



WA-E

"Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"

Message from our Chapter Directors

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



Rider Education

February is a time to get reacquainted with Rider Education. With the riding season just around the corner, now is the time to start to reuse and relearn the skills necessary to ride your motorcycle safely. Well, good news, there is a Rider Education seminar coming up on February 20th at the Rainer Hills Christian Fellowship Church in Buckley, WA. If you would like to go and pre-register for the seminar the Chapter will pay for your preregistration. The preregistration deadline is February 2nd, so get it in now for this great event. This year looks to have classes and seminars from many new presenters including the Washington State Patrol, Co-Riding, Trailering and even a First Aid class if you need to get recertified or get certified at all. You might even save a life. Plenty of good stuff for everyone and something you should not miss. The registration and list of available classes is on our website, so please think about attending this outstanding event.



Next Chapter

Meeting

Saturday

March 20, 2010

Denny's Diner

2233 148th Ave NE

Bellevue, WA

Breakfast: 8:00 AM

Meeting: 8:30 AM

The February Chapter Meeting will be held at the Rider Education Workshop.

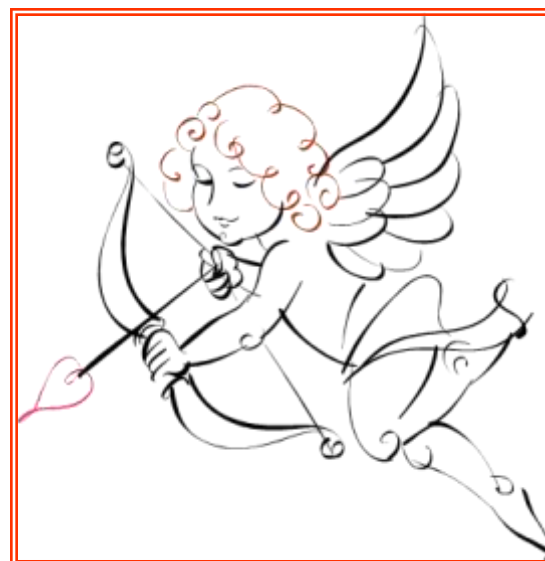
In addition, we have a Chapter 'E' Game night at the Sigarto's on the 6th. Please make sure that you RSVP with them, so Sue and Ernie can make sure to have the valet parking and food available for you to eat and enjoy. They always do a great job and we always have a lot of fun. Don't forget the themes, Winter Sports and to wear a scarf. I am going to have to see if I have one of those in the closet.

February is also the month, where we celebrate our sweeties, with Valentine's day on a Sunday the 14th this year, you should take the opportunity to take your honey out for dinner or give them something special as your 'Valentine'. Without our sweeties, we would be nothing.

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—Happy Valentines Day!!

John & Barb





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Washington District & Region 2010 Calendar of Events February & March

FEBRUARY

13 WA-D Bowling Challenge in Montesano
20 District Rider Education Workshop, Buckley
26-28 WA-P Mall Show in Longview

MARCH

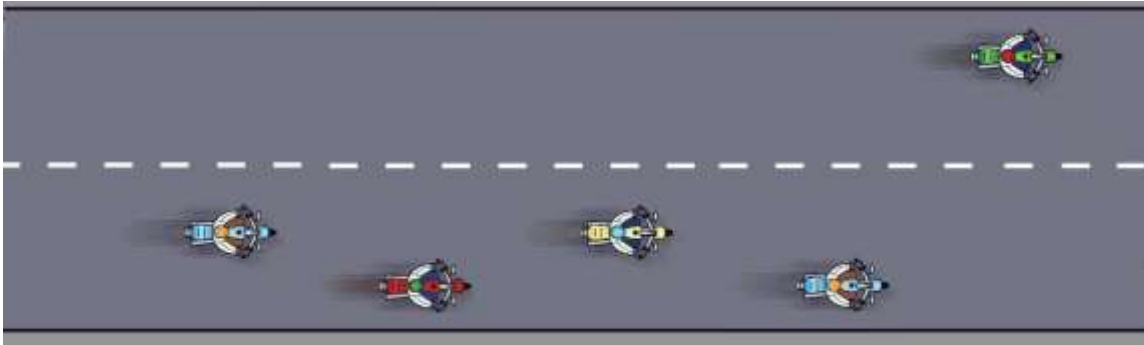
12-14 WA-D Mall Show
26-28 WA-E Surfwatch 2010 (Ocean Shores)

Changing Lanes From The Front

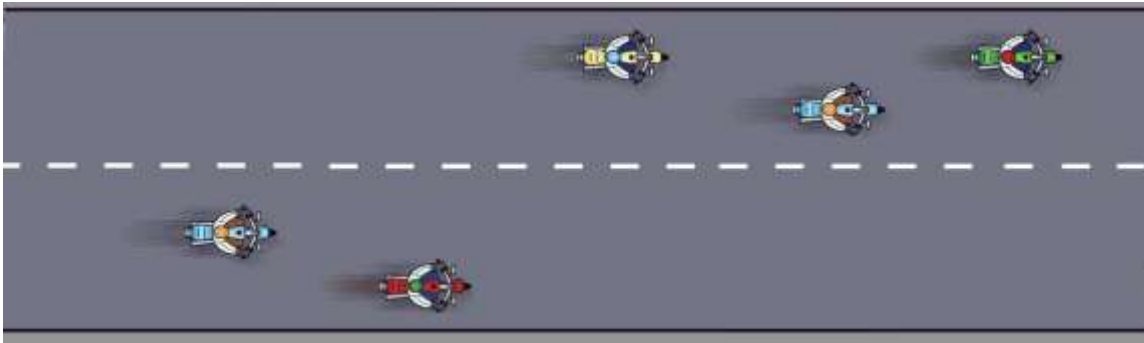
Last month we talked about changing lanes from the rear of the group. Now we will talk about moving into the left lane and then to the right lane, starting from the front, in pairs. The key thing to remember is to maintain the safe 2-second following distance.

Moving to the left

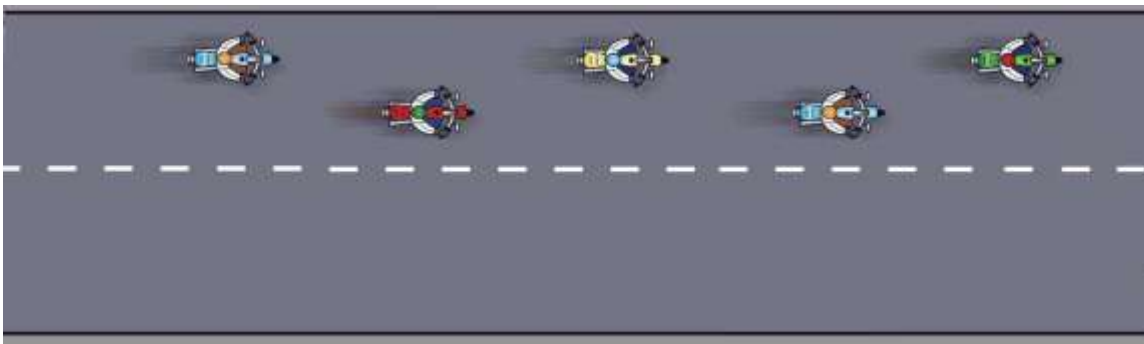
This is usually done to pass slower traffic in front of the lead bike on a multi-lane road. The lead bike moves first because he will not pass close behind the bike in front. Bike number two would break the 2-second rule if he followed.



Bikes two and three move next.



Last, bikes four and five move left when clear.



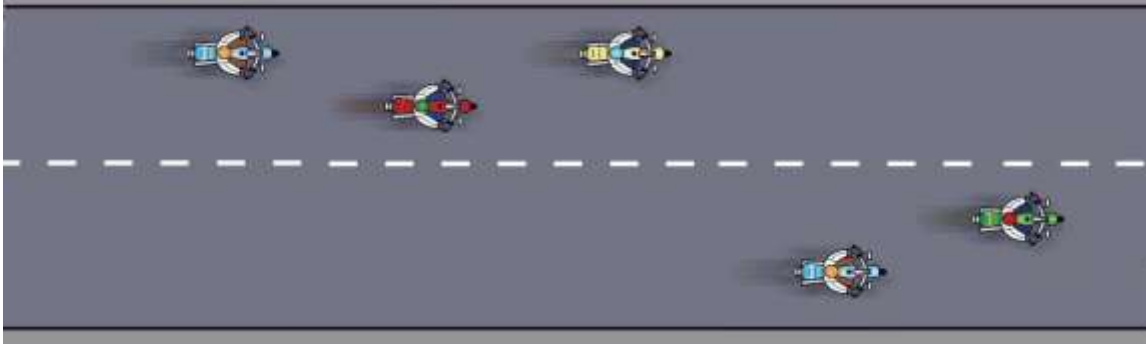
If there were an even number of bikes in the group, the last bike would move by himself.

Rider's Education Corner, Continued

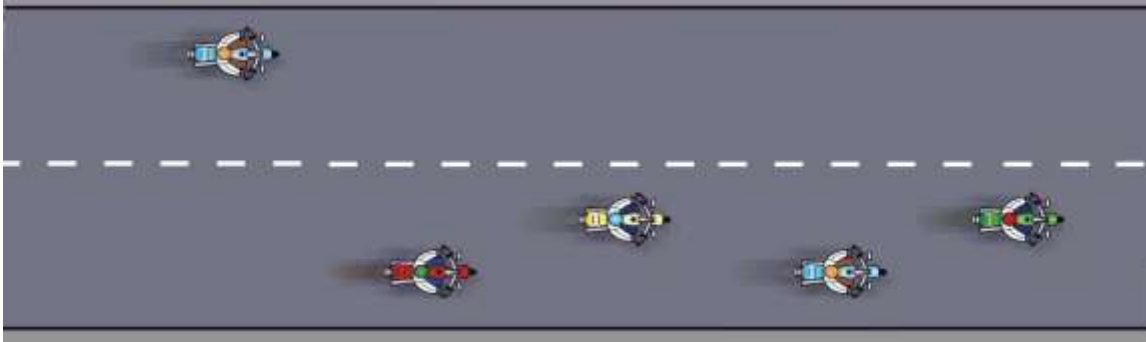
Moving to the right

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 front need to maintain their speed to make room for the other bikes. If the lead bikes merge and then slow down, there is no space for the other bikes.

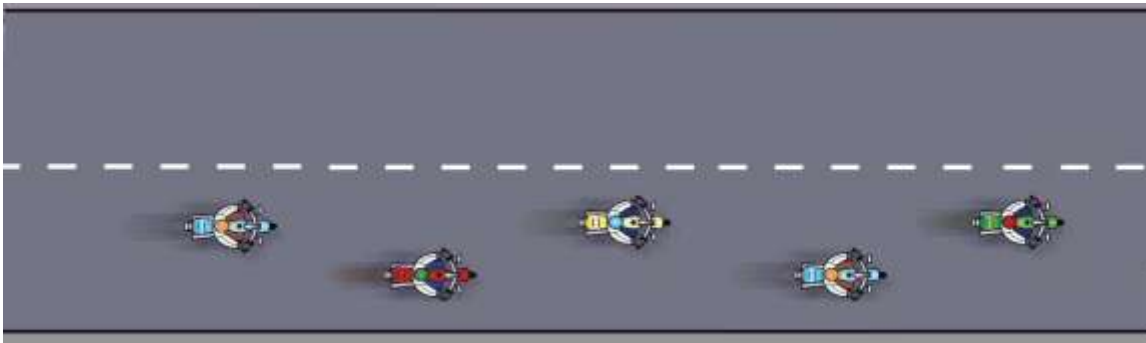
This time, the first TWO bikes move in unison.



Bikes three and four go next.



Last, the tail gunner moves by himself



If there were an even number of bikes, the last two move at the same time.



Changing lanes with a larger group does tend to take more time than with a smaller group, so if exiting a freeway, make sure that all bikes have enough time to make the lane change without scrambling to do so.

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

Things my motorcycle has taught me

Contributed by Karla Edwards

1. The only good view of a thunderstorm is in your rear view mirror.
2. People ask us why we ride a motorcycle. For those who have experienced the joy, no explanation is necessary; for those who have not, no explanation is possible.
3. Four wheels move the body; two wheels move the soul.
4. Most motorcycle problems are caused by the nut that connects the handlebars to the saddle.
5. Life may begin at 40, but it doesn't get real interesting until about 80 mph!
6. You start the game of life with a full pot o' luck and an empty pot o' experience. The object is to fill the pot of experience before you empty the pot of luck.
7. If you wait, all that happens is that you get older.
8. Midnight bugs taste just as bad as noon time bugs.
9. Saddlebags can never hold everything you want, but they CAN hold everything you need.
10. Don't ride so late into the night that you sleep through the sunrise.
11. Sometimes it takes a whole tank full of gas before you can think straight.
12. Never hesitate to ride past the last street light at the edge of town.
13. Never do less than forty miles before breakfast.
14. A bike on the road is worth two in the shed.
15. Respect the person who has seen the dark side of motorcycling and lived, and still rides.
16. Young riders pick a destination and go. Old riders pick a direction and go.
17. A good mechanic will let you watch without charging you for it.
18. Sometimes the fastest way to get there is to stop for the night.
19. Always back your bike into the curb and sit where you can see it.
20. There are drunk riders and there are old riders, but there are not many old, drunk riders.
21. Ride to work. Work to ride.
22. Two-lane blacktop isn't a highway - it's an attitude.
23. When you look down the road, it seems to never end; but you better believe it does!
24. Winter is nature's way of telling you to test the electrics.
25. Keep your bike in good repair. Motorcycle boots are not all that comfortable for walking.
26. People are like motorcycles; each is customized a bit differently.

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27. Sometimes, the best communication happens when you're on separate bikes.
28. When you're riding lead, don't spit.
29. A friend is someone who'll get out of bed at 2 a.m.. to drive his pickup to the middle of nowhere to get you when you're broken down.
30. Catching a yellow jacket in your shirt @ 70 mph can double your vocabulary.
31. Catching a yellow jacket in your helmet will triple that special vocabulary.
32. There's something ugly about a NEW bike on a trailer.
33. Everyone crashes. Some get back on. Some don't. Some can't.
34. If you can't get it going with bungee cords and duct tape, it's serious.
35. If you ride like there's no tomorrow, today will be a BLAST!
36. The best modifications cannot be seen from the outside..
37. Always replace the cheapest parts first.
38. You can forget what you do for a living when your knees are in the breeze.
39. Only a Biker knows why a dog sticks his head out of a car window.
40. Keep the painted side up, and the rubber side down!"

Compliments of Tapatio from the BMW Sport-Touring board

2010 Handbook (Contributed by Leah Gray)

Health:

1. Drink plenty of water.
2. Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a beggar.
3. Eat more foods that grow on trees and plants and eat less food that is manufactured in plants..
4. Live with the 3 E's -- Energy, Enthusiasm and Empathy
5. Make time to pray.
6. Play more games
7. Read more books than you did in 2009 .
8. Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day
9. Sleep for 7 hours.
10. Take a 10-30 minutes walk daily. And while you walk, smile.

Personality:

11. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
12. Don't have negative thoughts on things you cannot control. Instead invest your energy in the positive present moment.
13. Don't over do. Keep your limits.
14. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
15. Don't waste your precious energy on gossip.
16. Dream more while you are awake
17. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need..
18. Forget issues of the past. Don't remind your partner with His/her mistakes of the past. That will ruin your present happiness.
19. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone. Don't hate others.
20. Make peace with your past so it won't spoil the present.
21. No one is in charge of your happiness except you.
22. Realize that life is a school and you are here to learn. Problems are simply part of the curriculum that appear and fade away like algebra class but the lessons you learn will last a lifetime.
23. Smile and laugh more.
24. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree...

Society:

25. Call your family often.
26. Each day give something good to others.
27. Forgive everyone for everything.
28. Spend time w/ people over the age of 70 & under the age of 6.
29. Try to make at least three people smile each day.
30. What other people think of you is none of your business.
31. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends will. Stay in touch.

Life:

32. Do the right thing!
33. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
34. GOD heals everything.
35. However good or bad a situation is, it will change..
36. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
37. The best is yet to come..
38. When you awake alive in the morning, thank GOD for it.
39. Your Inner most is always happy. So, be happy.



February Birthday's

Doug Newbury	6
Bob Thurgood	4
Ron Peck	19

Love...



February Anniversary's

Dennis and Marjorie Sarver 14

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.

John & Barb Smith @ allabout@verizon.net

Ernie & Sue Sigyarto @ enssigyarto@verizon.net

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 Ron Peck, Chapter E Webmaster@:
ron@peckmanor.com



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Together, we
can make
a difference!



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Gold Wing Road Riders Association Upcoming Calendar of Events

February 2010



February— Chapter E

6th - **Chapter 'E' Game Night at the Sigyarto's at 5PM. See Quote from Ernie and Sue:**

Quote

Sue and I have been busy preparing for our Game Night, Saturday Feb. 6th beginning at 5 PM at our home; 23700 19th Dr. SE, Bothell. We are in the process of cleaning. We didn't realize how dirty our home is and getting it ready by the 6th will be quite a challenge. Just to give you an idea of what we're up against, our oven is so dirty that we can only bake one cupcake at a time. In addition, we are interviewing parking valets and coat maidens. Which is why it's so important for you to RSVP if you plan to attend at enssigyarto@verizon.net.

We have decided on two themes since Sue and I couldn't come to an agreement on the perfect one. Which was MY idea. Anyhow, since we are at the cusp of the Winter Olympics, wear something related to a winter sports activity. And, second and most important is to wear your Favorite Scarf.

Sue will be making Chili which is another reason for an RSVP at enssigyarto@verizon.net. We would like you to bring finger foods appetizers or finger food desserts to share. And, bring your competitive spirit to participate in games of competition as well as our normal games. Sue and I look forward to sharing an evening with you at our home. Please don't look up, down or under rugs and under no condition look in our oven.

PS: Please RSVP at enssigyarto@verizon.net. Call for directions, 425-481-1458.

Unquote

13th - WA-D Bowling Challenge at Monty Lanes, in Montesano. Bowling starts at 1PM. Please email John & Barb if you are interested in going to this event. We need a strong team to take the trophy back to Bellevue. More information can be found at our website (<http://www.gwrra-wae.org>)

20th - Washington District Rider Education in Buckley, WA. The chapter will pick up the preregistration, if you plan on attending. This is an excellent opportunity with many unique and interesting seminars to help you ride safer. Flyer and Matrix can be found on our website (<http://www.gwrra-wae.org>)

25th - Chapter E Dinner Social at 6PM — Thai Ginger in Redmond Town Center, 16480 NE 7th Place, Redmond
Phone: 425-558-4044

February— District Events

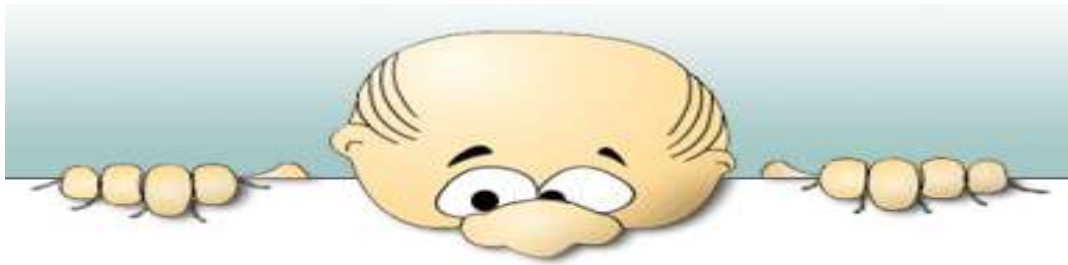
26-28th— WA-P Mall Show in Longview.



GWRRA Washington District Chapter Gathering Sites

4th Saturday	8:30AM	A-Seattle	Old Country Buffet, 25630 104th Ave. SE, Kent, WA 98030
1st Sunday	8:30 AM	B-Bremerton	Bremerton Eagles, 205 6th St., Bremerton, WA 98337
2nd Saturday	8:00 AM	C-Everett	132 128TH St. SW, Everett, WA 98204
2nd Sunday	8:30 AM	D-Aberdeen	Duffy's Restaurant, 1605 Simpson Ave, Aberdeen, WA 98520
3rd Saturday	08:30AM	E- Bellevue	Dennys Restraurent, 2233 148th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 611674
No Meetings		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 98264
3rd Sunday	8:30 AM	I-Olympia	Olympia VFW Hall, 2902 1/2 Martin Way East, Olympia, WA 98502
2nd Saturday	9:00 AM	L-Kennewick	Cousin's Restaurant, 4605 N 68, Pasco, WA 99031
1st Saturday	8:00 AM	M-Yakima	The Branding Iron Restaurant, 61311 Hwy 97, Toppenish, WA 98948
3rd Sunday	8:30 AM	N-Spokane	Golden Corral Restaurant, 7117 N Division, Spokane, WA 99208
4th Saturday	8:00 AM	O-Port Orchard	Airport Diner, 8803 State Hwy 3 SW, Port Orchard, WA 98367
3rd Saturday	8:00 AM	P-Longview	The Works, 1073 14th Ave, Longview, WA 98632
1st Friday	7:00 PM	Q-Puyallup	Hangar Inn, 16919 A Meridian E, Puyallup, WA 98372
1st Saturday	9:00 AM	R-Walla Walla	Oasis Restaurant. Old Milton-Freewater, OR 97862
1st Thursday	6:00PM	V-Auburn	The Performance Grill, 1525 A Street, Auburn, WA 98002
1st Saturday	8:30 AM	X-Vancouver	Hometown Buffet, 7809 B NE, Vancouver, WA 98686
2nd Friday	6:30 PM	Y-Enumclaw	Krain Corner Restaurant, 39929 264th SE, Enumclaw, WA 98022
2nd Saturday	5:30 PM	Z-Centralia	PJ's Pizza, 1232 Alder St. Centralia, WA 98531

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/>

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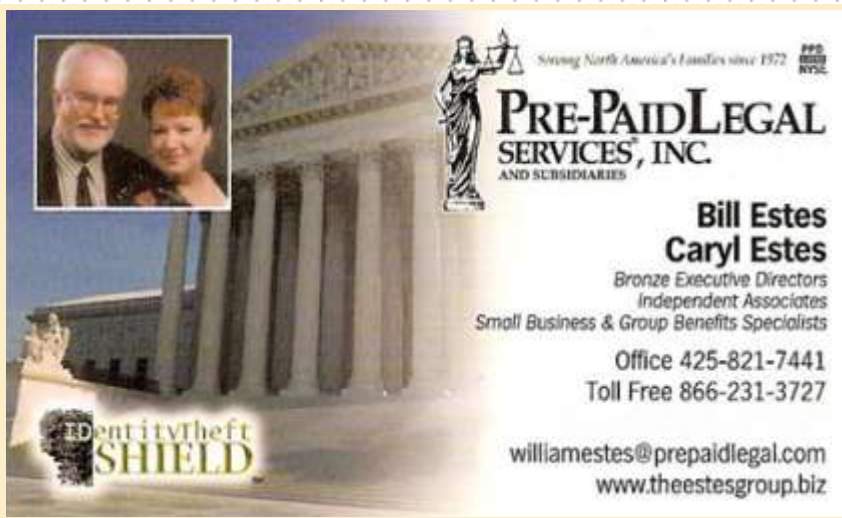
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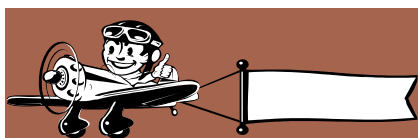
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