

Mountain Lion Gazette



Yakima, Washington Region I October 2009 District - WA. Chapter M



Thursday Night Socials

October 1
Bruchi's

October 8
Royal Buffet

October 15
Sea Galley

October 22
Magic Pizza
Selah

October 29
Minors

November 5
Dairy Queen
Meadowbrook

November 12
Power House Grill

Ron's Comments for October

Here we are again, time for another article. How time flies when you aren't ready. I just returned from Chapter Ps oyster feed in Long Beach. Other than the rain on Friday night, the weather was great. On Friday there was a group of us that rode to Astoria to Bow Picker for their World famous Fish & Chips. We all got a lot of oysters to eat. They had about 40 dozen oysters and by Sunday morning there were 2 left in the ice. There were about 9 of us from Chapter M in attendance this year. MOMMA did a very good job with the entertainment as usual.

Don't forget, it's not too late to sign up for the ride to Reno.

Good Riding
Ron Hafsos

"FRIENDS FOR FUN SAFETY & KNOWLEDGE"

Reno Or Bust

For our Fall Ride to Reno we will be leaving Yakima on October 5th at 8:00 am from Mc Donald in Union Gap. Our 1st night on the road will be in Lakeview Oregon. Our 2nd and 3rd nights will be at the Circus Circus in Reno. Our 4th night on our return to Yakima will be in Redmond Or. We will be home on Friday, October 9th.

The rooms in Reno are "CHEAP".

If you have any questions give me a call.

Ron Hafsos 509-697-4415



Rider Education

By: Steve Williams

Rider Educator

Motorcycle Tip

by: Duane Worrell

Owens Harley-Davidson

(509) 575-1916



THE WRONG WAY TO CHOOSE A BIKE

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is to have the salesman tell you what bike to buy! The majority of sales people want to sell a bike and the motivation for a sale can sometimes override the ability to be impartial with helping you buy what's best for you.

Key questions to ask yourself are: How am I going to use the bike (touring or just tooling around)? How often am I going to use the bike? It's typical that the first couple years of owning a bike you're going to ride it every where and anywhere! If there's only a *little* snow you think you can still get out there and ride...if it's only 13 degrees you ride the bike...if it's raining you still ride the bike...you just can't keep off it!!

Be grateful to have a salesman ask these questions: You should think it through as much as you can so the salesman can help you through the process. You don't initially have to jump on a big bike. It takes time to get confidence in your riding.

We know life styles change frequently and personal interests change, too. Starting out on a small bike can be a good way to learn what your riding interests are so you can then move on to (if you even need to!) a different bike. The key here is to make sure the sales person takes a genuine interest in your purchase. Having the right fit and right size bike the first time is *awesome*.

Have fun getting the proper 'fit' for your new motorcycle! Making sure both feet are securely on the ground (with the proper riding gear); the weight of the motorcycle and if the handlebars are a comfortable reach (although changing handlebars and foot control re-positioning can provide significant posture improvement); and of course **THE COLOR!!** That's the most fun of all! Contact your favorite professional to get your 'fitment' started ☺.

A Bit Of History

This Months "Bit of History" comes from Dick and Mary LaFortune.

Dick, one of three children of Fred and Lillian LaFortune, born and raised in Yakima. Mary, one of seventeen children of Pete and Celia Steinbock, born and raised in Prosser. As far as our age goes, One nice person and one old grouch live at our house. Any guesses?

Dick retired from Safeway Stores in 1999 after 40 years and managed a Safeway in Wapato, Leavenworth, Yakima, Anchorage, Cle Elum, and Toppenish. Ten Stores all together. I was in the United States Coast Guard in the early 60's. Remember Cuba and the missiles?

Mary retired from Safeway in 1996. She worked at a Shopping Bag Grocery store in West Covina, near Los Angeles, for approximately 11 years. Mary moved back to Prosser and worked at Safeway until the store sold to Olmstead Grocery and worked there until she married Dick on September 09, 1990. We were introduced at a Safeway Employees Association function around 1980 and Mary has been chasing me around for years ever since. Of course with various and sundry things on her mind. We have 4 children between us. We both have one child , Brian and Esther that have passed away. We now have 10 grandchildren and one on the way. Wow! We also have 4 great grandchildren.

We became involved with Chapter M around 1998 after Bill Knight, Chapter Director, called us at our home in Toppenish. Bill was a part of the phone tree reminding us of upcoming events and meetings. Mary and I worked on most Saturdays and finally ventured in to some activities with Chapter M. We met lots of great people and started having lots of fun building new memories. We thank Bill for his constant calls. He and Donna are outstanding friends for all of us. I and Mary have been Assistant Chapter Directors. I think the VERY convincing Jack Clauson had a LOT to do with that. We have been Chapter Director. I now am a correspondence secretary with Chapter M and, as you can see, type too much. I, like Ron Hafsos, bought my first bike from Poulin's in Yakima, It was a blue Harley Hummer 125 cc. Dad felt that a motorcycle would be safer than a car for my first vehicle as a car full of kids might be a problem. He was right! That must have been in 1958 or so. I've ridden in Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, Montana and Idaho. The 1800 Gold Wing was the smoothest bike and had a radio for the Mariners games for a certain passenger named Mary. We enjoyed our Roll-A Home camp trailer and attended many rally's. I guess we've ridden in All kinds of weather! Ron told us to bring tire chains for a reason! We now have a (RED) Honda ST 1300. Harry, Can you believe that? A red bike! Hobbies for Dick include bikes, wood work, silver and lapidary, travel, yard work, reading and watching Mary make Quilts, purses, baby blankets, table runners, travel and many types of sewing projects. We even manage to chase Grand Kids around and spoil them so their parents can try to straighten them out. That's about it.

Connie is VERY convincing too, right Roger?

Dick and Mary LaFortune



Up Coming Events

October

- 3 WA-M Meeting Branding Iron Topp.
Breakfast 8:00 Meeting 9:00
- 3 Benefit Inside Poker Run for Harold Richardson**
- 10 District Leadership Conference in Buckley
- 24 WA-Q Halloween Dance in Puyallup

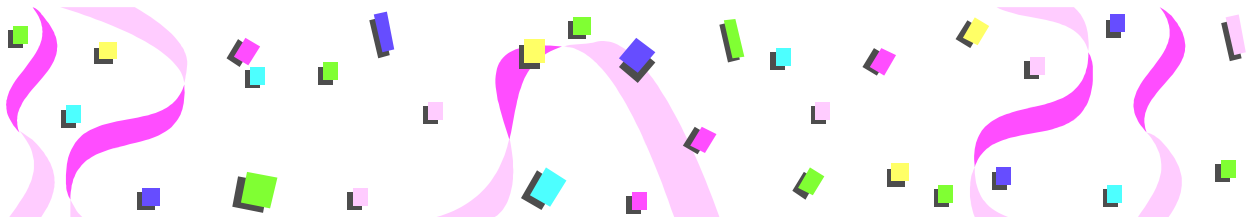
November

- 7 WA-M Meeting Branding Iron Topp.
Breakfast 8:00 Meeting 9:00
- 11 **Veterans Day** WA-M Parade
- 26 **Thanksgiving**

Chapter Meeting Dates

WA-A	4th Sat.	Kent	9didits@gmail	WA-N	3rd. Sun	Spokane	509-924-3698
WA-B	1st Sun.	Bremerton	360-275-0461	WA-O	4th Sat.	Port Orchard	360-876-6737
WA-C	2nd Sat.	Everett	425-337-5806	WA-P	2nd Sat.	Longview	360-636-0519
WA-D	2nd Sun.	Aberdeen	360-249-3463	WA-Q	1st Fri	Puyallup	253-770-4927
WA-E	3rd Sat.	Bellevue	cd@gwrra-wae.org	WA-R	1st Sat.	Walla Walla	509-382-3187
WA-F	4th Sun.	Tacoma	duncanooo1@comcast.net	WA-V	1st Sat.	Federal Way	206-431-0961
WA-H	2nd Tue.	Lynden	360-739-5888	WA-X	1st Sat.	Vancouver	360-254-2343
WA-I	3rd Sun	Olympia	360-754-2903	WA-Y	2nd Fri.	Enumclaw	206-915-8107
WA-L	2nd Sat.	Pasco	509-546-0846	WA-Z	2nd Sat.	Centralia	360-273-0992
WA-M	1st Sat.	Yakima	509-697-4415				

These are the Meeting dates for all the Chapters.
Contact the Chapter to find out place and time.



October Birthdays

- 18 Harry Popp Sr.
- 20 Dave Zimmerman

October Anniversaries

- 12 Wally & Anna Wallingford
- 13 Richard & Cathy Olszewski
- 18 Bob & Carol Page



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**INSIDE BENEFIT
POKER RUN
FOR HAROLD (RICH)
RICHARDSON**

**October 3, 2009 Branding Iron Restaurant Toppenish,
Washington Benefit Run during 9:00am meeting.**

**100 % of proceeds will go to Rich to help with his medical
costs from his accident in Yellowstone Park.**

He is doing fine, but still a little sore.

\$10 per hand or 2 for \$15.

High and Low hands receive \$25 gift certificates each.

**If you're unable to attend and you want to donate, send
donations to C.D. Ron Hafsos.**

1421 Collins Rd. Selah, Washington 98942



Ride Leaders

October—Ron Hafsos To Leavenworth
November—Weather permitting
December—None

Door Prize Volunteers

October— Ron Hafsos
November—Clayton Bohlke
December—Mark & Lorraine
Thank You: Janis Bohn, Darrell & Elaine Gorman for
September Door Prizes.

Personal Contact List

Anyone wanting a contact list or wanting to be added to the list please contact Ron Hafsos or Richard Olszewski.

This is a list of Chapter-M members that released their names so other members can contact them for a ride or what ever.

Awards

Oops Award went to Harold Richard for falling out of his boat

Good Guy went to Mavis Willson for painted rocks

50/50 went to Steve Williams again Yeah!

Wanted

Lee-ure Lite Tent Trailer prefer 2 or 3 years old with Burgundy tent color.

Call Bob: 509 966-9669

Cell: 509 952-5025

For Sale

1995 Bunk House Tent Trailer

Call Bob 509 966-9669

Cell 509 952-5025



1995 425 Magnum Polaris 4x4 Quad
Needs front bearings and seat recovered.
Has new wheels and tires, front & rear mounts,
winch, fender extensions \$ 1500 firm

Call: Steve (509) 930-2470

Tikka 22-250 w/ Nikon 3x9 scope fired 5 times \$500.
Golani ak-47 w/ folding stock \$650.

Call: Steve (509) 930-2470



2007 Suzuki 650 Burgman Pearl White
with Pod to match, CB/Audio system 4850
miles \$7500.

Call Steve: (509) 930-5442

October is Breast Cancer
Awareness Month



Classifieds

FOR SALE

2003 GL 1800 Yellow
New tires & brakes
New progressive
forks, springs, seals
& bushings
Extra lights,
81,000 miles
\$11,500
Ron: (509) 697-4415



FOR SALE

2003 Tailift
5500lbs
\$8000.00
Contact:
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If you have anything for sale and would like to have it put in the newsletter you can e-mail me and I will put it in.
E-mail address: stevewilliams916@yahoo.com

1993 1500 SE Gold Wing Metallic
Teal 85,000 miles Loaded,
Progressive Springs, Lots of Extras,
With Road Runner cargo trailer
new tires, lights and wiring.
\$7500
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* Indicates Volunteers holding more than one position.