



Gold Wing Road Riders Association Region I - WA District



"Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"

April - Spring Fever

Message from our Chapter Directors

Spring is definitely in the air, the weather this year has been absolutely awesome, and with the mildest winter on record, I think we are going to have a fabulous year of riding ahead. I am predicting a very warm summer this year and if the **weather thus far is any indication, I just can't** wait for it to get here. After coming off a very successful SurfWatch with record attendance for our annual ocean retreat in March, we are now working on the Early Spring Fun Run. In typical Chapter E fashion, we have a new and exciting route planned with some really new and fun



roads to tease and challenge you into the start of the riding season. Of course, none of this would be possible without the awesome Chapter E members and the volunteers to man the registration and checkpoints. As we plan the ride, that typically kicks off the riding season, I am amazed at how quickly our members step up and assist, wherever they are needed. With a little luck from the sun gods, we should have an awesome event and a really good turnout. We also need to recognize Everett Powersports as our partner in all of this, as they are really stepping up to allow us to start and end our event as well as putting on a BBQ for all of the **attendees. I don't think we could ask more from our friends at Everett Powersports, so while** there, please show your appreciation, pick up a trinket or two and support them. They really do support both our Chapter and many of the riders out there and we thank them!! This month we have the last winter dinner social at the proverbial **'Olive Garden' in Kirkland on the 29th at 6PM. Many people have asked if we should move the dinner socials back to Thursday's so we will be looking for your input at the next Chapter Meeting. Several of us are going to travel over to** Spokane after the Chapter meeting to attend the WA-N Brown Bag auction. This is the Sunday after our meeting, so we are planning on leaving right after the meeting for a road trip to Spokane. We should as a Chapter get out and visit some of the other Chapters in the state, as there is always something to see and do, and you can meet new friends from all **over. It is good to get out and show the Chapter E pride, and tell other Chapters about "OUR" Chapter. We do have the best Chapter in the state!**



Next Chapter Meeting
Saturday
April 18, 2016

Kenmore Lanes
7638 NE Bothell Way
Kenmore, WA
Breakfast: 8:00 AM
Meeting: 8:30 AM

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 out and RIDE!!

John & Barb

Gold Wing Road Riders Association Upcoming Calendar of Events

April 2015

Washington District & Region 2015 Calendar of Events

April & May

APRIL

4— WA-M/WA-R Multi-Chapter Meeting in Prosser, Wa ([Flyer](#))

11— WA-E Early Spring Fun Run ([Flyer](#))

19— WA-N Brown Bag Auction ([Flyer](#))

MAY

9— WA-Q Crazy Ride ([Flyer](#))

15-18 — Chapter BC-G Victoria Days ([Flyer](#))

16— WA-M - Fun Run ([Flyer](#))

22-25 — WA-L Desert Spring Fling (Tri-Cities) ([Flyer](#))

30 — WA-B Harvest Run ([Flyer](#))

** This calendar is subject to change.*

Check the Washington GWRRA web site for flyers and contact information at www.gwrra-wa.org for any events you wish to participate with.

Washington District Rider Education Courses

MAY

16 MAY —ARC in Buckley, WA.

30 MAY —Underdetermined class (more info to follow) in Buckley, WA.

** If interested in a rider course, please contact*

Dennis Black—Washington District Rider Educator

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Rider Education

By Bruce McMahill - WA-E Rider Educator

Passenger Syndrome

Co-Riders, from the time you rode in a car as a kid, you've had little to do with regards to controlling the vehicle you were a passenger in. Only until you took the training and learned how a vehicle operated did you become more comfortable and a part of the operation not just a passenger. The same goes with a motorcycle.

Many people have a fear of the unknown. You respond to what you hear, especially the myths about motorcycles. Most people in the **country won't get on a motorcycle, but they will ride a bicycle, due to the fear and the fact that they don't know what's involved.** Those brave Co-Riders in our organization climb aboard and trust in the one they love that they will be safe but still go down the road with some fear inside. You need to learn and be in control.

GWRRA in all our wisdom saw this coming and developed Safety Seminars and Rider Courses to help Co-Riders learn and be in control. **Knowing and understanding what's happening eliminates the fear of the once unknown and giving you the great chance to go down the road safely as part of the team not just a Co-Rider.**

Several traits found in UN-trained passengers (Co-Riders) on a motorcycle or any vehicle may include the following:

The AHHHHH response:

Whenever an unexpected event occurs such as someone changing lanes into you, or pulling out into your path of travel, the un-trained Co-Rider may often scream this phrase, AHHHHHH, into the intercom in hopes of helping the Rider both lose his hearing at an earlier age, and, **here's the hazard, and take the rider's attention away from the real hazard and cause him to focus on the Co-Rider's concern which at this point should not be the primary focus of his or her attentions.**

It's important that a Co-Rider, when a hazard presents itself, act in a calm rational manner and simply state the concern to the Rider in a normal calm voice thus helping him focus on the real hazard and avoid any problem.

The Ray Charles compunction:

This occurs both when a favorite song is on the radio or when touring an area where stretching and leaning from the right to left and back again helps the Co-Rider enjoy their travel but may only be useful to the Rider when doing a Cone Weave at the rally field events. Weight shift causes the motorcycle to turn and sudden movements from side to side will take control away from where it needs to be, with the Rider.

If a sudden movement is needed by the Co-Rider, **they need to let the Rider know what's going to happen. Work as a team and let the Rider know you need to shift and in what direction.** This may prevent any unnecessary turns by the motorcycle. Never try to steer the bike from the back seat!

The Co-Co butt maneuver:

Often found evidence of dings in the back of the Rider's helmet. One the brakes on a motorcycle is applied, the weight shifts forward increasing traction on the front wheel and decreasing traction on the rear. That's not the only thing found to shift forward, is it?

When the brakes are applied or when slowing down is anticipated by a trained Co-Rider, the Co-Rider braces themselves so as not to be part of the weight shift forward and pushes back into their seat. This prevents any change in the dynamics of the bike during a stop and prevents dings in the back of the Riders helmet!

This can also occur to the Rider's inability to keep the Co-Rider entertained thus causing the Co-Rider to fall asleep and slump forward into the Rider in which case it should be promptly cured by looking for a place that you and your Co-Rider can stop and stretch, that accepts Credit Cards and is well stocked with souvenirs.



Knowledge

The best cure is Rider Education to eliminate the unknown which can create large pucker marks on your motorcycle seat and to learn:

- > To be part of the team when riding, for instance active scanning for hazards and.
- > How to be a help in a tight spot not a hindrance to your Rider.

Our Association encourages CoRiders to participate in Motorcycle Rider Education programs. Come along with your Rider to a Rider Education Course as a "two-up" and ride along with them. Also, attend some Safety Seminars to learn more about your part in the operation of the Motorcycle.

Your Continued Safety is in Education

Washington District Rider Education Courses



The following are Rider Courses scheduled to be held at the Rainier Hill Christian Fellowship in Buckley, WA. map and riding directions are below.

Rider Education Seminar Location:

Rainier Hills Christian Fellowship
23711 Entwistle Rd.
Buckley, WA. 98321

Driving Directions:

North: -- State Route I -405 to Highway 167 South (Exit 2)
At Summer, take Highway 410 East toward Summer - Buckley.
Right on 234th Avenue E.
Left on Entwistle.

South: -- State Route I -5 to Highway 512 East. Highway 512 to Highway 167 turn right (east).

Take Highway 410 East toward Summer-Buckley. Right on 234th Avenue E. Left on Entwistle.

MAY

Saturday, May 16: -- ARC in Buckley, WA

Saturday, May 30: -- ARC in Buckley, WA.

Tentative Dates for ARC's -- Several new dates available for June, 1 in August and 2 in Sept.

If interested in the Advancer Rider Course (ARC), please contact:

Dennis Black, Washington District Rider Educator

gwrfa.wa.district.edu@gmail.com



April Celebrations



Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Gordon Bousman	8	Bill and Caryl Estes	2
Sandy McMahill	10	Rick and Sue Gustin	14
Rick Gustin	13		
Mike Briggs	13		
Bob Watson	18		
Christy Pelican	21		
Ernie Sigyarito	22		
Russell Greaby	23		
Dave Chavez	29		



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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If you have pictures to add to the Chapter E Website please email John and Barb, Chapter E Webmaster@: allabout_98019@outlook.com



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Together, we
can make
a difference!



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APRIL 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>April Fools Day!</i> 	2	3	4
5 <i>Easter</i> 	6	7	8	9	10	11 <i>WA-E Early Spring Fun Run</i>
12	13	14 International Moment of Laughter Day	15 Tax Day 	16	17	18 <i>WA-E Breakfast and Meeting—Kenmore Lanes</i>
19 National Garlic Day WA-N Brown Bag Auction	20 Patriots Day	21	22 <i>Earth Day</i> 	23 Take a Chance Day	24	25
26	27 National Prime Rib Day	28	29  <i>WA-E Dinner Social</i> <i>Olive Garden in Kirkland</i>	30 National Honesty Day		

Did you know?

As an April Fools' Day prank in 1998, Burger King published a full page advertisement in USA TODAY introducing the newest menu item: a "Left-Handed Whopper."

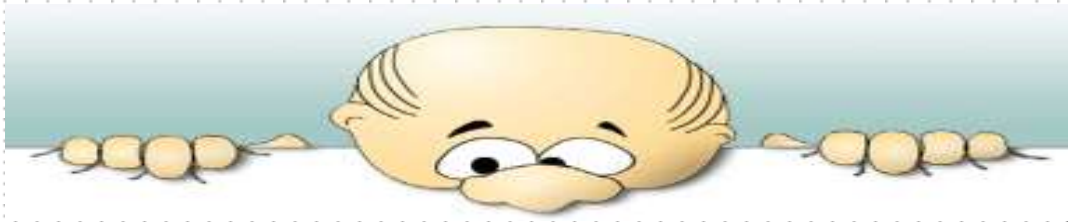
Even Mark Twain had something to say about April Fools' Day: "This is the day upon which we are reminded of what we are on the other three hundred and sixty-four."



GWRRR 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://www.soundrider.com/>

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

<http://www.goldwing-world.com/GL1800.htm>

<http://www.gl1800riders.com/>

<http://www.tulsaenterprises.com/1800.html>

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

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

http://www.motorbikes.today.com/reviews/Articles/hon_goldwing_04.htm

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Motorcycle_safety

