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WA-E

December 2008

*"Friends for Fun, Safety
and Knowledge"*

Message from our Chapter Directors

Gold Wing Road Riders Association:
Big Sky, Region I & WA District



In the November issue of Wing World magazine, an interesting article talked about the only constant in our lives is change itself. "Change is inevitable and, in many ways, shapes, forms, and affects every aspect of our daily lives" the article pointed out. The context of this particular article was the swiftness of information flow made possible with the relatively recent advent of the PC and "smart phone". Just short of making hard copy mail obsolete, we now routinely communicate instantaneously via e-mail. For Chapter E, the Monthly Message and our monthly newsletter are conveyed to you through cyber-space in electronic form. During earlier times, this communication was accomplished in hard copy form. Many of you probably remember those times. The point is change has been our steady companion... its constancy both unsettling and reassuring.

Last month, I encouraged us all to reflect on our accomplishments for the past ride season and to give thanks for achieving those accomplishments safely and enjoyably. For this month, as the year continues to wind down, I want to draw our attention to change within our chapter family, and how we have quickly adjusted and adapted to it. We have welcomed many new members, we have experienced a bigger and better Surf Watch and we have changed the location of our ride season weekly "ride socials", to name a few.

This month, I have one more "change" to throw at you. Our December Chapter gathering and meeting on the 20th of the month will be held at a brand new location. Our breakfast gathering and meeting will take place at the Redmond Post 2995 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) on 148th NE... just North of WA-520 (4330 148th NE).

So, why are we doing this? I have chosen to move the Chapter meeting place to accomplish some Chapter needs that I feel are important for the long term. While we still conduct our meetings without having members or our guests stand, it has become pretty tight of late... we need room to grow. We also need a central location, where we can continue to encourage our own membership to come to meetings and activities, as well as attract new members.

I need your help to make this a smooth transition. Confidence that this somewhat major change will be fine and attendance will be very helpful. I want nothing but the best for Chapter E and I am certain that this change will be for the best.

Hopefully, we will see most of you at our annual Chapter Christmas Party and the December Chapter gathering and meeting. In the event that we miss you, Sheila and I want to wish you and yours the very best of holiday wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Together we have accomplished a great deal over the past year with a whole lot more to come in 2009.

Ride Often – Ride Safe

Dave & Sheila



★ NEW LOCATION

Meeting this month is:

New Site:

Saturday

December 20, 2008

VFW Post 2995

Redmond

4330 148th Ave. NE

Redmond, WA

Breakfast

Meeting Hours:

Breakfast begins at

7:30 AM

Meeting at 8:15 AM





GWRRA NEWS PAGE



It's Baaaack.....

Last year we presented a great incentive program to get Members preregistered for Wing Ding. We are excited to be able to offer the same program to our Officers and Members for Wing Ding 31.

Preregister at least ten Members for Wing Ding 31, and receive \$5 off the registration fee for the Officer and the delegates. Any Officer of GWRRA is eligible to participate. All applications, minimum of ten delegates, must be attached together to be eligible for the discount and must be submitted to the Home Office by the Officer. Please submit only one application per household, and attach the payment (check or credit card) to each application separately. The program begins November 1, 2008, and will end May 18, 2009. All applications must be postmarked by May 18, 2009 to be eligible. **Click here** to fill out the preregistration application.

Why not plan on riding to Tulsa as a group? What a great way to see the country, enjoy the company of our Gold Wing family and save money all at the same time!

For more information, call Melissa Eason, Executive Director, 800-843-9460 or 623-581-2500 or email meason@gwrra.org.

NEW! GWRRA TRAVEL STORIES

A new feature on the GWRRA Homepage!

Each month *Wing World* magazine receives hundreds of travel stories from Members hoping to have them included in the magazine. As much as *Wing World* would like to publish every story, it's easy to see with that many submissions why they can't all be published. So, GWRRA has created another place for Members to have their stories read. It's called The GWRRA Travel Stories Page. The new page is located at www.gwrra.org at the bottom of the Homepage titled GWRRA Travel Stories. This will give you, the Members, another outlet to share your experiences with your fellow Gold Wingers.

You must be a current Member of GWRRA to have your story considered for publication. Please submit only *original* Travel Stories to gwrratravelstories@gwrra.org. The stories should be no longer than two typed pages or no more than 1,000 words. You **must** include your full name and membership number at the top of the page. Your story will not be considered without this information. Due to space limitations and/or story content, not all submissions may be published. Please do not submit photos with your story, they will not be published. There will be a limit of five stories published each month and, at the end of the month, they will be archived for future reading.

Thank you for participating in the GWRRA Travel Stories page. Now, sit back, relax and happy reading and writing!

Rider Education



I am Thankful. . .

I know that I mentioned in my last article to you that I was going to make this the second in a series about the levels program, but I decided against that. I guess the ability to change my mind about what I think is one of the benefits of being both writer and editor of the Educator's Corner.

So here goes . . . I am sitting, here on Thanksgiving Day and taking some time to think about the last year in our chapter. There is no doubt in my mind that we have been truly blessed. Chapter E accumulated more than 158,000 safe miles; went on countless trips while binding our friendships even stronger. While the past year has been spectacular from a safety perspective, Dave and I believe we can do better, so we will continue to push the safety within the chapter in 2009.

First, Dave and Ron have scheduled a number of Parking Lot Practice sessions and are looking forward to your participation. There are few among us who can say without hesitation that they do not need to improve their riding. Parking Lot Practice will give you a chance to work on your slow riding skills that will absolutely translate into day-to-day riding prowess and safety. Do make it a point to come out to at least one of the sessions this year. (For further information about Parking Lot Practice and other Chapter events go to Chapter E's Calendar on our website located @ <http://www.gwrra-wae.org/>

Secondly, I am going to focus this year on the GWRRA levels program; I would like to see all of the active members of Chapter E enroll in the program. I do not know whether you are aware, but Chapter E has the largest number per capita of Level IV Master Tour Riders in the District. I would love to see us be the chapter with the largest number per capita for the levels program overall. With your help and participation, I am sure we can accomplish that together. To sweeten the pot, I am extending the time for those of you who are not in the levels program to enroll at no cost until December 31st. Please think about this seriously and join. Who knows, the life you keep safe may be your own.

Lastly, there is a District Safe Mileage contest for the chapter who accumulates the highest number of Safe Miles between January 1, 2009 and June 30, 2009. The chapter with the highest number of safe miles will receive a cash award and the bragging rights over the district. I know we have some hard-core riders in the Chapter, so please make sure you give Scott and Karla your mileage as of January 1st so we can win this sucker.

Again, I want to thank all of you for your great riding and terrific friendship and I am looking forward to another stellar and safe year in 2009. As always . . .

Ride Safe and Ride Well,

Bob Reagle, Chapter E Educator





Rider Education



Chapter E Library

- ◆ Book: Street Strategies by David L. Hough
- ◆ VHS: Co-Rider from GWRRA (2002)
- ◆ VHS: Part 1: Helmet Effectiveness (Hurt Report)
- ◆ VHS: GWRRA & Safeco present Touring & Braking / Trailing (1996)
- ◆ VHS: Basic Maintenance of the 1500 Goldwing with Andy MacDonald
- ◆ VHS: Advanced Maintenance for the 1500 Goldwing with Andrew MacDonald
- ◆ Report: Impaired Motorcycle Riding: What Motorcyclists Think About Alcohol and Motorcycling, February 2001
- ◆ Book: Proficient Motorcycling by David L. Hough
- ◆ VHS: Gary Sanford's Slow Speed Cycling Seminar
- ◆ Part 2: Co-Rider from GWRRA (Pre-2002)
- ◆ VHS: Buying Motorcycle Helmets (Snell Memorial Foundation)
- ◆ Report: Fatal Single Vehicle Motorcycle Crashes, October 2001
- ◆ Report: Drowsy Driving and Automobile Crashes

High-side

A **high-sider** or **high-side** is a type of [motorcycle accident](#) which is caused by a rear wheel gaining traction when it is not facing in the direction of travel. For a high-sider to take place, the rear wheel must first lose traction and drift out of the line travel of the motorcycle. The initial traction loss may be caused by a rear locked wheel due to excessive [braking](#) or by applying too much throttle when exiting a corner.

When the slipping rear tire suddenly regains traction it is not moving in the same plane as the rest of the bike. This causes the motorcycle to straighten up so quickly the rider is almost always thrown off, even at low speed.

Highside accidents are typically caused by over-acceleration or braking in corners, but are also a result of locking the rear brake in an emergency stop while traveling straight at high speeds, such as on a highway. Chopper style motorcycles with the front brakes removed are especially prone to high-sider accidents.

Avoiding a high-side

When braking, use both front and rear brakes on the motorcycle, and avoid locking the rear brake. When exiting a corner toward a straight direction of travel, do not apply sudden acceleration inputs until the motorcycle returns the tire can also improve grip. Many high-side incidents result from aggressive riding on tires to a near upright position. Lower gear selection and sharp acceleration inputs increase the likelihood of a rear tire abruptly losing traction on acceleration. Instead smoothly apply throttle as the bike becomes more upright and traction increases. If a rider experiences a rear tire slide under acceleration the best thing to do is slowly roll-on the throttle. If one reduces throttle while the bike is sliding you may regain traction suddenly resulting in the high-sider. Tire warmers can increase tire grip for track days and racing. Riding conservatively until the silica in rubber compound and friction generate heat within that have not yet achieved a temperature suitable for optimal grip. Many tire manufacturers add silica to the rubber compound to generate heat as the tire flexes. Temperatures of 170 °F (77 °C) are common for race ready tires.



FACTOIDS & FUNNIES

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Route 66

Route 66 is quite possibly the most famous highway in the world. Route 66 was originally built for travel from town to town and was intentionally a winding road, a pleasure to ride a motorcycle on. Route 66, in its early days, ran from Chicago, Illinois to Santa Monica Beach, California twisting and turning through many towns along the way before ending. It stretched 2448 miles at that time.

Today route 66 has been replaced by interstates and nature in some places, but about 80% of the original roads of route 66 can still be found to ride your motorcycle on. Arizona has about 160 miles of scenic route 66 and California about 150 miles of route 66 to ride your motorcycle on.

Murphy's Laws of Motorcycling

1. A motorcycle cannot fall over without an audience.
2. The odds of a motorcycle falling over are directly proportional to the size of the audience and of the owner's ego. Newness and cost of the bike are contributing factors.
3. Motorcycles are to yellow bugs what aircraft carriers once were to Kamikaze pilots.
4. You will not feel the need to go to the restroom until after you have put on your rain suit.
5. The fact that your keys are still in your pants pocket will only become apparent after you have put on your gloves.
6. Quick fixes are so named for how long they stay fixed.
7. The only part you really need will also be the only part on permanent backorder.
8. Nothing is harder to start than a used motorcycle being shown to a prospective buyer.
9. You will never suffer a punctured tire on the road until you leave the repair kit at home.
10. "Universal" accessories are so named because that is where you must search to find the bike they fit.





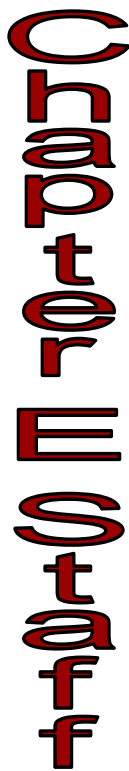
Washington District 2009 Calendar of Events

Check the Washington GWRRA web site for flyers and contact information at www.gwrrawa.org for any events you wish to participate with. 2009 will be another great year with great memories made.

2009

JAN 24	Casino Night	WA-I	AUG 8	Picnic in the park	WA-O
FEB 27-MAR 1	Three Rivers Mall Show	WA-P	AUG 13-15	REGION I RALLY, IDAHO	
MAR 6-8	D Mall Show	WA-D	AUG 16	Show	WA-Q
<u>MAR 6-8</u>	<u>Surf Watch</u>	<u>WA-E</u>	AUG 22-23	Campout	WA-Z
MAR 28	Bowling Challenge	WA-O	AUG 29	Poker Run	WA-X
APR 3	Q Auction	WA-Q	SEPT 4-7	Campout	WA-B
APR 4	Prosser Breakfast Mtg	WA-M & R	SEPT 3-6	IDAHO DISTRICT RALLY	
APR 18	Early Spring Fun Run	WA-C	SEPT 18-20	Oyster Feed	WA-P
APR 19	Brown Bag Auction	WA-N	OCT 10	DISTRICT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE	
MAY 2-3	Fun Run	WA-M	OCT 24	Halloween Dance	WA-Q
MAY 22-25	Desert Spring Fling	WA-L	NOV 11	Veterans Day	WA-B
JUN 6	Farmers Parade, Lynden	WA-H	DEC 12	Festival of Lights	WA-D
JUN 13	Duck Hunt	WA-D			
JUN 18-20	OREGON DISTRICT RALLY, PRINEVILLE				
JUN 20	Disabled Veteran's Ride	WA-X			
JUN 25-27	WYOMING DISTRICT RALLY, CHEYENNE				
JUL 1	International Couple Selection at Wing Ding (Shirley and Dale Dufner competing)				
JUL 2-5	WING DING NATIONAL				
JUL 11	Mystery Ride	WA-A			
<u>JUL 16-19</u>	<u>WASHINGTON DISTRICT RALLY, LYNDEN</u>				
JUL 25	Here's Your Sign Run	WA-Q			
JUL 23-25	MONTANA DISTRICT RALLY				
JUL 31-AUG 1	REGION J RALLY				
AUG 1	Harvest Run	WA-B			

***This calendar is subject to change.**



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December Birthdays

- ☆ Sue Gustin 6
- ☆ Patty Spencer 20
- ☆ Ed Zaic 31

December Anniversaries



- ♥ Terry & Marilyn Branthwaite 1
- ♥ Jim & Karen Roberson 30

☺ A special Thank you to Patty Spencer, Cares & Concerns Coordinator

Thank you so much Patty from all Chapter E members for the beautiful cards you have created and sent to all of us on our special days of Birthday's & Anniversaries. We are so lucky to have you in our group.



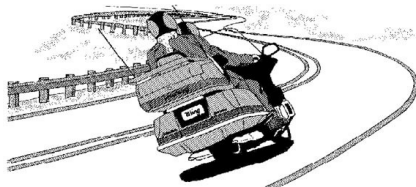
Note from the Newsletter Editor, *Sheila Chavez*

Please contact me with information, articles and/or pictures you would like to share with Chapter E members in our newsletter.

If I have missed any announcement, birthday or anniversary please email me with dates, names and information. If you have pictures and/or stories, please attach them to your email. Email Sheila @ dashwae@comcast.net

If you have Chapter E pictures to add to the Chapter E Website please email John Smith, Chapter E Assistant Chapter Director & Webmaster @: john.smith@tideworks.com





GWRRA Washington District Chapter Gathering Sites

4th Saturday	9:00AM	A-Seattle	★ New location Old Country Buffet, 25630 104th Ave. SE, Kent, WA
1st Sunday	9:00 AM	B-Bremerton	Bremerton Eagles, 205 6th St., Bremerton, WA
2nd Saturday	8:00 AM	C-Everett	Petosa's Restaurant, 1216 Broadway, Everett, WA
2nd Sunday	8:30 AM	D-Aberdeen	Duffy's Restaurant, 1605 Simpson Ave, Aberdeen, WA
4th Sunday	8:30 AM	F-Tacoma	Eagles#3563, 22316 Mountain Hwy E, Spanaway, WA
2nd Tuesday	6:30 PM	H-Lynden	Fairway Restaurant, 1726 Front St, Lynden, WA
3rd Sunday	8:30 AM	I-Olympia	JJ's North's Grand Buffet, 2915 Harrison Ave NW Ste 255, Olympia, WA
2nd Saturday	8:00 AM	L-Kennewick	Cousin's Restaurant, 4605 N 68, Pasco, WA
1st Saturday	8:00 AM	M-Yakima	The Branding Iron Restaurant, 61311 Hwy 97, Toppenish, WA
3rd Sunday	8:30 AM	N-Spokane	Golden Corral Restaurant, 7117 N Division, Spokane, Wa
4th Saturday	8:00 AM	O-Port Orchard	Airport Diner, 8803 State Hwy 3 SW, Bremerton National Airport
3rd Saturday	8:00 AM	P-Longview	Izzy's Pizza Bar Three Rivers Mall Complex, Longview, WA
1st Friday	7:00 PM	Q-Puyallup	Hangar Inn, 16919 A Meridian E, Puyallup, WA
1st Saturday	8:00 AM	R-Walla Walla	Crossroads Steakhouse, 201 East Rees Rd, Walla Walla
1st Saturday	8:30 AM	V-Auburn	Old Country Buffet, 1816 S. 320th St. Federal Way, WA.
1st Saturday	8:30 AM	X-Vancouver	Billygan's Roadhouse, 13200 NE Hwy 99, Vancouver, WA
2nd Friday	6:30 PM	Y-Enumclaw	Krain Corner Restaurant, 39929 264th SE, Enumclaw, WA
2nd Saturday	5:30 PM	Z-Centralia	Kickstand Restaurant, in Napavine at Exit 71 off I-5, Napavine, WA

Some Useful Gold Wing Links

<http://www.goldwingfacts.com/>

<http://www.aboutmotorcycle.com/>

<http://www.tourkingcovers.com/shop/>

<http://www.msf-usa.org/>

<http://soundrider.com/>

<http://www.wingstuff.com/index.php>

<http://www.goldwing-world.com/GL1800.htm>

<http://www.gl1800riders.com/>

<http://www.tulsaenterprises.com/1800.html>



<http://www.hondadirectlineusa.com/stores/index.asp?str=4>

http://www.motorbiketoday.com/reviews/Articles/hon_goldwing_04.htm

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Motorcycle_safety

Gold Wing Road Riders Association, Upcoming WA-E Calendar of Events



★ December 7, 2008: Chapter E Christmas Party!!

Kenmore Community Club from 3 pm-8 pm

- Check the flyer on the Chapter E Website www.gwrra-wae.org/ for address and details of dinner.

December 14, 2008: Jingle Bell Run & Walk to benefit the Arthritis Foundation. Visit their website for signup information www.seattlejinglebell.org

December 12-14, 2008: Cycle World International Motorcycle Show www.motorcycleshows.com/ They are seeking club ambassadors to volunteer to greet and guide show attendees using our riding expertise in the local riding scene (*we might be able to pick up new recruits who knows*). Interested members should let me know as soon as possible.

★ December 20, 2008: Chapter E Breakfast & Chapter Meeting:

NEW Meeting place at our new location at VFW Redmond Post 2995 located at 4330 148th Ave. NE, Redmond, WA

★ January 17, 2009: Chapter E Breakfast & Chapter Meeting:

VFW Redmond Post 2995, located at 4330 148th Ave. NE, Redmond, WA

January 24, 2009: Vancouver International Motorcycle Show on Saturday January 24th in Abbotsford, BC. Scott and Karla are planning on making the trek to BC for this event and invite any Chapter members who might be interested in going to join them. Anyone interested in putting together a Chapter group please let me know and we can help pull this together.





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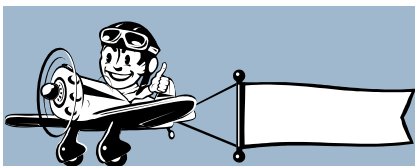
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