

# GWRRA Chapter "E" WA

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## Message from our Chapter Directors:

As I understand it, on Saturday, February 2, 2008 (same day as our GWRRA Rider Education Workshop-West), Punxsutawney Phil came out of his burrow on Gobbler's Knob - in front of thousands of followers from all over the world - to predict the weather for the rest of winter. As I am sure you all know (i.e., since we all keep up on this stuff), legend has it that if Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter weather. If he does not see his shadow, there will be an early spring.

As it turned out, Phil saw his shadow and just like that 'boom', six more weeks of winter! Bummer...! Just when I was starting to feel like I could start checking to see if my ride clothes still fit, you get crushing news like that. At least now we can blame the continuing winter on Phil.

Seriously though, before you know it, winter will be over and we can begin to implement that Ride Calendar we all worked very hard to create. It's not too early to start thinking about how we can all make the most of the relatively short time we have to ride our bikes. We have always had our group rides that most of us participate in and those will continue with plenty of rides on the calendar. In addition to these rides, I want to create additional opportunities for the Chapter membership to come together through other bike-related activities. Beginning with a bike safety check and Road Captain's course in April to be held at Everett Powersports (our Chapter partner), this ride season we will also implement a new parking lot practice (PLP) program. My hope is we can come together in a no stress environment and practice some basic bike fundamentals together in a parking lot rather than on the interstate. We might also find ways to raise some additional Chapter funds and have some fun as well by scheduling some bike and car washes that we can also coordinate with Everett Powersports.

The long and short of it is, be patient for just a little longer and we'll be back in the ride saddle again. So, keep doing your mental and body prep exercises (that will make Bob Reagle happy) and we'll be back out there before you know it. Happy Valentines Day!

"Ride Often - Ride Safe",



Dave & Sheila

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



February 2008



Our next meeting is:

Saturday, February 16, 2008

Denny's

at

Canyon Park

22833 Bothell Everett Highway

Breakfast

Meeting Hours:

Breakfast at 8:00

Meeting at 8:30



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# GWRRA NEWS



## CHAPTER ASSIGNMENTS WITHIN THE DISTRICT

Mike Hudnell is trying to develop a methodology for making Chapter assignments across the State that makes sense. Presently, GWRRA National makes Chapter assignments by zip code, i.e., each Chapter within a District is organized by zip code. (Presumably, the information that this organization is based on originates from the respective District.) The idea is to minimize the need for chapter override requests to National to the greatest extent possible. Moreover, there are instances in the District where we have members that participate with chapters sometimes outside of the state, or coming to the state from outside, e.g., Idaho or Oregon. I believe the intent is to find a chapter assignment solution that works for the most number of people.

What Mike has asked each CD to do is discuss the following method options with our respective Chapters and provide some feedback and recommendation(s) back to him by March 15, 2008. The options are:

- ♦ By the county where they reside;
- ♦ To the closest established chapter if not in their county;
- ♦ To the closest established chapter due to geographical boundary, such as mountain range, or water barriers; and
- ♦ To the chapter they are listed under in multiple chapter counties.

## Current zip code chapter assignments for WA-E:

98008	98034	98073	98115	98628
98011	98041	98074	98117	98629
98014	98043	98075	98125	98650
98019	98052	98077	98133	98670
98021	98053	98081	98155	98672
98024	98063	98082	98177	98673
98028	98065	98083	98613	
98029	98071	98103	98617	
98033	98072	98105	98623	

I intend to discuss this issue at the next chapter meeting; members should come prepared to discuss. In addition, members with some specific feedback or feelings on the subject should send me their thoughts as soon as possible.

## GWRRA NEWS CONTINUED

From my own perspective, my thinking on this issue is that the desire and prerogative of chapter membership should always remain with the member first and foremost. My recommendations would be the following:

1. Allow the current chapter membership roster that may exist to stand as is.
2. For future membership designation, National should not play a significant role in making chapter designations, rather that determination should pass to the districts. In other words, National just assigns new members to the state in which they reside.
3. New members should be apprised, as soon as is practical, of existing chapters within their general location and be given the choice of who they would like to participate with. Once that choice is made that information should be relayed back to National for official chapter designation.
4. If new members make no choice, or have no basis for making a choice, chapter designation should be made to the closest established chapter due to geographical boundaries as a base criterion, then by the current zip code listing for the chapter, since there are counties with multiple chapters.
5. Making chapter designation by county doesn't work because there are counties with multiple and active chapters.
6. Lastly, members should be encouraged to join a "home" chapter to which they can feel they truly belong and can give their loyalty to, rather than the current ambivalence that exists.



### NEW PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS IN EFFECT

Travelers in and out of the U.S should take note that on January 23, 2007, the first phase of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) went into effect. This phase of the U.S. initiative requires that all travelers entering the United States by air from within the western hemisphere must carry a valid passport. Travelers may also use their NEXUS Air membership as a valid document when flying to the U.S. from Vancouver International Airport.

This phase of the WHTI does not affect travel into the U.S. by land or sea. Birth certificates and drivers' licenses can still be used at the borders.

The second phase of the WHTI will go into effect on **June 1, 2009**. This phase will include travel to the U.S. by all modes, including air, land, and sea. If certain criteria are met by the U.S. Secretaries of State and Homeland Security, this second phase could go into effect sooner.

For more information, log on to [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov) or [www.cbsa.gc.ca](http://www.cbsa.gc.ca).

**"The Hurt Report"**  
**(AKA "Motorcycle Accident Cause Factors and Identification of Countermeasures")**

A brief summary of the findings is listed below. To order the full report, contact:

National Technical Information Service  
5285 Port Royal Road  
Springfield, Virginia 22161  
(703)-487-4600

and order:

*Motorcycle Accident Cause Factors and Identification of Countermeasures*, Volume 1: Technical Report, Hurt, H.H., Ouellet, J.V. and Thom, D.R., Traffic Safety Center, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California 90007, Contract No. DOT HS-5-01160, January 1981 (Final Report)

Vol.I (The Main Report and Summary) is PB81206443 (~400 pages)

Vol.II (Appendix: Supplementary Data) is PB81206450 (~400 pages)

Either document is \$42.95 plus \$3.00 shipping. (circa 1990)

**Summary of Findings**

Throughout the accident and exposure data there are special observations which relate to accident and injury causation and characteristics of the motorcycle accidents studied. These findings are summarized as follows:

- 1.** Approximately three-fourths of these motorcycle accidents involved collision with another vehicle, which was most often a passenger automobile.
- 2.** Approximately one-fourth of these motorcycle accidents were single vehicle accidents involving the motorcycle colliding with the roadway or some fixed object in the environment.
- 3.** Vehicle failure accounted for less than 3% of these motorcycle accidents, and most of those were single vehicle accidents where control was lost due to a puncture flat.
- 4.** In single vehicle accidents, motorcycle rider error was present as the accident precipitating factor in about two-thirds of the cases, with the typical error being a slideout and fall due to overbraking or running wide on a curve due to excess speed or under-cornering.
- 5.** Roadway defects (pavement ridges, potholes, etc.) were the accident cause in 2% of the accidents; animal involvement was 1% of the accidents.
- 6.** In multiple vehicle accidents, the driver of the other vehicle violated the motorcycle right-of-way and caused the accident in two-thirds of those accidents.
- 7.** The failure of motorists to detect and recognize motorcycles in traffic is the predominating cause of motorcycle accidents. The driver of the other vehicle involved in collision with the motorcycle did not see the motorcycle before the collision, or did not see the motorcycle until too late to avoid the collision.
- 8.** Deliberate hostile action by a motorist against a motorcycle rider is a rare accident cause. The most frequent accident configuration is the motorcycle proceeding straight then the automobile makes a left turn in front of the oncoming motorcycle.

- 9.** Intersections are the most likely place for the motorcycle accident, with the other vehicle violating the motorcycle right-of-way, and often violating traffic controls.
- 10.** Weather is not a factor in 98% of motorcycle accidents.
- 11.** Most motorcycle accidents involve a short trip associated with shopping, errands, friends, entertainment or recreation, and the accident is likely to happen in a very short time close to the trip origin.
- 12.** The view of the motorcycle or the other vehicle involved in the accident is limited by glare or obstructed by other vehicles in almost half of the multiple vehicle accidents.
- 13.** Conspicuity of the motorcycle is a critical factor in the multiple vehicle accidents, and accident involvement is significantly reduced by the use of motorcycle headlamps (on in daylight) and the wearing of high visibility yellow, orange or bright red jackets.
- 14.** Fuel system leaks and spills were present in 62% of the motorcycle accidents in the post-crash phase. This represents an undue hazard for fire.
- 15.** The median pre-crash speed was 29.8 mph, and the median crash speed was 21.5 mph, and the one-in-a-thousand crash speed is approximately 86 mph.
- 16.** The typical motorcycle pre-crash lines-of-sight to the traffic hazard portray no contribution of the limits of peripheral vision; more than three-fourths of all accident hazards are within 45deg of either side of straight ahead.
- 17.** Conspicuity of the motorcycle is most critical for the frontal surfaces of the motorcycle and rider.
- 18.** Vehicle defects related to accident causation are rare and likely to be due to deficient or defective maintenance.
- 19.** Motorcycle riders between the ages of 16 and 24 are significantly overrepresented in accidents; motorcycle riders between the ages of 30 and 50 are significantly underrepresented. Although the majority of the accident-involved motorcycle riders are male (96%), the female motorcycle riders are significantly overrepresented in the accident data.
- 20.** Craftsmen, laborers, and students comprise most of the accident-involved motorcycle riders. Professionals, sales workers, and craftsmen are underrepresented and laborers, students and unemployed are overrepresented in the accidents.
- 21.** Motorcycle riders with previous recent traffic citations and accidents are overrepresented in the accident data.
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- 24.** More than half of the accident-involved motorcycle riders had less than 5 months experience on the accident motorcycle, although the total street riding experience was almost 3 years. Motorcycle riders with dirt bike experience are significantly underrepresented in the accident data.
- 25.** Lack of attention to the driving task is a common factor for the motorcyclist in an accident.
- 26.** Almost half of the fatal accidents show alcohol involvement.
- 27.** Motorcycle riders in these accidents showed significant collision avoidance problems. Most riders would over-brake and skid the rear wheel, and underbrake the front wheel greatly reducing collision avoidance deceleration. The ability to countersteer and swerve was essentially absent.
- 28.** The typical motorcycle accident allows the motorcyclist just less than 2 seconds to complete all collision avoidance action.
- 29.** Passenger-carrying motorcycles are not overrepresented in the accident area.
- 30.** The driver of the other vehicles involved in collision with the motorcycle are not distinguished from other accident populations except that the ages of 20 to 29, and beyond 65 are overrepresented. Also, these drivers are generally unfamiliar with motorcycles.
- 31.** Large displacement motorcycles are underrepresented in accidents but they are associated with higher injury severity when involved in accidents.
- 32.** Any effect of motorcycle color on accident involvement is not determinable from these data, but is expected to be insignificant because the frontal surfaces are most often presented to the other vehicle involved in the collision.
- 33.** Motorcycles equipped with fairings and windshields are underrepresented in accidents, most likely because of the contribution to conspicuity and the association with more experienced and trained riders.
- 34.** Motorcycle riders in these accidents were significantly without motorcycle license, without any license, or with license revoked.
- 35.** Motorcycle modifications such as those associated with the semi-chopper or cafe racer are definitely overrepresented in accidents.
- 36.** The likelihood of injury is extremely high in these motorcycle accidents-98% of the multiple vehicle collisions and 96% of the single vehicle accidents resulted in some kind of injury to the motorcycle rider; 45% resulted in more than a minor injury.
- 37.** Half of the injuries to the somatic regions were to the ankle-foot, lower leg, knee, and thigh-upper leg.
- 38.** Crash bars are not an effective injury countermeasure; the reduction of injury to the ankle-foot is balanced by increase of injury to the thigh-upper leg, knee, and lower leg.

- 39.** The use of heavy boots, jacket, gloves, etc., is effective in preventing or reducing abrasions and lacerations, which are frequent but rarely severe injuries.
- 40.** Groin injuries were sustained by the motorcyclist in at least 13% of the accidents, which typified by multiple vehicle collision in frontal impact at higher than average speed.
- 41.** Injury severity increases with speed, alcohol involvement and motorcycle size.
- 42.** Seventy-three percent of the accident-involved motorcycle riders used no eye protection, and it is likely that the wind on the unprotected eyes contributed in impairment of vision which delayed hazard detection.
- 43.** Approximately 50% of the motorcycle riders in traffic were using safety helmets but only 40% of the accident-involved motorcycle riders were wearing helmets at the time of the accident.
- 44.** Voluntary safety helmet use by those accident-involved motorcycle riders was lowest for untrained, uneducated, young motorcycle riders on hot days and short trips.
- 45.** The most deadly injuries to the accident victims were injuries to the chest and head.
- 46.** The use of the safety helmet is the single critical factor in the prevention of reduction of head injury; the safety helmet which complies with FMVSS 218 is a significantly effective injury countermeasure.
- 47.** Safety helmet use caused no attenuation of critical traffic sounds, no limitation of precrash visual field, and no fatigue or loss of attention; no element of accident causation was related to helmet use.
- 48.** FMVSS 218 provides a high level of protection in traffic accidents, and needs modification only to increase coverage at the back of the head and demonstrate impact protection of the front of full facial coverage helmets, and insure all adult sizes for traffic use are covered by the standard.
- 49.** Helmeted riders and passengers showed significantly lower head and neck injury for all types of injury, at all levels of injury severity.
- 50.** The increased coverage of the full facial coverage helmet increases protection, and significantly reduces face injuries.
- 51.** There is no liability for neck injury by wearing a safety helmet; helmeted riders had less neck injuries than unhelmeted riders. Only four minor injuries were attributable to helmet use, and in each case the helmet prevented possible critical or fatal head injury.
- 52.** Sixty percent of the motorcyclists were not wearing safety helmets at the time of the accident. Of this group, 26% said they did not wear helmets because they were uncomfortable and inconvenient, and 53% simply had no expectation of accident involvement.
- 53.** Valid motorcycle exposure data can be obtained only from collection at the traffic site. Motor vehicle or driver license data presents information which is completely unrelated to actual use.
- 54.** Less than 10% of the motorcycle riders involved in these accidents had insurance of any kind to provide medical care or replace property.

# Rider Education



## **When Will Riding Season Ever Get Here? Am I ready For It When It Does? Part 2 (Mental Fitness)**

By Bob Reagle

I started last month's the article with, "It is 42 degrees and raining . . ." I should have counted my blessings, because today the weather is 36 degrees and snowy. Funny it sure doesn't feel like riding season is getting any closer, but a quick look at the calendar confirms that it really is.

As you recall from last month's article, I discussed the value of "Fitness in Body" so you can enjoy those long rides and come home safe. As part of that discussion, I provided you with some motorcycle specific exercises to help you maintain your safety while riding. This month, I will be concentrating on Fitness in Mind and the things you can do to make your rides safer and more enjoyable.

### **First Step to Mental Fitness - - Be rested before you get on the Bike**

I know it sounds simple, but sleep deprivation is one of the major concerns for medical and safety agencies like. People are getting less and less sleep and it is affecting health and safety. It's easy to understand how people can get sleep deprived; after all, we are surrounded by 24 hour a day access to media. By the way, definition of the proper amount of sleep according to the National Sleep Foundation is seven to eight hours of sleep on a regular basis.

While studies show there are long-term health risks associated with sleep deprivation, I would like to concentrate on the safety issues that affect you and me while we are riding:

- Increased risk of motor vehicle accidents
- Decreased ability to pay attention, react to signals or remember new information
- Exacerbates those with pre-existing health problems like diabetes and heart problems.

The message here is to get enough sleep before the ride, I am sure everyone you are with will appreciate it. If you are rested you will make better decisions and will make it good day for everyone.

### **Second Step to Mental Fitness - - Commit to Live Safely in Every Ride.**

As you know, safety is a big part of GWRRA and the levels program encourages safe riding, but did you know by simply agreeing to be a participant in the levels program actually increases your safety while riding? By signing up, you create a mental commitment to safer riding, which creates a positive motivation to be safer. So if you aren't in the levels program, why don't you and your co-rider think about participating? It will be good for you and good for those around you. I will provide some information about the levels program at our next meeting, but if you are interested in learning about them in advance, please check out the GWRRA Safety website by pasting the following URL into your browser <http://www.gwrra.org/regional/ridered/index.html>

### **Third Step to Mental Fitness - - Continue to Learn about Motorcycling.**

To get better in any endeavor, it is important to keep learning. For us motorcyclists it means spending a little time researching our sport by doing some reading, attending programs, speaking with experts at your local dealer or simply by taking the time to read GWRRA safety articles. Knowing the chapter the way I do, I think we are good keeping up to date. If you want further information, please check out what we have in the library and videos on the website for places to start at <http://www.gwrra-wae.org/EducatorsCorner.html>.

Next month, I will talk a little bit about making sure your bikes are fit to ride; the importance of regular maintenance, and your pre-ride checks.

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) Foundation)
- ◆ VHS: Basic Maintenance of the 1500 Goldwing with Andy MacDonald October 2001
- ◆ 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



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### **Note from the Editor, *Sheila Chavez***

As you see in this newsletter we have a few more articles that I would like to continue. If you as Chapter E members want to add articles or to the news letter please send email. This is for all us to communicate and share with each other. If we have missed any announcements please let me know.



# FACTOIDS & FUNNIES



"A Compendium of Facts & Information That Will Astound and Amaze You"

(or at least some miscellaneous stuff that might fun to know or get you to laugh)

## Chili Cook-Off

If you can read this whole story without laughing, then there's no hope for you. I was crying by the end. This is an actual account as relayed to paramedics at a chili cook-off in San Antonio, Texas. Judge #3 was an inexperienced chili taster named Frank, who happened to be visiting from Springfield, IL. Frank: "Recently, I was honored to be selected as a judge at a chili cook-off. The original judge called in sick at the last moment and I happened to be standing there at the judge's table, asking for directions to the Coors Light truck, when the call came in. I was assured by the other two judges (native Texans) that the chili wouldn't be all that spicy; and, besides, they told me I could have free beer during the tasting, so I happily accepted and became Judge #3." Here are the scorecard notes from the event:

### CHILI # 1 - MIKE'S MANIAC MONSTER CHILI

Judge # 1 -- A little too heavy on the tomato. Amusing kick.

Judge # 2 -- Nice, smooth tomato flavor. Very mild.

Judge # 3 (Frank) -- Holy crap, what the hell is this stuff?! You could remove dried paint from your driveway with it! Took me two beers to put the flames out. I hope that's the worst one. These Texans are crazy!

### CHILI # 2 - AUSTIN'S AFTERBURNER CHILI

Judge # 1 -- Smoky, with a hint of pork. Slight jalapeno tang.

Judge # 2 -- Exciting BBQ flavor, but needs more peppers to be taken seriously.

Judge # 3 -- Keep this out of the reach of children! I'm not sure what I'm supposed to taste besides pain. I had to wave off two people who wanted to give me the Heimlich maneuver. They had to rush in more beer when they saw the look on my face.

### CHILI # 3 - FRED'S FAMOUS BURN DOWN THE BARN CHILI

Judge # 1 -- Excellent firehouse chili. Great kick.

Judge # 2 -- A bit salty, but good use of peppers.

Judge # 3 -- Call the EPA. I've located a uranium spill. My nose feels like I've been snorting Drano. Everyone knows the routine by now. Get me more beer before I ignite. Barmaid pounded me on the back, now my backbone is in the front part of my chest. I'm getting shit-faced from all the beer.

### CHILI # 4 - BUBBA'S BLACK MAGIC

Judge # 1 -- Black bean chili with almost no spice. Disappointing.

Judge # 2 -- Hint of lime in the black beans. Good side dish for fish or other mild foods maybe, but not much of a chili.

Judge # 3 -- I felt something scraping across my tongue, but was unable to taste it. Is it possible to burn out taste buds? Sally, the beer maid, was standing behind me with fresh refills. This 300 lb. woman is starting to look HOT ... just like this nuclear waste I'm eating! Is chili an aphrodisiac?

### CHILI # 5 - LISA'S LEGAL LIP REMOVER

Judge # 1 -- Meaty, strong chili. Cayenne peppers freshly ground, adding considerable kick. Very impressive.

Judge # 2 -- Chili using shredded beef, but could use more tomato. Must admit the cayenne peppers make a strong statement.

Judge # 3 -- My ears are ringing, sweat is pouring off my forehead and I can no longer focus my eyes. I farted, and four people behind me needed paramedics. The contestant seemed offended when I told her that her chili had given me brain damage. Sally saved my tongue from bleeding by pouring beer directly on it from the pitcher. I wonder if I'm burning my lips off. It really ticks me off that the other judges asked me to stop screaming. Screw them.

### CHILI # 6 - VERA'S VERY VEGETARIAN VARIETY

Judge # 1 -- Thin yet bold vegetarian variety chili. Good balance of spices and peppers.

Judge # 2 -- The best yet. Aggressive use of peppers, onions, garlic. Superb.

Judge # 3 -- My intestines are now a straight pipe filled with gaseous, sulfuric flames. I crapped on myself when I farted, and I'm worried it will eat through the chair. No one seems inclined to stand behind me except Sally. Can't feel my lips anymore. **! need to wipe my butt with a snow cone.**

### CHILI # 7 - SUSAN'S SCREAMING SENSATION CHILI

Judge # 1 -- A mediocre chili with too much reliance on canned peppers.

Judge # 2 -- Ho hum, tastes as if the chef literally threw in a can of chili peppers at the last moment. \*\*I should take note that I am worried about Judge #3. He appears to be in a bit of distress as he is cursing uncontrollably.

Judge # 3 -- You could put a grenade in my mouth, pull the pin, and I wouldn't feel a thing. I've lost sight in one eye, and the world sounds like it is made of rushing water. My shirt is covered with chili, which slid unnoticed out of my mouth. My pants are full of lava to match my shirt. At least during the autopsy, they'll know what killed me. I've decided to stop breathing; it's too painful. Screw it; I'm not getting any oxygen anyway. If I need air, I'll just suck it in through the 4-inch hole in my stomach.

### CHILI # 8 - BIG TOM'S TOENAIL CURLING CHILI

Judge # 1 -- The perfect ending! This is a nice blend chili. Not too bold but spicy enough to declare its existence.

Judge # 2 -- This final entry is a good, balanced chili. Neither mild nor hot. Sorry to see that most of it was lost when Judge #3 farted, passed out, fell over and pulled the chili pot down on top of himself. Not sure if he's going to make it. Poor feller, wonder how he'd have reacted to really hot chili?

Judge # 3 - No Report

# Chapter E Ride/Activities Calendar

## February

- 2 District Rider Education-Buckley
- 9 WA-L Chapter Bowling Challenge rescheduled
- 16 WA-E Chapter Meeting & "Museum of Flight"
- 28 WA-E Chapter Dinner Social @ The Matador

## March

- 1 Chapter E Game Night, Fiesta Theme, Chavez's
- 7-9 WA-D Chapter Aberdeen Mall Show
- 14-16 CHAPTER E SURF WATCH-OCEAN SHORES
- 22 WA-Z Chapter Oldies Dance
- 27 Chapter E Dinner Social @ Pumphouse Bar & Grill

## IMPROMPTU RIDE IDEAS

- ♦ Light House Tour
- ♦ Mt. St Helen's Ride
- ♦ Wacky Tour
- ♦ Three Mt. Pass Loop
- ♦ "Apple" Tour by WA-V
- ♦ Hood Canal Loop
- ♦ Mount Baker
- ♦ Lake Chelan Loop
- ♦ Hurricane Ridge



## GWRRA Washington District Chapter Gathering Sites

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Location</u>
4th Saturday	9:00AM	A-Seattle	RMC- Full Throttle Café, 3701 E. Valley RD, Renton 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, 2121 Broadway, Everett, WA
2nd Sunday	8:30 AM	D-Aberdeen	1605 Simpson Ave, Aberdeen, WA
4th Sunday	8:30 AM	F-Tacoma	Eagles#3563, 22316 Mountain Hwy E, Spanaway, WA
3rd Saturday	8:30 AM	G-Gig Harbor	Cottesmore Café, 2909 14th Ave NW, Gig Harbor, 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
3rd Saturday	8:30 AM	K-White Salmon	The Charburger, 4100 W Cliff Dr, Hood River, 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	Monticello Hotel, 1405 17th Ave, 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	Fountain Restaurant, 190 S Main St, Milton Freewater, OR
3rd Thursday	6:30 PM	S-Ephrata	Golden Corral Restaurant, 930 N Stratford Rd, Moses Lake, WA
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, 28818 264th SE, Enumclaw, WA
2nd Saturday	5:30 PM	Z-Centralia	Denny's Restaurant, I-5 Exit 82, Harrison Ave, Centralia, 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.ridelikeapro.com/>

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

[http://www.motorbiketoday.com/reviews/Articles/hon\\_goldwing\\_04.htm](http://www.motorbiketoday.com/reviews/Articles/hon_goldwing_04.htm)

# What's on the Calendar

♦ **February 9, 2008: Chapter L, \*\*\*CANCELLED\*\*\*"Bowling Challenge"** in Pasco has been **rescheduled to April 12, 2008**, more info to follow.

♦ **February 14th: Valentines Day!!!**

**February 16, 2008: Chapter Meeting at Canyon Park Denny's:** Breakfast gathering at 0800; meeting at 0830. After meeting activity "Museum of Flight" @ Boeing Field Airport Way, Seattle. If you haven't been there for awhile, or have never been it's time...join us. \_

♦ **February 28, 2008: Chapter E Dinner Social at The Matador in Redmond,WA. starting at 6 PM** check website for directions and menu @ [www.matadorseattle.com/](http://www.matadorseattle.com/) Address: 7824 Leary Way NE, Redmond, WA 98052; 425.883.2855

♦ **March 1, 2008, Chapter E Game Night, Theme: Fiesta Night!** Dave & Sheila's house. More detail & information to follow about time, what to bring (potluck), etc.

♦ **March 7-9 WA-D Aberdeen, WA Annual Mall Show:**

- ⊗ Held at the Southshore Mall in Aberdeen, WA: Showing on Saturday March 8th & Sunday March 9th and CPR & First Aid Classes Saturday 8th. Call to sign up for CPR & First Aid classes. Call Erv Granahan @ 360.249.3463 to register or for information.
- ⊗ Lodging is @ Nordic Inn Convention Center and special discount \$50.00/night to Mall Show participants and visitors. The Nordic Inn is located approximately 1.5 blocks West of the Mall. Reservations for motel: 360.533.0100

♦ **~~March 14-16, 2008: Chapter E Surf Watch Weekend @ Ocean Shores~~**

- ⊗ The flyer and registration form is posted on our website . [www.gwrra-wae.org/](http://www.gwrra-wae.org/) Those of you that have not taken the time to reserve your room for the event better get on it....and don't forget to register! We haven't seen many registrations yet from Chapter E, so let's get motivated and sign up.
- ⊗ Don't forget we need your donations for the auction. The auction will only be successful if we have something to auction off, so keep your eyes peeled for good quality donations! Please let Barb Smith or Dave Chavez know if you are bringing item(s) for the auction. If you cannot go to Ocean Shores but would like to donate item(s) please let us know.
- ⊗ The daytime activities will be fun, fun, fun, but it's the evening Auction that we hope will really define our overall success for the event. Again, we need good quality donations!!!

♦ **March 22, 2008: WA-Z Oldies Dance – Poodle Dog Restaurant:** 1522 54<sup>th</sup> Ave. E., Fife, WA. **CHANGE OF LOCATION - IMPORTANT !**

♦ Buffet Dinner: 6:30 – 7:30 PM Dancing: 7:30–11:30PM

Dress: casual/oldies attire (optional) ( Cost: \$25/person (before March 14, 2008); \$30/person (after March 14, 2008) Visit Chapter Z's website for the information and registration:

[www.wazchickens.com/OldiesFlyer.jpg](http://www.wazchickens.com/OldiesFlyer.jpg)





## Continuation of What's Happening (February News Letter)

- ♦ **March 27, 2008: Chapter E Dinner Social at the Pumphouse Bar & Grill, Bellevue, WA.** web: [www.pumphousebellevue.com/](http://www.pumphousebellevue.com/) ; address: 11802 NE 8th St; Bellevue, WA. 98005; 425.455.4665
- ♦ **State Rally in July.** More information will certainly follow, but I wanted to give you some information on room accommodations: Here is the Hotel information for the District Rally in Lynden. Thursday 7/17 – Saturday 7/20. Homestead Farms Resort. 115 E Homestead Blvd. Lynden, WA 98264. Our rooms are blocked out in the "Farm House Hotel". We have the following rooms blocked out. (7), Kings - \$103.20 to \$119.20; (14), Double queens - \$103.20 to 119.20; (8), Deluxe queens - \$119.20 to \$135.20. There are also 6 one bedroom condo's available several block from the hotel at \$159.20. All prices are for one or two people. Reservations: 360-354-1196 – Select option 6 - You need to mention Group Code: GWRRRA08

## What Happened in the Meantime?

**February 2, 2008: WA District Rider Safety West Side– Education Workshop:** at Rainier Hills Christian Fellowship, Buckley, WA. was reasonably well attended by Chapter E with 17 members attending. As always it, was informative and worth taking the time to attend.



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# Co-Rider's & Lady Rider's Corner

Co-Rider's & Lady Rider's:

Please email me with articles, words of wisdom, stories "true or false" or "whatever you would like to add to this corner".

Thanks Sheila (Chapter E News Letter Editor)

## Nine Words Women Use

1. **Fine**: This is the word women use to end an argument when they are right and you need to shut up.
2. **Five Minutes**: If she is getting dressed, this means a half an hour. Five minutes is only five minutes if you have just been given five more minutes to watch the game before helping around the house.
3. **Nothing**: This is the calm before the storm. This means something, and you should be on your toes. Arguments that begin with nothing usually end in fine.
4. **Go Ahead**: This is dare, not permission. Don't do it!
5. **Loud Sigh**: This is not actually a word, but is a non-verbal statement often misunderstood by men. A loud sigh means she thinks you are an idiot and wonders why she is wasting her time standing here and arguing with you about nothing. (Refer to #3 for the meaning of nothing).
6. **That's OK**: This is one of the most dangerous statements a woman can make to a man. 'That's OK' means she wants to think long and hard before deciding how and when you will pay for your mistake.
7. **Thanks**: A woman is thanking you, do not question, or faint. Just say 'you're welcome.'
8. **Whatever**: Is a woman's way of saying S\*\*\*\* you! **(Ladies, I hate to admit this, but I don't know this one..do any of you?)**
9. **Don't worry about it, I got it**: Another dangerous statement, meaning this is something that a woman has told a man to do several times, but is now doing it herself. This will later result in a man asking, "What's wrong"? For the women's response refer to #3.

Give this to the men you know as a warning about arguments they can avoid if they remember the terminology.

Give this to all the women you know to give them a good laugh, 'cause they know it's true'!



## **"Getting Old"**

(Contributed by Barb Smith), this is cool and so true...

**The other day a young person asked me how I felt about being old. I was taken aback, for I do not think of myself as old. Upon seeing my reaction, she was immediately embarrassed, but I explained that it was an interesting question, and I would ponder it, and let her know.**

**Old Age, I decided, is a gift.**

**I am now, probably for the first time in my life, the person I have always wanted to be. Oh, not my body! I sometime despair over my body, the wrinkles, the baggy eyes, and the sagging butt. And often I am taken aback by that old person that lives in my mirror (who looks like my mother!), but I don't agonize over those things for long.**

**I would never trade my amazing friends, my wonderful life, my loving family for less gray hair or a flatter belly. As I've aged, I've become more kind to myself, and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend. I don't chide myself for eating that extra cookie, or for not making my bed, or for buying that silly cement gecko that I didn't need, but looks so avante garde on my patio. I am entitled to a treat, to be messy, to be extravagant.**

**I have seen too many dear friends leave this world too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging.**

**Whose business is it if I choose to read or play on the computer until 4 AM and sleep until noon?**

**I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 60&70's, and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love ... I will.**

**I will walk the beach in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves with abandon if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set.**

**They, too, will get old.**

**I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten. And I eventually remember the important things.**

**Sure, over the years my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet gets hit by a car? But broken hearts are what give us strength and understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect.**

**I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turning gray, and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver.**

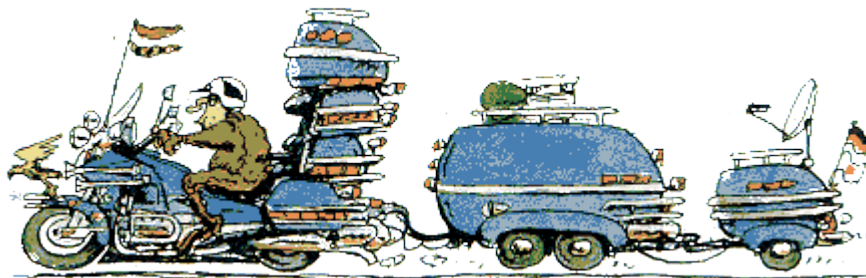
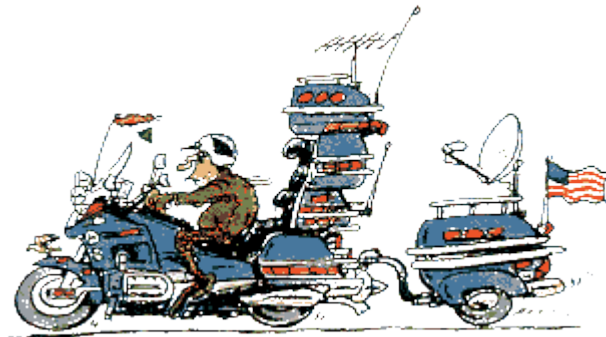
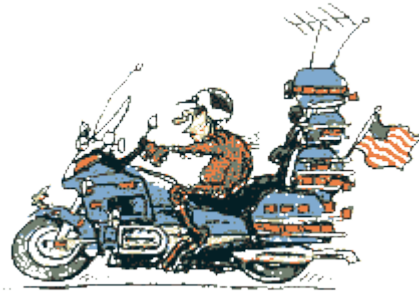
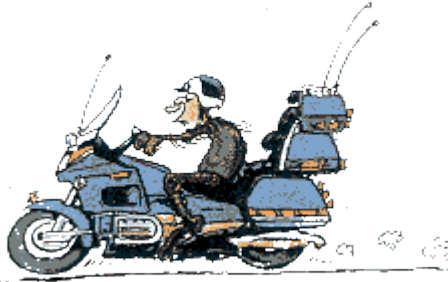
**As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I've even earned the right to be wrong.**

**So, to answer your question, I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day. (If I feel like it)**

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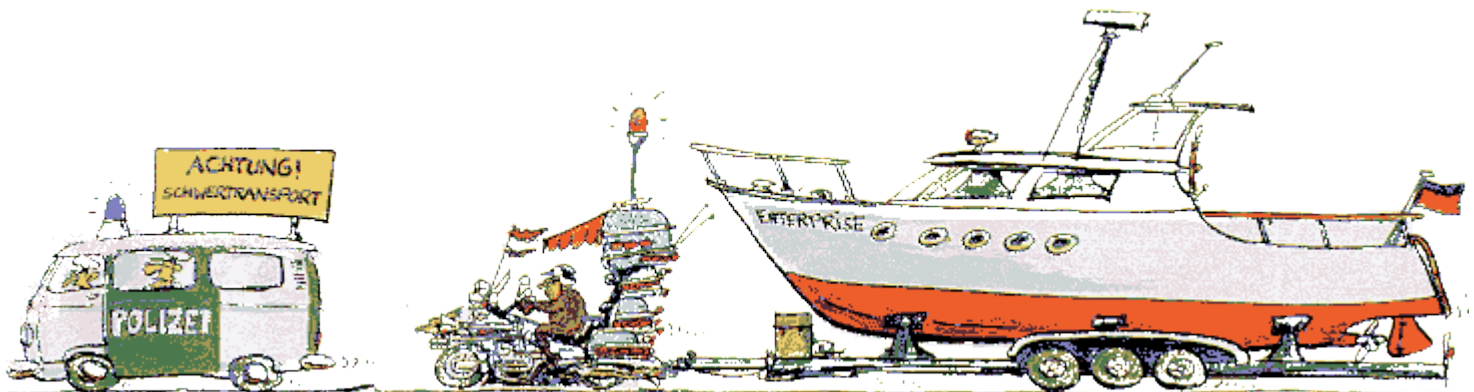
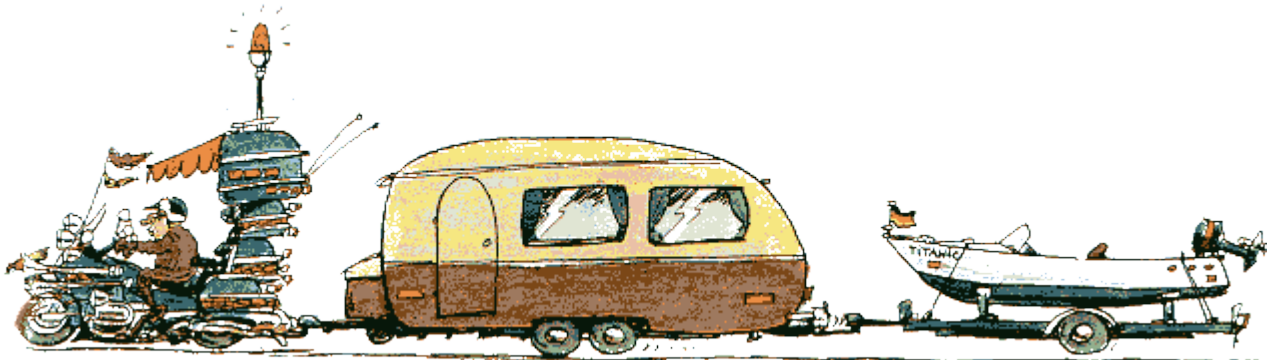
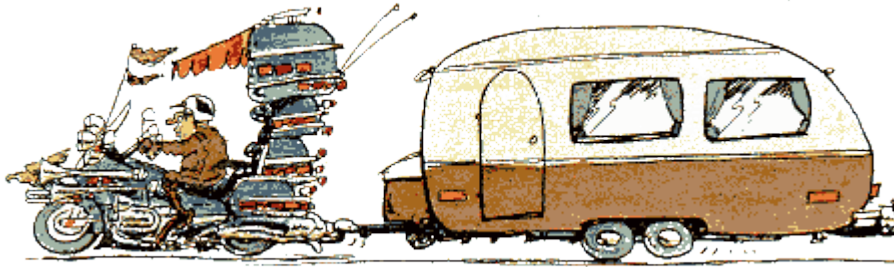
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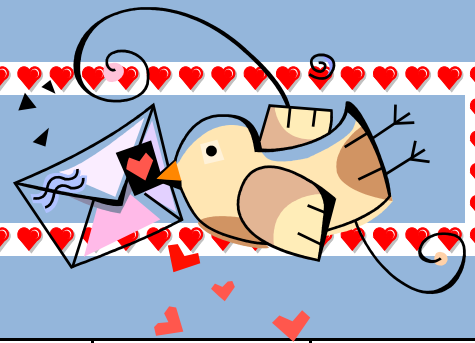
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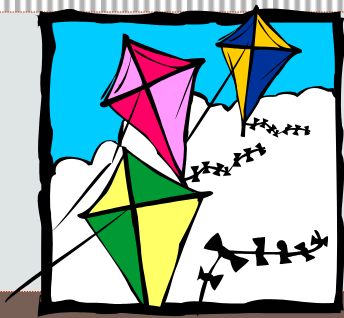
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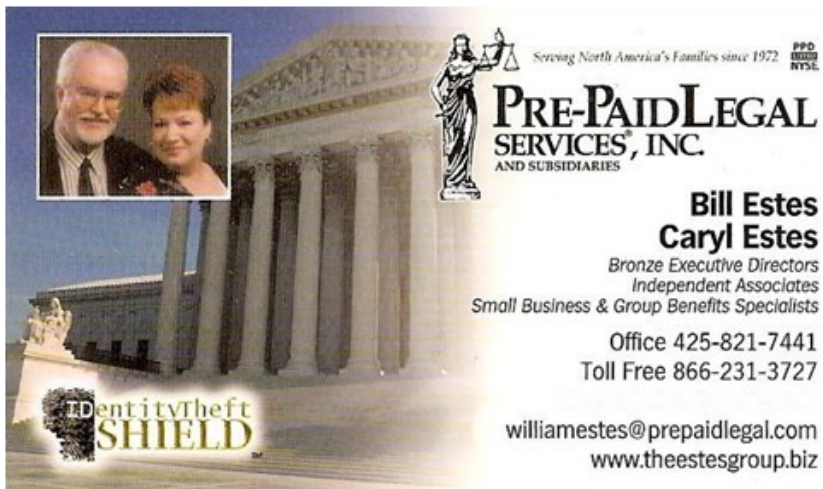
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