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Chapter "E" Bellevue

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Message from your Chapter Directors:

Bob & Patty Spencer

This issue of our monthly newsletter is dedicated to the memory of Sharon Williams. Patty and I are relinquishing the "Chapter Director" space to allow for the following article to be printed on the front page.

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Sharon Williams was laid to rest on 9 July, 2005 at the Cedar Park Church in Bothell after a three month battle with cancer. Her fighting spirit that many of us knew was strong and focused. And her support from Ron was unwavering. The Love and Devotion to each other can be an inspiration to all of us. Sharon was born July 24, 1944 in San Mateo, California. Ron and Sharon were married April 26, 1985 in Renton. Sharon worked as an associate design engineer for Honeywell for 26 years and retired in February 2005. She enjoyed computer technology and used it to write programs, teach co-workers to use them and helped her co-workers trouble shoot problems. She became noticeably ill shortly after retiring, causing the canceling of her retirement party and their motor home trip. She was diagnosed with cancer and had extensive treatment including radiation. Her discomfort increased requiring more medication but Sharon kept her fighting spirit until the last few days.

Sharon was a Girl Scout Leader, a missionette leader and a Sunday school teacher. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, cake decorating, skiing, dancing and especially Motorcycle Riding. Sharon and Ron joined GWRRA after visiting the annual State Rally in Leavenworth back in the late 80's. They served as leaders (CD's) for two years and enjoyed and shared many fun rides with Chapter E. She especially enjoyed camping in the Bunkhouse trailer. Many of us will remember how gracious they were in organizing and providing the location for our Christmas party up until last year at their Community Center. They spent many hours setting up, hosting and cleaning the facility. Their adventures on the Montana (Billings) State Rally were their brightest. Sue and I had the pleasure to be with Ron and Sharon on a ride after the Billings Wing Ding to Glacier National Park. With six of us, we found only one room in Browning, Montana; a small town south of the park with a friendly owner, a lot of towels and a leaky shower. Ron and Sharon were in the motel room while the 4 of us stayed in a camper. During the evening and in the morning, we tip toed our way past their bed to the bathroom and shower. What a precious memory that is.

The cards and flowers have been a help to Ron and the family. Many have expressed to Ron that the service conducted by Pastor Fuiten was the best ever.

By Ron Williams and Ernie Sigarto

## *Bellevue Chapter WA-E Breakfast*

Our next meeting is:

**Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**

We meet at the Paragon Hotel (old Ramada Inn) on the corner of 112th Ave NE and NE 8th just off 405 in Bellevue

**Breakfast/Meeting Hours:**

**August only the meeting will start at 7:30am.**

**Summer (May – September) 8 am  
Winter (October – April) 9 am**

XXX Ice Cream Social

Join us every Thursday night through the summer at XXX in Issaquah, starts at 6 pm.

Hope to see you there!!!



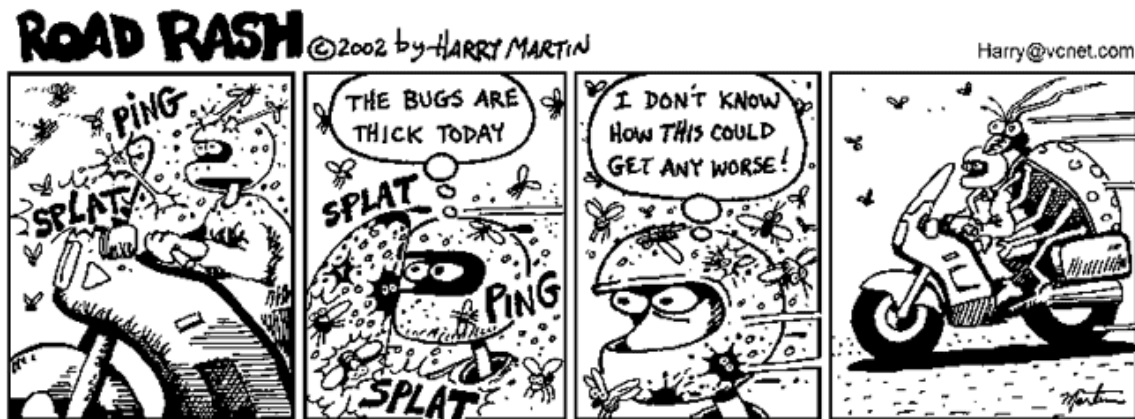
# *After "Chapter Meeting" Rides*

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## **Fort Worden July 16th**

By Ernie and Sue Sigyarto

Good weather was our companion as Bob and Patty, Neal and Karen, John, Jim and Christie, Jim and Karen and Sue and I left for the Edmonds Ferry. Many of us were delighted to get fifty cent pieces and two dollar bills as change. However, Neal informed us that we could get all the fifty cent pieces and two dollar bills we wanted at the bank. My heart stopped thinking that he might also suggest to our believers that there wasn't an Easter Bunny. Thankfully Neal hesitated realizing that there are certain things that are untouchable. Our first order of business after the Ferry ride was a Safeway stop for whatever picnic needs anyone had. And off to Fort Worden to our favorite picnic area near the beach and accessible to the hilltop weapons emplacements. Lunch was great as usual with way too much to share. Then off to the beach or the hike up the hill. The hike was pleasant and the walk through the weapons storage emplacements (without flashlights) was a bit spooky but fun. Bob posed for us in what appeared to be almost a court like setting. Hopefully the picture will make our web site. We took a short loop accessing views of the Sound and the Point Wilson Lighthouse pausing for more pictures. Then down the hill we came to meet up with our beach combers. There never seems to be a shortage of ideas for things to do. Kite flying or at least attempting to do so was next with Jim and Jim and I coaxing the lack of wind to lift our kites up. As we left, we drove out to the Lighthouse for a group picture for our Lighthouse Photo Tour. Much to my disappointment, we skipped our milkshake stop (actually, we were stuffed) and took the Ferry to Whidbey Island, drove through Fort Casey Park, took another group picture of the Lighthouse at Admiralty Head. Then off to Deception Pass and the bypass to LaConnor. On the way, just as we left, I just happened to notice at the top of a power pole, there was a white spot. And, just under that white spot was the rest of a beautiful Bald Eagle. And as we continued our ride, I saw 4 more. They blended in so well, it was very difficult to see them. But, after the first, the rest were easy to spot. Besides Sue, I don't think anyone else saw them. What a picture that would have made. We swung over to highway 9 and stopped at the Hacienda for dinner. Another great day spent with so many friends. It can't get any better.



# *Chapter Rides*

## **Chapter “A” Mystery Ride**

By Jim Roberson

On Sunday, July 17th, 12 bikes joined up to go on the Chapter “A” Mystery Ride which started at “RMC” in Renton. On this ride you get instructions on how many stoplights to go through before making a turn, or pass the fourth building on the right past the next intersection before making your turn. There were no street names or numbers to navigate by, just landmarks and directions. Needless to say, without good navigation and a thorough reading of the instructions you would be hopelessly lost and have to open the envelope that contained the destination.

Fortunately, Phyllis Hopkins got us out of a jam on more than one occasion and kept us from having to open the envelope that would cost us points at the end. Fortunately we all made it to the end of the ride which was the King County Library in Auburn. An attempt was made to capture Jerry, Chapter A’s mascot, and take a picture of him sitting on a Harley, but vigilant Chapter A members rescued Jerry before the operation could be carried out.

A fine time was had by all and a safe day for all of us! There was nothing provided, to munch on at the end of the ride and we left Auburn thirsty and hungry so stopped at “H.D. Hot Spurs” BBQ joint in Kent on the way home.

## **Chapter “Y” Riddler Run**

By Bob Thurgood

If you haven’t been to one of the Riddler Runs sponsored by WA-Y you’ve missed a FUN DAY. Thess and I rode down to the Chamber of Commerce building in Enumclaw Saturday, August 14, and enjoyed a well-organized and executed day of riding, camaraderie, eating and games all combined with lots of mixed up and otherwise crazy bikers. For those not familiar with how a Riddler Run works, rest assured that it doesn’t WORK. “YA JES HAS FUN”

It all started out innocently enough with the normal registration and sign-in, some nice complimentary goodies and juices for breakfast, and lots of greeting and hugging friends not seen for ages, and getting organized into groups of about 6 or 8 bikes. Then we saw the display board with samples of small signs we were going to be looking for. They were Ominous and foreboding. The sign boards were all about 10 inches square. The “decision” sign was red. If we approached one at an intersection and just HAPPEN to see it, we all would stop. One “runner” rides off to the right, one to the left, and one straight through. They’re looking for a GREEN square indicating the correct direction. One of them radios back that he found it and the other runners turn around and re-join the rest of us and we all head off in the right direction. This continues for the whole day. Along the way, we are also looking for white signs with black letters that we unscramble at the end of the ride to form a short riddle. Kind of like doing a walk-about, except that these signs average about three miles apart. We’re also looking for five block letter “Y” signs having the “Y” turned in all directions. They were turned upside down, sideways, to the left or right, and turned with the tail pointing at 4:00. Each “Y” sign is painted with a different color background and the co-riders have to record the colors. Arrow signs indicate a change in direction, without having to stop and send the “runners” out.

Thess and I rode with seven other bikes from Chapter A. They’ve all done this run before, so we stayed in the “ringers” (recorders) group, behind the “runners.” Upon leaving and after recording the odometer reading on each bike, the official gives each group only one instruction. “Turn right out of the parking lot.” Then he says, “We’ll see you in about 4 hours.” He didn’t really know this group at all. We promptly missed the first red arrow sign, and I thought to myself, “We’re gonna be practicing a lot of U-turns today.”

The route was spectacular. Not a block of it was on main highways, but out on country two lane roads and small town side streets. I have never been a mile on any of the roads we were on until the day ended. We stopped several times for resting and ate lunch in a nice diner in Orting.

Please don't ask where Orting is. I have absolutely no idea. We passed through major metropolises like Wilkeson and Carbonado and a dozen other small towns, but I don't think anyone in our group really knew where the dickens we were at any particular time. They even gave us a list of three names and phone numbers to call when we got lost. We actually missed only the first arrow sign, and after discovering how sneaky and evil the sign hangers turned out to be, we all learned how to spot them every time. We found all the colored "Y" signs, but only about half of the white letter signs. Someone in the group was able to decipher the riddle anyway. "Y R WE HERE? 4 FUN!"

The day ended in a nice building used as a forest service and community emergency center. I had to ask where I was when we arrived there. It was on highway 410 just this side of the Crystal Mountain cut-off. How very nice. I have actually ridden on highway 410 before. Chapter Y served a nice buffet dinner with lots of cold drinks on a very warm day, and capped it off with a number of very nice door prizes and 50/50 drawings. What a neat way to spend a day with super friends all learning together how to cope with massive confusion and merriment at the same time!

## **F & G Mountain Run**

By John Smith

The F&G Mountain run was attended by Bob and Patty Spencer, John and Barb Smith, Jim and Karen Roberson, John Holter and Doug Newbury (Barb's partner and Harley rider).

Several of us met at the Starbuck's early on Saturday morning, for coffee and a caffeine jumpstart. We then jumped on the bikes and headed down to the SE 8<sup>th</sup> park & ride to pick up some additional riders for the trek down to Fife. It was a really nice morning for a bike ride. We did the 405, to 167, up to Highway 18 and South on I-5 to Fife and the starting point for the Chapter's F and G Mountain Run.

The run began from a windshield replacement company, which was a very large warehouse. After completing the registration ritual, which starts at all great rides, we made our way on the ride with Jim and Karen Roberson, leading the pack. We went thru many of the back mountain roads including some of the forest service roads and arrived at our first checkpoint.

We headed off to the next checkpoint, having gone around all of Mount Rainer, and the second checkpoint was located at the Mud Mountain dam just outside of Enumclaw. Once we were at the checkpoint, we all stopped for water and needed break.

We went to the final checkpoint, which was at RMC (Renton Motorcycles), where we all had lunch provided by RMC. The lunch consisted of Pasta/Meatballs, bread and salad.

I would say the lunch was pretty good, but was a little worried, when we got there as the cooks were having a hard time keeping up with the demand of several hundred hungry motorcycle riders. We all did a little browsing at RMC, and waited for the 50/50, which went pretty good and quick. Patty Spencer won one of the three grand prizes from the run, which was a couple nights stay at a resort. All in all, it was a very good way to spend a Saturday.

## **2005 Washington District Rally**

By Bob and Patty

Wow! Where do we begin? This was a fun four days with lots going on, so let's take it one thing at a time.

**Security:** Our chapter was in charge of security on Thursday and Friday. We looked very official with our bright orange security hats and vests that were loaned to us by chapter "B". Our security team was able to keep the crowds cool and in line with our large arsenal of various squirt guns. Only one arrest was made.....A monkey wearing a red shirt and hat...he said his name was Jerry. He was caught without a health card, hanging around the kitchen wearing a Chapter E hat and apron. Later Saturday evening, at the talent competition, Jerry was brought on stage and was identified. They claimed he was an ape....not a monkey. I say what's the difference? At any rate his bail was paid with the return on a certain Chapter Director's windshield cover and Jerry was released to Chapter A's custody.

**Breakfasts:** As you all know, our chapter also had the opportunity to put on the fund raiser breakfasts on Friday and Saturday morning. Although it seemed to be a lot of work at the time, we all agreed after the fact, that it was a lot of fun and well worth it! We had an awesome crew. Literally, everyone from our chapter that was at the rally, got involved! We all looked great in our maroon aprons with the eagle on the front that Laurie made for us.

Barb brought it all together when she took charge and assigned everyone to a job. I can't remember all the positions but I'll try. First, who could forget the two big guys flippin' hot cakes out back? Steve Lee and John Smith were awesome! I hear "IHOP" is trying to recruit them. The rest of the kitchen crew was Barb Smith, Ernie and Sue Sigyarto, Karen Agachinsky, Laurie Slavin, Patty Spencer and Dave Hersey. Out front helping with the coffee and juice and serving up more fresh hotcakes, eggs and ham were Anna Hersey, Jim Vey, Bruce and Sandy McMahill, Bob and Thess Thurgood and Russell and Lee Anne Greaby. Last but not least were Jim and Karen Roberson, who collected all the tickets and money. They even made short order of selling off all the left over muffins on Saturday.

Some of us guys that claimed not to know our way around a kitchen stayed on Security duty and showed up at the kitchen only to eat! Thanks to all of you, we had a very successful fund raiser and we had lots of fun doing it. A special thanks to Scott and Toni Murphy of Chapter "C" and King's Riders for going above and beyond in helping us secure and setting up the grill. I don't know what we would have done without their help. Also thanks to Kings Riders for loaning us the grill.

**Rally Highlights:** The fairgrounds were laid out perfect for our rally. Everything was relatively close together making it easy to get around to visit other chapters as well as to see all the vendors. There was a nice mix of vendors, with everything from espresso and ice cream to trike conversions. My personal favorite was the ice cream vendor! They had great root beer floats, ice cream bars and frozen bananas dipped in chocolate and nuts! Some of us even spent a few bucks on things other than food!

Our Chapter E campsite area had utilities and Chapter C's didn't, so we combined the two areas so everyone that needed power, had it. The Slavins brought their motor home and we made it our base camp. Several of us spent time there, resting, visiting and basking in the sun. Friday we all just hung around the fairgrounds and did our security thing. It was hot and our squirt guns (in particular our super soaker machine gun) was quite popular. We ended the day participating in the bike parade through downtown Lynden and through many residential neighborhoods. Our prisoner Jerry, road on the back of John Smith's bike.

On Saturday, the various competitions were held and Bob and Thess relinquished their District "COY" Crown. Mark Slavin entered his bike in the bike show and won 1<sup>st</sup> place for stock 1800's and also 1<sup>st</sup> place in best in show. Also on Saturday, after everything was packed up and the kitchen cleaned, our chapter took a group ride up to Mt.Baker. It was a beautiful day. Crystal clear and 80+ degrees. The ride was great except for the last 15 miles going up, where they were re-paving the highway. There was a lot of grooved pavement with some coming halfway through some of the corners so we had to slow down and be a little more cautious. Saturday evening at the closing ceremonies, Thess won the 50/50 for over \$700.00. All in all it was a great rally. We all had a lot of fun and are looking forward to next year!

# *What's on the Calendar?*



## *August*

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

## *September*

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

## *October*

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

## *November*

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

## *December*

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| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | WA-Q Santa Parade           |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | WA-M Christmas Party, Zilla |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | WA-D Festival of Lights     |
|                  | (tentative)                 |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Breakfast Meeting 9 am.     |
|                  | Christmas Party at 6 pm.    |

## *Impromptu Rides*

Lighthouse Photo Tour  
 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)

# Chapter E Business

## Birthdays & Anniversaries August



|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| Russ Hall      | 11 |
| Rod Johnson    | 22 |
| Ginny Stryker  | 26 |
| Sue Sigarto    | 27 |
| Bob Spencer    | 28 |
| Rodney Townley | 29 |

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|-----------------------|----|
| Peter & Jo Croot      | 8  |
| Carl & Kathy Leon     | 14 |
| Jerry & Kathy Jones   | 21 |
| Don & Phyllis Hopkins | 31 |



## Chapter E Library

Please contact Mark Caldwell if you are interested in borrowing something for your reading or viewing pleasures.

- 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 / Trailing (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

## Cares, Concerns & Celebrations

By Ernie & Sue Sigarto

As many of you might have known, my college roommate and his lovely bride visited us this past week. What you don't know is my Saab turned 100,000 miles as we were driving back from ice cream in Woodinville. I can show you the exact spot if you're interested.

Perhaps not as exciting to some, but more to others is the call Sue and I received August 10<sup>th</sup> from our daughter, Dawn at Niagara Falls. With knee on cement and water fall falling, she accepted a heartfelt proposal from a young man we think the world of and will grow to love as they become a family within our family.

This Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, John and Barb Smith will be moving into their new home in Monroe. They have kept us apprised of the progress barely able to contain their excitement. John almost lost it a few times. Don't tell him I said that. And a little late but not any less exciting, Neal and Karen have a beautiful new home as well.

Did I mention that Rick and Sue Gustin have a new member to the family? It has four feet and hair. Ask Rick to show you his photo album.

(To be included in the Celebrations section, please contact Sue or I anytime between 9am and 9 pm)

## Recipe of the Month

### Chili Scramble

From Penny Rosenow

4 EGGS  
2 CANS CHOPPED MILD CHILIS  
1 C BISQUICK  
3 C MILK  
1 LB OF SHARP CHEESE (I USE THE MIXED  
CHESSE BECAUSE I DON'T LIKE ALL THE OIL  
OF YELLOW CHEESE)

BAKE AT 375 FOR ABOUT 30 MINUTES

# *Rider Education*

## **Protective Gear: What's your excuse?**

We all know that we *should* wear good protective gear while riding. Yet often, we fool ourselves into thinking that, “well, hey, nothing is going to happen to me because I’m a good rider and I pay attention, and the chances are low, and these jeans and long-sleeve t-shirt meet the minimum requirements for the Rider Ed program commitment I made, and it’s hot and those things are so uncomfortable...”

Recognize any or all of that thought pattern? I certainly do. I’m guilty of it. But even worse, I’m guilty of being judgmental of others riding around in their short-sleeve shirts, or cutoff jeans and flip-flops, thinking they’re crazy, but I’m not. So let’s take a minute to get honest with ourselves. First of all, yes, jeans and long-sleeve shirts are slightly better than shorts and t-shirts, but they’re nowhere near as good as leathers, ballistic nylon, or Kevlar in case of an emergency. And let’s get totally honest here and admit that sometimes, things go horribly wrong, and the totally unexpected happens. With his permission, I’ll use my brother Scott as an example.

Scott is an excellent motorcycle rider. He has ridden his Goldwing for many years and in fact he is a Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) instructor, teaching both the basic and experienced rider courses. About three years before he became an instructor, Scott had one of those “unexpected” happen to him. While riding down Highway 3, which he travels all the time, a truck pulled out in front of him unexpectedly cutting across the lanes of traffic. Scott hit the truck, went flying through the air and tumbled down the road. Thankfully, Scott always wears good protective gear, and survived without too much injury. Now, lest you think he wasn’t practiced, let me tell you that in the 6 years preceding his accident, Scott had taken two basic courses (BRC:RSS) and two ERCs. His riding skills probably lessened the severity of the accident, but he could not avoid it entirely. And to this day, Scott wears a Helmet Survivor pin on his vest as a reminder for us all.

So, back to my point, which is that things happen, and some day you may be in the position where you need the protection. My question is, after that happens, will you be thankful that you had the proper gear on, or will you be **sore**-ly wishing you had?

OK, so let’s deal with the excuses. The most commonly heard excuses are, “my jeans are good enough”, “that riding gear is expensive” and “it’s too hot”. OK, let’s start with the jeans. Do you **really** believe that those blue jeans that get holes in them from the washing machine will stand up to a 30, 45, or 70 MPH slide? When David Hough came to speak to our chapter last January, he talked about how little protection they really are. Normal jeans will shred within the first few seconds of a slide.

What about price? Come on now, surely you’re not going to give me that excuse, you ride a Goldwing! As soon as you bought a Goldwing, you automatically gave up the right to use cost as an excuse. And if you’ve added **anything** (chrome, lights, GPS, etc.) you’ve given even more lie to that excuse. And for those of you who don’t ride a Goldwing, should we talk about your latte habit, cable TV or dining out? You think riding gear is expensive; you ought to check out the cost of repairing the human body!

And now for the heat. Hey, I understand. The first year I rode my Wing, I had a nice heavy coat and over-pants both made by First Gear. Great equipment! I was very well protected, especially when it rained. But boy it sure did get toasty in the summer time. Even when I opened all the vents in my jacket and the sides of the pants, it was still warm. The next year I invested in mesh riding gear for the hot weather, a great set of mesh pants and jacket (again from First Gear, I like their stuff and it fits me well). That was definitely cooler than the other set of gear, but at times, in direct mid-day sunshine, it can still get pretty warm.

So this year I decided to try something new. A couple of years ago at the International Motorcycle Show, I saw a vendor booth showing off something called Dragg’n’ Jeans. These are denim jeans (available in blue or black for you style-conscious types) that have Kevlar reinforcement in the seat and around the knees. I have been wearing them for a couple of weeks now and have found that they are nearly as comfortable as regular jeans with the added peace of mind that you’ll get more protection if you need it. And at the reasonable price of \$90 / pair, they’re not that much more expensive than a regular pair of jeans. I really like them for days when I ride to work. I can wear them all day without looking like I’m layered up for a disaster, yet still be protected while I am riding. The company also makes Kevlar reinforced shirts. But remember that the Kevlar is great for skid resistance, but does not provide extra padding like many riding pants and jackets do. The company does offer additional armor padding inserts for their products as well, to address that concern.

So there you have it. If you like the feeling of jeans and a long-sleeve shirt, now you know that you can get them with reinforcement to give you the protection you deserve. Or you can get the mesh, or go for the leathers, whatever fits your style. So please, gear up, just in case, because all you’re Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge want to see you come back safe.