

# WARRIOR ANGEL RIDERS NEWSLETTER

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# Letter From The Editor

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Hello Angels, and welcome to our Newsletter!

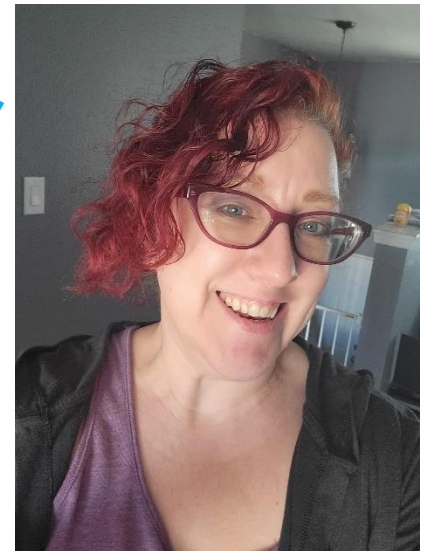
I wanted to take a minute to introduce myself. I am our Newsletter Editor, Cammie AKA "Boots". Just a reminder that I can't put together this newsletter without each of you! **If you have anything you would like to contribute to our newsletter our deadline for submission is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each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

# Director's Thoughts

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October is Breast Cancer Awareness. Our name "Warrior" stems from all the warriors who fought and survived their struggle with (breast) cancer. Sadly, we also know someone who lost the battle, although she never gave up.



## What Breast Cancer CANNOT Do

It cannot cripple LOVE

It cannot shatter HOPE

It cannot corrode FAITH

It cannot destroy FREINDSHIP

It cannot kill FRIENDSHIP

it cannot suppress MEMORIES

It cannot silence COURAGE

It cannot invade THE SOULD

It cannot steal ETERNAL LIFE

It cannot conquer THE SPIRIT

The second Saturday in October is designated to get all motorcyclists on their bikes for a united day of riding as we celebrate National Motorcycle Ride Day. Some say this also signals our riding season coming to an end for the year. Say it isn't so! Enjoy what weather we have left.



Happy Halloween!

Lilyann "Pixel" Lear

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# Let's Meet the Players!

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# Let's Meet the Players!!!!

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# New Members!

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Jessica Burnaw  
Joined 8/27



Linda Fortune  
Joined 8/11

I love being outside in nature.....hiking, skiing, riding my motorcycle and being by beautiful rivers. My riding group have all retired from riding. I was happy to find WAR and hope to continue riding with others!

*If you are a new member and would like to be featured in a future newsletter, please reach out to me via email at [editorcammie.war@yahoo.com](mailto:editorcammie.war@yahoo.com)*



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!!



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# Poker Run



## Bikers for Babies 2022





Our very first Poker Run





Aug 2022







Thank You To All who Helped/Participated!!

# Wing Sisters

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Hello! My name is Jen "Pandora" Gallagher, and I am stepping into the coordinator role for the Wing Sisters program. I've been riding a few years and I'm currently riding a 2020 Can Am Spyder F3L. (Lucy)

I rode on the back of a softtail heritage with my husband for years and finally decided it was my time to ride my own ride. I've been married to my husband, Dan for 30 years. I have 3 boys. My oldest child is 23 and lives in San Jose California. My twins are 19 and are in college. I have one at WSU in the architecture program and one at Gonzaga in the computer engineering program. When I'm not enjoying my kids on breaks and visits, I'm riding as much as I can. I keep busy with many things, but my wind therapy is the thing that gives me pure joy. Warrior Angel Riders has been such a wonderful addition to my life. The relationships I have through this group will last a lifetime. We have the most loving and supportive group of ladies you could ever meet. I'm proud to be apart of them and I'm excited to see where this program can go!





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)

# 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  
input [editorcammie.war@yahoo.com](mailto:editorcammie.war@yahoo.com)**

**Submissions need to be  
emailed on or before the  
20<sup>th</sup> of each month**



# 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.
- Riding Season is winding down! Please send me your riding and event pics from the summer I would love to share them in a future newsletter!
- 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!!



# Octobers Question: We need your input!!

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What was your best “Find” to make riding a better experience?

This could be a new Gadget you have discovered, for your bike, or for your person (Gear) Pretty much anything riding related.

Please share your awesome finds with us!

# W.A.R. Birthdays!

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Liz Essary 10/1  
Leesa Blankenship 10/12  
Lilyann "Pixel" Lear 10/13  
Leanna Washington 10/16  
Dolly Cervantes 10/17  
Tymmie McCracken 10/21  
Marrisa "Sparkles" Williams 10/30

**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.**

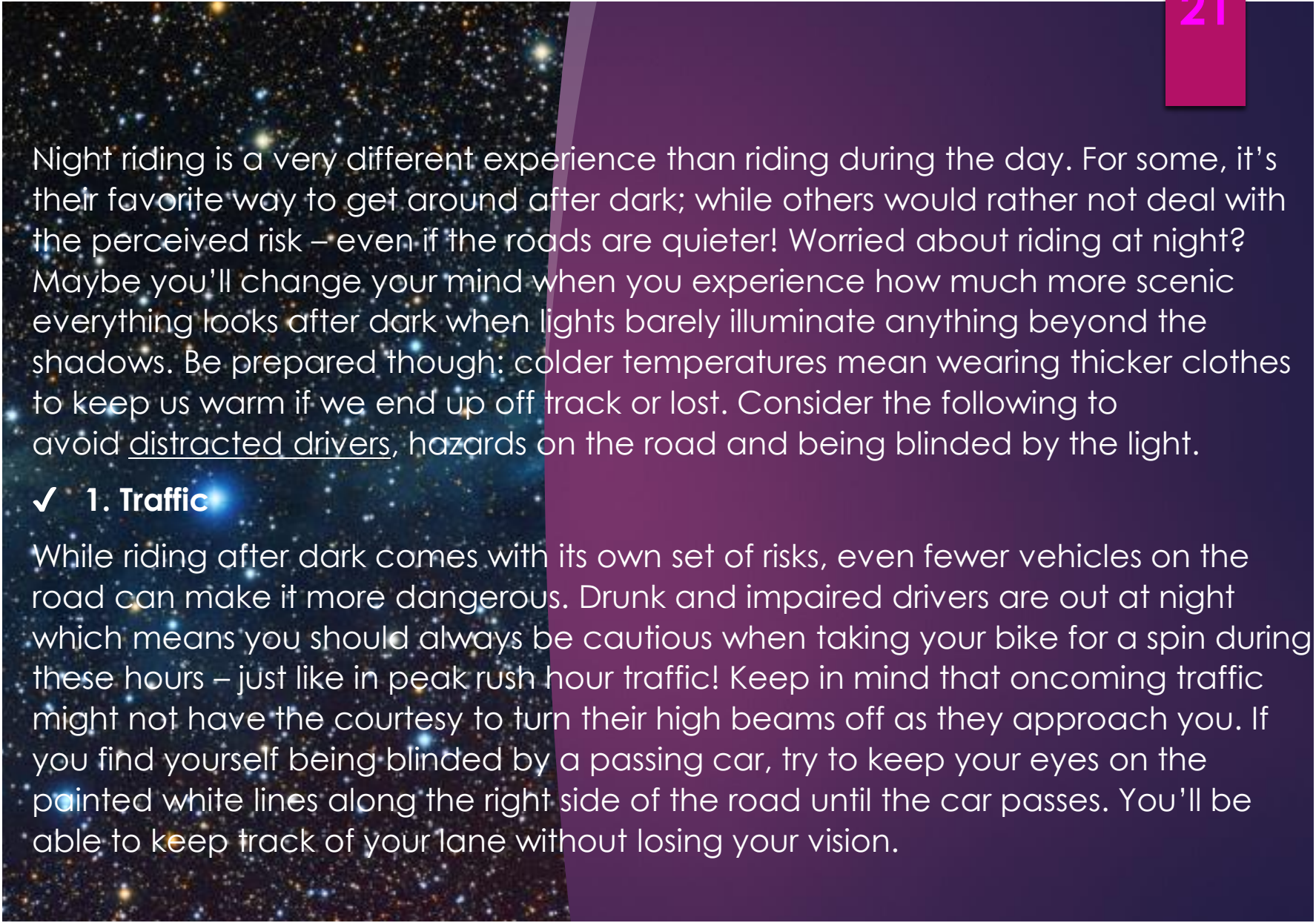


# 3 Ways for Night Riders to stay safe

With riding season winding down, and our days getting shorter, here are some good tips to keep you safer in the dark







Night riding is a very different experience than riding during the day. For some, it's their favorite way to get around after dark; while others would rather not deal with the perceived risk – even if the roads are quieter! Worried about riding at night? Maybe you'll change your mind when you experience how much more scenic everything looks after dark when lights barely illuminate anything beyond the shadows. Be prepared though: colder temperatures mean wearing thicker clothes to keep us warm if we end up off track or lost. Consider the following to avoid distracted drivers, hazards on the road and being blinded by the light.

### ✓ 1. Traffic

While riding after dark comes with its own set of risks, even fewer vehicles on the road can make it more dangerous. Drunk and impaired drivers are out at night which means you should always be cautious when taking your bike for a spin during these hours – just like in peak rush hour traffic! Keep in mind that oncoming traffic might not have the courtesy to turn their high beams off as they approach you. If you find yourself being blinded by a passing car, try to keep your eyes on the painted white lines along the right side of the road until the car passes. You'll be able to keep track of your lane without losing your vision.

## ✓ 2. Visibility

Day or night, it is your job to make sure other vehicles on the road see you. You should always practice defensive riding and avoid unsafe situations. At night this means putting a big emphasis on high-visibility gear. Invest in reflective gear and always check to make sure your lights are working before starting your ride.

## ✓ 3. Speed

From 2012 to 2020, half of all fatal motorcycle crashes involved speed and lane departure. You should only be riding as fast as you can see. Less light on the road means less time to react to what would normally be an easily avoided pothole. While the speed limit might be 60 mph, it doesn't mean you have to go that fast. Always scan the road ahead for animals or debris that may get in your way, and slow down.

It's A Fine Line is an inclusive community of motorcycle riders advocating one common mission: zero motorcycle deaths by 2030. We want to 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.



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## Upcoming Events

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

- ❖ 10/1/2022 – W.A.R. Board and Council Meeting
- ❖ 10/4/2022 – October Meet N Greet @Black Bear Diner, Lakewood WA
- ❖ 10/9/2022 – Wigged Out ride
- ❖ 10/22/2022 – Challenge Ride Luncheon (More info TBA)
- ❖ 10/29/2022 – Trunk or Treat – (More info TBA)
- ❖ 11/8/2022 – November Meet N Greet @Black Bear Diner, Lakewood WA
- ❖ 12/3/2022 – 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Olympia Toy Run
- ❖ 12/6/2022 – December Meet N Greet @Black Bear Diner, Lakewood WA
- ❖ 1/8/2022 – Post Holiday Party
- ❖ 2/24/2022 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meet at the beach

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