



## Gold Wing Road Riders Association Region I - WA District

**WA-E "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"**



*Next Meeting*

*December 18*

*8:00 AM*

*Family Pancake House*

*17621 Redmond Way*

*Redmond, WA.*

Merry Christmas to you all!! It is December, time to ramp up for our Holiday Party, which is scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup> at the Kenmore Community Center.

**Should be a great time with our 'Redneck' Christ-**

**mas Party.** We are really looking forward to having some fun with you all, and you never know what Santa (I hear banjo music already) 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 for doing both the meeting and planning event in November. Barb and I were taking some well needed vacation time. It appears from the list that we have a great many rides and activities planned for this year. Thanks to all of the chapter members that contributed to this, after all it is your chapter. Our website will be updated with those ride very soon, so you can start planning which events you may need to take vacation days for to attend.

We made a donation in the name of the Chapter to Northwest Harvest in the amount of \$200 this year, so we can give a little back. Some people will be able to have a holiday dinner thanks to you and our chapter, which is always a good thing to help the less fortunate. Unfortunately, this year, due to timing constraints, we were not able to do a proper food drive, but next year the plan is to do even more for Northwest Harvest and we are going to try to make an effort to collect each month, non-perishable food, so we can donate BIG next year. 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—'Git ur done' and Merry Christmas!!

John & Barb





# GWRRRA HAPPENINGS



\*\*\* WASHINGTON CHANGES \*\*\*

No December meetings for the following chapters:

WA-B

WA-Y

WA-Z



## 2010 Calendar of Events



- Dec. 10-13 International Motorcycle Show
- Dec. 11 WA-D Festival of Lights
- Dec. 18 WA-E Meeting
- Dec. 18 WA-E Christmas Party
- Dec. 25 Merry Christmas
  
- Jan. 1 Happy New Year
- Jan. 8 WA-X Motorcycle Swap Meet
- Jan. 14-15 WA-P Winter Retreat
- Jan. 22 WA-I Casino Night



# Rider Education

By Ron Peck WA-E Rider Educator



## Hydroplaning Issues

What is it? What to do about it? Are they making new tires less safe?

By: James R. Davis

Hydroplaning is the result of your tires moving FAST across a wet surface - so fast that they do not have sufficient time to channel that moisture away from the center of the tire. The result is that the tire is lifted by the water away from the road and all traction is thus lost.

Of course the word 'fast' is a relative term. Tread design, tread depth, weight of motorcycle, tire pressure, depth of water and even the consistency of that water - (whether it is highly aerated or not, for example) - all play a part in determining at what speed the tire will begin to hydroplane. It is a pretty safe bet to assume that any speed in excess of 60 MPH is fast enough to support hydroplaning regardless of the other variables. This is not to say that at 55 MPH you are safe, however. (A formula that comes close to predicting the speed at which you will hydroplane, assuming at least .2" of water on the ground, is:  $10.27 * \text{Sqrt}(\text{tire pressure})$  which shows that if your tires hold 35 psi, hydroplaning can be expected at 60.76 MPH, while tires with 41 psi of air in them should expect hydroplaning at about 65.75 MPH. Another formula that is somewhat more accurate, though much harder to calculate, is:  $7.95 * \text{Sqrt}(\text{tire pressure} * \text{contact patch width} / \text{contact patch length})$ . This formula shows that the wider the contact patch is relative to its length, the higher the speed required to support hydroplaning. I bring this to your attention because it is contrary to my understanding that a wider tire is more susceptible to hydroplaning than is a narrower tire, yet this particular formula seems to yield a closer approximation of the threshold hydroplaning speed. In other words, I cannot explain why the formula seems to work.

In any event, there are two absolutely essential NO-NO's to remember should you experience the beginning of hydroplaning:

- Do NOT apply your brakes
- Do NOT try to steer in any direction but straight ahead

Though I am not formally trained in the matter I would suggest that the only thing you can possibly do to help the situation is to feather your clutch to moderate your speed without the possibility of drive train 'snap' that would result from an abrupt change of the accelerator.

Hope there is an idea in there that you can work with. Frankly, I think if you start to hydroplane the odds are that you are going to go down unless you keep the front wheel pointed absolutely dead ahead and it is of the briefest of durations.

While on this subject I would like to make another observation about our tires. If you look at the stock front tire on all new Goldwings you will see a Dunlop K177.



If you look at the tire tread pattern you will also see that the grooves are cut in such a way as to tend to channel water away from the center of the tire if it is rotating in accord with the arrow stamped on the side of the tire. This seems to be consistent with what the Dunlop factory rep advised in his latest message to me on the subject.



However, if you look at the front tire tread pattern of the new Dunlop Elite II's (K491) they are aligned in exactly the opposite way. That is, they tend to channel water towards the center of the tire. This CANNOT be the most effective way to diminish the odds of hydroplaning! Either the K177 or the K491 is safer on wet streets based on those tread patterns. (I believe that most new street bikes (other than Honda) come with tires treaded like the K491's.)

If anyone knows why I sure would like to hear about it. Thanks.

I, of course, tried to find out the answer for myself. I wrote to the company that manufactures these tires and in my letter I explained my concerns, just as I did above.

Following is the terse response I received from the Dunlop Tire Corporation to those concerns. I think you can draw a few conclusions from this 'hedge' - at least one of which is that hydroplaning and braking compete with each other from a tread design point of view. It might also be concluded that if you start using these newer designs you should lower your speeds in the future when the roads are wet, below what used to work just fine for you (I will!).

quote:

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Our development and testing during the design of the Elite II front tire determined optimum overall performance was achieved with this pattern which includes wet traction and braking.

Dunlop Tire Corporation  
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(This response was signed by a person named Tom Daley.)

Mind you that I am not of the opinion that Dunlop has made a mistake with this design! In fact, I think braking performance is FAR MORE IMPORTANT than hydroplaning resistance. This is particularly true since we can usually choose how fast we drive on wet streets but often cannot choose when it is necessary to stop quickly. I would have liked a little more candor from them on the issue, however.

For example, (because it is left to me to interpret their response), I do not know if they were actually saying that they had determined that the old design (such as IS being shipped on the front tires of new Wings) is better or not than the K491 design from an hydroplaning point of view.

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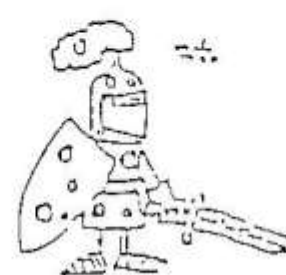
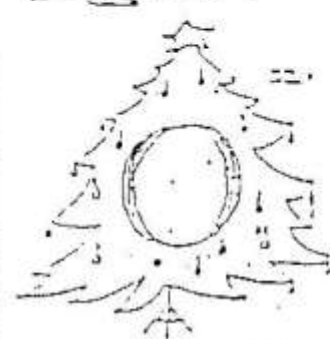
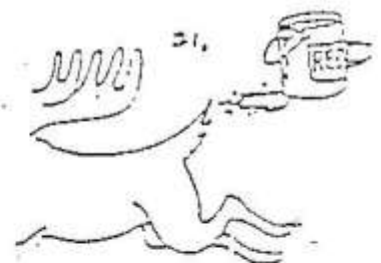
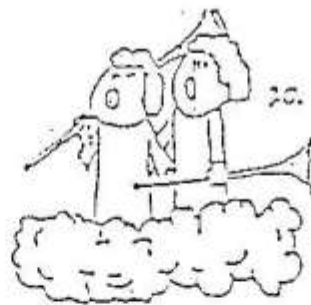
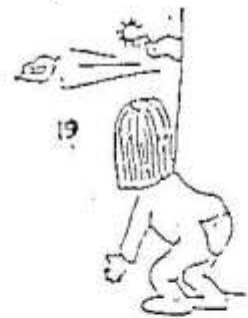
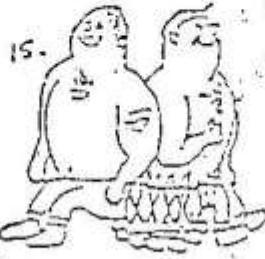
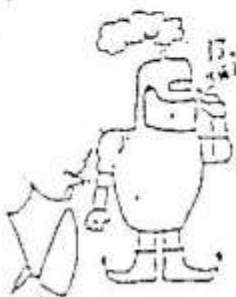
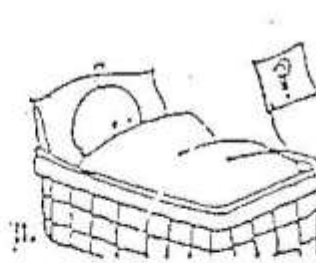
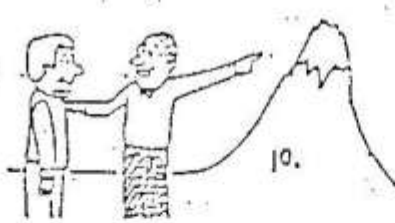
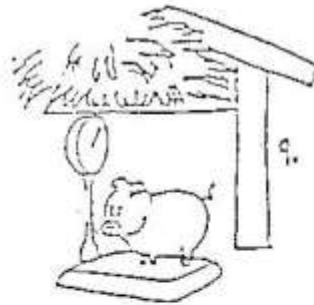
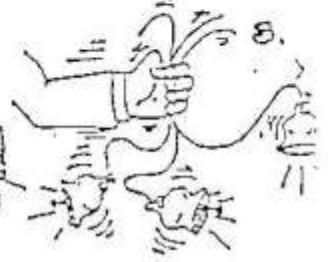
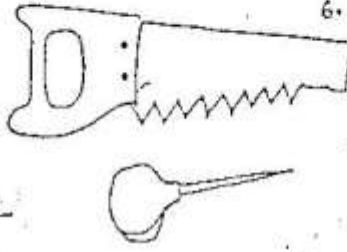
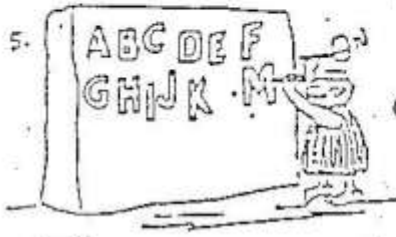
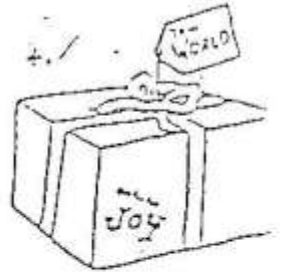
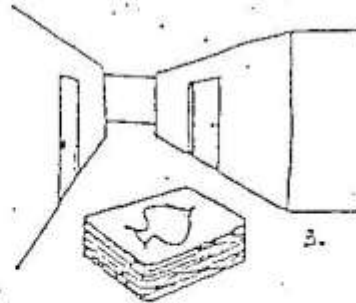
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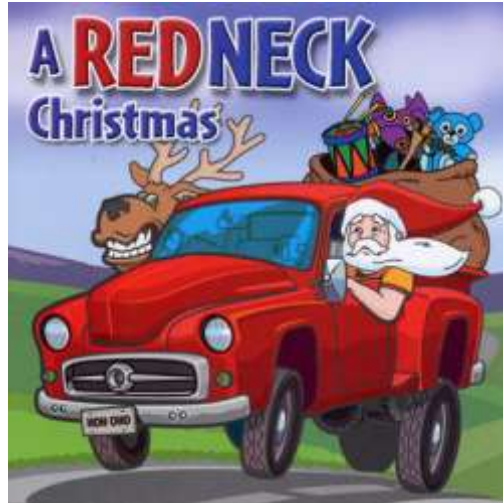


**And remember: Drive on the right except to pass...**



How many of these Christmas carols can you guess?





Dec.18th - Chapter E Breakfast/Meeting - Family Pancake House in Redmond at 7:30 for breakfast and 8AM for the meeting. After Chapter Meeting event is y'alls Christmas Party. Please see attached Flyer. This year's event will be a 'Redneck Christmas'. Get your suspenders and flannel shirts ready for this fun and exciting party. I hear that Santa is sharpening up his banjo skills, and there will be surprises for y'all. This year we will be going back to the Kenmore Community Center. The time will be 3PM (15:00 for you military types) for the party. The chapter will be supplying the main course of possum, armadillo and other road kill specialties for dinner, and we would like for people to bring some desserts and/or some devers for people to chow down on prior and after the main course. Cost for chapter member is zero, so you have no excuse, not to come and 'git ur done' with the rest of us.





Sue Gustin 6  
 Patty Spencer 20  
 Ed Zaic 31

Terry & Marilyn Branthwaite 1  
 Jim & Karen Roberson 30

## November Birthdays



If we have missed any announcement, birthday or anniversary please email Ernie Sigarto 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 Sigarto 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.

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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 Ron Peck, Chapter E Webmaster



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# DECEMBER 2010

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11 WA-D <i>Festival of Lights</i>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 WA-E <i>Meeting Christmas Party</i>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>
26	27	28	29	30	31 <i>Happy New Year</i>	

# GWRRA WASHINGTON MEETINGS

4th Saturday	8:30AM	A-Seattle	Old Country Buffet, 25630 104th Ave. SE, Kent, WA 98030
	8:30 AM	B-Bremerton	Bremerton Eagles, 205 6th St., Bremerton, WA 98337
2nd Saturday	8:00 AM	C-Everett	132 128TH St. SW, Everett, WA 98204
2nd Sunday	8:30 AM	D-Aberdeen	<b>Duffy's Restaurant, 1605 Simpson Ave, Aberdeen, WA 98520</b>
3rd Saturday	08:00AM	E- Bellevue	Family Pancake House, 17621 Redmond Way, Redmond, WA. 98052-4913
2nd Tuesday	6:30 PM	H-Lynden	Fairway Restaurant, 1726 Front St, Lynden, WA 98264
3rd Sunday	8:30 AM	I -Olympia	Olympia VFW Hall, 2902 1/2 Martin Way East, Olympia, WA 98502
2nd Saturday	9:00 AM	L-Kennewick	Sandstone Café 104 W. 1st. Kennewick, WA 99336
1st Saturday	8:00 AM	M-Yakima	The Branding Iron Restaurant, 61311 Hwy 97, Toppenish, WA 98948
3rd Sunday	8:30 AM	N-Spokane	Golden Corral Restaurant, 7117 N Division, Spokane, WA 99208
4th Saturday	8:00 AM	O-Port Orchard	Airport Diner, 8803 State Hwy 3 SW, Port Orchard, WA 98367
3rd Saturday	1:00 PM	P-Longview	Sizzler, 936 Ocean Beach Hwy., Longview, WA. 98632
1st Friday	7:00 PM	Q-Puyallup	Hangar Inn, 16919 A Meridian E, Puyallup, WA 98372
1st Saturday	9:00 AM	R-Walla Walla	Oasis Restaurant. Old Milton-Freewater, OR 97862
1st Thursday	6:00PM	V-Auburn	The Performance Grill, 1525 A Street, Auburn, WA 98002
1st Saturday	8:30 AM	X-Vancouver	Hometown Buffet, 7809 B NE, Vancouver, WA 98686
2nd Friday	6:30 PM	Y-Enumclaw	Krain Corner Restaurant, 39929 264th SE, Enumclaw, WA 98022
2nd Saturday	5:30 PM	Z-Centralia	<b>PJ's Pizza, 1232 Alder St. Centralia, WA 98531</b>



# Where is Ernie Bird?



Any new nominations?

Bob is still holding the honors with his watch upside down and snap on backwards!



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1. **I'm dreaming of a white Christmas**
2. We 3 Kings
3. Deck the halls
4. Joy to the world
5. Noel
6. All I want for Christmas is my 2 front teeth
7. Walking in a winter wonderland
8. Jingle bells
9. Away in the manger
10. Go tell it on the mountain
11. What child is this?
12. God rest ye merry gentlemen
13. Silent night
14. O little town of Bethlehem
15. Chestnuts roasting on an open fire
16. Frosty the snowman
17. Santa Claus is coming to town
18. Night before Christmas
19. I saw mommy kissing Santa Claus
20. Hark the herald angels sing
21. Rudolph the red nosed reindeer
22. O Christmas tree
23. Silver bells
24. Holy Night
25. O come all ye faithful

