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MARCH 2011



Gold Wing Road Riders Association Region I - WA District

"Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"



A message from our Chapter Directors

Next Meeting: April 16, 2011
Crystal Creek Café
22620 Bothell-Everett Hwy.
Bothell, WA. 98021



The calendar says March, but not sure if it is really March or not. In comparison to last year the weather is sure different, with all of the snow of the recent weeks, not a lot of opportunities to ride the bike. Last year at this time, we had already gone on several rides as it was much warmer and dryer. Go figure. I know many of us are itching to go riding, so I guess we need a little more patience this year as compared to last year. Patience is a hard thing to come by..

We met at our new location, the Crystal Creek Cafe last month, filled up the room on the first meeting with 56 people. Amazing!! This month, we will not be having a meeting, as we will all be having FUN elsewhere. In case you forgot, it is Surf Watch time. This month we will be doing our yearly migration to Ocean Shores for our fundraising event and moped poker run with our silent and live auction on the 18th thru 20th. If you have not registered, please do so as soon as possible, as we really want you to attend and have some FUN. The **flyer/registration is on our Chapter E website, so fill it out and get it mailed in (don't worry, if you can always register there, but you should call and get your room reserved).** We have quite a few people signed up already and are expecting some good food in our 'Crock Pot Mania'. **I think we are going to have a lot of good and interesting food all made in a Crock Pot. Can't wait to see what creations and delicious food will be there. Don't forget to get there Friday, as we have a game night on Friday, which is a great time to socialize with the other attendees. Always a good time!!**

We cannot do this event without the great support of all of our chapter members, who make this a really great time for everyone who attends. For those helping out at Surf Watch, a BIG THANK YOU.

Also, happening in March is our second to last dinner social at Tuta Bella in Issaquah on the 24th at 6PM. Great food and great friends, what more could one ask for. As March moves on, we are getting closer to the opening of our official 2011 riding season. There is plenty of great rides on the calendar for this year, so now is the time to get your bike and gear in shape for the riding season. This is the time to get your bike in for service before all of the people hiding during the winter get theirs in and the service opportunities get more **crowded. If you don't get your bike serviced annually, you should at least do the basics like a full T-CLOC on your bike to make sure there is nothing wrong. Nothing worse than a planned ride and the bike is not ready or is not working correctly. We want you to come and ride with us. The first big ride of the season is coming April 9th with the WA-C fun run. Then it is busy, busy for all of the week-ends after that. So get prepared now..**

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—Ride safe.

John & Barb





GWRRR Happenings



*** WASHINGTON CHANGES ***



WA-E NEW Meeting place and Time:

Effective February Meeting 2/19/2011

Breakfast 8 AM Meeting 8:30 AM

Crystal Creek Café

2620 Bothell-Everett Hwy.

Bothell, WA 98021

WA-V NEW Meeting place:

Eagles Lodge

702 M St. S.E.

Auburn, WA 98002

WA-Z NEW Meeting time/date

Meetings moved to 2nd. Thursday

Dinner at 6:30

Meeting at 7:30



2011 Calendar of Events

March 4-6 WA-P Mall Show Longview, WA

March 11-13 WA-D Mall Show Aberdeen, WA



March 18 WA-E Surfwatch @ Polynesian Hotel



April 9 WA-C Fun Run

April 16 WA-E Meeting Crystal Creek Café Bothell

April 17 WA-N Brown Bag Auction

April 23 WA-V Federal Way Rest Stop

April 28 WA-E Last winter dinner social at Olive Garden in Totem Lake

April 30 WA-E ride to Whidbey Island



Rider Education

By Ron Peck WA-E Rider Educator



Side-stands

What could possibly be said about these?

By: James R. Davis

Like an airplane, it is my opinion that motorcycles should have a 'walk around' performed before every ride. During these quick checks you will see the obvious: low tire pressure, damaged tires, dripping oil, open luggage, and the like. (You might also get in the habit of checking your oil level.)

Depending on how frequently you ride, I suggest that a 'touch everything' (literally) check should also be done regularly where such things as loose windscreens, loose spark plug wires, loose antennas, loose mirrors, etc. are discovered before they become problems.

But one part of our machines tends to get overlooked by most during our casual checks - our side stands.

First, let's look at what can go wrong with them.

The most obvious is a weak or broken lock spring. With either you can end up dragging the stand as you ride, or it will fail to 'lock' the stand into place when you lower it leaving your bike on its left side when you dismount.

Newer bikes have an interlock switch that kills the ignition if you put the bike into gear while the stand is down. That switch can fail. If you rely on it and don't bother to check that the stand is up before you drive away, that first left turn can easily send you bouncing over to the right and result in total loss of control.

Older bikes have a rubber 'finger' extension at the tip of the stand that will wear over time. The purpose of that little 'finger' is to grab the pavement before the metal part of the stand itself does and ATTEMPT to pull the stand out of its locked position before it hits. There is a wear marker on these rubber extensions and when yours gets worn to that point it should be replaced because it no longer reaches the ground before the metal part of it when parked on a level surface your bike is not leaning heavily on the side stand you should adjust the side stand, if possible, so that it does. If it is not possible for you to adjust the side stand sufficiently, any welder can easily do so in a matter of minutes.

If when parked on a level surface your bike is not leaning heavily on the side stand you should adjust the side stand, if possible, so that it does. If it is not possible for you to adjust the side stand sufficiently, any welder can easily do so in a matter of minutes.

Assuming that your side stand is fully functional, there are things you should not do in order to keep them from turning dangerous.

You should never take a bike down from its center stand while the side stand is down. To do so risks potential damage to the frame and engine mounts (from shock) and can easily result in tossing your bike over onto its right side. Situations that increase the risk include your shocks being low, heavy luggage, a road slope to the right, or coming down slightly off center.

You should never simply kick the stand down at your destination and climb off your bike without visually checking that it is extended all the way and 'locked' into place.

You should never have your shocks so low, or luggage so heavy, or stop on an incline to the right so great that you have to lean the bike to the right in order to get the side stand all the way down. If you have to do so, the bike will not be leaning heavily on that side stand when you leave it and you cannot, as a result, trust that your bike will remain standing when you return to it.

You should never allow a passenger to mount or dismount your bike while the side stand is down (or you are off the bike, or you do not have both feet on the ground, or you are not in neutral). Compressing/decompressing shocks can result in the side stand pushing the bike over onto its right side.

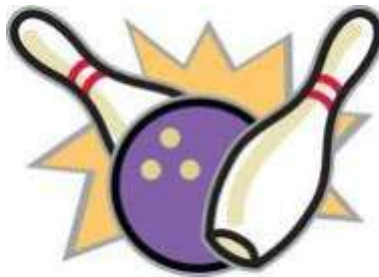
You should never rely on the side stand to support your bike by itself unless you are parked on a solid surface. While sand and grassy areas are obviously not 'solid', neither is asphalt when the temperature exceeds 90 degrees. Placing a 'foot' under that side stand is usually all that is required to keep your stand from punching a hole under it and sending your bike onto its left side.

You should never leave your bike unattended in neutral gear with the side stand down if you are parked facing down (OR up) a hill. Putting the bike in gear (especially reverse) will 'lock' the rear wheel and your bike will still be standing when you return to it. Being 'in-gear' is the closest thing on your scooter to having a parking brake!

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



2011 Washington District Bowling Challenge

This year's bowling challenge was hosted by last year's winners, Chapter "A" and they did a great job of putting it together at "Secoma Lanes" in Federal Way. Chapter "E" was represented by Barb (John had to work), Bob and Patty, Steve and Charlene, their two girls Denise and Danielle and their friend Sara. It was kind of disappointing not to see more of our members there. We had a much better turn out for the practice session after our February meeting. Their practice games must have scared them away, LOL! Never the less, those that did make it to the challenge had a great time. The bowling alley had added bright colored pins to the mix and with a little financial help from District, Chapter "A" paid \$5.00



to everyone that got a strike when a colored pin came up as the head pin. It was a lot of fun, but put the pressure on every time a colored pin came up. This year's challenge took up 12 lanes and a lot of chapters participated, although it appeared the weather kept the chapters east of the mountains away. We don't know what chapter won yet because the host chapter gets to make up their own rules and Chapter "A" chose to keep it secret until they show up at the winning chapter to announce it. Let's hope we don't see chapter "A" at our next gathering!



Happy Friday everyone.....

A Friend of Our youngest son works at Canine Experience Inc. Her Grandparents own Canine Experience Inc. and run "Love-A-Mutt Rescue". They foster unwanted and rescued dogs. (*Love A Mutt Pet Rescue is dedicated to providing a future for abandoned pets by placing them in our rehoming program*) <http://loveamutt.org/>

They have a Fund Raiser & Social Event March 12, 2011 from 5:30 Pm to 8:30 pm at A Canine Experience Inc. 17125 SR9 SE Snohomish, WA 98296 360-668-0350.

**** Business networking Opportunity :** They also have a few spaces left to set up a display table. The cost is \$30.00 (To be donated to Love -a-Mutt) and a door prize. Door prizes will be given out throughout the event. Donor will have an opportunity to announce their prize and give a short description of their business.

Lana Jo

Wine Tasting Fund Raiser & Social To Benefit Dog Rescue

Event will be held
March 12th from 5:30pm-8:30pm
at A Canine Experience Inc.
17125 SR9 SE Snohomish, WA 98296
(360)668-0350

\$20 pre-purchased tickets include six tastings, one glass of your favorite wine from the tasting and appetizers. Ten dollars from each ticket will be donated to Love-a-Mutt Rescue.

Wines will be poured by Eric with Marysville Winestyles. \$10 from each ticket will be donated to rescues (all \$20 will be donated if the purchaser doesn't attend). Eric will donate \$10 for each purchase of three bottles of wine or more. We will also be serving wines from Mutt Lynch Winery, who also donates a percentage of sales to rescues. **Tickets are \$20 each and must be pre purchased through A Canine Experience Inc. or Love-a-Mutt.** Either mail a check to 18208 67th Ave SE Snohomish, WA 98296 with your name, address, phone number or e-mail and fund raiser written in the memo box and I will call or e-mail with a confirmation. You can also stop by our office to purchase tickets: 17125 SR 9 SE Snohomish, WA 98296 or go to www.loveamutt.org and pay through paypal. Be sure to include your name and e-mail and write Wine Tasting Fund Raiser in the subject box.

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Terry Branthwaite	16
Bob Reagle	20
Jim Wartchow	24
David Steik	25



Steve and Charlene Lee	11
Joe and Freda Downs	20
Rick and Dori Myers	31



A couple of Ron's celebrating their February Birthday's

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@frontier.com

Ernie & Sue Sigarto @ enssigarto@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



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MARCH



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 <i>WA-P Mall Show</i>	5 <i>WA-P Mall Show</i>
6 <i>WA-P Mall Show</i>	7	8 	9	10	11 <i>WA-D Mall Show</i>	12 <i>WA-D Mall Show</i>
13	14	15	16	17 	18 <i>Surf Watch</i> 	19 <i>Surf Watch</i> 
20 <i>Surf Watch</i>  	21	22	23	24 <i>WA-E Dinner Social Tuta Bella's 6PM</i>	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	<i>Flower of the month</i> 	<i>Birthstone of the month</i> 

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OREGON

June 16, 17 & 18 2011

Joseph , Oregon

Wyoming

June 16, 17 & 18 2011

River ton, Wyoming

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July 6, 7, 8, & 9 2011

Knoxville , tennessee

Washington

July 21, 22, & 23 2011

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Ch e h a l i s , W a s h i n g t o n

Montana

July 28, 29 & 30 2011

Helena , Montana

Region I

August 4, 4 & 6 2011

Driggs, Idaho

Idaho

September 2, 3 & 4 2011

Kamiah , idaho

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	08:30AM	E- Bellevue	Crystal Creek Café, 22620 Bothell-Everett Hwy. Bothell, WA. 98021
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	11:00 AM	M-Yakima	Legends Casino 580 Fort Road Toppenish, WA
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	Eagles Lodge . 702 M St. S.E. , 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 Thursday	7:30 PM	Z-Centralia	PJ's Pizza, 1232 Alder St. Centralia, WA 98531



Where is Ernie Bird?



Ernie Bird has retired!

A new award recognition will be started soon!!!

There will also be a game to guess who our newsletter editor is.
Stay tuned!!



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