



MAX MEYERS LAW **SPOKE & WHEEL**



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MY **COMIC CON** EXPERIENCE!

by: Shelly Meyers

Emerald City Comic Con descended upon Seattle last month. I was lucky enough to get tickets. It was my first time ever at a Comic Con event and it was awesome!!

Don't be fooled by the name, you don't have to be a lover of comic books to enjoy Comic Con. There is so much to see and do and many activities you can participate in. I took my 11 year old nephew Riley and his best friend Dexter. It's a great family friendly event. We dressed up for extra fun! Riley was Link from the Zelda video games, Dexter was "Business" Darth Vader, and I was a Ghostbuster. Max was a party pooper and didn't dress up, maybe next year!

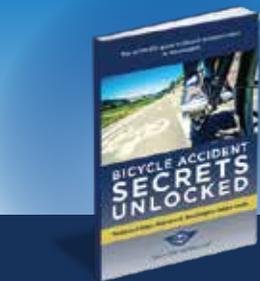


Never heard of Comic Con? Comic Con started as an event with a primary focus on comic books and comic book culture. Comic book fans gather to meet creators, artists, writers, experts, and each other.

Commonly, comic conventions are multi-day events hosted at convention centers, hotels, or college campuses. They feature a wide variety of activities, panels, and workshops, with a larger number of attendees participating in cosplay, (dressing up as characters from comics, video games, or TV shows). Even though it started out as a convention for comic book lovers it has evolved to include other aspects from movies, video games, board games and more.



Emerald City Comic Con takes place in the Seattle Convention Center. The convention is huge and covers all 6 floors of the convention center! There is a ton of stuff to see, but probably the best thing to see is all of the attendees dressed up as their favorite character. If you're shopping for cool stuff, there's lots of booths selling rare comic books, collector edition pieces of artwork,



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costumes, props, and much, much, more. I learned one day is not enough time to check out all the cool stuff I wanted to see.

A fun thing we did was compete in a board game design contest. The organizers provided a box with all kinds of components you might use in a board game. We were given one hour to use these components to build a new board game from concept to finished product. We then had to teach the judges to play our game, and then they actually played it as part of the judging process. Pretty cool!!

It was super fun and a creative way for my nephew, his friend Dexter, Max, and I to spend a couple hours. We got third, which we thought was pretty good!

I highly recommend checking out a Comic Con if you have a chance. I know I'll be there next year!!

Motorcycle Safety

by: Bryan Hall



We hear it all the time... a rider went down: A sport bike rider showing off for his military buddies from Joint Base Lewis-McChord, he was just off work and was on I-5 when he caught up to a military vehicle convoy. He evidently thought it would be fun to weave in and out between the vehicles of the convoy (large, heavy, lumbering green trucks) so he could show off. Unfortunately, he was not a skilled rider and clipped one of the trucks as he cut in front of it, sending his bike into a spin and himself onto the road...and the great beyond. Another rider going too fast into a turn and ending up in the ditch. The rider who was doing 80+ mph down a 50-mph road and hit a car that pulled out in front of him, scattering what was left of his bike (and him) hundreds of yards down the road. And this past year has brought countless reports of rear-end collisions...where the bike rear-ends the car. Oh, and don't even get me started on drinking and riding.

The motorcycle community is always griping (and deservedly so) about cars not watching out for bikes, cutting us off, turning in front of us... and usually because they "didn't see us." I've had this happen to me, albeit years ago, when a little old lady (not from Pasadena) turned left in front of me. I had to hit the brakes, downshift, and was able to slow the bike enough to get off it before it collided with the offending 5000-pound station wagon. Yep, you guessed it, she "didn't see me".

Recent traffic safety data (which admittedly is usually skewed against motorcycles) has shown an increase in motorcycle collisions and injuries, some of which can be chalked up to the increase in motorcycle sales figures. The latest reports, however, also show that a lot of these crashes have involved inexperienced riders going too fast or not knowing the capabilities of their bikes. And it's not just sport bikes. There are also experienced riders who get complacent, inexperienced riders who bought their mid-life crisis ride and thought they were good because they rode 25 years ago, or new riders who don't realize how fast something can go wrong: like the Harley rider who missed an off-ramp curve on I-5 in Olympia and sent himself to the great beyond.

Let's face it, we are targets. Our safety is our responsibility alone, because no one is watching for us. For a rider to be zipping through traffic, weaving in and out between other vehicles, is asking for trouble. Want to pull the front end up and show your buddies how cool you are, riding on the back wheel? Go for it.... just do it on a

closed course or deserted road - not on I-5 or I-405 in traffic (yes, I've seen it, as recently as a few weeks ago).

Want to split lanes? You are almost guaranteeing a meeting with the side of a much heavier sedan. I mean, have you seen the drivers around here?

I was a professional driver: I've driven trucks, buses (in downtown Seattle) and numerous other vehicles, and I've been riding bikes since I was 17 (a long time ago!). I've seen how people in the Puget Sound region drive. They enter a roadway or freeway without looking, change lanes without looking, and constantly jockey for position if their lane is moving slower than the others... yes, without always looking first. They "drive" while texting and using their cell phones, read the newspaper, read books (no kidding - I've seen it), put on makeup, eat cereal, and many times I've seen a combination of all of these.

It is a well-known fact that our area has some of the worst traffic in the nation, and yet we have riders willing to take chances with their lives because they don't pay attention. By now you may think I'm dumping on other riders out there... but I'm really not. The majority of riders, no matter what kind of bike they ride, have a lot of respect for the asphalt and the bike they ride. One of the first things when learning to drive (either a car or a bike) is to know your surroundings, know your ride, and watch for your "escape." As a lifelong biker, I am always watching for my way out if trouble finds me, because when it happens, there is NO time to think about it: you have to know almost by instinct what to do to get out of trouble.

And, I'm tired of hearing about another rider going down, I'm tired of going to memorials and benefit rides for fellow riders. Yes, it's always going to happen: in a car vs. motorcycle situation, the car will always "win." But what makes those events more tragic is when it was caused by a rider's inattention or carelessness. The cars and trucks aren't watching out for themselves, much less a motorcycle, so it's up to us. Let's get smart about it. There's a time and place to go fast, do wheelies, or impress your girlfriend or buddies: and it's not when there is other traffic around.

Bryan Hall is a local rider and author based in Tacoma, WA. His stories have appeared previously in *Quick Throttle* and *Thunder Press* magazines. His book "Life Behind Bars" was published in 2013. You can read more on his website at www.hiwayflyer.com.



Happy Work Anniversary Dawn!

Our marketing director extraordinaire Dawn Husmoe celebrated her 2nd anniversary in March here at Max Meyers Law!!

We are lucky to have her on our team. Many of you have talked with her on the phone and can attest to how nice she really is. Dawn is the engine behind much of what all our friends receive from Max Meyers Law. Anything you get from MML, Dawn has touched. We love her and hope you do too!!

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Shelly's RECIPE CORNER

POTATO SALAD WITH BACON & EGG

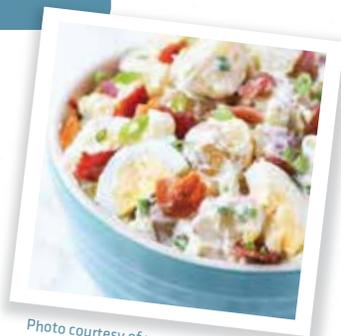


Photo courtesy of www.noshtastic.com.

Ingredients

- 3 lbs. baby potatoes
- 8 pieces bacon – cooked and broken into pieces
- 5 hard-boiled eggs – peeled and sliced
- 1 ½ cups mayonnaise, or half mayo, half sour cream
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. mustard
- ½ tsp. garlic powder
- ¼ tsp. pepper
- ¼ cup chopped dill pickles
- 4 chopped green onions

Directions:

Cook the potatoes whole in a large pan of salted boiling water. Once they are cooked let them fully cool in the fridge.

When they are cool cut them in half or into quarters (depends on the size) and add to a large bowl. Cut your peeled hard cooked eggs into smallish pieces and add to the bowl with the potatoes.

In a small bowl, mix all remaining ingredients together with the mayo, except for the bacon and chopped onions.

Add the mayo mix to the potatoes and egg and fold in together with the bacon and chopped onions. Serve chilled. Makes 6 servings.

April

EVENTS



DAFFODIL PARADE APRIL 7

The free Daffodil Parade includes daffodil-covered floats, marching bands, clowns, and pirates that travel through Tacoma, Puyallup, Sumner, and Orting. It's the highlight of the Daffodil Festival.

Visit thedaffodilfestival.org/ for more details.



ANACORTES WINE FESTIVAL APRIL 7

Your ticket to Anacortes Spring Wine Festival includes tastes from 30 wineries, food from local restaurants, and entertainment on the waterfront for age 21+.

Visit anacortes.org/spring-wine-festival/ for more details.

TACOMA KID'S PARADE APRIL 14

Billed as the largest children's parade in the state, the Junior Daffodil Parade is four blocks long, beginning at N. Proctor Street & N. 28th Street. Free.

Visit jrdaffodil.com/ for details and schedule.

CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL APRIL 20 - 22

The annual Cherry Blossom & Japanese Cultural Festival celebrates Seattle's friendship with Japan and Japan's gift of 1000 cherry trees in 1976. Enjoy Japanese art, dance, music, and food at Seattle Center.

For details and information www.cherryblossomfest.org.

CRAB RACES AND CRAB FEED APRIL 21 - 22

Watch crabs race and eat crab at the World Class Crab Races and Crab Feed in Westport at the Pacific Ocean.

Visit <http://westportgrayland-chamber.org/calendar.php> for details.

APPLE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL APRIL 26

The Washington State Apple Blossom Festival in sunny Wenatchee offers apple pie, arts and crafts, golf, a car show, carnival, parade, and run. The Festival begins April 26th and goes through May 6th.

Visit www.appleblossom.org for details.

BODY-BUILDING EXPO APRIL 27 - 28

Emerald Cup is a bodybuilding, fitness, figure, bikini, and physique championship with health-industry vendors at Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue.

Visit <http://craigproductions.com/emerald-cup>.

OLYMPIA ARTS WEEKEND APRIL 27 - 28

Admire art Friday evening and Saturday at Arts Walk. Join a luminary procession Friday at 9:30p.m. Watch people parade as animals in the Procession of the Species Saturday at 4:30p.m. Free.

Visit <http://olympiawa.gov/city-services/parks/artswalk.aspx> for details.





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Niño Blanco SALSA



Fresh, local chips & salsa delivery!

Wow... let me just say that we here at Max Meyers Law just had the opportunity to try the most deliciously fresh chips and salsa we have ever tasted! The best part was that it was all freshly made and personally delivered to our office during the lunch hour for our enjoyment.

The MML team would like to give a shout out to Niño Blanco, a local chips and salsa company. You can enjoy your favorite chips and salsa made fresh daily and delivered to your door! Delivery is free if two or more items are purchased... does it get much better than that??!! The salsa is made fresh the same day you receive it and the chips are made with organic masa.

Deliveries are made Thursdays and Fridays of each week between October - April (May - September you can find them at local farmers markets). Niño Blanco currently delivers to the cities listed below. Visit www.ninoblancosalsa.com to place your order now!

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