



Friends for fun, safety and knowledge

October 2006

## Chapter "E" Bellevue



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

### Message from your Chapter Directors: Bob & Patty Spencer

Change, change, change. If there is anything that you can count on in life, it is change. Whether you recognize it or not, change is constantly going on all around you. So it is with Chapter "E" as well. Those of you that were at the last meeting already know that the Paragon Hotel has decided that they don't want our business any longer and that November will be the last time we can hold our meeting there. So, we have until the December meeting to find something new.

We need everyone to keep an eye out for a new meeting place. There are a few things that you should look for, easy access with ample parking, a meeting room or separate area where we can hold our meeting and the ability to order off of the menu and receive separate checks. Oh...and one more thing. They have to be receptive to us bringing Kimberly with us!! (Just kidding) I can honestly say that I won't miss the same old breakfasts, but I will miss Kimberly. Geographically, we should be looking from Bellevue North to Kirkland and Totem Lake and East into the Redmond area. Please send us any ideas and we will go check them out.

With the way in which this has all come down, Patty and I are not interested in supporting the hotel with our Christmas party. Had we not contacted them last week, we may not have found out what was going on until the last minute. Therefore, we are moving the Christmas party to Sunday afternoon, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and to another location. Save the date! More information will be forthcoming later.

On another subject, we all need to start thinking about "Surf Watch" which will be held on March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. We will need donations of good quality crafts, food baskets, riding gear etc for the silent auction, as well as lots of volunteers to help put this event together. With chapter "E" taking it over last year we had lot's of fun putting it together. Let's build on last year's success and make it bigger and better than ever before! For you new members, you'll want to be involved in this event. It's a great weekend at the ocean! More later!



### Bellevue Chapter WA-E Breakfast

Our next gathering is:  
**Saturday, October 18th**

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:**

**We are currently on our  
Winter schedule  
Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.**

### Next Dinner Social

**The Claim Jumper  
in  
Downtown Redmond**

7210 16<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
Redmond, Wa 98053  
425-885-1273



# What's on the calendar?

**November 11th - "Auburn Veterans Day Parade"** - Weather permitting, We would like to put a chapter "E" group together to go down and join chapter "V" and ride in the parade. We will pass along more information as soon as we have it.

**November 16th - "Dinner Social"** - Karla and Leah have selected another winner, **"The Claim Jumper"** in downtown Redmond for our next dinner social. 7210 16th Ave. N.E. Redmond WA Phone 425-885-1273. Check them out at [www.claimjumper.com](http://www.claimjumper.com) Bring your appetite and loose fitting clothes because the food is great and the portions are huge!!

**November 18th - Chapter "E" meeting** - Don't forget! We're on winter hours. Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. and meeting at 10:00 a.m. Stay tuned, we may or may not be meeting at the Paragon.

**November 18th - 2007 Ride Calendar planning** - Let me see, Pizza and Planning? Or maybe Chili? Ideas anyone? Ernie and Sue are offering their home to us again this year. Stick around after the planning session for food and games. It's always a fun time! What do you want to see or do next summer? This is your chance to get your two cents in.

**December 2nd - "Olympia Toy Run"** - Weather permitting, we may join Chapter "I" on this charity ride. More information to follow.

**December 3rd - Chapter "E" Christmas Party** - You don't want to miss this, the biggest party of the year! More information to follow.

**December 16th - Chapter "E" Breakfast meeting** - Location to be announced



## QUOTE

*"Part of the secret of success in life is to eat what you like!"*  
Mark Twain

I think Mark Twain would have made a good GWRRA Chapter "E" member!



### **Ernie & Sue & Jim & Karen's Most Excellent Adventure**

Planning for over a year didn't keep man and Mother Nature from throwing some road blocks in our way. But we were very lucky to only have to re-route twice; once due to an overturned propane tanker in the Gallatin National Forest and second because of a rockslide in Yellowstone National Park. Even though we had to make some adjustments the scenery was just as spectacular.

We were not able to do everything on our list because there was just too much to see and not enough time to see it. When you consider we rode nearly 4,000 miles over 19 days, we did get to see and do an awful lot:

- Horseback riding in Yellowstone National Park
- Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone (most people have never even heard about this)
- Buffalo Bill Historical Museum in Cody, WY (needed more time here)
- 4-Wheelin' in a Jeep® in Arches and Canyon Lands National Parks
- Rafting on the Colorado River (water is brown but clean)
- Examined a cliff dwelling in Mesa Verde National Park
- Rode the Durango-Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad
- And last but certainly not least Crater Lake National Park

We will have a CD available soon with many pictures for \$14.95.

We need to help pay for the trip!

Ernie



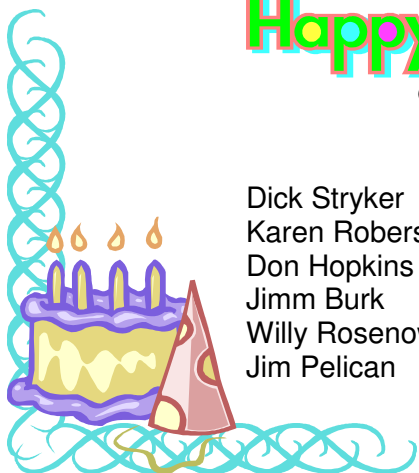


## Chapter E Business

### Chapter E Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Happy Birthday**

**October**



Dick Stryker	5
Karen Roberson	10
Don Hopkins	13
Jimm Burk	15
Willy Rosenow	17
Jim Pelican	25

### October Anniversaries

Bob & Patty Spencer	4
John & Barb Smith	22
Russ & LeeAnn Greaby	31

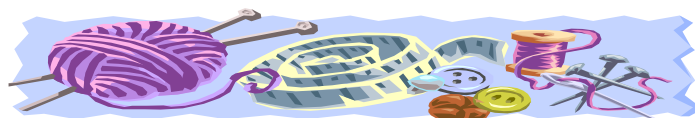


## Sudoku Puzzles

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Choose a number, and place it in the grid above.

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### Sit & Stitch Quilting

Penny Rosenow 362545 SE 47<sup>th</sup> CT  
(425) 222-5910 Fall City, WA 98024

[WFPGR@AOL.COM](mailto:WFPGR@AOL.COM)

Embroidery & Classes

## Chapter E Library

Please contact Jim & Karen Roberson if you are interested in borrowing something for your reading or viewing pleasure.

- 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

## Rider Education

### Watch What You're Doing!

**By Jim Roberson**

OK, it's a beautiful day and you are having a great ride and all of a sudden you stop paying attention to what you are doing, something you should never do as a motorcycle rider. What happens next? It all depends on what training you have had; the skill with which you operate your motorcycle and many other factors.

First of all, you should always be aware of where you are in the road, who or what is around you, hazards that may result in imminent danger to you and many others. Riding a motorcycle takes multi-tasking to a whole new level. Your skills are constantly being tested; your training is constantly being recalled, etc.

At the Moses Lake seminars, we heard that there are approximately 60% of motorcycle operators out there who do not have a motorcycle endorsement. One can assume from this fact that they have little or no training in operating a bike. They had the cash or available credit to buy the beast and now they are having the time of their lives. Or are they? They might be having a great time but they can sure put a kink in your day. They have, in some cases, an eight or nine hundred pound bike with a huge motor and zilch for training in an accident waiting to happen. (Continued on page 6)

Then again, just because you do have training does not mean that you are safe. You must be constantly practicing your skills. As a Chapter Educator I cannot tell you to do things that sound like instructions or coaching. I am not qualified to teach the GWRRA classes such as the ARC. Asking a friend to give you pointers on what they see you doing improperly could backfire on you. If I or someone else offered advice and an accident occurred later on, while following the advice that was given might pose a big problem. Even though you were offering advice with totally good intentions, it could possibly lead to liability so to avoid this I would say that offering a copy of either the "Cornering Practice Guide", or the "Parking Lot Practice guide" for them to use to work on their riding skills would be apropos. These guides tutor, or self teach with proven suggestions.

Each of us can do this for each other. After all, we are "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge." We want to have fun on the rides and we want to do all that we can to promote safety. Think about it! No close calls, no needing to swerve, no blowing of the horn; just having a good time because we practice and ride safely.

## **Do you need patches sewn on your vest, shirt, or jacket?**

**Dave and Sheila Chavez's daughter in law can do it! She will sew on both denim and leather at very reasonable prices. \$3.00 for small patches and \$5.00 for large patches.**

**Call Carey Chavez at 425-227-0775**

**Or bring them to the next meeting and Dave and Sheila will deliver to her.**