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Our next meeting is:

Saturday, February 17th

Denny's

at

Canyon Park 22833 Bothell Everett Highway

Breakfast/Meeting Hours:

Breakfast at 8:00 Meeting at 8:30

Dinner Social

Thursday, February 22nd 6:30 PM

> Newport Bay Restaurant

10426 NE Northup Way Kirkland 425-827-2722



Message from our Chapter Directors: Bob & Patty Spencer

Have I told all of you lately, how proud I am of our chapter? I have to thank Ernie & Sue and Neal & Karen again, for encouraging Patty and I to take on the position as your "Chapter Directors". Patty and I are so proud to be a part of this group and believe we have something very unique in our chapter in that we don't wait for, or expect someone to make a function fun for us. Wherever we are we just make our own fun and this Chapter E, "Eagle Spirit" of ours is being noticed. Just yesterday at the "Rider Ed Workshop" I had both a district person and a person from another chapter come up to me and say," I am hearing good things about Chapter E". This isn't the first time this has happened and you can't imagine how proud it makes us feel.

Speaking of the "Rider Ed Workshop" and how proud I am of our chapter, it was nice to see 20 of us in attendance at the workshop again this year. In my estimation we appeared to be the largest chapter in attendance. I was disappointed however, that they didn't announce the largest participating chapter this year, as they had in the past. I am sure it was us! Overall, I believe the workshop was productive. We all had our favorite instructor and/or class and I think each of us walked away with something new that we had learned and can use in our future riding endeavors.

However, this year's workshop was not without controversy. With the announcement of Bruce McMahill's "Retirement" from the "District Educator" position, all of us in chapter E had many questions and some of us were guite vocal about what had happen and how it all came down. Our chapter was asked to attend a private meeting during the lunch hour, to discuss the "Bruce situation", what had taken place and why. In the meeting, we all expressed our support for Bruce and vocalized our perceptions and opinions. Roy Mckenzie, Steve Fretts and Bob Minor all spoke highly of Bruce and his accomplishments and answered most of our questions and concerns while remaining respectful of Bruce's feelings and privacy. I think we all came away with a better understanding of the situation, but some still having a few questions. At this point, I would suggest that we all need to focus on our own chapter, support Bruce and Sandy in this difficult time for them and to allow Bruce, National, Region and District to work through their differences without our interference.

What's on the calendar?

February 2007



District Rider Ed - If you haven't pre-registered that's ok. You can still come and register on site. Registration / check in opens at 8:00 a.m. and the first seminars begin at 8:30.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 District Rider Ed
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Lincoln	13	14	15	16	17 Chapter E Meeting
18	PRESIDENT	20	21	22 Dinner Social	23	24 WA Dist. Bowling Challenge
25	26	27	28			

February 17th:

Chapter "E" Meeting - 8:00 a.m. breakfast, 8:30 meeting. Denny's at Canyon Park. (exit 26 off I-405).

February 22:

Chapter "E" Dinner Social - Another great pick by Karla and Leah!! Meet at 6:30 at the Kirkland "Newport Bay" 10426 NE Northrup Way in Kirkland. Click here for their website which has menus and directions. http://www.newportbay.com

February 24th:

Washington District Bowling Challenge - Hosted this year by Chapter "O". 12:00 p.m. at the "Hi Joy" Bowling Alley in Port Orchard. Maybe it's time we take the trophy back!!



Set the Mood for Romance! Try these sasy tips to help make

your night truly remantic: Use a lip print stamp

- . Set a romantic table for two using a hot red theme. with a red inkpad Start with a red velvet and add passion prints tablecloth, red china and red to your cocktail napkins stemware. Then cover the by stamping them. table with rose petals, and with kisses. create a lush floral centerpiece surrounded by red candles.
- · For a spectacular touch that anyone can pull off, encircle charger plates with rose heads. Simply cut the roses where the heads meet the stems and place them around each plate.
- * For a simple yet elegant chocolate decoration, drizzle melted chocolate across the top of a frosted cake, letting some drip down the sides.

Lets Celebrate - Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthday's



Bob Thurgood 4 Wanda Kruize 9 Rick Lawrence 25 Annette Burk 27 Ron Peck 19

Anniversaries





Personalities for EACH day from my favorite book "The Secret Language of Birthdays"

The day of...

- 1) Willfulness 2) Class
- 3) Exacting Realism
- 4) The Curveballer
- 5) Quiet Eloquence
- 6) Popularity
- 7) Utopia
- 8) Precognition
- 9) Vibrancy
- 10) Acclaim
- 11) Improved comfort
- 12) The Unifier
- 13) Liveliness
- 14) The Cool Quip

- 15) Inventiveness
 - 16) Animation
 - 17) The Battler
- 18) The complete picture
- 19) The Explorer
- 20) The Impression
- 21) Intimacy
- 22) Universality
- 23) The Viable Candidate
- 24) Sacrifice
- 25) The Higher Cause
- 26) Arousal
- 27) The Reality Masters
- 28) Zest



Communication, Communication, Communication

What is communication? The Oxford Dictionary defines it as a noun 1. the action of communicating. 2. A letter or message. A very important issue was brought up in the Educator Roundtable at the Rider Education Seminars last weekend. It concerned communication or more specifically the lack thereof.

Our rides together are supposed to be fun as well as safe. But some of the fun goes away when someone gets assigned to a position they don't like. This is true for not only that rider but possibly the people around them. If you do not like where you are assigned in the pre-ride meeting, you need to speak up and let the road captains know your preference. We are all friends and should be able to feel comfortable stating a personal preference. All of us are entitled to our own likes and dislikes. Who knows, you're stating a preference might allow someone else to be where they want to be.

Another thing that misses in the communication world is telling the other riders what you are going to do. Most of us have not mastered mind reading yet so we need to be told. Almost all of us have CB's and if someone does not, we all know the hand signals. Telegraph what is happening, going from front to back and make it possible for the road captains to engineer a safe ride.

I think this is enough for this session. Next time and in subsequent articles we'll delve into such subjects as telling someone their technique needs improvement and the **BIGGIE**, Rider/Co-Rider communication.



Chapter A FIRST AID / CPR Class

Please contact Tim Bowman directly (tkbowman@earthlink.net) if interested in attending a first aid/CPR class he has scheduled for 3/10/06, to be held at Southcenter Community Baptist Church in Tukwila, 14742 Macadam Road S, from 9-2. Cost is \$45.00 (unless 13 or more attend then the cost is \$40.50). Lunch is not provided so remember to bring a sack lunch.

Chapter E Library

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

- Book: Street Strategies by David L. Hough
- VHS: Co-Rider from GWRRA (2002)
- VHS: Part 1: Helmet Effectiveness (Hurt Report)
- VHS: GWRRA & Safeco present Touring & Braking / Trailering (1996)
- VHS: Basic Maintenance of the 1500 Goldwing with Andy MacDonald
- VHS: Advanced Maintenance for the 1500 Goldwing with Andrew MacDonald
- - VHS: Buying Motorcycle Helmets (Snell Memorial Foundation)

Book: Proficient Motorcycling by David L. Hough

VHS: Gary Sanford's Slow Speed Cycling Seminar

- Report: Fatal Single Vehicle Motorcycle Crashes, October 2001
- Report: Drowsy Driving and Automobile Crashes

Part 2: Co-Rider from GWRRA (Pre-2002)

Report: Impaired Motorcycle Riding: What Motorcyclists Think About Alcohol and Motorcycling, February 2001



Chapter E Fun Page

Valentine's Day Word Search

C D H P Y E F S R A Y S G U H
K H C E M G N T O M F E L K M
D A O D A U S N S K L S T U T
P N S C G R M L E I O S G X D
P O E G O T T N S W W I R X H
V C L I E L D D U C E K A C F
F E G Y R Q A C Q A R V O R O
W U L H Q F A T T X S O O Z H
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9AM to 9PM (Pacific Time)

Never Too Busy for a Friend...

One day a teacher asked her students to list the names of the other students in the room on two sheets of paper, leaving a space between each name. Then she told them to think of the nicest thing they could say about each of their classmates and write it down. It took the remainder of the class period to finish their assignment, and as the students left the room, each one handed in the papers. That Saturday, the teacher wrote down the name of each student on a separate sheet of paper, and listed what everyone else had said about that individual. On Monday she gave each student his or her list before long, the entire class was smiling. "Really?" she heard whispered. "I never knew that I meant anything to anyone!" and, "I didn't know others liked me so much." were most of the comments. No one ever mentioned those papers in class again. She never knew if they discussed them after class or with their parents. but it didn't matter. The exercise had accomplished its purpose. The students were happy with themselves and one another. That group of students moved on. Several years later, one of the students was killed in Viet Nam and his teacher attended the funeral of that special student.

She had never seen a serviceman in a military coffin before. He looked so handsome, so mature. The church was packed with his friends. One by one those who loved him took a last walk by the coffin. The teacher was the last one to bless the coffin. As she stood there, one of the soldiers who acted as pallbearer came up to her. "Were you Mark's math teacher?" he asked. She nodded: "yes." Then he said: "Mark talked about you a lot." After the funeral, most of Mark's former classmates went together to a luncheon. Mark's mother and father were there, ob-

viously waiting to teacher. "We want something," his faa wallet out of his found this on Mark killed. We thought nize it." Opening carefully removed



speak with his to show you ther said, taking pocket. "They when he was you might recogthe billfold, he two worn pieces

of notebook paper that had obviously been taped, folded and refolded many times. The teacher knew without looking that the papers were the ones on which she had listed all the good things each of Mark's classmates had said about him. "Thank you so much for doing that," Mark's mother said. "As you can see, Mark treasured it." All of Mark's former classmates started to gather around. Charlie smiled rather sheepishly and said, "I still have my list. It's in the top drawer of my desk at home." Chuck's wife said, "Chuck asked me to put his in our wedding album." "I have mine too," Marilyn said. "It's in my diary." Then Vicki, another classmate, reached into her pocketbook, took out her wallet and showed her worn and frazzled list to the group "I carry this with me at all times." Vicki said and without batting an eyelash, she continued: "I think we all saved our lists." That's when the teacher finally sat down and cried. She cried for Mark and for all his friends who would never see him again. The density of people in society is so thick that we forget that life will end one day. And we don't know when that one day will be. So please, tell the people you love and care for, that they are special and important. Tell them, before it is too late.

The Buzz



By Ernie Sigyarto

At the January meeting I won! Being first to get the Buzz is winning, isn't it? However, I feel I must reveal the truth of what actually occurred that put me in the winning position. As you know, we experienced engine back firing on our way to and from the picnic in September, just two days before our 19 day National Park motorcycle tour. Admit-

tedly I was somewhat concerned but felt a bit reassured after my discussion with Don Hopkins explaining that exhaust problems do in fact cause back firing. At the picnic we checked my mufflers, one of which I had recently replaced. As expected, it was a bit loose so I tightened it. Problem solved? Not so quick! On our way home, the back firing persisted.

So, faced once again with reality. I tore the engine apart and much to my surprise I found that number 3 exhaust valve wasn't able to seat fully upon its exhaust cycle. The reason wasn't immediately apparent. However, examining it under black light, I found a small burr on the shaft more technically called the "pippit". At that point, I was getting very excited seeing a solution at hand. But, the shaft was coated with Trion, an extremely hard surface mount impervious to heat and dimorphic force. I needed to somehow file this down. I did have diamond bur tips as a part of my dremal tool kit. Luckily this worked, but took most of the night. Once completed, I had to reinstall, calibrate and seat the valve before a test drive. At 8 am, we pulled out for our test drive which was the beginning of our trip. All went well.

The main reason for divulging this is that my drive for honesty is greater than my drive to win, which is the result of being first. So, if it is decided that I should not be the recipient of this award, the Buzz; I will understand. I place wisdom more infinite than mine in my peers to make the decision. So, if I am stripped of my winning, I will understand.

Nice try Ernie......but we're not buying it. Now we know you deserve the Buzz!

Reminder, We still need to name The Buzzard. Looks like Ernie's choice is "The Buzz". Another choice received was "Buzz E. Wings". Send me your idea's so we can vote at our next chapter meeting.



little more special.

The LeMay Car Museum



Our January after meeting activity was a trip to the LeMay Car Museum in South Tacoma. About 26 of us car pooled down together and thanks to John Smith and Scott Edwards for buying an annual membership, we all got in for a discounted rate of \$10.00 At the very beginning of the tour a representative for Nancy LeMay (Harold Le-May's widow and sole owner of the museum) came out, welcomed our group and thanked us all for visiting the museum. She also advised that Nancy herself is a motorcycle buff and that she is in the beginning stages of putting together a motorcycle section to the museum and she wanted us to see this area, which is not currently open to the public. Though a bit rough it was still interesting. We were all quite impressed with the personal touch they gave us and it made the visit a

We were then given a private tour of the rest of the facility which included several buildings. We were all amazed at how many cars and trucks were actually there and also at the variety, which included everything from 1920's and 30's luxury cars to World War I and II trucks. We even ran across a tank. There were also a lot of cars from the 40's, 50's and 60's. As we passed by various cars the guys would reminisce about the cars they loved and the care free days of their youth when your car was everything to you. Standing in front of a 1954 Mercury 2 door coupe with a glass roof, Bob Spencer mentioned that he had one exactly like it in High School and admitted to selling it for \$450.00 in 1965 thinking that he had made a killing. That car is now worth upwards of \$30,000. I think I saw tears running down Bob's face as he told his story.

After more than two hours of looking at cars we all had worked up an appetite and made our way to "The Ram" restaurant" in Lakewood for a late lunch. The food was great and we had a lot of fun watching a collector car auction being broadcast on the many televisions located throughout the restaurant. How appropriate was that? It was a fun day and no doubt several of the guys will surely go back and spend more time looking at their favorites. For those that didn't go, but plan to at another time, be sure to take a jacket. The buildings are not heated and it was a bit cool.





How Do I Love Thee

By Elizabeth Sorrett Sepanity

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height
My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight.
For the ends of Being and ideal Grace
I love thee to the level of everyday's
Most quiet need, by sun and candlelight.
I love thee freely, as men strive for right
I love thee purely, as they turn from praise
I love thee with the passion put to use
In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.
I love thee with a love I seemed to lose
With my lost saints, --I love thee with the breath,
Smiles, tears, of all my life! -- and, if God choose,
I shall but love thee better after death.



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Game Night

Hosted by Neal and Karen

100 people surveyed. Top 4 answers on the board.

Question: "Name 4 things that people had at "Game Night?

#4 answer, "Slippers". #3 answer, "Drinks". #2 answer,

"Food". And the #1 answer?

"FUN"

Yes fun! If you missed our "Game Night" at the Agachinsky's you missed a lot of fun. The Theme was "Slipper Night" so 24 chapter members arrived in slippers of all kinds. My personal favorites were Karen A's bumble bees, Barb's kitty cats and the matching monkeys that Bob and Patty were wearing. We even had one couple show up in their bath robes. Hmmm, what could they have had on their minds? As usual there was plenty of food. Wow can this chapter eat!! "Finger Foods" turned into plates of food! If I'm ever stranded on an Island in the Pacific, I want it to be with my friends from Chapter "E". I won't have to worry about starving!

After grazing for a while we all got down to business. As usual there was a big table of Train Domino players, while we tried something new in the other room. Bob and Patty hosted a game of the prime time television favorite "Family Feud" which turned out to be a hit! It was the "Couch Potato's" against the "Chair Lifts" and both teams were winners and shared in three jack pots of "T W E N T Y T H O U S A N D D O L L A R S!!!! Since Karen and Neal were the hosts, we tried to get them to pay up, but Neal said... well, never mind. You can all imagine what Neal said!! The party broke up around 10:00 p.m. bringing an end to another fun night, as only chapter "E" can have!! If you are interested in hosting a game night, there are two

benefits for doing so. (1) You don't have to drive home afterwards and (2) You get to choose the theme! Please let Bob and Patty know if you are interested.



Senior day at the Beach!!!!!!!!!!



Chapter E Ride Calendar



March

3 - 4 Surf Watch 2007 - Ocean Shores

17 WA-E Chapter Meeting 8:00 (Museum of Flight)

22 Dinner Social - Irish Pub, Kirkland - 6:30

May

5 - 6 Governor's Run - Bremerton

5 - 6 WA-M Fun Run - Yakima

17-20 WA-S Victoria Days - Moses Lake

19 WA-E Chapter Meeting 8:00 (Ride and Picnic)

25-27 WA-L Desert Spring Fling

July

4 - 8 Wing Ding - Billings

14 Gustin Picnic

19-22 Washington District Rally - Okanogan

21 WA-E Chapter Meeting (TBA)

27-29 WA-P Oyster Feed - Long Beach

September

2 Labor Day Picnic

9 Ride for Kids

15 WA-E Chapter Meeting 8:00 (NW Trek)

22-23 Whistler Ride (BC Canada)

27 Dinner Social - TBA - 6:30

30 Oyster Run - Anacortes

November

15 Dinner Social - TBA - 6:30

17 WA-E Chapter Meeting 8:00 (Planning Meeting)

February

3 District Rider-Ed Workshop - Buckley, WA

17 WA-E Chapter Meeting 8:00 (Museum of Natural History)

22 Dinner Social - TBA - 6:30

24 Bowling Challenge - Hosted by WA-O (Port Orchard)

April

14 WA-C Early Spring Fun Run

21 WA-E Chapter Meeting 8:00 (Radio Museum)

26 Dinner Social - Olive Garden, Totem Lake - 6:30

June

2 WA-D Duck Hunt

7 - 10 Region I/Oregon District Rally

9 - 10 Bob's Loop Ride - Columbia Gorge

16 WA-E Chapter Meeting 8:00 (Hurricane Ridge)

August

4 WA-F&G Mountain Run

5 WA-A Mystery Ride

11 WA-Y Riddler Run

18 WA-E Chapter Meeting 8:00 (Music in the Mtns & Burk's BBQ)

25-26 Oregon Coast Weekend "Tillamook Cheese Factory Tour"

October

6 Washington District Leadership Workshop - Moses Lake

20 WA-E Chapter Meeting 8:00 (Fall Colors Ride)

25 Dinner Social - TBA - 6:30

27 South Hill Mall Show

27 Smith's Halloween Party

December

2 WA-E Christmas Party

8 WA-D Festival of Lights - Montesano

9 Jingle Bell Run

15 WA-E Chapter Meeting 8:00



(Let us know if you have something to add)

* Light House Tour

* Boulder Caves - East Side Mt Rainier

* Mt. St Helen's Ride

* Wacky Tour

* Three Pass Loop

* "Apple" Tour by WA-V

* Hood Canal Loop

* Mount Baker

* Lake Chelan Loop









Surf Watch 07



Hosted by Chapter E

March 2nd - 4th, 2007

The Polynesian Resort*

615 Ocean Shores Blvd NW

1-800-562-4836



-Activities-

- Friday night "Game Night" for those arriving early.
- Saturday Join us for a Chapter to Chapter "Miniature Golf" Challenge, "Go Cart" Racing & a Motor Scooter Obstacle Course. There will also be plenty of time for beach fun, including horseback riding, beach combing and kite flying. Let's also remember the wonderful shops in town where you can find the perfect memory to take home, from our great weekend visit.
- Saturday night Chapter E hosted dinner, 50/50 and silent auction**.

Chapter E will be providing a Lasagna dinner complete with salad, bread and soft drinks for only \$5.00 per person.

*The resort is offering a 25% room discount for our event.

**Donations for the silent auction needed.









The Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) is pleased to announce its 29th annual Wing Ding will return to one of its most popular sites—Billings, Montana—this year. The event opens Wednesday, July 4, and runs through Saturday, July 7, 2007, at the MetraPark Convention Center.

www.wing-ding.org

Entertainment

Wing Ding features "Lonestar", 7:00 p.m. at MetraPark Arena, Friday, July 6, 2007.





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