



Gold Wing Road Riders Association Region I - WA District



"Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"

March - Spring Fever

Message from our Chapter Directors

Here we are in March and boy oh boy, do we have a case of 'Spring Fever'. As we got out and rode a little bit over the last couple of weekends, we are reminded of why we love it so much, fresh air, the freedom of riding down a lonely road with the wind in your face, the feel of the throttle and a twisty road. We have seen so many bikes out on the road and everyone is smiling from ear to ear. With some of the warmest weather on record for February and hoping it continues in March and beyond, I am looking forward to kicking off the 2010 riding season with a bang.



We have already been out several times this year and it is an awesome feeling to get back out on the road. If we have to explain it, you would not understand. For Chapter E, March is also the time for our annual fundraising event SurfWatch in Ocean Shores. If you have not registered, please do so as soon as possible, as we really want you to attend and have some fun. The flyer/registration is on our Chapter E website, so fill it out and get it mailed in. This year the event is a couple of weeks later in the month, the 26, 27, 28 of March and is looking to be an excellent opportunity to spend time with your Chapter E family. We scheduled it later in the month so that perhaps you would not freeze on the crazy moped poker run as in years past. In addition we have our 'Soup Line Competition' and you should be able to enjoy a high quality silent and live auction to support our chapter in the coming year with events and rider education. Barb is working diligently with the staff and Chapter E members to really put on a great event this year. If you would like to volunteer to help, please let us know. There is a lot of fun to be had in volunteering your time and skills into making this event a fun time for everyone. Also, start thinking about other events and ideas as we start to move away from the winter months into our spring, summer as we have a lot of great rides and events planned, but are also looking for your ideas for those impromptu events and 'Ice Cream Social' events, like we did last year with the golf, firepower night and bowling. If you have some idea's please send them along and we will try to incorporate them into our overall social schedule. We already have a few ideas, like trampoline dodgeball, roller skating, etc. We are always looking for events that our membership can come and enjoy, even if they cannot participate, but they can cheer on others in the group. If you come, you will have fun and is that not what it is all about.

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—Let's get out and enjoy ourselves!!

John & Barb

Next Chapter

Meeting

Saturday

March 20, 2010

Denny's Diner

2233 148th Ave NE

Bellevue, WA

Breakfast: 8:00 AM

Meeting: 8:30 AM





GWRRR HAPPENINGS



*** WASHINGTON CHANGES ***

- Chapter V's meeting has been moved to the first Thursday at the Performance Grill In Auburn
1525 A Street Auburn, WA 98002
Dinner at 6 PM Meeting at 7 PM
- No Meeting for Chapter WA-Z in March



Washington District & Region 2010 Calendar of Events



MARCH

- 6 & 7 Officer Certification Program in Olympia, WA.
- 12-14 WA-D Mall Show
- 20 & 21 Officer Certification Program in Oregon
- 25 WA-E **Dinner Social JJ Mahoney's Irish Pub Redmond**
- 26-28 WA-E Surfwatch 2010 (Ocean Shores)

APRIL

- 3 & 4 WA-M & WA-R Multi Chapter Breakfast & Meeting in Prosser, WA.
- 10 & 11 WA-C Spring Fun Run Everett, WA.
- 16 & 17 ARC, 18 ARC, 17 TRC, 17 & 18 TC Rider Ed course in Bremerton, WA.
- 18 WA-N Brown Bag Auction in Spokane
- 24 & 25 Officer Certification Program in Pocatello, ID & Everett, WA
- 24 & 25 ARC Rider Ed course in Bremerton, WA.



Rider Education

By Ron Peck WA-E Rider Educator

Why you should TCLOCK your bike – at least occasionally

I took my riding gear just in case the opportunity arose. It did. “Let’s go to Boomtown and play Keno.” That sounded like a good idea at the time. There probably wasn’t any snow on the pass because the sun had been out for a few days (between rainstorms). My friend John had both an 1800 and his old 1500 and he said I could ride the 1800. What a deal!

We left Sacramento and headed up I-80 eastward. I thought Boomtown was only a few miles uphill, but it turned out to be 8 miles shy of Reno. The ride up the hill (elevation 7227 feet) was beautiful. The pavement was bare and the snowdrifts stayed on the side of the road. The coldest it got was 47 degrees.

Boomtown was a small casino that had enough slots and other devices to keep you entertained for as long as you had money. After watching him push the button on the slot machine for a few hours (you can pull the handle if you want to, but you can lose your money much faster just pushing a button) we decided to leave before it got too cold.

The ride started out like any other ride: sweeping 75 mph curves and more beautiful photo ops that I had to miss. I started noticing that whenever we made a right turn the pavement seemed bumpy. Left turns were fine. I asked John if he thought the pavement was bumpy and he said no, it was quite smooth. As I pondered this, the pavement started to get bumpy while going in a straight line, so I said that I need to pull off and look at the tires.

We took the first exit and put the bike on the center stand. While I put it in gear and started spinning the rear wheel, John started making all kinds of unhappy noises from the rear of the bike. The right side of the rear tire had developed an 18 inch long bulge where the outside of the rubber had separated from the inside. Fortunately, it hadn’t decided to blow out yet. My mind went back to about 3 minutes earlier when I was in the middle of those right hand sweepers, in the left lane, with the guard rail and drop off only a few meters away.

While I had no luck at Boomtown (I only gambled \$5), I had much better luck while riding the bike. I still don’t want to think about what could have happened. Anyway, we were still more than an hour and a half from his house (at $\frac{3}{4}$ impulse power) and to quote Spock “Hours had become days.”

We decided to limp slowly down the freeway as far as we could in the hope that we could get closer to civilization before anything happened. As we crept down in the far right side we were passed by everyone, including big trucks. We were afraid of getting run over, but there were no other roads to take. Fortunately, the tire gods smiled on us (a little late) and we made it back to his house with no further mishap.

So what did I learn? It is always a good idea to check the machine you will be riding, especially if it doesn’t belong to you. I don’t know if the tire showed any signs of problems before we left the house, but now I will never know. A visual inspection really doesn’t take that much time and can be well worth the trouble. Here is a list (shamelessly stolen from the internet) of things to look at/check:



T-CLOCK MOTORCYCLE INSPECTION CHECKLIST

ITEM	What to Check	What to look for	Check-off
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T-Tires and Wheels

Tires	Condition	Tread depth, wear, weathering evenly seated, bulges, imbedded objects	front / rear
	Air Pressure	Check when cold, adjust to load/speed	front / rear
Wheels	Spokes	bent, broken, missing, tension, check at top of wheel. 'ring' = OK—'thud' = loose spoke	front / rear
	Cast	Cracks, dents	front / rear
	Rims	Out of round/true = 5mm. Spin wheel, index against stationary pointer	front / rear
	Bearings	Grab top and bottom of tire and flex: no freeplay (click) between hub and axle no growl when spinning	front / rear
	Seals	Cracked, cut or torn, excessive grease on outside, reddish-brown around outside	

C—Controls

Levers	Condition	Broken, bent, cracked, mounts tight	front / rear
	Pivots	Lubricated. Operates smoothly	
Cables	Condition	Fraying, kinks, lubrication: ends and length	
	Routing	No interference or pulling at steering head, Suspension, no sharp angles, wire looms in place	
Hoses	Condition	Cuts, cracks, leaks, bulges, chafing, deterioration	
	Routing	No interference or pulling at steering head, suspension, no sharp angles, wire looms in place	
Throttle	Operation	Moves freely, snaps closed, no revving	
Brakes	Condition	Drum: indicator is within tolerance	front / rear
		Disk: no grooves or glazing on disk. Pads still have center groove for wear check	
Mirrors	Condition	Two in place, not cracked, securely mounted	

L—Lights

Battery	Condition	Terminals, clean and tight, electrolyte level, held down securely
	Vent Tube	Not kinked, routed properly, not blocked
Lenses	Condition	Cracked, broken, securely mounted, excessive condensation
Reflectors	Condition	Cracked, broken, securely mounted
Wiring	Routing	Pinched, no interference or pulling at Steering head or suspension, wire looms in place and ties tight, connectors tight, clean
Headlamp	Condition	Cracks, reflector, mounting and adjustment system
	Aim	Height and right/left
Taillight	Condition	Operates off both front and rear brakes Operates when headlight is on
Turn Signals	Condition	Front and rear are operational
Horn	Condition	Operational

O—Oil

Levels	Engine Oil	Check warm according to mfg specs. Dipstick or sight glass
	Hypoid Gear Oil	Transmission, rear driver, shaft
	Hydraulic	Brakes, clutch, reservoir or sight glass
	Coolant	Reservoir and/or recovery tank Check cold ONLY
	Fuel	Tank or guage
Leaks	Engine Oil	Gaskets, housings, seals
	Hypoid Gear Oil	Gaskets, seals, breathers
	Hydraulic	Hoses, master cylinders, calipers
	Coolant	Radiator, hoses, tank, fittings, pipes
	Fuel	Lines, petcocks, carbs

NOTE: Some leaks are from overflow tubes and is normal

C—Chassis

Frame	Condition	Cracks at gussets, accessory mounts. Look for paint lifting/peeling	
	Steering Head	No detent or tight spots through full Travel, raise front wheel, check for play By pulling/pushing forks	
	Swingarm	Raise rear wheel, check for play by Pulling/pushing side to side	
Suspension	Forks	Smooth travel, equal air pressure/damping/ Anti-dive settings. No leaks at seals	front / rear
	Shocks	Smooth travel, equal pre-load/air pressure/ Damping settings, linkage moves freely and Is lubricated	front / rear
Chain or Belt	Tension	Check against mfg specs at tightest point	
	Lubrication	Should not be dry. DO NOT lube belts	
	Sprockets	Teeth should not be hooked or overly pointed Securely mounted	
Fastners	Threaded	Tight, missing bolts/nuts	
	Clips	Broken, missing	
	Cotter pins	Broken, missing, reused	

K—Kickstand

Centerstand	Condition	Cracks, bent
	Retention	Springs in place, tension to hold position
Sidestand	Condition	Cracks, bent, safety cut-out switch if equipped
	Retention	Springs in place, tension to hold position



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



Washington District News

RI DER EDUCATION COURSES

Washington District's Rider Education is holding a Rider Course Spring Fling April 2010. Included will be Advanced Rider Courses (ARC), a Trike Rider Course and a Trailering Course. Dates and locations are:

ARC—April 16 & 17, 2010

(Classroom 6-9PM on 16th; Range 8AM on 17th)

ARC—April 18, 2010

(Classroom 8AM; Range 12:30PM)

ARC—April 24, 2010

(Classroom 8AM; Range 12:30PM)

ARC—April 25, 2010

(Classroom 8AM; Range 12:30PM)

Trike—April 17, 2010

(Classroom 9AM; Range 1:00PM)

Trailering—April 17 & 18, 2010

(Classroom 6-8PM on 17th; Range 9AM on 18th)

CLASSROOM work at the Mary E. Theler Community Center, 22871 NE State Rt. 3, Belfair, WA.

RANGE located at Bremerton School District, West Technical Skill Center, 101 National Ave.N., Bremerton, WA 98312. The range times listed are estimated and may be changed by the lead instructor.

For more information call Eric (360) 620-7071 or email ericandmona@comcast.net.



Terry Branthwaite	16
Bob Reagle	20
Jim Wartchow	24
David Steik	25



Steve & Charlene Lee	11
Joe & Freda Downs	20
Rick & Dori Myers	31

If we have missed any announcement, birthday or anniversary please email Ernie Sigyar to 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 Sigyar to 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 Sigyar to @ enssigyar to@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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MARCH 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>National Pig Day</i>	2 <i>Peanut Butter Lovers Day</i>	3 <i>National Anthem Day</i>	4 <i>Hug a GI Day</i>	5 <i>Employee Appreciation Day</i>	6 <i>National Frozen Food Day</i>
7	8	9	10	11 <i>Johnny Appleseed Day</i>	12 <i>Girls Scout Day WA-D Mall Show</i>	13 <i>Ear Muff Day WA-D Mall Show</i>
14 	15 <i>Ides of March</i>	16 <i>Everything You do Is Right Day</i>	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> 	18	19 <i>Poultry Day</i>	20 <i>WA-E Meeting Ride to Cabellas</i>
21 <i>Fragrance Day</i>	22 <i>National Goof Off Day</i>	23	24	25 <i>WA-E Dinner Social JJ Mahoney's Irish Pub</i>	26 <i>Surf Watch</i> 	27 <i>Surf Watch</i> 
28 <i>Surf Watch</i> 	29	30 <i>Take A Walk In The Park Day</i>	31 <i>National Clam On The Half Shell Day</i>			

Did you know?

March was named for the Roman God "Mars".

Erin Go Braugh is perhaps the most common Irish term you will hear. It means "Ireland Forever"

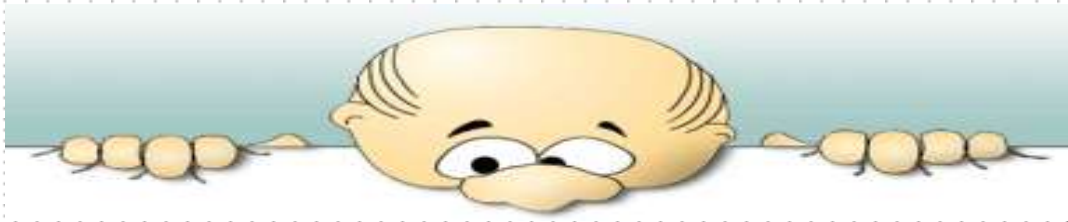
Over 34 million Americans are of Irish descent. That's almost 9 times the population of Ireland!



GWRR 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 Restraurant, 2233 148th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA
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://www.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.motorbikes.today.com/reviews/Articles/hon_goldwing_04.htm

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



2010 RALLIES

Oregon—June 17-19 Warm Springs, OR <http://www.gwrroregondistrict.com/OR04/DR10.pdf>

Wyoming—June 17-19 Rock Springs, WY <http://kennharvey.tripod.com/District/Images/RallyPDF//WYDistrictRallyFlyer2010.pdf>

Wing Ding—June 30–July 3 Des Moines, IA <http://www.wing-ding.org/>

Washington—July 16-18 Port Townsend, WA http://www.gwrro-wa.org/Flyers/2010_District_Rally_Registration.pdf

Montana—July 23-25 Location TBA

Region I—August 26, 27, 28 Tillamook, OR <http://www.bigskyregioni.org/images/Rally.pdf>

Idaho—September 3-5 Kellogg, ID <http://gwrro-id.us/images/rally.pdf>



Where is Ernie Bird?



John Smith is the present holder.

Something New:

Patty Spencer is starting a new game at the meetings.
Come see what she has planned!

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