

Last month, our December Chapter gathering and meeting on the 20th of the month was to be held at a brand new location, the Redmond Post 2995 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) on 148th **NE... just North of WA**-520 (4330 148th NE). However, the weather threw a curve ball at us and created an impossible situation for the VFW management to get to the hall due to bad road conditions. As result, many of us were there, unfortunately, they were **not. What did we do? The same thing we do when we're out on the road on the bikes...we** adapted and figured out a way to have our meeting. For this month, I fully expect the transition to be complete to our new home.

As we end the old year and begin the new, think about the things that set us apart from most club/association organizations. The fact that we adapted and adjusted so quickly to locate another meeting location is what makes us Gold Wingers so special. Because we are motorcycle people, we have a different way of looking at situations, or at least I feel like we do. For most of us, handling the heavyweight motorcycle is the culmination of many years of experience on the open road in many different situations on much smaller bikes. This experience, for both rider and co-rider, gives us a unique blend of confidence and skills to handle most situations. I believe that blend manifested itself on the day.

This year, I am hopeful that we can continue our Chapter family experiences, increase member participation in Chapter events and activities and maybe pick up some new members along the way. Our Ride Calendar promises to be as active as ever. Beginning with our Surf Watch event in March, we should get the wheels rolling pretty assertively. As you schedule **your New Year's resolutions, make one of them to continue to be a contributing Chapter E** member. While Sheila and I, John and Barb and the other members of my staff can be the energizer bunnies for the Chapter, we need you to make the commitment to support your Chapter as much as you can. Together we can accomplish much to keep our Chapter vibrant and fun for all of us.

Hopefully, your Christmas holiday was everything it could be for you and your families. For the new year coming up, Sheila and I want to wish you and yours the very best for a Happy and prosperous New Year. Together we have accomplished a great deal over the past year with a whole lot more to come in 2009.

Ride Often – Ride Safe













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PRESS RELEASE GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATIONANNOUNCES AVIS/BUDGET DISCOUNT PROGRAM FOR MEMBERS!

Phoenix, AZ (December 1, 2008)— Gold Wing Road Riders Association GWRRA is pleased to announce a new Member Discount Benefit Program. Melissa Eason, Executive Director, has contracted with Avis and Budget Rent A Car to provide an exclusive discount for GWRRA Members. This includes not only Members in the United States* and Canada but our International Members as well.

Members living in the United States^{*} or Canada will receive a 5% discount off the *lowest available discountable time and mileage retail rates* when using GWRRA's Avis Worldwide Discount (AWD) number W699500 or the Budget Corporate Discount (BCD) number Z998400.

GWRRA's International Members will receive the following discounts:

20% Western Europe

10% Africa and Mid East

15% Asia and Pacific

10% Latin America and the Caribbean including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands

Members are encouraged to sign up for complimentary Avis Preferred Service® or Budget Fastbreak® service that let you skip the line and go directly to your car. To sign up, just click here. (Go to the bottom of the page and click on Avis or Budget.) It's that easy! Of course we all prefer our Gold Wings as our main mode of transportation; but for those times when you need to rent a car, please consider using GWRRA's Avis and Budget Programs. Please call our Customer Service Department at 800-843-9460 or 623-581-2500 within Phoenix if you have any questions about the Avis/ Budget Discount Program. (*This Program is not available in Alaska.)

GWRRA, with its motto "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge," is a not-for-profit organization with over 75,000 Members in 52 countries, and 4,000 volunteer leaders providing rider education and social structure, along with **organizing events, rallies, rides and meetings throughout the year. Visit GWRRA's Web sites: www.gwrra.org and** www.wing-ding.org or call (800) 843-9460 or (623) 581-2500 (in Phoenix) for more information.

District Chapter Changes January 4th will be the first of several chapter director changes. Mike and Bijou White will be taking the lead of Chapter B. They have held multiple positions over the years from Chapter Director to Assistant Region Directors. They have a lot to offer in their new positions with Chapter B.

Chapter Z will have a change on the 10th when Jesse and Eva Valentine become the Chapter Directors of Chapter Z, the second Saturday. They also have been Chapter Directors before and again offering up their talents.

The second Sunday, Erv and Phyllis Granahan will become chapter directors at Chapter D. This is their second time in this position and already they are applying their talents. The date is January 11th.

The third Sunday, the 18th will see Dale and Shirley Dufner become Chapter directors at Chapter N. They too have some great idea's. Dale and Shirley hold both District and Region positions. On the west side of the District Doug and Donna Deskin will become Chapter Directors at Chapter I. They also have been in several positions at both District and Region and still hold a Region position.

The fourth Saturday, the 24th, Ken and Sandi Smith will take over at Chapter O. They both are excited and ready to hit the ground running with the chapter.

The fourth Sunday is Chapter F meeting hosted by your Assistant District Directors Bob and Patty Spencer. Bob is ardently looking for a new chapter director for the F troop. Our support to chapter F is important during the transition time. Animal Hazards Swerve or Panic Stop? By: James R. Davis



It doesn't happen very often but even while traveling on a freeway you can suddenly be confronted with an animal in your path. Certainly it happens with some frequency in the country, and on city streets you must be ever concerned about usually domesticated types.

Those of us who ride in the country tend to confront five types of animals with some regularity: deer, dogs, cattle, birds and horses in roughly that order of frequency. On surface streets there are usually just two varieties: dogs and children (both an animal and wildlife in my book.) Dogs on a freeway are usually road kill before you get to them.

If you see an animal in your path, given plenty of warning, the obvious best move is to slow down and give it as wide a clearance as possible. However, in the case of an animal that 'was in front of me out of nowhere' situations, you have an immediate decision to make ... to swerve and try to avoid it, or to panic stop.

That is a false choice to make! If you think that you can figure out where a deer is going to be in the next 5 seconds, you are dead wrong! But more than that, if you think that you can, in a panic, swerve your motorcycle and retain control of it - not run into oncoming traffic, or the side of the mountain, or off the road, or oversteer it into a crash after avoiding the animal, or swerve right into the animal which has jumped into your new path, then you are probably also of the opinion that it can't happen to you in any event.

If you hit a cement truck at 5 mph you will probably walk away from it. If you hit ANYTHING while traveling at 50 mph or faster, you probably will not. The difference is your speed. Swerving does not reduce your speed. What it will do is give away some control.

Your best move is almost always to try a CONTROLLED panic stop. Do not lose control of your bike. Minimize the speed of impact. If you are good, and practiced, you might not hit anything at all. Even if luck is against you you will probably still walk away from it.

I can hear it now: "Even if it's a child?" Absolutely! If that child decides to make a dash for his/her life and chooses (like you) the wrong direction to run in, then you will hit that child with a greater (faster) impact swerving to avoid him/her than if you try to stop the bike.

Of course you aren't doing 50 mph or greater on city streets, right? You are covering your front brake while riding on city streets, right?

Play the odds in your head before you get into the situation. Condition yourself - bias yourself - panic stops are not a bad thing.

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 / 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



"Bob and Patty's Excellent Adventure"

Some of you might not remember that over a year ago when Patty and I stepped down as your chapter directors in October of 2007, the chapter (all of you) gave us a gift certificate to Sun Mountain Lodge in Winthrop, Washington. We were finally able to take the time to use it and we wanted to share the experience with you.



When Patty and I were married over 28 years ago, we brought

four young children together (my two, ages six and ten and her two, ages 6 and 10). We arranged for Patty's sister (who never had kid's of her own) to take care of our four while we were on our honeymoon and decided we should stay fairly close to home and chose Sun Mountain Lodge as our special place.

We had not been back to Sun Mountain since our honeymoon, so your gift certificate was all the more special to us. So special that we wanted to share our long week end with you. Ok, maybe **not all of it....hee hee, but certainly some of it. Since we were married in October we decided to** hold off celebrating our anniversary until Thanksgiving weekend when we could spend four full days without using vacation.

We arrived at the Lodge Thursday afternoon in time to sit down to a traditional Thanksgiving dinner that was being served in the main restaurant, which hangs out over the bluff overlooking **the entire Methow Valley and North Cascades..... Very romantic!** There is no TV in the rooms, so we spent a lot of time reading and napping by the huge fireplaces in the main lobby. It was very relaxing.

As it turned out the town of Winthrop was having their "County Christmas" celebration this weekend, so we blended in with the locals and enjoyed some shopping, a parade, sleigh rides and of course Santa's arrival from a roof top in the middle of town. On Saturday evening we enjoyed watching a "Hot air balloon glow", a huge fire works display and a really cute "Cowboy Christmas" stage show in the "Winthrop Barn" where several locals performed Cowboy



Christmas songs and comedy. On the way back up the mountain to the lodge we counted 46 deer; count them, 46 deer in three miles.

Thank you to all of you for such a wonderful gift. We had a great time. What a perfect weekend and place to celebrate our anniversary and all that we have to be thankful for. We are truly blessed to have so many

friends. Thank you, Sue Sigyarto, for making the initial phone calls for us to come join chapter "E". It's all your fault!

Bob and Patty

By Dave & Sheila Chavez, WAE-CD



The Chapter again had a wonderful gathering to celebrate the Christmas season as a chapter family on the traditional Sunday, December 7, 2008. The festivities were held at our usual location, the Kenmore Community Club in Bothell, WA.

This year the chapter departed from our usual repast of ribs and served turkey and ham, with each attending member bringing their choice of salad, dessert, etc. With approximately 40 members attending, the meal and the conversation was tremendous.

This year our centerpiece after banquet entertainment was a few of us reliving the Gustin's Picnic and reminiscing about

ride calendar activities that occurred during 2008. We were joined in our reverie by none other than Santa who took time out of his busy schedule to bring his jolly old self, fluffy balls and all, to help us recollect and enjoy the moments that amused and entertained us during the year.

Starting in January, we laughed again at John and I paying millions of "bull bucks" for a Quesadilla maker that we ended up auctioning off at our Surf Watch. Surf Watch itself provided lots of funny stuff when we recalled Carolyn Reagle doing some fancy trick riding right into a roadside ditch, Mike Leibold picking Gerri up without a helmet, multiple #7 paddles at the auction that just so happened to be John's #, Karen Roberson and Barb doing an impersonation of awning anchors in gale force winds, and who could forget our rendition of the "Who the #@*+ is Alice?" sing along song at the local Ocean Shores Irish Pub!

In June we remembered the "hurricane-like" winds at Hurricane Ridge and our chapter rebels John and Barb conveniently backing into a parking space just beneath the "No Back-in Parking" sign during our overnighter to Forks and the Rain Forest! July found us once again at our annual Gustin's Picnic where many of us vividly remembered the budding romance of Luke and Rosie! Later that month, the District Rally in Lynden provided many great memories of hanging around the "candle campfire" in the company of a "larger than life" bottle of wine, the "there's always room for one more" Jell-O Shooters, the hospitality of breakfast & popcorn of the Peck's, the "Reagle Eagle" making his debut at our chapter's tee shirt contest win, Bob Thurgood and some downright fancy driving when he attempted to drive home while still plugged in to a darn handy power source (who needs a battery!!), and Penny helping us one-up Chapter A by properly outfitting the Chapter A monkeys hanging all over our eagles with stylish Chapter E scarves.

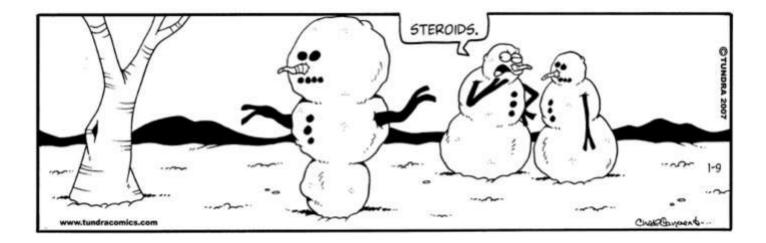
We laughed again as we recalled when on our Idaho District Rally road trip Bob Reagle delicately decorated Bob's bike with Hummus that looked an awful lot like something else, and Ron Peck winning his category of the bike light show on his "black beauty".

Whistler weekend provided several giggles as we reminisced Karla's effort to transform us into the "skeleton gang" Apple Dumpling version, Marna's cosmetic make-over with special, extra-fine "whistler dust" after riding hell bent for leather on a quad-runner, and, of course, Ron missing out on the Zip-Line because he was hanging out at the Whistler Resort Emergency Room!

We had a great time, sharing memories, laughing at ourselves and enjoying each other's company. Chapter E always makes the most of our Christmas Party and this year was no exception. We can hardly wait for next year's party and all the stuff we end up doing in between.

FACTOIDS & FUNNIES

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



- Chemical and <u>biological warfare</u> have been used long before World War 1. During the Peloponnesian War in the 5th century BC, Spartans used sulphur and pitch to overcome the enemy. During ancient and medieval times, soldiers sometimes threw bodies of plague victims over the walls of besieged cities, or into water wells. During the French and Indian wars in North America (1689-1763), blankets used by smallpox victims were given to American Indians in the hope they would carry the disease.
- \bigstar New Zealand is home to 4 million people and 70 million sheep.
- The muscle that lets your eye blink is the fastest muscle in your body. It allows you to blink 5 times a second. On average, you blink 15 000 times a day. Women blink twice as much as men.
- \bigstar Unless food is mixed with saliva you cannot taste it.
- We have four basic tastes. The salt and sweet taste buds are at the tip of the tongue, bitter at the base and sour along the sides.



Washington District 2009 Calendar of Events

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

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JAN 24	Casino Night WA-I			
FEB 27-MAR 1	Three Rivers Mall Show	WA-P		
MAR 6-8	D Mall Show	WA-D		
<u>MAR 6-8</u>	Surf Watch	WA-E		
MAR 28	Bowling Challenge WA-0			
APR 3	Q Auction WA-			
APR 4 R	Prosser Breakfast Mtg WA-M &			
APR 18	Early Spring Fun Run	WA-C		
APR 19	Brown Bag Auction WA-N			
MAY 2-3	Fun Run WA-M			
MAY 22-25	Desert Spring Fling	WA-L		
JUN 6	Farmers Parade, Lynden	WA-H		
JUN 13	Duck Hunt	WA-D		
JUN 18-20	OREGON DISTRICT RALLY, PRINEVILLE			
JUN 20	Disabled Veteran's Ride WA-X			
JUN 25-27	WYOMING DISTRICT RALLY CHEYENNE	ί,		
JUL1	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			

AUG 8	Picnic	in the park	WA-0
AUG 13-	-15	REGION I RALLY, IDAHO	
AUG 16		Show WA	
AUG 22	-23	Campout	WA-Z
AUG 29		Poker Run	WA-X
SEPT 4-7		Campout	WA-B
SEPT 3-6	5	IDAHO DISTRICT R	ALLY
SEPT 18-20		Oyster Feed	WA-P
OCT 10		DISTRICT LEADEF	SHIP
OCT 24		Halloween Dance	WA-Q
NOV 11		Veterans Day	WA-B
DEC 12		Festival of Lights	WA-D

*This calendar is subject to change.

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Note from the Newsletter Editor, Sheila Chavez

Please contact me with information, articles and/or pictures you would like to share with Chapter E members in our newsletter.

If I have missed any announcement, birthday or anniversary please email me with dates, names and information. If you have pictures and/or stories, please attach them to your email. Email Sheila @ <u>dashwae@comcast.net</u>

If you have pictures to add to the Chapter E Website please email John Smith, Chapter E Assistant Chapter Director & Webmaster @: john.smith@tideworks.com Gold Wing Road Riders Association, Upcoming WA-E Calendar of Events

January 1, 2009: Happy New Year to all of Chapter E and look forward to a great new year and good times with all of you.

January 17, 2009: <u>Chapter E Breakfast & Chapter Meeting</u>: VFW Redmond Post 2995 @ 7:30

Address: 4330 148th Ave. NE, Redmond

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January 22, 2009: <u>Chapter E Dinner Social</u> Newport Bay Restaurant at 5:30 PM Address: 10426 Northup Way, Kirkland, Telephone 425.827.2722

January 24, 2009: <u>Vancouver International Motorcycle Show</u> Abbotsford, BC. Scott and Karla are planning on making the trek to BC for this event and invite any Chapter members to join them.

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January 24, 2009 WA-I Casino Night @ Camp Murray (Go to Chapter E website <u>www.gwrra-wae.org/</u> calendar for link to flyer and registration).

February 14, 2009: Chapter E Polar Bear PLP, Redmond High School (more information to follow)

February 14, 2009: Chapter E Game Night @ Ernie & Sue (more information to follow)

February 21, 2009: <u>Chapter E Breakfast/Chapter Meeting after</u> meeting Museum of Glass Tacoma:

VFW Redmond Post 2995 @ 7:30Address: 4330 148th Ave. NE, Redmond

Museum of Glass: Check out the website @ <u>www.museumofglass.org</u> more information to follow.

February 26. 2009: <u>Chapter E Dinner Social</u>
Celtic Bayou Restaurant @ 5:30 PM
Address: 7281 W. Lake Sammamish NE, Redmond, Telephone: 425.869.5933

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GWRRA Washington District Chapter Gathering Sites

4th Saturday	9:00AM	A-Seattle	New location Old Country Buffet, 25630 104th Ave. SE, Kent, 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, Napavine, 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



<u>http://www.hondadirectlineusa.com/stores/index.asp?str=4</u> <u>http://www.motorbikestoday.com/reviews/Articles/hon_goldwing_04.htm</u> <u>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Motorcycle_safety</u>

