

# GWRRA Chapter "E" WA

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Gold Wing Road Riders Associations:  
Big Sky, Region I & WA District



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

Who would think one could join a motorcycle group for the sole purpose of connecting with others who share their passion to ride motorcycles, only to find that you have become a part of something much larger. Like many of you, that is all Patty and I were looking for when we came to our first chapter "E" meeting, but what transpired from that first meeting was far more than we could have imagined.

Our calendar was soon filled with riding and social events and before we knew it, we had become part of an extended family with some very extraordinary people. All of you! So, it is at times like this, that we are sad to lose any of our "chapter family" members. I am referring of course to Mark and Lori Slavin and kid's, who with Lori's departure this last weekend have moved to Laurel, Montana.

Mark and Lori came to chapter E almost 3 years ago and wasted no time getting involved. Lori took on our chapter newsletter editor position and totally re-designed the newsletter, putting her own personal touch on it. She will be a tough act to follow. We will also miss Lori's creative talent for making so many "seasonal theme" 50/50 and silent auction gifts. Mark also stepped up and took on our Chapter stores when it needed a lot of revamping. Through some very frustrating times, Mark stuck with it and has left us with a well organized inventory and a nice hanging display.

We wish Mark and Lori lots of luck in there new Montana adventure and thank them for all they have done for chapter E. Lori tells me that we are always welcome in Laurel. "Just come on by, you don't need an invitation". Do I see a Chapter E Montana ride in our future? You bet! Good luck you guys...We will all miss you!!

Our next meeting is:

Saturday, Sept. 15th

Denny's  
at  
Canyon Park  
22833 Bothell Everett Highway

Breakfast  
Meeting Hours:

Breakfast at 8:00  
Meeting at 8:30



Summer Vacation



# Rider Education

## Being A Good Team Member Part 2

By Jim & Karen Roberson

Last time we began going over riding in a group. This article is a continuation of this theme.

Let's start off by describing again the characteristics of a good team member. In the GWRRA *Team Riding Manual* the following characteristics are very important.

Assumes a responsibility to ride with and work with the other team mem-bers.

Maintains steady speed and spacing.

Stays alert and announces to the other team members any obstacle, condition or potential hazard.

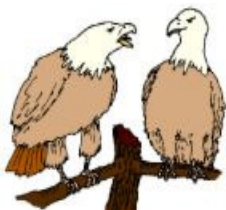
Riders should always be aware of the other team members and maintain the formation and spacing.

**REMEMBER:** *Pace yourself 1-second stagger, and 2-seconds following distance behind the bike directly in front of you. However, during darkness or inclement weather, a 2-second stagger and a 4-second following distance should be maintained to provide an extra margin of safety.*

Teams should separate themselves on the highway by no less than 15 seconds to allow for other vehicles to safely pass a team. If your teams are on a 2 lane road the separation may need to be greater based on the traffic. Team members should ride in staggered formation within a lane. The lead is in the left track of the lane. Separation was covered in the last article.

When entering traffic the lead moves into the flow of traffic after waiting to find an opening large enough to accommodate the entire team. If this is not possible the lead may issue a directive to ride your own ride and form up later in a designated lane. Then the team members will enter the flow of traffic safely one at a time and rejoin the group when practicable and safe.

When it is necessary to pass traffic the lead will make the decision to pass and will notify the team by both CB radio and hand signals. Passing will be initiated by the lead and after passing will accelerate far enough ahead of the team to allow each member to pass safely and rejoin the team in the normal staggered configuration. It is extremely important to remember that even though you are riding in a team each person is responsible for their own bike safety. When the pass is complete the drag will notify the lead via C.B. radio that the team has completed the pass and is back in formation. As before we stressed that anyone not wishing to Team Ride should separate themselves to a safe distance from the teams and meet at the acknowledged destination or break point. That is not a problem! It is more important for you to arrive safely at the destination than ride where you feel uncomfortable.



The next article will continue this theme and cover lane changing, passing obstacles, etc. In the meantime, Ride Safe!

## 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
- Report: Impaired Motorcycle Riding: What Motorcyclists Think About Alcohol and Motorcycling, February 2001
- Book: Proficient Motorcycling by David L. Hough
- VHS: Gary Sanford's Slow Speed Cycling Seminar
- Part 2: Co-Rider from GWRRA (Pre-2002)
- VHS: Buying Motorcycle Helmets (Snell Memorial Foundation)
- Report: Fatal Single Vehicle Motorcycle Crashes, October 2001
- Report: Drowsy Driving and Automobile Crashes



## Chapter Y “Riddler Run”

On Saturday morning August 11<sup>th</sup>, seven of us (4 bikes) met at Starbucks to ride down to Enumclaw for the Chapter Y “Riddler Run” where they had hot coffee, tea and donuts waiting for us. This was the first time any of us had done this ride and we were all a bit overwhelmed at the lack of “real” directions and “information over load” of all the clues and signs that we were to look for if we were to make it to the finish line. We had red diamonds, green diamonds, red and black arrows, different colored “Y”s that pointed in different directions and then to top it off, there were a bunch of letters to be found, that would help us solve the riddle at the end of the ride.

As luck would have it we were able to team up with a couple of bikes from chapter V that had done the ride in past years and two trikes from chapter P also joined us. Once we got into the ride it all started to make sense and our fear turned into fun! The ride took us through more back roads than I knew existed in Enumclaw, Buckley, Bonney Lake and beyond for a total of 116.2 miles. 5-1/2 hours later we pulled into the parking lot in Buckley ending a fun ride.

In retrospect, a couple of us decided that if we were to do this ride again we would keep our groups down to a maximum of four or five bikes and make sure we had several co-riders to watch for all the signs and to keep track of everything. All in all the ride was a a lot of fun and I would recommend it to anyone that hasn’t done it. Just be sure to team up with someone that has done before, for your first time. Incidentally, just in case you were wondering, the riddle was “Mount up on Wings”.

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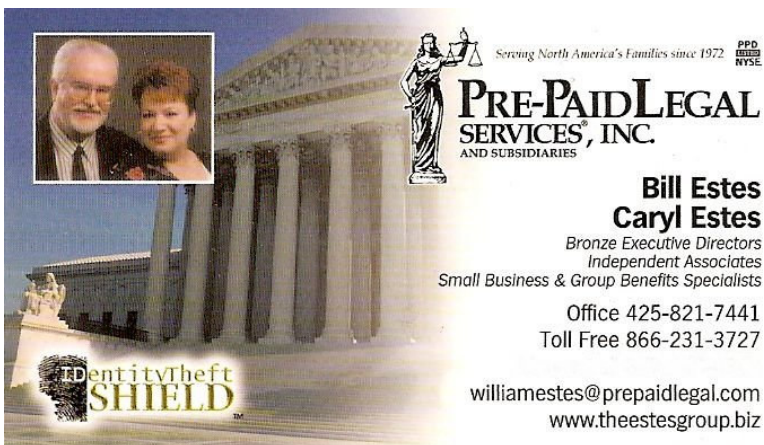
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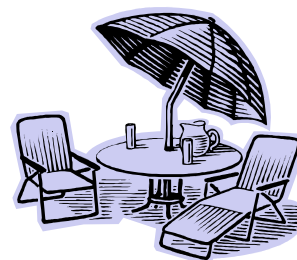
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We would like to thank everybody who supported our fund raiser BBQ for Ride for Kids. We couldn't asked for a nicer day weather wise. There was plenty of food to go around (we hope nobody went a way hungry!!!), and a great bunch of people to shoot the breeze with. Because of your generosity we raised over two thousand dollars for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation . The actual Ride will take place on September 9th, 2007, so we hope that we will see a bunch of you turn out for it also.

Thanks again to all of you great folks.

Dick and Ginny Stryker



### Whistler Ride (BC Canada)

There is one room left from the 10 that were blocked out for our "Whistler Weekend". Get your reservation in if you want it. We are also looking at a couple of group activities i.e. the "Zip Line" or the "Chair lift tour", or click below to check out "20 things to do in Whistler for under \$25.00"

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Here is the reservation information for the Whistler ride in September. Get your reservation in early as there are only 10 rooms blocked out. We can get more if we need to, but let's fill these first. We just made our reservation on line at it was quite simple. Just read and follow the directions exactly as they are written and you won't have any trouble. If you are not inclined to use the website there is a toll free number to call. Thank you Sheila for putting this together. Great job!!!

We will leave Friday morning Sept. 21st and return on Sunday afternoon Sept 23rd. (2 nights) Rain or shine, on bikes, or on 4 wheels!

#### Reservation procedures

To make a reservation via the phone, you can call 1-800-663-5472. You need to give them the group booking #L495044

To make your reservation on line go to [www.listelhotel.com](http://www.listelhotel.com) Select "Reserve Now" over on the left side of the screen. Then select "Group Reservations" from just below Check availability. Enter our group code: **GOLD2007** and continue with your reservation. It's easy.

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# Chapter E Ride Calendar

## August

- 4 WA-G Mountain Run
- 5 WA-A Mystery Ride
- 11 WA-Y Riddler Run
- 18 WA-E Chapter Meeting (Music in the Mtns & Burk's BBQ)

## September

- 2 Labor Day Picnic
- 9 Ride for Kids
- 15 WA-E Chapter Meeting (NW Trek)
- 22-23 Whistler Ride (BC Canada)
- 27 Dinner Social - TBA - 6:30
- 30 Oyster Run - Anacortes

## October

- 6 WA Dist. Leadership Workshop - Moses Lake
- 20 WA-E Chapter Meeting (Fall Colors Ride)
- 25 Dinner Social - TBA - 6:30
- 27 South Hill Mall Show
- 27 Smith's Halloween Party

## November

- 15 Dinner Social - TBA - 6:30
- 17 WA-E Chapter Meeting (Planning Meeting)

## December

- 2 WA-E Christmas Party
- 8 WA-D Festival of Lights - Montesano
- 9 Jingle Bell Run
- 15 WA-E Chapter Meeting

## IMPROMPTU RIDE IDEAS

- \* 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

## GWRRA Washington District Gathering Sites

Day	Time	Chapter	Location	Day	Time	Chapter	Location
1st Thu	6:00 PM	"V" Auburn	Eagles of Auburn, 702 M St. S.E., Auburn	2nd Sat	8:00 AM	"C" Everett	Petosa's Restaurant, 3121 Broadway, Everett
1st Fri	7:00 PM	"Q" Puyallup	O'Farrells' Family Restaurant, 1100 Meridian, Puyallup	2nd Sat	8:00 AM	"L" Kennewick	Country Gentleman Restaurant, 300 N. Ely St., Kennewick
1st Sat	8:00 AM	"M" Yakima	Branding Iron Restaurant, 61311 Hiway 97, Toppenish	2nd Sun	8:30 AM	"D" Aberdeen	Duffy's Restaurant, 1605 Simpson Ave., Aberdeen
1st Sat	8:00 AM	"R" Walla Walla	Fountain Café, 190 S. Main, Milton Freewater, OR	3rd Thu	6:30 PM	"S" Ephrata	Golden Corral, 930 N. Stratford Rd., Moses Lake
1st Sun	9:00 AM	"B" Bremerton	Bremerton Eagles, 205 6th, Bremerton	3rd Sat	8:00 AM	"E" Bellevue	Denny's, Canyon Park, 22833 Bothel Everett Hwy., Bothell
2nd Tue	6:30 PM	"H" Lynden	Fairway Family Restaurant, 1726 Front St., Lynden	3rd Sat	8:30 AM	"G" Gig Harbor	Cottesmore Life Center, 2902 14th Ave. N.W., Gig Harbor
4th Sun	8:30 AM	"F" Tacoma	IHOP, 7445 S. Hosmer, Tacoma	3rd Sat	8:30 AM	"K" White Salmon	Charburger Country, 4100 W. Cliff Dr., Hood River, OR
2nd Fri	6:30 PM	"Y" Enumclaw	Krain Corner Restaurant, 39929 264th S.E., Enumclaw	3rd Sat	8:00 AM	"P" Longview	Monticello Hotel, 1405 17th Ave., Longview
2nd Sat	5:30 PM	"Z" Centralia	Denny's, Exit 82, Harrison Ave., Centralia	3rd Sun	8:30 AM	"I" Olympia	North's Grand Buffet, 2915 Harrison Ave. N.W., Suite #255, Olympia
4th Sat	9:00 AM	"A" Seattle	RMC's Full Throttle Café, 3701 E. Valley Highway, Renton	3rd Sun	8:30 AM	"N" Spokane	Golden Corral Buffet & Grill, 7717 N. Division, Spokane

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