

GWRRA Chapter "E" WA

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



November 2007



Message from our Chapter Directors :

As we all begin to prepare for the holiday season and wind down our 2007 ride calendar, we should take a moment to contemplate what we as a Chapter have accomplished this past ride season. Many of us participated in the 2007 Ride for Kids event to benefit the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation and helped support Dick Stryker and the task force exceed the \$100,000 mark to help children with illness; many of us traveled to Billings, Montana for the 2007 'Wing Ding National Rally and helped make the State of Washington be the participation leader for Region I; we officially participated in the 2007 Washington State Rally in Omak; we conducted several Chapter rides, including a first-ever 2-nighter to Whistler, BC, safely and the GWRRA way; we enjoyed our collective riding adventures with an accumulated 118,603 recorded miles (special congratulations to Jimm Burk with a Chapter high 10,020 individual miles); and, we enjoyed our very own special Chapter camaraderie in our many Chapter functions and activities.

I would have to say that the 2007 ride season was a very special one for Chapter E! While we may yet occasionally find acceptable riding weather, for the most part the 2007 ride season is just about done. We all want to make sure that if we do get out during the fall and winter days, we are mindful of the inherent dangers of riding in inclement weather and difficult road conditions. If you have decided that you are pretty much done riding for the season, make sure the bike is stored properly.

For many if us, the month of November begins a busy holiday season. The Thanksgiving Holiday encourages us to reach out to friends and family to gather together in peace and give thanks, as well as a time to begin thinking seriously about that all important Christmas shopping list.

Sheila and I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you, and your families, a very special Thanksgiving Holiday.

"Ride Often - Ride Safe",



Dave & Sheila



Our next meeting is:

Saturday, November 17th

Denny's

at

Canyon Park

22833 Bothell Everett Highway

Breakfast

Meeting Hours:

Breakfast at 8:00

Meeting at 8:30





GWRRA NEWS



2008 Washington District Rally: Scheduled for Lynden, WA., July 17th—20th

The Rally theme is “Family Reunion”, however, in lieu of the district selling official rally tee shirts as in past years, for this rally there will be a tee shirt contest between District Chapters. Each chapter will design their own shirt, keep their design secret, then attending chapters will wear them for judging on the night of the “Family BBQ”.

For Chapter E, all of you “creative individuals” start brainstorming ideas and stay tuned for more information on a special work group to come up with our very own design.



Keeping Your Membership Information Current

GWRRA has thousands of members worldwide, and keeping the contact information current for every member is a daunting task. Over the years, GWRRA has tried a number of methods, but with the advent of easy, affordable internet access to the masses, GWRRA has gone almost totally electronic. In Chapter WA-L, my home Chapter, the majority of our members receive their monthly newsletter via email, event notices via email, and Chapter membership lists and updates via email. Sure, we still have hard copies for those who don't use computers, but they are certainly in the minority today.

One major advantage to this system is the cost savings. We used to print out newsletters and mail them. We worked hard to keep costs to a minimum, with newsletters that never exceeded the cost of a first class stamp. But even so, the annual postage expenses would exceed \$300-\$400 per year. That's quite a hit on a local Chapter budget without local dues.

So today we depend on email and the internet to keep in touch with members. But members have been assigned a responsibility to keep their own information current, even if they never received an “official” notice of that responsibility. GWRRA doesn't mail out reminders that your membership is going to expire, and they aren't going to come looking for you if your mail fails to get delivered to the right address. You'll miss the Wing World Magazine for sure... heck, that's the reason some people joined GWRRA – just to get the magazine. And your Chapter will miss you!

So, what are your responsibilities as a member? What do you need to do to keep your contact information current? What do you do if your email address changes; if you move; or if you change your phone number? You need to tell GWRRA. And how do you do it? Well, there's the “old fashioned way”, and then there's the internet way. The old fashioned way is to pick up a phone and call (800) 843-9460. You can fax to (623) 581-3844 or email them at: customerservice@gwrro.org. You can also log on to the internet, and go to www.gwrro.org where you'll see this link to “Manage Your Membership”. The point is you have to keep your information current.

On May 14, 2007, Melissa Nordeoff issued an email stating “Member Updates: ... effective immediately, we will no longer be accepting any updates to a Member's record from anyone except the Member. We have had many circumstances where the information given to us was the wrong information. The Members must update their own information on line, by phone, email, or snail mail. A few might feel that they are being inconvenienced but we really are trying to make sure their private information is secure and accurate.”

Many Chapters are managing their own membership lists, and have profiles for local members to fill out. These help keep local phone trees and email distribution lists current. But local notification does not affect or update the national membership lists. Only you can keep your information current.

So don't miss a single issue of the Wing World. Don't miss being included in the Gold Book (or opt-out if you don't want to be in the Gold Book). Don't miss one minute of the fun of being a GWRRA member because your address was wrong or your phone number was out of date. Sign on, log-in, and keep your membership information current. Then be sure to tell your local Chapter, too!

Della Heideman, Region I Membership Coordinator

Rider Education

So long, farewell, Auf wiedersehen, good night

By Jim & Karen Roberson



Lyrics from one of our favorite songs from the *Sound of Music*, *So Long, Farewell*, says it all. It has come time to end our tenure as Chapter Educators. Although these lyrics imply we are leaving, we are only leaving as the educators. We have enjoyed being your Chapter Educators and we hope that we have inspired you to ride more safely and to wear the proper clothing when you ride.

It's our hope that we all continue to enjoy each other's company, ride safe and check out many new restaurants as we can in the future. The barbecue restaurant we went to in Olympia a couple of weeks ago, *Ranch House BBQ Restaurant*, does give Bodacious a run for its money and the ride is a bit longer if you are looking for places to go. It's too bad that the best way to get there is on I-5 for most of the ride. On the other hand it gives you plenty of practice in dealing with traffic.

In closing we say **Ride Safe** and remember that we are Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge.



Chapter E Library

- ◆ 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 / Trailing (1996) Foundation)
- ◆ VHS: Basic Maintenance of the 1500 Goldwing with Andy MacDonald October 2001
- ◆ 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



FACTOIDS & FUNNIES

"A Compendium of Facts & Information That Will Astound and Amaze You"

(or at least some miscellaneous stuff that might fun to know or get you to laugh)

- ◆ By the way...We actually do not see with our eyes - we see with our brains. The eyes basically are the cameras of the brain.
- ◆ The length from your wrist to your elbow is the same as the length of your foot.
- ◆ A newborn baby's head accounts for one-quarter of its weight.
- ◆ On average, you breathe 23,000 times a day.
- ◆ The first Ford cars had Dodge Engines.
- ◆ At a glance, the Celsius scale makes more sense than the Fahrenheit scale for temperature measuring. But its creator, Anders Celsius, was an oddball scientist. When he first developed his scale, he made freezing 100 degrees and boiling 0 degrees, or upside down. No one dared point this out to him, so fellow scientists waited until Celsius died to change the scale.

Golf Factoid:



A recent study found the average American golfer walks about 900 miles a year. Another study found American golfers drink, on average, 22 gallons of beer a year.

That means, on average, American golfers get about 41 miles to the gallon. Kind of makes you proud, doesn't it.



Okay, now that we have you smiling, go ahead and laugh:

Mental Release

A man who had been in a mental home for some years finally seemed to have improved to the point where it was thought he might be released. The head of the institution, in a fit of commendable caution, decided, however, to interview him first.

"Tell me," said he, "if we release you, as we are considering doing, what do you intend to do with your life?"

The inmate said, "It would be wonderful to get back to real life and if I do, I will certainly refrain from making my former mistake. I was a nuclear physicist, you know, and it was the stress of my work in weapons research that helped put me here. If I am released, I shall confine myself to work in pure theory, where I trust the situation will be less difficult and stressful."

"Marvelous," said the head of the institution.

"Or else," ruminated the inmate. "I might teach. There is something to be said for spending one's life in bringing up a new generation of scientists."

"Absolutely," said the head.

"Then again, I might write. There is considerable need for books on science for the general public. Or I might even write a novel based on my experiences in this fine institution."

"An interesting possibility," said the head.

"And finally, if none of these things appeals to me, I can always continue to be a teakettle."

Chapter E Ride/Activities Calendar

IMPROMPTU RIDE IDEAS

November

- 10 Ride Planning/Activity Meeting
- 15 Dinner Social - - 6 PM
- 17 WA-E Chapter Meeting (Movie Day)

- * Light House Tour
- * Mt. St Helen's Ride
- * Wacky Tour
- * Three Pass Loop
- * "Apple" Tour by WA-V

December

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

- * Hood Canal Loop
- * Mount Baker
- * Lake Chelan Loop



GWRRA Washington District Gathering Sites

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Location</u>
4th Saturday	9:00AM	A-Seattle	RMC- Full Throttle Café, 3701 E. Valley RD, Renton WA
1st Sunday	9:00 AM	B-Bremerton	Bremerton Eagles, 205 6th St., Bremerton, WA
2nd Saturday	8:00 AM	C-Everett	Petosa's Restaurant, 2121 Broadway, Everett, WA
2nd Sunday	8:30 AM	D-Aberdeen	1605 Simpson Ave, Aberdeen, WA
4th Sunday	8:30 AM	F-Tacoma	Eagles#3563, 22316 Mountain Hwy E, Spanaway, WA
3rd Saturday	8:30 AM	G-Gig Harbor	Cottesmore Café, 2909 14th Ave NW, Gig Harbor, WA
2nd Tuesday	6:30 PM	H-Lynden	Fairway Restaurant, 1726 Front St, Lynden, WA
3rd Sunday	8:30 AM	I-Olympia	JJ's North's Grand Buffet, 2915 Harrison Ave NW Ste 255, Olympia, WA
3rd Saturday	8:30 AM	K-White Salmon	The Charburger, 4100 W Cliff Dr, Hood River, WA
2nd Saturday	8:00 AM	L-Kennewick	Cousin's Restaurant, 4605 N 68, Pasco, WA
1st Saturday	8:00 AM	M-Yakima	The Branding Iron Restaurant, 61311 Hwy 97, Toppenish, WA
3rd Sunday	8:30 AM	N-Spokane	Golden Corral Restaurant, 7117 N Division, Spokane, Wa
4th Saturday	8:00 AM	O-Port Orchard	Airport Diner, 8803 State Hwy 3 SW, Bremerton National Airport
3rd Saturday	8:00 AM	P-Longview	Monticello Hotel, 1405 17th Ave, Longview, WA
1st Friday	7:00 PM	Q-Puyallup	Main Garden Chinese Restaurant, 1106 East Main, Puyallup, WA
1st Saturday	8:00 AM	R-Walla Walla	Fountain Restaurant, 190 S Main St, Milton Freewater, OR
3rd Thursday	6:30 PM	S-Ephrata	Golden Corral Restaurant, 930 N Stratford Rd, Moses Lake, WA
1st Thursday	6:00 PM	V-Auburn	Eagles of Auburn, 702 M St SE, Auburn, WA
1st Saturday	8:30 AM	X-Vancouver	Billygan's Roadhouse, 13200 NE Hwy 99, Vancouver, WA
2nd Friday	6:30 PM	Y-Enumclaw	Krain Corner Restaurant, 28818 264th SE, Enumclaw, WA
2nd Saturday	5:30 PM	Z-Centralia	Denny's Restaurant, I-5 Exit 82, Harrison Ave, Centralia, WA

What's on the calendar

The Ride Planning Meeting on November 10th was very well attended and was a huge success. The 2008 Ride & Activity Calendar will be available soon.

November 15th – Chapter Dinner Social – Coho Café in Redmond—Go to Website: www.cohocafe.com for menu and directions. Caryl Estes tells me that KBSG is offering (on a limited basis) a \$50.00 gift Certificate for \$25.00. Sounds like a great deal! Check out the link to KBSG's website. You purchase it online at their website.

<http://kbsg.seattle-dining.com/details.php?pid=29542>

Directions: From Seattle, Bellevue, I-5:

Take 520 East to the Redmond Way Exit.
At the end of the exit turn Left heading West on Redmond Way.
Turn Right on 161st Ave. NE, go four blocks North.
Coho Café is on the Right in the Bella Botega Shopping Center.

From Woodinville:

Take 202 (Woodinville Redmond Rd NE) South to NE 90th St.
Turn Right onto NE 90th St.
Go one block to 161st St. NE.
Turn Left onto 161st St. NE.
Coho Café is on the Left in the Bella Botega Shopping Center.

November 17th – Chapter “E” Breakfast Meeting – Breakfast @ 8:00, meeting @8:30 AM. There are several things scheduled for this meeting and we are expecting several guests, so please plan on coming early for best seating. Chapter B and Chapter C will join us for a chapter visitation. Also, Rob “aka Bob” Reagle will be installed as our new Rider Educator and Chapter C’s new Rider Educator will also be installed.

Nov 30th – Dec 2nd – International Motorcycle Show – The 27th annual *Cycle World* International Motorcycle Shows presented by Toyota will be held on November 30-Dec 2, 2007 at the Qwest Field Event Center in Seattle.

There will be more than 600 new model street bikes, dirt bikes, cruisers, ATVs and watercraft from the major manufacturers at the show. In addition, the show will feature custom cruisers and sportbikes, concept bikes, vintage bikes, a history of motocross display and exciting action events. Attendees can purchase the latest gear and accessories from exhibitors.

The lowest priced show tickets are available if purchased online at: www.motorcycleshows.com

I have received some \$2 off discount coupons (good for adult tickets) for people who purchase their tickets at the show box office. Be sure and let us know if you’re interested in attending, and we can make sure we get them to you.



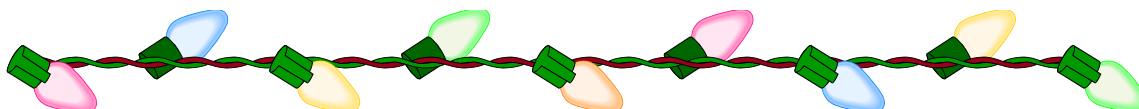
December 2nd – Chapter “E” Christmas Party – Lots of information to follow. Chapter members interested in helping plan the party, please let us know. I will be sending out the flyer in the next day or and I will have Pot-Luck sign-up sheet at the Thursday Dinner Social, as well as at Saturday’s meeting.

December 8th – Chapter “D” Festival of Lights Parade – There are a lot of you that have not had the chance to share in this festive occasion so we have decided that we will participate as a chapter this year, with our very own entry in the parade. Put the date on the calendar and stay tuned for more information. This is a late Saturday night, but it’s worth it!



December 9th Jingle Bell Run/Walk in Seattle, benefits the Arthritis Foundation. Website: www.seattlejinglebellrun.org We may join as a team if enough people interested in participating.

December 15th Chapter “E” Breakfast Meeting: Breakfast @ 8:00AM Meeting @8:30 AM. More information to follow.





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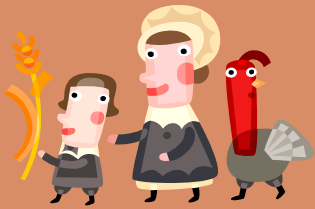
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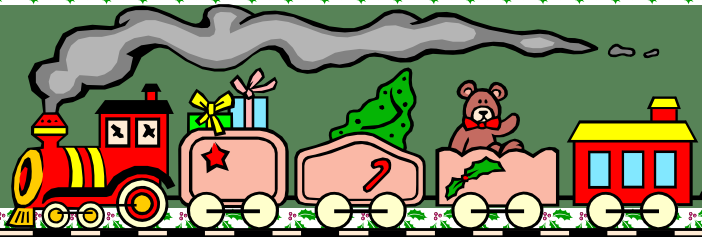











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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 Happy Birthday "Phyllis Hopkins"	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Chapter "E" 2008 Ride/Activity Planning Mtg.
11	12 	13 Happy Birthday "Sue Howe" 	14	15 Happy Birthday "Rae Ann Hall" 	16 Happy Birthday "Karla Edwards" 	17 Chapter "E" Breakfast Mtg. "After meeting "Movie Day"
18	19	20	21	22 Happy Birthday "Scott Edwards" Happy Thanksgiving! 	23	24 Happy Birthday "Garney Arcand" Happy Anniversay Willie & Penny Rosenow 
25	26	27	28	29	30 November 30 th - Dec 2 nd "International Motorcycle Show"	

December 2007



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 "Chapter E Christmas Party" 	3	4	5	6 Happy Birthday "Sue Gustin" 	7	8 <u>Chapter "D"</u> <u>Festival of</u> <u>Lights Parade</u> 
9 "Jingle Bell Run/ Walk" 	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20  Happy Birthday "Patty Spencer" & "Neil Agachinsky"	21	22
23	24	25 "Merry Christmas" 	26	27	28	29 Happy Birthday "Dave Hersey" 
30 Happy Anniversary "Jim & Karen Roberson" 	31 Happy Birthday Ed Zaic"  					



November 11

Veterans Day

Remembrance Day

Armistice Day

In 1918, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in the eleventh month, the world rejoiced and celebrated. After four years of bitter war, an armistice was signed. The "war to end all wars" was over.

In 1921, an unknown World War I American soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Similar ceremonies occurred earlier in England and France, where an unknown soldier was buried in each nation's highest place of honor (in England, Westminster Abbey; in France, the Arc de Triomphe).

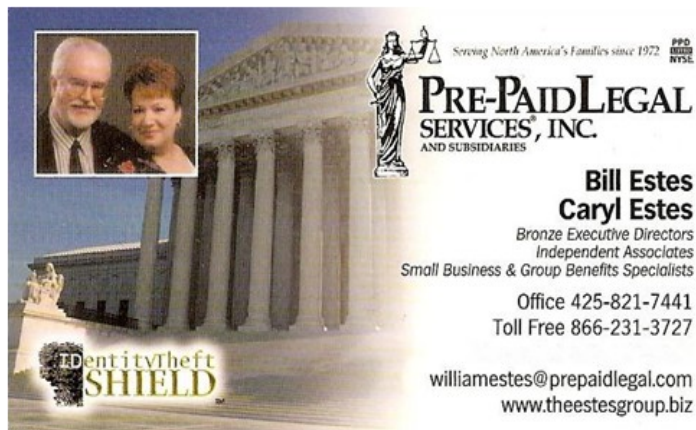
These memorial gestures all took place on November 11, giving universal recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I fighting at 11 a.m..

Armistice Day officially received its name in America in 1926 through a Congressional resolution. It became a national holiday 12 years later by similar Congressional action. If the idealistic hope had been realized that World War I was "the War to end all Wars," November 11 might still be called Armistice Day. But only a few years after the holiday was proclaimed, war broke out in Europe.

Realizing that peace was equally preserved by veterans of WW II and Korea, Congress was requested to make this day an occasion to honor those who have served America in all wars. In 1954 President Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day.

A law passed in 1968 changed the national commemoration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. It soon became apparent, however, that November 11 was a date of historic significance to many Americans. Therefore, in 1978 Congress returned the observance to its traditional date.

Thank you to all Veterans'!



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