

GWRRA

MAY 2011



Gold Wing Road Riders Association Region I - WA District

"Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"



May—Rain, Rain, Go Away

Next Meeting: MAY 21, 2011

Crystal Creek Café

22620 Bothell-Everett Hwy.

Bothell, WA. 98021



OK, I admit it, I am tired of the rain, the gray skies and the overcast. Enough is enough. While I do love it here in the Seattle area, I have just had enough of it. I am ready for some 60+ degree days with some sun. This weather is really starting to cramp my style.

We have just recently completed the last Winter Dinner Social at the Olive Garden in Kirkland, another great winter dining and social season. We have been fortunate to have Karla and Leah doing our dinner socials for the last 6 years and for this, we offer a very large THANK YOU to both of you. Hard to believe it has been that long, but it has. The time has come to pass the torch and Bill and Caryl Estes will be planning our future winter dinner socials, so if you have some ideas, please let them know. We now start the Thursday Socials, which were previously called the 'Ice Cream Socials'. **The first Thursday night social on the 5th of May**, will be held at Teddy Bigger Burgers in Woodinville. In an effort to find great places for these events, I am asking for folks help, but then someone gave me an idea, which I think is brilliant. The idea revolves around assigning a couple, like Barb and myself a one month stretch, where we get to decide for the chapter where would be a great place to go. So, for the month of May, Barb and I will do the deciding and I will be assigning other folks for the months of June, **July, August and September. We can do one place per month that is the same, like Pete's in Carnation on the third Thursday** of the month, but this couple would need to come up with the other three nights and give us their best shot as to some great places to go. With the diverse people in our group, this should lead to some interesting choices for our Thursday night socials. **Hmmm.. Who is John and Barb going to pick for June?? Stay tuned..**

For May, we have some great stuff on the calendar. Our first social as mentioned above, and then the next one on the 12th, someone provided a suggestion that we could do Five Guys Burgers and Fries in Renton, so that sounds like a good plan, so far. Then on the 14th we are going to head down and support WA-Q for the 'One Crazy Ride', since most of us are from the North, we will ride up to Marysville and get a receipt from a gas station up there and then head down to Crazy Larry's for the ride portion. We then have another Thursday social at Pete's in Carnation on the 19th. We also have our Chapter Breakfast Meeting and ride to NW Trek scheduled for the 21st. Then another Thursday social on the 26th at Burgermaster in Bothell, and last by not least, is the ride and picnic lunch up to Lake Sammish near Bellingham on the 28. Whew!! Pretty busy month for our group. There are also loads of District events on the calendar, which you can sign up for and enjoy. Check out our website and also the District Website for more information and flyers for the various events.

We are continuing with our little game of figuring out who Zorro's is. We have had a couple of guesses, but no luck as of yet. Here is this month's clue is: EYE. Remember to send me a note if you think you have it figured out. Good luck and happy hunting..

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—



John & Barb



GWRR A 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-I New Meeting Place and Time: 8AM Breakfast 8:30 AM Meeting

Fatsos Bar and Grill

3205 Martin Way E.

Olympia, WA



2011 Calendar of Events

- May 7 WA-M&R Multi Chapter Meeting
- May 7 ARC Buckley, WA
- May 14 WA-Q Crazy Ride
- May 14 Gerbings Open House
- May 20-22 WA-V Mall Show South Hill Puyallup
- May 20-23 BC-G Victoria Days
- May 21 WA-B Armed Forces Day Parade
- May 21 Brothers Powersports Poker Run
- May 21-22 OCP Vancouver, OR.
- May 27-30 WA-L Desert Spring Fling



Rider Education

By Ron Peck WA-E Rider Educator



Road Construction

(The pavement ends)

By: James R. Davis

Sooner or later you are going to find yourself riding on a road where the pavement has ended and stretched before you is crushed rock. You tighten those pucker muscles and slow down, and you decide to keep going.

Last week a small group of us were confronted with just such a challenge. The group consisted of a Magna in the lead, followed by a Valkyrie, followed finally by my GoldWing. The lead bike, Elaine, had asked if we all wanted to try it and she heard us all agree to do so. She asked again about 1/4 miles into the stretch because it was far more difficult than it had looked like it would be. This, because some of those rocks turned out to be the size of a small clenched fist. Again, we all agreed to keep going - but, honestly, by then it would have been more dangerous to try to stop and turn around.

I was carrying a passenger on my GoldWing. Fortunately he has accumulated about 3,000 miles on the back of my Wing and was game for the effort. Had my passenger been inexperienced I would not have attempted that road. Even a little squirming would have resulted in loss of control of the bike.

There were a pair of tire tracks where the rocks were more densely packed and more uniform than the rest of the roadway. Each driver elected to try to ride along one of those tracks. Since I had been riding in the left track before the pavement ended I chose to stay there. That decision, I now believe, was a mistake. More about that in a minute, however so there is no suspense in the matter, all three of us managed the problem without incident.

God bless gyroscopic force! Though we would constantly find our tires riding up and over large rocks, most of the time they tried glancing blows with the rocks and found that the rocks would squirt out to one side while the tire shifted laterally to the other. We found that so long as our speed remained above about 20 MPH we could keep going but if we went any slower the bikes were so unstable that it would be only a matter of time before dumping them. Clearly gyroscopic forces made the difference.

On the other hand, going too much faster than that was unthinkable. This, because the bikes could not be kept on a straight line no matter how much effort was used, and there was two-way traffic on that road. In the event that one of the bikes found itself in the path of an oncoming car there was nothing for it but to stop - and the odds were high that the bike would fall down if we used ANY front brake to try to slow down. So, we drove at a speed where front brake was NEVER NEEDED.

I have heard, as I'm sure you have, that if you drive a bike with integrated braking (like the GoldWing) you cannot apply the rear brake without applying the front one. Nonsense!

As I already pointed out, trying to slow down by using the front brake on such treacherous footing would probably have resulted in a dumped bike. How do you use the rear brake without using the front one? By using the engine for most of your braking. You drive in a low enough gear so that you can roll off the throttle to slow down and you can use your clutch friction-zone to moderate speed precisely.

As to picking which tire track to ride on if you have a choice, I suggest that you select the right one. Despite trying to stay in those tracks there were times when large loose rocks forced our front tires out of them. You will recall that when riding into a pool of standing water your motorcycle or other vehicle will feel substantial drag and it slows down. Similarly, when your tire is forced out of a relatively well packed tire track and onto the more loosely packed roadbed nearby you will feel greater drag and your bike will slow down.

That happened more than a couple of times during the ride, but one of those times was a white knuckler. My front tire was forced to the left out of the track and the bike slowed down. Giving it a little gas made the front-end a little lighter and just then it received a series of glancing blows that pushed it farther and farther to the left. Indeed, in a matter of 2 seconds I had moved FOUR FEET to the left - directly into the path of an approaching truck! I managed to SMOOTHLY force the bike over to the right and back into the tire track I had left before that truck got too close to me. In fact, I kept going and got into the right track. [I'm told by my passenger that his eyes could not have opened more widely than during those two seconds as he kept telling himself not to move. He REALLY wanted to shift his weight away from that oncoming truck, but wisely just held on. (See what experience and practice can do for you?)]

After returning to paved road the tension snapped back to normal levels and riding once again was fun. At our first stop thereafter we compared notes. Following is what we agreed to:

- If you have a passenger who is either inexperienced or who has not developed a profound trust in your abilities, do not voluntarily attempt to ride on unpaved roads.
- Drive in either 1st or 2nd gear so that you can use engine braking as necessary and so that you can use your clutch friction-zone to precisely control speed.
- Do not drive slower than about 20 MPH in order to allow your wheel gyroscopics to help you.
- Do not drive much faster than 20 MPH so that you can totally avoid using your front brake to slow down.
- Do not 'white knuckle' your grips - you need to ride with a firm grip on the bars, but you must be loose enough to prevent transmitting all the instability of the front-end to the rest of the bike.
- EVERYTHING you do must be done SMOOTHLY.
- Given a choice, ride in the right-most tire track to keep you away from any oncoming traffic.

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

Aloha,

Thought this was cute:

TEXTING FOR SENIORS

Since more and more Seniors are texting and tweeting there appears to be a need for a STC (Senior Texting Code). If you qualify for Senior Discounts this is the code for you. Please pass this on to your CHILDREN and Grandchildren so they can understand your texts.

ATD: At The Doctor's
BFF: Best Friend Fainted
BTW: Bring The Wheelchair
BYOT: Bring Your Own Teeth
CBM: Covered By Medicare
CGU: Can't get up
CUATSC: See You At The Senior Center
DWI: Driving While Incontinent
FWB: Friend With Beta Blockers
FWIW: Forgot Where I Was
FYI: Found Your Insulin
GGPBL: Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low!
GHA: Got Heartburn Again
HGBM: Had Good Bowel Movement
IMHO: Is My Hearing-Aid On?
LMDO: Laughing My Dentures Out
LOL: Living On Lipitor
LWO: Lawrence Welk's On
OMMR: On My Massage Recliner
OMSG: Oh My! Sorry, Gas.
ROFL... CGU: Rolling On The Floor Laughing... And Can't Get Up
TTYL: Talk To You Louder
WAI TT: Who Am I Talking To?
WTFA: Wet The Furniture Again
WTP: Where's The Prunes?
WWNO: Walker Wheels Need Oil
GGLKI: (Gotta Go, Laxative Kicking In)



Ron



Barb Smith	1
Caryl Estes	1
Bill Estes	4
Penny Rosenow	10
Carolyn Wartchow	31

Jim & Jean Kuper	14
George & Vicki Rinehart	22
Ernie & Sue Sigyar to	29

MARCH & APRIL BIRTHDAYS



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@frontier.com

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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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can make
a difference!**



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MAY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p><i>Happy May Day</i></p>	2	3	4	<p>5 WAE</p> <p>Thurs. Social</p> <p>Teddys</p> <p>Bigger Burgers</p>	6	7
<p>8</p> <p><i>Happy Mother's Day</i></p>	9	10	11	<p>12 WAE</p> <p>Thurs. Social</p> <p>Five Guys</p> <p>Burgers</p> <p>Renton</p>	13	14 WAQ <p><i>Crazy Ride</i></p> <p><i>Gerbiangs Open House</i></p>
15	16	17	18	<p>19 WAE</p> <p>Thurs. Social</p> <p>Pete's</p> <p>Carnation</p>	20 <p>WA-V Mall</p> <p>Show</p>	21 WAE Meeting <p>WA-V Mall</p> <p>Show</p> <p>WA B Armed forces parade</p>
22	23	24	25	<p>26 WAE</p> <p>Thurs. Social</p> <p>Burger Master</p> <p>Both/ Ev. Hwy</p>	27 <p>WA L</p> <p>Desert Spring</p> <p>Flag</p>	28 WA L <p>Desert Spring</p> <p>Flag</p> <p>WAE Ride & Picnic to Sammamish</p>
<p>29</p> <p>WA L</p> <p>Desert Spring</p> <p>Flag</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Memorial Day</p>	31				

2011 R A L L I E S / C O N V E N T I O N S

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

Ch eh al i s fair gr ounds

Ch eh al i s, Wash ing ton

Montana

July 28, 29 & 30 2011

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Region I

August 4, 4 & 6 2011

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Idaho

September 2, 3 & 4 2011

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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	Fatsos Bar and Grill 3205 Martin Way E. , Olympia, WA 
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!

There is a new award recognition!



So...Who is Zorro?



There will be a new clue added to the newsletter each month!

The person who guesses correctly will get free
at the next breakfast meeting!



April clue is: **BLUE**

May clue is : **EYE**

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