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September, 2012 Gold Wing Road Riders Association Region I - WA District



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Next Meeting: October 20, 2012

Crystal Creek Café

22620 Bothell-Everett Hwy.

Bothell, WA. 98021



Have you noticed how short the days are getting? Granted, the sunny weather is holding on and the days are still warm, but the cool mornings are a reminder that fall is just around the corner. As summer comes to a close it is a bittersweet time for Patty and me. **We, like the rest of you, don't enjoy the thought of putting the bike away for a few months, but we still look forward to this time of year because it gives us the opportunity to socialize with all of you over the next several months. The winter "down time" gives us all a chance to get to know each other a little better. So now you're probably thinking "Geeze, we all ride together all summer. What more does he want"?**

It's not about what I want. It's about what Patty and I discovered several years ago and want to share with you. Instead of sitting at home waiting for the sun to shine, we decided to get out and participate in many of the off season social activities that our chapter has to offer. In addition we participated in some of the activities that so many of the other chapters in our area had to offer and by the time spring finally came around something wonderful had happened. Many of those people that we simply "rode with all summer" had become close, "life time" friends. Now as your Chapter Directors again and with so many new members in our chapter, we are looking forward to getting to know all of you a little better, while sharing some of the fun activities that we have enjoyed over the years.

In addition to our monthly breakfast meetings and after meeting activities, we have our monthly dinner **socials and game nights and if you're still bored many of the chapters around us have various activities that we all can participate in as well. We will keep you informed of all of these events as they come up. Our goal this year is to get as many of you out and about as we can. We want you to experience the fun of visiting other chapters and participating in some of their activities like we have over the years.**

So...with all that said, you have no excuse to sit at home doing nothing. There is a lot to do this winter and we encourage you to get involved. We know you all actually have other lives, but participate when you can. It's a lot of fun and who knows....maybe you too, will find a new "life time" friend in the people that you "just rode with all summer".

Bob and Patty



September Birthdays

John Smith	10
Lana Jo Peck	20

September Anniversaries

Dave & Sheila Chavez	3
Jim & Carolyn Wartchow	17



July and August Birthday folks at the August meeting: Mike, Violet, Bruce, Lee Ann, Sue, and Bob



If we have missed any announcement, birthday or anniversary please email Leah Gray or Bob & Patty Spencer with dates, names and information. If you have pictures and/or stories, please attach them to your email.

©Cares & Concerns: Please remember to inform Leah Gray 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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THE EAGLE OOPS AWARD



PREMATURE EVACUATION

The latest recipient of the Eagle Oops award is Ron Johnson. It seems that Ron was a little too anxious to get off the ferry when riding back from the recent Forks ride. As you know, bikes are the first to come **off the ferry but....you're supposed to wait for the ferry crew to give the O.K. to disembark.** However maybe Ron had visions of getting home ASAP and was on the throttle before the O.K. was given and prematurely **departed the ship. Good thing he couldn't hear the yelling of the ferry crew as he blasted off into the sunset in a cloud of dust.**



Ron Johnson



Ride for Kids is Sunday September 9th
Remlinger Farms, 32610 NE 32nd Street, Carnation
Registration begins 8 a.m.

Escorted Ride through the Snoqualmie Valley begins 10 a.m. sharp

For more information go to <http://www.pbtfus.org/rideforkids/>

The Cossacks will be performing again this year.

If you can volunteer the day of the ride please let me know and attend one of the volunteer information meetings.

First meeting is Thursday, September 6; **6:30p.m. at the La Quinta Inn & Suites,**
10530 NE Northup Way, Kirkland, WA www.lq.com, (425)828-6585

Second volunteer meeting for those that cannot attend Thursday evening is **Saturday September 8th, 10a.m., La Quinta Inn & Suites**

Charlene & Steve Lee
206-595-7070

Dbleshot2@comcast.net

See even more details
on pages 26-29

Captain Ron and Violet Urquhart have started a business to provide embroidery for the chapter shirts. If you are interested in getting that done, please bring the article of clothing that you want the work done on to a chapter meeting and provide that to them. You can contact them by email (highlandembroidery@gmail.com) for pricing and availability or call 425-512-9498





Rider Education

By Ron Peck WA-E Rider Educator



Them and Us

Because of our love affair with the two-wheeled motor driven cycle, most of us spend a good amount of time on the open road. We enjoy the benefits of our machines; the unobstructed view, the warmth of the sun, the feel of the wind, the close proximity to nature. What could be better?

Unfortunately, we're also in close proximity to other drivers. No matter how bright our clothing and paint jobs, no matter many lights and pounds of chrome we use to adorn our bikes, for some reason, we are nearly invisible. It's amazing. Very often as a child I wished for the ability to become invisible. It took me more than half my life to realize that all I have to do to accomplish this is to perch myself atop a motorcycle.

Of course, riding a motorcycle requires special skills that people don't use when operating other vehicles. For one thing, riding requires even more alertness. The skills needed to ride safely take time to develop and require constant practice. Many riders have no formal rider training. They often have bad habits that hinder their ability to control their motorcycles properly. They have not taken the opportunity to receive classroom instruction and/or riding practice under the supervision and coaching of certified motorcycle riding instructors.

Studies have been completed on the subjects of motorcycle operation and motorcycle accident report data. Some of the more prominent findings of these studies are:

25% of motorcycle accidents were single vehicle accidents, in other words, just the cyclist and the road, with no other vehicle involved.

The failure of other motorists to see motorcycles in traffic is the predominate cause of motorcycle accidents with other vehicles.

Conspicuity of the motorcyclist is a critical factor in accident avoidance (hence the need for "safety chrome").

The motorcycle riders involved in accidents are ESSENTIALLY WITHOUT TRAINING. 92% were self-taught or learned from family and/or friends. More than half of the accident-involved riders have less than 5 months riding experience.

Almost half of the fatal accidents involved alcohol.

Motorcycle riders involved in accidents showed significant lack of collision-avoidance skills.

The use of the proper protective clothing is effective in preventing and/or reducing injuries sustained during an accident.

Keep in mind that the above statistics include ALL motorcyclists, not just Gold Wingers, but the message **here is obvious. If these statistics don't make a case for Rider Education, I don't know what does. There** are things we can do to reduce our risks on the road, including:

Participate in Rider Education. This is the key to developing and practicing good riding skills. Besides, it gives your Chapter Educator something to do.

Wear protective clothing and gear. Should the worst happen, they can save your life.

Ride your own ride. Don't be tempted to ride beyond your ability. If you fall behind the pack, we'll meet you at Dairy Queen.

Never drink and ride. Duh!

Be vigilant. Be aware of other drivers/riders and be pre-pared to take evasive action if necessary.

Keep your bike in good working order. Not only should you maintain the engine, but also periodically check tires, brakes, lights and other systems. Those lights make you more visible to other drivers and good tires and brakes could get you out of a jam.



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



POST OFFICE TOUR UPDATE

As summer is all too quickly coming to an end so is our Post Office Tour. Final submissions are due October 20th at the Chapter Meeting. Emails will NOT be accepted. Please refer back to the newsletter for the official rules and cash prizes. I don't know about you but I have seen the heart of Washington State by visiting many of the 608 post offices with as many stories to share about the ride along the way.

Ride safe and Ride far!

Karla Edwards

Motorist Awareness in the Big Sky Region I

The GWRRA 2012 Region I Convention in Pendleton, Oregon is now history and, from my perspective, the event was a resounding success. Several key GWRRA dignitaries were among the attendees who made the trek to Pendleton, including Dave and Gwen Carter, International Deputy Directors for Regions E, F, H & I and Mr. Bennie Garcia (just a member but the husband of Co-Founder Shirley Garcia). Also in attendance, was former *Wing World* Editor and current contributing writer to *Motorcycle Consumer News* Mr. Fred Rau and wife Cherrie, as well as several representatives from Region F and J, and, of course, members from several chapters from across the Region.

Several Leadership Training Program (LTP) and Rider Education seminars were presented covering many excellent topics, as well as ARC/TRC class sessions. In the Motorist Awareness arena, interest is still in the budding stage and, my guess is, it is because members are still struggling to understand the nature of this important program area. While the sparsely attended single seminar session did not attract much attention, I am encouraged by the progress that has been made in Region I and I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you about it.

I believe growth begins with recognition and we are starting to get that. At Wing Ding 34 held this last July in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Sheila and I were awarded a Motorist Awareness Merit Award for the work accomplished to date within Region I. Since Sheila and I were unable to attend Wing Ding to accept the award, Bob Minor, Region Rider Educator, accepted the award on our behalf and then presented it to us at the Region I Convention. I am very proud of this award and appreciative of the recognition. I would also like to thank Bob Minor for his support, as well as Joe Mazza, International Motorist Awareness Director. In my conversations with both Bob and Joe, they have expressed a willingness and intent to help grow Motorist Awareness in Region I and increase the national profile of this program. If we care about developing and maintaining our skills in operating our motorcycles, as we do in the Rider Education Program, then we should also care about educating motorists about driving safely and sharing the road with motorcycles.



So, what has been accomplished within the Region? Firstly, over the past year, I have had an opportunity to observe firsthand some of the problem areas that may make it hard to develop the program here in this Region. Secondly, based on these observations, I changed my audience approach to include Driver Education class students, made significant (National approved) changes to the MA power point seminars and developed a number of recommendations that I discussed with and presented to Mr. Joe Mazza, International MA Director. If acted on, these recommendations (shown below) may help attract more member participation and further develop the program.

1. Establish the Motorist Awareness Division as its own program and not part of Rider Education. Creating the Motorist Awareness Program as its own separate program may attract community and civic-minded members that would enjoy focusing on their own safety by addressing various motorist groups, including schools and Driver Education students about motorcycling.

Elevate Motorist Awareness Coordinators to Officer Level and Re-Title the Position to Motorist Awareness Educator. **Rider Educators are Officers of the association and "educate" our members. Similarly, when presenting to public audiences, the Motorist Awareness presenter is "educating"** motorists on the principles of sharing the road with motorcycles and representing the GWRRA. As such, they should look and act the part and be official Officers of the association.

Re-enforce the Certified Seminar Presenter Requirement for Motorist Awareness Educators. Presenting to the public, whether Rotary Clubs, church groups or driver education classes, presents speaking challenges to the Motorist Awareness presenter. A practiced speaking skill would be extremely helpful, if not strongly recommended, in most instances.

In addition, there has been some success in acquiring MA representatives with the appointment of one District Motorist Awareness Coordinator in Washington State, plus an additional appointment in the District forthcoming. Because of the natural topography and distances in Washington, I would like to have at least **one more appointee for Washington's East side.**

Dovetailing on my success in establishing a working relationship with the Seattle Defensive Driving School for Motorist Awareness seminar presentations to Driver Ed students in the Seattle area whenever possible, the existing Washington District MA Coordinator will deliver MA Seminars to the Seattle Defensive School in the Bremerton, Washington area. Also, the projected additional Washington District MA Coordinator is already delivering seminars to schools in the Auburn, Washington area.

Motorist Awareness is much more developed in other parts of the country and there is no reason why we **cannot match up with their efforts, but we need more involvement in the Region.** *"Motorists need to be aware of how their actions can impact the safety of motorcyclists and learn to share the road safely with motorcyclists. A large portion of motorcycle crashes involve two key components: poor speed and spatial judgment of other drivers and poor motorcyclist conspicuity."*

We can affect those two components in Region I and, I believe, we have the membership base that can accomplish great things in this arena. Let me know how you would like to get involved.

Ride Often – Ride Safe



T. Dave Chavez, Jr., RMAC



<http://www.ridesmartflorida.com/motorcycleawareness.htm>

NORTH TO ALASKA—30 Days, 6500 Miles

By: Ron Johnson

In early spring Chapter E received an invitation from the GWRRA chapters in British Columbia to ride with them to the Region J rally in Anchorage, Alaska. As an Alaska ride was on our Bucket List, Kathy and I decided to accept the invitation. We met up with the Canadian bikers on July 12, 2012 at Hope, British Columbia. Our route to Anchorage was north from Hope to Prince George, west towards Prince Rupert on highway 16, north on the Cassiar Highway (37) to Watson Lake, Yukon Territory, where we met up with the Alaska Highway. From that point we travelled northwest through Whitehorse and into Alaska near Beaver Creek, Y.T. At Tok, Alaska we turned southwest from the Alaska Highway down through Glennallen and Palmer, on into Anchorage.



Overall the roads were much better than we anticipated. There is considerable road repair going on in the summer due to the rough winters this far north. Repairs are made with chip coating, a mixture of rock and oil. At nowhere did we encounter hot wet oil that would get on your bike, or slick conditions. Some areas required us to follow escort vehicles, but the wait times were more than acceptable and motorcycles were always put in the front to be right behind the escort, much **to the disdain of the auto's, and RV's. Although we had spare tires, I wouldn't take them next time.** Frost heaves, areas of the roads that are extremely bumpy and dangerous are the one problem you



must be aware of. They seemed to be more of a problem in the Yukon, than in Alaska or BC. One bike in our group went down due to excessive speed over a heave, and 2 other bikers were killed north of Whitehorse, due to excessive speed, both on the same heave and only hours apart. **Most bridges are either grated, or wood. If it's raining, be careful.** At Teslin, Y.T., the bridge is 2,000 feet long with larger than normal grating, approximately **2" x 4". Although it's a weird feeling to ride over, it's not a problem (unless it's wet?).**

Once we arrived at Anchorage, we were ushered around by the GWRRA Alaska members. They did an excellent job of putting on this rally, which was actually a Region J event, which includes all of Canada, from Saskatchewan west. The weather was a mixed bag, with sun and clouds the first 2 days, and rain the next 3. Several rides were held in the rain, and although raingear was required, the scenery was spectacular.



After the rally we parted ways with the Canadians, they returning home on a fixed schedule, which in our opinion, did not allow enough time to see Alaska and Canada. We travelled first to the Kenai Peninsula where we spend 4 days camping in the yard of a GWRRA couple we met in Anchorage. If you go to Alaska, you must spend at least 4 days to a week on the Kenai. From there we travelled to Homer, and Whittier - where we drove through the 2 ½ mile long railroad tunnel to get into the town, and to Seward, where we took an 8 hour cruise that was spectacular to say the least. From Kenai we went down to Valdez, where it did nothing but rain, except on the day we left. The ride back from **Valdez was fantastic.** We use the words **fantastic** and **spectacular** a lot, and that's because this whole part of North America is just that.



From Valdez we returned to Whitehorse, where we spend 3 days. We took the train down to Skagway, another trip I highly recommend. The trip to Skagway by Alaska Railroad is great, the town is a cruise ship tourist trap however, with most shops owned by the ship lines. Lots of rain as well. We continued down the Alaska Highway to Laird Hot Springs where we just missed a man being **knifed by another**. Evidently the **Canadians don't think cleaning up residue blood is important** as there was blood everywhere. The springs were closed for a few hours, but eventually reopened. With the exception of more mosquitos than I have ever seen, the pools were great. At this point gas was \$6.82 per gallon. From here, southeast to the end of the Alaska Highway near Dawson Creek is some of the best scenery we saw. Also lots of wildlife, from bears to bison, Dall Sheep to wild horses. **Just before Fort St. John, we turned off and took highway 29 through Hudson's Hope and on into Chetwynd.** A local told us about this road and it lived up to everything he had to say about it.





Yukon



From Chetwynd we went on to Prince George, completing the great circle. Then, down the Fraser River to Hope, Vancouver, and home. 30 days, 6,500 miles. A true mind blast and a trip I would recommend to everyone. There are areas where Scott and Karla would have the advantage in **getting to with their dual sport BMW's, but just the same it's a trip for everyone.** You'll find that fuel and food are very expensive. Hotels rates are unbelievably high. RV parks and campgrounds **however are very competitive with the costs here in the states.** Don't look for a lot of asphalt to ride and park on in the parks or smaller towns. Gravel and dust are the norms. Take your kick stand supporter. Also, remember that Canadians love to drive 10 to 20 mph over the speed limit and hate to be passed by an American, particularly if on a motorcycle. If you ride 5 to 10 mph over the limit, I guarantee you that no matter the road conditions, everyone will pass you. I had to throw on the brakes hard to avoid a bear and nearly was rear-ended by a Canadian driver that was setting up to pass us. He nearly went off the road to our left, a very close call.





Chapter E 2012 Halloween Party

October 27th



Here are the preliminary plans for the upcoming Chapter E 2012 Halloween party:

- The costume theme for this year will be a pajama party—wear your most **outrageous pajama's to this year's party**
- The party will held this year at the Bousman's new home located between Duvall and Monroe on Saturday, October 27th
- More details to come in the October newsletter and in the weekly emails.

INDUSTRY NEWS FROM EVERETT

POWERSPORTS

By now most folks have had their GL-1800 brake recall check performed and they have found out less than 5% of the bikes inspected have needed the update parts.

The good news this month is near record freedom from rain; let's hope September has rain only on Wednesdays and not for the Ride-for-Kids.

From American Honda, word has just arrived about the 2013 Gold Wing; It appears it will have minimal changes including a feature called the Auto Technology Surround Sound system. Color change includes a light silver metallic and a grey metallic, with the ultra-blue metallic and the candy red being retained.

Thought for the day: The best time to get service work done on your Gold Wing is after October 1st when the labor portion of the cost is discounted. Let me know if the bike needs to be picked up!

Mike



WEIRD VEHICLES FROM THE PAST



Laughter



Wife texts husband on a cold winter morning:
"Windows frozen."

Husband texts back:
"Pour some lukewarm water over it."

Wife texts back 5 minutes later:
"Computer completely screwed up now."



Recipes - Dublin Potato Salad

By: Kathy Johnson

Dublin Potato Salad

- 2 T Vinegar
- 1 tsp Mustard seed
- 1 tsp Celery seed
- 1 can Corned beef (chilled, then cut in equal size cubes)
- 2 cup Cabbage, finely shredded (by knife)
- 1/2 tsp. Salt
- 2 tsp. Sugar
- 1/4 cup Dill Pickle, chopped
- 1/4 cup Red Onion, finely sliced
- 3—Potatoes, med-large, boiled

Dressing

- 1 cup Mayonnaise
- ¼ cup Milk
- ½ tsp. Salt (or to taste)

Combine first three things and pour over warm cubed potatoes. Chill. Then sprinkle with sugar and salt. Combine remaining ingredients. Mix with dressing.



Recipes - Blackberry Cobbler

By: Charlene Lee

This is a family favorite, yummy and easy to make. This originally came from our long lost Aunt Betty (Crocker).

Blackberry Cobbler

2 ½ cups fresh or frozen (thawed and drained) blackberries (do not use blueberries)

1 cup sugar

1 cup Gold Medal® all-purpose flour

2 teaspoons baking powder

½ teaspoon salt

1 cup milk

½ cup butter, melted

Cream, whipped cream or ice cream, if desired



1. In medium bowl, stir together blackberries and sugar. Let stand about 20 minutes or until fruit syrup forms. Heat oven to 375°F.
2. In large bowl, stir together flour, baking powder, salt and milk. Stir in melted butter until blended. Spread in ungreased 8-inch square pan. Spoon blackberry mixture over batter.
3. Bake 45 to 55 minutes or until dough rises and is golden. Serve warm with cream.

Makes 8 servings

Men Who Lack Female Supervision



NEW WASHINGTON STATE MOTORCYCLE TESTING REQUIREMENTS

OLYMPIA—Washington State is leading the nation in the deployment of a new motorcycle endorsement skills test designed to better ensure riders are ready for hazards they will face on our highways.

The Department of Licensing's Motorcycle Safety Program worked closely with the national Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) to design a new test that meets new federal recommendations including key motorcycle skills.

"Our new skills test was created to address issues identified by analyzing motorcycle crashes and crash data," said Licensing Director Alan Haight. "We're now training and testing the skills needed to avoid the leading causes of crashes."

One of these new riding elements tests a rider's ability to handle curves. Through analysis of motorcycle crash data it was learned that the majority of riders were injured or killed in accidents that occurred in curves. While working with the MSF to design the test, DOL volunteered to introduce it in our state first to evaluate it before it is put in place nationally. The new test was introduced on August 1, 2012

Most states use tests and rider training curriculum created by the MSF and other states are expected to start using this new test in the spring of 2013.

To support the new test, DOL has created a five-part video series demonstrating each element of the new test. In addition, these videos explain how the elements directly relate to the on-street skills necessary to deal with real-world riding situations. These videos, produced by DOL staff are available on the DOL's YouTube channel at: www.youtube.com/WALicensing

(Excerpt above from the WA DOL website blog).



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NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

We are always in need of contributions to your newsletter. Ride reports, technical stuff, recipes, jokes, etc. are always welcome and appreciated.

Please send to: Gordon & Kathy Bousman: gbousman44@gmail.com

Special Awards given at the August Meeting



John Smith's long-lived Budda statue traveled many miles on the back of John's previous Goldwing (and even enjoyed the worshipping by some Japanese tourists at one rest stop). When it came time for John to trade in his bike for a new 2012 GI1800, Budda went with the old bike.

Aaaah! - but it seems that Budda was not to be lost forever for Budda reappeared at the August chapter meeting—suitably mounted as a trophy to sit on John's desk as a remembrance of many past rides together.

It seems that Leader Bob just might of had something to do with the recovery and re-emergence of Budda.

Kathy Bousman received her first rider patch and was also asked to provide an accounting for why she was stopped on her bike by one of "Washington's finest" after she almost blew the doors off an unmarked car on her trike ("sorry officer, I was running late for work") on her way to her workplace in Ballard.



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2012 Special Events to Keep in Mind

September 8th: Chapter Y "Riddler Run"

September 9th: Ride-for-Kids, Remlinger Farms, Carnation, WA

September 14-17: Annual Chapter-E trip to Whistler, BC:



Party Animal



Last of the party
animals from the Gustin
picnic—tuff day!

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Birthstone Sapphire</p>						1
2 <i>Picnic at the Gustin's</i>	3 Labor Day	4	5	6 Thursday Social—Maltby Pizza & Pasta	7	8 Chapter Y Riddler Run
9 Ride for Kids Carnation, WA	10	11	12	13	14 Chapter E Whistler Ride	15 <u>No Sept Meeting</u> Chapter –E Whistler Ride
16 <i>Chapter E Whistler Ride</i>	17 <i>Chapter E Whistler Ride</i>	18	19	20 Thursday Social Pub85 Kirkland	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 



GWRRRA Happenings



Sept 2012 Calendar of Events

September 2— **Labor Day Picnic at Gustin's**

September 6th: Thursday social:
Maltby Pizza and Pasta

September 8th: Chapter "Y" Riddler Ride,
Buckley, WA

September 9th: Ride for Kids, Remlinger
Farm near Carnation

September 14 -17: Chapter E Ride to
Whistler, BC

September 20th: Dinner Social: Pub85
Kirkland



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August after-meeting group ride to Port Townsend and Fort Worden State Park



Ride for Kids

benefitting the
Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation®

2012

September 9

Ride with us in Carnation!

Are you ready to ride? The 20th Puget Sound Ride for Kids® is on Sunday, Sept. 9. Please join us at Remlinger Farms in Carnation to show your support for children suffering from the deadliest type of childhood cancer.

Only through continued research will we find the cause of and a cure for this devastating disease, and the funds you raise help make that possible.

Riding for a reason

"At our event, these children can forget about their illness and just have fun," says ride manager Kelley Corwin. "And when you ride with us, you'll be helping save lives."

The Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation® (PBTF), which conducts the national Ride for Kids® program, uses the event proceeds to support critically needed medical research.

The funds also help families to better cope with the issues surrounding their child's brain tumor. Our family support resources include free literature, a website, newsletters, Internet conferences, and college scholarships.

Since 1984, the PBTF and the Ride for Kids® program have raised more than \$67 million. Puget Sound riders have contributed over \$1.3 million of that total.

Thanks to your ongoing support, the PBTF has become the world's largest non-governmental source of funding for childhood brain tumor research. Federal funding for this research continues to decrease, so your efforts are vital.



Judah and his service dog get ready to roll in 2011. Please join us this year on Sept. 9!



Come on down

All motorcycle makes and models are welcome. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and closes at 9:45 a.m. The escorted ride starts at 10 a.m. sharp, rain or shine!

Fundraisers earn special Ride for Kids® premiums. We also draw for a Honda motorcycle and other great prizes. Please check your event's page on rideforkids.org for the official drawing rules in your state. Drawing void where prohibited or restricted by law.

Host Hotel

LaQuinta Inn & Suites

10530 NE Northup Way
Kirkland, WA 98033

Phone: 800-531-5900

RFK rate: \$78/night

Puget Sound

RIDE FOR KIDS®

Sunday, Sept. 9, 2012

Rain or shine!

Location: Remlinger Farms
32610 Northeast 32nd St.
Carnation, WA 98014

Registration: 8 – 9:45 a.m.

Minimum donation: \$35 per motorcycle

Food: FREE beverages, breakfast pastries and light lunch

Grand prize: Honda motorcycle

Please check your event's page on rideforkids.org for the official drawing rules in your state. Drawing void where prohibited or restricted by law.

For more information go to rideforkids.org or call 800-253-8830

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Puget Sound Heroes

Top Individuals

1. Mick & Mary Rairdin	\$11,490
2. Meredith Daniels	\$5,665
3. Mark McDowell	\$5,581
4. Ralph & Debbie Lloyd	\$5,406
5. Ken Watson & Marie Chavez	\$2,696

Top Clubs/Chapters

1. GWTA WA-C	\$19,412
2. GWTA WA-E	\$8,131
3. Headless Horsemen	\$8,128
4. Pacific NW GS Riders, BMW MOA #343	\$6,265
5. GWRRA WA-D	\$3,968

Top Motorcycle Businesses

1. Everett Powersports	\$24,617
2. On Three Trikes	\$8,131
3. South Sound Honda	\$7,928
4. South Sound BMW	\$6,982
5. Hinshaw's Motorcycle Store	\$6,712

It's easy to
collect **\$300!**

Ask 4 relatives for \$25	\$100
Ask 5 friends for \$10	\$50
Ask 5 co-workers for \$5	\$25
Ask 5 neighbors for \$10	\$50
Ask 3 businesses for \$25	\$75
Total raised	\$300!



Ride for Kids® benefiting the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation®

Puget Sound riders contribute over \$89,000 to PBTF in '11

Rider support for local brain tumor survivors is strong in the Seattle area, as the crowd of 335 proved at the 19th Puget Sound Ride for Kids®. The event raised \$85,797 for the PBTF. Even more funds arrived after the event, making the year-end total \$89,942.

Fog gave way to sunny skies as the ride traveled from Remlinger Farms through the Cascade foothills and back again. The honored guests were Ride for Kids® "stars" Nick, Andrew, Claire, Xander, Allison, Judah, Anthony, Skyler, and Eric.

"I feel lucky. I've been coming for seven years and my child is still alive," Judah's father, Frank, told the riders. "When we found out Judah had a brain tumor, we contacted the PBTF and they overnighted us the information. You really find out who your friends are. Here we have people supporting us and we don't even know you."

Donated Ride for Kids® drawing

Top fundraisers

Individuals

Mick & Mary Rairdin, \$11,490

Club/chapter

GWTA WA-C, \$19,412

Motorcycle business

Everett Powersports, \$24,617

prizes went to Mary Rairdin (Honda motorcycle); Greg Clark (AGV helmet); Jim Waterman (Dunlop tire); Jesse Ficks (Tourmaster luggage); and Julie Berg (Cardo Scala Rider).

Puget Sound's volunteer task force was led last year by Ken Watson, Marie Chavez, Clarine and Eddie Dunn, Mike Tennyson, and Mary Rairdin.

**Ride with us this year
on Sunday, Sept. 9!**



Ride for Kids® participants earn great premiums, including T-shirts, hats, backpacks, and riding jackets. We also draw for a new Honda motorcycle and other great prizes. Please check your event's page on rideforkids.org for the official drawing rules in your state.

Thanks to our sponsors

Sponsors provide a variety of resources to make your Ride for Kids® event successful. We appreciate their generous contributions of funds, goods and services, volunteer time and talent, and encourage you to thank them for their assistance. As of July 9, the following sponsors had signed on to support this event:

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Corner speed



As motorcyclists we all love corners. It's where we're challenged to test our skills and measure our commitment to the ride. Riding corners is a lot like life. Some corners we see coming, and some seem to sneak up on us. This past year has been something like that.

Riding last year's "corners" revealed how dedicated all of you are to our "ride." We encountered some challenging twisties that required all of us to be as sharp as we could, to stay on course. We kept the goal of raising funds and supporting the kids and their families in front of us at all times.

As a result we were able to fulfill our promises to them and to the doctors and researchers who ride alongside us. The road presented us with a lot of challenges, and I know all of us had our moments of doubt, but that is sometimes just the thing to turn a ride into something very special. Every one of you showed that when it comes down to deciding what you're going to do – you choose to continue.

Now we have a new year in front of us, a new ride to begin. All of you who rode with us last year know that we will again face some challenges along the way. But we also know that it will be nothing like what our "stars" and their families face every day. I hope each of you will ride with us again, and that you'll invite your friends along, too. There are a lot of brave kids who are counting on us. After all, we're not just out for a ride—we're on the Ride for Kids®.

Kyle Clack
Kyle Clack
Ride for Kids® National Director

from the director's chair

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Sunday, Sept. 9, 2012 – Rain or shine!

Location: Remlinger Farms, 32610 Northeast 32nd St.,
Carnation, WA 98014

Registration: 8 – 9:45 a.m.



Let's make a difference!



Task Force Leaders

Clarine & Eddie Dunn: 206-431-0961

Mike Tennyson, Recruitment: 360-532-7247

Mary Rairdin, Recruitment: 425-259-3904



Our stars relax after last year's ride. You can make a difference to brain tumor survivors like them in Puget Sound by joining us at Remlinger Farms on Sept. 9!



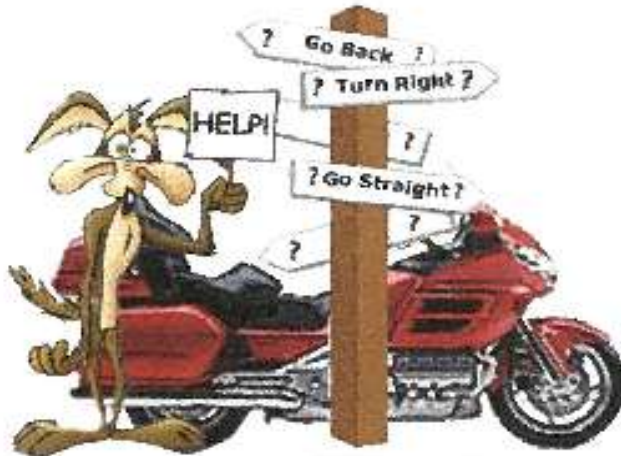
CHAPTER Y RIDDLER RUN

September 8, 2012

344 N River Ave

Buckley, WA

(GPS: 47.166260, -122.025496)



Grand Prize \$100

Other Prizes Also Awarded

Registration Begins
8:00 am

First Bike Out 9:00 am

Last Bike In 2:00 pm

50/50 Drawing
Mileage Guess
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Registration: Rider \$15.00 Co-Rider \$5.00

Registration includes a light breakfast and lunch

Make Checks Payable
to: GWRRRA Chapter Y

Mail pre-registration
to:

Winter Taylor
29212 333rd Ave SE
Ravensdale, WA
98601

Rider: _____ Co-Rider: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Affiliation: _____

I hereby agree to comply with the ideas governing this run and I further agree to hold harmless the GWRRRA and any property owner or owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I may become involved by reason of participation of this run. I do also agree to assume responsibility for any property damage, which I may unknowingly damage. You are responsible for your own insurance.

Rider Signature _____ Co-Rider Signature _____

The Chapter E 2012 Postal Route

Mileage Contest

Our Mileage contest for 2012 will be a little different this year because let's face it, Chapter E is a little different and we like to do things our way. Rather than collecting safe miles in 2012 we will be collecting safe points. The objective is to visit as many Post Offices in the state of Washington as possible. There are 608 in our great State. You must take a photo of your motorcycle in front of the sign that clearly identifies the Post Office as proof of your visit. The sign and bike must be clearly identifiable in the photo for any points to be collected. If it can't be done safely than no points are awarded. Here are the rules:

- 1) Everyone who enters gets a chance to win BIG CASH AWARDS!!!
Entrants will be put into three groups, each consisting of about one third of all participants.
The top third of point gatherers will be entered in for a drawing of **\$100**
The middle third of point gatherers will be entered in for a drawing of **\$75**
The bottom third of point gatherers will be entered in for a drawing of **\$50**
- 2) Postal Route Mileage Contest is open to Chapter E members only
- 3) Pictures of your motorcycle in front of the Post Office sign must be clearly identifiable
- 4) Each Post Office visit is worth 1 point and each Post Office can count only once for your individual point total.
- 5) 25 Bonus points for the Post Offices visited in the 4-corners of Washington
 - a. Ilwaco Post Office
 - b. Neah Bay Post Office
 - c. Anatone Post Office
 - d. Metaline Post Office
- 6) 15 bonus points for Chapter E overnight ride destinations (may or may not be done on chapter rides)
 - a. Ocean Shores
 - b. Forks
 - c. Grand Coulee
 - d. Grandview
- 7) Chapter is dedicated to the GWRRA motto of, "Friends, for Fun, Safety and Knowledge".
- 8) The contest begins today (2/18/2012). Postal Route Mileage contest pictures must be turned in by the October 20th Chapter Meeting. No emails will be accepted. Pictures must be bundled together with your name, no limit of the number of pictures per page however the bike and Post Office name must be clearly visible in the picture. Judging of the mileage contest submissions will be done by Chapter E directors or designee. All decisions are final.

Winners will be announced at the November Chapter Meeting. If you have any questions about the contest, please email Scott & Karla Edwards, our chapter mileage coordinators at:

novkids@hotmail.com

The Chapter E 2012 Postal Route Mileage Contest

Sample entry sheet:



Karla Edwards
Bow, WA
2/5/2012

Dave's Trikes
Roadsmith kits and Conversions

Sale and Installation

Dave Pomeroy
Pasco, WA

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Your \$10.00 *Wing Washington* registration includes:

LIST OF 25 WING WASHINGTON CHECKPOINT SITES

Plus 12 BONUS CHECKPOINTS

The more checkpoints photographed, the more chances to win cash and other prizes - See reverse side for details.

WING WASHINGTON BANQUET - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2012

- \$25 Buffet Dinner with lots of delicious options
- 4PM at VFW Post 2995, 4330 148th Ave NE, Redmond, WA

\$100 / \$50 / \$25 CASH DRAWING, BASED ON SITES VISITED

CHANCE FOR MANY OTHER GREAT PRIZES

50/50 DRAWING

What It Costs

Ride site list and banquet: \$35.00

Ride site list only (no banquet): \$10.00

Attend Banquet, but only for tickets & drinks: \$10.00 (no dinner)

Banquet only (no ride): \$25.00 if pre-registered by September 29, 2012

Banquet only, not pre-registered by September 29, 2012: \$30.00 (at the door)



Benefits the Eastside Domestic Violence Program

The majority of profits (a minimum of \$500) will be donated to Eastside Domestic Violence Program, the largest provider of services for domestic violence victims in Washington.

See the *Wing Washington* web site at: www.WingWashington.com

WING WASHINGTON - 2012

Wing Washington is a motorcycling event that will take you, your motorcycle, and your camera to many scenic and interesting locations throughout the state of Washington. We have compiled a list of 25 sites. Themes include: *Presidents, Boy's Town Names, Girl's Town Names, Steeple Chase, and \$100 Hamburgers*. For long distance riders that enjoy a challenge, there are 12 bonus sites comprised of *Interesting, Creative Lodging*.

Take a picture of your motorcycle (preferably with you in the picture) at each site you visit. The more sites you photograph the more chances you have to win cash and other prizes at the **Wing Washington** Banquet. Every site is worth one ticket.

Photos must be turned in at the **Wing Washington** Banquet on October 13, 2012. Write the site name and number on back of each site photo, please. Tickets for the cash prize drawings and other prize drawings will be issued to you when your photos are turned in and validated. If you cannot attend the Banquet, have a friend attending the Banquet submit them on your behalf.

The combined entry fee of \$35.00 per person includes the list of 37 **Wing Washington** sites (\$10) and admission to the Banquet (\$25), which is the **Wing Washington** closing event. The Banquet will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2012, 4PM at VFW Post 2995, 4330 148th Ave NE, Redmond, WA, 98052. The site list will be sent to you soon after your registration and entry fees are received, after January 1, 2012. GWTA Chapter E hopes you enjoy participating in **Wing Washington - 2012**. Ride safe and have fun!

Keep up with Site Updates at: www.WingWashington.com

REGISTRATION	↓	FILL OUT - CUT OFF - MAIL IN	↓	REGISTRATION
RIDER 1		_____		_____
RIDER 2		_____		_____
ADDRESS		_____		↑ EMAIL ADDRESSES ↑
CITY		STATE _____ ZIP _____		
CLUB AFFILIATION, IF ANY		CHAPTER _____ TELEPHONE (____) _____		

Payable to: **GWTA-CHAPTER E** | Mail to: **Wing Washington, Jerry Weltner, 7708 147th Ave NE, Redmond, WA 98052**

(v)	(Qty)	(Sub-total)
___ Site list and banquet	___ @ \$35.00 = \$	_____
___ Attend Banquet, drinks & tickets	___ @ \$10.00 = \$	_____ (Does not include dinner)
___ Banquet only (not going to sites)	___ @ \$25.00 = \$	_____ (At-the-door price for Banquet - \$30.00)
___ Site list only (not going to banquet)	___ @ \$10.00 = \$	_____
TOTAL = \$		_____

I/We the undersigned, agree to and will comply with the rules covering this event. I/We further agree to hold harmless the GWTA, its officers and representatives, or persons sponsoring this event for loss or injury to property or myself incurred by reason of participation in this event. I/We have read and understand the above.

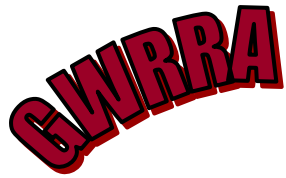
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GWRRA WASHINGTON MEETINGS

4th Saturday	8:30AM	A-Seattle	Old Country Buffet, 25630 104th Ave. SE, Kent, WA 98030
1st Sunday	8:30 AM	B-Bremerton	NEW Arena Sports Bar & Grille, 4111 Wheaton Way Bremerton, WA 98310
2nd Saturday	8:00 AM	C-Everett	Denny's, 132 128TH St. SW, Everett, WA 98204
2nd Sunday	8:30 AM	D-Aberdeen	Duffy's Restaurant, 1605 Simpson Ave, Aberdeen, WA 98520
3rd Saturday	08:30AM	E- Bellevue	Crystal Creek Café, 22620 Bothell-Everett Hwy. Bothell, WA. 98021
2nd Tuesday	6:30 PM	H-Lynden	Fairway Restaurant, 1726 Front St, Lynden, WA 98264
3rd Sunday	8:30 AM	I -Olympia	Fatsos Bar and Grill 3205 Martin Way E. , Olympia, WA
2nd Saturday	9:00 AM	L-Kennewick	Sandstone Café 104 W. 1st. Kennewick, WA 99336
1st Saturday	12:00 PM	M-Yakima	Legends Casino 580 Fort Road Toppenish, WA
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 Station Bistro, 110 2nd St SW, Auburn, WA
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	1:00 PM	Z-Centralia	PJ's Pizza, 1232 Alder St. Centralia, WA 98531

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