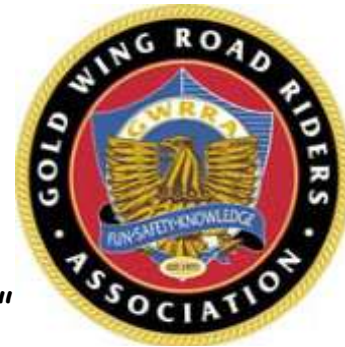


# GWRRA

January 2015



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



### WA-E "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"



#### Message from our Chapter Directors

January - Time for new beginnings.

Hello Friends. Seems like déjà vu all over again. With Bill and Caryl stepping down as your chapter directors, and Barb and I stepping up again to lead the chapter, it seems like we were just here. I wanted to publicly thank both Bill and Caryl for leading the chapter over the last two years. They have done fantastic job and have made many changes to the

chapter as a whole. Well done guys and thanks for everything!!

As we start off the New Year, we will be having our ride planning on our chapter meeting day, so we can figure out what we are going to be doing as a chapter over the course of the next year. Some will be new, some will be old, some will be favorites, we want to encourage and invite you to come and join us on the many events this year. We have a great many things coming up in the next couple months, like Casino Night for Chapter I, down at the Camp Murray Armory on the 24th. This is always fun and you never know when you get to spend 6 million bull bucks for a small trinket. Definitely a good time.

While I know it is still a ways off, we have Surf Watch coming up pretty quickly (March 20-21), so please head to our **website and download the flyer/registration and get that mailed in. Also, don't forget to reserve your room at the Polynesian**, so you have a place to collapse after all of the days fun and excitement. Back by popular demand, we will be continuing the tradition of a big bon fire on the beach, the silent and live auction, featuring both John Smith and Bob Spencer. You never know what may come out of our mouths. Just saying! Barb is busily working with the chapter members to get everything lined up and again, we do thank each and everyone of you for volunteering to help us make this a fun and exciting event for everyone. We get so many rave reviews on this event and people keep coming back for more, all thanks to your hard work and dedication. Also remember, this is our fund raiser for the year. It allows us to operate as a chapter, handle rider **education courses and seminars, in addition to our fun in the summer and Christmas events. Don't forget to scour your cubby-hole and garages for any quality items for the auction.** I know there are several of us that will be donating a lot of GL-1800 parts this year to the chapter, there will be some real good deals to be had. We also have the Early Spring Fun Run coming up in April. This is new for us, but as we did the event last year, people were amazed at the route we set up, so we are aiming to do that again. More on that in the coming months, as we get the flyer and the event ready for primetime. Nothing but good and fun stuff.

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— Get involved and volunteer with your chapter, you will have fun, I promise.



NEXT MEETING  
February 21

8:00 AM  
Breakfast  
8:30 AM  
Meeting

Kenmore Lanes  
7638 NE Bothell Way  
Kenmore, WA



# Rider Education

By Bruce McMahill WA-E Rider Educator



## Riding in the Rain

Getting caught riding-in-the-rain is something that will happen to you if you ride enough. And, riding-in-the-rain is not all that much more dangerous, and can even be fun if you are prepared. But, if you really don't feel like getting out in the wet, find a coffee shop and sit it out, at least until the worst has passed.

To increase your riding efficiency in the rain, you need to adjust your riding style. This includes finding the best possible lane position, wearing clothing to be seen, reduce your speed and **lean** angles around turns and most of all increase your attention. And, riding in the rain requires you to be smooth and controlled with all your physical movements on the motorcycle.

The following guidelines are some of the things you need to do and be aware of to be prepared mentally and physically to ride in the rain:

**1) BE SMOOTH.** First -- SLOW DOWN! It's not a race to get out of the rain. The limited traction available on wet roads demands subtlety with the throttle and brake applications. This is most crucial when the motorcycle is leaned over during a turn or swerve. Slow down to give yourself more time and space to react. With water on your windshield, on your visor or glasses, the hissing of the water soaked pavement, restricted movement from raingear and an increase in humidity in your helmet, you can get distracted so you need to "increase your attention" to your riding.

**2) EVALUATE AVAILABLE TRACTION.** Obviously, the amount of traction a road surface will provide changes, as it becomes wet; the amount of degradation will vary from one road surface to another. Be especially careful when transitioning from one type of pavement to another -- concrete to asphalt for instance.

Additionally, debris on the road (tree branches, pine needles, mud, small pebble, standing water) will have an even more dramatic reduction in tire traction (varying grip). Best road surface traction – the extreme left and right sides of the lane has the best traction surfaces. Worst road surface traction – tracks made by automobiles, trucks and other road users. The other road user tires have worn down (smashed) the lane traction surface and these lanes fill up with water – high probability of hydroplaning.

**3) RAIN RIDING WITH BALD TIRES IS LIKE POKING THE REAPER WITH A POINTY STICK.** A tire's tread is only there to channel water away, without this you **hydroplane**. Another point to keep in mind is that ambient temperatures are generally much lower during the rainy season and therefore will combine with the water temperature to greatly extend the time needed to get your tires up to the correct operating temperature.

**4) KEEP WARM AND DRY.** Rain riding takes an enormous amount of concentration and body energy. Try to eliminate any distractions. The minute you feel the first drops on you, get in your rain gear. Once it starts to pour, it's too late, and it is important to be comfortable and protected when riding in the rain. Hypothermia can sneak up on you. Not only is it miserable to ride when sopping wet, it's hard to stay focused on the road when the first rivulet of icy water hits your crotch.

**5) IF YOU HAVE ANTI-LOCK BRAKES (ABS), USE THEM!** Anti-lock brakes allow you to ride harder with less drama in the wet. Many people have ridden their motorcycles for years without ever engaging the ABS feature. Additionally, you can gradually increase rear brake pressure as you approach a turn and use the point of activation to estimate available traction. For every 5 mph added you increase your safe stopping distance by about 15 feet. With or without ABS, when it is raining, allow for increased stopping distances when initiating your braking – your tires may be cold therefore less pliable

**6) FREE STANDING WATER ON THE ROADWAY.** The danger here is a loss of traction from Hydroplaning -- the phenomenon where the motorcycle tire is lifted (buoyancy) and rides on top of the water without any roadway traction. Hydroplaning affects roadway traction at speeds for motorcycles, above 48 mph. Slow down when approaching any standing water on the roadway -- **SLOW DOWN**.

**7) OTHER HAZARDS.** Some areas / situations to be aware of: Painted lines, manhole covers and metal surfaces like RR crossings and buttered Teflon turn and pedestrian markings have roughly equal coefficients of friction when wet -- look out for them when turning.

Avoid the center of the lane at intersections and tollbooths, cars will drop oil there when stopping. Gas stations and the exits of car washes can be treacherous due to oil and soap scum accumulations.

Most riders agree that the first 15-30 minutes of rain are the most treacherous because all the oil gets lifted off the road and goes into solution (this may be specious, but it couldn't hurt to be cautious).

Finally, many car drivers have difficulty driving and seeing motorcycles in the rain (tunnel blind); some drive the way they normally do without regard to the decreased stopping distances. Be ever vigilant to the changing patterns of traffic in the wet. Continuously scan all around your riding environment.

Some additional notes:

Tires: Traction = Pressure / temperature / profile / tread depth. A wet tire needs plenty of tread, plenty of snipes, and an even, rounded profile.

Suspension: If you have a choice, set the suspension a little softer than you would set for high speed dry weather riding.

Technique: Smoothness is everything! Riding in the rain is fun, it does not have to be scary, and it builds skill rapidly.

Rider: You will be happy in the rain if you are warm, dry and confident!

## **“Safety Is For Life, You’re Life”**

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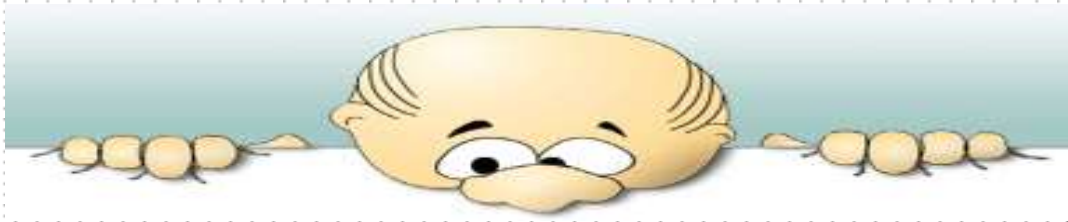
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## Some Useful Gold Wing Links



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<http://www.tourkingcovers.com/shop/>

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