



# Washington Wing News

Washington District Newsletter, Region I, November 2012



**Susie and Frank Hutchinson  
District Directors**

Hello everyone, we had a very successful Leadership training in Buckley this year it was well attended and some good seminars were put on. The first thing was

that Mike Briggs got to be installed as our District Rider Ed so we welcome him as part of our District team, Mike put on a class about the new and upcoming Goldwing University so that all of the training will be under one heading rather than a bunch of little ones. Also we have a new Webmaster for the District we welcome Pat Allison to our District Team, Pat will be keeping the web page updated and work with those chapters that would like a little assistance with their web page. Thank You Pat for stepping up and helping us out. We also got the calendar of events done for the year and that will be on our web page. We also had a roundtable discussion with the Chapter Directors and we discussed our next convention site which will be at Grandview again next year, jobs were assigned and we did a random drawing for the games for the convention. We will be doing Safari Games so each chapter got to pick their animal for the games like we did last year we had 14 chapters there to choose their animal. Judy Thompson is in charge of the games again this next year and we all know what a good job she does, Thanks Judy.

We have some important dates for you to remember the first is an OCP class given by Roy McKenzie this will be January 12th and the 13th the class is open to anyone who wishes to get into the leadership roles, the class will only accommodate 20 people so if you or any of your members wish to go please let your Chapter Director know so they can get you on the list. The next date is for February 9th this is the Rider education seminar held in Buckley, there will be an East side Rider Ed in March on the 23rd.

We gave the Spirit Award away at the Leadership training and after considerable consideration the Award was given to Chapter Q. Barry Darling was there to accept the award.

We also had a surprise guest show up, Steve Williams and his wife Linda came to give thanks for the prayers and support that everyone has given to them at this time of need, the group gave Steve a standing ovation there were tears shed and lots of love that day. Steve said he didn't know he had such a big family and that always shows up when things get rough, that is what is so wonderful about this whole Gold Wing group.

The year is winding down. But remember there are chapters out there that need your support during the winter so please get out and support one another you never know it could be you that wins the marble game at Chapter B or a 50/50 somewhere down the line. Ride safe and I will see you at a chapter function real soon.

Thank You  
Susie Hutchinson District Director



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**Reggie Baumer and Chuck Porter  
Assistant District Directors**

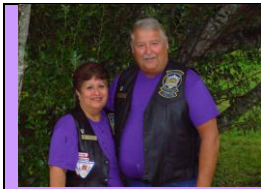
Hello to all,

Can you believe it is the holiday's already!!!!!! Where did the time go? Well it may be the beginning of old man

winter; you say to yourself that the riding season is over, but really, is it? Your right, for the bike part, you will find that we will have a day here and there that you can go, for a short ride, so go for them, don't let that moment pass you buy, short or long it will help keep our head clear and make us feel like a million bucks. Just remember as you are out there, be safe in your ride!!!! Let us remember that winter is a great time to poll all of your chapter members in and get them involved and excited about what is coming for the next riding season, and it is a great time to do thing as, go visiting other chapters and participate with them and doing thing together. We all still have a monthly gathering, take it in, if the weather is bad, drive cars, trucks, van, whatever you take and carpool your chapter members there it can be a lot of fun. Let's not forget we do have same chapters that have their Rally's in the winter, let us get out there and support them. Looking forward in seeing you all out about.

Let me say, I hope you all have a GREAT THANKSGIVING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!Let us all take a moment and think about what all we are thankful for. We just need to remember when we think, we have it bad, that there is something or someone that is worst then us. I know sometimes it doesn't look or fill like it but there always is. So be THANKFUL, on this day of THANKSGIVEN, I hope you all have a great meal to enjoy and you eat lots.

Keep the Shiny side up  
ADD REGGIE and CHUCK



**Wally and Anna Wallingford  
Assistant District Directors**

Hello all it's been a while since I wrote anything. Anna and I have been busy going to chapter meetings and rally's. Steve Williams was at Buckley for leadership, I was very

shocked to see him there. He's the chapter director for chapter M, and he has an artificial heart. He was able to eat with us and then he had to leave, it was good to see him up and walking around. The weather is starting to change, I know that there are some members that put there bike or bikes away for the winter, I really don't put mine away. There's always that chance there could be a nice day, you know, above freezing, no snow or ice. Perfect weather for a ride, don't have to go far, maybe just a couple of hours. When you have had a bike since 1962 it's kind of hard not to get out and ride. A test for the members, can you name a bike for each letter of the alphabet ? There has been one built for each letter. Road bikes..... only. In closing (live long and prosper) ADD Wally and Anna Wallingford



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**Mike and Lynn Briggs  
District Rider Educator**

Hello everyone. My name is Mike Briggs and along with my wife, Lynn we are your new Washington District Educators. I wanted to share a little bit

about us, why we are here and maybe even a little about where we want to go with Rider Education in Washington.

Lynn and I have been members of GWRRA since 1984 and are on our 4<sup>th</sup> Gold Wing. We have been active from the start. We have mostly been involved with Leadership Training and we did a 6 year stint on the Washington Wings of Gold Drill Team. In 2007, I went through the GWRRA Rider Course Instructor program and became a Rider Course Instructor. I became a Rider Course Master Instructor this past year. This responsibility includes teaching our Instructors and helping them maintain a high level of ability and competency in order that our students have the best Instructors available! About a year and half ago, I stepped away as the Washington District Trainer. I didn't have any problem becoming a JAM (just a member) and would have continued if a change hadn't happened. Randy Reid, our previous District Educator took a job in Louisiana (that's where he's from). Because of this, the position came open. I want to say thanks to both Randy and Debbie, great folks and I really enjoyed teaching with Randy. We will miss his quiet unassuming manner and his incredible ability to help students improve their riding skills.

After Randy had to step down and I heard about the position opening; I thought about it briefly and for a day or two, that was it. After several days, I started thinking about it again and started to see that this might be a place that I could make a difference in GWRRA. Being a Rider Instructor has helped me to see all of the opportunities that are out there for the members. At that point I called the Region Educator, Bob Minor and talked with him. After some further thinking and talking with Lynn, I decided to apply for the position! So here I am! I can tell you that it's going to be a great ride and I want to take all of you along with me!

I want to encourage everyone to participate in every aspect of Rider Education and I will be focusing on bringing seminars and planning riding classes to all of you.

So, here are a couple of events that we are in the planning stages of at this time:

**Westside Rider Education Workshop in Buckley on February 9, 2013**

**Eastside Rider Education Workshop in Tri-Cities on March 23, 2013**

Plan on coming out to these workshops and I know that you will learn and have a good time.

Thanks,  
See You Down the Road /:\n  
Mike



## **"ARE YOU THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT COORDINATOR?"**

**This Is From the "International Directors of Membership Enhancement  
Ed & Linda Johnson**

What is expected of a Chapter Membership Enhancement Coordinator? When a potential MEC candidate reads the Membership Enhancement Coordinators Position Description the list may seem overwhelming. But stop! Consider the primary purpose of the MEC, their importance, and how much help they can be to the Chapter Director. The MEC's primary role is to be a part of the Chapter Team, working together, to enhance the experience of the Members which in turn should improve Retention. The Position Description should be viewed as a list of opportunities that an MEC can use to retain our Members rather than a list of tasks or duties that must be performed. Our most valuable resource is our Members who are our "Friends for FUN, Safety and Knowledge".

The first opportunity to Retain Members is to contact every New and Prospective Member to invite them to a Chapter Gathering or Event. The contact information comes from working with the Area Report List (ARL). When the New or Prospective Member attends a Chapter Gathering or Event the MEC should be the primary person to make them feel welcome and explain GWRRA to them.

Another opportunity to retain Members is in handling the Chapter Gathering or Event Sign-in Sheet. This gives the MEC an opportunity to talk with each Participant or Visitor and to check their current Membership status. Members sometimes forget to renew their Membership and appreciate a simple reminder that their Membership has or is about to expire. A Member may have joined the Association as an Individual Membership not including their spouse or other family members. This may have been unintentional or a misunderstanding on the type of Membership necessary to include family members when they joined. Family members who are attending with a Member who holds an Individual Membership are considered Phantom Participants. Checking Membership expiration dates also gives the MEC information on others who may be attending as a Phantom Participant. Phantom Participants can destroy the Chapter and the Association. If there is Phantom Participation the MEC should discuss a strategy with the Chapter Director to encourage these people to join the Association. Each situation involving a Phantom Participant is different. As necessary, the Chapter Director may wish to discuss a plan of action with the District Director before any action is taken.

After contacting each New or Prospective Member, the MEC is asked to complete the Contact Data Columns on the Area Report List regarding their contacts. We realize this seems like a lot of effort, but stop and look at what you are being asked to accomplish. Normally, there will be less than five New or Prospective Members to be contacted in any month at Chapter Level. The contact information can easily be inserted into the contact columns and forwarded back to the appropriate Officer. These contacts are extremely important in the Retention of Members and the MEC should be proud to acknowledge that they have made contacts with each New and Prospective Member on the list.

Another opportunity to retain Members is to review the quarterly Full Area Report List for Members who may not be attending Chapter Gatherings and may need to be contacted. Is it necessary to contact every Member listed on the report every quarter? No, keep in focus and remember the MEC's primary purpose is the Retention of Members. As an example, if a Member appears on the January ARL and he/she is contacted then they appear again on the



April, July, and October report it should not be necessary to call them each time they appear on the report. The wording here is “may need to be contacted”. Will contacting the Member again aid in their Retention? If so, they should be contacted. The decision on who to contact is at the discretion of the MEC; however, we suggest the MEC discuss these contacts with the Chapter Director before deciding not to contact them.

Other opportunities for the MEC to retain Members is to write articles for the Chapter Newsletter, serve on the Couple of the Year Selection Committee, or serve as the Chapter of the Year Coordinator.

One important element to remember is that the MEC does not have to do it all. As the title indicates, you are the Coordinator, not the do it all person. Just keep in mind the primary purpose of the Membership Enhancement Coordinator is the Retention of Members and to be responsible for the Membership Enhancement Program. Always use the MEC Position Description as a guide to help you accomplish your goals and make your Chapter, District and Region prosper and grow.

Garry and Maxine Alexander WA-Dist MEC

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## Officers Certification Program:

The Officers Certification Program or better known as OCP is a program in GWRRA curriculum that is in-depth seminar of the duties and responsibilities of an Operations Officer. Its main objective is to assist the Officers in the following responsibilities: Finances, Membership Enhancement, IRS compliance, Rider Education, Team Building, Conflict Resolution, Goal Setting, to name a few. These seminars are designed to enhance the Officers Leadership skills and to help ensure success as they lead the chapter. While the OCP program is a requirement for the Directors it is a very good program for all members. The program is 1½ days in length and there is a short “Celebration of Knowledge” the morning of the second day.

Washington District has scheduled an Officers Certification program class to be held on January 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. The class will be held in the conference room at the Bonney Lake public Safety building on Veterans Memorial Dr. E. in Bonney Lake. While the program is designed for Officers, Chapter Directors, Assistant Chapter Directors, Treasurers Membership Enhancement Coordinators, It is open to all members at no cost. If you plan to attend, Please call ore-mail me so I can get you registered for the class ASAP.

While here, I, on behalf of all the District Staff want to thank all the instructors who taught at the District Leadership Workshop and to you for attending, making it all worth doing

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District Trainer  
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## Washington District Chapter's Gathering Information

Chapter	Wk	Day	Time	Town	Contact	Phone
A	4th	Saturday	8:30AM	Seattle	Mike & Pen Briese	253-535-4271
B	1st	Sunday	8:30AM	Bremerton	Jim & June Dutton	360-551-2236
C	2nd	Saturday	8:00AM	Everett	Lee Ann Kelly	206-362-4903
D	2nd	Sunday	8:30AM	Aberdeen	Kerry & Greg Bash	360-249-4640
E	3rd	Saturday	8:00AM	Bellevue	Bob & Patty Spencer	425-489-9786
H	2nd	Tuesday	6:30PM	Lynden	Randy & Debbie Reid	360-733-3123
I	3rd	Sunday	8:00AM	Olympia	Ray Abitz	360-790-2832
L	2nd	Saturday	9:00AM	Kennewick	Lloyd Finley	509-783-9789
M	1st	Saturday	12:00PM	Yakima	Steve and Linda Williams	509-965-0735
N	3rd	Sunday	8:30AM	Spokane	Dave and Terri Chromy	509-292-0314
O	4th	Saturday	8:00AM	Port Orchard	Pat and Debbie Holmes	360-876-8049
P	3rd	Saturday	1:00PM	Longview	Chuck Porter & Reggie	360-636-0519
Q	1st	Friday	7:00PM	Puyallup	Barry and Char Darling	253-535-4069
R	1st	Saturday	9:00AM	Walla-Walla	Jim Young	509-337-6582
V	1st	Thursday	6:00PM	Auburn	Garry & Maxine Alexander	253-770-3866
X	1st	Saturday	8:30AM	Vancouver	Dee Hall & Vanora Volk	360-254-2343
Y	2nd	Friday	6:30PM	Enumclaw	Roy & Pearl McKenzie	253-862-0220
Z	2nd	Saturday	1:00PM	Centralia	Jesse & Eva Valentine	360-888-0546

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District Directors	Susie and Frank Hutchinson
Assistant District Directors	Reggie Baumer and Chuck Porter
Assistant District Directors	Wally and Anna Wallingford
District Rider Educators	Bob Minor
Assistant District Rider Educator	Mike and Lynn Briggs
Assistant District Rider Educator	Tom Denny
District Leadership Trainers	Roy and Pearl McKenzie
District Treasurers	Brad Kane
District Membership Coordinators	Garry Alexander
District Stores	
District Ambassador	Jerry & Judy Thompson
District WEB Master	Becky Minor
Couple of the Year	
District COY/IOY Coordinator	
Vendor Coordinators	Wally Wallingford
District Newsletter Editor	Brad Kane

<b>Region I Staff Position</b>	<b>Volunteers Serving</b>
Region Directors	Mike and Peggy Hudnell
Assistant Region Directors	Dale and Shirley Dufner
Assistant Region Directors	Terry and Cheri Huffman
Assistant Region Directors	Russ and Laurie Parpart
Region Rider Educators	Bob and Becky Minor
Region Instructor Coordinators	Tim and Martie Mitchell
Region Motorist Awareness	Dave and Sheila Chavez
Region Treasurers	Erv and Phyllis Granahan
Region Membership Coordinators	Garry Alexander
Region Leadership Trainers	John and Dianne Kester
Region Ambassadors	Tom and Mozelle Edwards
Region Ambassadors	Hank and Marilyn Smith
Region WEB Master	Scott Bowman
Couple of the Year	Larry and Barbara Kuzma
Region COY/IOY Coordinator	Mike and Janet Turner
Region Newsletter Editor	Shirley Dufner



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