

# GWRRA

July 2010



## Gold Wing Road Riders Association Region I - WA District



### WA-E "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"

#### Message from our Chapter Directors

July - Time to enjoy friends.

Hello Friends. It is July and time for the Washington District Rally in Port Townsend on 16-18 July. This year, we are looking for a big contingent from Chapter E to come and have a good time at the rally. During the last few years at the Rally, Chapter E has consistently been one of the bigger chapters in attendance and what we make up for in size, we definitely

make up in having fun and partying with each other. If you have not been to a rally lately, this is the year to go. This will be the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary for Washington State. Yes, that is **30 years. Hard to believe. This year's theme at the Rally is going to be a cruise theme, 'Cruising the Olympic Peninsula' and from what I have seen already is looking to be a really great time. Our very own District Director 'Captain Bob' will be leading the rally call for the entire state. There will be a captain's dinner where you might get to sit and dine with royalty** (ok, semi-royalty). I know that the host chapters of WA-O and WA-B have put a lot of time and effort into many rides and with the walkabout around Port Townsend, so I know there are a couple of surprises there. If you have not yet signed up for the rally, it is not too late. We would like to get as many Chapter E members there as possible. We will be setting up the camping / fun zone, so we need to know if you are coming, so we can make sure we have enough space for you and your entourage. **Also, don't forget the Gustin Picnic on the 4th of July. Happy Birthday America. We will surely celebrate that.**

On a bit of a sad note, in June, we lost one of our own. Gerri Atkinson has lost her battle with cancer and passed away. Both Mike Liebold and Gerri were a fixture at Chapter E and attended many of the events like Surf Watch and our chapter meetings, **even while undergoing her treatment. Gerri also did quite a bit for 'Ride for Kids' and both her and Mike are avid supporters of this charity. We all will surely miss her and will keep Mike in our thoughts and prayers over the coming months. Gerri...We will miss you!!**

We are continuing to look for additional 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—**Sign up for the rally and let's have some FUN.**

John & Barb



NEXT MEETING  
**AUGUST 21**

(NO JULY MTG)

8:00 AM

Family Pancake  
House

17621 Redmond Way  
Redmond, WA  
98052



# GWRRRA HAPPENINGS



## \*\*\* WASHINGTON CHANGES \*\*\*



**WA-E** New meeting location and time Family Pancake House  
17621 Redmond Way  
Redmond, WA. 98052 8:00 AM

**NO** Meetings for the following chapters for the month of July:

B,E,I,N,Q,X

V meeting changed to July 8



## 2010 Calendar of Events

### JULY

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

### AUGUST

- Aug. 21 & 22 WA-Z Chicken Run & Campout
- Aug. 26,27,28—Region I Rally
- Aug. 28 WA-O Whale of a picnic



# Rider Education

By Ron Peck WA-E Rider Educator



## Heavier Bike vs. Stopping Distance

You should know this before driving down the mountain

By: James R. Davis

There seems to be a continuing belief amongst many of us that stopping distance increases as a direct function of increased vehicle weight. I would like to try again to put this issue to rest.

While it is true that a heavier vehicle requires more energy to brake to a stop than does a lighter vehicle, (there is, after all, more mass involved), that does NOT mean the heavier vehicle takes more time or more distance to stop.

Let's review how your brakes work. Regardless of type (disk or drum), your brakes work by pressing a non-revolving material against a revolving material and, as a result, converting (via friction) the energy from the revolving material into heat. The harder the materials are pressed together, the greater the friction and, as a result, the greater the rate of conversion - i.e., the more braking force applied, the quicker you slow down the revolutions of the wheels, and the hotter the brakes become.

The brakes are also designed to radiate the resulting heat into the environment and, thus, allow the brakes to cool down quickly after they are no longer being used. This is a very important part of their design because the braking material used loses efficiency (reduced friction) with high heat. Indeed, if the braking material gets too hot it can be permanently damaged (it will glaze.)

Brakes on an 18-wheeler are substantially larger than those on your car or motorcycle. That is, brakes come in lots of different sizes - each with the ability to convert a range of energy conversion demands. The bike designers select brakes appropriate for your most demanding requirements. In other words, your brakes are perfectly adequate to totally stop the revolution of your wheels, regardless of how heavy the bike is (until it is severely over weight) or how fast those wheels are turning. Mind you, you can severely overload your bike with luggage and passenger to the point that your brakes might not be up to the task of handling that demand efficiently.

Since you know that you can lock a wheel while the bike is still moving, you know that the braking energy you apply to your brakes is NOT WHAT LIMITS HOW FAST YOU CAN STOP! That limit is determined by the amount of traction your tires have.

Further, since it takes more braking energy to stop (lock) a spinning wheel than to merely slow it down, and because a sliding tire (the result of locking your brake) has less traction than one that is not sliding, your normally functioning brakes are NOT WHAT LIMITS YOUR STOPPING DISTANCE! That limit is also determined by the traction of your tires.

**T**raction, as we have discussed before, increases with weight. Thus, adding weight decreases your ability to slide the tire and, as a result, gives you the ability to stop more quickly while at the same time increasing the energy that must be converted to heat by your brakes in order to slow down. In effect, adding weight makes it harder to slow at the same time it makes it more possible to do so.

If you so severely overload your bike that the brakes are no longer powerful enough to cause a skid, then you know that the increase in traction gained by that added weight has finally overwhelmed the ability of your brakes and, thus, your brakes then become what limits your stopping ability (time and distance.)

Weight affects your ability to stop in TWO ways:

- It takes more energy (braking) to slow a heavier weight
- Traction INCREASES as a result of added weight such that more braking can be used without starting a skid.

Thus, adding weight essentially CANCELS itself out as an impact on stopping distance. All that you need to do is apply your brakes harder in order to TOTALLY compensate for added weight.

You know this already, of course. Else, for example, how could a car EVER stop as quickly as a motorcycle? Or, how could a heavy Valkyrie or an Ultra Classic Tour Glide EVER stop as quickly as a little 250 cc street bike? Further, any of you that have taken an MSF class know that there is an exercise (and a skill test) that measures how quickly you can stop your bike while moving in a straight line. Your speed is computed by using a stopwatch and measuring your time through a marked interval. Your stopping distance is read directly from marks on the ground. If, for example, you are traveling at 20 MPH when you begin your braking, then you are expected to stop within 23 feet. NOTE - if you are a 300 pound rider or a 100 pound rider, the results are the same! There is no compensation for weight. Now you know why.

Now, mind you that I have been talking about a panic stop capability - or even normal braking THE FIRST COUPLE OF TIMES. The heavier the bike, however, the more heat is created by using those brakes and braking power diminishes with higher heat. Thus, while on a long mountainside decline, if the time interval between brake usages has not been long enough to let the brakes cool down, then you will find that a heavier bike begins to no longer have the braking power of a lighter bike. THAT is why you use engine braking (a lower gear) when going down a long decline.

But, generally speaking, weight makes no difference in stopping distance because the brakes are more than adequate to handle any normal range of weight for that bike.

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And



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

# FYI



**Chapter "C"** - Bob and Thess Thurgood are stepping up as the new chapter directors for chapter "WA-C". We will be installing them at their July 10<sup>th</sup> breakfast gathering, breakfast at 8:00 and meeting at 8:30. Please mark your calendars and plan a visitation to show your support. The Thurgoods contact information is as follows: E-mail: [rvt4@hotmail.com](mailto:rvt4@hotmail.com) Phone: 425-485-4416

There have been requests for the plan on the Migration from the Region Rally to the Idaho District Rally. The following is a listing of the hotel that most thus far are planning to stay at. The camp grounds have not been referenced so those that want to camp this will provide the stopping point in route. You will need to call and make you own reservations for either the hotel or the camping.

## August 29th

America's Best Inn and Suites      Cost Double room 69.99 plus tax  
McMinnville OR                              Single room 54.99  
509 472 5187

## August 30th

Best Western                              Cost 65.70 with tax per room I wasn't given a lower cost for the single  
room rate  
Prineville OR  
541-447-8080

## August 31st

Best Western Rama Inn  
Enterprise OR                              Cost 108.99 with tax rate reduced \$40.00

## Sep. 1st

Super 8                              Cost 89.13 plus tax for the Dbl the single rate will be emailed to me  
Grangeville ID

## Sep. 2<sup>nd</sup> - through the Rally

Guest House Inn and Suites      Formerly the Silver Valley Inn and also the Baymont-  
Kellogg ID                              Cost 75.00 plus tax  
800-785-5443

## Where Do I Fly My Flag

With the approach of Memorial Day and the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.





<b>Bob &amp; Thess Thurgood</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Bruce &amp; Sandy McMahill</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Garney &amp; Gail Arcand</b>	<b>14</b>

<b>Dennis Sarver</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Bruce McMahill</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Jim Vey</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Freda Downs</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>LeeAnn Kelly</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Joe Downs</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Charlene Lee</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Thess Thurgood</b>	<b>29</b>



# June Birthday

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](mailto:allabout@verizon.net)

Ernie & Sue Sigyar to @ [enssigyar to@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto:ron@peckmanor.com)

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# JULY



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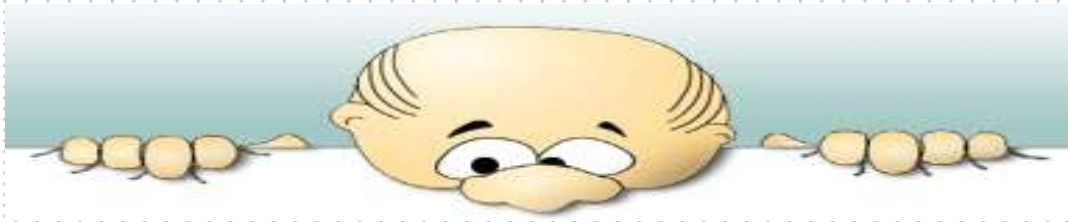
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				1 <i>Dinner Social</i> <i>The Rock</i> <i>1918 201st PL SE</i> <i>Bothell, WA</i>	2	3
4  <i>GUSTIN PICNIC</i>	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 <i>Aquasox</i> <i>Game</i>	12	13	14	15 <i>WA DIST. Rally</i> <i>PT. Townsend</i>	16 <i>WA DIST. Rally</i> <i>PT. Townsend</i>	17 <i>NO Chapter Meeting</i> <i>WA DIST Rally</i> <i>PT. Townsend</i>
18 <i>WA DIST. Rally</i> <i>PT. Townsend</i>	19	20	21	22	23 <i>MT. DIST. Rally</i> <i>Laurel, MT.</i>	24 <i>MT. DIST. Rally</i> <i>Laurel, MT.</i>
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

# GWRRA WASHINGTON MEETINGS

4th Saturday	8:30AM	A-Seattle	Old Country Buffet, 25630 104th Ave. SE, Kent, WA 98030
1st Sunday <b>NO JULYMTG</b>	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	<b>Duffy's Restaurant, 1605 Simpson Ave, Aberdeen, WA 98520</b>
3rd Saturday <b>NO JULY MTG</b>	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 <b>NO JULY MTG</b>	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 <b>NO JULY MTG</b>	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 <b>NO JULY MTG</b>	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- <b>MOVE TO 8th for July</b>	6:00PM	V-Auburn	The Performance Grill, 1525 A Street, Auburn, WA 98002
1st Saturday <b>NO JULY MTG</b>	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	<b>PJ's Pizza, 1232 Alder St. Centralia, WA 98531</b>

## 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://www.motorbikes.today.com/reviews/Articles/hon_goldwing_04.htm)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Motorcycle\\_safety](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](http://www.gwrro-wa.org/Flyers/2010_District_Rally_Registration.pdf)

Montana—July 23-24 Laurel, Montana

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?



Seems Bob Spencer had a crazy time figuring out how to get dressed during the Omak ride!!





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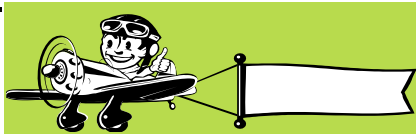
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