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November, 2011

Gold Wing Road Riders Association Region I - WA District



"Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"



Next Meeting: November 19, 2011

Crystal Creek Café

22620 Bothell-Everett Hwy.

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November.....Time to give thanks and take care of those less fortunate.

Well the weather has started to change, that is for sure. The rain and gray skies of the last few weeks **have really been showing the 'La Nina' effect, which is calling for wetter and much colder conditions for** this fall and winter months. This is the second year of this effect, so kind of like a sequel to last year. This time of year is especially hard for riding, while it can be done, it means that you have to show a serious abundance of caution when riding your motorcycle around. As the winter months approach and with Daylight Savings Time on the 6th of November 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. Our November game night is currently planned for the 12th **at Bob Watson and Sue Howe's place in** Woodinville. We were scheduled to do this at the Reagle Estate, but with the recent changes and with Bob moving back east, while Carolyn sells the house, it made sense to move it to another venue. On behalf of the Chapter, we all want to wish both Bob and Carolyn Reagle good luck and much success in future endeavors and once they get settled in over on the other coast, we will pass along their new address, so we can have somewhere to ship the bikes for the east coast trip, we have all been wanting to do. That being said at the last minute Bob and Sue are both very gracious for letting us motorcycle people take over their house for the evening and for that we thank them both. There will be dinner, but folks need to bring their own snacks and any other adult beverages that they may want to consume. Our Thursday dinner social is planned for the 17th at Café Veloce in Kirkland at 6PM (ride your bike and get a discount), followed by the Chapter breakfast and meeting on the 19th. November is also our planning meeting month, where we start to plan out the rides for next year for the chapter.

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 the Whistler this year for sure, as this past year was a great success with many folks from the chapter going up for the fun. This was the biggest group event of the last year, so we for sure want to do that again. What happens in Whistler, stays in **Whistler!** 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 another 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 stuffing and gravy!!

John & Barb



This is the new award recognition!



The Eagle Oops Award

Ron Peck is the latest recipient of the Eagle Oops award having acquired it from the previous winner - "Captain" Ron Urghart. It seems that Ron was trying to field test his theory about the amount of time it takes for the rear riders of a split riding group to catch up to the front group when one of Washington "finest" intervened and temporarily torpedoed his testing.

You'll be happy to know that Ron made a generous contribution to our state's shortfall budget.



Here are October's birthday folks— Jimm, Lana Jo, John, and Karen. The new tradition for Chapter E is that you have to stand on your head when being recognized at the monthly Chapter-E meeting.



November Birthdays

Phyllis Hopkins	2
Ron Johnson	7
Sue Howe	13
Karla Edwards	16
Scott Edwards	22
Garney Arcand	24

November Anniversaries

Scott & Karla Edwards	6
Ron & Kathy Johnson	12
Willie & Penny Rosenow	24

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 @: ron@peckmanor.com





Rider Education

By Ron Peck WA-E Rider Educator



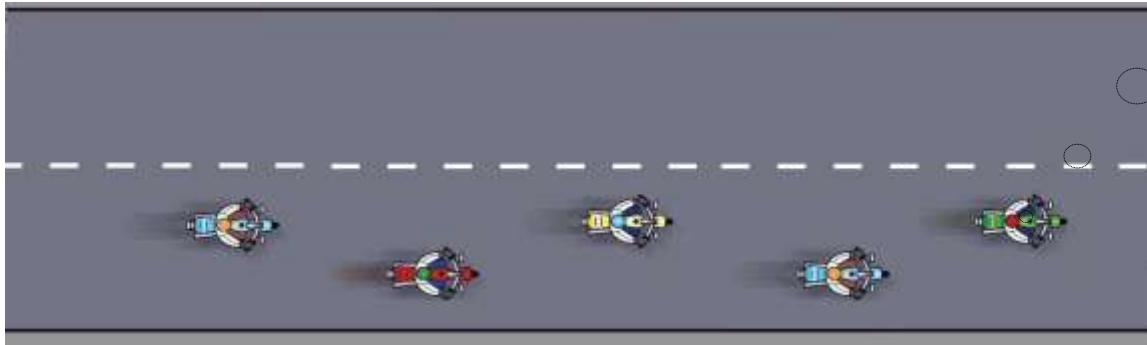
Lane Changes - Part 1

This is the second of a series of refresher articles.

Last month we talked about lane position while riding in a group and the importance of a safe following distance behind the bike immediately in front of you (2 seconds) and the bike in the other side of the lane in front of you (1 second). Keeping this safe following distance, or cushion, is the basis for all lane changes done by the group, whether the lane change is done by all bikes at once, or from the front of the group or from the rear.

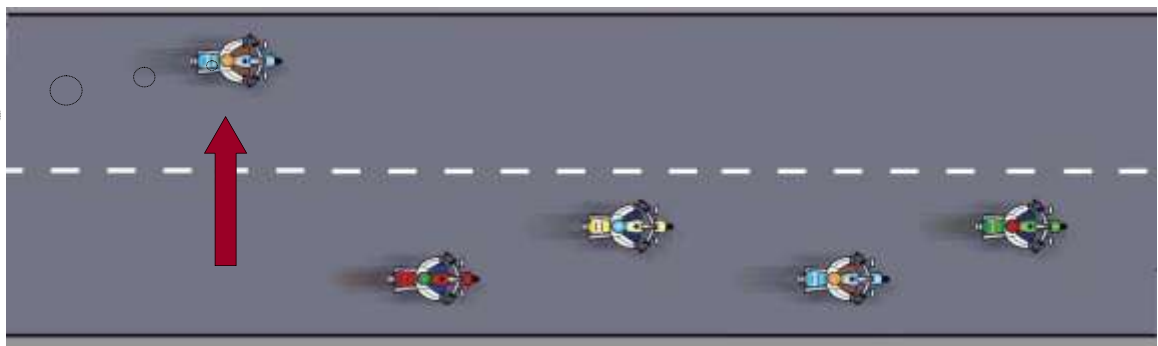
To change as a complete group, there are only three steps:

Step 1: The lead bike asks the drag bike to secure the lane.

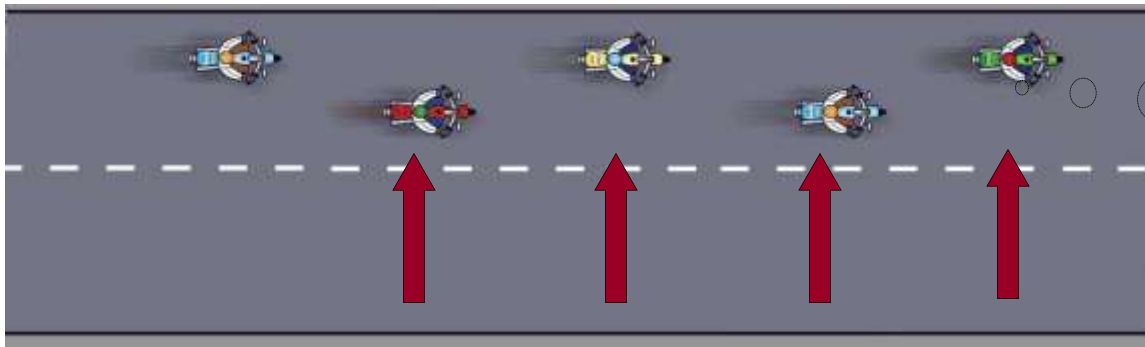


Step 2: The drag bike moves into the desired lane and notifies the lead bike when it is safe to make the lane change.

"Lane is secure"



Step 3: When the lane is clear for ALL BIKES to move simultaneously, the lead bike orders the lane change and ALL BIKES move over at the same time.

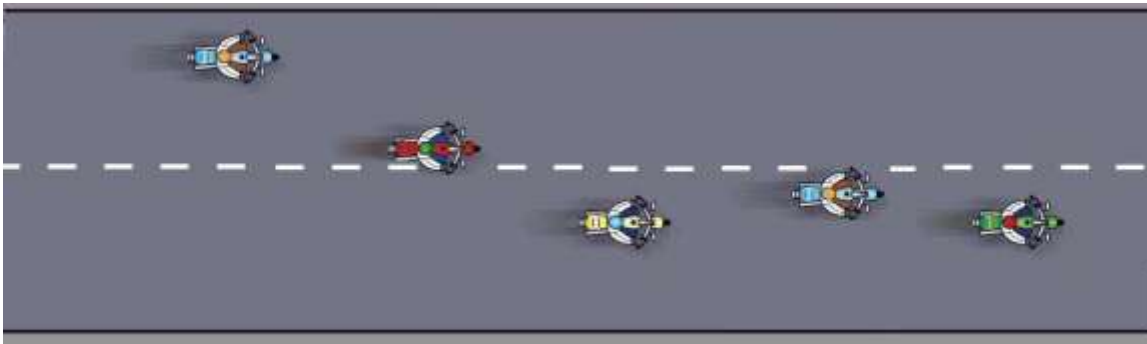


"All bikes
now move
to the left
lane"

This does two things: by moving in unison, the spacing between the bikes remains unchanged and there are no violations of the 1 second rule. Secondly, a well executed lane change is a joy to watch. It shows others how practiced the group is with their drill team precision.

However, even if the lead bike announces the lane change, it is still your responsibility to look out for your own safety. This means looking to the side to make sure the lane is clear.

Bad example: Bikes 2 and 4 have started to move over before the call, coming too close to the bikes in front of them. This usually happens right after the tail gunner lets the lead bike know when it is clear.



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

Suggestion for Hibernating Bikes



If you don't plan on riding your bike in our approaching colder weather, you might want to consider adding a fuel stabilizer to your gas tank. The reasoning behind this is that our present-day gasoline (which has about 10% alcohol) begins to break down within 30-60 days. Fuel stabilizers such as Sta-Bil™ **will keep the fuel fresh** to assure easy starting in the spring. It reportedly also protects against corrosion in the fuel system and can remove **varnish and gum**. **It's also suggested for your lawn mowers, chain saws, and weed-wackers** which will also go into hibernation soon. More importantly, if you have a gasoline electrical generator, a fuel stabilizer is probably a good idea to assure easy starting during our next Pacific NW winter power outage. Sta-Bil will not revive aged gasoline however, you have to use it when the gas is still reasonably fresh.



Don't you wish all drivers would follow these simple rules?

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE SHAFFER FAMILY!

By: John Shaffer

On October second at 08:17 /08:18, Kyle Yuuki Shaffer, and Ashley Kanon Shaffer began their journey of life. Being twins I think they were a bit crowded inside mom and decided to come join us a bit early. They were born at 34 weeks 5 days premature and weighed 5lbs 2oz and 4lbs 9oz respectively. Both were in the hospital for 10 days and were champs the entire time. Mom was amazing and her recovery has been going great. All have been home for a couple weeks now and the kids have done a great job keeping mom and dad busy and awake!



Ashley Kanon Shaffer
Born at 8:18 on October 2nd, 4lbs 9oz



Kyle Yuuki Shaffer
Born at 8:17 on October 2nd, 5lbs 2oz



TRIP REPORT: The Chapter-E Three-Pass Fall Colors Ride

By: Gordon Bousman

Following the October Chapter meeting, seven bikes departed on a 275 mile ride through three mountain passes led by our illustrious ride director Bob Spencer. It was cloudy with temps in the low 50's as we left Bothell but the sun started to appear as we began our climb to Stevens Pass on Highway #2 east of Monroe. By the time we reached the summit, the sun was fully out but temperatures were showing 37 degrees on the Goldwing displays with frost visible on the sides of the road and some fresh snow up in the mountain peaks. On our bike, we made good use of our new heated gear, especially the heated gloves.



Heading uphill east-bound from Gold Bar towards Stevens Pass



Heading downhill just after the crest at Stevens Pass. There was frost on the side of the road



Running alongside the Skykomish River rapids



Rest Stop at Nason Creek

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Coming downhill from the summit, temps began to warm and we were treated to some fantastic views of the Skykomish river with its fast flowing rapids, all in brilliant sunshine. The leaves were turning into gorgeous fall colors which made the ride especially enjoyable. Driving through Leavenworth was a little slow going due to the Oktoberfest underway and we saw opposite direction traffic backed up for several miles on the **eastside of town. Continuing on to Cashmere, we enjoyed a wonderful lunch at Country Boy's Southern Pit BBQ.** Here, Bob Spencer and our group made new friends with a fun group of folks from Wenatchee who had stopped for lunch before going on to the Oktoberfest. We called them the Lederhosen group.



Riding through busy Leavenworth



Bob Spencer's new friends



Oktoberfest Group

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Following lunch, we saddled up and headed back west for a few miles to Highway 97 where we turned south towards Blewit pass. This section of the ride was also very scenic and especially enjoyable due to rather light traffic and sweeping views.

Arriving in Cle Elum, we made an obligatory stop at the local bakery to stock up on various waist expanding goodies. Then it was on westward to join I -90 and the last section of the ride going through Snoqualmie pass. This portion was a bit less enjoyable due to the reduced lanes because of construction but still afforded us some nice views. Most of us exited at the Preston exit heading north through Fall City and Carnation for our final leg of the trip. It was a great ride made more enjoyable by the good weather.



Heading for Blewit Pass



Heading through Blewit Pass



Downhill westbound from Snohomish Pass on I -90



BIKE-MP3 GOLDWING 1800 MUSIC PLAYER

By: Gordon Bousman

Recently I installed the BikeMP3 Version 3 player in our 2005 Goldwing 1800 trike and have been immensely pleased with the performance. The small player mounts in your trunk and is controlled **remotely from your standard Goldwing left handlebar "Tune/Disc" switch**. The operating display is via the stock display on the Goldwing using the CD function. Essentially the Bike-MP3 player mimics a CD player, i.e. it behaves as if the Goldwing had a CD player installed (but with a lot more songs per CD). Depending on which version of Goldwing that you have, the unit can play up to 891 songs (which is the equivalent of about 45 hours of music). For a Goldwing without Honda navigation, the songs can be arranged in 9 folders each holding 99 songs. Bikes with Honda navigation can use 6 folders of 99 songs each.



Installation was fairly easy and took less than 90 minutes. The small MP3 player is placed inside the trunk against the inner left side wall using Velcro strips. You then run one cable to a CD connector under the seat and you are done. This does involve removing the seat in order to run the cable to the under-seat plug which probably takes the most time in the project. You also have to loosen the left side of the trunk (one screw removed) to run the cable and make a small notch for the cable. **Still, it's a very easy installation if you are familiar with removing and re-installing your Goldwing 1800 seat.**

Your music in either MP3 or WMA format can be loaded onto a standard USB memory stick (I used **an 8 MB version**) or an SD card from your PC computer using **Windows™ Explorer file management**. Thus if you have a library of MP3 or WMA music on a PC computer, you simply grab the file from the PC and swipe it over the USB stick to load it using Windows Explorer. There is also a software program available on Wingstuff.com if you would prefer to use a formal program to load your music **but it's really not necessary if you are at all familiar with using Windows Explorer**. Of course if you are on a really long ride and have more than 891 songs, you can certainly carry a second USB stick or SD card and swap this out during a rest stop.



You control the BikeMP3 player via the TUNE/DISC switch



This is how your Goldwing display will look when playing a song from the BikeMP3 player—in this case, it is playing track #94 from Folder #2 and is 2 minutes, 39 seconds into the song

We have now used our Bike MP3 player extensively on some long trips and have been very pleased with the performance. You can skip forward or backwards when playing a song using the handlebar switch or change to another CD folder by holding this switch for a bit longer. Each folder on the USB stick can be thought of as being an individual CD (but which has 99 songs on each CD). We loaded my wife **Kathy's music onto one of the CD folders so she can listen to her favorite music when she gets tired of** listening to my Blues-Rock. The music plays through the headsets or the speakers just as any other audio source operates on your bike. You could also hook up another audio source to the player via its **"Aux" input jack so effectively you could have two separate "Aux" audio sources on your Goldwing if you desire.**

The music will pause when you switch to another audio source and the CB radio will override the music when the CB squelch breaks for an incoming radio transmission. While I have heard rumors that earlier versions of this player may of had some design issues, my experience with the V3 version has been very satisfactory following five months of use. The only negative experience that I found is that when playing music through the speakers when the engine is not running (working on the bike in the garage), lower battery voltages will eventually cause the player to stop running but this is not really a design flaw **but more akin to operator error. I also wish that the player could play in "random" or "shuffle" mode** however this is not possible due to the design of the Honda CD audio controls. The Bike MP3 player is available directly from the factory at www.bikemp3.com or via Wingstuff.com for approximately \$110.





November



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Topaz</p>		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 <i>Veterans Day</i> <i>Parades</i> <i>WA-B,</i> <i>WA -D</i> <i>WA-L</i>	12 <i>Game Night</i> <i>Watson-Howe</i> <i>Residence</i> <i>Woodinville</i>
13	14	15	16	17 <i>Dinner Social</i> <i>Café' Veloce</i> <i>Kirkland</i>	18	19 WA-E Meeting followed by Annual Planning Meeting
20	21	22	23	24  Happy Thanksgiving	25	26
27	28	29	30			 <p>288144</p>



GWRA Happenings



*** WASHINGTON CHANGES ***



WA-I New Meeting Place and Time: 8AM Breakfast 8:30 AM Meeting
Fatsos Bar and Grill
3205 Martin Way E.
Olympia, WA

WA Z *New meeting day and time:*
2nd Saturday, 1:00 PM

PJ's Pizza, 1232 Alder St. Centralia, WA

2011 Calendar of Events



November

November 12: Game Night: Watson-Howe residence—Woodinville

November 17: Dinner Social @ Café Veloce in Kirkland at 6PM

November 19: Chapter E Breakfast & Planning meeting

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	Denny's, 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	12:00 PM	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 Saturday	1:00 PM	Z-Centralia	PJ's Pizza, 1232 Alder St. Centralia, WA 98531

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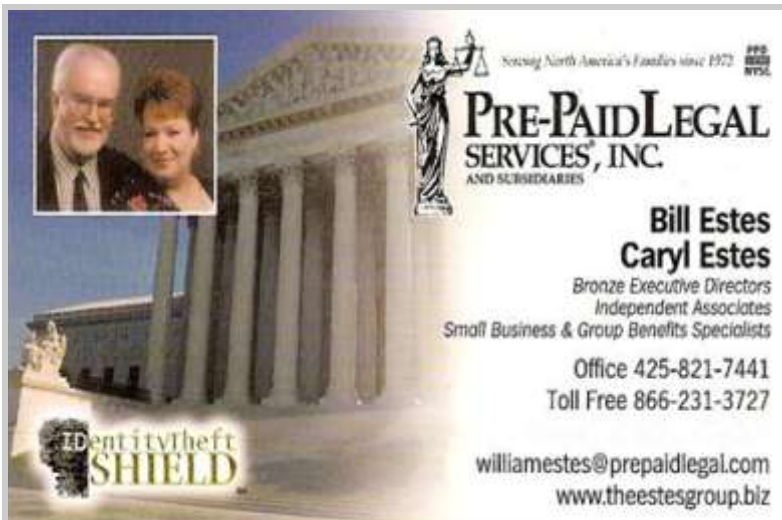
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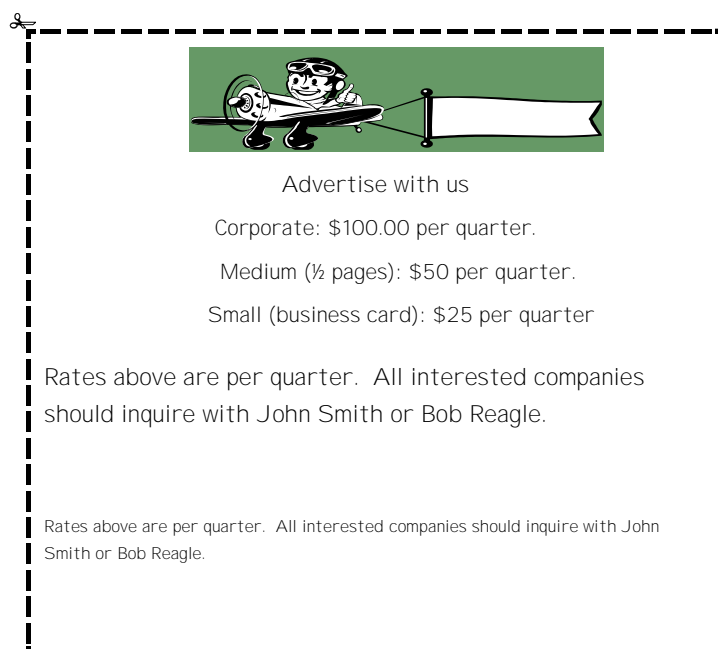
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