



Cruising on Wings “COWs”

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GATHERINGS

Our monthly gathering will be held on the third Sunday February 18th, at 8:30 A.M. at the Hawks Prairie Restaurant and Sports Bar. Come for breakfast at 8:00 A.M.

Howdy C.O.W. herd,

Finally, January is over. Such a busy month for us. Didn't help we were sick. Hope everyone else is feeling well. One of our fun events this month was South Sound Honda's Chili Feed. Always a verity of great chilies. Jeff Rainer said there will be a 2018 actual bike presentation coming soon. Watch for that announcement.

Our Casino Nite was such a fun night. If you weren't able to come, you missed so much laughter. Our theme was Monopoly. Our "Go straight to Jail" card was great fun. Yes, we even had a jail. There were several players that ended up there. It took \$20,000 for bail. Some stayed in jail longer than others and some went more often than others. Everyone played hard to win "bull bucks" for those great prizes in the silent and live auctions. Such fun!

Many thanks to ALL the worker bees who helped with the planning, loading, set up, playing, food service, tear down and put away. It wasn't easy, but it wouldn't have happened without all your help.

Most of all, Thank You to all who came to our Chapter activity. You made everything so fun. We hope to see you again throughout this coming year whether on a bike or just getting together for the joy of your company. Ride safely Ron and Dianna, CDs.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS AND CONTRIBUTORS who gave the great gifts to our raffle.

South Bound/ South Sound Honda

B & R Flooring America – Ray Abitz

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Ron and Marcia Wolf – Tool Box BBQ and several great items in the open auction

JMac – riding coat

Dottie's Designs – blanket

Hemmis – gift basket

And to everyone who gave to the silent and live auctions, Thank you!

From the MEC Corner



By now Casino Nite is done and we're all exercising to get rid of the pounds from eating all the desserts we had, So I'll just say thank you for all the people who attended and had fun with us. Already getting ideas for next year's theme.



Dinner social February 7th, 2018 at Farrelli's in Lacey 4870 Yelm Hwy SE (shopping center) corner of College and Yelm Hwy.

Time to mark your calendars for the Workshop March 10th 2018 in Buckley. A lot of good information and good visiting.

Remember to visit other chapters in your car even though you can't ride your bikes (very often) in this weather.

Have a great safe year. Birthdays: Cheryl Barrett 14th

Dottie Yarnell Pat Barrett 17th

Gtandmadottie4@msn.com Laurie Kerkel 10th

Bill Ellis 15th

Wedding Anniversary Ron and Dianna Hemmi Feb 1st 49 years

Gold Wing Membership Anniversary Dottie Yarnell since 1995

COMING EVENTS 2018

Feb. 7th Dinner Social 5 pm at Ferrelli's Pizza in Yelm, 4870 Yelm Hwy SE.
(shopping center)

Feb. 12 Staff meeting at Dottie's 6pm

Feb. 18 Monthly Gathering at Hawks Prairie Restaurant, 8am breakfast, 8:30
Gathering starts.

March 10, 2018 Ride into Spring! Washington District Gathering Rainier Hills
Christian Fellowship 23711 Entwhistle Rd. Buckley, WA 98321 Opens at 8am.
Get your flyer to preregister.

May 12, and 13, 2018 Chapter B Kitsap Mall Motorcycle Show and Shine

June 9, 2018 Chapter D Annual Duck Hunt Beacon Elementary School 1717
East Beacon Ave. Montesano, WA 98563 Starts at 8am

July 19, 20, 21, 2018 Washington District Rally "Happy Halloween" Chelan
County Event Center 5700 Wescott Dr. Cashmere, WA 98815

2018 Casino Nite Photos



Most of our work crew – Sorry we missed you Ted



Terry & Sandy

Ron & Dianna



Dottie Yarnell & Mike Hudnell



Ron & Marcia Wolf



Ron Wolf







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Recently a friend of mine purchased a new car and it came with many new safety devices that are meant to give the driver a warning of some type that it feels some corrective action must be taken. The action might just be an audible signal, a small flashing light, or even the system controlling the movement of the vehicle.

If you have purchased a new vehicle lately (or plan on buying one), it may have one of the following “enhancements”.

- Electronic Stability Control – slows individual wheels during a turn to keep car on course
- Lane-Keep Assist – detects lane departure and steers vehicle back into the correct lane
- Adaptive Cruise Control – monitors the driver-set speed and distance to the vehicle ahead
- Warning System – alerts the driver if a collision is imminent
- Drowsiness Alert – uses automobile or driver data to indicate when you need a break
- Driver attention system – electronic eye in steering wheel-mounted camera senses driver monitoring road. If detected reading a book or applying makeup, the system will give series of audible and visual warnings to refocus. Continued warnings determine motorist unresponsive and it will bring vehicle to a controlled stop.
- Intuitive Pedestrian Detection with Active Steering – will apply the brakes and steer around a person if he/she happens to be in its path, while staying within the current lane of traffic.
- Blind Spot Information System and Oncoming Lane Mitigation system – help avoid collisions with vehicles in adjacent lanes. It’s basically a light on the side view mirror that begins blinking anytime another vehicle is in your blind spot. May also include an audio alert to make sure you know not to change lanes yet.
- Heads-up displays help solve this problem by putting basic navigation information right in front of you on the windshield so you never have to take your eyes off the road.

Now, I appreciate the efforts that the automobile industry has taken to present us with methods to make driving safer. Soon driving will be totally automated and any accidents will be the vehicles fault. Until that time I ask myself if the bells and whistles that alert the driver will be a distraction in and of themselves. It is scary to think that drivers will depend more on the new “features” and less on their individual awareness.



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