

"FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE"

Chapter "E" Bellevue



February 19th, 2005

Bellevue Chapter WA-E Breakfast / Meeting Social Hours:
Summer (May – September) 8 am -- Winter (October – April) 9 am
We meet at the Ramada Inn on the corner of 112th Ave.
NE and NE 8th just off 405 in Bellevue.

Message from your Chapter Director: Ernie and Sue Sigyarto

With the great weather we've been having, it would not be a surprise to see many of us out riding. Don't forget to check those tires and fluid levels, especially the battery. The tires will lose some air just sitting and the battery will lose fluid especially hooked up to a charger. Some of you have been braving the early morning frost for the reward of riding home in the sun and on dry roads. We do however need to be especially careful since the four wheelers aren't used to seeing us out so early in the season. And, I've been hearing some not too welcome statistics with driver's attention while using the cell phone. All in all, the sun is so inviting, the dry roads are welcomed and the smell of the Daphne's is awesome.

As you can see by the enclosed articles, we've been quite busy this year. Additionally we've been bowling, joined for our first of the year Dinner Social and as of this writing, will have had our first game night of the year. As you remember, after our chapter Breakfast Meeting Social (BMS), we will be bowling in the Bowling Challenge. We expect to have visitors from Chapters B and G at our BMS. It should be a lot of fun. Also this month, the District will have the Rider Ed. Workshop. That's always a great opportunity to sharpen up our safety instincts. And, don't forget the Surf Watch, 4-6 March. We will be participating in the dinner pot luck on Saturday. We will be involved in the purchase of the food. So, please bring either a salad or dessert to share. If you haven't reserved a room, please do so, the phone number is in the calendar.

The Breakfast Meeting Social will be especially exciting as we will be announcing who your new CD's will be. We are so fortunate to have so many, so skilled, so eager to serve and so loved by so many. It'll be a great honor to introduce them to you. Your new CD's will be installed at our April Breakfast Meeting Social. Roy and Pearl will do the honors. In March, Sue and I will present a memento to each of our Staff. This way, the April Breakfast Meeting Social will emphasize your new CD's. Please try to attend; the person to correctly count the tears will get a free time check. Visualize a tear right here _____.

And finally, since we are still your CD's, we have the awesome responsibility to chose which of the four fantastic items we have for the 50 / 50 each month. I sure hope Sue and I don't turn into Lame Eagles for the next two months. The four items are a Resist All cleaning and protection kit, a leather key chain and money clip set, a helmet bag and a multi-wood eagle frame. We hope to see you all soon and often.

After Chapter Meeting Ride

Flash! February 19th is the Bowling Challenge

By Jim Roberson

OK, the time is drawing nigh for the clash of the titans otherwise known as the GWRRA Bowling Challenge. Getting set to compete for the glorious trophy and secondarily to enjoy the camaraderie, food and mirth are 10 bowlers from Chapter B, 10 from Chapter D, 10 from Chapter E (the gracious hosts), 8 from Chapter G, 8 from Chapter O and last but not least one from Chapter V (Could he/she be the winner?). We, the sailors of the concrete sea, will be there to gallantly fight to retain the championship and most assuredly have a grand time!

Dinner Social

We will be going to the Olive Garden in Kirkland. Take the NE 124th exit and go west. The Olive Garden is on the south side of the street. (Or left side as you head west) Corner of 113th ave NE and NE 124th. The date is February 24th.....7pm.

Rider Educator

Off to a Great Start

By Mark Caldwell, Chapter Educator

In the area of Rider Education, we really kicked off 2005 with a great start. Before we even had our first breakfast-business meeting, we held a Road Captain course on January 8. As I wrote in last month's newsletter this course is about safe riding in groups as well as specific issues for leaders of those groups to consider. We had 9 participants who had a great time together and enjoyed some wonderful food that our hosts Bob & Thess Thurgood set out for us. Each participant already had experience being the lead bike in a group ride and so we were able to share many bits of wisdom gained from putting the course training into real-life practice. Thankfully everyone made the wise choice to come in their 4-wheel vehicles since the roads were covered in snow and ice.

At our breakfast meeting in January, we awarded new Level 1 Rider patches to John and Barb Smith. Barb rides her own motorcycle as well as being a co-rider behind John at times, so she insisted that she wanted to do the Level qualifications on her own as a rider. Congratulations to you both! We also renewed five people at Level 3 who are well on their way toward attaining Level 4: Master Tour Rider. Congratulations go out to Jim & Karen Roberson and Bob & Patty Spencer for their continued commitment to safe riding and the Rider Education levels program. (For those of you counting, I was number five.) On top of that,

we have several members who are already at Level 4 or above who continue to participate and be excellent examples for us all.

Also at the meeting, John Holter joined the Rider Education levels program at Level 1 and has already qualified for Level 2. Congratulations John! Several other members expressed their interest in starting their journey through the program, and I look forward to receiving their application forms at the next meeting. I will have extra forms for anyone who needs one.

Then after our normal business meeting, we had the treat of listening to our special guest speaker, David L. Hough (pronounced “huff”). David is the author of several articles and books on riding skills including *Proficient Motorcycling*, *More Proficient Motorcycling*, and *Street Strategies*. David did primarily a Q&A session for 90 minutes for our group, allowing everyone to get their questions answered. We had 37 members and visitors in attendance for this event and I received several comments and thanks from those present. David was kind enough to donate his time to talk with us and we asked him to bring some of his books for sale. I saw many members take advantage of the opportunity to purchase one or more of his books and get them autographed as well. The chapter purchased copies of *Proficient Motorcycling* and *Street Strategies* for the chapter Library. These can be borrowed by members of Chapter E by contacting the Educator.

Overall, I'd say that was a great start on our road of *Fun, Safety and Knowledge*. And remember that on Saturday, February 26, the Washington District Rider Safety Education Workshop will be held in Buckley. The pre-registration deadline is the day of our meeting, Saturday the 19th. We will have registration forms available. For those who attend, the chapter will reimburse you for the cost of the pre-registration fee. But you must attend to receive reimbursement. David L. Hough will be speaking at the workshop along with several other speakers on a variety of subjects. Let's all attend, and make it a fun day. And let's make this our safest and most enjoyable year of riding!

Photo Album & Web Site

Give any photos you have to Rick or Sue Gustin for our album. If you have a digital camera, print out the best for our album. And, send your digital photos to Mark Caldwell.

Rides

Casino Night, By Bob Spencer

You've got to know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em, know when to walk away and when to run". Evidently everyone from Chapter E that went to "Casino Night" took the advice of the Kenny Roger's hit, "The Gambler" as we amassed quite a "war chest" for the ensuing auction.

This years Chapter I "Casino Night" at Camp Murry was another fun packed event, beginning with their traditional chili feed. Some of us were there for the chili, while others chose to stop and eat on the way to the event. Participating Chapter E gamblers were Ernie & Sue, Neal & Karen, Bob & Patty, Charlene, Dick & Ginny, Willy & Penny, John & Barb, Barb's mother Joyce, Dave & Anna, and Russell & Lee Ann. With

full bellies and pockets full of “Bull Bucks” we all found our way to our favorite Black Jack table and or dealers and proceeded to test our talent, or should I say luck, against the house.

After four hours of holding, folding, winning, losing, cheating and bribing, we all proceeded to the dessert tables, then found a place to sit down, count our winnings and prepare for the upcoming live auction. While some of us were luckier than others, we collectively managed to amass over \$19,000,000.00 (that's million dollars) to spend at the auction. This year, we jumped into the bidding early and were able to secure several nice items for our chapter meeting 50/50 drawings. In the future, if you are lucky enough to win one of these items..... appreciate it, as you can bet that we paid several million dollars for it!

Unfortunately, at about 11:30PM, the auctioneer ran out of items, before we ran out of money and we had to throw away over 4 million dollars, which wasn't pretty. Have you ever seen a grown man cry? It took John, Neal and I to hold Ernie down and pry the “Bull Bucks” out of his hands, then carry him in the fetal position, out to his car. We all had a great time and are looking forward to next year. Hey....we have a whole year to practice our “Black Jack”.....perhaps at our chapter game nights.

Chapter “Check-Out” Material

Below is a list of materials available for check out from the Chapter. If you would like to check out any, please contact your Chapter Educator.

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

February Birthdays

04 Bob Thurgood
 09 Wanda Kruize
 25 Rick Lawrence

February Anniversaries**March Birthdays**

02 Phil Taylor
 24 Jim Wartchow

March Anniversaries

11 Steve & Charlene Lee
 20 Joe & Freida Downs

Please see Jim and Karen Roberson for any additions or corrections.

Ads and Needs

Large Gerbing heated coat and gloves. Worn on one trip over the Rockies. Was nice and warm. Please contact Sharon Williams.

CALENDAR OF CHAPTER EVENTS

PD pre-registration date
 * WA-E scheduled event

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February

5th WA-F Valentines Dance. PD: Jan. 23rd.
 12th Game Night at Sue and Ernie's home, 6 pm.
 19th Breakfast Meeting 9 am. / hosting the Bowling Challenge, 12:30 pm
 24th Dinner Social, 7 pm.
 26th District Rider Ed. Workshop in Buckley. 8 am.-5 pm. PD: Feb. 15th

March

*4-6th Surf Watch 2005 at Ocean Shores (1-800-448-2433)
 4-6 Horizon Seminar
 11-13th WA-D & I Mall Show
 19th Breakfast Meeting 9 am. / hosting We Made It Through Another Winter party at Russell and LeeAnn's home. Noon to ????
 19th WA-G Auction
 19th WA-V St. Patty's Dance (Canx.)
 24th Dinner Social, 7 pm.

April

2nd WA-L,M,R,S Multi Chapter Gathering
 2nd Game Night at Neal and Karen's home, 6 pm.

*9 th	WA-C Early Spring Fun Run, Smokey Point, PD: Mar. 15 th .
15-17 th	WA-Q Elma Rest Stop
16 th	Breakfast Meeting 9 am. Ride to Bodacious BBQ in Granite Falls
16 th	WA-K First Birthday
21 st	Dinner Social
29-1 st	WA-B Governor's Run

May (Thursday night 6 pm. XXX Ice Cream Socials in Issaquah begins May 5th. Please wear your XXX T-Shirt on the 5th if you have one.)

6-8 th	First Alderwood Chapter E Mall Show (date tentative)
*14-15 th	WA-M BBQ and Fun Run PD: Apr. 25 th
20-23 rd	WA-S Victoria Days
21 st	Breakfast Meeting 8 am (begin summer hours) Pioneer Park (Rodney)
27-30 th	WA-L Desert Spring Fling

June (Thursday night 6 pm. XXX Ice Cream Socials in Issaquah every Thursday)

3-5 th	WA-R Blue Mt. Rendezvous
*4 th	WA-D Duck Hunt
10-12 th	WA-Q Elma Rest Stop
17-19 th	Oregon District Rally
18 th	Breakfast Meeting 8 am. Ride to Roslyn (Rick Gustin)
22-25 th	Can Am Rally PD: June 1 st .

July (Thursday night 6 pm. XXX Ice Cream Socials in Issaquah every Thursday)

3 rd	2 nd Annual Gustin Ride and BBQ beach party.
4-7 th	Wing Ding in Indiana
8-10 th	WA-M Hobo Feed
9 th	Diablo Lake Adventure
16 th	Breakfast Meeting 8 am. Fort Worden
*17 th	WA-A Mystery Ride PD: Jun. 30 th
23-25 th	WA-M Multi. Ch. Camp Out
28-30 th	Wash. Dist. Rally in Lynden (360-384-8881) PD: March 1 st

August (Thursday night 6 pm. XXX Ice Cream Socials in Issaquah every Thursday)

*7 th	WA-F & G Mt. Run
*13 th	WA-Y Riddler Run
*18-21 st	Region I Rally, Port Townsend
20 th	Breakfast Meeting 8 am. Poulsbo Art Fair
*26-28 th	WA-P Oyster Feed

September (Thursday night 6 pm. XXX Ice Cream Socials on the 1st and 8th only. Please wear your XXX T-Shirt on the 8th if you have one)

2-5 th	Idaho Dist. Rally
2-5 th	WA-B Ocean Beach Camp Out
5 th	Chapter Picnic at the Agachinsky's Noon to ???
7-11 th	WA-M North Cascades Loop
11 th	Ride for Kids
17 th	Breakfast Meeting 8 am. Ride to Black Diamond Bakery
22 nd	Dinner Social

*25th Oyster Run

October

8th Wash. Dist. Leadership Training in Moses Lake.
15th Breakfast Meeting 9 am. (begin winter hours) Jillian's Sport Bar
*22nd WA-Q Halloween Dance
22-23rd WA-F South Hill Mall Show
27th Dinner Social
29th Game Night

November

4-7th Rest Stop South Bound Smokey Point.
5th LaConor Art Fair 10 am.
11th WA-M Veteran's Day Parade
13th Chapter E Brunch
17th Dinner Social
19th Breakfast Meeting 9 am. 2006 Calendar Planning Meeting

December

3rd WA-Q Santa Parade
10th WA-M Christmas Party, Zilla
10th WA-D Festival of Lights (tentative)
17th Breakfast Meeting 9 am. Christmas Party at 6 pm.

Impromptu Rides Pool

Mt. Baker (approx. 300 miles)

Fall Color Ride

NW Trek / Picnic

Vancouver BC (Rodney)

Woodland Park Zoo / Picnic

Apple State Run Photo Tour

The Sound of Music in Leavenworth overnight (Contact Leah Gray)