

GWRRA Chapter "E" WA

Friends for fun, safety and knowledge

Message from our Chapter Directors :

At last...welcome to the summer of 2008 in Western Washington Chapter E! We have been patient (mostly because we have no choice) and we have maintained our enthusiasm for riding and for the ride season. So far, we have had a few Chapter Rides (some with actual beautiful weather and some with imagined beautiful weather), but for the most part, we have hardly begun and need to get out there. We have Chapter rides scheduled on the Ride Calendar, which I encourage everyone to participate in, you can get out on your own, or you can send me (or Bob Spencer, Chapter Ride Director) your latest brilliant ideas for group rides and we'll get it organized.

The primary event for the GWRRA in Washington was the Washington District Rally held earlier this month at the NW Washington Fair & Events Center in Lynden, Washington (July 17 – 20, 2008). By all accounts it was a huge success. Mike & Peggy Hudnell and the district staff did a fantastic job in organizing and managing the event to success. The town of Lynden again embraced the GWRRA community and we reciprocated by conducting ourselves like the top-drawer motorcycle "family" that we are. Chapter E also did a fantastic job at the Rally by running away with the first of its kind tee shirt logo contest 1st place finish and taking 2nd place in the best Rally Campsite award. So many Chapter E members contributed to this success. However, in particular, certain individuals deserve special recognition. Barb Smith again distinguished herself by handling the tee shirt project so beautifully, as well as exhibiting some creative talents in designing and building 2 eagle nests that framed the "gateway" to the Chapter E Campsite. For the Campsite award, we have Bob & Patty Spencer and John & Barb Smith to thank for creating a camp environment of organization and friendship. Last, but not least, the Chapter members that made it to this year's Rally and helped with the "Eagle Dance" presentation (with Bob Reagle as the spirited eagle) deserve a big thanks from Sheila and I and the entire Chapter. We couldn't have done it without the important contributions from these people.

With last year's rally as a backdrop, the District Rally needed a "shot in the arm" and, in our view, the rally theme of "Family Reunion" and the decision to encourage Chapters to create and compete for the best rally logo was pure genius. If this doesn't re-energize the state and its Chapters and get participation pumped up, I don't know what will. For the Chapter E family, we designed a logo that best epitomized not only the Rally theme but also us as a Chapter. Actually, we are famil (E) and Sheila and I are proud to be a part if it. Let's get out there are ride safe and ride often!

"Ride Often - Ride Safe",

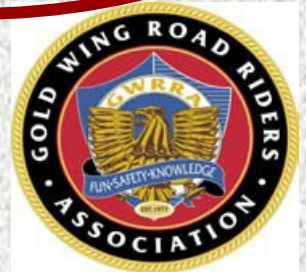
Dave & Sheila



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



July 2008



No meeting this month

Our next meeting is:

Saturday August 16, 2008

Denny's

at

Canyon Park

22833 Bothell Everett Highway

Breakfast

Meeting Hours:

Breakfast at 8:00

Meeting at 8:30





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July 7, 2008 News Release :: Wing Ding 31 Heads To Tulsa, Oklahoma:

Wing Ding 31 will be held July 2-5, 2009, at the Expo Square in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Register today by phone 800.843.9460. *Website and housing information coming soon.*

Tulsa is excited to be the host for the 31st Annual Wing Ding! Tulsa's friendly, cosmopolitan atmosphere and the first-class renovations to Expo Square will make your visit to our vibrant city a memorable one. Make your [hotel reservations](#) today and get ready to do some "Cruising to the Pow Wow."

Save the Date: Ride For Kids afternoon at the Everett AquaSox baseball game!



Join us Sunday, **August 10th** at the Everett AquaSox game for a time of fun and a chance to raise money for Ride for Kids and the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation (www.rideforkids.org). For each ticket sold, Ride For Kids will receive a portion of the proceeds.

Game time
will be at

NEW PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS IN EFFECT



Travelers in and out of the U.S should take note that on January 23, 2007, the first phase of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) went into effect. This phase of the U.S. initiative requires that all travelers entering the United States by air from within the western hemisphere must carry a valid passport. Travelers may also use their NEXUS Air membership as a valid document when flying to the U.S. from Vancouver International Airport.

This phase of the WHTI does not affect travel into the U.S. by land or sea. Birth certificates and drivers' licenses can still be used at the borders.

The second phase of the WHTI will go into effect on **June 1, 2009**. This phase will include travel to the U.S. by all modes, including air, land, and sea. If certain criteria are met by the U.S. Secretaries of State and Homeland Security, this second phase could go into effect sooner.

For more information, log on to www.dhs.gov or www.cbsa.gc.ca.

Rider Education



It is true; there can be a Free Lunch!

How does a \$25 gift certificate to the Olive Garden sound? It can be yours if you can answer questions about preceding Chapter E Educator articles in the Chapter Newsletter.

Questions:

What is the "Golden Hour"?

Name three items that should be in a bike first aid kit.

What are the main muscle groups riders use when operating a motorcycle?

What is the easiest thing to do to maintain your health for motorcycle riding?

Do you have to join a fitness center to create and maintain your fitness?

What are three long-term health issues that result from lack of sleep?

What does a GWRRA member need to be enrolled as a Level One Rider (Safety by Commitment)?

Name three things a rider must do in preparation for a group ride.

What does T-CLOCK stand for and how often should a rider conduct it?

Name three things to make you and your bike more visible to motorists?

What is the threat zone?

The University of Utah study on Cellphone use while driving found what?

What are the minimum intervals between bikes in a staggered formation in a GWRRA group ride?

Who is responsible for the rider's safety during a group ride when passing?

Please take a few minutes, answer these questions and email them to me at bob.reagle@microsoft.com.

The first person with the correct answers to all of the questions is entitled to the gift certificate. Good luck and good hunting! Sorry, Chapter Officers are not eligible.

Ride safe and ride well.

Bob Reagle, Chapter E Educator

Rider Education



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



Note from the Editor, *Sheila Chavez*

As you see in this newsletter we have a few more articles that I would like to continue. If you as Chapter E members want to add articles or to the news letter please send email. This is for all us to communicate and share with each other. If we have missed any announcements please let me know.

Handling Curves

A better line

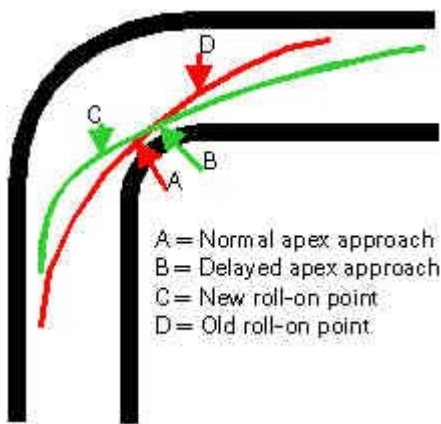
By: James R. Davis

Taking curves is rather a personal choice in terms of selection of entry and exit points as well as speed, it seems to me.

For example, the typical advice I have heard from others is to choose an entry point that allows you to make the curve using the smoothest line thru it so that you always have the least lean demand. This, of course, gives you the most ability to compensate your path through the curve should you find a need to do so. It also means that you hit the apex of the curve at about its middle. That is, you enter from the outside edge of the curve, then move towards the inside until you reach its apex, then continue from there outwards until you are once again at the outside of the curve just as you exit it.

I, on the other hand, do not normally do this. I prefer to delay my entry into the curve. That is, I stay to the outside edge well past the normal entry point, then turn much more sharply into it and hit the inside much beyond the normal apex. This gives me two significant (to me) advantages over the 'smoothest' course:

1. I get the lean that I enjoy (read: crave!) in the beginning of the curve where I have seen all that I need to see in terms of potential trouble.
2. When I exit the turn I am traveling at a much reduced angle relative to the path of the road. That is, since I am closer to the end of the curve when I reach the inside than is the normal apex, I have fewer degrees of the arc left to go before I am again going in a straight line. Said differently, if the road changes directions by a matter of 90 degrees through a curve, no matter what path you select through it you will have totaled 90 degrees when you are out of it. Since I turn more into the curve at my delayed entry point, I have less left to go to complete the turn when I am near the exit.



This last advantage is of profound importance, in my opinion. This gives me far more ability to handle unexpected problems as I get closer to the end of the curve. For example, what if it turns out to be a decreasing radius curve after all, or if there is gravel in the road that was not visible at its entry?

By the way, when I said that 'I stay to the outside edge' above I in no way meant to imply that I get close to the line. Far too many people seem to think that they have performed a safe maneuver thru a curve so long as their wheels do not touch or cross the (center) line. WRONG! If any part of your motorcycle crosses that line, including just a grip, you are in the path of oncoming traffic, and are in THEIR lane.

Handling Curves

A better line

By: James R. Davis

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In any event, I TRY to overshoot my entry to a curve. Then I aggressively push-steer into it, and delay reaching the inside of the curve well past its apex. This also, incidentally, allows me to start an aggressive roll-on of my throttle sooner than when I am at the inside of the curve which gives me a better handling bike through the majority of it. I should add that this delayed entry approach requires that you get in the habit of not entering the curve too fast. Further, the right approach speed is one which requires NO BRAKING at entry.

[You should use MODEST throttle roll-on all the way through any curve. The 'roll-on point' that is shown in the graphic is where you can go after a higher exit speed if you happen to be aggressive with your bike.]

If you find that you cross the outside line, ever, then it is time to reassess what you are doing. Approaching the curve too fast? Insufficient confidence to aggressively push-steer when you need to? Insufficient experience to pick a good line? Lack of respect for the laws of chance (one of those times a 4-wheeler will have two of them across the line)? Acting like riding with friends is a competitive sport? Whatever it is, if you ever cross that center line you are riding above your abilities (and everyone around you will know it) and you need to change something soonest. Otherwise, make sure your relatives know your intentions relative to the donation of your organs.

This method is just my preference, after all, and it seems to me is generally safer than the 'smoothest line' method usually described.

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(James R. Davis is a recognized expert witness in the fields of Motorcycle Safety/Dynamics.)



Where is Budda?

From John Smith, Chapter E Assistant Director & Webmaster

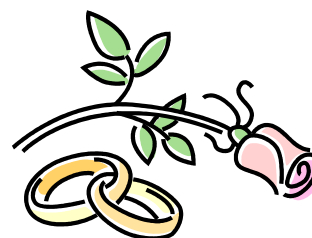
Have you been to the Website lately? There is a new section located on the left hand side of the navigation bar. It is the 'Where is Budda?' link. This link will show you the adventures of Budda and his travels throughout different destinations around the United States. What had started out as someone sticking Budda to a motorcycle is now going to become an annual event. During the Chapter-E mileage contest and starting with the next awards ceremony, we will be presenting the winner of that contest with next year's riding icon to attach and take with them where every they go. The adventures should be chronicled and pictures sent to the webmaster to be posted, and we will create another link to keep this alive and see the exciting adventures of that year's icon. You never know where or what the icon will see and/or do, so it should make it interesting.

I currently have Budda, and he has already made his way to California to check out some wineries and the fire damage and do a little site seeing at Hearst Castle, and is currently slated to head off to Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska, and may even make a quick trip to Sturgis this year!!! Other planned adventures are to take Budda international, heading to Whistler with the chapter in September... Will keep you posted on his progress and check out the website link to see the pictures.

<http://gwr-ra-wae.org/Budda.html>

July Birthdays

Bruce McMahonill	16
Jim Vey	16
Freda Downs	17
Lee Ann Kelly	19
Joe Downs	21
Charlene Lee	29
Thess Thurgood	29



Happy Anniversary – JULY

Bob & Thess Thurgood	2
Bruce & Sandy McMahonill	13
Garney & Gail Arcand	14



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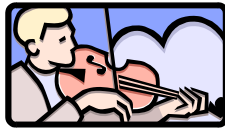
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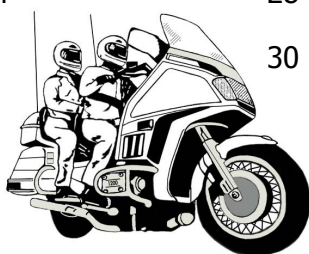
Chapter E Ride/Activities Calendar

July

- 3 Chapter E Ice Cream Social
- 5 Chapter E Picnic at the Gustins
- 10 Chapter E Ice Cream Social
- 12 Chapter E Crystal Mountain Rid
- 17-20 Washington District Rally-Lyndon
- 24 Chapter E Ice Cream Social
- 26 Chapter E—Open Impromptu Ride
- 31 Chapter E Ice Cream Social

August

- 2 Chapter E— Impromptu Ride
- 7 Chapter E Ice Cream Social
- 9 Chapter E –Boulder Cave Ride
- 14 Chapter E Ice Cream Social
- 16 Chapter E Meeting/Picnic at the Gustins
- 21 Chapter E Ice Cream Social
- 23 Chapter E –Fort Casey-Whidbey Island
- 28 Idaho District Rally, Kellogg ID
- 30 Chapter E Impromptu Ride



GWRRA Washington District Chapter 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	Hangar Inn, 16919 A Meridian E, 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 Saturday	8:30 AM	V-Auburn	Old Country Buffet, 1816 S. 320th St. Federal Way, 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

Some Useful Gold Wing Links



<http://www.goldwingfacts.com/>

<http://www.aboutmotorcycle.com/>

<http://www.tourkingcovers.com/shop/>

<http://www.msf-usa.org/>

<http://soundrider.com/>

<http://www.wingstuff.com/index.php>

<http://www.goldwing-world.com/GL1800.htm>

<http://www.gl1800riders.com/>

<http://www.tulsaenterprises.com/1800.html>

<http://www.ridelikeapro.com/>

<http://www.hondadirectlineusa.com/stores/index.asp?str=4>

http://www.motorbiketoday.com/reviews/Articles/hon_goldwing_04.htm



Gold Wing Road Riders Association

July 2008

Washington Chapter E– Calendar of Events

- ◆ **July 24, 2008: Chapter E “Ride Social” at Pete’s in Carnation.** 5:30/6:00 PM.
- ◆ **July 26, 2008: Impromptu Ride opportunity.** Nothing in particular has been scheduled for this weekend. However, ideas for rides are always welcome. If you have one, let me or Bob Spencer know and we can try to put together a group.
- ◆ **July 27, 2008: Oregon I Mystery Ride.** Location: Wingman / 5663A NE 105th, Portland; Time: 1st Bike out 830 AM sharp, last Bike out 930 AM, Cost is \$10 pp. Interested riders should contact the Chapter I CD.
- ◆ **July 31, 2008: Chapter E “Ride Social” at Pete’s in Carnation.** 5:30/6:00 PM.

Next Month:

- ◆ **August 7, 2008: Chapter E “Ride Social” at Pete’s in Carnation.** 5:30/6:00 PM.
- ◆ **August 14, 2008: Chapter E “Ride Social” at Pete’s in Carnation.** 5:30/6:00 PM.
- ◆ **August 14-16, 2008: Region I Rally.** Powell, WY. Cost is \$30 pp. Camping & RV’s both \$25 (reservations contact Park County Fairgrounds 307.754.5421. More information on line.
- ◆ **August 16, 2008: Chapter E Breakfast Meeting at Denny’s at Canyon Park.** Breakfast at 8 AM and meeting starts at 830 AM. **After meeting activity** (for later in the afternoon at 1 PM), is **Picnic at the Gustin’s – Part 2.** If you missed Part 1 in early July, we are putting on another one this month. A sign up list will be circulated soon.
- ◆ **August 21, 2008: Chapter E “Ride Social” at Pete’s in Carnation.** 5:30/6:00 PM.
- ◆ **August 23, 2008: Chapter E Day Ride: Fort Casey & Whidbey Island.**
- ◆ **August 28, 2008: Chapter E “Ride Social” at Pete’s in Carnation.** 5:30/6:00 PM.
- ◆ **August 29-31, 2008: Idaho District Rally, Kellogg, ID**
- ◆ **August 30, 2008: Chapter E Impromptu Day Ride.** tbd



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