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Hello, my name is Bill Pitzer and I have replaced Mike as the web master and Newsletter editor. This issue is a bit sparse as no one was sure that there would be one this month.

I have started making changes to the look and feel of the web site, [www.gwrra-wa-l.org](http://www.gwrra-wa-l.org). Please take a look at it and let me know what you think. One change is that I have added a For Sale/Want to Buy area. The way that it will work is you send me the info and pictures and I will add you to the pages. If you sell it let me know. If after a month running the ad, you need to let me know that you need to run it another month. If I don't hear from you at the end of the month, I will assume that it is sold or you found what you were looking for.

## Good Advice For Life

By Herb Powers, Chapter L Educator

I am a member of Facebook. Sometimes I come across some interesting wing-dang-doers.

Recently I came across this post on Facebook.

### *Advice from a Singer Sewing Machine Manual from 1949*

*Prepare yourself mentally for sewing. Think about what you are going to do. Never approach sewing with a sigh or lackadaisically. Good results are difficult when indifference dominates. Never try to sew with a sink full of dirty dishes or beds unmade.*

*When there are urgent housekeeping chores, do these first so that your mind is free to enjoy your sewing. When you sew, make yourself as attractive as possible. Put on a clean dress. Keep a little bag of French chalk near your sewing machine to dust your fingers at intervals. Have your hair in order, powder and lipstick put on. If you are constantly fearful that a visitor might drop in or your husband will come home, and you will not look neatly put together, you will not enjoy your sewing.*

This may be politically incorrect by today's standards, but this was not the case for simpler times. This is humorous by today's standards, but there's exceptional advice here that's befitting to riding our motorcycles, every time. The reason why I have brought this to the monthly newsletter is for that first part of the first paragraph. When I read this, I was inspired by the authors enthusiasm. Knowing that when the person reading the "Singer Advisory" was more than likely, really excited



about their purchase and how this newly purchased machine would make the person's life easier in assisting with the daily routine of the homemaker, and quite likely the hours of enjoyment this machine would likely provide the user. Not to mention, save money, and time! I remember my mom making shirts, jackets, and her own dresses. She sewed for friends and family, and for her own enjoyment, not unlike the original readers of this manual. With hours, days, and sometimes weeks of effort involved of 'sheer' determination to successfully complete such a daunting tasks with that machine using their own hands and brain, with skill and precision.

Now, I know you know this article is not about sewing machines, or being politically incorrect. I just read that and saw the eloquence in such simple laymen terms, and the exquisite correlation between this and riding a motorcycle. How about that?

The author understood the daunting task of learning something new and unfamiliar, and too the experienced and accomplished person, by providing possible a tip or hint of something they never thought of for a new way to be accomplished and safe. An example of this is a simple thing like "being mentally prepared", prior to undertaking such an effort.

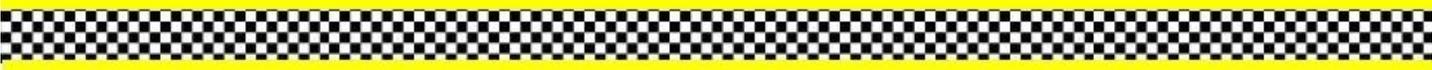
After reading the Advice from Singer I spoke to my mom, because I remember once she ran the sewing machine needle through her finger, requiring an emergency room visit. She said they had to pull the needle through her finger (finger nail and bone) thread and all, as it could not be pulled back out. I asked her why that happened she said "I was probably distracted", and she also stated that "I learned my lesson, and never did that again"! So that simple little advice about "not being distracted", kind of sounds important.

What a lead in for "Think about what you are doing". Having any distractions, for example in the second paragraph, where it states "When there

are urgent housekeeping chores, do these first so that your mind is free to enjoy your sewing". I heard a wise man once say "don't ride to clear head, clear your head to ride!" It is essentially saying the same thing, get your thoughts together in order to ride, free your mind and enjoy your ride. Don't try to ride then clear your mind. Be focused up front. With little distractions like the sink full of dirty dishes, maybe you can't focus for the task at hand. If this is the case, take the caged vehicle instead.

The Advice Singer also gives, "Never approach sewing with a sigh or lackadaisically". Whoa, Dude! That is deep! I think we are all guilty from time to time with driving with a sigh. I know living in Burbank myself and Gaylene, we are 20 minutes from...anywhere in the Tri-Cities area. Consequently if we go anywhere we obviously drive (sometime 2 or 3 times a day). Set the auto pilot on the caged vehicle, and off we go. On a motorcycle, we as purveyors of safety can never afford the mundanity of riding, and bar being lackadaisical as we should never ride lazy. The author was trying to convey "sew with purpose and interest", we should ride this way too, and I will also add ride with determination, verve, and vigor as well. If you feel you have become a listless rider, I encourage you come to an ARC/TRC Please! Challenge yourself, let a rider coach help challenge riding skills and riding technique. Maybe a class will reignite your enthusiasm, let them give you a shot of Woo-Hoo! Don't say no! Also look into the GWRRA levels program, be recognized by your accomplishments of safety, you're earning it!

The next thing that Singer advises: "Good results are difficult when indifference dominates". Indifference: meaning lack of interest, unimportance, little or no concern, mediocre. My mom she has no tolerance for mediocrity. For her knitting projects she will rip out days/weeks worth of work for a flaw that she perceives as inferior to her craftsmanship. You know we as riders of some of best manufactured motorcycles in world should take some pride in how we ride our bikes safely and gracefully. When riding in a group there may be a



sense of pride pulling into a parking lot, or changing lanes on a freeway. I once heard from a member of GWRRA say that when he saw a group of riders that rode as one, performing a simple task such as a lane change, it was an admirable thing to witness. That kind of choreographed group riding may come from riding together a lot. It is also independent riding skill as well. It is fun riding in a group in and around traffic, also riding with a group adds a bit of safety. As a motorcyclist we ride to see ahead better, by changing position in our lane. We should also use this tactic as well in order to be seen by other drivers. While riding in a group around traffic, what better way to be seen than riding in a group with other brightly colored motorcycles, all while riding in a neat and orderly staggered group formation.

This brings us to the way Singer advises the reader to dress for success. This is great I love it. Basically the way I read it is if you look successful you feel successful, if you feel successful you will be successful. Every now and then I watch a television show called "Brain Games" on National Geographic. They had a segment where they had multiple groups of 2 individuals pose for a picture in Las Vegas. They had 1 pose as winner and the other pose as a loser. They had them hold that pose for about 5 or 10 minutes. They then took their picture while holding their pose, and afterward they gave each individual \$50.00 for their time. After giving the individual the money, they brought out a roulette type of wheel and asked the individuals if they would like a chance to double their money, by spinning the wheel. If they won, the individual walked away with \$100.00, but if they lost they also lost their \$50.00 they had just received for posing. Almost all of the individuals that posed as a winner

bet their \$50.00, and most of them won (I must try this for the 50/50 drawing). While almost none of the posers as a loser would bet their money. So how you feel about yourself is important. The brain is a powerful tool. If your brain knows what success looks like, it can figure out ways to make it happen.

While I would not recommend dressing in a dress for riding a motorcycle, but dress more like the saying goes "cover it if planning to using it later in life".

So in conclusion while we may laugh at the advice given by this Singer manual, it still can pertain to everyday living, especially to riding our motorcycles.

## Show for the Dough

Chapter L Members Only

Incentive to wear your Colors and Vest with Pride!

Pot starts at \$20.00

Each month it is not won \$5.00 is added

### RULES

1) Chapter, District and Region shirt (Present Color) & vest. Winner gets DOUBLE the POT!

2) Chapter, District and Region shirt only (Present Color) or new members under 90 days membership (shirt & vest not required) wins the POT!

3) Members that are present but not wearing chapter attire win half the pot. Thanks for coming!

Members please remind CD if there is a new member among us so their name can be placed in the drawing!

You Got to Show If You Want The Dough



## 2015 Regional Veterans Day Parade

Welcome Parade Participants,

The West Richland Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to continue to honor our American Veterans with our **15th Annual Regional Veterans Day Parade** scheduled for **Saturday, November 7, 2015**. We would like to invite you and your business/organization to be represented in the parade. This is a wonderful opportunity to show your support for our veterans, active troops, and our local communities.

Youth groups can take the detour on Deer and turn on Desert View behind the Chamber office to drop off children (shown on map). Bands will meet at Tapteal Elementary. **Only vehicles in the parade will be allowed into the staging area.** We encourage all groups to car pool together to ease traffic congestion.

Staging will begin at 8:00 am the parade will start at 9:30 am on Van Giesen between 62<sup>nd</sup> and Grosscup and will proceed to City Hall. Entries wishing to be judged will be judged as they pass the grandstands. Walking participants are welcome to take the shuttle back to the park; shuttle will be waiting on 38<sup>th</sup> street, two blocks south of Van Giesen St.

All parade entrants are invited to Flat Top Park after the parade for the awards ceremony and chili feed.

We look forward to your support as we honor our Veterans and our troops!

[The For Sale/Want to Buy](#) has been moved to the Web Site.



Gold Wing Road Riders Assoc.



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## November 2015

Date	Chapter	Event	Registration/Flyers
7	WA-L	<b>Veterans Day Parade, West Richland</b>	
14	WA-L	<u>Monthly Gathering</u>	
7	<u>WA-M</u>	<b>Veterans Day Parade, Yakima</b>	

## December 2015

Date	Chapter	Event	Registration/Flyers
12	WA-L	<b>Christmas Party</b>	
12	WA-L	<u>Monthly Gathering</u>	
12	<u>WA-D</u>	<b>Festival Of Lights Montesano, Wa</b>	

## January 2016

Date	Chapter	Event	Registration/Flyers
1		Happy New Year	
9	WA-L	<u>Monthly Gathering</u>	
	<u>WA-X</u>	<b>Motorcycle Swap Meet</b>	
23	<u>WA-I</u>	<b>25th Casino Night at Camp Murray</b>	<u>Registration</u>