

GWRRA

November 2010



WA-E

Gold Wing Road Riders Association Region I - WA District



"Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"



November... Time to



Well the weather has changed, that is for sure. We have already had record amounts of snow in the mountains and some of the rainiest time I have seen for quite some time here in the Northwest. The rain and gray skies have really been showing the 'La Nina' effect, which is calling for wetter and much colder conditions for this fall and winter months. Both Barb and I love the snow, (not so much the rain) so for us, this is awesome and another reason we love the great northwest. This time of year is especially hard for riding, while it can be done, it means that you have to show a serious abundant of caution when riding your motorcycle around. As the winter months approach and with Daylight Savings Time on the 6th of November

Next Meeting

November 20

8:00 AM

Family Pancake House

17621 Redmond Way

Redmond, WA.

and falling back one hour, it is going to get lighter later in the morning and darker earlier in the evening, which means that you may be riding in conditions that add more risk to you as a rider. I bring this up as I see more and more people, especially those in cars, not paying attention, and having it dark and/or rainy makes seeing you on the bike much more difficult. You need to do everything you can to wear the proper riding gear with as much reflectivity as possible to help increase your visibility on the road. As we move further into November, there will also be the possibility of frost and maybe some snow in the lowlands, which even further increases your risk. The overriding thought here is "SAFETY". We want you to be safe and sound and around!!

As for events, in November, this month is relatively quiet as everyone settles in for the winter. We have our Thursday dinner social planned for the 18th at Pegasus Pizza in Kirkland at 6PM, followed by the Chapter meeting on the 20th. November is also our planning meeting month, where we start to plan out the rides for next year for the chapter. While this last year seemed to be a little bit of a bust on some of the chapter rides, we are going to endeavor to make this next year something to remember, by trying to offer many more rides for the Chapter to different places. It is sometimes difficult to think of great places to go and also to find places that we all have not been to many times over and over. I am looking to you the Chapter members to help us out by letting us know at the Ride planning meeting some of the places that you want to go to. We can get those added to the calendar and really have a great riding season next year. I know that we will be doing the ride back up to Whistler next year for sure, as I really missed that this year and all of the fun we have up there with our friends to the North. Also this month it is 'Turkey Time' with all of the trimmings of stuffing, cranberry and hot dinner rolls right out of the oven. I am getting hungry, just thinking about it. This is also a good time to help people less fortunate than ourselves. I know this has been a difficult year economically for many people, so depending on your own good fortune, please think about helping someone less fortunate. It does not have to be money, it can be time volunteering, or inviting folks to share your Thanksgiving, or just goodies, so they can have their own Thanksgiving. As always, if you know of a chapter member in need, please let us know, so we can take care of them. As a Chapter, we are all in it together, so we need to take care of our own first. Happy Thanksgiving to you all...

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—Please pass the gravy!!

John & Barb





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



2010 Calendar of Events



- Nov. 6 WA-**V Veteran's Day Parade**
- Nov. 13 West side Leadership
- Nov. 13 WA-**E Game night Estes' house**
- Nov. 14 East side Leadership
- Nov. 18 WA-E Dinner social Pegasus Pizza Kirkland
- Nov. 20 WA-E Breakfast Meeting
Chapter planning meeting afterwards
- Nov. 25 Thanksgiving

- Dec. 4 WA-I Olympia Toy Run
- Dec. 10-13 International Motorcycle Show
- Dec. 11 WA-D Festival of Lights



Rider Education

By Ron Peck WA-E Rider Educator



CASE STUDY

Driving a Green Car Results In Our ... KILLING A MOTORCYCLIST

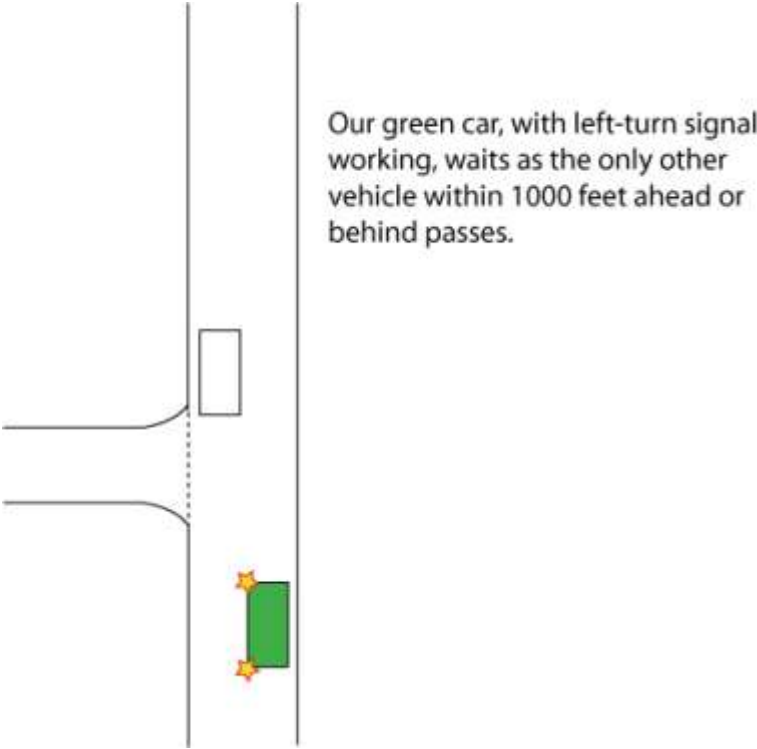
by James R. Davis

My guess is that every one of my readers has heard of a motorcyclist who was injured or killed when someone turned left in front of them and a collision resulted.

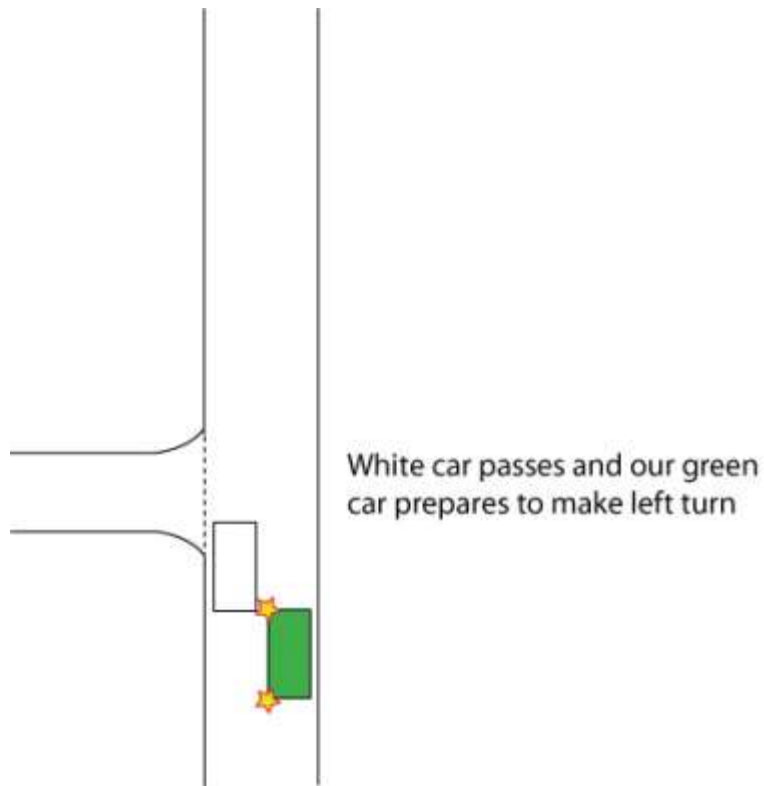
That left turner was always the 'bad guy', right?

But surely you, like all the rest of us, have made left turns with our vehicles and we would never cause such an accident - because we remain alert, drive defensively, and maintain 'situational awareness'.

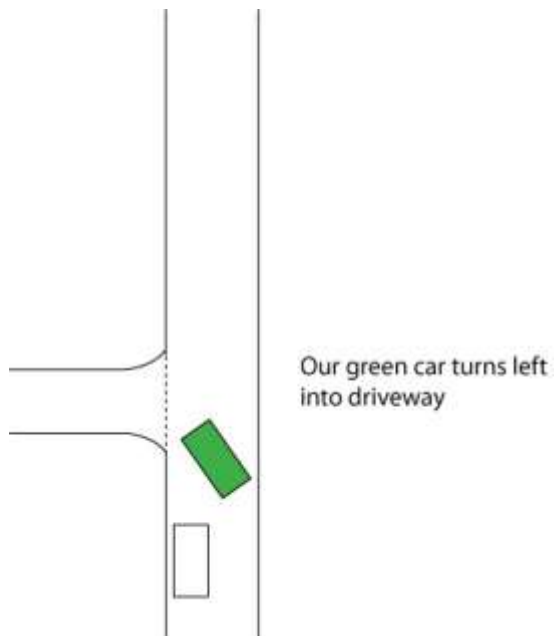
For example, let's say that we are driving our car along a country road and must make a left turn into our driveway when we arrive at home. We can see at least 1000 feet in front and behind us. There is only one car in the oncoming lane. We turn on our left turn signal and wait ...



The white car passes us ...



We turn left toward our driveway ...

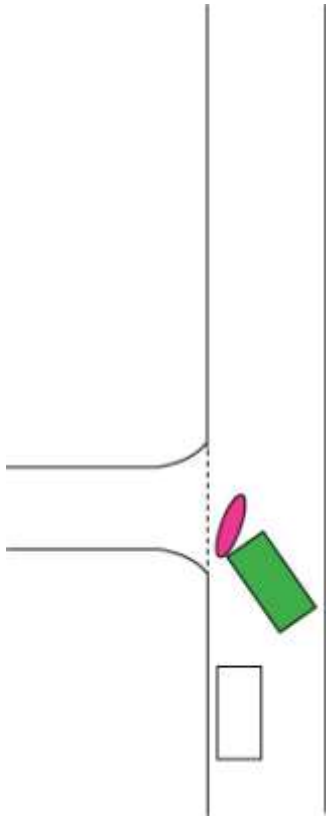


And we discover that we have just KILLED A MOTORCYCLIST!

How can that be? We did everything right! We were not speeding, not drunk, not talking on a cell phone ... but there lies a dead motorcyclist and you can be absolutely certain that we will get a day in court to explain why we killed him. Especially after we say "I didn't see him!"

Any thoughts on the matter?

Well, let me give you a hint. You would expect, I'm guessing, that the motorcyclist crashed into the passenger side of our green car because, after all, we have crossed over almost the entire oncoming lane. But you would be wrong as what actually happened is that the motorcycle hit our LEFT-FRONT bumper.



Have any other thoughts now?

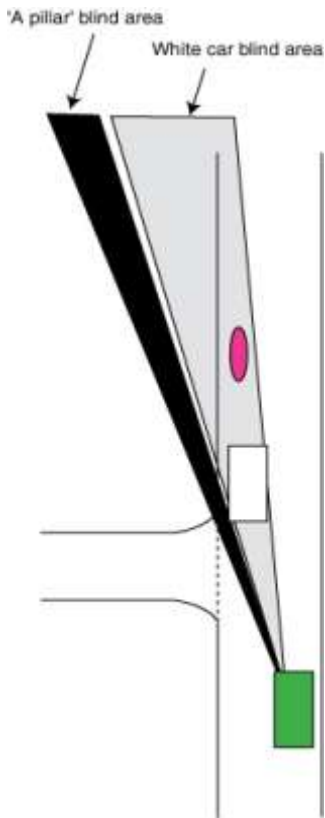
Oh, he hit us at 40 mph, the legal speed limit. That is, he had not been traveling at 100 mph and just appeared out of nowhere - there was 1,000 feet of unobstructed visibility both ahead of and behind us.

What I will demonstrate for you here is that motorcyclists MUST drive defensively. Part of defensive driving is a concept called 'conspicuity' - visibility.

That does not simply mean 'drive with your headlights on', and it does not simply mean 'wear light colored and/or reflective clothing'. It means 'SEE' and 'BE SEEN'.

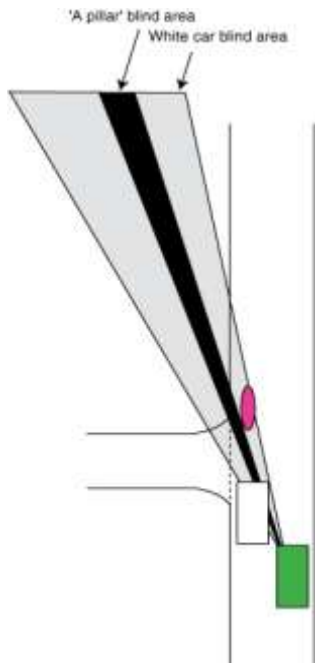
In this particular scenario there is only one possible way for the accident to have happened - the motorcyclist really was not visible to us.

For example, he was 'tailgating' the white car ...



Observe that from our perspective (driver of the green car), there is no motorcycle or any other traffic in the oncoming lane other than the white car. This has been true since the white car first became visible to us when it was over 1,000 feet ahead. The white car obscured our sight lines.

Then, as the white car began to pass us, that 'A pillar' began to obstruct the motorcyclist (that metal column on the left edge of your windshield that supports the roof and windshield).



Now let me ask you, "Why did the motorcyclist hit our left-front bumper instead of the passenger side of our car?"

Again, you know the answer to that question. New riders who have not, through practice, internalized the concept of counter-steering and use it instinctively, tend to NOT use it during a crisis. No rational thinking person would turn their motorcycles toward the front of a left-turning vehicle as in this scenario because that would result in hitting the vehicle at its front, AND being run over by the vehicle after the collision. They would, if possible, turn toward the rear of the left-turner.

But new, inexperienced, riders - having forgotten everything they ever 'knew' or had heard about counter-steering, would try to turn their handlebars to the left and find that the bike 'fights them' - simply will not go to the left. In fact, the harder they try, the more the bike turns to the right. The result, a collision with the front of our green car instead of merely a close call.

Oh, it doesn't really matter whether or not our car is green. Just as it is incorrect to assume that 'green' is the 'bad guy', so, too, is it incorrect to assume that the left-turner is at fault.

Rider errors killed this motorcyclist.

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



Thanksgiving Word Search



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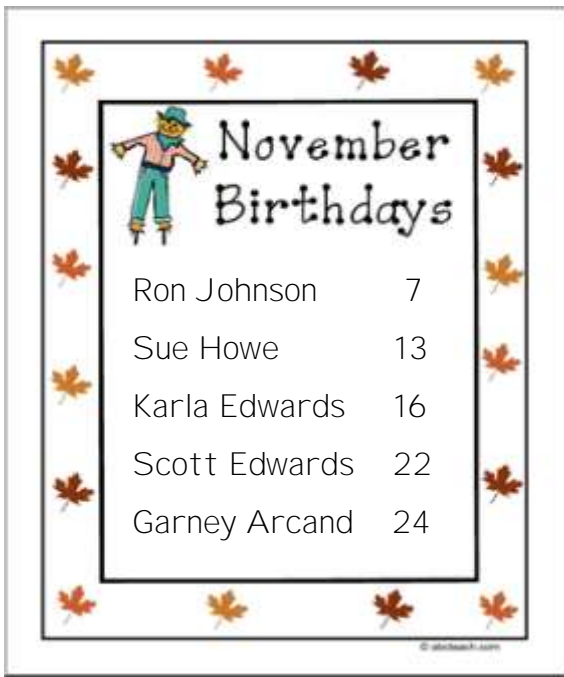




This year we had 17 participants/couples in the 2010 Mileage Contest and a total mileage of 124,952 ridden. Great job riding given that this year's weather was a little on the dreary side. Special Congratulations to our winner this year, Bob Reagle with 15,188 miles and Second Place finisher Bruce and Sandra McMahill with 14,825 miles. In addition we awarded the Josephine Average award to Barb Smith with 7,622 miles and the Middle of the Road winner (Median) to Bob Watson and Sue Howe. Below are the final tally results for those that participated. If you would like to sign up for the 2011 Mileage contest, there is still time to enter, please send your current miles to Novkids@hotmail.com.

NAME	MOTORCYCLE	START MILEAGE 09/30/09	END MILES 09/30/10	2010 BIKE TOTAL	2010 PERSONAL TOTAL	MILES FROM AVERAGE	MILES FROM MEDIAN
Branthwaite, Terry and Marilyn	Goldwing	79,102	91,999	12,897	12,897	5,547	7,350
Edwards, Karla	BMW R1100RT	75,355	77,706	2,351			
	BMW R1200GSA	14,421	24,837	10,416	12,767	5,417	7,220
Edwards, Scott	BMW K1200LT	29,562	30,504	942			
	BMWR1200GS	18,228	26,562	8,334			
	BMWR1200GSA	425	3,801	3,376	12,652	5,302	7,105
Estes, Bill and Caryl	GW Trike	23,335	27,677	4,342	4,342	-3,008	-1,205
Keefe, Mike	Goldwing	1,573	4,321	2,748	2,748	-4,602	-2,799
Lee, Charlene	Wing 1500	5,472	7,053	1,581	1,581	-5,769	-3,966
Lee, Steve	92 Wing	90,011	93,137	3,126	3,126	-4,224	-2,421
McMahill Bruce	1800 Goldwing	186,427	201,252	14,825	14,825	7,475	9,278
Peck, Ron	1500 Goldwing	88,286	89,123	837			
	1800 Goldwing	5,766	10,264	4,498			
	Bergman 650	5,193	5,193	0	5,335	-2,015	-212
Pelican, Jim	01 Wing	56,364	58,259	1,895			
	2009 Wing	0	3,760	3,760	5,655	-1,695	108
Reagle, Bob	GW 1800	46,552	53,026	6,474			
	ST1300	27,529	36,243	8,714	15,188	7,838	9,641
Smith, Barb	HD	30,181	33,700	3,519			
	ST1300	16,600	20,703	4,103	7,622	272	2,075
Smith, John	05 Wing	65,132	76,023	10,891	10,891	3,541	5,344
Spencer, Bob	03 Wing	48,424	53,820	5,396	5,396	-1,954	-151
Thurgood, Bob	99 SE Trike	44,418	46,529	2,111	2,111	-5,239	3,436
Watson, Bob and Howe, Sue	GL 1800	42,828	48,375	5,547	5,547	-1,803	0
Jim Wartchow	Valkyrie	67,679	69,948	2,269	2,269	-5,081	3,278
First			Total		124,952		
Second			Average		7,350		
Middle of the Road			Median		5,547		
Average							





September & October Birthday's



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.

John & Barb Smith @ allabout@frontier.com

Ernie & Sue Sigyarto @ enssigyarto@frontier.com

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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NOVEMBER



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2 <i>ElectionsDay</i>	3	4	5	6 <i>WA-V Veteran's Day Parade</i>
7 <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>	8	9	10	11 <i>Veterans Day</i>	12	13 <i>Game Night Estes'House Leadership</i>
14 <i>Leadership</i>	15	16	17	18 <i>Dinner Social Pegasus Pizza Kirkland</i>	19	20 <i>E Meeting ChapterPlanning Meeting</i>
21	22	23	24	25 	26	27
28	29	30		<i>Topaz November Birthstone</i> 		<i>NOVEMBER Chrysanthemum</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	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

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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