



WA-E

"Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"

Message from our Chapter Directors

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



Happy New Year!!

Hard to believe that 2009 is now behind us and we are heading into the new decade. It seems like yesterday that we were at Y2K, and now 10 years later, here we are at 2010 or Y210. 2009 was a interesting year for many and to be honest, we are glad to see it go. Many people in our chapter had a rough time during the last year, and with a new year, there is hope for a much brighter future for all of us.



Next Chapter

Meeting

Saturday

January 16, 2010

Denny's Diner

2233 148th Ave NE

Bellevue, WA

Breakfast: 8:00 AM

Meeting: 8:30 AM

January has a lot of events planned for the chapter, with the Road Captains Course on the 9th, the chapter meeting on the 16th followed by a First Aid/CPR class, and also the **WA-I Casino night, which has a 50's theme this year, it is always a busy time in January even for those of us not ridings.** We have many other events planned for this year, so please take a look at our ride calendar and start planning your vacation time so you can spend some time with your Chapter E family. There are many great and fun things to do and we plan on doing as many as we can this year. January is also a good time to review and make goals for the coming year. We have an opportunity to pick some things that we know we should do, and work to make these a reality. We try to pick ones that we know we will be successful at and keep working until they come to fruition. You should never give up following your dreams. Both Barb and I want to wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Remember, if you see something that you think the Chapter would like to do and/or see, please feel free to let us know. 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—Live, Laugh and Love..

John & Barb





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

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Washington District & Region 2010 Calendar of Events January & February

JANUARY

15-17 WA-P Winter Retreat in Long Beach

23 WA-I Casino Night at Camp Murray

FEBRUARY

6 District Chapter Leadership Skill Program (Seattle)

13 WA-D Bowling Challenge in Montesano

20 District Rider Education Workshop, Buckley

26-28 WA-P Mall Show in Longview

Rider's Education Corner

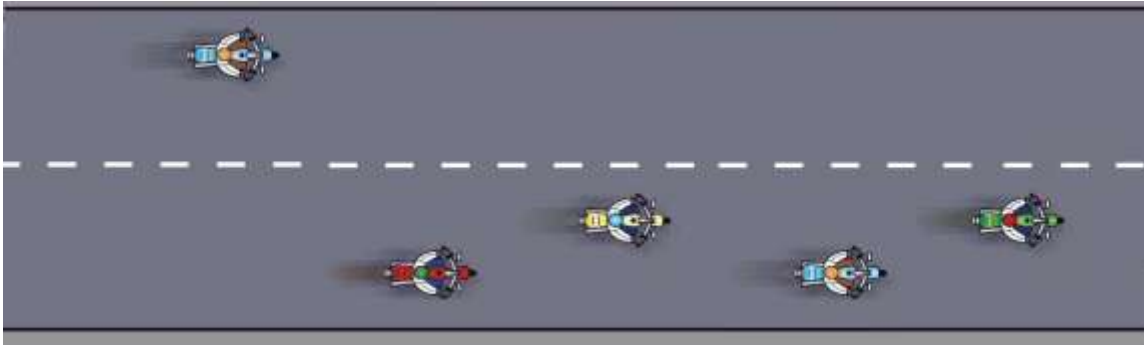
Changing Lanes From The Rear

By Ron Peck

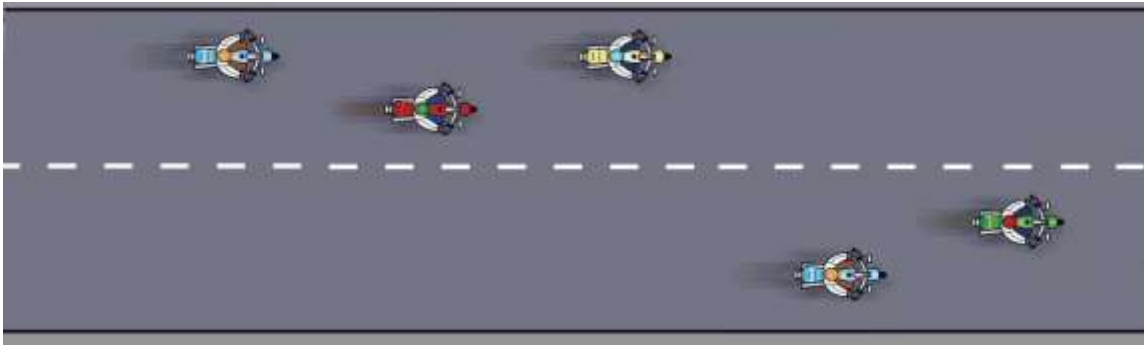
Two months ago we talked about changing lanes as a group. Now we will talk about moving into the left lane and then the right lane, starting from the rear, in pairs. The key thing to remember is to maintain the safe 2-second following distance.

Moving to the left

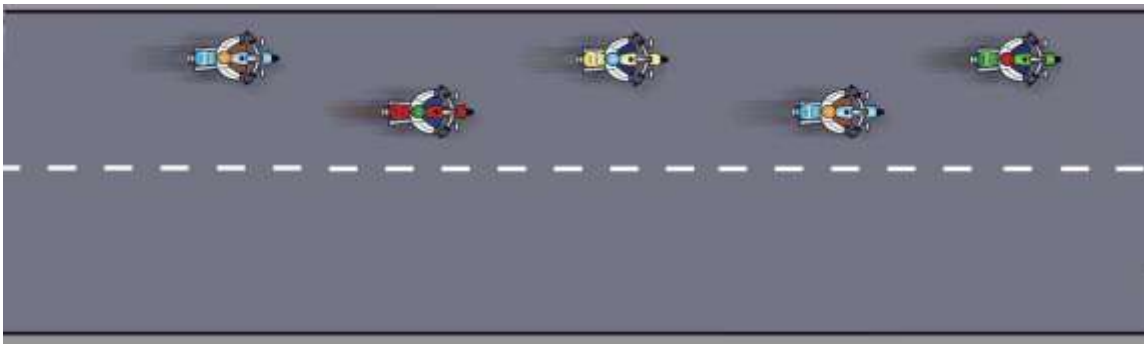
This is usually done to pass slower traffic in front of the lead bike on a multi-lane road. The tail gunner moves first because he will not pass close behind the bike in front.



Then, the next two bikes move to the left.



Last, the remaining front two bikes move to the left.



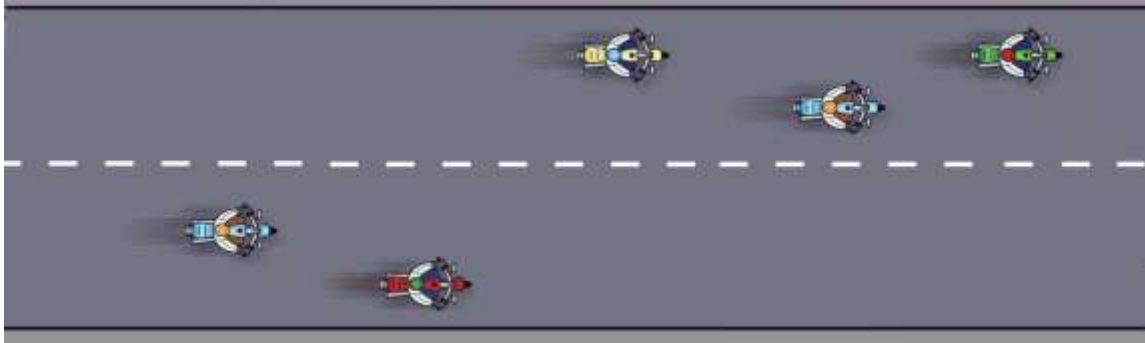
The above example maintains the 2-second gap between bikes, but is only used for an odd number of bikes in the group. For an even number of bikes the last TWO bikes move in unison.

Rider's Education Corner, Continued

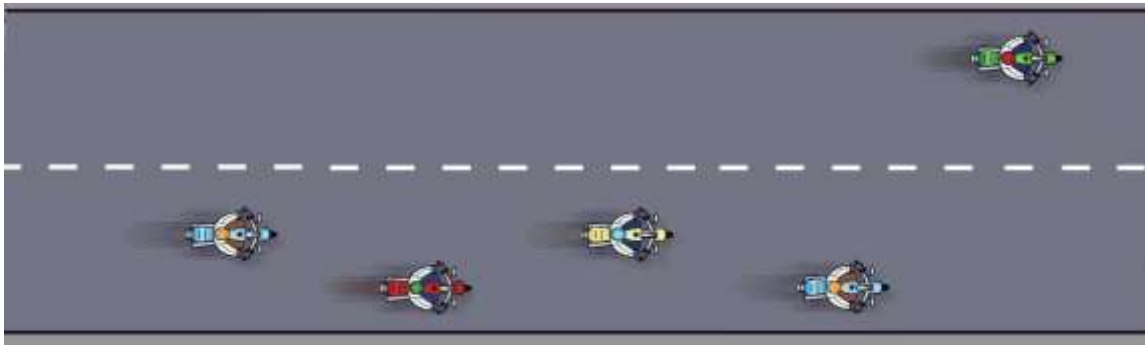
Moving to the right

This is usually done when the group needs to move over, but traffic is heavy and there is no immediately available space for all of the bikes. The bikes merging from the rear slow down to make room in the front for the other bikes.

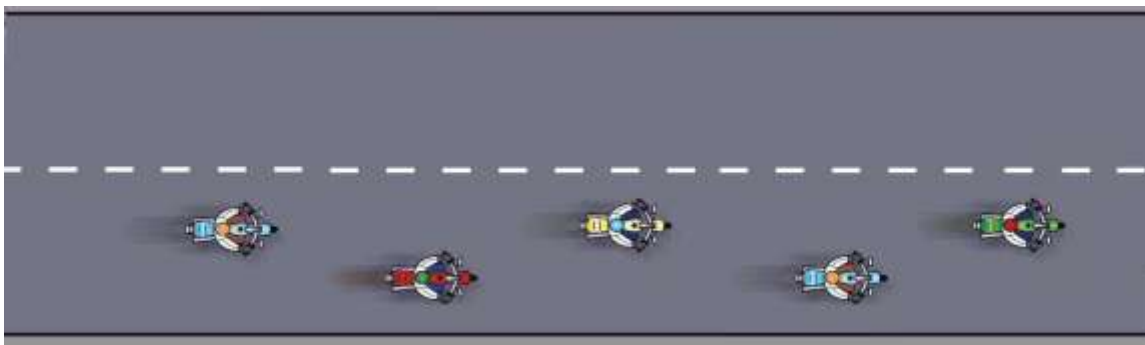
This time, the last TWO bikes move in unison.



The next bikes move in pairs.



The first bike moves over last.



Again, the above example maintains the 2-second gap between bikes, but is only used for an odd number of bikes in the group. For an even number of bikes the tail gunner moves alone with the bikes in front moving in pairs.



All of the above moves are done more easily if the bike pairs communicate with each other.

Next month: Changing lanes from the front.

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

Chapter E's 2009 Christmas Party

By Caryl Estes



Once again, Chapter E's Christmas party was a huge success! With well over 40 people attending, we all enjoyed a Hawaiian feast of pork, chicken, beef and fish along with all of the trimmings. One thing you can always count on with this group--you will never go hungry! This is one of the fun events that Chapter E holds each year and is attended by some members **who don't usually show up at other events, so it is really nice to get together and catch up with people we don't get to spend much time with during the rest of the year.**

Santa took some time out of his busy schedule to deliver some special gifts and to let everyone know that it was Patty's birthday the next day, so we were able to help her celebrate her 'big day'. This guy sure seems to know a lot about Chapter E members.

We had our gift exchange and a Cabella's gift card, Starbucks gift cards and a bottle of Bailey's with Caramel were the 'hot' items, all snatched away twice and finally 'frozen'. We had a lot of fun with the different gifts and it seemed that this year there was a theme of 'knives'. We had two Swiss Army sets, at least two switchblade knives and a set of steak knives.



When we were done with the gift exchange, we had dessert (we wouldn't want anyone to be hungry!) which was a wonderful array of cakes and other delectable's.

Then it was time to play the 'pass the quarters' game, with each person starting out with 5 quarters and then rolling the dice to see if they were able to keep the quarters, pass to the left, right or center. Eventually there was one winner at each of the tables who played against one another until a winner was crowned.... Penny Rosenow walked away with \$40.00. Way to go Penny!!



January Birthday's

Sandy Newbury	1
Leah Gray	2
Carolyn Reagle	4
George Rinehart	5
Marilyn Branthwaite	21
Steve Lee	22
Jim Roberson	24
Sheila Chavez	25
Jim Kuper	29
Vicki Rinehart	29

Love...



January Anniversary's

None this month

Note from the Newsletter Editor, Sheila Chavez

Need your help, this is a fun job, surely somebody out there is looking to fill this position as Chapter E Newsletter Editor? Please email John and or myself if you have an interest in this position.

If we have missed any announcement, birthday or anniversary please email Ernie Sigyarto or Barb & John with dates, names and information. If you have pictures and/or stories, please attach them to your email.

♥Cares & Concerns: Please remember to inform Ernie & Sue Sigyarto of any cares or concerns you may have or if you are aware of other members in need of support. If someone is ill or incapacitated or simply is in need of a friendly hug or support, please let us know. We really do want to know if you are OK or in need of anything.

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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.

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Together, we
can make
a difference!



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Gold Wing Road Riders Association Upcoming Calendar of Events

January 2010



January— Chapter E

9th - Chapter 'E' Road Captains Course. We will be having a class so we can have some more Road Captains in our mix. Please let me know if you are interested in attending. Location is TBD at the moment, but will firm up a location and time for this. Please let me know if you are interested in attending by email. Please put Road Captain Course in the subject line.

16th - Chapter 'E' Breakfast and Chapter Meeting. The after chapter activity is a First Aid/CPR class. Dottie Yarnell has agreed come up and provide the training. If you are interested or your first aid is about to expire, here is a quick and easy way to get it renewed. The cost is \$10 to cover Dottie's supplies. Location of the training is TBD, so please stay tuned. If you are interested, please contact me by email. Please put First Aid/CPR in the subject line..

28th - Chapter 'E' Dinner Social. This will be at the Red Hook Brewery and Ale House at 14300 NE 145th Street in Woodinville at 6PM. Looks to be a great time, so please plan on attending.

Are you interested in joining the staff? Sheila would like to step down as the newsletter editor, so if you are interested, please contact [Sheila](#) or [myself](#) and we will set you up for the position.

January - Upcoming events in other Chapters and Districts

2nd – Chapter “V” Gathering – “New Chapter Director Installation” – More info to follow.

3rd – Chapter “B” Gathering – “New Chapter Director Installation” – More info to follow. During the last chapter meeting, they (Chapter B Visitors) took our eagle, so we need to go and retrieve it. Let me know if you are interested in helping me get it back.

8th – Chapter “Q” Gathering – “New Chapter Director Installation – More info to follow.

15th - 17th – “Chapter “P” Ocean Retreat” – Chapter P has invited everyone to join them on their “Ocean Retreat”. All the info to follow as soon as we have it, or contact Chuck or Reggie at cd@gwrrawa-p.org

23rd – “Casino Night” – Chapter “I” – This year the theme is “Back to the 50’s” so ladies dig out those poodle skirts and guys your white tees, white socks and tight blue jeans and meet us at the chapter I “Casino Night”. You get extra “Bull Bucks” if you show up in a 50’s costume and, or arrive in a hot rod!! All the info is on the flyer located on Chapter I’s website. They are also doing the food drive competition again this year.

February

6th – Washington District Chapter Officer Seminar - More info to follow...

13th – WA-D Bowling Challenge. Let's go down as a group and reclaim our bowling title from them. What do you say?

20th – Washington District Rider Education Workshop in Buckley. Looks like many new classes this year, so an excellent avenue to learn more about safe riding.. More info to follow.

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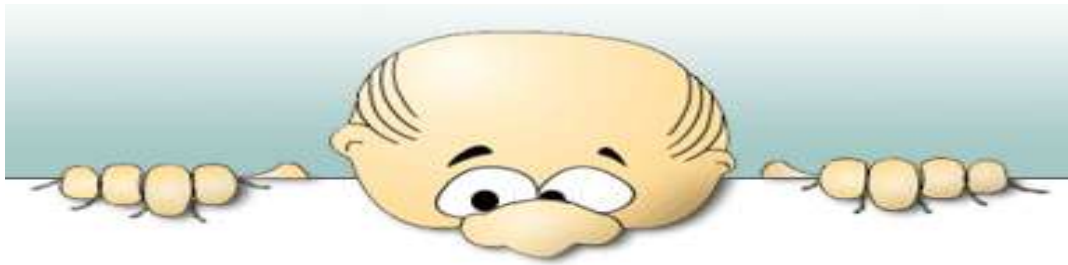
26th - 28th – WA-P Mall show in Longview. More info to follow.



GWRRA Washington District Chapter Gathering Sites

4th Saturday	9:00AM	A-Seattle	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	132 128TH St. SW, Everett, WA
2nd Sunday	8:30 AM	D-Aberdeen	Duffy's Restaurant, 1605 Simpson Ave, Aberdeen, WA
4th Sunday	8:30 AM	F-Tacoma	Tacoma Elks Lodge #174, 1965 S Union Ave, Tacoma, WA 98405
2nd Tuesday	6:30 PM	H-Lynden	Fairway Restaurant, 1726 Front St, Lynden, WA
3rd Sunday	8:30 AM	I-Olympia	Olympia VFW Hall, 2902 1/2 Martin Way East, 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	The Works, 1073 14th Ave, Longview, WA
1st Friday	7:00 PM	Q-Puyallup	Hangar Inn, 16919 A Meridian E, Puyallup, WA
1st Saturday	8:00 AM	R-Walla Walla	Oasis Restaurant. Old Milton-Freewater, OR
1st Saturday	8:30 AM	V-Auburn	Old Country Buffet, 1816 S. 320th St. Federal Way, WA.
1st Saturday	8:30 AM	X-Vancouver	Hometown Buffet, 7809 B NE, Vancouver, WA
2nd Friday	6:30 PM	Y-Enumclaw	Krain Corner Restaurant, 39929 264th SE, Enumclaw, WA
2nd Saturday	5:30 PM	Z-Centralia	PJ's Pizza, 1232 Alder St. Centralia, WA

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







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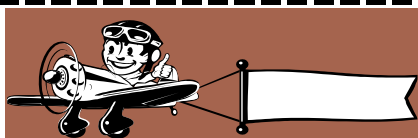
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