## **GWRRA**



#### April 2016

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



## WA-E

"Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"



#### From our Chapter Directors

Chapter Gathering April 16, 2016 Kenmore Lanes Breakfast 8:00 AM Meeting 9:00 AM

#### April - Time to get out and Ride

Well, another successful SurfWatch in Ocean Shores, what a awesome time!! We had a really great time and the new 'In the Bag" and live auctions were extremely successful. Although attendance was down this year, it was still a lot of fun, including the awesome bonfire on the beach. The weather was also working in our favor, with no rain until Sunday, and lots of great sunshine and limited wind. All and all a very awesome weekend. All of this

would not be possible without the tireless support of our awesome chapter members who worked hard to do all of the legwork, including bonfire with wood and s'mores, registration, auction preparations and food and dessert planning. There is quite a bit of work that goes into event every year and without you it would not be possible. THANK YOU ALL!!!

This is also the start of the riding season for us winter people who keep the bike in the garage during inclement weather, but this year has been really different with no real cold weather to speak of, lot of rain, but little or no cold weather to speak of. I know several of us have already been on several rides this year with the Mother Nature being nice to us this year. We are so looking forward to more and more chapter rides this year.

We have made the decision to cancel our Spring Fever Run this year. We don't have enough registrations to justify the ride. With Wing Ding in Billings this year, many downstream events are struggling as well. Probably normal when Wing Ding relatively close.

Also we have the Brown Bag Auction at Chapter N in Spokane. This is a lot of fun and very much like our In the Bag auction. You purchase tickets and then drop them in the bag to be picked to win that prize. Lots of stuff. Several of us went last year and had a ball. You should think about doing this one, and it would also be good for you to get out and visit some other chapters and help them with their events, like they help us.

Don't forget we have our meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> at Kenmore Lanes. Was not really planning a chapter ride this morning, with Surfwatch and the Spring Fever Run, figured most folks needed a break. That being said, we are going to do a First Aid/CPR class after the meeting, most likely at our house depending on the number of folks that need it. I have several already confirmed, so we will definitely be doing that, so people can get recertified. And last by certainly not least, this month is the end of our winter dinner socials, our last dinner social at the Olive Garden in Kirkland will take place on April 28th. Woohoo!! Good 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 <u>YOUR</u> 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.

There are still lots of events coming up, in the coming months, so let's get ready to get out and have some fun and spend some time with our Chapter E folks!

Till next month—there is no destiny, except what you make it. Do something today!!

John & Barb



#### GWRRA HAPPENINGS





#### 2016 Calendar of Events

April 17, 2016—Chapter N Annual Brown Bag Auction, Click on this <u>link</u> for more information. This is always lot's of fun.

May 14, 2016—Chapter Q <u>Crazy Mountain Ride</u>. This is a great ride and Chapter Q has another great ride planned. Plan to be there

May 27-30, 2016—Don't have plans for the Memorial Day Weekend? The Desert Spring Fling is fantastic time! Chapter L always takes care of everyone. Here is the <u>flyer</u> for more information.

Reno Rendezvous has been cancelled. With many of our members planning on attending Wing Ding, there has not been enough interest in Reno this year.







#### Rider Education



So I am sitting in my office writing this article and the sun has just risen and the rays are streaming through the window! We are experiencing a wonderful early spring. It will be quite warm today and many of us will want to take a nice ride, perhaps out through the countryside or maybe to work as I see one of our members doing this morning (looks good Kathy!).

Please remember a few things. It has been a long wet winter and there haven't been many motorcyclists out there riding on a daily basis. Therefore, the 4 wheel public has gotten used to not seeing YOU! People see what they want to see. That is to say, they expect today to be just the same as yesterday, very few motorcycles out there. Be even more cautious than normal. Our fellow motorists will start to get reacquainted to us being on the road but that still doesn't mean see us or look for us.

Remember, "Be Careful out There!".

Hey, we have a great opportunity coming up in April. Terri Black is coming up to do a first aid/CPR class after the gathering. Check out the Eagle Eye for more details. I signed up as I know I need to be refreshed. See you there!!





#### March Celebrations



## Happy Birthday

## Happy A nniversary

Gordon Bousman	8		
Sandy McMahill	10	Bill and Caryl Estes	2
Rick Gustin	13		
Mike Briggs	13		
Bob Watson	18	Rick and Sue Gustin	14
Christy Pelican	21		
Ernie Sigyarto	22		
Russ 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 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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## **April** 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 April Fool's Day	2 Bill and Caryl Estes Anniversary
3 World Party Day	4	5	6	7	<b>8</b> Gordon Bousman Birthday	9
<b>10</b> Sandy McMahill Birthday	8 Track Day	12	Rick Gustin Mike Briggs Birthday	14 Rick and Sue Gustin Anniversary	Rubber Eraser Day	16 Chapter E Gathering!  8:00 AM Kenmore Lanes
17	18  Bob Watson Birthday	19	20	<b>21</b> Christy Pelican Birthday	<b>22</b> Ernie Sigyarto Birthday	23 Russ Greaby Birthday
Pig in a Blanket Day	25	26	27	28 Chapter E Dinner Social Olive Garden, Kirkland	<b>29</b> Dave Chavez Birthday	30

#### GWRRA Washington District Chapter Gathering Sites

4th Saturday	8:00AM	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	8:00 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	8:00 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
2nd Saturday	8:00 AM	Q-Puyallup	Lady Luck's Cowgirl Up 14114 Pacific Ave, Tacoma, WA
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/



