



WA-E

"Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"

Message from our Chapter Directors

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



Merry Christmas to you all!!

It is December, time to ramp up for our Holiday Party, which is scheduled for the 19th at the Kenmore Community Center.

Should be a great time with our Hawaiian theme, Jimmy Buffet style Christmas Party.

We are really looking forward to having some fun with you all, and you never know

what Santa has in store for us this year. We have just completed our ride planning meeting and there are many great rides in store for the chapter in this coming year. We are excited for the riding season to hurry up and get

here and wanted to thank Bob Reagle, Ron Peck and Bob Spencer for planning this out for us. We have also completed our food drive and are

planning on making the donation in the name of the Chapter, so we can give a little back, thank you to all who contributed to this effort. Some people will

be able to have a holiday dinner thanks to you. Now that we are in the holiday season, let take stock and make sure we do not have any chapter

members that are having a difficult time in this economy and take care of our own. It is

important that we all stick together and as a group of people we can accomplish anything. All of our members matter, so if you know of someone less fortunate or if you are in that category,

please let us know or one of the staff, so we can ensure that you are taken care of. We do care about each and every one of you.

Remember, if you see something that you think the Chapter would like to do and/or see, please feel free to let us know. We would be happy to take any

and all ideas and suggestions to 'our' chapter membership

to see if this is something we can all do as a group. This

is YOUR Chapter, so please send all of your suggestions

along and we will see what we can do to incorporate those into our Chapter gathering and events.

Till next month—let's have some fun, Jimmy Buffet style!!

John & Barb



* No December Meeting

Next Chapter

Meeting

Saturday

January 16, 2010

At

Denny's Diner

2233 148th Ave NE

Bellevue, WA

Breakfast: 8:00 AM





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GWRRA Washington District Leadership Team Or should we say Crew Members?:

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Washington District & Region 2009 Calendar of Events

DEC 05 Puyallup Santa Parade
DEC 11-13 Seattle International Motorcycle Show
DEC 12 Festival of Lights in Montesano WA-D

* *This calendar is subject to change.*

Check the Washington GWRRA web site for flyers and contact information at
www.gwrra-wa.org for any events you wish to participate with.





Rider Education

Winters Riding in the Northwest

By Ron Peck



Winters here in the Northwest can be especially tricky for motorcyclists, so let's all be extra careful to make sure we make it through safely. Most of us are pretty good about layering up in the winter months, and we know that if we get wet that it amplifies the effects of the cold, so we need to be even more careful.

We have had articles in the past about the effects of hypothermia and how dangerous it can be, especially to the motorcyclist because one of the effects is to slow your reaction time and dull your senses. On a motorcycle, we need all the reaction time and sharpness of senses that we can get. And one of the tricks of Northwest Winters is to shine the sun making it appear to be **warm, possibly even feeling warm while you're standing still, only to discover that it's much colder when you're moving.**

Remember that just because you feel warm does not mean that the ground is warm or that your tires are warm. **When you begin your ride, your tires will be cold and won't grip the road nearly as well as they do when they are warm. So be sure to account for this decrease in traction when you're making your turns.**

Temperatures vary dramatically from place to place or even just from sunshine to shade. You may think that because the news says that the temperature is 40 degrees, it means that you won't face ice, but that's not necessarily true. First of all, you should ask yourself where that temperature reading was taken. The local Seattle news stations' broadcasts reach up into Canada, down to Portland, out to the ocean and up into the mountains. So just where was that temperature reading taken, and where will you be riding? **As long as we're on that subject, have you noticed that the "current temperature" reading varies by several degrees, even among cities that are side-by-side?**

Next, ask yourself whether all of the roads you will be riding on have been receiving direct sunlight all day. Will there be patches of shade where ice or frost could be hiding? What about minor hills and valley areas? Ever been riding north up I-5 just past Everett on a cool autumn evening and felt that sudden chill as you pass through the cold zone? What happens if you do that when the temperature is hovering within a few degrees of freezing? And what about that bridge you have to cross that is exposed all around, and more likely to have ice or frost than the regular pavement on either side?

And another of my favorites is how fast the temperature changes when the sun goes down. Do you know what time sunset is and how that relates to your trip? You may be warm enough during the day, but will you be warm enough at night? Do you have one part of you that always seems to feel the **cold regardless of what else you are wearing? It's time to address that and get the gear you need.** Cold fingers will really hinder your ability to stop or swerve in an emergency, and that could be a real problem riding in traffic or on our roads. Other cold parts are a distraction at the least, and possibly more dangerous than that.

Ride Safe so you can ride longer!

Note from the Newsletter Editor, Sheila Chavez

😊 Congratulations to Patty Spencer for finding her GWRRA member number in the October Newsletter. I am sorry Patty that the total was only \$5.00. Also the hunt was somewhat taken away from you because of my error.

😞 I am stepping down from my position as Chapter E Newsletter Editor. I have enjoyed working on the newsletter tremendously. On my job as an accountant, does not let me use a lot of creativity, so this has been fun. Our house has new additions, our daughter and grandchildren have come to live with us, for an indefinite amount of time. With life upside down and my job responsibilities have led me to make the decision to let this go and let someone else have fun. This is a fun job, if you are interested in this position please email or call John Smith, Chapter E Director. John & I will give you all the help and support you need. John is a great person to work with on this job.



♥ Thanks so much to Dave Chavez (prior Chapter Director) and John Smith, (Current Chapter Director). Dave & John, I truly appreciate all the support and encouragement you both have given me these past few years.

If we have missed any announcement, birthday or anniversary please email Ernie Sigyarto or Barb & John with dates, names and information. If you have pictures and/or stories, please attach them to your email.

♥ Cares & Concerns: Please remember to inform Ernie & Sue of any Cares or Concerns you may have or if you are aware of other members in need of support. If someone is ill or incapacitated or simply is in need of a friendly hug or support, please let us know. We really do want to know if you are OK or in need of anything.

Sheila @ dashwae@comcast.net Ernie & Sue Sigyarto @ enssigyarto@verizon.net

Special Reminder: Don't forget to look for your membership number hidden somewhere in our newsletter. If you find your number, this could mean \$ for you if you tell us at the Chapter E meeting of the month of the newsletter. We encourage you to identify yourself at the meeting.



If you have pictures to add to the Chapter E Website please email John Smith, Chapter E Chapter Director, Assistant District Director & Webmaster @: allabout@verizon.net



December Birthday's

Sue Gustin	6
Patty Spencer	20
Ed Zaic	31

Love...



December Anniversary's

Terry & Marilyn Branthwaite	1
Jim & Karen Roberson	30



Happy November Birthday to Scott Edwards & Garney Arcand



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Together, we
can make
a difference!



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Gold Wing Road Riders Association Upcoming Calendar of Events

December 2009

Canned Food Drive Please help us make a difference in the lives of people less fortunate. I want to thank everyone who has contributed to the food drive. Your generosity is appreciated. Please check your pantries one more time and let see if we can fill up a bike trailer with some food for a good cause. The Hometown Harvest is on Saturday, Dec 5th, 7AM - 3PM and this year, looks like it will be at Redmond Town Center. We can meet at the Canyon Park Starbucks at 8AM, ride over to the drop off site and then head down to the Olympia Toy run (see below). Chapter E will also contribute \$200 on for this event. Hope you can make it. For more information go to www.northwestharvest.org/

Entertainment Books Charlene Lee still has just a couple of entertainment books left for 2010. Cost is \$20.00 She can bring to the dinner social or you can make arrangements for pickup/delivery!!

December

5th Hometown Harvest 7AM-3PM *See above for the food drive.*

11-13th Seattle International Motorcycle Show - being held again this year at the Quest Field Events Center in Seattle. GWRRA will have a booth this year.

Check out the show info at www.motorcycleshows.com/seattle. Ride your bike and park for free. Should be a good show this year. Be sure to stop by the GWRRA booth and say Hi..

19th - Chapter 'E' Christmas Party (No Chapter breakfast meeting on this day)

Party will be held at the Kenmore Community Center at 2:30PM. Address is 7304 NE 175th Street, Kenmore, WA. This years theme will be Tropical. Get out your Jimmy Buffet shirts and get ready to party with Santa and all of your Chapter E friends. please just come to the Christmas Party Dinner.



There will be a gift exchange, approx \$20.00 dollar value/maximum. Dudes bring a dude gift, Dudettes bring a dudette gift.

More information is listed on the Chapter E website: www.gwrra-wae.org/

Upcoming events in other Chapters and Districts

December

5th WA-I Olympia Toy Run The ride starts at 1PM, gates open at 10:00AM and they have performers until 12:30. Ride starts at South Sound Center, 711 Sleater-Kinney Road SE, Lacey, WA You can end the day by **riding in the "Santa Christmas Parade" in Puyallup.** From what I hear this is an awesome event with several thousand bikes participating. The cost is one unwrapped toy or \$10 dollars for a single rider or \$15 for two-up. For more info go to www.olytoyrun.com

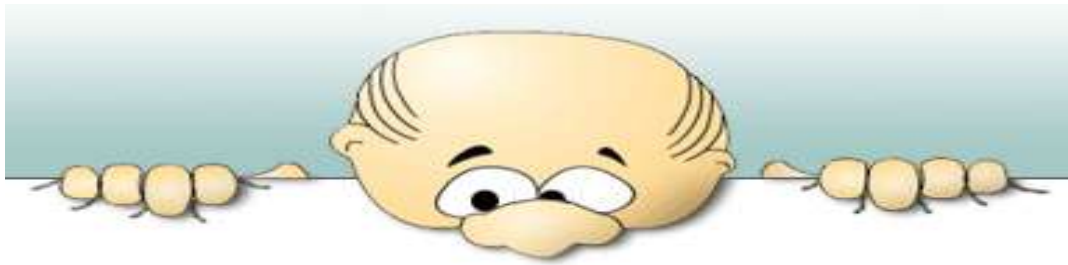
12th WA-D Festival of Lights in Montesano This is a wonderful event around Christmas time.



GWRRA Washington District Chapter Gathering Sites

4th Saturday	9:00AM	A-Seattle	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	132 128TH St. SW, Everett, WA
2nd Sunday	8:30 AM	D-Aberdeen	Duffy's Restaurant, 1605 Simpson Ave, Aberdeen, WA
4th Sunday	8:30 AM	F-Tacoma	Tacoma Elks Lodge #174, 1965 S Union Ave, Tacoma, WA 98405
2nd Tuesday	6:30 PM	H-Lynden	Fairway Restaurant, 1726 Front St, Lynden, WA
3rd Sunday	8:30 AM	I-Olympia	Olympia VFW Hall, 2902 1/2 Martin Way East, 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	The Works, 1073 14th 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	Oasis Restaurant. Old Milton-Freewater, OR
1st Saturday	8:30 AM	V-Auburn	Old Country Buffet, 1816 S. 320th St. Federal Way, WA.
1st Saturday	8:30 AM	X-Vancouver	Hometown Buffet, 7809 B NE, Vancouver, WA
2nd Friday	6:30 PM	Y-Enumclaw	Krain Corner Restaurant, 39929 264th SE, Enumclaw, WA
2nd Saturday	5:30 PM	Z-Centralia	PJ's Pizza, 1232 Alder St. 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>

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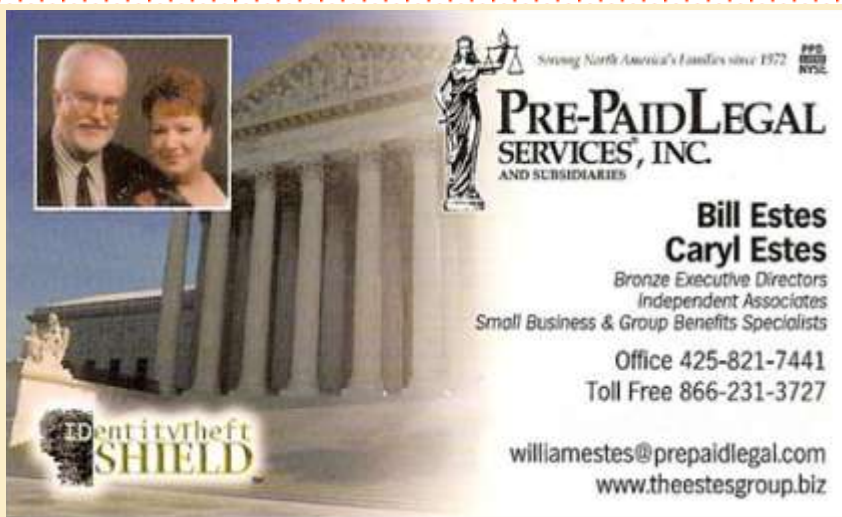
<http://www.gl1800riders.com/>

<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





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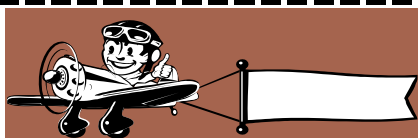
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