

# GWRRR



## WA-E

November 2009

*"Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"*

### Message from our Chapter Directors

Well, it has started. Daylight savings time has begun and we have fallen back. This year it has been a little later than normal, by about a week. There is darkness on the way to work and darkness on the way home. That late fall, early winter is really here. There will be lots of rain, some winds, and overall slow traffic to and from as people readjust to the winter driving standards. We are also getting close to two of my favorite months, November and December. November is good for me for all the right reasons. TURKEY, FOOTBALL and FAMILY TIME. Nothing is as fun hanging out with the family eating Turkey and watching a football game (ok, maybe 500 miles on 75 degree day on a twisty road with no other vehicles on the road would be better)..

We all have many things to be very thankful for during this season. There are many that do not have or share what we all share with our passion for good motorcycling and spending time with our families both in GWRRR and at home. We are all very fortunate indeed. There are quite a few people out in the world that do not have the luxury of having a turkey dinner, so in that vain, we would like to start a little bit of a food drive that we can donate to Northwest Harvest to help people less fortunate. So, for the next couple of months, we would like to have people bring a couple of cans of non-perishable food to our chapter meetings and also to any of our social events. If we can all collect some food, we can donate and have it distributed to people a little less fortunate than ourselves. It should not be a big deal if you are like us, we have a few cans of food that have been sitting in our pantry and we have not eaten, so let's do a little spring cleaning and donate that food to a good cause on behalf of Chapter E.

November is also a good time to schedule any maintenance that you need done on your bike to get it ready for the next season. We know, We know, now? The shops are open and we need to support our local motorcycle shops and some of our sponsors during these slower late fall/winter months. Pretty easy now to get a service appointment, so go ahead, make that appointment and see if you can find that extra safety chrome piece or farkle that you **NEED**...Perhaps put that away as a Christmas present to yourself or maybe a friend or your favorite Chapter Director(s) <smile><smile>.

Remember, if you see something that you think the Chapter would like to do and/or see, please feel free to let us know. Seems like our 'FIREPOWER' night was a big success, so please keep the ideas coming. We would be happy to take any and all ideas and suggestions to 'our' chapter membership to see if this is something we can all do as a group. This is **YOUR** Chapter, so please send all of your suggestions along and we will see what we can do to incorporate those into our Chapter gathering and events.

Till next month—please pass the green beans and the gravy!!

John & Barb



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



Next Chapter

Meeting

Saturday

November 21, 2009

At

**Denny's Diner**

2233 148th Ave NE

Bellevue, WA

Breakfast: 8:00 AM

Meeting: 8:30 AM



Happy  
Thanksgiving

November 2009



GWRRA Washington District Leadership Team  
Or should we say Crew Members?:

Directors— Bob & Patty Spencer  
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Washington District & Region 2009 Calendar of Events

NOV 11      Veterans Day Celebration WA-B  
DEC 05      Puyallup Santa Parade  
DEC 11-13    International Motorcycle Show  
DEC 12      Festival of Lights in Montesano WA-D

\* *This calendar is subject to change.*

Check the Washington GWRRA web site for flyers and contact information at  
[www.gwrra-wa.org](http://www.gwrra-wa.org) for any events you wish to participate with.

## Rider Education

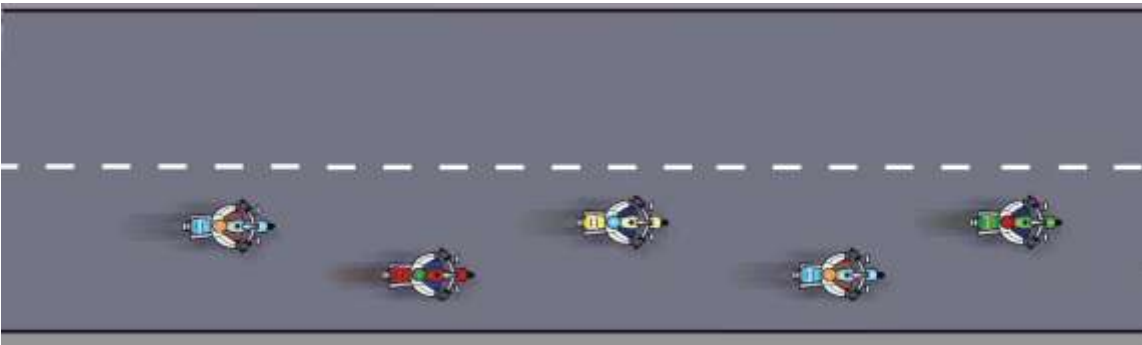
### Lane Changes – Part 1

*By Ron Peck, Chapter E Educator*

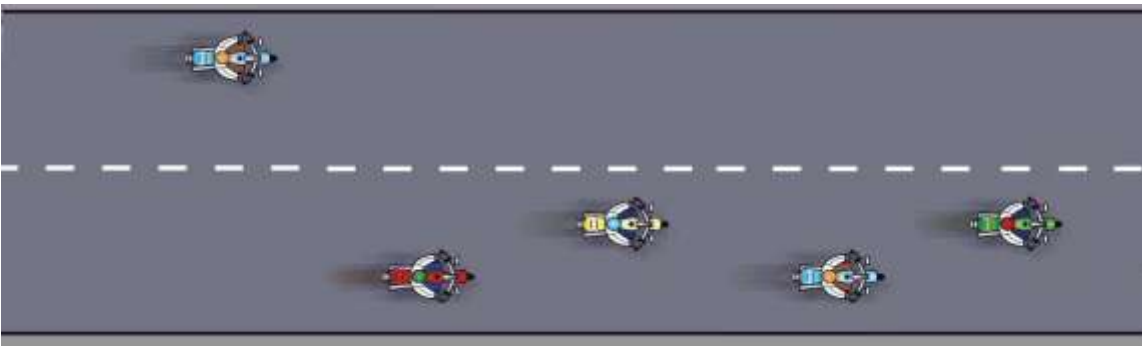
Last month we talked about lane position while riding in a group and the importance of a safe following distance behind the bike immediately in front of you (2 seconds) and the bike in the other side of the lane in front of you (1 second). Keeping this safe following distance, or cushion, is the basis for all lane changes done by the group, whether the lane change is done by all bikes at once, or from the front of the group or from the rear.

To change as a complete group, there are only three steps:

Step 1: The lead bike asks the drag bike to secure the lane.



Step 2: The drag bike moves into the desired lane and notifies the lead bike when it is safe to make the lane change.



Step 3: When the lane is clear for ALL BIKES to move simultaneously, the lead bike orders the lane change and ALL BIKES move over at the same time.

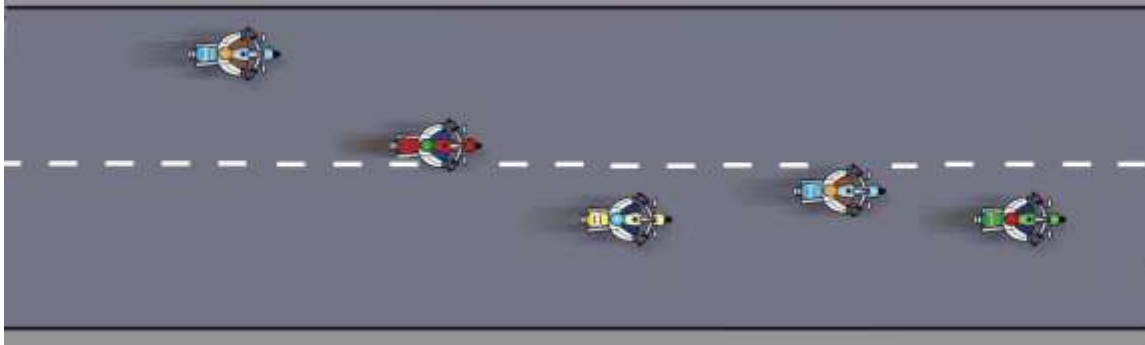
This does two things: by moving in unison, the spacing between the bikes remains unchanged and there are no violations of the 1 second rule. Secondly, a well executed lane change is a joy to watch. It shows others how practiced the group is with their drill team precision.

However, even if the lead bike announces the lane change, it is still your responsibility to look out for your own safety. This means looking to the side to make sure the lane is clear.

## Rider Education, continued, Lane Changes, part one

Bad example: Bikes 2 and 4 have started to move over before the call, coming too close to the bikes

in front of them. This usually happens right after the tail gunner lets the lead bike know when it is clear.



*Next month: Changing lanes from the rear.*



And remember: Drive on the right except to pass...



## 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
- u Book: Proficient Motorcycling by David L. Hough
- u VHS: Gary Sanford's Slow Speed Cycling Seminar
- u Part 2: Co-Rider from GWRRA (Pre-2002)
- u VHS: Buying Motorcycle Helmets (Snell Memorial Foundation)
- u Report: Fatal Single Vehicle Motorcycle Crashes, October 2001
- u Report: Drowsy Driving and Automobile Crashes



## The Dirty Bakers Dozen

By Carolyn Reagle

On Tuesday, Oct. 20 a renegade splinter group of Chapter E met at Wades Eastside Shooting Range in Bellevue for a fun evening of target practice and smoking hot lead. Tuesdays are Ladies night at Wades and Ladies get free gun rental and half price lane fee! Thirteen members showed up and had a blast. Literally. Many members brought their own guns and are experienced shots. However, Wades has an impressive selection firepower to rent, Berettas, Brownings, Smith and Wesson, Sig Sauers, etc. You must have an ID to rent a gun at Wades. Wades has a pick of **targets for you to choose: Osama Bin Laden and others. Sorry, you can't get a target with the face of your choice.** They also offer classes on Basic Handgun Safety, Defending your Home, and more. <http://www.wadesguns.com/training-i-59.html>

**This was my second time trying target practice. Years ago, Bob's Dad, who was an expert shot in Navy showed me the basics of how to use a gun and I did very well. So, I wanted to see if the first time was beginner's luck. Second time went pretty well.**

Wades has two ranges and Chapter E had one the ranges mostly to itself. Members brought an **assortment of guns and tried out various ammo. David's 44 was like listening to a cannon blast. Bob Spencer's 38 was also an impressive boom. One thing that was fun was watching the ladies shoot.** Not to say the guys are not great, but I would not mess around with any of the gals that were at Wades. They know how to handle themselves.

If you missed Tuesday, I bet we will go again. Everyone had fun and this is a great indoor activity for our rainy fall/winter. See you next time.

### APPLEBEE'S THANK YOU TO VETERANS:



(<http://www.applebees.com/vetsday>)

In recognition of your service to our country, all veterans and active duty military personnel are invited to eat free at Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar Restaurants this Veterans Day, Wednesday, Nov.11, 2009.

As you may recall, Applebee's launched a pilot program last year on Veterans Day offering free entrees to military service personnel and veterans. Because the response was so overwhelmingly positive, Applebee's is extending the invitation throughout the country this year.

We would appreciate your help in spreading the word. Please help us share details across your various communication channels.

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Proof of service includes: U.S. Uniform Services Identification Card, U.S. Uniform Services Retired Identification Card, Current Leave and Earnings Statement, Veterans Organization Card, photograph in uniform or wearing uniform.



# 2009 Chapter E Mileage Contest

*by Karla Edwards*

**Here are a few fun statistics from this year's mileage contest from 09/01/08-09/30/09.**

There were 31 riders and co-riders who turned in their start and ending miles with 185,911 total miles calculated during this period of time! Congratulations to everyone for getting out their and riding, 171890-01 this was an absolutely fantastic riding year!

Curious how you stack up with your chapter?

1,528 Lee, Steve- Last place winner award
1,573 Keefe, Mike
2,023 Lee, Charlene
3,203 Thurgood, Bob and Thes
3,707 Peck, Ron and Lana
6,736 Johnson, Ron and Kathleen
7,340 Branwaite, Terry and Marilyn
7,350 Penders, Wiel
7,554 Smith, Barb
8,027 Dewitt, Rick
8,059 Estes, Bill and Carol
8,362 Pelican, Jim and Christy
8,726 Spencer, Bob and Patty-The most consistent award
9,526 Chavez, Dave and Sheila-The Joe average award
12,508 Smith, John
16,733 Edwards, Karla
17,071 Reagle, Bob and Carolyn
19,960 Edwards, Scott
21,227 McMahill, Bruce and Sandra- Second Place
22,041 Watson, Bob and Howe, Sue- First Place





Welcome to So Happy It's Thursdays

**Road Kill Cafe**  
**Where you Kill'em and we Grill'em!**

A GWRRA Chapter E Original

Breakfast-

Liebold Scrambler	6.95
<b>Rick's Baby Chick's</b>	6.95
<b>Keefe's Quiche</b>	7.45
The Wiel Panakoecken	5.95
<b>Roberson's Texan Breakfast</b>	6.95
Mr. Bill Pancakes	5.95

Lunch- Howe would you like your Watson burger?

Patty Melt	6.95
Ames Lake Tubers	5.50
Johnsonville Brats	5.50
Reagle Beagle Sandwich	6.45
<b>Scott's Haggis</b>	7.95
Ernie Bird Soup	5.50
Smith Stew	5.50
<b>Myer's Mink Sandwich</b>	6.45

ENTREES-

<b>Barb's BBQ</b>	12.95
Bruce Goose	9.95
Pecktoral Steak	15.95
Steik Steak	15.95
Stryker Deer	15.95
<b>Watson's Revenge</b>	12.95
Bob & Thess Coy Catch	12.95
<b>Lee's Knees</b>	9.95
Pelican Wings	9.95
<b>Willie's Penny Pasta</b>	10.95
Gray Fish	12.95
Smith/Hamilton Venison	12.95
Spencer Ribs	12.95
Chavez Oro Oso	15.95
<b>Newbury's Hog Knuckles</b>	12.95
<b>Marna/John's Fried Squid</b>	9.95

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Late Night Delight

Sides and Salads-

<b>Susie Q's Onion Rings</b>	3.95
Don & Phyllis Garden	3.95

Salads

<b>Peck's Holy Mollie Sauce</b>	1.75
Rinehart Relish	.95
<b>Karla's Beemer Baste</b>	1.75

Beverages-

Who the *@&#* is Alice Car Bombs
Peppermint Patty
Liebold Lager
<b>Eddie's Pilsner</b>
<b>Burke's Mtn Ale</b>
The Judge
Dirty Harriet
<b>Gert's Thursday Night Special</b>

So Happy It's Thursdays Road Kill Cafe Special Instructions

1. Cats and Dogs: Guys, please don't tell us if you are sending in your wife's favorite cat or dog. We want no part of a divorce case.
2. Skunks: Please thoroughly clean all skunks before sending them in. Our chef gets excited at the smell of fresh killed skunk. Kind of reminds him of good ol' home cookin.
3. Squirrels and Chipmunks: Send in only head and upper body shots. Sorry but there just isn't enough left to fool with after a full body shot with a radial tyre.
4. Woodpeckers, Crows, Neighbors Chickens and any other "birds of opportunity:"  
Don't forget to chill any windshield or grill kills as soon as possible as birds tend to spoil fast. Also, it's unwise to pick up any road kill birds from the side of the road because of uncertain quality. We charge a \$1.00 per bird plucking fee if you send them in unplucked. charge 10 cents per pound extra for smoked and 15 cents per pound extra for salt curing. Only 100% hickory wood is used in our smokers.
5. Road Kill Cafe Chops, Steaks and Smoked Meats - We charge a \$50.00 flat fee plus 35 cents per pound processing fee to convert your road kill into chops, steaks, roasts and ribs. Only road kill with a dressed out weight of 50 lbs or greater can be processed this way which eliminates all smaller animals and most dogs - so choose your garbage can raiders carefully if you want pooch steaks. We charge 10 cents per pound extra for smoked and 15 cents per pound extra for salt curing. Only 100% hickory wood is used in our smokers.
6. Road Kill Cafe Special - Save up your road kill and save yourself some beer money! Send in 10 or more small animals to be processed into Smith stew and save 10 cents per pound on the order!





### November Birthday's

Phyllis Hopkins	2
Ron Johnson	7
Sue Howe	13
Rae Ann Hall	15
Karla Edwards	16
Scott Edwards	22
Garney Arcand	24

### November Anniversaries



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

### Note from the Newsletter Editor, Sheila Chavez

☺ Congratulations to Karen Roberson for finding her GWRRA member number in the October Newsletter.

If we 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](mailto:dashwae@comcast.net)

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 you have pictures to add to the Chapter E Website please email John Smith, Chapter E Chapter Director, Assistant District Director & Webmaster @: [allabout@verizon.net](mailto:allabout@verizon.net)

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can make  
a difference!



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## November

Canned Food Drive - Over the next couple of months, I would like to start collecting canned food, so we can provide to people less fortunate than ourselves. When you come to a chapter function whether meeting/event, etc, please bring a couple of cans of non perishable food, so we as the Bellevue chapter can donate that to one of our local food banks, like [HopeLink](#) or [Northwest Harvest](#). A couple of cans of food means that someone will get something to eat during the holidays and the rough economic times. Everything is welcome. So, please scour your pantry, your kitchen shelves and let's make a difference together.



November 11<sup>th</sup> "A Special Thank You to all Our Veteran's"

November 19<sup>th</sup> **Chapter 'E' Dinner Social** 6 PM at Angelo's 1830 13<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Bellevue, WA. Phone: 425-883-2777 Their website <http://www.angelosofburien.com/> (yes, they have a Bellevue location as well). We are checking on the coupons to see if they will honor them and will follow up and let you all know. This is one week earlier, due to Thanksgiving.

November 21<sup>st</sup> **Chapter 'E' Breakfast/Meeting** – Denny's in Overlake. Immediately following the Chapter Meeting will be the Ride Planning Meeting. Bob Reagle, Ron Peck and Bob Spencer along with input from you all, will shape the rides for the upcoming year. This will include the overnights and day rides following the chapter meeting. The meeting will be held at the Microsoft Campus. Details and address information will follow.

November 26<sup>th</sup> **Happy Thanksgiving**, Pass the turkey and gravy!!



### Upcoming events in other Chapters and Districts

December 12<sup>th</sup> WA-D Festival of Lights in Montesano.

This is a wonderful event around Christmas time.



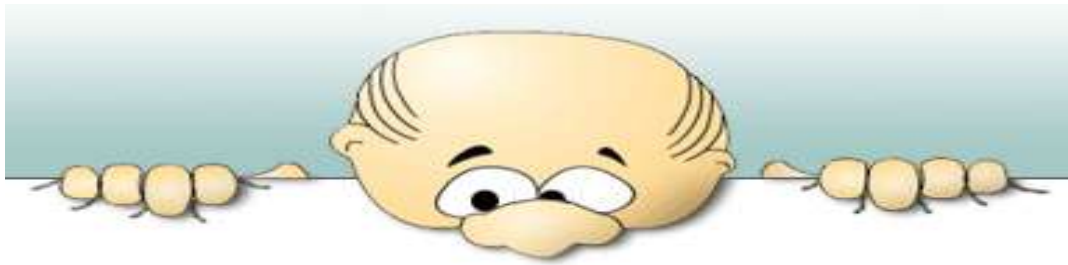


## GWRRA Washington District Chapter Gathering Sites

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	★ Olympia VFW Hall, 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	★ Oasis Restaurant. Milton-Freewater
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.goldwing-world.com/GL1800.htm)

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



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

[http://www.motorbiketoday.com/reviews/Articles/hon\\_goldwing\\_04.htm](http://www.motorbiketoday.com/reviews/Articles/hon_goldwing_04.htm)

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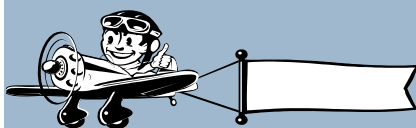
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