

# "Sniveler Button"

Well Chapter WA-D's "Sniveler Button", has officially been retired. At our annual planning meeting, after our January regular meeting, a motion.....well not a motion.....a request was made to retire the "Sniveler Button". Needless to say the vote was unanimous....loud votes coming from those who had recently possessed the infamous button.....huh Erv. For those members, and guests, not really in the know about our infamous button, below is a history of the button I wrote in 2001

The "Sniveler Button was born in the morbid, but creative mind of one Terri McCullough, in October of 1992. She called me on the phone one evening about this great piece of equipment she had just acquired. I first thought that it might be a new stove or refrigerator for the kitchen, or a new TV, VCR, or computer. I soon found out, through Terri's excitement, that it was only a "Button Making Machine". You know the variety. It was one of those that you can buy from an ad in the back of a Popular Mechanics magazine (Dave you need to throw those away when your done reading them). Anyway, as our conversation progressed, she came up with this idea. Seems she was tired of hearing people complain at our Chapter Meeting, Rallys, etc. and came up with this idea of a button to signify that the person wearing it complained (sniveled) a little too much, and had to be publicly disgraced. The philosophy (or Behavior Modification) behind the idea was that if you had to wear this button, you might think twice about sniveling.

And so it came to be at the October Chapter Meeting, Dave Church, our CD at the time, became the first recipient of the now infamous "Sniveler Button". The first year I, as newsletter editor, tracked who had the button and why they got it. There were some months where the button swapped hands, many, many times. I remember Rick Jenkins, no surprise, had the button twice as many times as any other Chapter member. Way to go Rick. In 1993 there were two of them, but one was given to (I can't remember who), and it graciously left the State of Washington (and the West Coast if I remember correctly), and hasn't been seen since (I know Alice would remember).

The button has been around the world, well almost. Erv was in the possession of the "Sniveler Button", when he and Phyllis took, there now famous vacation to Australia. When the button and the Granahans came home there was a new attachment on the button. You will have to ask Erv or Phyllis what it was, this is a family publication and I don't want to go into too much detail - kids might read this rag. The button has been worn by almost every Chapter Member, who has been in the Chapter for at least 2 or 3 years. It takes that long to get to know us so you can start sniveling. It has been to almost every rally we have ever attended, including two Wing Dings and most of our socials, meetings, rides, and other Chapter D gatherings. Oh by the way a Chapter D

gathering is a function where at least five Chapter members are in attendance (have you ever seen a mother and her ducklings?).

Unfortunately, the Original "Sniveler Button" has been lost. This year, while we attended the Region I Rally, Keith Polzin, who was in possession of the button at the time LOST IT!!!! After nine years in existence, the original "Sniveler Button" is gone.....laying somewhere in Oregon.....probably in a puddle of water.....alone.....wet.....cold.....and lonely. I hope that someone reading this article has it and can return it to us. But time marches on and Terri immediately came up with a new "Sniveler Button" that was proudly worn by Steve Fretts at our last breakfast meeting. Way to go Steve.....no sausage for breakfast can irritate a person.

So there you have it a short brief history of the infamous Chapter D "Sniveler Button". I know others will have their version, but I hope this give our new members an idea of what exactly is the "Sniveler Button"