



Friends for fun, safety and knowledge



Chapter "E" Bellevue



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Bellevue Chapter WA-E Breakfast

“Hooray, Hooray, it’s the first of May! Summer riding season starts today!” Did you know that May is also Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month? How appropriate it is, that in the past couple of weeks, we had seven chapter “E” members participate in the “ARC” Advanced Riders Course that was offered and coordinated by district. Congratulations to Dave Chavez, Ed Zaic, Ron Peck, Rick Myers, Bob Reagle, Mark Caldwell and....oh yeah....me. Your commitment to education and safe riding is admirable.

Our next meeting is:

Saturday, May 20th

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:

Summer May-Sept. 8:00 AM

May also ushers in our weekly “Ice Cream Socials” with our first one on May 4th being a great success! We had 24 bikes there and it was evident that none of us had forgotten how to eat over the winter. No...no...I’m not insinuating that anyone had put on weight over the winter (except maybe me). I simply meant that everyone was enjoying the great Triple X food that we all had missed during the off-season.

Now, here we are, with May already half over, July just doesn’t seem to be that far away. It is time for us to start planning what our chapter wants to participate in at the district rally in Longview. Do we have any talent out there? Does anyone have any ideas for a skit or something that we can do? Bring your ideas to the meeting on Saturday, or to one of the ice cream socials. We need to get busy with something soon. Our district rally is only two months away. (July 20th – 23rd).

Ice Cream Social

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

Hope to see you there!!!



Governor's Run 2006

Or, how can a run be great in the rain?

By Bob Reagle

I found it interesting that whenever I asked anyone about the Governor's run, the same two words kept coming up; "rain" and "great". I was skeptical that rain and great could be used to describe any ride. Nevertheless, since I am a GWRRA rookie and the "Governor's Run" was benefiting a great cause I decided to try it.

Rain and great; hmm . . . ?

I woke up early to take the ferry to Bremerton and rode through some light rain to the Kitsap Fairgrounds. Since I was a bit early for the run, I had a chance to wander around to check out what the vendors were selling. Of course, my wandering turned to browsing; then my browsing turned to buying. Suffice it to say; my wallet was lighter than when I got there. By now, the rain really started to come down. Once again, I heard the words "rain" and "great". I guess I was going to get the full Governor's Run experience.

Just about then, I ran into Jim Wartchow who suggested we join Ken Watson from Chapter C for the ride. It seemed like a good idea since Ken from Chapter C had a co-rider to read the directions. We set out at about 10:15 and while it was still raining, I noticed it seemed to slacken and by the second checkpoint, the rain had stopped completely.

While there were some u-turns due to oddly worded directions, we managed to find our way around the run. Once we figured out the directions, it became clear the run planners put together a ride that combined nice motorcycling roads with some outstanding views. In one section, we crossed through a series of nice twisties, and just as we crested a hill, we got a full view of the east range of the snow-capped Olympic Mountains across the Hood Canal. What a treat!

By now, we were starting to get hungry so we found a pizza place in Seabeck and stopped for lunch. From there we made our way back to the fairgrounds and the end of the run.

Man, what a great ride! Did I mention that it rained too?

Safer just by signing up?

By Jim Roberson

It sounds illogical doesn't it? All you have to do is sign up and you will be a safer motorcycle rider. Well, it's true. Studies have been done that show that if you sign a pledge to do something then you are a third more likely to do it than if you just verbally promise to do it.

That's what the Rider Education Program is all about; making your riding experience safer for you and your co-rider. Level I is as simple as making the pledge to ride safely and to wear proper protective clothing; **Safety by Commitment**. Believe it or not, you are 33% more likely to ride safely by signing the levels application. It becomes a commitment to both yourself and the group that you are safety aware and will make your best attempt to ride safely.

Of course riding safely just doesn't mean obeying all of the traffic laws, it also means that if the weather turns foul and the speed limit is 65, then you should make proper adjustment to your speed. It means that you take the time to prepare mentally for the ride and concentrate on your surroundings. One of the most important

safety things you can do is to wear proper riding gear. Better be a bit warm than covered with a nice film of road rash.

So think about it. It doesn't cost you anything to sign up for the Rider Ed program Level I. You get the patch and a rocker for rider or co-rider and there is no requirement to proceed further in the program. But you should; it will make you a safer rider and possibly save your life or a friend's life someday.

Ride Safe!!

What's on the calendar?

May

May 18th - 21st - Chapter S "Victoria Days" in Ephrata - For more information and the registration form go to www.gwrra-wa-s.org/VDForm06.pdf

May 20th - Chapter E Breakfast meeting Summer Hours! - Don't forget! We're back on our summer schedule. **Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. meeting at 9:00.** Our after meeting ride will be up Whidbey Island, across Deception Pass, into Anacortes via the back side, then back down via a few back roads. This may be a great "Picnic Ride".

May 21st - Snohomish Bike Show - This is a great one day event, especially if the weather is nice. There are lots of bikes to see, many vendors to take your money and some great people watching. Let us know if you're interested in going.....Patty and I are!

May 26th - 29th - Chapter L "Desert Spring Fling" - Here is a link for updated information about this rally on the dry side of the hill. Patty and I are considering this ride. Anyone else interested? We could leave early Saturday morning and return early Monday (Memorial Day) Two nights at a motel if we can find one. Take a look at the flyer and let us know. http://www.gwrra-wa-l.org/desert_spring_fling.htm

June

June 2nd - 4th - Chapter R "Blue Mountain Rendezvous" Go to the chapter "R" web site www.gwrra-wa-r.org and click on 2006 chapter flyer for all the information.

June 10th -11th - "Bob's Omak Loop Ride" - Y'all know about this. You're all signed up! This will be a fun chapter "E" ride. All the info to follow as we get closer to the ride.

June 10th - Chapter "D" Duck run - For those that aren't going on the Omak loop ride (and most of you are), the Duck Run is always a fun event. Pre-registration deadline is June 3rd. Click here for more information and to check out the flyer. <http://home.earthlink.net/~sfretts/special.html>

June 17th - Chapter E breakfast meeting - More info to follow later.



Chapter WA- E 2006 RIDE CALENDAR

May	
5-7	Governor's Run - Kitsap County Fairgrounds - Overnighter for some
6-7	WA-M Fun Run
18-21	Victoria Days
20	Breakfast Meeting 8:00 (Summer Hours Begin)
26-28	WA-L Desert Spring Fling
June	
3-4	WA-R Blue Mountain Run
10-11	Bob's Omak/Chelan Overnighter Loop Ride
17	Breakfast Meeting 8:00 - Followed by NW Trek
18	WA-Z "Porker" run
July	
2-6	Wing Ding
8	Vancouver, BC Day Ride
15	Breakfast Meeting 8:00 - followed by Gustin Picnic
20-23	Washington District Rally in Longview
29	Mt. Rainier Ride
30	GWRRA Chapter E Night at the Aqua Sox
August	
5-7	Carson Hot Springs double overnighter
12	WA-Y Riddler Run
17-20	Region I Rally in Wyoming
18-20	WA-P Oyster Feed
19	Breakfast Meeting 8:00 - Followed by Music in the Mountains
26-27	Olympic Peninsula Hoh Rainforest Overnighter
Sept	
3	Labor Day Picnic
10	Ride for Kids
16	Breakfast meeting 8:00 - Followed by 3-Pass Ride
24	Oyster run in Anacortes
Oct	
7	Washington District Leadership Workshop - Moses Lake
21	Breakfast Meeting 9:00 - (Winter Hours Begin)
21-22	South Hill (Puyallup) Mall Show
28	Game Night at Smith's Home - Theme: Halloween
Nov	
18	Breakfast Meeting 9:00 - Followed by 2007 Ride Calendar Planning Meeting
Dec	
2	WA-E Christmas Part
9	WA-D Festival of Lights
16	Breakfast Meeting 9:00

Chapter E Business

Chapter E Birthdays & Anniversaries



Happy Birthday

MAY, 2006

Barb Smith	1
Dori Myers	2
Penny Rosenow	10
Kathy Leon	15
Karen Agachinsky	17
Mark Slavin	24
Carolyn Wartchow	31

May Anniversaries

Darrell & Wanda Kruize	9
Mike Carlson	9
Jim & Jean Kuper	14
Neal & Karen Agachinsky	15
Ernie & Sue Sigarto	29



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

Before I was a Mom...

I slept as late as I wanted and never worried about how late I got into bed. I brushed my hair and my teeth everyday. Before I was a Mom...I cleaned my house each day. I never tripped over toys or forgot words to a lullaby. I didn't worry whether or not my plants were poisonous. I never thought about immunizations.

Before I was a Mom...I had never been puked on. Pooped on. Spit on. Chewed on. Peed on. I had complete control of my mind and my thoughts. I slept all night.

Before I was a Mom...I never held down a screaming child so that doctors could do tests. Or give shots. I never looked into teary eyes and cried. I never got gloriously happy over a simple grin. I never sat up late hours at night watching a baby sleep.

Before I was a Mom...I never held a sleeping baby just because I didn't want to put it down. I never felt my heart break into a million pieces when I couldn't stop the hurt. I never knew that something so small could affect my life so much. I never knew that I could love someone so much. I never knew I would love being a Mom.

Before I was a Mom...I didn't know the feeling of having my heart outside my body. I didn't know how special it could feel to feed a hungry baby. I didn't know that bond between a mother and her child. I didn't know that something so small could make me feel so important and happy.

Before I was a Mom...I had never gotten up in the middle of the night every 10 minutes to make sure all was okay. I had never known the warmth, the joy, the love, the heartache, the wonderment or the satisfaction of being a Mom. I didn't know I was capable of feeling so much before I was a Mom.

And before I was a Grandma...I didn't know that all those "Mom" feelings more than doubled! Send this to someone who you think is a special Mom or Grandma. I just did.

Ride for Kids

Raffle Tickets are now on sale now!!!

Three winners will have their choice of:

- 7 nights at "The Torres" in Mazatlan, Mexico,
- 5 nights at the "Pines at Sun River" in Bend, Oregon,
- 5 nights at the "Oasis Resort" in Palm Springs, California. (Lodging only)

Cost is \$10 each, 3 for \$25.00, 7 for \$50 or 15 for \$100.

Contact Dick Stryker (206-947-8766) or Steve Lee (206-406-7800) for tickets.

