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Chapter "E" Bellevue

Chapter WA-E Web Address: <http://www.gwrra-wae.org>



Message from your Chapter Directors: Bob & Patty Spencer

Happy wet and wild 2006! Let's hope this January weather doesn't continue into our spring and summer. As rain continues to keep us indoors and off the streets, we are patiently looking forward to our 2006 ride season. Actually it's already been a busy month and it doesn't look like its going to let up any time soon. On January 7th we had eleven chapter members take the "MFA" Medic First Aid training course to update their "Rider Education" levels and on Sunday the 15th eleven of us attended the new officer installations at the Chapter "I" breakfast meeting in Olympia. We then drove to Longview to check out hotels for the State Rally in July. We'll be posting that information later this month. We ended the day by attending the new chapter kick off dinner meeting for Chapter "Z" in Centralia. We finally made it home around 8:30 p.m. Between the breakfast gathering and the dinner social, we all ate enough to get us by all week.

We've already done so much and it's only three weeks into the New Year. There's no time for getting bored because we still have several things to look forward to over the next few weeks. Our chapter meeting and "Future of Flight" tour is coming up on the 21st. Also on the 21st is the Chapter "I" Casino Night at Camp Murray in South Tacoma. We have a dinner social at Canyon's restaurant in Bothell on the 26th, a game night at the Agachinsky's on the 28th and the "Rider Ed Workshop" in Buckley on February 4th. Most importantly, don't forget "Surf Watch" on March 10th and 11th. It's a blast!!

For you old timers....Let me re-phrase that...For you long time chapter members, keep in mind that just because you have done certain rides and activities in the past, doesn't mean you can't repeat them. Please stay involved. Our new members depend on your company and your experience as they choose to participate in various rides and activities for their first time. Secondly, it's always fun to see our friends from other chapters that we haven't seen for a year or so, while supporting their various fund raisers.

Bellevue Chapter WA-E Breakfast

Our next meeting is:

Saturday, January 21st

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:

Winter (October – April) 9 am

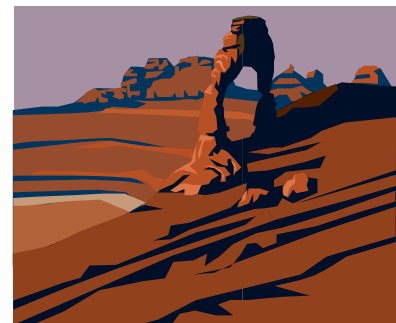
Dinner Social

1/26 - 6:30 p.m.

Canyons

22010 17th Ave. N.E.
Bothell

<http://canyonsrestaurant.com/canyonshome.html>



January after meeting ride (activity)

This month the after meeting activity will be a trip to the new “Future of Flight” facility at Paine Field in Mukilteo. We will leave directly after the meeting. Admission is \$15.00 per person and I am told it is well worth it.

Senior Moments

By Nurse Leah

It was entertainment night at the senior center. “The Amazing Claude” was top billing. Senior citizens came from all around, to see the famous hypnotist. As Claude took the stage he announced that “unlike other hypnotists that invite only a few people up on stage, he instead was going to hypnotize everyone in the audience”.

There was great excitement and anticipation as Claude pulled a beautiful antique pocket watch from his coat. He began “I want everyone to keep their eyes on the watch. It is a very special watch. It has been in my family for six generations and is priceless.”

Claude began to gently swing the watch back and forth while softly chanting “Watch the watch, watch the watch, watch the watch. Your eyes are getting heavy. You are falling into a deep sleep”. The crowd became mesmerized as the watch swayed back and forth with light gleaming off the polished surface. Hundreds of pairs of eyes were now closed.

Then suddenly, the watch slipped from Claude’s fingers and fell to the floor, shattering into hundreds of pieces. “**SHIT**” shouted the hypnotist.....

It took three weeks to clean up the senior center.

If I had my child

*If I had my child to raise again
I'd build self esteem first and the house later
I'd finger paint more and finger point less
I'd do less correcting and more connecting
I'd take my eyes off my watch and watch more with my eyes
I would care to know less and know to care more
I'd take hikes and fly more kites
I'd stop playing seriously and seriously play
I would run through more fields and gaze at more stars
I'd do more hugging and less tugging.*

Christmas Party 2005

Our 2005 Christmas party was a great success. 48 chapter members showed up with great anticipation for what was in store for them this year. Would "Bad Santa" and his side kick "Mini Me Santa" be there again this year? The festivities kicked off at 6:30 with a social hour. As people arrived, a name tag with the name of famous person or a cartoon character was put on each person's back and they were to ask yes or no questions of others in an effort to figure out who they were. The plan was for everyone to have a different person or character's name tag on their back.....That is everyone except Ernie. He had his own name on his back. It almost worked until too many people came in at the same time and we lost control of telling everyone that the joke was on Ernie. We didn't get to Sue in time and she curiously asked Ernie why he had his own name on his back. The jig was up.

Karen Agachinsky did another great job putting the dinner together. Prime rib and turkey were the main course with salads, baked potatoes and green bean casserole rounding out the meal. As usual, there were lots of scrumptious deserts to taste afterwards.

After dinner we moved the tables around and divided the group into four teams and played a dice game called "Left Center Right" (similar to 4, 5, and 6). Each person started with 5 quarters and played until all the quarters were lost to the pot. The winners of each table moved on to the championship round and the winner of that won it all. Karen Jamison walked away with about \$60.00 in quarters. Way to go Karen! As the game was wrapping up, who should appear but "Bad Santa". It was time for the gift exchange!!

We did a couple things differently this year. Ladies brought lady gifts and men brought man gifts. Each person was allowed only one steal and no gifts were opened until all the gift selecting and stealing was done. We were all disappointed that "Bad Santa" didn't bring "Mini Me Santa" this year but were surprised by the grand entrance of Santa's helper. A 250 pound green elf wearing red and white striped tights! Who could that have been? Patty took quite a liking to him and I'm told she took him home with her.

After the gift exchange we all retired back to the tables, devoured the deserts and called it a night at around 11:00 p.m. Thanks to Barb, Sue, Laurie and Patty for helping put the dinner together. To Neal who spent so much time cleaning the kitchen and washing pots and pans. To "Bad Santa" and his helper and to all that helped decorate before and cleanup afterward. A SPECIAL THANKS to our own "cook extraordinaire" Karen Agachinsky for cooking and for coordinating everything. Without you we couldn't have pull it off! You're the best!

SURF WATCH IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

MARCH 10th and 11th

Have you made your reservations?



What's on the Calendar?

JANUARY HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

January 21st - Chapter "E" Breakfast Meeting 9:00 a.m. Our after meeting activity will be a trip to the brand new "**Future of Flight**" exhibit at Boeing in Everett. Check out the website at www.futureofflight.org this facility is brand new and just opened in December. There will be a lot to see and do, including an actual flight simulator and a look at the new Boeing "Dream Liner"! They even have a 125 seat restaurant there, so we Gold Wingers won't go hungry!

January - 21st - Chapter "I" Casino Night - Camp Murry in South Tacoma. Doors open at 4:00p.m. Registration is \$12.50 per person. For more information and the registration form click here: www.gwrrawai.org/2006CasinoWEBcolor.pdf

January 26th - Chapter "E" Dinner Social - "Canyons" restaurant in Canyon Park. Address is 22010 17th Ave. N.E. Bothell, WA. Directions: From the South, go North on I-405 and get off at exit 26 and keep right onto the Bothell Everett Highway then right again at the first light. If you look to your right as you make the turn you will see the restaurant on the corner. You need to enter their parking lot from the rear. From the North, go south on I-405 to exit 26 and turn left. Go up and over the freeway through the first light then move to the far right lane and turn right at the next light. You will see the restaurant on the right. Check out their web site at <http://canyonsrestaurant.com/canyonshome.html>

January 28th - "Game Night" - Hosted by Neal and Karen Agachinsky. "Western dress theme". **Please RSVP to Karen and Neal at wa11bk@verizon.net if you plan on going, or let Patty and I know.**

FEBRUARY

February 4th - WA District "Rider Ed Workshop" - This is a full day event. Pick and choose what you want to take. Includes courses for "Co-riders", "Road Captain", "Trailerling", "Tech Talk", "The Mature Rider", "Tires" and much much more. Take advantage of this down time to brush up on your skills or learn new ones. Pre-registration deadline is January 28th for \$15.00 per person and includes lunch. On site registration \$17.00. **The Chapter will reimburse your registration fees at the workshop. Registration form is attached above.** We will meet and caravan to Buckley together. We do not spend the night.

February 10th - "District Rally Pin Design Contest" Deadline - Get your design in!! You can't win if you don't enter!

February 18th - Chapter "E" Breakfast Meeting 9:00 a.m. - Short meeting then we will be off to the Bowling Challenge in Tacoma. See below.

February 18th - 2006 Bowling Challenge" - Hosted by last years winners, Chapter "G". This year it will be held at "Narrows Plaza Bowl" 2200 Mildred St. W. in Tacoma. Cost for three games is only \$7.50. Shoe rental is \$2.00. Start time is 12:30. This is the same day as our meeting so we will need to leave immediately after our meeting. Go to <http://home.comcast.net/~thomsears/web/> and click on "Bowling Challenge flyer" for more information.

Chapter E Business

For Sale

Items for sale due to trike remodel: Parts are off of a 1999 Gold Wing SE. Contact Bob Thurgood if you are interested in any of these items. rvt4@comcast.net



Leah Gray	2
Pete Croot	6
Steve Lee	22
Darrel Kruize	24
Jim Roberson	24
Jo Croot	26
Jim Kuper	29

- One full zipper-back touring cover by Dowco - their Guardian EZ model. Used only 3 or 4 times. Will fit all Goldwings
- 2 standard fork tubes and springs
- original triple clamp (trike conversion installed a 4 1/2 degree rake triple clamp and longer fork tubes)
- two saddlebags, 99 SE red (includes 6-light replacement assemblies)
- rear wheel assembly, includes rotor and new Dunlop Touring Elite III
- saddlebag original side reflector assemblies
- rear center original reflector assembly
- Complete motorcycle trailer hitch assembly with ball, receiver, wiring harness and locking pin
- 2 helmet hangar extenders
- original alternator, replaced at about 7000 miles with Compufire hi-output unit
- 2 rear safety bars - right and left sides - the ones below the passenger
- I have other small items that may be of interest. I need to do some pricing research.

WANTED

Used tent trailer.

Contact Neal Gutekunst at cnb5x@allstate.com

Chapter E Library

Please contact Mark Caldwell if you are interested in borrowing any of these items.

- 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

2006 Entertainment Books

\$30.00

Save money on chapter dinner socials, travel, and much more.

If you would like to purchase one or have questions contact

Charlene or Steve Lee (425) 483-6212 or dbleshot1@comcast.net

Benefits Eastside Mothers of Multiples Convention Committee

I'm off to Spokane this spring!

Rider Education

By Mark Caldwell

Make Better Choices

I like Arnold Schwarzenegger. Oh sure, he's not the first person that comes to mind when you think of great actors. And I don't agree with everything he does or stands for. But I do respect what he has accomplished. When he was a teenager, he started dreaming and planning about coming to America from his home town in Austria. He worked hard at it, and made it. He set goals to become the #1 bodybuilder in the world, and he did that. He set goals to achieve in the movies and then in politics, and he has done those things, too.

But with all the things I like about him, and as well as he has done in life, even Arnold can make bad choices. You may have heard about the accident he got into with his son on his motorcycle. Arnold ended up with about 15 stitches in his lip. Oh sure, he made some good choices along the way, such as at least they were wearing helmets. Otherwise it would likely have been much worse. But one bad choice was that he never got his motorcycle endorsement for his license. Yes, believe it or not, the Governor was riding illegally. What a shame...and what a bad example.

His story is that he just never got around to it and didn't think much of it. By not making a choice **to** do it, he effectively made a choice to **not** do it. Unfortunately, this is all too common in our society. We are great procrastinators, thinking we'll get around to it later. But somehow later never comes. "Later" does not appear on your calendar anywhere.

So what bad choices have you been making? Or what have you been procrastinating about? Is it time for your bike to have a regular check-up? Need new tires? Helmet out of date? Riding gear getting a little flimsy? Purchased that life insurance you've been meaning to get? Are you out of practice thanks to the record rainfall we have had? Just how long has it been since you thought about safe riding practices? Been meaning to get around to reading that book you bought by David Hough, but just haven't found the time?

NOW is the time. Don't put it off any longer. Make better choices, starting today. Let's get ready for the riding season. This rain won't last forever!

