

"FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE"

Chapter "E" Bellevue



March 19th, 2005

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

***Message from your Chapter Director:* Ernie and Sue Sigyarto**

As I sit here writing my next to my last Message for you, I am engulfed with many emotions. The strongest of which is the overwhelming feeling of support not for any individual or individuals but for the success of the Chapter. To watch everyone take responsibilities and produce the successes we've enjoyed has been awesome for Sue and me. There is an incredible amount of leadership within our Chapter. Gone are the days of having a title and doing nothing. The Staff and the general membership have taken on much more than either of us has asked for. So many of you have eagerly stepped in to help in completing whatever tasks we took on. And, everything we have taken on has been completed or will be. There is however a sense of joy in stepping aside for new leadership and new ideas. But, there is also a sense of sadness. Besides being your spokespersons, I'll miss the opportunity to perform. Whenever in front of a group, there is a sense of communication I've always loved. When that comfort level has been reached, it's hard to beat. We've laughed a lot together.

At our March Breakfast Meeting Social, we will be honoring our staff. Please attend. We will open the meeting in April and continue until we introduce Roy and Pearl Mckenzie. At that point, it will be all about Bob and Patty Spencer and their Staff. We intend to say a few words, all of which you've heard before at our March meeting, thanking everyone. It is important to have not only a good Staff, but a great Staff. And we did. When we first considered the CD position, our thoughts were to accept only if we had the best ACD's. When Neal and Karen Agachinsky accepted the position, we decided to go for it. Neal and Karen were strong advocates voicing their opinions and providing the support we needed when decisions were made. The strength they gave us was so important and appreciated. Success was our only option with Neal and Karen by our side. Then things started to take hold quickly, keeping Russell Greaby and LeeAnn Kelly as Educators and getting Mark Caldwell was sheer genius. Competence oozes from this guy. He is so logical, I'll miss our discussions. Talk about a man with a plan. Then, I discovered Patty Spencer, yes, it was me that discovered Patty. After a few bumps with the newsletter, working with Patty was like discovering gold. Before I would ask, it was done. She can truly anticipate. Just set her free.

Charlene Lee is a blessing to behold. As treasurer, our visits became my calmness. When finances can become difficult, she tamed it. Her handling of our finances put the money issues into the easy column. I'll miss our visits. Finding Ride Coordinators with riding skills and knowledge of back roads was solved when Rodney Townsley and Jim Pelican stepped up. They know their roads and took their positions seriously. Then Bob Spencer stepped in and provided an already successful team into a well oiled well machined trio. We were truly on our way. So, what about Stores? Neal Gutekunst was the answer. There are a lot of behind the scenes requirements not all of which are easy. Neal, with his always can do style got everything we needed. Thanks Neal. Bob and Thess Thurgood took on COY with a frenzy and look where they are now. As so many others, they have become dear friends. Bob will go at a task like a kid in a candy store. He's really fun to watch. But, he knows what he's talking about (please read article under Honda Concurs With Bob Thurgood's Analysis). I know our discussions will continue. Then, Jim and Karen Roberson stepped in to fill the void of COY with gusto. What a fun couple. They create a sense of excitement, fun and joy we can all relate to. And when Jim sees a task he and Karen can assist with, he steps forward. Some of the things we have accomplished wouldn't have been completed as well without Jim's help. Did I mention bowling? Talk about a great marriage, Membership and CD will come first to mind to all I'm sure. Sue, my wife, has done a great job there keeping me in line once again when needed. I'm sure we'll find something to fill that void in our relationship when we step aside. Pictures are worth a thousand words as Rick and Sue Gustin can attest to. They've kept our albums up to date in spite of digital cameras. Sue particularly enjoys getting pictures out of sequence. Did I say that right Sue? Thank you both. Russ Hall did a great job with Dinner Socials, how could we match that? In steps the dynamic duo of Leah Gray and Karla Edwards. Not only do they match it but what a beautiful picture they make. What fun places we've eaten at. Many of us have enjoyed our Web Page so well designed and updated by Bruce McMahill. When the need arose for a new Webmaster, John Smith and Mark Caldwell stepped forward and designed a web page with a new look. John, taking the position as Webmaster, has impressed us all with his ability in accomplishing the impossible with such ease. And how can we thank people without thanking Dick and Ginny Stryker for being our All Around Nice Guys.

It's truly been a great two years (almost) and although as we draw our term to a close, there still are things to be done. Even though there's only a month left, that equates to 31 days but even more impressive, 744 hours. Thank you all.

After Chapter Meeting Ride

Our After Chapter Ride is to Russell and LeeAnn's home for our annual We Made It Through Another Winter party starting at 12:30. Please bring either a salad or desert. Fun will be served.

Riding Directions from the South:

North Interstate 5, take the Lake Forest Park, Exit 177,
Continue on Ballinger Way SR104 to 195th NE and 25th NE (three lights)
Turn left on to NE 195th continue to 30th NE
Turn Right on to 30th NE, our house will be on the right before the Cul-de-Sac

Riding directions from the North:

South Interstate 5, Lake Forest Park, Exit 177, (stay to the left lane)
Turn left and continue under the freeway, Ballinger Way, SR104. (3 lights after the freeway)
Turn left on to 195th NE continue to 30th NE

Dinner Social

This month on the 24th at 7 pm (most have been arriving at 6:30), our Dinner Social will be at the Waimea Brewing Co in Kirkland. The address is 111 Central Way (Lake St. & Central Way) Kirkland, Wa, Take Exit 18 off 405 head into Kirkland. If anyone has an Entertainment '05 book this place is on page A76 and they will honor your Entertainment card. Here is the web site for this restaurant for anyone interested in checking the menu etc.....Just remember it is the Kirkland location.....not the Hawaii location!

Staff Members

*Indicates a change

CD	Ernie & Sue Sigyarto
ACD	Neal & Karen Agachinsky
Chapter Educator	Mark Caldwell
Newsletter Editor	Patty Spencer
Treasurer	Charlene Lee
Membership Coordinator	Sue Sigyarto
Ride Coordinators	Bob Spencer
	Rodney Townsley
	Jim Pelican
Store Manager	Neal Gutekunst
Historian	Rick & Sue Gustin
COY	Jim & Karen Roberson
Web Page	John Smith
Rest Stop	Bob Spencer
Mall Show	Bob Spencer
Dinner Socials	Leah Gray
	Karla Edwards
Designer	Penny Rosenow
Caring Concerns	Karen Agachinsky
Visitations	Mark Caldwell
Camp Host	Jim Vey
Lighthouse Photo Tour	Bob and Thess Thurgood

Rider Educator

False Authority Syndrome

By Mark Caldwell, Chapter Educator

Last month we had a great training day, the Washington District Rider Education Workshop. Chapter E had a good turnout, with 18 members participating. Most members took advantage of the unusually sunny February weather and rode their bikes to the event. And congratulations, once again, to Bob & Thess Thurgood who received their Master Tour Rider (Level IV) designation at the workshop. For those who are looking for another opportunity to learn, on March 19, the Eastside edition of the District Rider Education Workshop will be held in Richland (details available on the District Web Site at <http://www.gwrra-wa.org>).

Events like the Rider Ed Workshop, District Rally, and the Governor's Run are great opportunities to talk face-to-face with people who truly are experts in their field. Unfortunately, they are also great opportunities to talk with people who sound knowledgeable, but don't have real expertise to back them up. This is where it can get dangerous, and you need to keep the old adage *Caveat Emptor* (Buyer Beware!) in mind. It is very easy for us to fall for a case of False Authority Syndrome.

Simply put, False Authority Syndrome is our tendency to believe that someone who is speaking about a subject actually knows what they are talking about, especially when they are in a position of authority. There is a great article written in plain terms about False Authority Syndrome that can be found online at the Vmyths.com web site (<http://www.vmyths.com/fas/fas1.cfm>). It specifically relates False Authority Syndrome to the area of Urban Legends and Virus Myths. Nonetheless, it's a good read and I highly recommend it because False Authority Syndrome is something we run into all the time, and when it comes to your motorcycle, you really don't want to get snookered. It could be the difference between life and death.

At the District Workshop, we had presenters like Dale Gray from South Sound Honda who has many years of experience and training in Goldwing maintenance and repair. Dale is a true authority on that subject. By contrast, there were a lot of pieces of advice being thrown around by the attendees of the workshop. Some of them may have been valuable tidbits based on that individual's experience, but some of them were just rumors or fluke experiences. Even within the officer ranks of GWRRA we have people like me who volunteered to be the Chapter Educator without any special training. Oh sure, I've read some books and attended workshops, but it would be easy for me to get in over my head if someone were to grill me on safety details. I have **attended** an Experience Rider Course, but I am certainly not qualified to **teach** one. That is why I always encourage people to read books, seek out experts, and educate themselves. And why I am constantly reminding you that **you are responsible for your own safety**. I pass along good resources when I find them, but I am not the expert myself.

So remember, **Caveat Emptor**, beware who you get your advice from. Just because someone is an expert in one area does not necessarily mean he is expert in another. Personal experiences of most people are merely anecdotes, not expertise. So when you're socializing at our next breakfast meeting, or sitting in a class, ask yourself whether the person talking is really an authority on the subject or is he just passing along a good story.

Honda Concurs with Bob Thurgood's Analysis

Technical Issue of the Day

The GL 1500 SE has a “vacuum fuel shut-off valve.” It is placed in the system between the fuel filter and the carburetors, to prevent fuel under pressure after shut-down from being forced past the carburetor float needles and into the cylinders, which could cause serious damage (bent connecting rods) when starting the engine again.

On Bob Thurgood’s bike, the valve started leaking, and Bob ultimately removed the valve from the system, justifying that action by the fact that the bike has an electric fuel pump, which allows any fuel under pressure in the fuel line after shut-off to come back through the pump and back into the fuel tank. Honda techies at the last Wing Ding in Madison WI said they would have done the same thing.

Bob wrote this all up and sent it to Howard Halasz, the technical writer for Wing World, who responded by saying Bob should get the valve repaired or replaced ASAP because of possible damage to the bike from fuel expansion in hot weather.

Bob wrote about all this to American Honda after locating the exact engineering department to write to. The engineer called Bob on the phone to indicate that the design engineer team is very concerned about several things that Bob asked them:

1. Why is the “valve” in the fuel cap designed to allow airflow in only one direction? It allows air to replace spent fuel in the tank, but will not allow air back out if there is pressure in the tank from fuel expansion from outside or engine heat. The engineers are studying that issue as we read this.
2. The engineer indicated to Bob that the vacuum fuel shut-off valve was installed in the GL1500 because the same valve was used in many other bikes previous to the 1500, but which did not have electric fuel pumps. On those bikes, the valve does prevent fuel under pressure from entering the cylinders. The engineers are studying that issue as well, to ascertain if the valve is actually needed on a bike with an electric fuel pump.
3. The engineer team is studying the issue of continued fuel pressure after shut-off in all three areas: Pressure in the tank itself; possible pressure release through the fill cap valve; and pressure in carburetor float valve systems after shut-off.

Sometimes a little noise can make a difference! Honda America promises they will keep Bob informed on these issues, and Bob says he will relay any information to us that he receives.

Photo Album & Web Site

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

Rides

The Clash of the Titans (2005 Bowling Challenge), By Jim Roberson

It was a fine day for a motorcycle ride but there was bowling to be done, a title to defend. It was all for naught. Fifty seven bowlers, 12 from Chapter A, 8 each from Chapters B and D, 9 each from Chapters E, G and O, and 1 each from Chapters N and V. A fine time was had by all at Kenmore Lanes on that fine day. Chapter E, the host, fought valiantly to retain the trophy but it was not to be so.

It is now over. The title lost. A new victor to enjoy the thrill of victory. Who is it? Why none other than Chapter G! They came with victory in mind and left with all the marbles. Gale Nickel, the CD, took both high game, 216, and high series, 560. Now that is leadership. Plus the chapter now has the glorious trophy to display over in Gig Harbor, and it will look pretty in pink.

Game Night, By Neal Agachinsky

The Feb. Game Night at the Sigyarto's was memorable, several members enjoyed a rousing game of domino's, while others were amazed at the talent of Jim Pelican at the pool table. With the likely hood of beating champion shooter Jim, we opted to transform the table to ping pong. It was during this match that someone who will remain unnamed killed one of Ernie' prized ping pong balls (OOP'S). Of course the evening was topped off by some of Sue's wonderful deserts and coffee. Fun was the theme of the evening and enjoyed by all!!!!

Surf Watch 2005, By Barb Smith

Great weather, Great food, Great fun, Great riding (mopeds DO count) and Great friends! What a perfect way to spend a weekend. Surf Watch 2005 was held March 4th thru March 6th at Ocean Shores. Chapter E was represented well by Sue & Ernie, Neal & Karen, Bob & Patty, Jim & Karen, Bruce & Sandra, Russ & Lee Ann, Dave & Anna, Karla & Scott, Barb & John and Leah & her friend David (AKA Dewey, Dan or Dennis to a few with memory issues).

The weekend began with high hopes of sunshine prompting some to ride while others chose to drive. Other than a brief shower enroute, the rain stayed away all 3 days. Chapter A graciously hosted the event with a potluck dinner on Saturday and enjoyable company all weekend. We had a great time flying kites, wandering through the local shops and of course eating the wonderful seafood that a beach community has to offer. The Crab Benedict was a favorite! Ernie, Sue, Jim & Karen went to Westport for breakfast on Saturday. They said the little fishing town was very interesting and the food was good.

One of the highlights of the weekend for me was cruising the beach on the cute little mopeds. I think I'm hooked. Adventure seekers from both chapters hit the sand Saturday afternoon; it was a sea of Burgundy and Red flying down the beach. I think the rental place was thankful that we didn't all show up at the exact same time. All and all it was a fun weekend and I am looking forward to next year. Looks like Chapter E will be hosting Surf Watch 2006 so lets all plan on attending. Maybe we could hold a Moped Sand Derby!!!!

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

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

March Birthdays

02 Phil Taylor
24 Jim Wartchow

March Anniversaries

11 Steve & Charlene Lee
20 Joe & Freda Downs

April Birthdays

02 Mark Caldwell
03 Carl Leon
10 Sandy McMahill
13 Rick Gustin
21 Laurie Slavin
22 Ernie Sigyarto
23 Russell Greaby
25 Jerry Jones

April Anniversaries

14 Rick & Sue Gustin
14 Mark & Laurie Slavin
30 Dick & Ginny Stryker

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

Ads and Needs

CALENDAR OF CHAPTER EVENTS

PD pre-registration date
* WA-E scheduled event

2005 Calendar of Chapter Events

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March

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

April

- 2nd WA-L,M,R,S Multi Chapter Gathering
- 2nd Game Night at Neal and Karen's home, 6 pm.
- 3rd WA-B Visitation, Contact Mark C.
- *9th WA-C Early Spring Fun Run, Smokey Point, PD: Mar. 15th.
- 15-17th WA-Q Elma Rest Stop
- 16th Breakfast Meeting 9 am. Ride to Bodacious BBQ in Granite Falls
- 16th WA-K First Birthday
- 21st Dinner Social
- 29-1st WA-B Governor's Run, PD: Apr. 18th.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 2-5th Idaho Dist. Rally
- 2-5th WA-B Ocean Beach Camp Out
- 5th Chapter Picnic at the Agachinsky's Noon to ???
- 7-11th WA-M North Cascades Loop
- 11th Ride for Kids
- 17th Breakfast Meeting 8 am. Ride to Black Diamond Bakery
- 22nd Dinner Social
- *25th Oyster Run

October

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

November

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

December

- 3rd WA-Q Santa Parade
- 10th WA-M Christmas Party, Zilla

10th WA-D Festival of Lights (tentative)
17th Breakfast Meeting 9 am. Christmas Party at 6 pm.

Impromptu Rides Pool
Mt. Baker (approx. 300 miles)
Fall Color Ride
NW Trek / Picnic
Vancouver BC (Rodney)
Woodland Park Zoo / Picnic
Apple State Run Photo Tour
The Sound of Music in Leavenworth overnight (Contact Leah Gray)

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