

GWRRA Chapter "E" WA

Friends for fun, safety and knowledge

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



November 2008

Message from our Chapter Directors

Unbelievably, 2008 is quickly drawing to a close. Also drawing to a close, at least for most of us, are those small windows of opportunity where we can don our ride gear and whip the bike through some invigorating twisties and meandering country roads. Oh well, there is always the spring to look forward to.

For right now though, the fall colors are pretty cool. It was especially evident after our October Chapter meeting when some of us enjoyed the Fall Colors Ride. Thanks to the mix of deciduous trees in our Northwest forests we get to enjoy some color when the Big Leaf Maples, Black Cottonwood and Red Alder leaves start senescing (i.e., dying) and begin to turn various shades of yellow, red and orange. Bob Thurgood's short article in this newsletter of the ride recounts our route and tells us about who participated in the ride. Fall is a pretty neat time of year in the Northwest. Cool but not too cold and plenty of rain to keep things from drying out...we wouldn't want that now would we! ☺

Seriously though, fall is a time to make sure you have your bike properly stored for what usually amounts to periods of sporadic and infrequent rides. One of the major problems with infrequent riding is the proper "care and feeding" of your bike battery. If you haven't already developed the habit of using a battery tender, maybe now is the time to give it some serious thought. If your battery has been on your bike for a few years, it might be time to consider doing some off-season shopping for a new battery for the spring, particularly if you have not used a battery tender. This next ride season, the battery on my bike will be 4 years old. While I have consistently used a battery tender, 4 years is about the time you want to decide if changing out the battery is more convenient than being stranded somewhere when you can least afford it! Preventive maintenance is very important for people who ride motorcycles.

Fall is also a time for reflection of your accomplishments over the past year and for us motor cyclist's to give thanks for what we have accomplished on our bikes safely and enjoyably. Later this month we will all celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday. To many, the holiday means turkey and ham and pumpkin pie. To be sure, all of us readily associate Thanksgiving with these food items. For this Thanksgiving, when you meet with family and friends to nurture family ties and renew friendships, spend a moment to give thanks for the past ride season and all that we have accomplished. We have much to be thankful for and much to look forward to...Happy Thanksgiving Chapter E!

Ride Often – Ride Safe

Dave & Sheila



Happy
Thanksgiving

Meeting this month is:

Saturday

November 15, 2008

at



Canyon Park

**22833 Bothell Everett
Highway**

Breakfast

Meeting Hours:

Breakfast at 8:00 AM

Meeting at 8:30 AM



GWRRA NEWS PAGE



Changes Around the District

Chapter G in Gig Harbor is closing after 18 years. Judy and Marv Scott are to be commended for their dedication to the chapter and our Association.

Chapter Z's gathering on November 8th will be at the Kickstand Restaurant at 6:30 (dinner at 5:30) in Napavine at Exit 71 off I-5.

What does it take to have a Happy Chapter?

Have you ever visited a Chapter and seen between 50 to 75 people all enjoying themselves. The fellowship is beyond comprehension. "What do they do to keep all these people enjoying their time together this way?" Even the visitors are getting into the spirit. Being a participant of one of those Chapters, I would like to share with you their secret of accomplishing just that, "An Active and Happy Chapter".

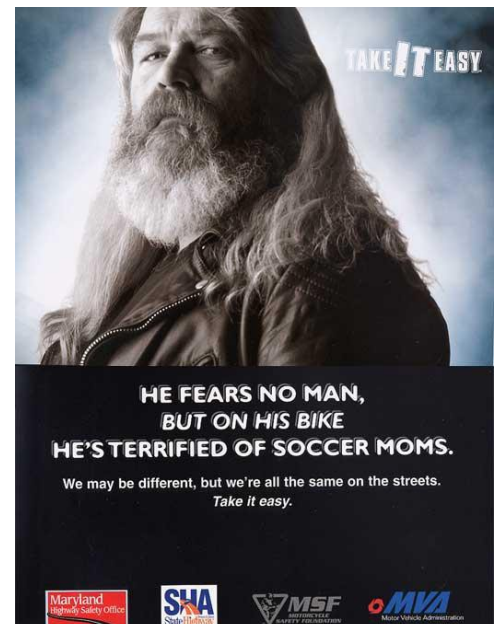
In Illinois the Central Illinois Gold Wing Road Riders, Chapter IL. "'Z1'", is one of these Chapters. The Chapter was formed in 1996 and has grown to be a Chapter that truly fits the GWRRA Motto, "Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge".

You could say when the Family plays together they stay together. This is true of IL. "'Z1'" and if we break down the GWRRA Motto and relate it to the Chapter we can truly see how they are "family". Let's take the first part of the motto **"FUN"**. The Chapter rides together every week, whether it be a dinner ride, ice cream ride, or just an impromptu ride. They may not go to the same place on impromptu rides, but there is always a group ready to go anywhere, anytime. They meet every Saturday morning for a gab session at a local Motorcycle shop (the owner is also a participant of IL. "Z"). They never run out of fun things to do or things to say.

Second part of the GWRRA Motto, **"Safety"**. The Chapter is very safety conscience and has a yearly ERC class, CO rider seminar, MFA class, and Road Captain Class. They have many participants that are level 4 in the Rider Ed Program.

Several other Chapters in the area will ride in to attend these classes and seminars. Third part of the GWRRA Motto **"knowledge"**. The Chapter as a whole is very knowledgeable of GWRRA. They have an outstanding Web Site, Newsletter, and a message board to keep all the participants up to date on all that is happening within the GWRRA Organization.

They actively participate in the Couple of the Year Program and have competed in the Best Dressed Competitions such as Best Dressed Chapter, Individual Couple, Riding class, (both chapter and couple), and many talent contests throughout the organization. All this activity can only be accomplished when the Chapter is a happy and healthy Chapter and have the knowledge of the different aspects of GWRRA.



Rider Education

Parking Lot Practice (Using Target Fixation)

By: James R. Davis



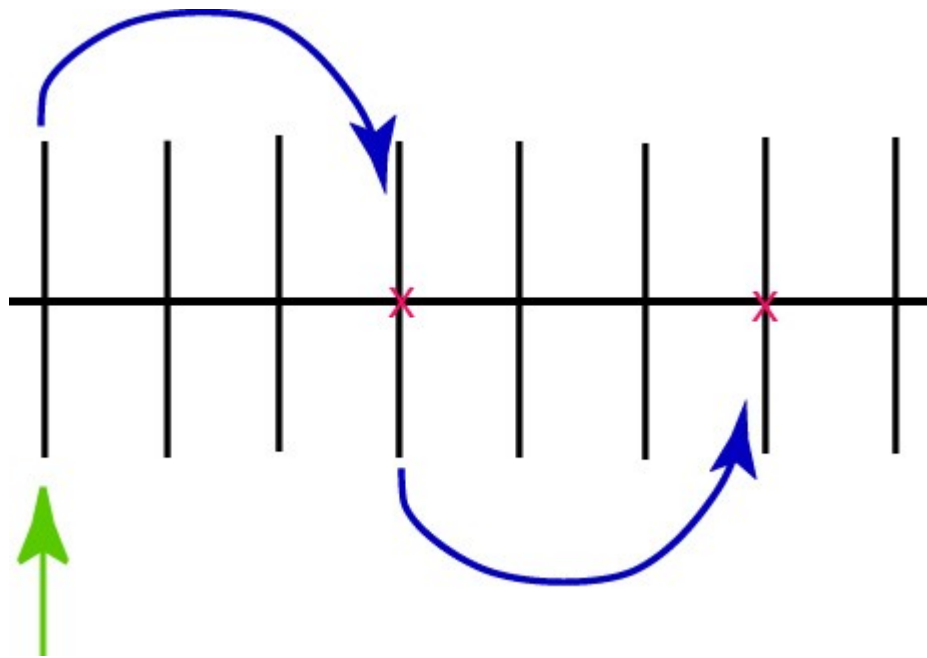
You do not use a parking lot to practice high speed maneuvers. You use parking lot practice to hone your low speed skills. Here are two exercises that I routinely do myself which require no 'props' or imaginary lines.

Following is a diagram of an exercise I have found to be extremely helpful in learning to get control of my bike during slow speed turns. In an empty parking lot find a row of parking lines and approach them (Green arrow in the lower left corner). At the end of a line make a HARD right turn and continue it until you are lined up with another line. Ride that line and at the end of it make a HARD left turn and continue this weaving back and forth (left/right) as often as you can until you can ride each SECOND line. The diagram shows riding each THIRD line which is what most people can do with a little practice.

It is not so much that you learn how far your bike can lean doing this as it is that you learn to aggressively STEER (not counter-steer) at the beginning of each change of direction and what the bike feels like as you establish control of it during the resulting lean.

And, for those of you that like little 'aids' like small orange cones or half tennis balls to mark your desired course - I recommend that you NOT use them at all. They encourage too much attention to themselves as 'targets' - you try entirely too hard NOT to hit them if you get close to them, or too hard to get close to them if you are not very close, and in the process your attention is distracted from the real purpose of the practice.

However, if you must use something like the cones to keep track of your objective course then I recommend that you NOT place them on the ends of the lines but rather in the middle of them (at the spots marked 'X') so that you are encouraged to target 'thru' the turn to where you actually want to end up - else you will find yourself always too wide (crossing the line.) [This is a secondary lesson. That is, using the cones at the start of the lines demonstrates target fixation problems. Using them in the middle of the lines demonstrates that you can USE target fixation to *your* advantage.]



Rider Education *continued*

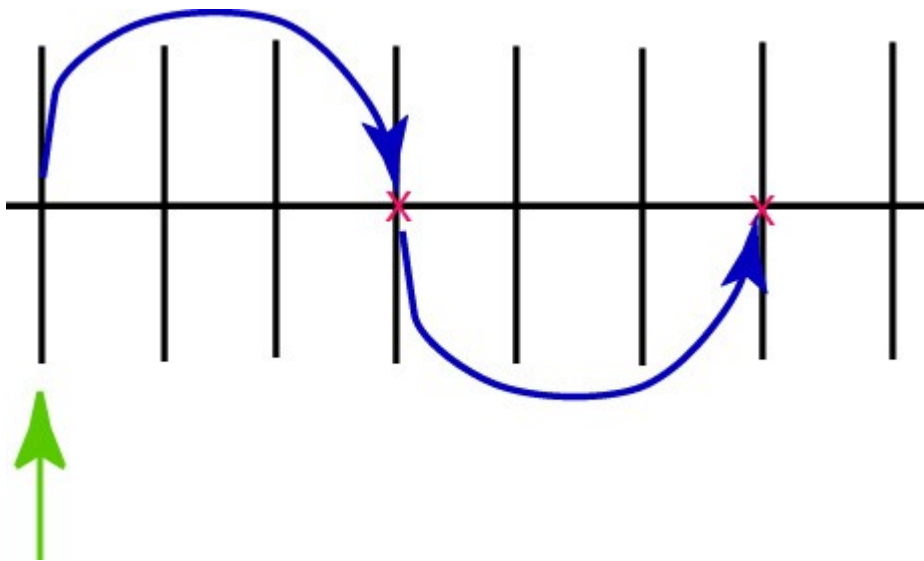


When you first start doing this exercise don't be surprised that you can make the FOURTH line in one direction and not even that in the other direction. That is why you are practicing, right? To find out what your abilities are and improve them.

Also, if you find yourself even modestly disoriented while doing this - STOP and recover your sense of equilibrium before continuing.

Finally, if you NEVER manage to be able to make the second line - so what? The objective is not to teach yourself how to make the tightest turns, it is to teach yourself how to get (establish) and maintain control of your bike in slow turns. As you learn your limits you can be satisfied with progress made (because you can see it) and either come back for more practice at another time or not. The bigger your bike is, the harder it will be to wrestle it into a second line alignment - of course. Again, that is input for you to consider, not a mandate that you make your bike behave like it's 300 pounds lighter than it actually is.

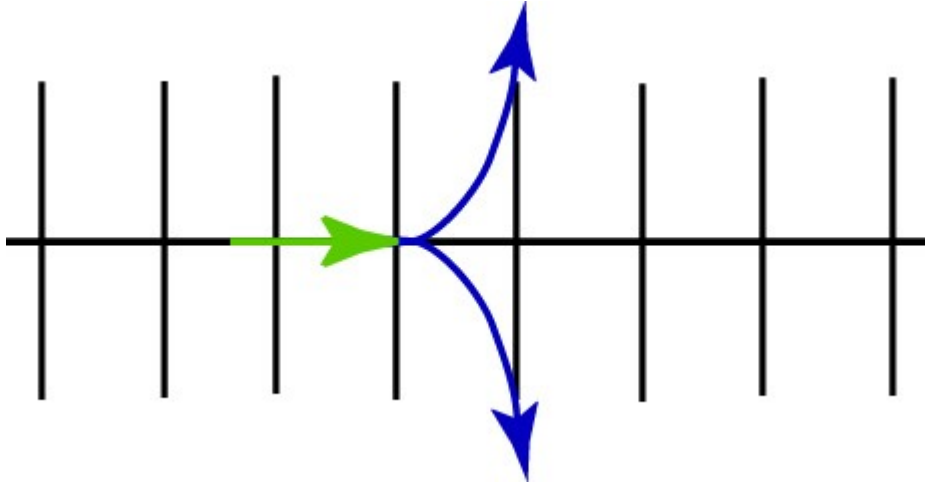
Now, when you are comfortable and accomplished on this exercise, you can advance to its logical next step. That is, instead of using the line to get 'stable' (riding vertical) until the line ends, use the cross over points (red X's) as both your start and end points. Now you will be practicing major shifts in lean angle from one side to the other. Believe me, that will change how many lines you can handle for awhile but it will dramatically help your confidence as when you can do this exercise you will have MASTERED slow speed control!



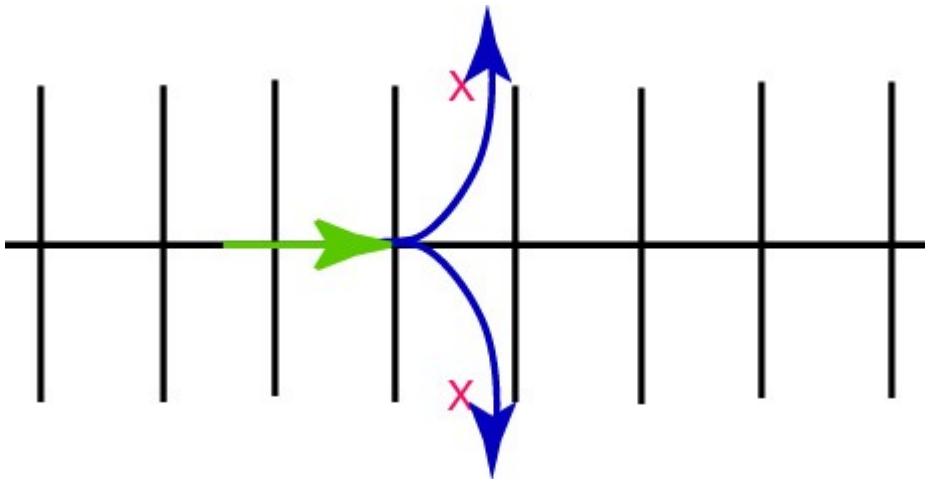
The next practice I do and recommend is one designed to help you do rock solid turns from a dead stop. Put your bike at any cross point in the parking lines (green arrow) - dead stop - then turn your handlebars full stop to the right or the left. Your objective is to RIDE away from a dead stop with no more than ONE step and complete a 90 degree turn before crossing a parking line. I have shown what most new riders tend to do when they try this - that is, they tend to get to the parking line before they are fully vertical and then go wide as they pick up speed. That is what you are trying to learn NOT TO DO.



Rider Education *continued*



The next diagram shows you how to correct that problem. Imagine (or actually use) cones where the red X's are located and TRY to get as close to those cones as possible. This is target fixation working for you again. In very short order, because you are focused on the cones instead of the lines, you will find it to be an easy effort to ride out of any dead stop position and complete a 90 degree turn. In fact, you will find that you have, at least to start with, actually done a 110 degree turn rather than 90 degrees and you can, if you want, continue and make the turn into a slow speed circle because you have reached controlled balance and speed beyond the 'safe' vertical posture you were using as an indication that the turn was completed before you used the cones.

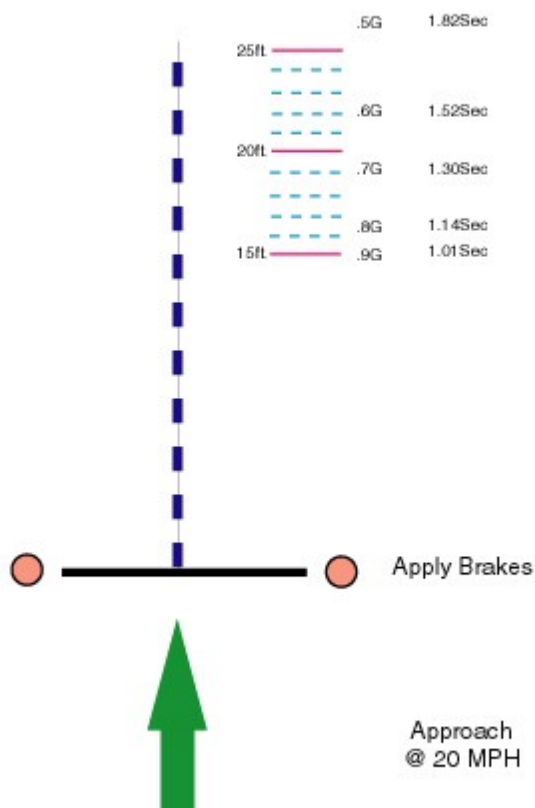


Once you are able to ALWAYS make the 90 degree turn without crossing the line then you can move those cones to the ends of the line you start on instead of midway between lines and again use them as targets. Before long you should be able to make a drive-away 140 degree turn using this practice exercise. (That, it turns out, is what motorcycle police officers must do during their motorcycle skill competition games.)

One last thing ... slow speed control is primarily a function of your LEFT HAND and anything but gentle and smooth braking when leaned over at slow speeds results in dumped bikes. So, keep your right hand OFF the brake lever, and use your left hand to manage the friction zone.

For those of you who wish to do panic stop practice then here is a diagram that should help you.

Rider Education *continued*



Mark a starting gate and measured distances of from 15 to 25 feet. The MSF requires that you be able to stop within 23 feet from a speed of 20 MPH. From the chart you can see that this means a deceleration rate of just under .6Gs and a little over 1.5 seconds to accomplish.

A competent rider should EASILY be able to stop within 19 feet while a VERY SKILLED rider can, with practice, stop within 17 feet at .7Gs. Some racers can stop within 15 feet but that should NOT BE YOUR OBJECTIVE - it involves attaining a deceleration rate in excess of .9Gs and that, in turn, requires exceptionally good tires and roadway surface in addition to superb braking skill.

Note that this is a PANIC STOP exercise. Highway engineers in the United States design roadways and signals with the assumption that at least 90% of all drivers can EASILY stop their vehicles (without any loss of control) within THIRTY-NINE (39) FEET when traveling at 20 MPH. That's a deceleration rate of only .35Gs.

Your objective should be to stop as quickly as you can WITHOUT SKIDDING either tire.

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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, February 2001



Note from the Newsletter Editor, *Sheila Chavez*

Please contact me with information or articles you would like to share with Chapter E members in the WA Chapter E newsletter.

If we have missed any announcement, birthday or anniversary please email me with dates, names and information. If you have pictures, please attach them to your email.

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FACTOIDS & FUNNIES



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

A mother and her very young son were flying Westjet Airlines from Ottawa to Calgary. The boy, who had been quietly looking out the window, turned to his mother and said, 'If big dogs have baby dogs, and big cats have baby cats, why don't big airplanes have baby airplanes?'

The mother, who couldn't think of an answer, told her son to ask the flight attendant. So the boy walked down the aisle and asked the attendant, who was extremely busy serving drinks.

She smiled and asked, 'Did your Mom tell you to ask me?'

The boy answered, 'Yes.'

'Well, you go and tell your Mom that there are no baby airplanes because Westjet always pulls out on time. Have your Mom explain that to you.'



"I like Italian dressing on my salad, but I'm trying to reduce my dependence on foreign oil."



How is an apple like a lawyer?

They both look good hanging from a tree...



A man speaks frantically into the phone. "My wife is pregnant, and her contractions are only two minutes apart!"

Is this her first child?" the doctor queries.

No, you idiot!" the man shouts. "This is her husband!"



Washington District 2009 Calendar of Events

Check the Washington GWRRA web site for flyers and contact information at www.gwrrawa.org for any events you wish to participate with. 2009 will be another great year with great memories made.

2009

JAN 24	Casino Night	WA-I	AUG 8	Picnic in the park	WA-O
FEB 27-MAR 1	Three Rivers Mall Show	WA-P	AUG 13-15	REGION I RALLY,	
MAR 6-8	D Mall Show	WA-D		IDAHO	
MAR 6-8	Surf Watch	WA-E	AUG 16	Show	WA-Q
MAR 28	Bowling Challenge	WA-O	AUG 22-23	Campout	WA-Z
APR 3	Q Auction	WA-Q	AUG 29	Poker Run	WA-X
APR 4	Prosser Breakfast Mtg	WA-M & R	SEPT 4-7	Campout	WA-B
APR 18	Early Spring Fun Run	WA-C	SEPT 3-6	IDAHO DISTRICT RALLY	
APR 19	Brown Bag Auction	WA-N	SEPT 18-20	Oyster Feed	WA-P
MAY 2-3	Fun Run	WA-M	OCT 10	DISTRICT LEADERSHIP	
MAY 22-25	Desert Spring Fling	WA-L		CONFERENCE	
JUN 6	Farmers Parade, Lynden	WA-H	OCT 24	Halloween Dance	WA-Q
JUN 13	Duck Hunt	WA-D	NOV 11	Veterans Day	WA-B
JUN 18-20	OREGON DISTRICT RALLY, PRINEVILLE		DEC 12	Festival of Lights	WA-D
JUN 20	Disabled Veteran's Ride	WA-X	*This calendar is subject to change.		
JUN 25-27	WYOMING DISTRICT RALLY, CHEYENNE				
JUL 1	International Couple Selection at Wing Ding (Shirley and Dale Dufner competing)				
JUL 2-5	WING DING NATIONAL				
JUL 11	Mystery Ride	WA-A			
JUL 16-19	WASHINGTON DISTRICT RALLY, LYNDEN				
JUL 25	Here's Your Sign Run	WA-Q			
JUL 23-25	MONTANA DISTRICT RALLY				
JUL 31-AUG 1	REGION J RALLY				
AUG 1	Harvest Run	WA-B			



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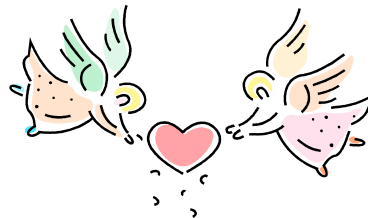




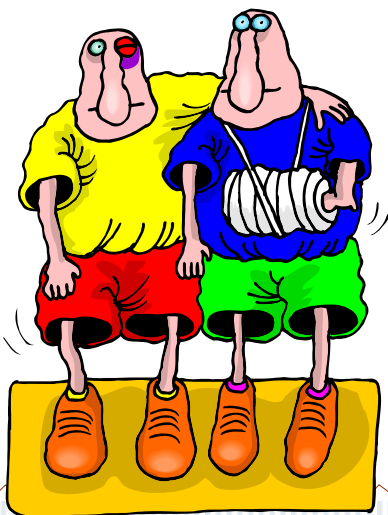
November Birthdays

☆	Ron Johnson	2
☆	Sue Howe	13
☆	Rae Ann Hall	15
☆	Karla Edwards	16
☆	Scott Edwards	22
☆	Garney Arcand	24

Happy Anniversaries November



♡	Scott & Karla Edwards	6
♡	Ron & Kathy Johnson	12
♡	Willie & Penny Rosenow	24



Care's & Concern's

Ron Peck reports that his arm is healing well, and is getting better everyday.

Wishing you a quick recovery Ron
From Your Friends at Chapter E.

Farkle reviews and more!

By Karla Edwards

Logitech Pure-Fi Anywhere This is an excellent speaker system at an affordable price that fits any IPOD system. It comes in a convenient carrying case and utilizes a remote control. It has a rechargeable battery life of 10 hours and while the unit is plugged in it will recharge your IPOD! The system is small enough to carry with you on your motorbike or packed in your suitcase and when you travel will afford you the opportunity to listen to your own quality music while enjoying a beautiful bottle of wine. I purchased one at Costco on sale for \$49.00!



Kermit Chair As Chapter E moves into increased opportunities for motorbike camping, a Kermit chair is on my Christmas list. Hand made in Tennessee and primarily used by the BMW community; it packs into a bag to a length of 22" and 4"x6" in diameter, approximately 5 lbs, and able to withstand a weight up to 350 lbs while tested to over 750 lbs. These touring chairs are not cheap at \$129 but may be the most comfortable compact chairs you will own and ride with. If Santa is out there listening, I prefer the black fabric with the Motogirl emblem along with the name Karla.

For more information, check out their website at <http://www.kermitchair.com/index.html>.

Boutique A trip to the "Boutique" aka Goodwill, is holding many enchantments for motorcycle riders from plenty of Harley Davidson t-shirts to Gerbing heated jackets (lucky David Steik!). I purchased an organizer that I personalized with that beautiful BMW emblem and neatly contains my insurance ID card, registration, anonymous book, riders manual, along with a few extra dollars just in case. During off riding season is a great time to Farkle up.

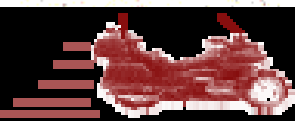
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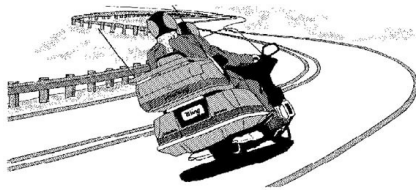


Send yourself an e-mail with yours and your loved ones medications listed on it. Put doses and the times they are taken. Be as specific as possible, including the name of the doctor that prescribed the medication. Make sure that you put the date that the list was written so you can update it as needed. Put the e-mail in a folder. Your checked mail usually is only held for a specific number of days, where a folder remains.

The reason for this, you should be able to check your email from any computer anywhere. You will always have the list of medications that are taken to give to emergency personnel. Just putting a list on your computer does not give you access from any other computer. This is especially important if you travel.

This is a very simple thing to do, but it will make your life easier in an emergency.





GWRRA Washington District Chapter Gathering Sites

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, 1216 Broadway, Everett, WA
2nd Sunday	8:30 AM	D-Aberdeen	Duffy's Restaurant, 1605 Simpson Ave, Aberdeen, WA
4th Sunday	8:30 AM	F-Tacoma	Eagles#3563, 22316 Mountain Hwy E, Spanaway, 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
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	Izzy's Pizza Bar Three Rivers Mall Complex, 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	Crossroads Steakhouse, 201 East Rees Rd, Walla Walla
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, 39929 264th SE, Enumclaw, WA
2nd Saturday	5:30 PM	Z-Centralia	Kickstand Restaurant, in Napavine at Exit 71 off I-5

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



Fall Colors After October Chapter Meeting Ride By Bob Thurgood

Our after meeting activity for the October meeting was the Annual Fall Colors Ride. Bob and Patty Spencer, Andy Haugen (WA-A), Jim and Karen Roberson, Ernie and Sue Sigyarto, Dave and Sheila Chavez and I left the Canyon Park parking lot around 9:30 AM for the annual Northwest Washington ride on a gorgeous fall day.

Riding north -we took 228th east to Hwy 9, north to Maltby Road and east to 522, and on into Monroe - then east a little to Woods Creek Road ...north again through the fall colors into Granite Falls for our first pit stop. Just west of the main town at the Jordan Road light we turned right and then immediately left, taking the "back roads" along the Stillaguamish River to Arlington, then east on Hwy 530 into Darrington. We continued north on 530 for about 9 miles, and turned left onto the Concrete-Sauk Valley Rd, following the Sauk River for about 16 miles. It seemed that we were headed uphill right into the mountains, and going upstream, but the Sauk leads north and west toward its outlet into the Nooksack.

Just before reaching Concrete, we turned left onto the South Skagit Hwy and followed the river for about 30 miles all the way to Sedro Woolley, where we picked up Hwy 20 west into Burlington. We had planned to make the café in the "Steel Dreams" choppers and bikes dealership in Burlington our lunch stop. We were chagrined to learn that the café had closed several months ago because of a health problem. On hungry stomachs, we headed east again back into Burlington and had a late lunch at Bob's Burgers and Brew.

Coming home, we took I-5 south to Conway, east to Hwy 9 and south to home. Altogether, it was a very enjoyable, gorgeous day for a ride! While it was a bit on the chilly side, since we were in the afternoon shadow of the hill for much of the ride as we followed the Sauk north and west, the primarily yellow swath of fall colors - just beginning to show their beauty, made the outing worth it and we all had a great time. It's a shame that no one had brought a camera!

One point of note, the Steel Dreams dealership has relocated and is now located at 3302 Cedardale in Mt. Vernon, on the east side of I-5 just short of exit 225.

Chapter F - South Hill Mall Show and Chapter Q Halloween Dance By Bob Thurgood



The annual South Hill Mall Bike Show in Puyallup sponsored by WA-F took place the weekend of October 24, 2008. This year, I was the only exhibitor from WA-E and was fortunate enough to win another Best In Class trophy against some very fine competition. The "entry fee" is a modest donation to the Food Bank, and a \$10.00 fee if you wanted to have your bike judged. The public at-large were able to vote for a "people's choice" trophy as well. Our trike and trailer combination makes a great looking display, but getting them both to the show, while affording the use of our motor home for the weekend, presented a slight problem. After some impromptu brainstorming, I managed to install a hitch ball in the center of the floor of the big trailer and then scooted the long tongue of the cargo trailer under the trike and hitched it to the ball on the floor. This brought the trailer's wheels well up onto the big trailer's ramp-gate,

which I then secured in the horizontal position with tie-down straps. It worked great!

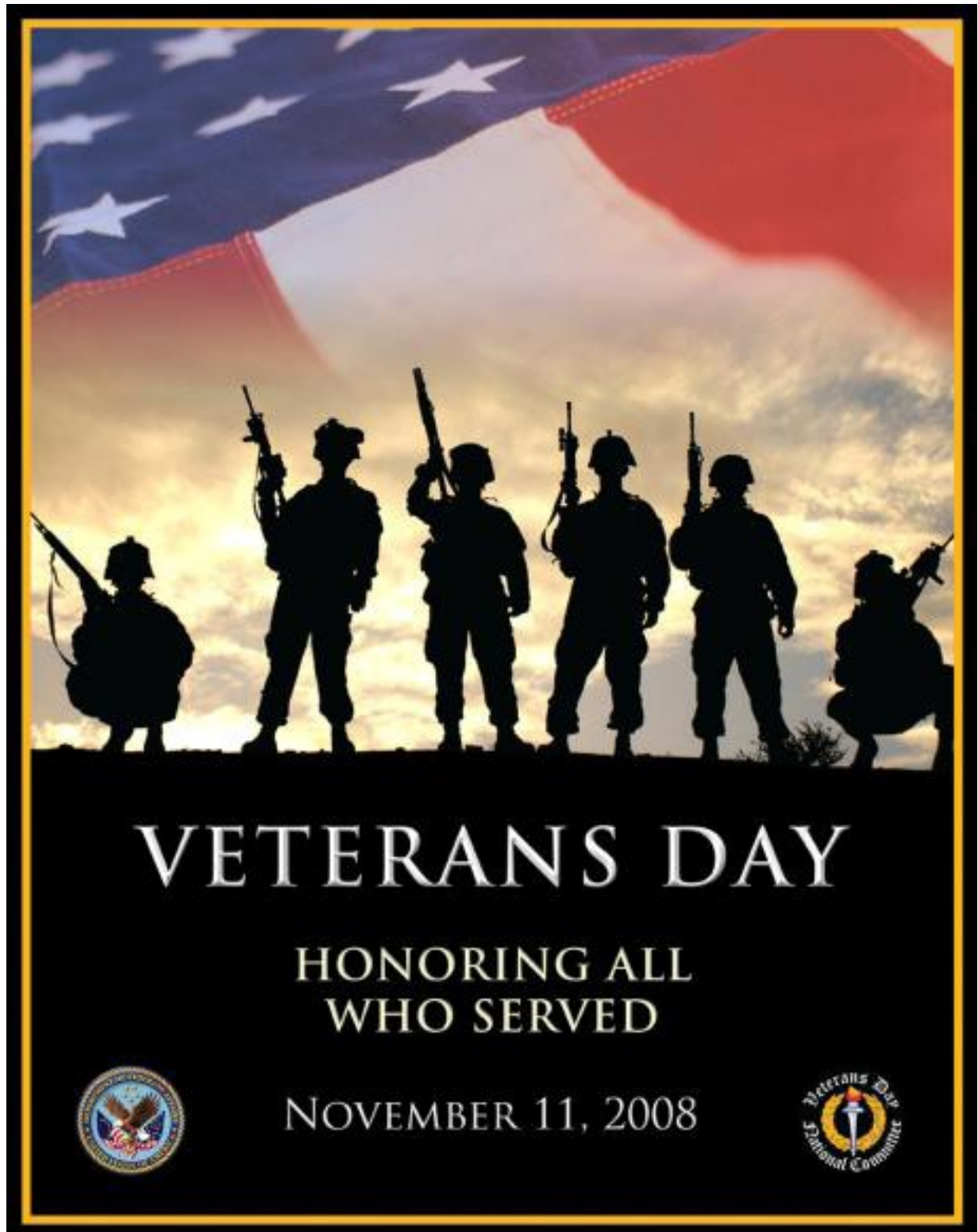
Bob and Patty Spencer dropped by along with Dave and Sheila Chavez on Saturday, and it was fun to walk around with them and catch the many different displays. WA-Z won the best display trophy, with an October/Fall-colors theme, including a great looking wood fence surrounding their bikes. All of the show awards this year were trophies instead of just certificates, which was a nice touch. Kenny Urban of WA-A won the best in show trophy, (which is about three feet high), with his beautiful late model 1800 in a deep 'burnt orange.' Another point of note was a custom-built black trike about 7 feet wide, with a Corvair engine and super-low rider's seat captured a lot of attention. The display won the best in its class, although I couldn't figure out exactly what class that is!

Saturday night brought the crowd (about 85) to the Poodle Dog Restaurant in Fife for a nice Halloween dinner-party and dance, sponsored every year by WA-Q. Nearly everyone there was in costume. The dinner was a combination roast beef/turkey plate, with all the trimmings of a Thanksgiving dinner. A two-piece band kept everyone entertained (and dancing). The Thurgood's costumed up as a beautiful witch and the grim reaper. (Thess was the beautiful witch, just in case you wondered.)

Sunday October 26th was the last day of the motorcycle show, and the bikers were all out of the mall by about 6:45 p.m. Next year let's get a group from WA-E and show off our bikes! We can take the 'best display' trophy! Additionally, efforts are underway to avoid scheduling our Halloween Party on the same weekend, if at all possible. The only negative thing about the bike show was that there could have been many more bikes on display. We can help solve that!



WE REMEMBER





John & Barb's Chapter E Halloween Party
Lot's of Fun for All





November 1, 2008: GWRRA Leadership Conference. The Leadership Conference program schedule was well worth attending this year. Much was accomplished on ensuring GWRRA Finances for the District would be in order, as well as charting the District Ride Calendar for the year 2009. Chapter E was well represented, including a wonderful presentation on Motivating Volunteers by our own Bob Spencer and a great presentation of FUNdraising by Bob Thurgood. The District Ride Calendar is now posted on our Chapter website.

November 8, 2008: Chapter E Movie Day. We need to have some members pull some ideas together and plan an outing if members are interested. Sheila and I will not be able to make this one. Ideas...let us know.

November 11, 2008:



November 15, 2008: Chapter E Breakfast & Chapter Meeting. Denny's at Canyon Park. Join us for our monthly Chapter gathering and meeting. After meeting activity is our Annual Ride Calendar Planning Meeting.

November 20, 2008: Chapter E Dinner Social. Azteca in Redmond. Address is 3040 148th Ave NE, Redmond, WA 98052. Phone 425-885-2828. Reservations were made for 35-40 for 5:30, so let's start making plans to be there or be square!

November 27, 2008: *Happy Thanksgiving*



December 7, 2008: Chapter E Christmas Party. More information to follow, but get it on your calendar! Look for the flyer later this week.

December 12-14, 2008: *Cycle World* International Motorcycle Show.

<http://www.motorcycleshows.com/> They are seeking club ambassadors to volunteer to greet and guide show attendees using our riding expertise in the local riding scene (*we might be able to pick up new recruits who knows*). Interested members should let me know as soon as possible. So far, I have heard from only 2 members.

December 20, 2008: Chapter E Breakfast & Chapter Meeting.

January 24, 2009: Vancouver International Motorcycle Show on Saturday January 24th in Abbotsford, BC. Scott and Karla are planning on making the trek to BC for this event and invite any Chapter members who might be interested in going to join them. Anyone interested in putting together a Chapter group please let me know and we can help pull this together.



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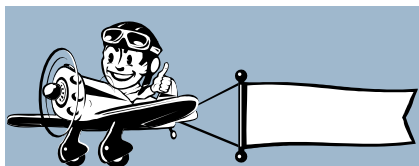
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