

# Washington Wing News

Washington District Newsletter  
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## Around the District

### NEW CHAPTER DIRECTORS

**Chapter M** on January 1<sup>st</sup>  
Ron Hafsos

**Chapter V** on January 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Eddie and Clarine Dunn

**Chapter Q** on January 4<sup>th</sup>  
Chuck and Nancy Caldara

**Chapter L** on January 12<sup>th</sup>  
Gary and Diana Domas

**Chapter A** on January 26<sup>th</sup>  
Jeff Harvey

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**Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> - Chapter I** will host their **Casino Night** at Camp Murray.

**Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Rider Education Workshop & District Staff Meeting** in Buckley.



Mike and Peggy Hudnell  
District Directors

## CHANGES

This month I hope you will take part in the changes that are taking place around the District. We have several chapters that will receive new Chapter Directors and staff. Some of the staff may continue in their positions while others may not. I hope you get to the gatherings to welcome the new leadership and thank the outgoing leadership for their dedication to us, the members.

For some of us getting across the mountains this time of year presents a variety of weather challenges. For those of you who make the trip, please be prepared when going to the mountains. Your stay could be longer than expected and it could be in your car because of roadway closures due to avalanche control. For those who are working through the holidays, please consider dropping a line to the CD and staff to thank them for their dedication. We should also welcome those who are going to lead us into 2008.

I know every year things get started with Casino Night put on by chapter WA-I. Being a part of that chapter, it gets me thinking about what the year holds for us with the changes that are taking place. First I know my chapter has been working very hard to prepare another fantastic event. I know the sheriff of the herd, Assistant Director Doug Deskin, has recruited some deputies because there may be a bounty out on him. I would expect a great deal of laughter surrounding him as he tries to avoid his playful enemies. I have a place high up on the stage to watch him as he moves about the corral.

Right on the heels of this event is the Rider Education Workshop sponsored by the District. Your educators, Jim and Pam Swart, have been nose-to-the-grindstone on this event. Past years have given them a great platform to work with as far as the matrix goes, but it takes a great deal of work logistically to make these events happen. This workshop will again be presented in eastern Washington in March to serve the membership that may not be able to make it to the west side in February. Additionally, we get members out of Oregon and Idaho to the east side workshop.

The next big thing we have for you is the Horizons program, which is also in March. Bill and Barb Ellis, the District Trainers, have been hard at work with the logistics of this event. This event will be by invitation to the chapter directors and future chapter directors that have never had the opportunity to attend. The lead presenter is Mike Briggs, the Region Trainer. Prior to becoming your District Director I was accepted to the Leadership training division as an instructor. Bill Ellis and I will be there to watch our mentor and learn to present the program ourselves for future training opportunities.

Then we move head long into the riding season. Some rides that we have enjoyed for years will not be there this year. The Governor's Run ended at 25 years of great success. It will be a change not to go to this event this year but there are other events to direct our attention to. I would like to applaud the members of WA-B and the supporting chapters for all their hard work and dedication.

Regardless of the change that has touched us all this past year, one thing remains constant, the support and care we receive from our fellow GWRRA members. I stay in constant awe of the kindness, generosity and willingness of our

## Under Construction

~ Rider Ed Workshop ~  
March 15<sup>th</sup>  
In Pasco, WA

~ 2008 Horizons Class ~  
March 28<sup>th</sup> thru 30<sup>th</sup>  
In Tacoma, WA

~ 2008 District Rally ~  
July 17<sup>th</sup> thru 20<sup>th</sup>  
In Lynden, WA

members to do their part when called upon. Whether a disaster, a charitable cause or someone in need, this membership is without a doubt the best. There seems to be no end to their helping when needed. You give life to the words "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge". Thank you for a successful 2007 and what is yet to be a fantastic 2008.

Happy New Year  
Mike and Peggy Hudnell  
District Directors

**Laughter is music for the soul, so get together with friends and have a JAM Session!!!**

Hank and Marilyn Smith  
Assistant District Directors



### E-MAIL

I can't believe I'm going to try and write something about e-mail... me, that is screaming and kicking about going into the 21st century. I still don't have a cell phone and don't know how to use one; I have a camera that doesn't use film and I still have two rolls for my old camera.

I got an e-mail from Jim (WA-M) with a new e-mail address. I asked if he had moved, and he told me his ISP (not a clue) was sold to another company. Carmen (WA-X) I found has two e-mail addresses; I was told I needed two, OK. She also has one that has 38 things in the address. Mine has 21 and I thought it was long.

I guess where I am going with this, like it or not a lot of information is coming down the pike by e-mail, so if you are on a list and change your e-mail address please let people know, as I for one don't like getting things back because someone has changed their e-mail address and didn't tell anyone.

I even hear Ron (WAM) is thinking about getting a computer.

**Quote: WHO ME?**

Hank and Marilyn Smith  
Assistant District Directors



Bob and Patty Spencer  
Assistant District Directors

### FOR THE NEW YEAR

Here we are, January...Ugh! Although the days are cold, short and mostly rainy, I try to look at the positive things. One of my favorites is that the days are now getting longer and we're on a down hill run to Spring.....Yahoo! This is also a good time to put last year behind you and start the New Year off with a clean slate. I'm working at getting organized for the year ahead and

ok, maybe even make a few New Year's resolutions. Patty already has me starting my first resolution early by getting some exercise in, to help lose some weight. Due to the weather, we have been walking the mall in the evenings during the week and in the morning on Saturday and Sunday, however it's not going well.....I can't seem to get past the food court!

Patty and I have also made a New Year's resolution together. That is to get out this year and visit all of you good people in all of our Washington chapters. All of you should do the same. Just because the weather keeps most of us off our bikes this time of year, there is no reason to hibernate. Did you know that so many of our chapters have fun things going on this time of year? This is a great time for socializing with your other chapter members by attending game nights, dinner socials, movie nights etc. Or get a group together and go visit another chapter. It's a great way to meet and make new friends! Besides regular chapter gatherings, there is a lot to do this time of year. Just to name a few on the west side alone, Chapter "I" has their "Casino Night" coming up later in January. February brings us the west side "Rider Ed Workshop" and the "Bowling Challenge". In March, Chapter "Z" has a "60's Dance" on the calendar, Chapter "D" has their "Mall Show" and Chapter "E" has their annual "Surf Watch Weekend" planned in Ocean Shores and they have opened it up to everyone this year. So there you go....April is here before you know it, and the first ride of the season is here with the Chapter "C" "Early Spring Fun Run". Where did the winter go? So get out and enjoy all that our chapters and association have to offer. There's lots of "Fun, Safety and Knowledge" to experience this time of year! We are, so we'll see you all soon!

Bob and Patty Spencer  
Assistant District Directors



Bill and Barbara Ellis  
District Trainers

**WHAT'S ON YOUR HORIZONS?**

Good leadership just doesn't happen, successful leaders aren't born leaders, they have been trained. Every leader in any walk of life has had training.

Good news, WA-District has just what you might need if you have some thoughts of stepping up into a leadership position. You may have heard other people talk about a specialized seminar called **Horizons**.

As you know, GWRRA is an all volunteer organization, and it takes special Leadership skills to keep a chapter strong, enthusiastic and above all: **FUN**. Business management skills are often not enough to encourage volunteers to stick with what needs to be done.

If I've got your attention you might be asking **"WHAT THE HECK IS HORIZONS?"**

**THE HORIZONS PROGRAM** is:

A two day "experience" in:

- Teamwork
- Self-awareness
- Interpersonal communication
- Building better chapters
- Effective Meetings And Social Gatherings
- Having fun!

**HORIZONS** is not an exercise in operations paperwork.

**HORIZONS** builds on the Knowledge Enhancement Program.

Because there is a limit to the number of participants (40-50), we are inviting current CDs, ACDs, prospective Officers and those who have strong desire to learn more about being an Officer. Spouses are encouraged to attend as the offices require cooperation of the total family unit. If you are interested in participating, clear your calendar for March 28-30, 2008. It will be held in Tacoma. Region I Senior Trainer, Mike Briggs, and his associates will be the presenters.

For more information contact: Bill Ellis [bbellis@olypen.com](mailto:bbellis@olypen.com) 360-683-6209.

Bill and Barbara Ellis  
District Trainer

Dale and Shirley Dufner  
District Couple of the Year



**TIME...**

Time is endless but seems to disappear at an alarming rate. It was only yesterday that I looked forward to the time I could retire and enjoy life. That time has caught up with me, so as of December 28, 2007 I am retired. I'm looking forward to enjoying the satisfaction that I've reached this pinnacle of life... to ride any time I want.

When we were selected as your District Couple of the Year, we were given a scrapbook of other couples selected to this level. In reviewing the book we found a lot of couples missing. I'd like to hear from anyone who could enlighten Shirley and me about who the other District couples are and the year they reigned. We all know that the year you were selected is your year and no one can take that away. There's no such thing as a "past" Couple of the Year. We want to have every couple listed in this book since it's a part of our District history and will be passed on to the next couple to maintain. We'll bring this book to all rallies we attend, for everyone to share.

We'd like to say hello and congratulations to all the Chapter Couples of the Year selected for 2008, and we're looking forward to meeting you when we visit your Chapter gathering. Yes, Shirley and I are going to try to visit all of you (now that we have Time).

Chapter Directors, please encourage your honored Couple to go through the selection process for the next District Couple of the Year to be held in Lynden in July. Shirley and I and Bob and Thess are here to answer any questions and offer any guidance they or you need.

Now to quote our fearless DD, "Did you hear Washington is having a rally in July?"

Dale and Shirley Dufner  
District Couple of the Year



Jim and Pam Swart  
District Educators

### "STREET STRATEGIES"

The following are some street strategies from the book by the same name, by David L Hough...

1. Don't let your guard down between intersections... Watch for cars coming out of driveways, and alleys! Parked cars and buildings can hide alleys from view, and you may not know one is there, until it's too late.
2. Watch out for those white directional arrows at off ramps and intersections! A little rain or a drop of oil can make them very, very slippery!! Avoid crossing these arrows, particularly in a curve, where you are already leaning. Select a path of travel to one side of the arrow, or if you can't avoid it, brake harder before crossing it.
3. Be very watchful when in parking lots! Cars may back out of a spot right in front of you, and run into you, because their attention is on the cars next to them, instead of behind them. Also watch for people, especially small children darting out from in between the parked cars. Stray shopping carts do not brake for anyone, they go until hitting something... Don't let it be YOU.
4. Stay out of the center of the lane in heavy traffic. When the flow is slow, you may not see a hazard, which has been pushed to the center, or a hole, until it is too late to avoid. Ride in one of the tire tracks. It is a good idea to favor the left wheel track to avoid debris, spilled oil, and greasy paving. When stopped, it is always smart to leave a space cushion of at least a bike length between you and the vehicle ahead of you. This helps in two ways, by making you more visible, and gives you a better view.
5. Stay out of the Blind spots of car and trucks. When push comes to shove, the bike will loose every time. Even if the other driver makes a mistake, it's your bike that gets crunched!
6. Watch for loose boards at railroad crossings. A vehicle coming from the other direction may cause it to "jump up" right in front of you! And watch out for those TRACKS, remember they are polished metal, and will become slippery when wet. Try to cross at a straight angle if at all possible.
7. An angled pavement edge can throw you out of the saddle! Pay heed to "construction" signs, and watch for loose gravel, dirt, mud, debris, and anything that might be a potential hazard.

Well, that's it for this time. I'll put in more in the next newsletter. Have fun, but KEEP ALERT, RIDE SAFE, and if you are out riding this time of year, Bundle up, it's cold out there! Till next time...

Jim and Pam Swart  
District Educators

John and Barb Smith  
District Webmaster



### YOUR NEW DISTRICT WEBMASTER

Barb and I have been members of GWRRA and Chapter WA-E for 6 years. In that time, we have held several different staff position at the Chapter Level as the Chapter Webmaster and Assistant Chapter directors since 2005.

Although we were a bit apprehensive at taking on the "ACD" and Webmaster positions back then, we have found it to be as fun and rewarding as we had been told it would be. Both Barb and I have come to really enjoy our new 'Chapter' family and enjoy spending time with our chapter and going on many of the exciting rides and other events with our Goldwing family.

Both of us enjoy riding our motorcycles, mine being the Goldwing and Barb's being the Harley Street Glide. (This is actually her third motorcycle in four years).

Professionally, we both work demanding jobs, Barb being an insurance agent and myself being a high tech manager for a leading software company writing software for use in container terminals around the world. This sometimes makes life a little difficult as we try to balance our careers and our fun time. I think we both would like more fun time, but some of us are forced to work.

We have been asked to serve as the District Webmasters and both of us jumped at the chance to help make the Washington District the best district in the GWRRA. We are very proud to serve with such a great group of people and are looking forward to many exciting things that are in store for this district with the staff that is currently at the helm. If you have some ideas for the website please let me know; we can be reached at [webmaster@gwrra-wa.org](mailto:webmaster@gwrra-wa.org) and I look forward to hearing from you. While you are there, please check out the new look of the website at <http://gwrra-wa.org>.

John and Barb Smith  
District Webmaster



Dan and Carmen Weakland  
District Membership Coordinators

### A FEW IDEAS ON ENCOURAGING PROSPECTIVE/NEW MEMBER PARTICIPATION

A large part of managing change in any membership organization involves welcoming new members. The key is to bring new members into the chapter “family” as quickly as possible.

#### Time your meetings so that new members can attend.

- ✍ Pay particular attention to member needs relative to their workday and geography. If they cannot attend regularly, be sure to get meeting and activities information to them.
- ✍ Strive for ease of participation.
- ✍ Members will be active in a group that makes it most convenient for them.

#### Go out of your way to personally ask new members to attend.

- ✍ Take a few minutes with prospective/new members or those who attend infrequently and ask how you can be of assistance to them; explain the mechanics of your chapter.
- ✍ Divide new members among the staff and make phone calls extending a personal welcome and invitation to each new attendee.
- ✍ Invite them to go riding.
- ✍ Encourage old members to bring a friend.

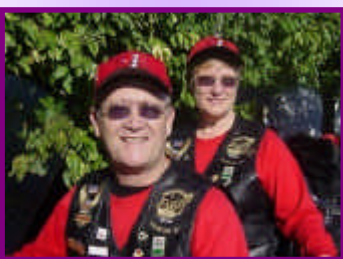
#### Establish a “Designated Host” system

- ✍ Have you ever attended a meeting in which you didn’t know anyone, and watched the old members of the group chat happily away throughout the meeting while you tried to blend into the wallpaper?
- ✍ Were you anxious to return for a second meeting?
- ✍ The purpose of the designated host is to make sure anyone attending a meeting for the first time has an enjoyable experience.
  - Designated hosts or your chapter couple are positioned at the door to watch for new faces.
  - When a new, prospective member arrives, the designated individual escorts them throughout the meeting, introducing them to everyone, explaining what is going on, translating when appropriate, etc.
  - By the end of the meeting, the designated individual should know as much as possible about the interests and background of the prospective new member.

#### Create a mentor system

- ✍ This system works off the buddy principle in which each new member is teamed with a more experienced member. The senior member is expected to get to know the new member, act as their guide, and figure out how the new member can best be involved in the group.

Dan and Carmen Weakland  
District Membership Coordinators



~ THE CD'S VIEW ~  
Tim and Angela Bowman, Chapter Directors for WA-A

As an outgoing Chapter Director (CD) of Washington’s Chapter A, I’ve been asked to share some parting words and insight into what makes both a successful CD and a



successful Chapter.

I believe that success as a Chapter leader and a chapter can be defined with a few key words. What would those words be and how do they define success? The first word that helps define success is passion. Those who are close to me know that I’m a person of passion. Whatever I choose to do, I do it with as much focus, energy, drive and enthusiasm as I have in my being. Passion has two sides: it can be contagious, and it can be threatening. The good leader knows how to navigate between them. Being contagious means that what the leader has, the followers want. If you love to ride and it shows, you’ll have a following. It means learning all you can to be the best rider that you are capable of being. It means taking continual rider education. We always can learn and perfect more of our riding. Why is it that you own a motorcycle and associate with other motorcyclists? It’s to ride. Then ride with vengeance! Rides don’t have to be epic cross country or round the world trips. They involve finding those good roads and inviting others to follow you. Once the

word gets out that you can find good roads, you'll have no end of riders to accompany you. The threatening part of passion is that aspect that the other person will never live up to what you are and have done. Dealing with that aspect requires another part of passion: compassion. Compassion is the right attitude in dealing with people. Compassion is that quality that allows a person to come along side another person and help them along. It can take the form of helping them be a better rider, helping on a motorcycle maintenance chore, just being a friend, and much more.

A second word that helps define success is the word focus. Focus is that quality that allows the leader to ascertain what the proper focus of one's life and the chapter's life should be. For our chapter, we've got a long history of focusing on riding. It would have been folly of me to change that focus. Focus involves learning from the leaders who have preceded you. So I embraced it and have tried to be the best riding leader possible. I didn't necessarily do every ride, but I made sure that there were always rides available: short rides, long rides, big group rides, small group pick-up rides, etc. Focus also involves not choosing activities that don't relate to riding. We don't sponsor charity events (we'll participate in them if they involve riding) or other events that are not ride-oriented. In my opinion, the principal focus of every chapter needs to be on riding. From a long term perspective a chapter won't survive without this focus. We own motorcycles and their purpose is to be ridden. If we lose that focus we face becoming just another social club and in the urban environment of the Puget Sound basin, there are lots of other very good social clubs that we really can't compete with. Those other social clubs don't have Gold Wings, so riding is the defining quality for us!

A third word which defines success is teamwork. With our Chapter's focus on riding, I tried to surround myself with people who had similar passions for riding. That team has worked well together, ridden lots of miles together, and had lots of fun together. Having a good team reduces the CD's workload and helps train others to step in more responsible positions. If someone wouldn't step up to do a particular task in the chapter, that task (unless it's a mission critical one) would simply not be done. The successful CD knows the difference as to what are the critical tasks that need to be done.

Fourth, major on communication. One can never communicate enough! One of the tough decisions that I faced was how to communicate to the chapter: telephones, newsletters, email, socials, gatherings, or ???. Early in my time in the Chapter, I became the newsletter editor and was responsible to write and edit articles. However, what I found was that the gap between the monthly issues was simply too great. So when I became CD, I instituted a weekly email which I affectionately called, "Tim's Tuesday Email". It contains some brief comments about what's been happening, what's going to happen this week (we have a rotating dinner social every Wednesday), and what's happening in the more distant future. I conclude each issue with "Tim's Tuesday Treats" which can be anything from an email link to an interesting article, a trivia contest, something related to Gold Wings, and so much more. I tend to be an inquisitive person and I save the more interesting things in an electronic file that I can easily cut and paste into my weekly email. Additionally, after every ride, I either write or solicit a ride report with pictures which is sent out to the members and posted to our Chapter website. Your chapter doesn't have an active website? It really should. I can't count the number of new members that found us through the website. I should note that we faced the issue of whether to use a phone tree and eventually decided to drop its use. This was largely due to nobody willing to take on the task. Our chapter is in an urban area and our chapter members have all different types of work schedules. For me to make a call usually means that I can do it between 10pm and midnight and most of the chapter wouldn't want to answer the phone at that hour.

The last defining word of CD and Chapter success is fun. As a CD you need to be having fun at what you are doing as a volunteer leader. If you're not, I'd ask you to re-consider why you are a volunteer leader. Surely it's not for the monetary pay! As you have fun as a leader, those who are around you will sense that. As I choose activities and rides for our Chapter, the fun quotient is always an important part of the decision-making equation. As a CD, one needs to be constantly surveying the chapter landscape and determining if the chapter is having fun. If it's not, it's time to make some changes. Don't worry about the naysayers, just focus on the fun. The Chapter will see it. And they will go to where the fun is. I should say that fun for the CD also involved being the object of the fun. Ask me sometime about how my chapter has treated me after I've twice forgotten my tent when going on a motorcycle camping trip!

Leading a chapter can be a rewarding experience. Hopefully you can do it with passion, focus, teamwork, communication, and fun! You'll be the better for it, and your chapter will thank you for it. What other words define success for you as a Chapter leader?

Ride on!

Tim Bowman  
WA-A CD 2005-2007

## EXCHANGE

OK, now that Christmas is over, did you get something that you would really like to exchange but can't? I got a garden hose, however I can't take it back because it came from a granddaughter. So, if you got such a gift I would like to know. Go to the District web page and click on Staff and then click on my name, Hank and Marilyn Smith, and tell me about it. Thanks,

Hank Smith  
Assistant District Director

## DRINKING AND DRIVING/RIDING

(Provided by Bob Reagle)

**If I don't have a drink before I get on my bike, I'm uncomfortable, because it is a lot of power underneath me and you definitely have to know what you're doing to ride this particular motorcycle. So I need a drink to help me go out there and ride. (Miami focus group participant.)**

Table 1

### PERCENT OF DRIVERS INVOLVED IN FATAL CRASHES WITH BAC $\geq$ .10, 1982-1999

|               | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 |
|---------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Motorcycle    | 41   | 41   | 40   | 39   | 41   | 38   | 36   | 40   | 39   | 39   | 36   | 33   | 29   | 29   | 30   | 28   | 30   | 28   |
| Passenger Car | 31   | 30   | 28   | 26   | 26   | 25   | 25   | 24   | 24   | 23   | 22   | 21   | 19   | 19   | 19   | 18   | 18   | 17   |

Source: Fatality Analysis Reporting System data

Washington drunk driving cases are most commonly referred to as DUI or driving under the influence and sometimes DWI – Driving While Intoxicated. Washington does have a "per se" law, meaning that you may be convicted of a [DUI in Washington](#) if you drive with an [alcohol level of .08](#) or greater..

- Euphoria** (BAC = 0.03 to 0.12 percent)
  - They become more self-confident or daring.
  - Their attention span shortens.
  - They may look flushed.
  - Their judgment is not as good - they may say the first thought that comes to mind, rather than an appropriate comment for the given situation.
  - They have trouble with fine movements, such as writing or signing their name.
- Excitement** (BAC = 0.09 to 0.25 percent)
  - They become sleepy.
  - They have trouble understanding or remembering things (even recent events).
  - They do not react to situations as quickly (*if they spill a drink they may just stare at it*).
  - Their body movements are uncoordinated.
  - They begin to lose their balance easily.
  - Their vision becomes blurry.
  - They may have trouble sensing things (*hearing, tasting, feeling, etc.*).
- Confusion** (BAC = 0.18 to 0.30 percent)
  - They are confused -- might not know where they are or what they are doing.
  - They are dizzy and may stagger.
  - They may be highly emotional -- aggressive, withdrawn or overly affectionate.
  - They cannot see clearly.
  - They are sleepy.
  - They have slurred speech.
  - They have uncoordinated movements (*trouble catching an object thrown to them*).
  - They may not feel pain as readily as a sober person.
- Stupor** (BAC = 0.25 to 0.40 percent)
  - They can barely move at all.
  - They cannot respond to stimuli.
  - They cannot stand or walk.
  - They may vomit.
  - They may lapse in and out of consciousness.
- Coma** (BAC = 0.35 to 0.50 percent)
  - They are unconscious.
  - Their reflexes are depressed (*i.e. their pupils do not respond appropriately to changes in light*).
  - They feel cool (*lower-than-normal body temperature*).
  - Their breathing is slower and more shallow.
  - Their heart rate may slow.
  - They may die.
- Death** (BAC more than 0.50 percent) - The person usually stops breathing and dies.

Jim and Pam Swart  
District Educators

## 2008 EVENT SCHEDULE

### JANUARY

26 WA-I Casino Night - Camp Murray

### FEBRUARY

2 District Rider Ed Workshop and Staff Meeting (Buckley)  
9 WA-L Bowling Challenge

### MARCH

7-9 WA-D Mall Show  
15 District Rider Ed Workshop (Pasco)  
15-16 WA-E Surf Watch  
22 WA-Z Oldies Dance  
28-30 District Horizons Class (Fife)

### APRIL

4 WA-Q Auction  
5 WA-M&R Joint Breakfast  
11-13 WA-Q Elma Rest Area  
12 WA-C Spring Fever Run  
20 WA-N Brown Bag Auction

### MAY

4 WA-M Fun Run  
10 WA-F Crazy Ride  
23-26 WA-L Desert Spring Fling  
31 WA-N&Y 59er Diner Lunch

### JUNE

6-8 WA-R Blue Mountain Rendezvous  
7 WA-D Duck Hunt  
12-14 Oregon District Rally (Prineville)  
13-15 WA-Q Elma Rest Area  
19-21 Wyoming District Rally (Newcastle)  
20-22 WA-X Disabled Veterans' Campout

### JULY

1-7 Wing Ding - Greenville, NC  
17-20 Washington District Rally (Family Reunion - Lynden)  
24-27 Montana District Rally (West Yellowstone)

### AUGUST

2 WA-F&G Mountain Run  
14-16 Region I Rally (Powell, WY)  
16 WA-O Picnic in the Park  
29-31 WA-B B at the Ocean  
29-31 Idaho District Rally (Kellogg)

### SEPTEMBER

6 WA-G Chili Cook-off  
13 WA-X Fund Raiser  
14 WA-Z Chicken Run  
19-21 WA-P Oyster Feed

### OCTOBER

?? District Leadership Training  
19 WA-N Brown Bag Auction  
24-26 WA-F All Motorcycle Mall Show  
25 WA-Q Halloween Dance

### DECEMBER

13 WA-D Festival of Lights

*(Editor's note: This schedule is subject to change, so check on the websites for current information.)*

## Washington District Chapters

| Chapter | Charter Date   | 2008 Birthday    |
|---------|----------------|------------------|
| B       | January 1981   | 27 <sup>th</sup> |
| Y       | January 1992   | 16 <sup>th</sup> |
| L       | April 1983     | 25 <sup>th</sup> |
| K       | April 2004     | 4 <sup>th</sup>  |
| C       | May 1981       | 27 <sup>th</sup> |
| P       | May 1991       | 17 <sup>th</sup> |
| F       | June 1981      | 27 <sup>th</sup> |
| I       | June 1982      | 26 <sup>th</sup> |
| O       | June 1990      | 18 <sup>th</sup> |
| X       | June 2007      | 1 <sup>st</sup>  |
| Q       | July 1991      | 17 <sup>th</sup> |
| D       | August 1990    | 18 <sup>th</sup> |
| E       | September 1984 | 24 <sup>th</sup> |
| G       | September 1990 | 18 <sup>th</sup> |
| N       | October 1990   | 18 <sup>th</sup> |
| H       | November 1982  | 26 <sup>th</sup> |
| M       | November 1983  | 25 <sup>th</sup> |
| V       | November 1986  | 22 <sup>nd</sup> |
| A       | December 1980  | 28 <sup>th</sup> |
| R       | December 1991  | 17 <sup>th</sup> |
| Z       | December 2005  | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  |

## LET'S CELEBRATE... !!!

This year we'll have lots of occasions to celebrate our District's growth, both in longevity and in vitality. This month, two active successful chapters will celebrate the anniversaries of their Charter Dates... Chapter B's 27<sup>th</sup> and Chapter Y's 16<sup>th</sup>. Also in January, the CDs of four chapters will pass the reins to their successors, and we've all been invited to celebrate the retirements and welcomes.

These rituals of continuity and renewal are special occasions for the chapters, but they're also a special opportunity for the rest of us. They give us an occasion to congratulate our sister chapters and to wish them continued success. They give us a chance to assure the hardworking volunteers in those chapters that they have a peer network of friends who appreciate and support their efforts. And most importantly, they give us the opportunity to see a reflection of our own contributions to an organization that we value.

So let's sing "Happy Birthday" and "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow"... let's celebrate US!!!

Shirley Dufner  
Newsletter Editor

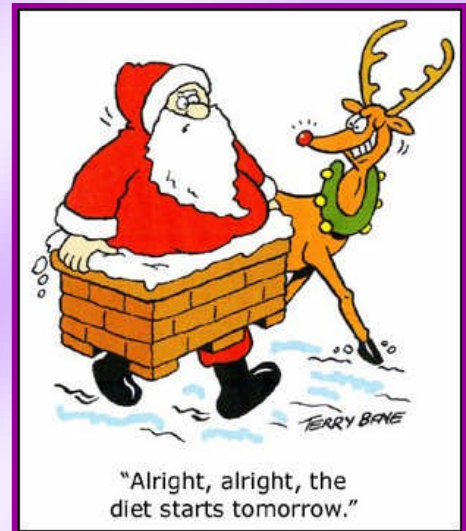
Life's most persistent and urgent question:  
What are we doing for each other?  
~ Martin Luther King, Jr.



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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

| Sunday                                    | Monday                                 | Tuesday                                           | Wednesday                         | Thursday                              | Friday                            | Saturday                                                                |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 30                                        | 31<br>Last day of Kwanzaa              | <b>JANUARY 1</b><br>Happy New Year<br>WA-M New CD | 2                                 | 3<br>WA-V New CD<br>Bank Holiday (UK) | 4<br>WA-Q New CD<br>Trivia Day    | 5<br>Twelfth Night                                                      |
| 6<br>Maroon Day (Jamaica)                 | 7<br>Christmas (Moldova and Macedonia) | 8<br>World Literary Day                           | 9<br>Balloon Ascension Day        | 10                                    | 11<br>International Thank-You Day | 12<br>Stephen Foster Memorial Day                                       |
| 13                                        | 14<br>Ratification Day                 | 15                                                | 16<br>Prohibition Remembrance Day | 17                                    | 18<br>National Maintenance Day    | 19                                                                      |
| 20<br>Inauguration Day                    | 21<br>Martin Luther King Jr Day        | 22<br>Full Moon                                   | 23                                | 24                                    | 25<br>Burns Night (Scotland)      | 26<br>WA-A New CD and WA-I Casino Night                                 |
| 27<br>National Activity Professionals Day | 28                                     | 29                                                | 30                                | 31                                    | <b>FEBRUARY 1</b>                 | 2<br>Westside Rider Ed Workshop/<br>District Staff Mtg<br>Groundhog Day |
| 3                                         | 4                                      | 5<br>Mardi Gras                                   | 6<br>Ash Wednesday                | 7<br>Chinese New Year                 | 8<br>Boy Scout Day                | 9<br>WA-L Bowling Challenge                                             |