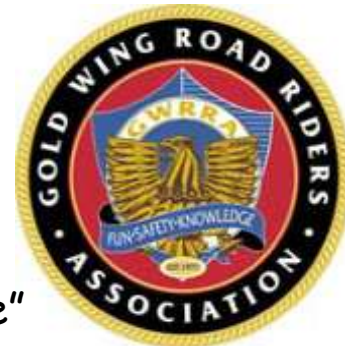




## WA-E

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



## "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"

Summer is here!

### Message from our Chapter Directors

Howdy folks, are you enjoying this amazing weather? It has been incredible and a great way to start our summer of riding and fun. There are so many events going on this month and next month, so I wanted to ensure that everyone gets the word on these great events. Starting on the **13th, we have the Chapter D 'Duck Hunt', this is the 25th anniversary for this ride. Did I mention it is 'FREE'. We are planning on heading down to do this ride, so stay tuned to the Eagle Eye for departure times, if you are interested in going.**



Also, while not really in our area of riding locally is the **'Reno Rendezvous' on the 18th thru the 20th. Not sure if we have anyone going from our chapter, but if you are, please let us know so we can live vicariously thru you. We have our Chapter Meeting/Breakfast on the 20th and I am thinking that a ride after the meeting is in order. It is time to get out and shake off the winter blues, and do something fun. Not sure on the destination as of yet, but we will come up with something, so be prepared to ride somewhere! We have our 'Dinner Social' on the 25th, we did Pete's in Carnation last month and had such a great turn out and the weather really cooperated, that we are going to do it again. Make sure you ride your bike, so we can show off all that shiny chrome. By the way, the food was pretty decent too. Then comes the Bob's Omak Loop to the Olympic Peninsula on the 28th and 29th. We blocked off all the rooms we could at the 'Forks Motel' and will be riding the entire loop around by the ocean with a side trip up to Hurricane Ridge. I have seen some pictures from their web cameras and it is looking very clear and you can see for miles in all directions. We can grab some food in Port Angeles and make a picnic out of it. What better place to do a picnic! This should be a fantastic weekend adventure. I sure hope you booked your room, you won't want to miss this one. Lots of fun events still to come, so stay tuned for some impromptu rides and other goodies, as we figure out what we can do as a group. July is shaping up to be just as busy, so get out and have some fun. Did someone say picnic? Hmmm.. I hear that the Gustin picnic is coming up very soon...what shall we have? Hmmm....**



Next Chapter Meeting  
Saturday  
June 20, 2016

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

We are looking to add to our staff, we have open positions for Assistant Chapter Directors, Rider Educator and a Newsletter Editor. If you are interested in being a part of our awesome team, please let us know. We promise that you will have a great time doing it and it will be FUN!

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.

Keep the shiny side, rubber side down.  
John & Barb

# Gold Wing Road Riders Association Upcoming Calendar of Events

## June 2015

### Washington District & Region 2015 Calendar of Events June & July

#### June

- 5-7 - WA-R Blue Mountain Rendezvous
- 13 - WA-D Duck Hunt ([Flyer](#) / [Registration](#))
- 18-20 - Reno Rendezvous ([Website](#))
- 27-28 - WA-**E Bob's Olympic Peninsula Ride (Overnighter in Forks)**

#### July

- 2-4 - Idaho District Convention (Kamiah, ID). ([Link](#) / [Flyer](#))
- 4 - Chapter E - Gustin Picnic at Ames Lake. Directions and info to follow.
- 9-11 - Oregon District Convention (Hood River County Fairgrounds). ([Link](#) / [Flyer](#))
- 9-11 - Wyoming District Convention (Buffalo, Wy). ([Link](#) / [Flyer](#))
- 12 - **Chapter 'A' Mystery Ride ([Flyer](#))**
- 16-18 - Washington District Convention in Port Townsend. ([Flyer](#))
- 18 - **No Chapter Meeting, we will be at the convention**
- 22-25 - Montana District Convention in Deer Lodge MT. ([Link](#))

\* *This calendar is subject to change.*

Check the Washington GWRRA web site for flyers and contact information at [www.gwrra-wa.org](http://www.gwrra-wa.org) for any events you wish to participate with.





# Rider Education

By John Smith - WA-E CD

Be Seen, Be Safe ... it is up to you.

How many times have you thought to yourself, "That person in the car did not see me and nearly hit me!" You may have even directed some choice words toward the "offending" person. While I am all for righteous indignation, you may want ask yourself a question, "Did I do enough to make myself seen by the motorist?" I have this idea that we as motorcyclists have our own responsibility to be seen. After all, the laws of physics say that motorcyclists usually come out on the losing side when we tangle with cars and trucks.

What I hope this article will provide are some techniques that may help you be seen and recognized by others sharing the road and to encourage you, as a rider, to be responsible for being seen rather than expecting motorists to see you.

There are many thoughts and theories about why motorists do not see motorcyclists. Some I have seen are: Motorcycles are not as big as the vehicles around us, so they do not register in the motorists mind; Motorcycles move differently so motorists do not see us because they are not used to the way we travel; Sometimes motorcyclists ride in motorists' blind spots.

In the next few paragraphs, I will offer you some tips and techniques to help you become more visible to others on the road.

## Wear Bright Colors—

While it is cool to be dressed all in dark colors when you ride, you are reducing the chances that motorists will see you. Wearing dark colors can make you disappear into the shadows, trees and other non-threatening bits of landscape out in the background of motorists' vision. In addition, even multicolored clothes can break up your contour and may act as camouflage to motorists, which makes it harder for them to see you.

## So what should you wear?

The best are bright yellows and whites; you may even want to consider neon greens and yellows. Wearing bright colored helmets are another way to be seen; white is best. I know they do not reflect the biker image, but why follow the herd? Be a rugged individualist; Make your Bike Brighter The easiest way to do that is to turn your high beams on during the day. They make you much more visible to those in your threat zone (the 10 o'clock to the 2 o'clock positions). There are some theories that suggest the motorist sees you as a larger vehicle and will give you more room.





# Rider Education

Continued

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Be Seen, Be Safe . . . it is up to you.



## What about Night Visibility?

So far, I have discussed coping tactics for day riding, but few of these are helpful at night. In this section, I will suggest some ideas that may help at night. Use your driving lights and if you do not have them, consider installing PIAA type lights. You also may want to consider putting running lights and a pulsating brake light on the rear of your bike. They can be attention getters. If you want proof of that, ride behind Bob Spencer for a while and see for yourself. For the least expensive, yet highly effective way to be seen at night is to invest in reflective stick-on reflector panels for your bike and riding gear.



## Riding Techniques:

**This may sound simple, but avoid riding in motorists' blind spots. It is an easy thing to do. If you cannot see the driver in his mirrors, he cannot see you.** Another straightforward way to become more visible is to position yourself in the lane where you **are likely to be in the view of as many motorists as possible.** **Since there is no "right" answer about where to ride in a lane,** we will discuss that during our next chapter meeting. Lastly, avoid jackrabbit starts and stops giving motorists time to recognize you as a motorcycle.

**As I review this article, there are no big "aha" ideas. It simply comes down to you as the rider making good decisions about how you want to "look" to motorists. Be assertive about your right to the road and think about ways to make yourself more visible to others; it is as simple as that.** If you think about these tips each time you ride, you will have a safer and more enjoyable experience. I want to take this opportunity to thank Art Friedman and Cruiser Magazine, where I got much of the information for this article.



# June Celebrations



## Happy Birthday

## Happy Anniversary

We have no Birthdays this month. Hmm..

Ron and Lana Jo Peck

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Mike and Lynn Keefe

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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 June 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](mailto:allabout_98019@outlook.com)



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Web Designer  
John Smith

Cares & Concerns  
Leah Gray

Dinner Socials Coordinators  
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## Together, we can make a difference!



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# June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 WA-R Blue Mountain Rendezvous	6 WA-R Blue Mountain Rendezvous
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14 Flag Day! 	15	16	17	18 Reno Rendezvous	19 Reno Rendezvous	20 <i>WA-E Breakfast and Meeting—Kenmore Lanes</i> Reno Rendezvous
21 First Day of Summer! 	22 National Chocolate Éclair Day! 	23	24	25 <i>WA-E Dinner Social—Pete's in Carnation at 6PM</i>	26 Forgiveness Day!	27 <i>WA-E Bob's Omak Loop ride to the Olympic Peninsula (Overnight in Forks)</i>
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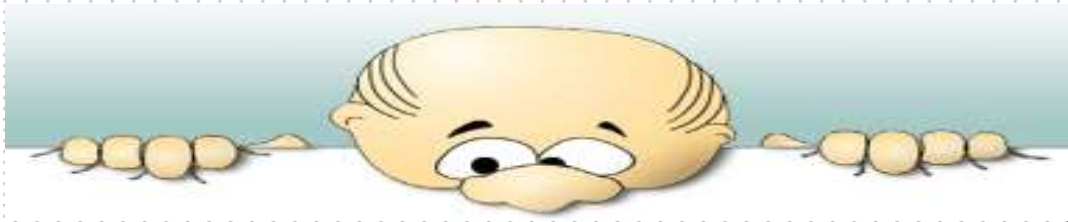


**GWRRR Washington District Chapter Gathering Sites**

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/>

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[http://www.motorbikes.today.com/reviews/Articles/hon\\_goldwing\\_04.htm](http://www.motorbikes.today.com/reviews/Articles/hon_goldwing_04.htm)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Motorcycle\\_safety](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Motorcycle_safety)

