

Washington Wing News

Washington District Newsletter

April 2011

Region I



*Bob and Patty Spencer
District Directors*



They say “April Showers bring May flowers”. Good grief! We can only hope that April will be dry this year! I love to see the May flowers, but March has brought us enough rain to take care of April and the rest of the year too. For many of us that go into “semi hibernation” in October, April is the time to resurrect our bikes and tolerate the showers as we kick off our “official” riding season with the Chapter C “Early Spring Fun Run” which will be held on April 9th this year. If you haven’t already registered for it, you can find the registration form on the district website calendar. From here on out there is something to do nearly every weekend through September, so if you haven’t already, get out your calendars and start planning your rides. There’s plenty to do.

Have you given any thought to taking on a chapter staff position? If so, please consider taking an “OCP” class. “OCP” stands for Officer Certification Program and while the class is, shall we say “Highly Recommended” for all Chapter Directors and Assistant Chapter Directors, I would encourage anyone currently holding, or considering a future “Core Team” officer position or any other staff position to contemplate taking the class when it becomes available. This class will give the officers the tools they need to lead a successful chapter and also give anyone taking it, the knowledge of what GWRRA is all about and how and why we do the things we do. The first “OCP” class in our district this year will be held on May 21st and 22nd in Vancouver WA. If you are interested in taking the class, or want more information, contact your Chapter Director and he or she will get you all the information you need. Incidentally, any GWRRA member is welcome to take the class.

Have you heard? There’s a “Road-EO” coming to Chehalis, Washington! That would be your “Washington District Convention” which is being held this year on July 21st, 22nd and 23rd. We have lots of fun in store for you including live music, dancing, karaoke, bike games, chapter competitions, a “walkabout” treasure hunt, an “on the trail” style “Chuck Wagon” dinner, an ice cream social, and much, much more! In addition, there will be planned rides that will include some of the most beautiful scenery to be found in the West, from the Pacific Ocean to the Cascade Mountains, including our famous Mount St. Helen’s volcano. You won’t want to miss this rally. Go to the district website and printout the information and registration form and mail it in today! “Cowboy Bob” says “y’all round up yer cowboy and cowgirl friends and ride on down to the best darn time you’ll all have this year!! Our Rally motto this year is “Have Wing Will Travel” so come on down and join the fun.

Bob and Patty

John and Barb Smith
Assistant District Directors



April – Time to dust off the cobwebs and get ready to roll.

Wahoo!!! We have survived the winter!! Now into Daylight Savings Time, which means we start to get more hours of daylight. It is time to dust off those cobwebs and start thinking about taking that bike out and see if we still remember how to ride it. Of course, we do. We just need to take a few minutes in a parking lot and shake off the winter and make sure the bike is working correctly. A quick TCLOCK, some slow speed practice circles, a couple of quick stops and off we go. We are so ready to get out of the cage (car) and feel the wind on our faces. This is what it is all about!!!

This month, we will be visiting and supporting several of the chapters like Chapter WA-C, which has its Early Spring “Fun” run. This is an event that we love, as it is typically the first one of the year to really get out and ride and typically sets the stage for all of the other rides coming this year. They sure do put on a great ride and great event. Also, looking at some other items coming up on the calendar such as the WA-N Brown Bag Auction on the 17th in Spokane and Chapter WA-V is manning the northbound I-5 rest stop in Federal Way at the end of the month (23-24th), so stop by, have some cookies and coffee and help them make a few dollars for their chapter.

Hopefully, we will see you at some of these events and we hope you take a couple of minutes and come up and say “Hi” and introduce yourself. Also, coming up on the calendar, is the OCP training in Portland in May. If you want to know more about GWRRA and if you are interested in becoming an officer in the association, you will need to take this class. It is a pretty informative class on the workings of GWRRA as an association. There is information for just about everyone, so you don’t have to be an officer to take it and you will get some great information about GWRRA and why things are the way they are and have to be to continue to keep this great association together and riding. Check the District Website for flyers, registrations and start getting signed up for these great events and plan to visit our District Chapter.

So, now that you are done reading this, get out there and ride your motorcycle.

Until next month, hope you see you on the road!!

John and Barb Smith
Your Assistant District Directors
email us at add@gwrra-wa.org





Gary and Dianna Domas
Assistant District Directors

Hi Everybody

Spring is just around the corner. I am sure everybody is ready to start riding again. The weatherman is teasing us. He is predicting 70 degrees in a couple days, I hope for once he is right. Coming up April 17th is Chapter N's Brown Bag Auction. I have been there the last couple years and it is always a lot of fun. Also April 9th is Chapter C's Early Spring Fun Run, and Chapter V's Federal Way Rest Stop is on the 23rd – 27th. The month of April is still a little slow but come May GWRRA events really take off. Starting with the multi chapter meeting in Prosser. Diana and I hope to see as many of you as we can this summer.

On a personal note we are in the middle of remodeling our kitchen. We will be doing a lot of eating out for a week or so. They started putting the new cabinets in a couple days ago. Sure will be glad when it is all done.

Gary & Diana Domas
WA Assistant District Directors

John and Barb Smith
District Webmasters

April – Time to plan for a great summer.

Well, now that we are here in April. It is spring time in the great Northwest, for sure. There are many upcoming events on the District Calendar for you to check out and enjoy. We have a simple list view to help you make some decisions on events you want to attend this year, so take the time and review, print off some registrations and plan to visit our District Chapters and support your fellow motorcycle family. The District Rally/Convention Planning is now in full swing and before you know it, July will be here and we will be having fun. This year is a Western Theme, which means you can get out your cowboys gear and get ready to 'Roadeo' with your chapter and with other chapters from around the state. We are looking forward to seeing you all. There is a timer on the District Website counting down the days until the convention, so get registered and plan to come and have some fun.



Until next month.. Keep those sites up and running..

John and Barb Smith
Your District Webmasters
eMail us at webmaster@gwrra-wa.org

*Bob and Becky Minor
District Educator*



RIDER ED 'GIMME 5'

TOPIC: How Are You Starting This Riding Season?

Winter is finally gone, so let the riding season begin! Maybe you have recently taken a CPR/First Aid class or a seminar or two during this past off-season. This means you are better prepared to help in case one of your riding buddies has an accident or a health issue, or you are prepared to be a better co-rider. Now you are available to spend more time riding now that the season is here. Hopefully you have also taken time to make sure your motorcycle is ready to go, too. You may have done a T-CLOCS, or changed the oil, replaced worn tires, kept your battery charged, or discovered that you needed a new one and replaced it.

There are other things that you can do to be at your best out on the road, too. Many of us will be out on the road before MSF or GWRRA Rider Courses are offered. So what else can you do to get in the right frame of mind and tune up your skills right away? There are a few things you can do as an individual or in a group (such as with your fellow chapter members) to be prepared to ride safely and with skill before the season is even two weeks old.

First, you can practice your skills in an empty, quiet parking lot with smooth pavement that is free of loose gravel or sand. Find an empty church or a school parking lot, or some unused out-of-the-way space at a shopping center safely away from moving vehicles. Choose a time when it is unlikely to be busy, (e.g., a school lot on Sunday) as your safety is of the utmost importance. Work on braking, turning, curves, stopping while in a curve (remember to straighten the handlebars *before* braking!), and turning when pulling away from a stop. When you practice alone, always remain vigilant to vehicles encroaching on your space.

Second, how about participating in a Parking Lot Practice? Also referred to as a PLP, this is an activity that many Chapters hold at the chapter level. The exercises in a PLP are all spelled out in the Cornering Practice Guide along with tips to execute the skills correctly. Talk to your Chapter Educator about holding a Parking Lot Practice for your chapter, or if there is a Facilitated Parking Lot Practice scheduled near you.

Third, you can attend a Team Riding Seminar. This Rider Ed seminar is available for presentation at your chapter, and may be available at some District rallies. This seminar is particularly good to hold at your chapter because the folks who are normally part of your riding team can all hear the same Team Riding tips. Why would you sit through a Team Riding Seminar? One reason is because most of us ride to various places around the state with our riding friends. And if you know what to expect from the others in your group – your **team** – you will be more likely to trust them. You will trust them because you'll know they are all going to ride safely and predictably in a staggered formation. That is what the Team Riding Seminar provides you.

Getting back to the bike for a minute, if you have new tires on your bike for the new season, know that the tire manufacturers recommend that you take it easy on those tires for the first 50 – 100 miles. That means go easy in the curves and easy on acceleration to prevent slide-outs. The reason is because the surface of the tire will be slickest (slippery) when new. There are a couple of common explanations why, but the result is the same – reduced traction. The rubber will get scuffed and roughed up enough over that distance during normal riding and the tire's grip will improve. Be particularly careful with new tires on painted stripes and metal plates, and all surfaces that are slick even when your tires aren't.

Remember that practice in a parking lot, by yourself or with others, is good for all of us after the long off-season. It is even more beneficial and important if you recently bought a new or used motorcycle. Get to know that new-to-you bike and how it handles in a safe environment. After brushing up your skills, you'll be ready to go out and enjoy a safe riding season!

Ride Smart & Be Safe!
Bruce & Melissa Thayer
Former MI Asst. District Rider Educators
brucethayer1@comcast.net



*Mike and Lynn Briggs
District Leadership Trainers*

Officer Certification Program

We have scheduled an Officer Certification Program for May 21-22, 2011. It will be at the Red Lion just across the Columbia River from Vancouver, WA. We picked a central location for both Washington and Oregon because this will probably be the only OCP in the west end of the region for 2011. If you are a Chapter Director or an Assistant Chapter Director and you haven't gone through the OCP yet, this is for you! If you have an interest in how GWRRA works then OCP is for you too! If you are interested, please contact me as soon as possible and I will give you more information. We think this one could have as many as 40 participants and that will make for some lively conversations and a great opportunity to see old friends and make some new ones. We will need to know by April 30, 2011 if you are planning on attending.

Thanks,
Mike and Lynn Briggs



The first ever Washington District “Luminary” award was presented by our District Director, Bob Spencer, to Eric Carlson, a member of Chapter WA-I.



Luminary Award

Presented to

Eric Carlson

In appreciation for your unparalleled commitment and dedication to the safety and education of your GWRRA family, friends and fellow riders. The unselfish giving of your time and talent has made a positive and lasting impact on the “Rider Education” Program in the Washington District.

Presented this 12th day of February, 2011

*Bob and Patty Spencer
Washington District Directors*

When asked how this award came to be, Bob explained, “*there are certain times when an exceptional individual needs to be acknowledged in front of his peers for going above and beyond all expectations. A “Luminary” is defined as a person who enlightens or influences others. One who has achieved success in his or her endeavors and who is an inspiration to others*”. Bob continued, “*I felt that by definition alone, this award had an appropriate place in our association and felt that I wanted to use it to recognize Eric for his exceptional dedication to the Washington Rider Ed program. Last year, just a month before our “Rider Ed Workshop” was to take place we found ourselves without a District Educator and without any confirmed instructors, or class matrix. As the Region “1” Assistant Educator, Eric assumed the District position and went to work putting the workshop together. In addition he recruited some of the best talent in the district as his assistants and eventually handed off the position and duties when he felt the time was right. Without Eric’s hard work and dedication there simply wouldn’t have been a “Rider Ed Workshop” last year and we wouldn’t have the talented “District Rider Educator” team that we now have in place*”.

Region I Conventions 2011

Oregon District
June 16-18, 2011
Joseph, OR
terryhuffman@comcast.net

Wyoming District
June 16-18, 2011
Riverton, WY
dada@bresnan.net

Washington District
July 21-23, 2011
Chehalis, WA
dd@gwrra-wa.org

Montana District
July 28-30, 2011
Helena, MT
dkrobson1@bresnan.net

Region I
August 4-6, 2011
Driggs, ID
wnwlker@msn.com

Idaho District
September 2-4, 2-11
Kamiah, ID
ponderosads@roadrunner.com

South Sound Honda & South Bound Honda First Annual MC Swap Meet & Warehouse Sale



April 30th our First Annual Motorcycle Swap Meet & Warehouse Sale- We have cleaned out our warehouse and found all kinds of kool stuff. If you have been doing a little spring cleaning too- bring your stuff down to sell at our swap meet. Both locations will have all kinds of stuff for you to peruse. Ask one of our staff for all the details.

South Sound Honda
2115 CARRIAGE DRIVE SW
OLYMPIA, WA 98502

South Bound Honda
2724 96th STREET SOUTH
Lakewood, WA 98499





GWRRA WASHINGTON DISTRICT CONVENTION

THE CHEHALIS "ROAD-EO"
SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON FAIRGROUNDS
2555 N. NATIONAL AVE. CHEHALIS, WA 98368

July 21, 22, 23, 2011
GRAND PRIZE - \$1000

Rider _____ GWRRA # _____ Chapter _____ Position _____
 Co-Rider _____ GWRRA # _____ Chapter _____ Position _____
 Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone _____ Email _____

REGISTRATION FEES:

Postmarked ON/OR before July 1, 2011

GWRRA Member \$30.00 X _____ = \$ _____
 NON- Members...\$35.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Postmarked ON/AFTER July 2, 2011

GWRRA Member \$35.00 X _____ = \$ _____
 NON- Members...\$40.00 X _____ = \$ _____

PRE-REGISTRATION 50/50

(Need not be present to win)
 \$1.00 X _____ = \$ _____

GRAND PRIZE TICKETS

(Must be present to win)
 \$1.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Saturday Chuck Wagon Dinner:

\$14.00 per person X _____ = \$ _____

CAMPING (Thurs, Fri, Sat)

Tents / tent trailers (per unit)
 Power Included \$12.00 X _____ Nights = \$ _____
 RV's (Includes water and 30 amp power)
 \$22.00 X _____ Nights = \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed = \$ _____

Make check payable to and mail to:

GWRRA WA DISTRICT
 6622 66th Dr. NE
 Marysville, WA 98270

INFORMATION

Quality short sleeve and long sleeve Rally Tee's available on site. Check them out at registration!

Breakfast and lunch available on site
 Menu ranges from \$2.50 to \$7.00

Host Hotel

Holiday Inn - 730 NW Liberty Pl. Chehalis, WA
 Rate \$99.00 - Ph: 360-740-1800
 Has a continental breakfast & a pool
 Closest motel to fairgrounds

Other Motels

Chehalis Inn - 122 Interstate Ave. Chehalis, WA
 Rates \$64 to \$73 - Ph: 360-740-5339
 Has a continental breakfast & a pool

King Oscar - 1049 Eckerson Rd, Centralia, WA
 Rates \$60 to \$75 - Ph: 360-736-1661
 Has a continental breakfast & a pool

For more information, visit the District

Website at www.gwrwa-wa.org

Or contact

Bob & Patty Spencer
 Washington District Directors
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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: _____ Date _____
 Rider _____

Co-Rider _____ Date _____

Washington District Chapters

Meeting	Chapter	Contact
1st Thursday Auburn	WA-V	Garry & Maxine Alexander 253-770-3866
1st Friday Puyallup	WA-Q	Dean & Christie Kalles 253-845-7177
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	Erv & Phyllis Granahan 360-249-3463
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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The Cowboy says, "y'all round up yer cowboy and cowgirl friends and ride on down to the best darn time you'll all have this year!!"



Your Washington District Team

~ April 2011 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Chapter WA-C Early Spring Run Run
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Chapter WA-N Brown Bag Auction	18	19	20	21	22	23 Chapter WA-V Federal Way Reststop
24 Chapter WA-V Federal Way Reststop	25 Chapter WA-V Federal Way Reststop	26 Chapter WA-V Federal Way Reststop	27 Chapter WA-V Federal Way Reststop	28	29	30



Summer's coming!!!! Woo Hoo!!!!