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WA-E

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***"Friends for Fun,
Safety and Knowledge"***

Message from our Chapter Directors

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



It is just about time to start getting excited about riding again. Despite the recent news from Gobbler's Knob, Pennsylvania, that Punxsutawney Phil has seen his shadow and, therefore, predicts 6 more weeks of winter, I have a feeling that we might start seeing some reasonably decent weather fairly soon. However, because we are optimistic motorcycle people, we will operate on that assumption and start to get excited about the upcoming ride season. Just by way of a reminder, the first thing to get excited about is the District Ride Challenge that started on January 1, 2009! The challenge is basically this: the District Chapter that accumulates the most safe riding miles (cumulative for the Chapter for all actual riders) between January 1 and June 30, 2009 wins. So, what does that mean exactly? It means very simply, unless it is an absolute downpour or snowing, get out and ride Chapter E! Since it was us that posed the challenge to the rest of the state, we have to have a good showing, if not win it outright.

Also, there are several leadership changes occurring around the state that promises some new energy for the New Year! Our GWRRA District family is seeing quite a few changes at the CD level occurring during January and February. Chapters B, F, D, I, N, O & Z will see brand new Chapter Directors...some really brand new and some stepping up for the second time around. That is what I would most definitely refer to as new beginnings for the District. Knowing firsthand what this means in terms of a commitment, these leadership volunteers that have stepped up to this new role for the GWRRA family deserve our support and thanks.

For us, things are pretty stable. Sheila and I aren't going anywhere for right now and I know I also speak for John and Barb in saying that we remain committed to serving the Chapter E membership in the New Year. Our Ride Calendar begins with our annual Surf Watch event in March. If you have not already done so, please make your reservation to attend and have some fun with the rest of your Chapter family and maybe pick up some valuable auctions items, or contribute some valuable auction items for someone else to enjoy.

Thank you for your continued support...together we can continue to keep our Chapter vibrant and fun for all of us.

Ride Often – Ride Safe

Dave & Sheila



★ NEW LOCATION

Meeting this month is:

New Site:

Saturday

February 21, 2009

VFW Post 2995

Redmond

4330 148th Ave. NE

Redmond, WA

Breakfast

Meeting Hours:

Breakfast begins at

7:15 AM

Meeting at 8:15 AM



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NEWS PAGE



New Discount Benefit Added to GWRRA Membership Program

Phoenix, AZ (January 1, 2009) — Phoenix, AZ – Melissa Eason, Executive Director of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA), announced a new Discount Program for the Association. The program will begin January 1, 2009, and will be open to all Members of GWRRA. Members of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA), the world's largest single-marque social organization for owners and riders of Honda Gold Wing and Valkyrie motorcycles, will be eligible to take their Office Max Retail Connect Card to any Office Max retail store location and receive discounts on a long list of products. This Retail Connect Card can be obtained by downloading it from the GWRRA *Wing World* website at <http://www.wingworldmag.com/> or cutting out the appropriate page in their February, 2009, *Wing World* magazine. Then, each Member can take the page to their local Office Max retail store to have a permanent, laminated card prepared.

The special number on each card is then scanned and GWRRA's special pricing will automatically appear at the register when you are ready to purchase your products. There is a long list of products that are specially priced...too many to list here. For the OfficeMax retail store nearest your location, visit www.officemax.com and use the store finder.

Founded in 1977, the Gold Wing Road Riders Association is the largest single marque motorcycle organization in the world, with 75,000 Members in 52 countries. Call 800-843-9460 or in Phoenix 623-581-2500 for information or to join or renew.

New Region I Directors

We are Steve and Sandy Henicksman and reside in Idaho Falls, Idaho. We have four children, eight grandchildren, two cats and a Golden Retriever. Fortunately, all live in Southeast Idaho. I am a native of Idaho, and Sandy is a transplant from Sunny California. Truth be known, Sandy prefers Idaho primarily because she is a Christmas fanatic and loves a white Christmas.



Our involvement with GWRRA began in 1994 after purchasing a 1993 Candy Red 1500, and we now tow an Aspencade trailer with a bra that reads "Sandra's Suitcase". As many of you, we were looking for some riding companions and attended a dinner gathering of the local Chapter ID-E. When we arrived, the Chapter Couple immediately made us feel welcome. Well, it was not very long until we found ourselves being the Newsletter Editors for the Chapter. That lasted for a few years and was somewhat more of a chore then than now as very few had email, so all were sent out snail mail. Boy, have things changed in the last few years!

From there we had the privilege of becoming Region Trainers. Wow, what a great time we had for the three years we participated in this great program. Not only did we learn a lot but made friends in this country and in Canada. To this day we keep in touch and visit each other whenever possible.

This came to an end when our jobs were transferred to the Bay Area in California. Both of us work for the same company, Sandy for 33 years and Steve for 46 years. Much to my surprise, we did not ride as much in California as we had in Idaho. Between a long commute and the terrible traffic, the rides became fewer and fewer. That lasted from 1997 through 2000 when the company decided they had made an error and transferred us back to Idaho. What a wonderful day that was for us.



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Within six months after returning to Idaho, we were asked to become the Assistant District Directors for a couple of years and then on to be the District Directors for another couple of years. Just when we thought it was time for a break, we were asked to become Assistant Directors for Region I. Somewhere along the way we ended up with the button most know on sight as the broken NO button. As the button was broken, we could not say no and on to another couple of years as the Assistant Region Directors. The button is still broken, so for the next couple years Sandy and I will be the Directors for Region I. We truly believe that you have more fun when you are involved.

Obviously we really enjoy our involvement with GWRRA and the great people that comprise the membership. In fact, we feel that the true value of the organization is the people and the many great friends we have made over the years. We are looking forward to the next couple of years with all the rides and the new friends out there just waiting to give and get hugs.

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.



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New Renewal Program

Phoenix, AZ – Melissa Eason, Executive Director of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA), announced a new Renewal Program for the Association. The program will begin January 1, 2009 and run through December 31, 2009. It will be open to all Members of GWRRA.

Features of this new program for the Association are that Members who renew for three (3) years will be eligible for quarterly prizes, as well as a grand prize, that will be drawn at the end of the year...a FREE room for four (4) nights at Wing Ding 32! Some of the companies donating quarterly prizes for this program are **Wing Stuff, Big Bike Parts, Aerostitch, Pak It Rak, Gene's Gallery, Chrome World, Hannigan, Autumn Riders, Dreamers Fashion** and **Diamond Gusset Jeans**.

A total of thirteen prizes will be drawn in 2009, three prizes each quarter and one grand prize at the end of the year will be randomly drawn from all those Members who renew for three (3) years. The three quarterly prizes will be drawn immediately following each fiscal quarter. The Grand Prize, a FREE 4-night stay for Wing Ding 32, will also be randomly drawn immediately following the end of the last quarter in 2009.

Winners will be contacted by Melissa, as well as listed in *Wing World* and placed on the GWRRA website at www.gwrro.org and at www.wing-ding.org

Members who renew their membership for three years save \$15 on an Individual or Family Membership. As a bonus, Members who renew in 2009 for a three-year membership can get Rescue Plus for \$60, that is a saving of 20%! As an example, a Family can get their three-year GWRRA membership for \$150, plus Rescue Plus for \$60, for a total of \$210. Now, you are completely enrolled with GWRRA and covered by Rescue Plus for your motorcycle and cars for a full three years at a savings of \$30!

Call 800-843-9460 or in Phoenix 623-581-2500 to renew NOW!

New Recognition Program

Phoenix, AZ – Melissa Eason, Executive Director of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA), announces a new Recognition Program for the Association. The program will begin January 1, 2009 and run through December 31, 2010. It will be open to all Members of GWRRA.

This program is designed to say thank you to all GWRRA Members for sharing GWRRA with other motorcyclists. For every two new households you recruit, you will receive a \$5 gift certificate that could be used for Goodies, Membership Renewal, or for Wing Ding Registrations. There are no limitations on how many certificates you can receive but they are non-transferable and only valid for one year. This program will run for two years and then be re-evaluated.

We have brought back the Hangar Tags to help our Members take part in this program. The Hangar Tags, for those who are not familiar, are cardstock, pre-addressed forms that you can fill in a potential Member's information, and they can receive a FREE copy of *Wing World* magazine or even join GWRRA right then and there. Or you can simply place the card on someone's antennae, if they are not near their Gold Wing and they can fill in the information and mail it in later. Make sure you add your information, so you can get the recruiter credits! All you have to do is e-mail or call Customer Service, and they will be more than happy to send these great recruiting tools to you.

Call 800-843-9460 or in Phoenix 623-581-2500 to get more information or to receive your Hangar Tags NOW!



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Changing Our Focus for 2009

I believe each of us has been effected in some way by the downturn in our economy. Some of us have been hit hard: losing our jobs, our retirement, and even our homes. At the very least, we can all say we know someone that has been hurt by the recession to some degree.

So this year we need to change our focus back to riding and having fun and getting away from the fundraising. There has been a lot of criticism from Members who say their Chapters always need money for something, be it a charity, a rally or some event that is going to cost them money out of their pockets. Even just a dinner ride can cost money that some may not have.

GWRRRA is trying to assist Members in every way we can. We have implemented a split-payment plan for membership renewal. A Member can now make two payments, one each month, instead of paying the entire amount at one time. We've also added some very nice discount programs with Avis/Budget Car Rental and Office Max, and we are continuing to look for discount insurance and health programs. We have continued to give a \$15 discount for three year renewal with Rescue Plus and our new recruiting program is giving \$5 gift certificates for every two new recruits.

We know that Chapters need money to operate. But let's look at some other ways we can raise money without cost to Members.

1. Go to local businesses and get them to advertise in Newsletters.
2. Cut back on dinner rides and do a picnic or potluck ride instead.
3. Join forces with another Chapter or organization to help your Chapter charities so it is not solely out of one Chapter's pocket.
4. Have bike washes and/or windshield washes at rest stops.
5. Have 50/50 drawings every other month instead of every month.
6. Use Office Max for your supplies and receive the GWRRRA discount.
7. Stop mailing the newsletters to everyone. Only mail to those who do not have access to a computer. This will not only save on postage but on ink and printing.

There are lots of other ways to raise funds that are not even listed here. Send me your ideas and I'll get them posted so we can share them with everyone.

We need to change our mind-set and get back to the FUN of GWRRRA. Let's try to help alleviate some of the stress of these hard times and give Members a free outlet for FUN.

Washington District News

◆ **Westside Rider Education Workshop, Buckley, WA.** http://www.gwrra-wa.org/Flyers/2009_Westside_Rider_Ed_Workshop.pdf

Four wheels move the body, two wheels move the soul!

Rider Education



Motorcycle Accident Statistics (More every year)

by webBikeWorld.com staff

The mission of the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is straightforward: "Save lives, prevent injuries, reduce vehicle-related crashes."

Although every Federal government agency seems overly politicized lately, and NHTSA quite often gets beaten up by various interest groups, the agency does publish some technical information which is relevant. It's too bad they haven't taken their mission just a little more seriously and spent the few million bucks it would take to update the "[Hurt Report](#)", which would have the potential of saving the lives of motorcyclists.

In any case, NHTSA has recently updated their "[Recent Trends in Fatal Motorcycle Crashes](#)" study. The 63-page .pdf file contains some interesting information for students of motorcycle accidents that we'll summarize here.

The updated report uses NHTSA's *Fatality Analysis Reporting System*, or "FARS" data. The FARS was developed in 1975 by the National Center for Statistics and Analysis (NCSA) "to assist the traffic safety community in identifying traffic safety problems and evaluating both motor vehicle safety standards and highway safety initiatives".

Data in FARS includes motor vehicle traffic crashes that result in the death of an occupant of a vehicle or a non-motorist within 30 days of the crash. FARS is used by researchers and other interested parties to run analyses on traffic, vehicle safety and road safety. No personal information is kept in the FARS database.

Some have criticized the FARS database because it depends heavily on the methods used by the "first responders" at the accident scene to report the incident. The quality control standards for entering this information can vary.

Report Summary

The NHTSA report shows that there is a greater involvement of riders in the 40 and above age group and larger (1,001-1,500 cc) engine motorcycles in fatal crashes. This has been criticized by some who say that it only states the obvious; more riders over 40 are involved in fatal crashes because the rates of motorcycle ownership for riders over 40 have increased since the last time the report was issued. But not many people have actually seen the chart that is the cause of the controversy:

Ownership of Motorcycles by Age Group			
Age	Year		
	1990	1998	2003
Under 18	8.3%	4.1%	3.7%
18 – 24	15.5%	10.6%	10.8%
25 – 29	17.1%	10.9%	7.6%
30 – 34	16.4%	11.5%	8.9%
35 – 39	14.3%	16.0%	10.4%
40 – 49	16.3%	24.6%	27.9%
50 and Over	10.1%	19.1%	25.1%
Not Stated	2.0%	3.2%	5.6%
Median Age	32.0 Years	38.0 Years	41.0 Years
Mean Age	33.1 Years	38.1 Years	40.2 Years
Source: Motorcycle Industry Council statistics, 2004 webBikeWorld.com			

As the chart above shows, motorcycle ownership for riders between the ages of 40 and 49 grew from 16.3% to nearly 28% from 1990 to 2003 (the latest year for which statistics are available). Motorcycle ownership also increased by about 25% in the 50 and over age group during the same period. The median age (50% over and 50% under) rose from 32 to 41 years old during the same period, and the average jumped from 33.1 years old to 40.2. Overall, between 1995-2004, the number of registered motorcycles rose by 1,883,679, an increase of 48%.



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So the criticism has some validity, because it makes sense that, as older riders come to represent a larger proportion of overall riders, a greater percentage of accidents will occur among older riders.

Thus, many motorcycle writers have discounted the NHTSA data as a "sky is falling" mentality. It has been said that analysts who should know better are claiming all sorts of reasoning for why the motorcycle accident rate for over-40 riders is increasing.

But here's another chart from the NHTSA report that gives a better picture of the story. It is the "normalized" data, showing the number of registered motorcycles, the miles traveled per year and the corresponding fatality rates. In essence, it takes the age data out of the equation (although each age group still contributes to the rates):

Motorcycle Rider Fatalities and Fatality Rates by Year and Per Registered Vehicle and Vehicle Miles of Travel					
Year	Registered Motorcycles	Vehicle Miles Traveled (Millions)	Motorcycle Rider Fatalities	Fatality Rate per 100,000 Registered Motorcycles	Fatality Rate per 100 Million VMT
1995	3,897,191	9,797	2,227	57.14	22.73
1996	3,871,599	9,920	2,161	55.82	21.78
1997	3,826,373	10,081	2,116	55.30	20.99
1998	3,879,450	10,283	2,294	59.13	22.31
1999	4,152,433	10,584	2,472	59.53	23.46
2000	4,346,068	10,469	2,897	66.66	27.67
2001	4,903,056	9,639	3,197	65.20	33.17
2002	5,004,156	9,552	3,270	65.35	34.23
2003	5,370,035	9,577	3,714	69.16	38.78
2004	5,780,870	10,048	4,008	69.33	39.89
Source: NCSA, FARS 1995-2003 (Final), 2004 (ARF). VMT, Registered Motorcycles – FHWA					

webBikeWorld.com

The key figure here is the "Fatality Rate per 100 Million" (miles traveled), which has nearly doubled from 22.73 to 39.89 fatalities per 100 million miles traveled during the period of 1997 to 2004 ([See Note 1 below](#)). This is the chart that should be the focus of concern, because the numbers are sobering.

Compiling the rates as a "per 100 million miles traveled" normalizes the data (somewhat) by removing the age effect and the increase in numbers of registered motorcycles to make the comparisons relatively equal across the years. When you consider that motorcycle technology, tires (radial tires were rare in 1995, for example), brakes, helmets, clothing and even rider knowledge improve each year, it's obvious that motorcyclists have a serious problem.

The bottom line? Forget about the age issue, it's a non sequitur. The real issue is immutable: regardless of age categories, the motorcycle fatality rate has increased dramatically since 1997 and shows no signs of moderating in the future. What are we as motorcyclists going to do about it?

Summary Findings of the NHTSA Report

NHTSA reported it correctly, if only the scribes would interpret the results. The report states that "Motorcycle rider fatalities decreased each year from 1995 to 1997, reaching a historic low of 2,116 in 1997. Beginning in 1998 this trend was reversed and motorcycle rider fatalities have increased each year.

Since 1997 motorcycle rider fatalities have increased by 89 percent from 2,116 to 4,008 in 2004. NHTSA previously released a comprehensive report in 2001 based on increases in motorcycle rider fatalities for two consecutive years (1998 and 1999). The latest 2004 data show that motorcycle rider fatalities increased for the seventh year in a row since 1997. This report is an update to the previously released report in 2001 along with more recent data from 1995 to 2004.

Rider Education *continued*

If the patterns seen in the analyses continue as seen from the combination of data sources, there is the likelihood that the increase in motorcycle rider fatalities will continue in the future years also."

These findings could aid in the design of crash prevention programs:

- Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) data show an increase in the number of on highway motorcycles and motorcycle registration data from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) also show an increase in the number of registered motorcycles.
- MIC data show an increase in motorcycle ownership in the 40 and above age group and FARS data show an increase in motorcycle rider fatalities in the age group of 40 and above in the last 10 years.
- According to MIC, sales of motorcycles with larger engine sizes have increased over the past years, corresponding to FARS data where an increased number of motorcycle rider fatalities involve a motorcycle with a larger engine size.
- An increased number of motorcycle rider fatalities in the 40 and above age group were seen on rural roadways.
- Among roadway types, undivided roadways accounted for a majority of motorcycle rider fatalities.
- Speeding is one of the major contributing factors in motorcycle crashes especially among motorcycle riders under the age of 30.
- Motorcycle operators with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 g/dL or higher continue to be a major problem.
- Helmet use among fatally injured motorcycle riders has remained constant, at just above 50 percent in the last ten years.
- About two-thirds (66%) of the fatally injured motorcycles riders in States without universal helmet laws in 2004 were not wearing helmets compared to 15 percent in States with universal helmet laws.
- Among all riders, motorcycle operator fatalities under the age of 20 had larger percentages of improperly licensed riders.

Bob Reagle, Chapter Educator

Chapter E Library

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| ◆ Book: Street Strategies by David L. Hough | ◆ Book: Proficient Motorcycling by David L. Hough |
| ◆ VHS: Co-Rider from GWRRA (2002) | ◆ VHS: Gary Sanford's Slow Speed Cycling Seminar |
| ◆ VHS: Part 1: Helmet Effectiveness (Hurt Report) | ◆ Part 2: Co-Rider from GWRRA (Pre-2002) |
| ◆ VHS: GWRRA & Safeco present Touring & Braking / Trailing (1996) | ◆ VHS: Buying Motorcycle Helmets (Snell Memorial Foundation) |
| ◆ VHS: Basic Maintenance of the 1500 Goldwing with Andy MacDonald | ◆ Report: Fatal Single Vehicle Motorcycle Crashes, October 2001 |
| ◆ VHS: Advanced Maintenance for the 1500 Goldwing with Andrew MacDonald | ◆ Report: Drowsy Driving and Automobile Crashes |
| ◆ Report: Impaired Motorcycle Riding: What Motorcyclists Think About Alcohol and Motorcycling, February 2001 | |
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Washington District 2009 Calendar of Events

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

2009

			AUG 8	Picnic in the park	WA-O
JAN 24	Casino Night	WA-I	AUG 13-15	REGION I RALLY, IDAHO	
FEB 27-MAR 1	Three Rivers Mall Show	WA-P	AUG 16	Show	WA-Q
MAR 6-8	D Mall Show	WA-D	AUG 22-23	Campout	WA-Z
<u>MAR 6-8</u>	<u>Surf Watch</u>	<u>WA-E</u>	AUG 29	Poker Run	WA-X
MAR 28	Bowling Challenge	WA-O	SEPT 4-7	Campout	WA-B
APR 3	Q Auction	WA-Q	SEPT 3-6	IDAHO DISTRICT RALLY	
APR 4	Prosser Breakfast Mtg	WA-M & R	SEPT 18-20	Oyster Feed	WA-P
APR 18	Early Spring Fun Run	WA-C	OCT 10	DISTRICT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE	
APR 19	Brown Bag Auction	WA-N	OCT 24	Halloween Dance	WA-Q
MAY 2-3	Fun Run	WA-M	NOV 11	Veterans Day	WA-B
MAY 22-25	Desert Spring Fling	WA-L	DEC 12	Festival of Lights	WA-D
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				
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			
<u>JUL 16-19</u>	<u>WASHINGTON DISTRICT RALLY, LYNDEN</u>				
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			

***This calendar is subject to change.**

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February Birthday's

Bob Thurgood	4
Doug Newbury	6
Ron Peck	19

February Anniversaries



Dennis & Margorie Sarver 14

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.

Special Reminder: Don't forget to look for your membership number hidden somewhere in our newsletter. If you find your number, this could mean \$ for you if you tell us at the Chapter E meeting of the month of the newsletter. We encourage you to identify yourself at the meeting.

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 @ dashwae@comcast.net

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



Chapter E Polar Bear PLP, Redmond High School (more information to follow)

February 14, 2009: Happy Valentine's Day, Chapter E Game Night @ Ernie & Sue Sigyarto's home. Address and directions will be out soon. The following is message in Ernie's own words.

*February 14th, Saturday at 6 pm begins our Valentine's Day Game Night. The theme is wear RED. Not just a token red like what's done on St Patrick's Day but as close to a Full Immersion RED as possible. John will be checking you at the door and will have red garments that you Won't want to wear. Due to the entertainment, Champaign fountains, servers, etc; **it is imperative that you RSVP Sue and I that you will be attending at enssigyarto@verizon.net**. Sue will be preparing Pork Loins with an optional sauce and arroz con queso and Jim and Karen have committed to their famous "Pigs in a Blanket" that was so popular at the Christmas Party. We ask that you bring either Salad or Desert. We also may need appetizers or snacks to share. But most importantly wear RED. Also, no peas, carrots, Brussel sprouts, lima beans, green beans, asparagus, celery, beets, cauliflower, razons etc; since we have received many complaints from those suffering from Awful Stuff Intolerance Syndrome. Thank you. Ernie and Sue*

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

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

After Meeting fun: Museum of Glass, Check out the website @ www.museumofglass.org more information to follow.

February 26, 2009: Chapter E Dinner Social

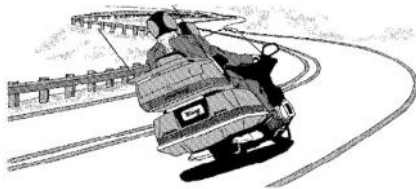
Celtic Bayou Restaurant @ 5:30 PM

Address: 7281 W. Lake Sammamish NE, Redmond, Telephone: 425.869.5933

March 6-8, 2009: "Chapter E Surf Watch at Ocean Shores" Our Chapter's only fund raiser. Barb Smith has blocked out rooms at the Polynesian Resort Hotel, 615 Ocean Shores Blvd. 1.800.562.4836. Don't wait too long to reserve a room for this popular & always fun event! Registrations need to pick up just a little Chapter E! Check out the flyer @ http://www.gwrra-wae.org/Flyers/2009_SurfWatch_Flyer.pdf

March 6-8, 2009: Chapter D Mall Show at Aberdeen, WA. Erv Granahan has expressed a desire to team up with us to participate in both events to the extent possible. Any Chapter E members that would like to show their bikes at the WA-D Mall Show let me know and we'll assist in the coordination.

March 21, 2009: West-Side Rider Education Workshop at Buckley, WA. Flyer link is: http://www.gwrra-wa.org/Flyers/2009_Westside_Rider_Ed_Workshop.pdf



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

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<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

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Motorcycle_safety





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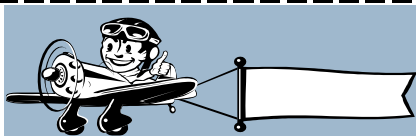
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