer?

**Please email the editor with any ideas, contributions or  
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**Submissions must be  
received on or before  
the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month**



# Featured Article – High Vis Enforcement

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The Ugly Truth about living in the Pacific Northwest is the rider's write-off.

Come every November 1<sup>st</sup>, our brains (accurately) forecast *at least* three months of rain, bitter cold (or maybe both, plus some snow and ice), depending on where in the state we reside.

Then maybe we catch a break in February, but come March-April-May...well, who knows? Doesn't look awesome. At least June warms up! Although, it can be a little wet then too, especially west of the Cascades.

The Ugly Truth: Most Washington riders write-off roughly nine months of good times in exchange for the high percentage chance July and August and September will produce the stellar conditions that make motorcycling in the Pacific Northwest (arguably) the best in the country.

Sounds like a difficult trade, but it's *worth* it, as if we *earn* the privilege to enjoy a summer on two wheels (instead of it being handed to us 300 days a year, at which point we'd likely take it for granted—looking at you, Southern Californians).

Plus, there's a certain pride in this resilience we have, right? It's not as if our bikes stay in the garage for those nine months of questionable weather. We still hit the road, deal with cold, treacherous conditions, general discomfort—and feel that much better as part of the process, maybe even SUPERIOR to an “it's-always-fair-weather-here” rider from say Florida (we've picked on California enough).

Nonetheless, come July, it's game on, it's what we've been WAITING for.

More motorcycles travel on Washington's roads in the summer months than any other time of the year. Unfortunately, summer is also the time when, historically, more motorcycle riders are killed or injured in crashes. In a continued effort to reduce these crashes, increased High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) safety patrols **will be visible July 8-24 in King, Pierce, Snohomish, Clark, Yakima, and Spokane Counties.**

The patrols will focus on illegal driving behaviors by both motorcycle riders and other vehicle drivers. The **Washington State Patrol** will be working with city, county, and tribal law enforcement agencies focused on drivers and riders who commit traffic safety violations. From 2017 through 2021, motorcycles made up just 3 percent of the registered vehicles on Washington's roads but accounted for 15 percent of all traffic fatalities (441 of 2,877). Of these fatal motorcycle crashes, more than half were single motorcycle crashes where no other vehicle was involved, and 70 percent were traced to causal factors committed by the motorcyclist.

# Featured Article – High Vis Enforcement

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Driving under the influence (DUI) of drugs and alcohol, speeding, and running off the road are the main contributing factors in all motor vehicle deaths including motorcycles. Safe habits like completing beginner and advanced rider training, wearing a USDOT-approved helmet and proper gear, respecting speed limits, and riding sober can help prevent deaths and serious injuries during peak riding season in the Northwest.

In June 2022, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) released a study supporting the effectiveness of law enforcement patrols in reducing unsafe driving behavior and crashes. The WTSC and participating law enforcement agencies condemn profiling. Trained and commissioned law enforcement officers will be conducting these patrols enforcing traffic violations as defined by Washington State laws.

In addition to enforcement, other HVE elements you can expect to see include:

- Social media and paid educational messages
- Electronic message boards
- Pop-up or variable message road signs
- Billboards
- Specially wrapped vehicles
- Flyers or brochures handed out to motorists

Remember, the idea is to keep us all safe this summer, so we can give you a wave next summer. Or even this winter, depending on how hard it's raining...or how cold it is.

Ride Safe – Ride On

Extra patrols are partially funded by the Washington Traffic Safety Commission with the coordination of the King County Target Zero Task Force. The Task Force brings together representatives from law enforcement, public health, health and human services, transportation and community organizations to coordinate traffic safety campaigns throughout King County.

*It's a Fine Line is an inclusive community of motorcycle riders advocating one common mission: zero motorcycle deaths by 2030. We share videos and stories about motorcycle events, rides, clubs, gear, safety, and training because we believe that together we can save the lives of our friends, our families, and our communities.*

# February's Question: We need your input!!

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What is your Favorite road to travel by motorcycle?

Please share your awesome finds with us!



# Announcements/Reminders!!!

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- Do you have a submission? Please be sure to send those via email (only) to [editor.cammie.war@yahoo.com](mailto:editor.cammie.war@yahoo.com) submissions sent any other way could be missed.
- Ensure your Cardo's have all their updates, there's multiple new ones out. On your Cardo boom microphone, there is a yellow direction line under the foam. Ensure that is facing toward your mouth and not out where it will capture all the wind noise and not you.
- Have you Renewed your Membership yet this year?? If you plan to be sure to hit up Vamp for all the deets on how to do that!!

# W.A.R. Birthdays!

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Cheryl "Lady B" Ramsay 2/3

Taylor Drake 2/7

Debra Butler 2/15

Jennifer Jin 2/25

Rachael "Taz" Rollins 2/27

If we have missed your birthday this month my apologies, it is possible we do not have updated information for you yet!!

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so that we can update our roster.



# Upcoming Events

- ❖ 2/7/2023 – February Meet N Greet
- ❖ 2/24/2023 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meet at the beach
- ❖ 3/7/2023 – March Meet N Greet
- ❖ 3/19/2023 – Motorcycle First Responders Class
- ❖ 3/20/2023 – Challenge Ride Begins
- ❖ 3/26/2023 – Abate Motorcycle Swap Meet
- ❖ 5/6/2023 – IFRD
- ❖ 6/17/2023 – Lowlife Poker Run
- ❖ 6/19/2023 – Ride Your Motorcycle to Work Day
- ❖ 7/4/2023 – 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade
- ❖ 7/8/2023 – W.A.R. Sponsored Swap Meet
- ❖ 7/8/2023 – European Motorcycle Tour
- ❖ 7/20/2023 – Pendleton Bike Run 2023
- ❖ 8/5/2023 – Anniversary Ride
- ❖ 8/12/2023 – Biker for Babies Poker Run
- ❖ 9/22/2023 – Challenge Ride Ends
- ❖ 9/24/2023 – Oyster Run
- ❖ 12/2/2023 Olympia Toy Run

**Please see Event info in Meetup App for complete details on any events listed here.**