

News Letter

A little liter from the Top Cat

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Cool Cats Newsletter for September

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The Greatness of a Chapter is most accurately measured by the involvement of it's members

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Our monthly Chapter meeting get together is at the Lynnwood Dennys at 1216 Broadway North Everett. The meeting is on the second Saturday of each month. Breakfast at 8AM Meeting 9AM .

Visit our web site GWRRA-Everett.com

Well here it is September already. Hope everyone is enjoying our summer which has just arrived. Lets get out there and ride while we can.

This month only **Breakfast is at 7 am** and it will be short since we are going to WA-Y's Riddler Run. It would be great to have lots of bikes and/or cars going. Please have a full tank of gas so we can leave right after breakfast.

Breakfast is at Denny's at 132 128th St SW, Everett WA 98204

This pass month has been busy with our Dinner Social at Famous Dave's the food was great. Hope more people will be able to come to the next Dinner Social at **Bob's Burgers and Brew** at 1611 SW Everett Mall Way, Everett WA at 6 pm... Hope to see you there...

Our after Chapter ride in August was great if you missed the Outback Kangaroo Farm you should try to go at another time, we had a great time. I loved all the animals and the education we got about them. Soon pictures of our adventure will be on the website.

Start thinking about our Rest Stop which we have coming up **October 14th**. We need cookies and coffee and people to serve the coffee at the rest stop.... The signup sheet will be at the September meeting.

Anyone planning on going to the Ride For Kids event on 9-11-11?? If so let's try to coordinate to ride together.

Lee Ann

I want to THANK Bruce for a great ARC experience. And Sandy for holding a co-rider course. There were 4 members of Chapter C and one person from Chapter E who attended the class and 4 of us for the range portion of the ARC. Russ will get to go to a future range portion when his neck is better (so he can move his head). Russ & I were not able to stay for the co-rider course but I am sure it was very informative and educational. Sandy had two co-riders for her course.

The ARC classroom was full of information/reminders/things to think about. It never hurts to re-enforce our thought processes as we ride. We want to be more aware of our surroundings to see and be seen.

The range work was VERY helpful. It is amazing how your skills can improve with someone coaching you. While I could not do the U-Turn's correctly, (I feel I got better at them) I am trying each time I come home to do a u-turn at the cul-de-sac in smaller circles.

Again THANK YOU Bruce for the experience.
And THANK YOU Sandy for the co-rider course.

Everyone should try to get an ARC course every other year. It will be very worthwhile to correct some bad habits and to hone all of our skills.

Lee Ann



Phillip Holmes 2nd
Lynn Hustace 26th



Phillip & Judy Holmes 22nd



Pass the word. I have a beautifully reliable 1998 Honda GL1500 Aspencade For Sale. 129,000 miles. Maintained religiously by me. For \$6500 this sweet ride can be yours.

Contact Mike Briesse - 253-302-1570



Tires (Michelin Pilot GT's) were replaced at 119,561 mi. Engine Oil, Final Drive Fluid, Air Filter, Fuel Filter and Anti-Freeze Coolant were changed at 129,436 mi. Brake and Clutch fluids were replaced at 121,660. Spark Plugs were changed at 115,938 mi. Front and Rear Brake Pads (Honda OEM) were replaced at 113,105 mi. New AGM battery installed May 10, 2010. Accessories include: CB Radio and Antenna; Lighted Trunk Spoiler; Trunk Luggage Rack; Progressive 450 IAS Rear Shock; Progressive Suspension Fork Springs; Super Brace; Add-On Belly Pan; Trailer Hitch and Electrical Connection Isolator; Lighted Rear Mud Guard; Front wheel Ring-Of-Fire; Silver Powdercoat Wheels; Multivex Mirrors; Utopia Driver Back Rest; Passenger Arm Rests; Kuryakyn Transformer Passenger Foot Rests; Fairing, Saddlebag and Trunk Side Lights; Saddlebag Turn Signals; Lighted Panel under License Plate; Vista Cruise Throttle Lock. Tulsa W/S; Kuryakyn Ergo Cruise Highway Pegs; Six Circuit Auxiliary Fuse Block; Chrome Saddlebag Guards at Passenger Foot Rests, Tulsa Hot Feet; Big Foot Chrome Side Stand.



Secrets to a long happy marriage



A old woman was sipping on a glass of wine, while sitting on the patio with her husband, and she says, "I love you so much, I don't know how I could ever live without you"... Her husband asks, "Is that you, or the wine talking?"... She replies, "It's me... talking to the wine."



Caring for your Windshield

By: Gordon Bousman

Some riders may wonder about what is the best way to care for your motorcycle plastic windshield. First, never clean your windshield with Windex™ - it was never designed to clean plastic and may result in fine scratches on your windshield. When you use Windex or other ammonia based cleaning solutions, it tends to soften the outermost layer of plastic which then promotes scratches and pitting. Most stock Goldwing windshields are made of hard coated polycarbonate and some aftermarket windshields are made of Lexan™ for which Windex promotes even more damage.

Even though you might be in a hurry when refueling your bike at a service station, never ever use one of those quick wash windshield scrubbers or squeegees. They are usually loaded with fine pieces of grit and the odds of scratching your windshield are high. The same logic applies to the paper towels found near gas pumps, they are made of recycled paper and are moderately abrasive. Household paper towels are not ideal for windshield cleaning either; they are also made from recycled paper and can be somewhat abrasive. It's best to carry your own windshield cleaning materials on your bike such as a micro-fiber cloth (preferred) or other soft cloth plus one of the cleaning solutions mentioned below.

Washing your windshield with mild soapy water while washing your bike is just fine, however between bike washes, one of the better rated windshield cleaners is **All Klear™** which has been

specially formulated to clean plastic windshields on motorcycles (variations on the product are sold for aviation and boat use). All Klear leaves a thin coating on the windshield that helps repel dust and helps rain bead up (never use RainX™ on your bike windshield, it was not designed for polycarbonate plastic and will damage it). All Klear seems to fill in very fine micro scratches and make them disappear, it will also aid in the removal of grease and bugs. An 8 ounce bottle of All Klear sells for about \$8 at www.jpcycles.com or other online dealers (make sure that you order the motorcycle formula, not the aviation or boat versions). I keep a bottle in my bike at all times for windshield cleaning while on the road, it seems to last a long time. All Klear when used on helmet visors can assist in reducing fogging.



Windshield Cleaner products

Another option for windshield cleaning is Plexus™ which comes in an aerosol can and is highly rated. It's a bit pricey however; a 7 ounce can is \$15 at Amazon.com. **210 Plastic Cleaner/Polish™** (\$12 for 14 ounce bottle at Amazon) is a good alternative to using All Kleer or Plexus for everyday windshield clean-ing. Still another windshield cleaning product is Plas-Tec cleaner which comes in a pump spray bottle. A 16 oz. bottle is about \$10 from www.aircraftspruce.com or various motorcycle online dealers. It is rated as safe for polycarbonate and Lexan. You can also clean your helmet face-shield with the above products as well.

SCRATCH REMOVAL

Inevitably, we all get some minor scratches on our windshields over time that we would like to **re**-move (read —minor, deep scratches require professional support). It is annoying to look through a windshield that has fine scratches particularly when there is glare from oncoming headlights at night. However any attempts to remove windshield fine scratches should be approached with a bit of caution as some scratch removers are not designed for use on OEM or Lexan™ windshield material.

One of the better solutions for light windshield scratches is **210 Plus Plastic Scratch Remover™** sold by www.aircraftspruce.com, a 15 ounce bottle sells for about \$10. It will likely remove fine scratches on a first application however a second application may be necessary if the scratches

are slightly deeper. It is rated as being safe for use on Lexan™ and Plexiglas™.

Novus makes a 3-part scratch remover kit that sells for about \$20 or a single application fine scratch remover for about \$9, both available at Amazon.com.

Meguiars Mirror Glaze #10 Clear Plastic Polish (non-abrasive formula) is reported to be safe for use on polycarbonate plastic for minor scratch removal and can be followed up with its #17 Clear Plastic Cleaner. Both together are available at Amazon.com for about \$22.

THE NOT SO GOOD

Meguiar's PlastX™ should only be used with caution, it is not recommended for polycarbonate or Lexan materials. Another rather new product that is not recommended for use on OEM polycarbonate windshields is **Slip Streamers Motorcycle Heavy-Duty Scratch Remover**; it is not intended for use on Lexan or polycarbonate windshields and I would recommend staying away from this product. It's best to know which type of plastic your windshield is made of and match that to the scratch remover product before making any attempts to remove scratches.

