

WARRIOR ANGEL RIDERS NEWSLETTER

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MARCH 2021

Words from the Board

Aloha Ladies!

March is bringing us “luck”, or I could be just optimistic. More and more are receiving their Covid vaccination; I get my first shot on St. Patty’s Day! Gov. Inslee has opened the state back to Phase 2. It is only matter time when we will finally see Phase 3! With us moving to Phase 2, brings some hope to plan our events, again. May 1st, we are planning our International Female Ride Day, again, with Jet City Harley Davidson. We will be there all day, promoting W.A.R. and leading the female-ride. Exciting!

In July we are planning a coed ride to attend Pendleton Bike Rally in Oregon. Want a challenge? The Rattlesnake 400 will be the ride for you! The Rattlesnake 400 is not a race but a self-guided motorcycle ride. The ride includes 400 miles of the most scenic roads in North America and covers three states including the Blue Mountain Skyway, Rattlesnake Grade, Snake River, and Palouse Falls, all in the same ride.

This year our Spring/Summer Challenge Ride starts March 20 – September 22, 2021. We added a second challenge, Quicky Quickie, which consists of shorter distance rides. Do not let the ride distance sway you. The Quirky Quickie will be just as much fun as the N’usual to Pekuliar!

Membership renewal has started in March and depending on when you first paid for your membership, do not be surprised to see a renewal letter in your mailbox. For our members, we are excited to finally have our “Wing Sister” mentor program which has started in March! We also will be rolling out another new program, “Wing Miles”, where we will track and acknowledge your accumulative miles.

Spring is a beautiful time of year...Lets start planning and getting out on the open road!

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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 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.

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 @ Elmer’s in Tacoma 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 WAR run their own meetings and sponsor activities that ladies can participate in.

W.A.R. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

March 9, 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.

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 Riders – Special Twin Edition

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When I was growing up, I grew up in the car culture. Being the youngest kid in my family, everybody around me was into cars and eventually, I found a career in the automotive industry. I got bitten by the motorcycle bug at 12 when I rode my brothers Yamaha YZ125. By 16 I had a street bike that I borrowed, and I rode while I fixed it. It wasn't until I turned 25 that I bought my first motorcycle and started riding on Street seriously. I've never experienced anything like the bonding that goes on between human and machine in 2012 when I rode my 1996 Dyna Super Glide aka "Mistress" from New Jersey to Washington. Not even an accident in 2015 would stop me from riding.

This year I turn 50. I can't believe I've been riding for 25 years. One of the greatest things that happened to me is becoming a Warrior Angel Rider. My sisters have blessed me with their love, acceptance and friendship. One of my greatest gifts was finding my "twin sister" Cammie aka "Boots". We've become Winged sisters. Being a mentor to her came so naturally because she has such an incredible heart. I couldn't have imagined a better sister than Cammie. The time we spent together is absolutely priceless. Watching her grow as a rider over last season made me so proud! I can't wait to see her get on the road again this year.

As far as who I am, my life and my transition, I never really envisioned my life turning out this way. But for all the heartache for all the struggles, I wouldn't change a minute of it. I am living in what is, absolutely the best time of my life. And I'm so glad I get to spend it with my sisters of W.A.R.



Wind sisters Jessie Lynne "Pipes" and...

My Name Is Cammie “Boots” I have been riding off and on for over half of my life. I started out on the back of my Ex-Husbands Dual sport and eventually wanted to ride on my own. I got my first street bike 9 years ago and never looked back!

I Have enjoyed getting to ride with all of my W.A.R. sisters and ended up with far more than I could have imagined. I connected with Jessie Lynne right from my first ride and we just clicked, and it's been awesome having her as a mentor over this last year. She has helped me grow so much!

From Mechanics to riding pointers and advice and so much more, it been great to have someone who has helped me grow my skills on so many levels. I look forward to riding with her and the other W.A.R. ladies for a long time to come!



Cammie “Boots”

Upcoming Events:

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

- ❖ 3-20/2021-9/22/2021 – 2nd Annual N'usual to Pekuliar Ride
- ❖ 4/2021 – Spring refresher course w/Shawna
Details TBA
- ❖ 5/1/2021 – 9AM International Female Ride Day w/Jet City Harley
- ❖ 6/21/2021 – National Ride to Work Day
- ❖ 7/4/2021 – 4th of July Parade – Steilacoom, WA
- ❖ 7/15/2021 – Pendleton Bike Rally – Pendleton, OR
- ❖ 7/23/2021 – 4PM – HOG Wild Bike Rally – Ocean Shores, WA
- ❖ 8/7/2021 – 9AM – W.A.R. Anniversary Ride
- ❖ 9/23/2021 – 12PM – Street Vibrations Bike Rally – Reno, NV
- ❖ 9/26/2021 – 9AM – 43rd 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

Babes of W.A.R.

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More Babes of W.A.R.!

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More Babes of W.A.R.!

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My name is Jessie Lynne Sturzione and my road name is PIPES. A little background about me, I worked on my first car at 11 years old, I spent 32 years working on cars. Over my career I was Factory trained by 10 car manufacturers, I was a Master Technician for Mercedes-Benz for 20 of those 32 years. I have been ASE certified as a Master Technician and Advanced Engine Performance Specialist for 30 years. The entire 25 years I've ridden motorcycles, I have done all of my own maintenance and repairs.

Each month I'll touch on subjects on how to keep your bike in top shape so you can enjoy your rides on safe and reliable equipment. I will have an email address so each month questions can be sent to me. The following month I'll pick one or two questions and answer them as part of "Wrench It Up". I am always open to subjects the readers would like more information or input on.

Maintenance and repairs and how they relate to your motorcycle. We all know maintenance means "to maintain". A repair on the other hand, indicates that something is broken or not operating as intended. The key things to remember is that when you maintain a vehicle, you are trying to return it to a previous state of proper operation. There are parts that inherently wear over time, causing a subtle and mostly unnoticeable deterioration.

Being that you are the person that rides your motorcycle everyday two things happen. The first thing is that you become the foremost expert of that one vehicle. You know it better than anybody else on the planet. You know every squeak every vibration every little nuance. On the other hand, because you ride it all the time, you may not realize when a component is deteriorated like a clutch that has a little slippage or brakes that aren't operating properly. This is where having a knowledgeable person working on your equipment is essential. HOWEVER, if you are not being heard by that person, your concern may never be properly addressed and repaired.

How do I achieve a good service visit with great results?

First, review your owner's manual. There is a maintenance table that will give you an idea of what is addressed during periodic maintenance intervals.

Second, if you have questions or concerns, write them down. Working from memory leaves too much uncovered ground. We all forget stuff, and that one detail may make all the difference in the world.

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Third, collect as much information as you can about problems, as this will help the technician working on your bike to accurately diagnose the issue. It is your job to give as much information as you can to your mechanic, It is their responsibility to listen to you, collect that information and then use that information to diagnose and repair your issue.

BE HEARD. BE ACKNOWLEDGED AND UNDERSTOOD.

Finally, ask questions, try to understand what is going on in the repair process. You are paying a lot of money to have your bike fixed by a professional. They should have no problem answering your questions. If they can't be bothered taking the time, you are probably not in the right place. You pay money for a service; you have the right to understand what the charges are and what work is being performed.

At the end of the day, you have to have a relationship of trust with whoever works on your equipment. When a car breaks down, it's usually not a big deal because you are relatively safe inside the cage. If you have a failure on a motorcycle the results can be much more catastrophic. This is not a place to compromise quality. You **HAVE TO KNOW** your equipment is right! **REMEMBER**, You are singularly unique, and you are **ABSOLUTELY IRREPLACEABLE!**

See you on the road

Jessie Lynne

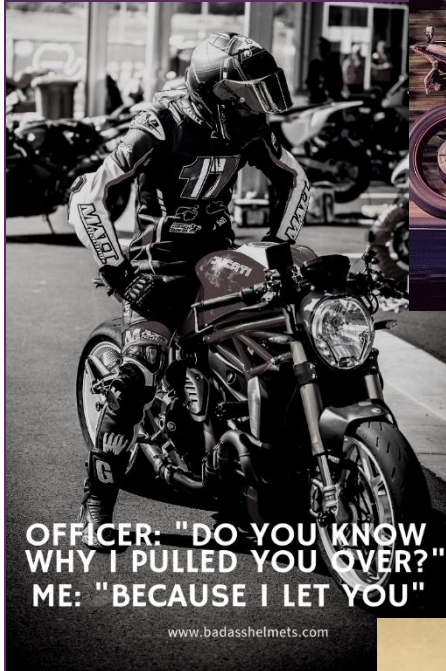
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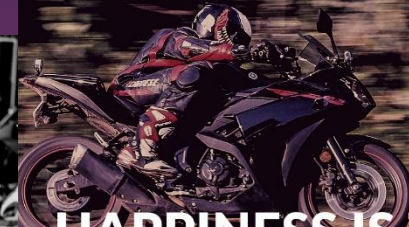
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And keep me safe from harm today
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Find me a peaceful sunny place
And let it shine upon my face
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And keep me dry throughout the day
Watch over my brothers who ride with me
Keep them safe and close to thee
Keep my wheels upon the ground
So i'll return here safe and sound
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