

# GWRRA

October 2010



## WA-E

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



## "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"



#### Message from our Chapter Directors

October - Still plenty of time left to enjoy..

This is an awesome time in the great northwest.

The leaves are turning shades of brown and red and look absolutely fantastic and make the northwest one of the most beautiful places in the world to live and see. Also, as we move closer to the end of the year, the daylight that we enjoy is getting shorter, so we find ourselves doing more and more

in the dark as our days get shorter and the nights get longer. The reasons we like the northwest is the definite change in seasons, which we do get here, although, I am still wondering where the summer really went. Seems that this year our summer months were much cooler and wetter than our normal summer here in the Northwest, but hey you have to take the good with the bad. We have many things to still do for the remainder of the year, so get out and have some fun with us.

We have the Dinner Socials with the next one on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October at the Fall City Roadhouse in Preston, which I think will be a hoot. Also coming up at the end of the month is the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Party at the Smith House. This is being held on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. Based on the last couple of years of costumes, I think this year will be an absolute riot. I know that Barb and I have our costumes picked out for this year and **Maddie (Barb's Dog) will be sporting a costume as well and we are hoping to see you there. If you have never** been to one of these before, you should really consider coming and enjoying the fun and camaraderie of your crazy fellow Chapter E members. We will also likely be having a Staff meeting somewhere in October, so we **can start the necessary planning for our chapter events and our Christmas party, which this year is a 'Redneck' theme. I know a couple of members already have their 'Billy Bob' teeth, so this should be quite an interesting** party. Never a dull moment at a Chapter E event, that is for sure.

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—Watch for slippery leaves..

John & Barb



*Next Meeting*

*October 16*

*8:00 AM*

*Family Pancake House*

*17621 Redmond Way*



# GWRRRA 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-B

Oct. Meeting: Bremerton Lanes

540 Bruenn St. Bremerton, WA.



## 2010 Calendar of Events



**October 22-24 WA-V Mall Show**

**October 23 WA-Q Halloween Dance**





# Rider Education

By Ron Peck WA-E Rider Educator



## Group Riding - Still YOUR Ride It is NOT playing 'Follow The Leader'

By: James R. Davis

I have heard it argued by some who prefer not to ride in groups that group riding is no more than playing 'follow the leader'. And since most of us that ride big bikes are far from being simply followers, group riding is for 'the other guys'.

Well, I have no problem with people preferring to ride solo. But if the concept of group riding is generally thought to be simply playing 'follow the leader', I'd like to correct that impression immediately.

When you join a group ride you do agree to be led by a lead bike and to be shepherded by a drag bike. You agree that you will station-keep (maintain proper spacing and a staggered formation). And you agree that you will adopt the 'prime directive' (never hit the bike in front of you).

Sounds like 'follow the leader' to me, too. But there is more. You, for example, agree to follow the lead bike **UNLESS IT IS INTO DANGER**. You agree to rely solely on yourself to determine that a lane change is safe for you to perform. You agree, in other words, to be responsible for your own safety. This is what is meant by the often heard admonition to 'ride your own ride!'

In other words, riding in a group is more than being a passive component. It involves being an **ACTIVE** participant.

Lest you think this is a trivial 'nit pick' and that despite the above you are nevertheless still just following the leader, let me describe a few situations that might change your mind.

Yesterday a group of 7 people on 5 bikes went out for a short (150 mile) ride together. One of the people was a newbie to the group and to group riding. We explained what our concept of group riding entails, and he had received a copy of our group riding guidelines document the week before. Because there was a new rider in the group we started out very conservatively.

That is, our lead bike decided to place the new person in the slot immediately in front of me (riding drag) and when we got to a freeway he kept the group in the right-most lane. This was done to give me an opportunity to gauge the skills of the new rider before we increased our speed and moved left.



What I observed was that this person had fine control of his bike, but he was clearly anxious about being in the right lane (as was I.) There was rather a lot of merging traffic before we got out of town.

Someone in the group who was equally anxious said on the CB: "Hey, Harry, I have it on good authority that there are 2 more lanes on this free-way." Harry (our lead bike) responded by asking me to secure a lane to the left. I did so and the group moved to the left.

So? So one of the 'followers' changed the behavior of the group! He took an active role and asked, in his own fashion, for the group to move out of the slow lane.

[Had the newbie been having any trouble with highway speed or with control of his bike in any other way I would have vetoed the lane change and asked for an exit lane instead. The drag bike has a lot of discretion in our groups.] Taking an active role is expected of our riders! And not just to change some group behavior to accommodate a personal desire. Each rider in our group is expected to look out for the interests of the other riders as well.

Another example from yesterday. Cash and I separated from the rest of the group as the ride came to an end. We rode our two bikes together through some unfamiliar back country roads that had essentially no traffic on them. We traveled at speeds of from 60 to 70 MPH most of the time, so long as conditions were favorable.

Cash has led groups for in excess of 50,000 miles over the past 8 years and is very good at it. When we approach unfamiliar curves she does not push the envelope, especially when there are others in the group besides just the two of us. It is not unusual, however, for her to take a marked curve at from 10 to 20 MPH above posted advisory speed limits. (If a sign says that the speed of a curve is 45 MPH, Elaine and I will usually take it about 60 MPH.)

Last night we were traveling at about 70 MPH when I noticed that we were about to enter a curve that was posted at 20 MPH!!! Cash had looked down at her instrument panel and had not noticed the sign at all. There is no way in the world that Cash would try to take that curve at 70 MPH. So, I announced that 'this one is 20!' on the CB and she hit her binders and brought her bike down to about 30 MPH before she entered the curve. I hasten to add that the curve was not visible at all before I made my announcement, at least to me. Cash had seen the first set of left-pointing arrows indicating that she was approaching a curve, but had no idea that it was such a slow one. We both made it through the curve without incident.

What's the message here? I took an ACTIVE role and warned her about the speed of the curve ahead. In other words, all riders in a group are expected to look out for everybody else. Elaine may have been the lead bike at the time, but if I had simply been a passive rider 'following the leader', both of us would have ended up on the side of the road waiting for a life-flight helicopter, or worse.

Being in a group provides everyone with many extra pairs of eyes, extra minds to deal with situations others are not prepared to deal with, help in the event of problems, and a community of informed judgment makers. To think that any of the group would fail to be active when the need arose is out of the question. To think that anyone in our group of riding friends would have failed to warn Elaine about the speed of the curve ahead is simply nuts. None of us will follow a lead bike into danger - but more importantly, none of us would allow a lead bike to enter danger without trying to prevent it. ACTIVE roles for all.

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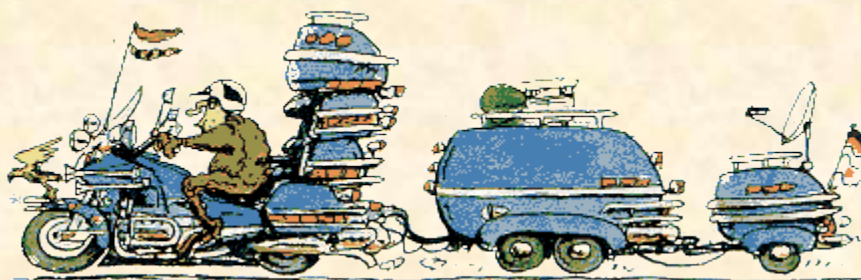
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Centered around their motto: Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge  
Riders get together and enjoy their beautiful motorcycles  
Come out and Ride with us and enjoy!*



Don't forget the Mileage Contest ends on September 30.

Please get your mileage numbers into Scott and Karla for consideration for the Chapter E Mileage awards. This years awards ceremony will be held at the October Dinner Social. You can email your mileage to them at [novkids@hotmail.com](mailto:novkids@hotmail.com). Who rode the most? Who rode the least? Who was just average? Get your miles in and find out..





# Happy Anniversary

<i>Dick Stryker</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Karen Roberson</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Don Hopkins</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>Jimm Burk</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>Willy Rosenow</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>Jim Pelican</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>Kathy Johnson</i>	<i>31</i>

<i>Bob &amp; Patty Spencer</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Doug &amp; Sandy Newbury</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Rick &amp; Marietta DeWitt</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>John &amp; Barb Smith</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>Russell &amp; Lee Ann Greaby</i>	<i>31</i>

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.



If you have pictures to add to the Chapter E Website please email Ron Peck, Chapter E Webmaster

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Mike Stiger

Director







Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <i>Ride to Leavenworth</i>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <i>Columbus Day</i>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <i>E Meeting</i> 
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <i>Q Halloween Dance</i> <i>V Mall Show</i>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <i>Smith's</i> 
<b>31</b> 						



# 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	<b>Duffy's Restaurant, 1605 Simpson Ave, Aberdeen, WA 98520</b>
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	<b>PJ's Pizza, 1232 Alder St. Centralia, WA 98531</b>





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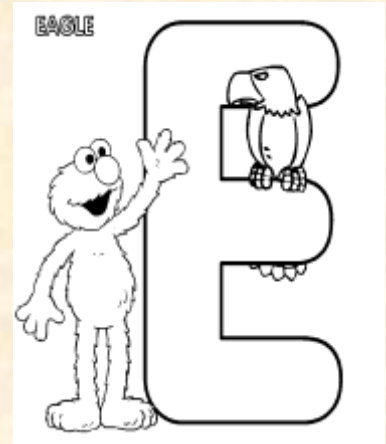
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# Where is Ernie Bird?




Any new nominations?

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








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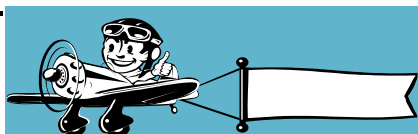
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