

GWRRA

September 2010



WA-E

Gold Wing Road Riders Association Region I - WA District



"Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"



Message from our Chapter Directors

September - The *Fall* Season

Next Meeting

September 18

8:00 AM

Family Pancake House

17621 Redmond Way

The kids are headed back to school now, the leaves are starting to turn, ahh.. 'Fall'. Fall in the Northwest, is one of the prettiest seasons we have. It seems like we just started the riding season a few days ago and now the summer season is slowly slipping away as we start to see more of the rainy and gray days ahead. This is one of the reasons why we love it here so much, as we get a change of seasons, every four months, whether we like it or not. If you ride your bike now, during this part of the year, you need to pay particular attention to the roads. Slippery leaves, on a wet road-way, have brought down their fair share of motorcycles, and we don't want to have that happen to any of our motorcycling friends and chapter members. We still have plenty of time to ride even in the 'Fall' weather. We have our upcoming Chapter E trip to Bend, OR, September 10-13, which I am hoping will be a great time for the chapter members to get together and explore the town of Bend, OR. Have some meals together, swap some stories and perhaps a few adult beverages with our friends. It is a great time to spend time with our friends and members. To me, our annual fall ride is almost like a celebration of the end of the summer season and the beginning of the 'Fall' season and the upcoming 'Winter' months. If you listen to the forecasts for this year, we are due to have a wetter and colder year coming up thanks to 'La Nina', so for those of you who don't like this type of weather, be forewarned, it is coming. In September, we also have a couple of other events going on as well. We have the trip up to see the ship that Steve Lee works on in Port Angeles, which will happen on September 25th, so if you RSVP'd for that trip, you should have a great time and September also this marks the start of our monthly gatherings for the 'Winter' Dinner Socials, which start on September 23rd. I am very confident that our two awesome social coordinators Leah and Karla have some great places to try and enjoy. We have had some really great places this summer to go to, and we certainly hope those of you who have been attending the summer 'Thursday Socials' have enjoyed them as much as we have. It is a difficult thing to find new places to go and see each week, considering the diversity we have in this group, but I think overall we have had some great places to choose from. Also the end of the month, marks the end of the Chapter 'E' mileage contest. Who will be this year's big winner and who did not ride this year?? I am sure that we have some contenders this year in both categories this year, but the key to this is safe riding. We will be asking you towards the end of the month to turn in your miles, so we can consolidate them and see who tearing up the roads on their bike or not.

As always, Barb and I are honored to be your Chapter Directors, so 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—Shiny side up, Rubber side down!!

John & Barb





GWRRA HAPPENINGS



*** WASHINGTON CHANGES ***



WA-E New meeting location and time

8:00 AM Family Pancake House

17621 Redmond Way Redmond, WA. 98052

WA-L New meeting location

Sandstone Café 104 W. 1st. ST Kennewick

WA-D No Sept. Meeting....supporting Ride For Kids

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WA-B Sept. meeting @ Beach Campout 11:00 AM

Oct. meeting: Bremerton Lanes 540 Bruenn St. Bremerton



2010 Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

August 29-Sept. 2 Migration Ride to Kellogg Idaho Rally

Sept. 3-5 WA-B Ocean Campout

Sept. 3-5 Idaho District Rally Kellogg, Idaho

Sept. 4 WA-B Campout Ocean Shores

Sept. 10-12 Bend OR. Ride

Sept. 12 Ride For Kids Remlinger Farms Carnation

Sept. 17-18 WA-P Oyster Run

Sept. 25 WA-D Birthday Party Montesano

** This calendar is subject to change.*

Check the Washington GWRRA web site for flyers and contact information at www.gwrra-wa.org for any events you wish to participate with.



Rider Education

By Ron Peck WA-E Rider Educator



A Motorcycling Crisis How To Handle It

By: Allan R. Kirk

New Zealand Motorcycle Safety Consultants

It was the late 1970s and Graham Hilder was riding home from late duty as a technician at the airport in Wellington, New Zealand's capital city. At one intersection a car did something silly and Graham made an angry gesture at the driver. It wasn't a wise idea. As Graham rode away from the intersection the car, full of irate gang members, came after him. Graham was riding an older bike and he knew that, while he might be able to out-run the car, he risked crashing and being attacked. So he headed for a side street he knew.

Once in it, with the gang members' car hot on his heels he accelerated to the end ... around some barriers and into a pedestrian subway that goes underneath the Wellington airport. The car full of gang members screeched to a halt at the barriers and the gang members could only sit and watch the receding tail light of Graham's motorcycle.

When Graham told me this story I was impressed by the coolness and cunning he exhibited in this situation. But, after talking to other experienced riders and the Police, and having spent many years studying motorcycle riding crisis and their causes, I've learned, just as Graham knew, that there are certain basic rules that must be obeyed if one wishes to emerge triumphant in times of trouble on a motorcycle.

Hope for the best, but prepare for the worst.

According to recent research by the Heidelberg University Hospital in Germany, riders who pre-plan their crashes are less likely to be seriously injured in a crash. It's the same in any safety field. If you are prepared for a crisis, you're more likely to survive that crisis than those who aren't. Graham Hilder was prepared for his crisis. He knew about the subway and had previously considered the possibility of riding a motorcycle through it. Planning for an emergency is not only about how to survive crashes but covers all aspects of motorcycle riding crises including situations like Graham's, and even what to do when a policeman stops you for speeding. Just considering worst-case scenarios puts you mentally on your toes in a crisis, and that can make all the difference between a crisis being a disaster or a disturbance.

Look first, then act.

In a crisis, too many people react before thinking. There are the people who drag injured people out of crashed cars and make their injuries worse that they were before they were moved, or the people who remove the crash helmet from an injured motorcyclist and leave him permanently paralyzed. In a crash situation no one who you can save will die in the minute it takes to survey the crash scene (for things like downed power lines, leaking petrol and other problems), and in quickly forming a plan of attack to deal with the crisis. In a riding crisis, you should not react instantly unless your reactions are thoroughly pre-planned. For example, what would you do when you are riding in the right hand wheeltrack and an oncoming car swerves onto your side of the road and starts heading towards you? How many of you answered that you would immediately brake and move to the left of your lane? The correct answer is to react at the last safe minute. Certainly you should brake and move towards the center of the lane as soon as you see the problem arise, but wait and watch the oncoming car for clues to its future movements before you react dramatically. And don't forget that if you brake to a stop, you're a sitting target! Remember, look first, then act.

When you do act, act aggressively.

Too often, people who are in a crisis situation do not react vigorously enough. This is often the result of not having practiced emergency riding techniques. You may have pre-planned your counter-steering response to a large rock in the middle of the road, but can you counter-steer aggressively enough to get around it? You may know the situations where your only defense is to brake very hard but can you brake aggressively? When did you last practice really aggressive counter-steering and braking? Incidentally, acting aggressively is no contradiction of the "look first, then act" idea. Confronting a riding crisis is like turning through a gap in oncoming traffic. Once you've decided the opportunity has come to act, do what you have to do without hesitation!

Use every bit of help you can get.

A police officer is trained to call for back-up as soon as he sets off in pursuit of an offender. The real professional uses every bit of help he can get. Ex-World Champion motorcycle racer Kenny Roberts readily admits that, today, many of the motorcycle racers out on the track are better riders than he was. The reason is simple - he's trained them to be as good as he was and they've gone on from there building up their skills. The rider who rides well and often, and who survives with the least scratches is the guy who uses every bit of help he can get to improve his riding skills. As motorcycle technology improves by leaps and bounds, as traffic density increases layer by layer, and as roading hazards get more deadly by the day, the average rider needs every bit of help he or she can get to get painless fun from his or her machine. Read books, talk to mates, attend riding courses and read media crash reports for clues on survival techniques.

Don't get locked on one detail.

The most common open road fatal crash in New Zealand is where the rider fails to make a corner and crashes into a piece of road side furniture, usually a lamppost or a large fencepost. The reason is simple. The rider's attention and eyes focus in fear on the post and the bike goes where the rider looks - into the post! Where you are at risk of crashing into a car, don't look at the car - look for a gap. Get the big picture. Don't focus too tightly.

No matter how bad things get, be truthful.

If you crash and blame everyone else but yourself for the crash, you'll never learn anything from the crash and the next one may be your last. Other drivers may invite you to a crash, but you have to accept the invitation. So, if you crash, sit down and think it through and see what YOU did wrong. (The NZMSC is presently developing a post crash self-analysis system for this purpose. We'll keep you posted.)

Let the crisis go.

Too many riders never go through the self-analysis process we mention above and they ride in fear of the same thing happening again. Riding nervous is completely different from riding warily. Riding warily is watchful but relaxed and smooth. Nervous riding is uncertain, tense, and unsmooth and actually places the rider at more risk of crashing again. If you can't relax on your bike after a crash you either haven't exorcised the "at fault" demons or you need to give up riding. Sometime in their riding life everyone has a riding crisis or two. How they handle that crisis decides whether that crisis will turn out to be an unmitigated disaster - or a learning opportunity and the greatest triumph of their life. -----

<http://www.msrgroup.org>



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WA-E

Gustin Picnic

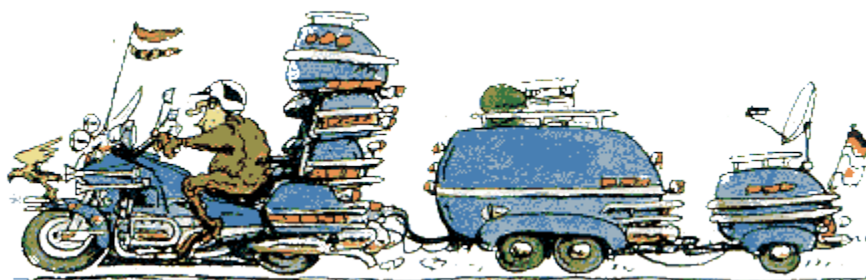


Region I Rally



Working dog gone hard

Talent show





September Celebrations



Happy Birthday

John Smith	10
Tanya Caldwell	15
Lana Jo peck	20

Happy Anniversary

Dave & Sheila Chavez	3
Mark & Tanya Caldwell	9
Jim & Carolyn Wartchow	17



August Birthdays

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.

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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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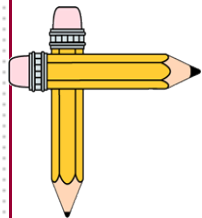



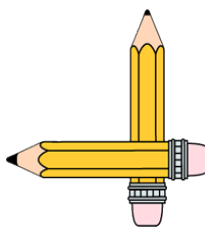
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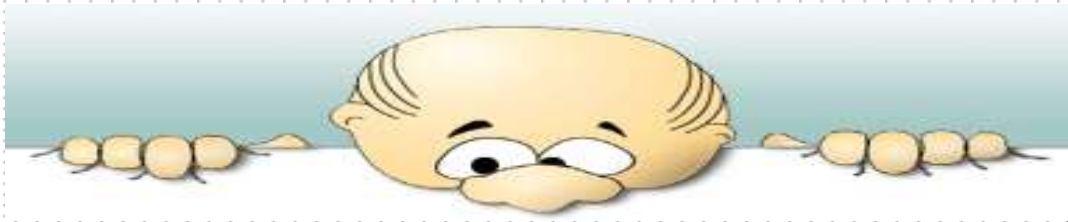
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12 <i>Ride For Kids</i>	13	14	15	16	17	18 <i>E Meeting P Oyster Run</i>
19	20	21	22 <i>First Day of Fall</i> 	23	24	25 <i>D Birthday Party</i>
26	27	28	29	30		

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	8:30 AM	I-Olympia	Olympia VFW Hall, 2902 1/2 Martin Way East, Olympia, WA 98502
2nd Saturday	9:00 AM	L-Kennewick	Sandstone Café 104 W. 1st. Kennewick, WA 99336
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.touringcovers.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.motorbiketoday.com/reviews/Articles/hon_goldwing_04.htm

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



2010 RALLIES



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

Where is Ernie Bird?



Any new nominations?

Bob is still holding the honors with his watch upside down and snap on backwards!


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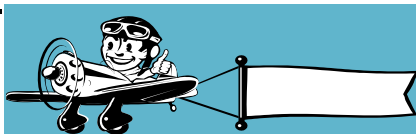
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