



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



"Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"

Chapter Gathering  
May 21, 2016  
Kenmore Lanes  
8:00 AM, Breakfast

#### Message from our Chapter Directors



#### May - So Long Winter!

May has arrived. We can now see those winter months in the rear view mirror and as we move forward into late spring and summer, we are looking forward to the many, many rides and events that are planned for this year. We have completed the last winter dinner social and are moving into our weekly Thursday night 'Ice Cream Socials'. This is a really great time to spend with friends and share some camaraderie with our chapter friends. We will pick up on the new tradition of finding new and exciting places on the eastside to have our socials. We think people like to try new places and experience new adventures. So, that begin said, please keep your eyes peeled for some great places to meet in the 'Eagle Eye' for the venue and locations. We are also going to start to get really busy with our ride calendar.

We are going to start by doing a progressive dinner at Dick's Drive Inn, a Seattle favorite. The plan is to have part of the meal at one, then move on, have another part, then move on and have the final part. This should be really fun for everyone. Bob Spencer and Steve Lee are taking the lead on this and will decide where we start this fun adventure on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May. Keep an 'Eagle Eye' out for instructions. The 21<sup>st</sup> we have our chapter meeting and breakfast at Kenmore Lanes. This will be followed by a ride around Whidbey Island, so bring your bike, fully fueled and ready to go. We will likely take the north to south route with a ferry ride back across Puget Sound, with some food in between. Let's hope for a truly awesome ride and some excellent weather to match. We also have the first "Ice Cream Social" scheduled for the 26<sup>th</sup>. We are going to try for every other week, instead of each week. We are open for suggestions, if you have them. For this first one, I did not pick a place yet, so send me your ideas and we will pick it. Then of course, we have Memorial Day weekend. To me this is the kick start of the season. Some time to BBQ and enjoy friends and family, and just relax. We will have some impromptu events coming, so keep an "Eagle Eye" out. If you like to camp, there is also the WA-L 'Desert Spring Fling' in Kennewick. Every year over the Memorial day weekend, Chapter 'L', the looney tunes, puts on a great event. Starts on the 25<sup>th</sup> and runs thru the 30<sup>th</sup>. For more information, head over to our website or to the district website to get a flyer and get signed up. There is always something **FUN** to do!

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—Kickstands up, let's **RIDE**.

John & Barb





## GWRRR HAPPENINGS



### 2016 Calendar of Events

**May 14, 2016**—Chapter Q Crazy Mountain Ride. 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 flyer for more information.

**June 11, 2016** — The Chapter D Duck Hunt. Puts on a great ride and always has a Fantastic route. Make plans to attend this fun Event!

**Are you going to Wing Ding? If you are, don't forget to register!**

**Region I is the Host Region for this year's Wing Ding and this is going to be a big one! Come help us celebrate our motorcycles and friendships!**

**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



# May is Motorcycle Awareness Month

OK, so May is motorcycle awareness month. What the heck does that mean? Well it means different things to different people. For most of us, we know about it but that's about it. We assume that something happens and guess what, there are events around the state that happen to bring awareness to motorcycles. Here's a few things that happen:

- The State of Washington puts out press releases that explain the detail reasons and details behind Motorcycle Awareness Month. The tv stations, radio stations, various websites and social media pick up on this and typically due stories that the non motorcycling public reads. Hopefully this helps people think a little more about motorcycles
- Motorcycle groups and clubs have related activities that focus attention on raising the motoring public about motorcycles
- Reader boards on state highways and freeways will run reminders to look for motorcycles. This happens all over the country and not just during May!
- Washington State produces a great video that has been picked up by many other states and motorcycle training and safety groups. It has gone viral with about 360,000 views on YouTube. You can watch it [here](#).
- GWRRA has a Motorist Awareness program that is a public outreach to driver training schools and service organizations. This is another great way to raise awareness about us!

So why do all of this? Most drivers don't pay attention anyway. It's difficult to quantify the effects of any of these efforts and any relationship to lowering motorcycle accidents and fatalities. There is some anecdotal evidence it does have some effect of drivers' habits and incident levels. Motorcycle awareness programs should be and are part of a bigger and more comprehensive focus. This includes education for student drivers, education for riders and ongoing public awareness and education.

So what can you do about this? It's pretty simple. Talk to your non riding friends and remind them it's you out there. This humanizes motorcyclists for folks and I believe that changes the equation. Rider aware that drivers have a difficult time seeing you, processing how fast you're riding and what your intentions are. Be clear in your communications on the bike and be courteous to your fellow riders and drivers out there. Most of all enjoy the ride!!



# May Celebrations



## *Happy Birthday*

## *Happy Anniversary*

Barb Smith	1
Caryl Estes	1
Lynn Briggs	8
Lynn Daniels	17
Mark Brown	19

Ernie and Sue Sigyarto	29
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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 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  
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# Chapter History

**Chapter Directors**

John & Barb Smith

**Store Managers**

Christie Pelican

**Treasurers**

Charlene Lee

**Ride Director**

Bob Spencer

**Mileage Coordinators**

Karla & Scott Edwards

**Historians/Photographers**

Ron Johnson

**Chapter Greeter**

Ron and Violet Urquhart

**Newsletter Editor**

Mike & Lynn Briggs

**Cares & Concerns**

Leah Gray

**Membership Coordinator**

Ron and Violet Urquhart

**Web Designer**

John Smith

**Dinner Socials Coordinators**

Bill and Caryl Estes



Together, we  
can make  
a difference!



Gold Wing  
Road Riders  
Association  
[www.gwrra.org/](http://www.gwrra.org/)



Region I Staff  
<http://www.bigskyregioni.org/>



Washington District Staff  
<http://www.gwrra-wa.org/>

Region Directors Cheri and Terry Huffman  
Assistant Directors Don and Sharon Weber  
Rider Educators Don and Christine Eide  
Membership Enhancement Bob and Becky Minor  
Asst. Membership Enhancement Bill & Nancy Lea  
Leadership Trainer Greg Hintz  
Treasurer Diana and Fred Borke  
Webmaster Mark Bridge  
Newsletter Editor Maria Muirbrook  
Communications Officer Donna Deskin  
Vendor Coordinator Mary Hunter

WA District Directors Reggie and Chuck Porter  
Asst. District Directors Anna and Wally Wallingford  
Asst. District Directors Garry and Maxine Alexander  
District Trainer Roy and Pearl McKenzie  
District Treasurer Mike and Bijou White  
Membership Coordinator Pete and Lynda Goetz  
District Rider Educators Dennis and Terri Black  
District Motorist Awareness Vic Parr  
District Webmaster Brad Kane  
District Couple of the Year Ron and Violet Urquhart  
District COY/IOY Coordinator Ted and Debbie Moore  
District Ambassador Gary and Diana Domas



# May 2016

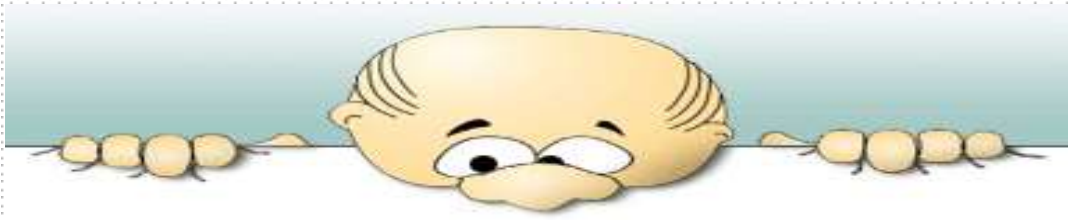


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Barb Smith, Caryl Estes Birthday   <i>May Day</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Lynn Briggs Birthday  	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Twilight Zone Day  	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Lynn Daniels Birthday	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Mark Brown Birthday	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> National Escargot Day  	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Ernie and Sue Sigyarto Anniversary	<b>30</b>   MEMORIAL DAY	<b>31</b>				

**GWRRR 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
1st Friday	6:00 PM	Q-Puyallup	Luck's Cowgirl Up 14114 Pacific Ave, S 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	Ramblin' Jacks 1336 Ruch Rs. Chehalis, WA Exit 73

## 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/>

