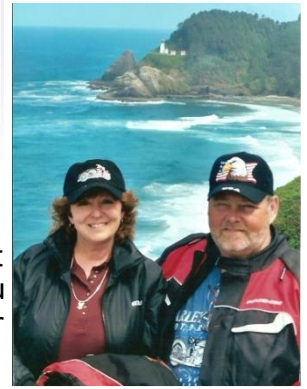


Washington Wing News

Washington District Newsletter
February 2011
Region I



Bob and Patty Spencer
District Directors



February! What's the most important day you can think of in February? Some may think it's a birthday, or maybe an anniversary. Other than these two, certainly most ladies would say "Valentine's Day". NOT! I say it's the day of the Washington District "Rider Ed Workshop" being held this year on Saturday, February 12th. Now don't you go telling Patty I said that and if you do, I'll deny it! But seriously, while all those other days are special, what could be more important than a day to brush up on your riding knowledge as you prepare for the riding season that's just around the corner. The best Valentine gift you can give your loved one(s) is to learn something new on February 12th that will help keep you safe while out there navigating the ever increasingly busy highways and byways. There are plenty of subjects to choose from this year and if you walk away having learned just one new thing, then the workshop will have been a success. If you haven't registered yet, come anyway. We'll get you signed up at the door.

A few housekeeping items for Chapter Directors.

Have you mailed in your chapter's 2010 year end financials yet? Also, don't forget to do the IRS 990N form on line. If you have any questions or need help, let Deb Buell or me know. We also need each of you to ensure that all members of your chapter "Core Team" have signed an "MOU" Memorandum of Understanding. Those officers would be you, the ACD (s), the Treasurer, the Membership Coordinator and the Educator. Please use the latest form that was revised in December 2010. You were e-mailed these forms last month, but let me know if you need them again. Last, this is a good time of year to sit down with your MEC officer, review the January run list and call everyone you haven't seen in a while. A phone call goes a long way and you might be surprised to see them at your next gathering. Retaining our current membership is every bit as important as recruiting new. Until next month, In keeping with this year's District Convention "Western" theme "Happy trails to you.....until we meet again".

Bob and Patty



John and Barb Smith
Assistant District Directors



2011 – Rider Education Time

It is time once again for the Washington District Rider Education workshop in B the Christian Fellowship Church in Buckley, Washington. This year, Bob Minor put together a great line up of speakers and classes to promote Rider Education classes and matrixes are available on the District Website (<http://www.gwrra-wa.org>), so you can see what is being prepared for the workshop. These classes are very informative and there are classes that may just save your life when riding your motorcycle. I encourage all members of the District to join in and come and learn at this yearly event. There is something for everyone. With Rider Education on the mind, it is important to have as many members as possible take an advanced riding class (ARC) or Experienced Rider Course (ERC). There are those in our association that really could use this type of class and from what I have seen the people who need it the most, rarely ever attend a class like this. I would assume that most folks don't feel like they need the class or are embarrassed to have to ride in a group while going thru the basic maneuvers. This is most definitely not the case with the classes given in Washington. The instructors that we have in this District are some of the best and they work very hard to encourage you and promote safe riding skills. Both Barb and I feel like we are good riders and after taking the class last April, know that we need to continue to practice and practice. As soon as they announce the next classes, you can bet we will be there. I cannot stress enough the importance of taking these classes. I would encourage all Chapter Educators and Chapter Directors to look around their chapters for the folks that may need some extra help or riding skills and get them into a class. Most of the money generated for GWRRA is for the education side, so there is no excuse for our members not to take a riding course. In most cases the chapters actually pay for the classes and these classes are very beneficial to everyone. Safety is all of our concerns.

Also coming up in February is the WA-A Bowling Challenge on the 26th at 1PM in Federal Way. The information for this fun event can also be found in the calendar section of the District Website. We would love to see participation from all chapters in the District. Someone is going to take home the coveted bowling trophy this year and it could be your chapter. This looks like this is a cash-only event as the bowling alley does not take credit or debit cards.

WA-P is also having their mall show the 25th-26th. Make sure you stop by and visit them. I know you would be happy you did. They always put on a great event at the Longview Mall. We went last year and had a blast.

Until Next Month..Get educated and be safe !

John and Barb Smith
Your Assistant District Directors
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**John and Barb Smith
District Webmasters**



New events, new updates...

The District calendar has been updated with the new events for 2011 and there are a lot to choose from. There is now a countdown clock running to the beginning of the District Convention (rally) in Chehalis as well as the registration form. Please download and sign up today!! Yee Haw!! There are more and more events and information coming in every day, including the other Districts in our region and their events and Conventions (rallies). We will be continuing to add more to the website as the events are finalized and flyers are being created and posted for the membership to choose and pick the events they want to attend for this next year.

I have looked at several of the websites throughout the district and many of these are looking really good. For all you chapter webmasters, great job and keep up the good work!!! You are making a difference.

Until next month..Keep uploading..

John and Barb Smith
Your District Webmasters
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**Bob and Becky Minor
District Educators**



RIDER MAGAZINE
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ERIC TROW

Dancing the Two (Wheel) Step
By Eric Trow
As published in Rider Magazine, January, 2011

Recently, my wife and I had the pleasure of watching fellow Stayin' Safe instructor Pete Tamblyn and his lady friend Jackie slip into an impromptu couples dance in our family room. We were in awe as they gracefully moved across the room in perfect synch with the music, somehow gliding around large pieces of furniture as if their routine had been designed specifically for our home. It was great fun. Until I heard Amy say to me, "Why can't *you* do that?" As Pete and Jackie continued to "trip the light fantastic," I had to admit that I have only ever made it as far as "trip." It's not that I have two left feet. I'm actually quite coordinated. My lack of skill on the dance floor has more to do with the fact that I only know one or two basic steps. So, on the rare occasion when I do find myself unwittingly in the middle of a dance floor, I just kinda fake it. You could easily spot my wife and me among the other couples. We'd be the ones circling each other, crouched with arms forward like wrestlers with Amy just waiting for me to make the first move. It ain't pretty. Oddly enough, when I'm out on a motorcycle I feel as though I actually do dance. There is flow. Rhythm. A sense of being "one" with my motorcycle – and even with my passenger. When Amy joins me on the bike, we suddenly find ourselves dancing beautifully together. So, while you may not want my advice for your next wedding reception, I do believe I have a few things that might help you become a more proficient dancer on two wheels.

Lead, don't follow. Every dance couple must establish who will lead and who will follow. Are you leading your bike or do you sometimes find yourself along for the ride? Assume the lead. That means staying at least one step ahead of your bike at all times by reading the road ahead and planning where to place the machine next. Done correctly, you will be consistently riding in the future while the bike performs in the present.

Grab your partner? Heck no! You wouldn't grab onto a dance partner's hand and squeeze it like a washrag, right? Nor would you roughly throw your partner around the floor with stiff arms and jerky body movement. Yet many of us tense up and handle our motorcycles that way. Instead, rest your hands on the bike's handlebars as you would take the delicate hand of a petite dance partner. All handlebar steering can be done with just a nudge so why use ham fists? Then move your body smoothly and gracefully to lead the bike along. Riding – even through a challenging section of switchbacks – should never feel like work.

Dance cheek-to-cheek. An effective way to lead the motorcycle is to roll your weight from one butt cheek to the other. As you approach a right bend, roll your weight onto your right hip and allow your body to lean inward toward the upcoming turn. If you find the bike wanting to lean in too early, apply light forward pressure to the *outside* handlebar (the left in this case) to keep it upright. Then, simply release the outside bar pressure and let the bike come to you as you enter the curve. As the bend is about to straighten or switch back to the opposite direction, roll your weight across the bike to the other hip, orienting yourself for the next stretch of road while the bike continues to finish the current curve. Again, when you're ready, simply bring the bike to you.

Pick the right dance. Some roads are a waltz while others are a fox trot. So naturally, it doesn't always make sense to dance a quick step for every road, right? Think about the character of the road and decide what pace and style of riding you need to adopt for each particular stretch for peak smoothness and lowest risk.

Learn some new steps. Just as I could stand to take a few dance lessons, most riders have room for additional learning. Pete and Jackie go to dance class every week to refine their dance skills. And it shows. Taking just one training course of some kind every year will show in your riding as well.

We have a wedding to go to next month. And, just as a bead of sweat begins to form on the brow of some riders even at the thought of riding the Dragon, I'm already tensing up at the prospect of dancing anything beyond the Hokey Pokey (which is *not* what it's all about, it turns out). You don't suppose they'd let Amy and me into the hall on the bike do you?

Eric Trow is a life-long motorcyclist and a veteran motorcycle safety instructor. He pens the monthly "Riding Well" column in Rider Magazine and currently operates Stayin' Safe advanced rider training. Have comments or questions? contact Eric directly at etrow@stayinsafe.com .

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Washington District Rider Education Workshop Seminar Outlines

Motorcycling for the Mature Rider:

The physical change resulting from age, offer new approaches and concepts, extending your riding into later years, remind the mature rider of riding skills and techniques that were once learned but perhaps no longer used regularly now. Enhance the Co-Rider's involvement in the riding.

DOL: This will be your opportunity to find out what is happening in the state regarding the laws, what is happening in the Washington State Motorcycle Safety Program and ask questions of DOL

1800 GPS: This class will teach you all you wish to know about programming and using the GPS on the GL1800 Gold Wing. If time permits other GPS's will be covered.

Team Riding: The objective of this seminar is to educate and inform members about the benefits of team riding and the suggested planning and conduct of a team ride resulting in a reduction in riding risk, an increase in enjoyment and a greater sense of togetherness.

Road Captain: The objective of the Road Captains Course is to provide members with education and information that will enable them to be better prepared and equipped to lead safe Team Rides.

Tire: This seminar covers all aspects of motorcycle tires, Sizing, Directional Arrows, Design profile, Tire-growth and inflation pressure and Wear patterns. The class will also cover emergency tire plug repair.

First Aid/ CPR Renew: Here is your chance to renew your Knowledge of First aid and CPR. Use this to become level III or update your level III.

Motorcycle Crash Scene Response: The Purpose of the MCSR is to suggest and appropriate course of action when a crash has occurred.

Co-Rider: The Co-Rider Seminar is intended to provide education and information that will result in an increased awareness, greater team interaction between the rider and co-rider, reduction in the risks associated with motorcycle riding, and most of all, MORE FUN.

Road Rage: What is Road Rage aggressive or angry behavior by a driver of an automobile or other motor vehicle. Such behavior might include rude gestures, verbal insults, deliberately driving in an unsafe or threatening manner, or making threats. Road rage can lead to altercations, assaults, and collisions which result in injuries and even deaths.

MAD Motorcycle Awareness: What is the GWRRA Motorcycle Awareness Program?

Motorcycle Street Survival: This class will cover cornering techniques, braking and friction management, swerving and maximum braking.

Helmet Myth: The myths and realities of motorcycle helmets' their half-truths and even outright nonsense spouted in the name of "scientific evidence," both for and against helmet usage is presented We will look at some of the controversial helmet-related "facts" that seem to make the rounds. Also, what is DOT Approved and SNELL tested? Learn why helmets only need to be 1 ½ inches thick for your head protection and the real reason you should buy a new helmet at least every five years.

Trip Planning: Here is your chance to find out what it takes to plan long trips and more.



GWRRA WASHINGTON DISTRICT CONVENTION

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Co-Rider _____	GWRRA # _____	Chapter _____	Position _____
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Postmarked ON/OR before July 1, 2011

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Postmarked ON/AFTER July 2, 2011

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(Need not be present to win)
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Saturday Chuck Wagon Dinner:

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King Oscar - 1049 Eckerson Rd, Centralia, WA
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I/we agree to conform and comply with all the rules and regulations governing this event and/or its location and properties. I/we also agree to hold harmless GWRRA, its affiliates, vendors, and/or the properties involved within the scope of this event, of any accident to me/us by reason of my/our involvement in this event.

Signature:

Rider _____ Date _____

Co-Rider _____ Date _____

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1st Thursday Auburn	WA-V	Garry & Maxine Alexander 253-770-3866
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1st Saturday Yakima	WA-M	Pete and Jean Hernandez 509-453-6951
1st Saturday Walla Walla	WA-R	Jim Corn 509-525-1304
1st Saturday Vancouver	WA-X	Dee Hall & Vanora Volk 360-254-2343
1st Sunday Bremerton	WA-B	Jim & June Dutton 360-551-2236
2nd Friday Enumclaw	WA-Y	Roy & Pearl McKenzie 253-862-0220
2nd Saturday Everett	WA-C	Danny Wells 425-760-5655
2nd Saturday Kennewick	WA-L	Alex Piper 509-546-0846
2nd Saturday Centralia	WA-Z	Jesse & Eva Valentine 360-888-0546
2nd Sunday Aberdeen	WA-D	Kerry & Greg Bash 360-249-4640
2nd Tuesday Bellingham	WA-H	Randy & Debbie Reid 360-733-3123
3rd Saturday Longview	WA-P	Chuck & Reggie Porter 360-636-0519
3rd Saturday Bellevue	WA-E	John & Barb Smith 206-391-6343
3rd Sunday Olympia	WA-I	Ray Abitz 360-264-5464
3rd Sunday Spokane	WA-N	Dave & Terri Chromy 509-292-0314
4th Saturday Seattle	WA-A	Sam & Doreen Grubbs 206-718-6814
4th Saturday Port Orchard	WA-O	Ken Smith 360-876-6737



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February 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday Washington District Rider Ed. Workshop-Buckley, WA
13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Presidents' Day	22 Washington's Birthday	23	24	25 Chapter WA-P Mall Show Longview, WA	26 Chapter WA-P Mall Show Longview, WA Bowling Challenge hosted by Chapter WA-A
27 Chapter WA-P Mall Show Longview, WA	28					



The Cowboy says, "Get Out and Support Your Local Chapter!"