

Hello Again. As I sit here thinking about what to say in this month's newsletter, many thoughts go through my mind.

I cannot help but think of the Olympics due to the immense media coverage. I think of Bonnie Blair & her five Gold Medals. What a person. I have a great respect for her and wish I could know her personally.

I think of my son aboard a nuclear submarine, carrying enough warheads to wipe out a small country, conducting maneuvers somewhere under the Atlantic Ocean.

I think of my daughter and her nearly impossible task of explaining why there is death in life to her two small children when their pet goldfish are found floating belly up.

I think about the phone call Sean and I received from my sister last night informing us that while we were hearing about Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan for the zillionth time (and trying to keep from puking), her son, my nephew, is recuperating and being debriefed aboard his aircraft carrier after having ejected and parachuted into the Pacific Ocean while his thirty-plus million dollar F-14D Tomcat went down in flames.

What has all this to do with GWRRA and Chapter T? Not a thing. Except to show us that in the worldly scope of things we are pretty small potatoes. But to each of us as friends and as a family of Gold Wing riders we are important to one another. Life is fragile and precious. Think safety and support our Chapter Educators in their efforts to make us better and safer riders through education and training.

Let's make the upcoming season the best and safest riding season yet.

That was seven years ago. Our son is no longer under the sea. He now flies over it, still in the Navy, detecting and tracking the submarines of other country's Navies. Our daughter's children survived the trauma of the 'belly up' goldfish and have enjoyed many other pets since that time. The injuries sustained by my nephew, Jeff, in ejecting from the F-14, did result in his leaving the Navy.

Chapter T is still a family of friends bound by the common enjoyment of safe motorcycling. In this ever-changing world, it is good to have something that remains constant and consistent.

Thanks

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