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Gold Wing Road Riders Association: Big Sky, Region I & WA District

"Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"

Message from our Chapter Directors



February is the month, where we celebrate our sweeties, with Valentine's day on a Saturday the 14th this year, you should take the opportunity to take your honey out for dinner or give them something special as your 'Valentine'. Without our sweeties, we would be nothing. They make us who we are! For the month of February, the calendar is pretty quiet with only the Chapter Meeting on the 21st and then our Dinner Social on the 25th. The dinner social this month will be at **Scott's Bar and Grill in Edmonds. Don't forget it will be at 6PM.** Good food



Next Chapter

Meeting

Saturday

February 21, 2015

Kenmore Lanes

7638 NE Bothell Way

Kenmore Wa

Breakfast: 8:00 AM

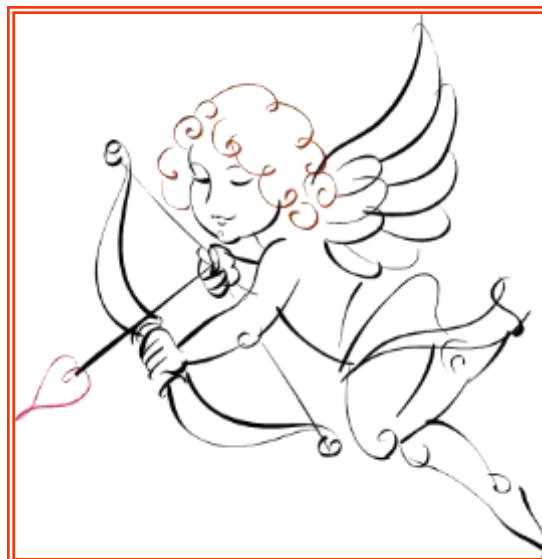
Meeting: 8:30 AM

and a great atmosphere, so we are really looking forward to this dinner social. Starting in March, we begin to ramp up the events. We have the Washington District Rider Education workshop on the 14th, which is being held in Buckley, WA at the Rainer Hills Christian Fellowship Church. This is a excellent educational event for all riders and remember, if you attend, the Chapter picks up the cost of the registration, so please get registered. Also, happening, is our 'World Famous' SurfWatch 2015 in Ocean Shores. This is a weekend event on the 20th and the 21st with our Scavenger Hunt, the 'Big' bonfire on the beach, the silent and live auction and this year it is 'Desert Competition', where you can bring your famous desert, you know the secret family recipe and see if you can win the big prize. I always love it, since there are so many choices to choose from and some of the folks go all out for this. YUM! Call the Polynesian Resort to book your discounted room and get your registration in for the event. You can find the registration on our website at <http://gwrra-wae.com>. This is always a great time and we are looking forward to seeing everyone. Come have FUN at the beach with us! Remember, gather your auction items. This chapter can always be counted on for great quality items for our auction, and this is very much appreciated. As I said, March get's us started for the year, and I can't wait, before you know it we will be out riding our bikes. I'm sure the weather will cooperate this year and it will be in the 70-80's without a cloud in sight. Can't wait!!

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.

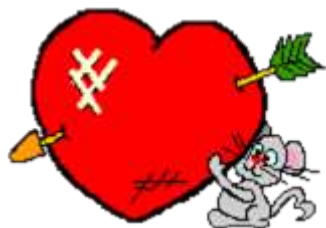
Till next month—Happy Valentines Day!!

John & Barb



Gold Wing Road Riders Association Upcoming Calendar of Events

February 2015



HAPPY
VALENTINES DAY



Laughter



Goldwing (or Harley) owners are like magpies. When they see something shiny they pick it up and bolt it to their motorcycle. :)

Q: I asked my Harley friend how exactly do "loud pipes save lives"

A: His answer was "I'm sorry, what did you say"?

Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.

A jumper cable walks into a bar. The bartender says, "I'll serve you, but don't start anything."

Two cows are standing next to each other in a field. Daisy says to Dolly, "I was artificially inseminated this morning." "I don't believe you," says Dolly. "It's true; no bull!" exclaims Daisy.



Washington District & Region 2015 Calendar of Events

February & March

FEBRUARY

27-01 March WA-P Mall Show in Longview

MARCH

14— Washington District Rider Education in Buckley (Westside)

21— Washington District Rider Education in Pasco (Eastside)

20-21 WA-E SurfWatch 2015 (Ocean Shores)

28 WA-P Swap Meet

Hydroplaning:

Hydroplaning occurs when water on the roadway accumulates in front of your vehicle's tires faster than the weight of your vehicle can push it out of the way.

The downward pressure of the vehicles' tires can cause them to rise up and slide (hydroplane) on top of a thin layer of water (about 1/16") between your tires and the road. While hydroplaning, your vehicle rides on top of the water, like a water skier on a lake. In less than a second, your vehicle (motorcycle) can completely lose contact with the road, putting you in immediate danger of sliding out of your lane.

Hydroplaning usually happens at higher speeds, over 40 miles per hour for a motorcycle. Try to imagine your motor vehicle (motorcycle or automobile) traveling at a high rate of speed on a sheet of ice: that imaging approximates what will happen if you try to brake or steer while hydroplaning.

The 3 main factors that contribute to hydroplaning:

- Ø Vehicle speed. As speed increases, wet traction is considerably reduced. Since hydroplaning can result in a complete loss of traction and vehicle control, you should always reduce speed, paying attention to the traffic around you.
- Ø Tire(s) tread depth. As your tires become worn, their ability to resist hydroplaning is reduced, and,
- Ø Water depth. The deeper the water, the sooner you will lose traction, although even thin water layers can cause a loss of traction, including at low speeds.

Let's examine what happens to a tire in the middle part of a hydroplane:

- Ø When entering a stationary or flowing stream of water across a roadway, the surface of the tire must move the water out of the way in order for the tire to stay in contact with the pavement.
- Ø The tire compresses **some** of the water to the sides, and forces the remaining water through the tire treads.
- Ø With good tires, a moderate rate of precipitation, and a well-drained roadway surface, hydroplaning rarely occurs below 55 mph. However, if any of those conditions are not met, it can happen at speeds as low as 35 mph.

On a smooth polished road in moderate rain at 60 mph, a tire(s) has to displace about a gallon of water every second from beneath a contact patch no bigger than a size nine shoe. Each gripping element of the tread is on the ground for only 1/150th of a second; during this time it must displace the bulk of the water, press through the remaining thin film, and then begin to grip the road surface.

Although bald tires give better grip on dry roads than treaded tires, they are unsafe in rain because water is a lubricant on rubber. **(Also, punctures are more common in the rain.)**

Hydroplaning science:

Hydroplaning is the result of your tires moving quickly across a wet surface -- so fast that they do not have sufficient time to channel that moisture away from the center of the tire. The result is that the tire is lifted by the water away from the road, losing all traction.

Of course the word "quickly" is a relative term. Tread design, tread depth, weight of your vehicle, tire pressure, depth of water and even the consistency of that water -- (whether it is highly aerated or not, for example) - all play a part in determining at what speed the tire will begin to hydroplane.

It is a pretty safe bet to assume that any speed in excess of 60 MPH is fast enough to support hydroplaning regardless of the other variables. This is not to say that at 55 MPH you are safe, however.

Rider's Education Corner, Continued

The exact point at which your vehicle becomes waterborne is complicated and depends on all of the following variables:

- Ø Tire size - the size and shape of a tire's contact patch has a direct influence on the probability of a hydroplane. The wider the contact patch is relative to its length, the higher the speed required to support hydroplaning. A motorcycle's tire contact patch is relatively small.
- Ø Tire tread pattern - certain tread patterns channel water more effectively, reducing the risk of hydroplaning.
- Ø Tire tread depth - as your tires become worn, their ability to resist hydroplaning is reduced.
- Ø Tire pressure - keep your tire pressure within the manufacturer's recommended pressures.
- Ø Water depth - the deeper the water, the sooner you will lose traction, although at higher speeds even thin water layers can cause a loss of traction.
- Ø Water composition (oil, temperature, dirt, and salt can change the water's properties and density).
- Ø Vehicle drive-train: because of their computer-assisted differentials, all-wheel-drive vehicles are more likely to hydroplane than two-wheel drive vehicles in certain situations. A sudden uncontrolled transfer of power from the front tires to the rear tires can put a hydroplaning vehicle out of control.
- Ø Vehicle speed - as speed increases, wet traction is considerably reduced. Since hydroplaning can result in a complete loss of traction and vehicle control, you should always reduce speed on wet or soaked road surfaces.
- Ø Vehicle weight - the lighter the vehicle, the more likely it is to hydroplane – motorcycle may start to hydroplane at speeds of about 48 mph.
- Ø Road surface type - non-grooved asphalt is considerably more hydroplane-prone than ribbed or grooved concrete surfaces.

How can you tell that you're hydroplaning?

It is often hard to tell when you are hydroplaning. The rear end of your vehicle may feel a little squirrely (loose, giving you the sensation that it has moved to one side or the other), especially in a high crosswind. The steering may also suddenly feel loose or little too easy.

Watch the road ahead for standing or running water. You can also pay attention to the spray being kicked up by the cars in front or when passing trucks. If water spray in front suddenly increases, it's possible that the driver has hit a patch of water that could cause you to hydroplane.

What to do if you start to hydroplane:

There are two absolutely essential no-no's to remember should you experience the beginning of hydroplaning:

- Ø Do not apply your brakes, and,
- Ø Do not turn your handle bars.

If you find yourself hydroplaning, do not brake or turn suddenly. This could throw your motorcycle into a skid. Think of your handle bar as the rudder of a boat (your motorcycle is a boat when in the middle of a hydroplane). Hold the handle bars firmly and don't steer in any other direction except straight ahead. Ease off the gas until the motorcycle slows and your steering returns to normal. If you need to brake, use your rear brake and do it gently with light pumping actions.

If your motorcycle has anti-lock brakes, then brake normally; the motorcycle's computer will mimic a pumping action, when necessary. If your motorcycle's tires are still in partial contact with the road surface, you should be able to regain control in the same way that you would on snow or ice. Do not release your anti-lock brakes until your motorcycle has gained traction. If you do release your anti-lock brakes early, the on board computer may think your braking is over and not re-engage.

Things my motorcycle has taught me

Contributed by Karla Edwards (reprinted)

1. The only good view of a thunderstorm is in your rear view mirror.
2. People ask us why we ride a motorcycle. For those who have experienced the joy, no explanation is necessary; for those who have not, no explanation is possible.
3. Four wheels move the body; two wheels move the soul.
4. Most motorcycle problems are caused by the nut that connects the handlebars to the saddle.
5. Life may begin at 40, but it doesn't get real interesting until about 80 mph!
6. You start the game of life with a full pot o' luck and an empty pot o' experience. The object is to fill the pot of experience before you empty the pot of luck.
7. If you wait, all that happens is that you get older.
8. Midnight bugs taste just as bad as noon time bugs.
9. Saddlebags can never hold everything you want, but they CAN hold everything you need.
10. Don't ride so late into the night that you sleep through the sunrise.
11. Sometimes it takes a whole tank full of gas before you can think straight.
12. Never hesitate to ride past the last street light at the edge of town.
13. Never do less than forty miles before breakfast.
14. A bike on the road is worth two in the shed.
15. Respect the person who has seen the dark side of motorcycling and lived, and still rides.
16. Young riders pick a destination and go. Old riders pick a direction and go.
17. A good mechanic will let you watch without charging you for it.
18. Sometimes the fastest way to get there is to stop for the night.
19. Always back your bike into the curb and sit where you can see it.
20. There are drunk riders and there are old riders, but there are not many old, drunk riders.
21. Ride to work. Work to ride.
22. Two-lane blacktop isn't a highway - it's an attitude.
23. When you look down the road, it seems to never end; but you better believe it does!
24. Winter is nature's way of telling you to test the electrics.
25. Keep your bike in good repair. Motorcycle boots are not all that comfortable for walking.
26. People are like motorcycles; each is customized a bit differently.

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27. Sometimes, the best communication happens when you're on separate bikes.
28. When you're riding lead, don't spit.
29. A friend is someone who'll get out of bed at 2 a.m.. to drive his pickup to the middle of nowhere to get you when you're broken down.
30. Catching a yellow jacket in your shirt @ 70 mph can double your vocabulary.
31. Catching a yellow jacket in your helmet will triple that special vocabulary.
32. There's something ugly about a NEW bike on a trailer.
33. Everyone crashes. Some get back on. Some don't. Some can't.
34. If you can't get it going with bungee cords and duct tape, it's serious.
35. If you ride like there's no tomorrow, today will be a BLAST!
36. The best modifications cannot be seen from the outside..
37. Always replace the cheapest parts first.
38. You can forget what you do for a living when your knees are in the breeze.
39. Only a Biker knows why a dog sticks his head out of a car window.
40. Keep the painted side up, and the rubber side down!"

Compliments of Tapatio from the BMW Sport-Touring board

2015 Handbook (Contributed by Leah Gray) Reprinted

Health:

1. Drink plenty of water.
2. Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a beggar.
3. Eat more foods that grow on trees and plants and eat less food that is manufactured in plants..
4. Live with the 3 E's -- Energy, Enthusiasm and Empathy
5. Make time to pray.
6. Play more games
7. Read more books than you did in 2009 .
8. Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day
9. Sleep for 7 hours.
10. Take a 10-30 minutes walk daily. And while you walk, smile.

Personality:

11. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
12. Don't have negative thoughts on things you cannot control. Instead invest your energy in the positive present moment.
13. Don't over do. Keep your limits.
14. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
15. Don't waste your precious energy on gossip.
16. Dream more while you are awake
17. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need..
18. Forget issues of the past. Don't remind your partner with His/her mistakes of the past. That will ruin your present happiness.
19. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone. Don't hate others.
20. Make peace with your past so it won't spoil the present.
21. No one is in charge of your happiness except you.
22. Realize that life is a school and you are here to learn. Problems are simply part of the curriculum that appear and fade away like algebra class but the lessons you learn will last a lifetime.
23. Smile and laugh more.
24. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree...

Society:

25. Call your family often.
26. Each day give something good to others.
27. Forgive everyone for everything.
28. Spend time w/ people over the age of 70 & under the age of 6.
29. Try to make at least three people smile each day.
30. What other people think of you is none of your business.
31. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends will. Stay in touch.

Life:

32. Do the right thing!
33. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
34. GOD heals everything.
35. However good or bad a situation is, it will change..
36. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
37. The best is yet to come..
38. When you awake alive in the morning, thank GOD for it.
39. Your Inner most is always happy. So, be happy.



February Birthday's

Mike Leibold	5
Doug Newbury	6
Ron Urquhart	14
Ron Peck	19

Love...



February Anniversary's

Thomas and Lynn Daniels 8

If we have missed any announcement, birthday or anniversary please email Leah Gray 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 Leah Gray 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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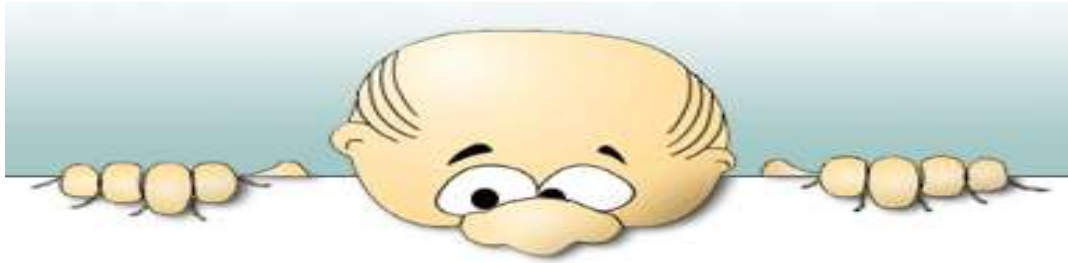
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GWRRA Washington District Chapter Gathering Sites

4th Saturday	8:30AM	A-Seattle	Old Country Buffet, 25630 104th Ave. SE, Kent, WA 98030
1st Saturday	8:00 AM	B-Bremerton	Bremerton Airport Diner, 8830 State Hwy 3, Bremerton, WA 98312
2nd Sunday	8:30 AM	D-Aberdeen	Duffy's Restaurant, 1605 Simpson Ave, Aberdeen, WA 98520
3rd Saturday	08:00AM	E- Bellevue	Kenmore Lanes, 7638 NE Bothell Way, Kenmore, WA 98018
2nd Tuesday	6:00 PM	H-Lynden	Fairway Restaurant, 1726 Front St, Lynden, WA 98264
3rd Sunday	8:30 AM	I-Olympia	Hawks Prairie Restaurant, 8306 Quinault Dr, Lacey, WA 98516
2nd Saturday	9:00 AM	L-Kennewick	Red Lion, 2525 North 20th Ave, Pasco, WA 99301
1st Saturday	9:00 AM	M-Yakima	The Branding Iron Restaurant, 61311 Hwy 97, Toppenish, WA 98948
3rd Sunday	8:00 AM	N-Spokane	Golden Corral Restaurant, 7117 N Division, Spokane, WA 99208
4th Saturday	8:00 AM	O-Port Orchard	Bremerton Airport Diner, 8830 State Hwy 3, Bremerton, WA 98312
3rd Saturday	1:00 PM	P-Longview	Sizzler Restaurant, 936 Ocean Beach Hwy, Longview, WA 98632
1st Friday	6:00 PM	Q-Puyallup	Sizzler Restaurant, 10204 S Tacoma Way, Lakewood, WA 98499
1st Saturday	9:00 AM	R-Walla Walla	Smith's Restaurant, 1425 W. Pine St, Walla Walla, WA
1st Thursday	6:00PM	V-Auburn	Trotters Restaurant, 825 Harvey Rd, Auburn, WA 98001
1st Saturday	8:00 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	6:00 PM	Z-Centralia	Country House Restaurant, 4040 Hwy 506, Toledo, WA 98591

Some Useful Gold Wing Links



<http://www.goldwingfacts.com/>

<http://www.aboutmotorcycle.com/>

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

<http://www.msf-usa.org/>

<http://soundrider.com/>

<http://www.wingstuff.com/index.php>

[http://www.goldwing-world.com/
GL1800.htm](http://www.goldwing-world.com/GL1800.htm)

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<http://www.hondadirectlineusa.com/stores/index.asp?str=4>

http://www.motorbiketoday.com/reviews/Articles/hon_goldwing_04.htm

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