



Gold Wing Road Riders Association Region I - WA District



"Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"

April - Time to get out and Ride

Message from our Chapter Directors

Well, another successful SurfWatch in Ocean Shores, what a hoot!! We had a really good time and the silent and live auctions and Moped Poker run was very successful, with only a couple of minor casualties. Also the 'Soup Line' competition with 21 different soups was awesome. This year's winner by a landslide was our very own Caryl Estes, with a 'Baked Potato Soup'. Nice job Caryll!! Holy Moly, can you say "Good Soups", there sure was a lot of them. All of this would not be possible without the tireless support of our awesome chapter members who worked hard to do all of the legwork, including moped stops, registration, auction preparations and food and dessert planning. There is quite a bit of work that goes into event every year and without you it would not be possible. THANK YOU ALL!!! Since this has become the chapters annual fundraiser for all of the things we do throughout the year, it is really fun to do this as we all have some real fun and it was fun..fun..fun.



MEETING CHANGE

8:00 AM

Family Pancake House

17621 Redmond Way

Redmond, WA

98052

Also, this month is the end of our winter dinner socials, our last dinner social at the Olive Garden in Kirkland will take place on April 22nd. We are really fortunate to have our two dinner social coordinators taking care of us during the winter months. Thanks Karla and Leah. You guys are the best!!

This is also the start of the riding season for us winter people who keep the bike in the garage during inclement weather, but this year has been really different with no real cold weather to speak of. I know several of us have already been on several rides this year with the Mother Nature being nice to us this year. We are so looking forward to more and more chapter rides this year, starting with the WA-C Fun Run on April 10th. We hope you are planning on bring out your bike for this great ride and help support Chapter C in Everett as this is their annual fundraiser and for us, this is really the beginning of the riding season most years.

We also have the Rider Education Classes on multiple weekends in April. We hope you signed up for one of the classes, whether an ARC, Trike or Trailering class, there is never enough education when riding a motorcycle. Safety is our first concern, and the more you know the better. We always learn something we did not know. We have eight slots for the classes, which are paid for by the chapter, so please contact our Chapter Educator if you are interested in attending the class on the 25th of April.

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—there is no destiny, except what you make it. Do something today!!

John & Barb





GWRRRA HAPPENINGS



*** WASHINGTON CHANGES ***



- WA-B NO April Meeting
- WA-E New meeting location and time Family Pancake House
17621 Redmond Way
Redmond, WA. 98052 8:00 AM
- WA-P New meeting location and time Sizzler
936 Ocean Beach Hwy.
Longview, WA. 98632 1:00 PM
- OCP new place for program 132 128th. St. Denny's Diner Everett, WA.



2010 Calendar of Events

- APRIL
- 3 & 4 WA-M & WA-R Multi Chapter Breakfast & Meeting in Prosser, WA.
 - 3-7 WA-V Federal Way Rest Stop
 - 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.

- May
- 1 & 2 Brothers Power Sports GWRRRA Appreciation Event and Poker Run
 - 5 WA-M Fun Run
 - 8 WA-Q Crazy Ride
 - 15 & 16 Officer Certification Program Tri Cities
 - 21 & 22 BC Victoria Days
 - 28, 29, 30 WA-L Spring Fling



Rider Education

By Ron Peck WA-E Rider Educator

IT'S ALL IN YOUR HEAD

Do you dread having to do a U-turn in a confined space, find yourself "duck-walking" your 'Wing around? Do you find yourself making lots of small corrections as you go through curves instead of making nice, smooth arcs? Good news! It's all in your head. No, I don't mean like that; I mean that most of your control problems are all in your head or, more specifically, how you position your head.

The single biggest error that most riders make is their failure to LOOK WHERE THEY WANT TO GO. I know that, for most of us, it's been drilled into our heads since we started walking, "Look where you're going!" Usually, that works pretty well but motorcycle handling is a bit different.

Motorcycles tend to go where you are looking and the failure of riders to smoothly negotiate curves or successfully make U-turns is their failure to turn their heads and focus on their desired destination in the roadway. Most riders, when making a U-turn, will focus on the roadside or ditch rather than the area much further behind them like the centerline of the roadway. I'll say it again, motorcycles tend to go where you are looking. If you're focused on the ditch, guess what? That's where you'll go. A GoldWing Top Gun rider I know suggests that the rider should, "Look past their antennas or tail lights." Another one told me, "Don't look where you're GOING; look where you WANT to go."

Similarly, if the rider doesn't look as far through the curve as possible, they end up doing what Lee Parks, in his excellent book TOTAL CONTROL, calls "50 pencing" (the British 50 Pence coin is faceted around its edge), basically converting the curve into a series of short, straight lines. Again, the cure is to TURN YOUR HEAD. Focus your attention as far through the curve as possible (keeping moving your focus as you progress through the curve), maintain a steady or increasing throttle and trust your tires (you do have good tires, don't you?). The majority of riders who crash in a curve (roughly 50%) follow the same process: (1) They fail to slow to an appropriate entry speed (that's a speed that will allow you to accelerate all the way through the curve), (2) They stop looking where they want to go (if they ever were), (3) They start looking where they want to land. One more time; motorcycles go where you look. If you think you're too fast as you enter a curve: (1) Keep looking at (or for) the exit of the curve, (2) Press the handlebar to lean the bike some more, (3) Hold your throttle steady and stay off your brakes, (4) Trust your tires.

If you go back and consider the things I've just talked about, you'll see that the solutions to these very common problems are "all in your head." Some of the solution is how you position your head; some is how well you use the contents of your head. Safe riding is much more your eyes and brain rather than hands and feet.

Motorcycling requires considerably more concentration than does automobile driving because motorcycles are less stable and more vulnerable than cars. A pothole that is uncomfortable in a car can cause a motorcyclist to crash. A stone kicked up by a passing car that bounces off a car's windshield can knock a rider completely off their bike. Consequently, a motorcyclist has to be much more aware and focused.

Being a safe, smooth motorcyclist? It's all in your head.

JIM CULP

SC-A, CHAPTER EDUCATOR

MSF RiderCoach



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

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Surf Watch 2010





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.



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If we have missed any announcement, birthday or anniversary please email Ernie Sigarto 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 Sigarto 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

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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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ron@peckmanor.com

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April 2010



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				1 	2 <i>Good Friday</i>	3
4 <i>Easter</i> 	5	6	7 <i>Caramel Popcorn Day</i>	8	9	10 <i>Golfers Day</i>
11 <i>8 Track Tape Day</i>	12	13 <i>Scrabble Day</i>	14 <i>National Pecan Day</i>	15 	16	17 <i>New time and place for the WA-E Meeting After meeting ride Museum of Flight</i>
18	19 <i>National Garlic Day</i>	20	21	22 <i>Last Winter E Dinner Social Olive Garden Kirkland</i>	23 <i>Zucchini Bread Day</i>	24 <i>Pigs In A Blanket Day</i>
25	26 <i>Secretary's Day</i>	27 <i>Babe Ruth Day</i>	28	29	30 <i>National Honesty Day</i>	

April Birthstone Diamond

April Flower Sweet Pea or Daisy



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	 08:00AM	E- Bellevue	Family Pancake House, 17621 Redmond Way, Redmond, WA. 98052-4913 
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	1:00 PM	P-Longview	Sizzler, 936 Ocean Beach Hwy., 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.

Barb was going to get the Ernie Bird for her story about texting and sending a message to Karla instead of John. Karla has been sworn to secrecy for life!

So John made the mistake of saying "Well I'll just take Ernie from my bag and put it in my bag"

Barb was standing right next to him!

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