



Washington Wing News

Washington District Newsletter, Region I, January 2013



**Susie and Frank Hutchinson
District Directors**

Hello everyone, well here it is January already and things are starting to happen, Roy has set up an OCP class in Edgewood and he has about 28 signed

up for this class, Thank You officers in advance for stepping up to accept this part of your education. You will certainly learn some things that you thought you knew but now you will really see how GWRRA works.

There are several changes going on this month, Chapter B has new Directors they are Jim and Patty Swart, and they will be changing their meeting day to the First Saturday of the month starting in February and the location of their meeting. They will be meeting at Putters Restaurant at Rolling Hills Golf Course 2485 NE. McWilliams Rd. Please check their web site for more information. Chapter M installed a new Director for their Chapter on the 1st of January Sherrie and Arlie Holden stepped up for the job, Wally Wallingford was available to swear them in at their News Years Breakfast, Chapter N Spokane will be installing new Directors this month also they are Steve and Dawna Keinzle, Wally will be installing them also.

This month also has the Swap Meet on the 19th put on by Chapter X in Vancouver, on the 26th is Casino Night put on by Chapter I at Camp Murray, please see flyers for these events on our District Web Page.

In February is Rider Education Seminar in Buckley, the pre-registration ends on January 31, so please get your registration in so you can avoid the higher price, Mike Briggs has some different classes being presented this year so please plan on attending this is always a fun and interesting seminar. Mike also has a East side Rider Education planned for March, check our District Web Page for more information on this class.

Winter is a good time to get out and visit with other chapters please have your chapters get out and plan a visitation, you never know it could be you that wins the marble game or the 50/50, money is also a good incentive to go places. Please attend these sister chapters they need your help to survive, we all know how important it is to keep our Chapters up and running.

Ride safe whether it is on your bike or in your car, we hope to see all of you real soon.

Thank You
Susie Hutchinson District Director





Mike and Lynn Briggs
District Rider Educator

In the fall of 1995, there were some interesting and exciting things happening in GWRRA. Leadership Training was really just

starting up. The first Co-Rider videos had been taped before a live audience in Seattle for the whole association. A new concept in delivering information and knowledge was started in Washington. We held the first “workshop”, multiple classrooms, multiple instructor, breakout format. This was, at the time, an entirely new concept for GWRRA and for us. Knowing GWRRA and our members, I am guessing that this concept either was or was about to be tried in other places, but it was a totally different idea for us. I would say that it was and still has been a totally successful way for GWRRA to deliver seminars to our members.

Fast forward to this past week. I was at Chapter Q’s gathering and had an opportunity to promote the upcoming Rider Education Workshop in Buckley on February 9th. I mentioned all of the facts of the event; cost, location, time, food, you know the drill. Afterward a member came up to me and asked me some questions about the workshop. The first one was, what is it????? Wow, you know, I have always tried to remember that there are those out there who don’t know all of our vocabulary and way of doing things in GWRRA, but this time, I missed it. So, it gave me a great opportunity to chat with my new friend (Hi Roy) and give him an overview of a GWRRA workshop. So at the risk of boring some of you, I am going to give a quick breakdown of how it works and then a partial list of classes. Here we go!

GWRRA workshops actually are pretty simple. In the case of a Rider Education workshop, most, if not all of the classes are geared toward Rider Education topics. We have traditionally held these in late winter for several reasons. First, it’s not really a big riding time of the year and second, it helps me and I hope you to get excited about the upcoming year’s events. One more thing, it doesn’t take a weekend that we may want to get out and ride later in the year. It’s also a great chance to get caught up with old and new friends.

We typically have six sessions, three in the morning and three after lunch. Lunch is provided in the cost of the workshop. This helps you by not having to go find somewhere to eat and helps us by keeping you on site for the afternoon sessions.

We have strived to use four rooms for classes which means that we have, if you’re counting along with me, 24 slots for classes! Actually, that’s quite a lot. We don’t seem to have any problems filling those slots because in addition to the “official” Rider



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Education classes, we have always had classes that we feel add value for you. In the past we have had tire classes, GPS classes, Washington State Patrol, Sound Rider representation, and many others. We continue to work with outside groups to bring those folks in for you.

At the end of the day, we come back together and close out the workshop. This is an opportunity to acknowledge those who have spent considerable energy and effort to bring this to the members.

Some years ago, we held workshops in Eastern Washington. After some years we are coming back! We will be at the Pasco Church of the Nazarene in Pasco, WA on March 23, 2013. A Flyer/Registration is coming for that event in the next couple of weeks.

You are probably wondering what the classes are? Well, here is a partial list. The class list is and will change slightly as we get closer to the workshop. We are still confirming instructors and we are listening to you for your input. Stay tuned to the [District Website](#) for the latest updates.

Team Riding, High Side, Co-Rider, Going, Going, Gone; Dealing with the Elements, Motorcycling for Mature Riders, Riding with Inexperienced Riders, Night Riding, Motorcycle Crash Scene Response, Tire Technology, Helmet Myths. We are working on several more.

So, we have quite a lineup for you. There is no way for you to catch all of these classes but don't worry, there's always next year!

Thanks, Mike and Lynn





Roy and Pearl McKenzie
District Leadership Trainer

Seven Characteristics of Unstoppable People

According to Cynthia Kersey's book *Unstoppable*, "No obstacle

has been too great for people who possess an unstoppable spirit." This unstoppable spirit is the driving force in our daily lives for positive change and growth. It is often the force that helps us to move beyond personal barriers of self-doubt, negativity, and our own perceived limitations.

Even though we experience frustrations and disappointments, it compels us to continue working toward our goals. The following items are the characteristics Ms. Kersey stated were recurring themes in her research.

Unstoppable people:

1. Devote themselves to their true purpose
2. Follow their heart's passion
3. Believe in themselves and their ideas
4. Prepare for challenges
5. Ask for help and build a support team
6. Seek creative solutions
7. Persevere, no matter what the challenges

There seems to be a number of similarities between these seven characteristics and qualities of effective leaders. These are definitely "glass half full" people too! How can you put these characteristics to work for you this month ... ???





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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	8:00AM	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	Wed.	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	Mike and Lynn Briggs
Assistant District Rider Educator	
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	Pat Allison
Couple of the Year	
District COY/IOY Coordinator	
Vendor Coordinators	Wally Wallingford
District Newsletter Editor	Brad Kane

Region I Staff Position	Volunteers Serving
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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