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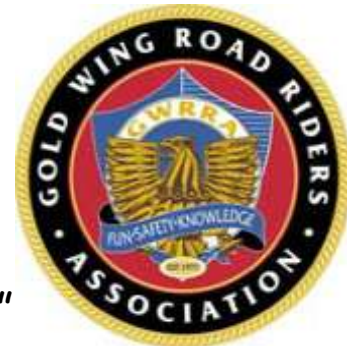
June 2010



WA-E

"Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"

Gold Wing Road Riders Association
Region I - WA District



Message from our Chapter Directors

June - Let Summer Begin

June is here and we should all be out riding our bikes. Well, the weather has been a little crazy, so trying to find a nice day to ride is more difficult than you think. Our issue is not riding in the rain, but rather having to clean and scrub the bikes after the rain storm. We are hoping that June will be the turning point for the remainder of the summer months and this turns into a long summer with plenty of nice days to go out and ride. Speaking of rides, do you know we have some great rides planned **this month, including Bob's Omak Loop on the 12-13th of June.** This year our ride director, will be reversing the route to head across Hwy 2 into Leavenworth, Quincy, Ephrata, Dry Falls and into Omak for the overnight stay at the Rodeway Inn. Then we will do a little loop-loop pass, Winthrop and back across the majestic Hwy 20 (North Cascades Hwy). No matter how many times we do this ride, the scenery and views are spectacular. Not to mention the fun we have as a group in Omak, dining at our favorite Mexican restaurant, and the companionship and camaraderie (OK, party) we all share together as a group. We also have the Port Gamble Civil War reenactment right after the Chapter Meeting, which we usually miss, due to a ride, but typically drive thru as they are doing it. This year, we will get to make this the ride and if we are lucky, we can also do a little riding after the war is over. I think we know who won.

There are many other events going on in the Washington District as well, including the WA-D Duck Hunt. A few people from our chapter have attended this event and have always come back with rave reviews of the ride and event. You can find the information on the Washington District Website. Another event is the Oregon District Rally in Warm Springs, Oregon at the KAH-NEE-TAH resort and casino and the Wyoming District Rally on the same weekend of the 18-20th. Again, take a look at the District Website for more information on these events.

We are also looking for further suggestions for our Thursday socials, so if you think you have a good idea that people would like and is reasonably priced and easy to get to please drop us a note, so we can include that in our social time. We have been trying to move it around to different locations, as going to the same place every week, gets a little old and we feel that people like the variety of different locations and food.

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—Get out there and have some FUN.

John & Barb



NEXT MEETING

June 19, 2010

8:00 AM

Family Pancake House

17621 Redmond Way
Redmond, WA





GWRRRA HAPPENINGS



*** WASHINGTON CHANGES ***



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

WA-Q No July Meeting

WA-I June meeting changed to Saturday June 19 Same place... Same time



2010 Calendar of Events

JUNE

- 5 WA-B Harvest Run
- 12 WA-D Duck Hunt
- 12-13 **Bob's Omak Loop Ride**
- 18-20 Oregon District Rally
- 18-20 Wyoming District Rally

JULY

- June 29—July 3 Wing Ding
- July 15-18 Washington District Rally
- July 23-24 Montana District Rally

Rider Education

By Ron Peck WA-E Rider Educator



Practice, Practice, Practice

'Skill' is often no more than CONFIDENCE

By: James R. Davis

Some time ago I was riding with a group down a back-country road when our group leader decided that we needed to perform our 'mandatory' U-turn. The road had two lanes (one in each direction) and there was no oncoming traffic.

With only one exception everybody made a 'three-point' maneuver. That is, we turned across the road and stopped when we could not keep going without running off the pavement, then backed up after turning the front wheel, stopped and turned the front wheel again and proceeded to complete the maneuver.

There was, as I said, one exception. This rider was on a relatively new GoldWing and he was carrying a passenger. Further, he is a BIG man - well over 6' tall and well over 300 pounds.

This man simply aggressively leaned his bike over and drove his bike through the entire 180 degree turn without needing to stop or running out of pavement.

The chatter on the CB was filled with compliments relative to his profound skill with his bike. Those compliments started again at our next rest stop. They were well deserved compliments. But they were misdirected.

That is, what should have been complimented, in my opinion, was the rider's CONFIDENCE rather than his skill.

Don't get me wrong - the man demonstrated lot's of skill. He had demonstrated a mastery of his clutch, his throttle, and his HEAD!

With even modest skill almost anyone can lean a bike far enough in a slow-speed turn to drag a peg - but very few of us want to or would even try to get close to that big a lean because we do not KNOW that we can do it successfully. Why? Because we lack confidence in either our machine or ourselves. So, we compromise and do what we KNOW we can do - we make a three-point U-turn on a narrow road.

And how is it that this BIG man developed the confidence to make that slow-speed hard lean needed to complete his smooth U-turn? He had lot's of experience. Experience gained from lot's of practice.

Whether you call it skill or confidence, this man handles his bike very well indeed. He deserves recognition and regard, and he certainly gets both from me. Further, his U-turn maneuver took substantially less time than mine did. In other words, he was at risk for far less time than I was. THAT aspect of the value of experience never occurred to me before - confidence can reduce time at risk.

So, schedule some time on a regular basis and go out and practice, practice, practice. Earn the respect and regard of your friends by increasing your confidence/skills. Potentially reduce your at-risk time while on the road.

Practice increases confidence. Confidence shows as 'skill.' Over-confidence, however, can kill. The difference between the two, of course, is that being confident means you know you can do something, being over-confident means you think you can.

Making a U-turn like my friend did may not be the most important thing you will ever have to do, but failing to negotiate a curve at high speed because you lack confidence enough to lean the bike just a bit more is simply unacceptable motorcycling.



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

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Where Do I Fly My Flag

With the approach of Memorial Day and the 4th of July, many have asked “what is the proper way to display the American Flag” on our bikes.

When the US Flag is flown alone, it should be at the “center” on the rear of the motorcycle, or its “marching right”. The ‘marching right’ is on the right side of the motorcycle to the rider’s perspective when facing forward.



If the US Flag is on your bike with another, it should be to its “marching right”. This means displaying the flag with no other to its right.

If displayed with multiple flags, the US Flag should be centered and highest. The other flags should be arranged in alphabetical order and in decreasing importance. i.e. Nations first, states (in order of admittance) and territories second, military third (in order of establishment) and then any other flag.

High Mileage Contest



GWRRA is very proud to announce a new Member-suggested Contest! This contest was sent to us by Brian Roundtree from Woodstock, Georgia, and will begin April 1, 2010, and will run through October 31, 2010. It is just as it sounds. The Member who has driven the most number of miles on his or her motorcycle or trike between these dates will be honored as the winner of the first GWRRA High Mileage Contest.

It is an honor program, meaning that you are taken at your word and you provide the mileage in the database. This database is a website that will be accessed from GWRRA's Home Page at www.gwrra.org.

There you will find a link to list your name, Member number and mileage driven for each month. The data will automatically update and put each rider in order of the highest mileage first, second, etc. The winner of the GWRRA High Mileage Contest will receive recognition on this website, GWRRA's Home Page, and in an article in Wingin' It, our electronic newsletter, as well as a special certificate from the Home Office.

Some of the simple rules as mentioned previously are:

>Open to current GWRRA Members only

>Total miles driven must be given for your entries into the database

>Mileage is to be calculated on a single bike or trike and not cumulative from multiple vehicles (*no commercial vehicles are allowed*)

This contest is for the pure fun and enjoyment of riding. It has seen very much success in other organizations, so let's have fun with it and, remember, we are all on the honor system.



Bob & Carolyn Reagle	11
Ron & Lana Jo Peck	22
Mike & Lynn Keefe	23

Karen Jamison	3
Jean Kuper	14
Marietta DeWitt	22

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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

Ernie & Sue Sigarto @ enssigarto@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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Upcoming Events

June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 <i>Bob & Tess</i> <i>Thurgood at</i> <i>Chapter C</i> <i>Meeting Place</i>	4	5 <i>WA-B</i> <i>Harvest Run</i>
6	7	8	9	10 <i>Kirkland 's</i> <i>Houghton Beach</i> <i>Park</i>	11	12 <i>WA-D</i> <i>Duck Hunt</i> <i>Bob 's</i> <i>Omak Ride</i>
13 <i>Bob 's</i> <i>Omak Ride</i>	14 <i>Flag Day</i> 	15	16	17 <i>XXX</i> <i>Issaquah</i>	18 <i>Oregon Rally</i> <i>Wyoming Rally</i>	19 <i>E Meeting</i> <i>Pt. Gamble Ride</i> <i>Oregon Rally</i> <i>Wyoming Rally</i>
20  <i>Oregon Rally</i> <i>Wyoming Rally</i>	21 <i>First Day of</i> <i>Summer</i> 	22	23	24 <i>TBD</i>	25	26
27	28	29 <i>Wing Ding</i>	30 <i>Wing Ding</i>			

GWRRA WASHINGTON MEETINGS

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			
JUNE MTG ON SAT. 19th.	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 23-24 Laurel, Montana

Region 1—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?



Bob Reagle is still holding the:



Uh Oh!!! What happened?
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