



Washington District News Letter

REGION I DECEMBER, 2014



Gold Wing Road Riders Association We welcome all riders, no matter what make or model you ride!

Hello! I am hoping everybody had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We all have so much to be thankful for. I know I do. I am thankful for my family and wonderful friends. The last time I talked to you all we were on our way to Missoula Montana for the Region I ops meeting. It was a lot of fun. We got to see and spend time with lots of great people. We had a great opportunity to learn new training programs. Thank you, Region I. It's a very busy time with all the holidays coming up on us so fast. Amidst all the hustle we found the time to go to the

Progressive International Motorcycle Show in Seattle. National was kind enough to get a booth for us to participate in the show. Washington District and Region I was there in great force to represent GWRRA. We had a great time! I need to do a big THANK YOU shout out to, National, Terry Huffman, and to the Washington District Team who took the time to come and work the booth with us. I appreciate each and every one of you. Thank You, Mike Briese - Chapter A, Donna and Norm – Chapter Q, Dave Baumer and Wes

Mollenhauer – Chapter P, Ron & Violet Urquart – District couple, Lisa Pearson thank you for coming and helping me get a slide show gathered up and all the extra work you put into the show – Chapter P, And a very big thank you to Garry Alexander for closing the show so we could come home and beat the traffic rush. Again, THANK YOU ALL! I appreciate each and every one of you! GREAT JOB!

I will be seeing a lot of you throughout the next couple of months. A lot of changes coming with members stepping up. I will be honored to swear you in to your new positions. I hope every one of you enjoy your holiday parties and gatherings. Until next month. Be safe.

District Director,
Reggie and Chuck Porter



HAPPY HOLIDAYS



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Washington Assistant District Directors – west side

Garry and Maxine Alexander

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Progressive International Motorcycle Show in Seattle – AWESOME!





Hello Washington District Dennis & Terri Black



District Education

Earlier this month it was my honor and privilege to install my first Chapter Educators, Ray and Bonnie Tompkins of Chapter P. Please join with me to congratulate and welcome them to the Educators Team. During this month I was informed that there are 3 other Chapters looking to fill their open Educator positions. I look forward to working with all of them and improving the education and experience of our members.

During the Region I Leadership meeting in Missoula, a vision for the Region was established, Training, Everything-Everywhere, with a “neighborhood” workshop philosophy. What this means for you is that if your Chapter has a training need, be it in Rider Education, Training or Membership Enhancement, we will do everything we can to supply the necessary trainers. Your help will be needed in locating the necessary facility’s to hold it, and the logistics.

To help our ARC/TRC Instructors, we are asking for every Chapter’s help in finding new ranges and classroom locations. The range area needs to be 310’x206’ for an ARC and 240’x160’ for a TRC. In a perfect world, there should be no obstacles or drain covers. But as we all know, that is a very difficult thing to find. There also needs to be a place to hold the classroom portion and a bathroom. These do not have to be attached to the range, but it makes it very convenient if they are. A little extra effort on your end would be appreciated in asking them what their requirements are to hold a class (i.e. insurance required, normal days available). If you know of any place that we should consider looking at, please let me know and we will take a look at it.



Vic Parr - Motorist Awareness



CONSPICUITY

Drivers Urged to Share the Road with Motorcyclists

The Washington Department of Transportation reminds everyone that they need to share the road with motorcyclists. Intersections are the most common location for motorcycle crashes. Motorists need to be aware that motorcyclists are present this time of year, and remain watchful to avoid a crash.

There's a change in scenery on Washington roads in the spring. As the snow banks disappear, motorcycle riders emerge and hit the streets and highways. Drivers are often not accustomed to seeing motorcycles, so it is important to be aware of their presence and remember safe driving practices.

The Washington Department of Transportation reminds motorists that they need to share the road with motorcycles. Motorcyclists are entitled to a full lane of traffic, just like another car or truck. It is important to keep a safe distance from the cycle. Be aware that road hazards or other traffic conditions may cause a cyclist to swerve or stop suddenly. Keeping a safe following distance will help the vehicle driver avoid a crash with the motorcycle.

Intersections are the most common location for motorcycle crashes. Sometimes cycles are difficult to see, depending on the angle of the sun or the amount of traffic. Trees and fences on corners can block an oncoming cycle from the driver's view. Take an extra look when making left hand turns to make sure a motorcyclist isn't coming straight through the intersection. In addition, always check blind spots before turning, changing lanes, or backing up.

Passing a motorcycle should be another time of caution. Since the motorcycle is smaller, passing too closely can blow the cyclist out of control. It can also throw stones or other road debris at the cyclist.

Increasing the awareness of motorcyclists on the road is an important traffic safety practice that will help ensure everyone arrives at their destination safely.



District Membership Coordinators

Pete and Lynda Goetz



MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT NEWS

As chapter membership coordinators, we have spent the last few years maintaining a membership list from the gathering sign-in sheets and working with the Chapter Director and Team to promote chapter activities and FUN events for the members. We worked with the membership data from Area Reports sent by District to contact new and prospective chapter members via telephone, email, mail or in person. We reviewed the Full Area Report list received in January and July for Members who may not be attending chapter gatherings and may need to be contacted. In other words, we got to keep in contact with our members and our responsibilities were all under our own little tree.

FAST FORWARD!! We accepted the position of District Membership Coordinators, which means we are now responsible for sending all of the State chapter reports to Region. Garry Alexander has been handling both District and Region, so we're sure he was glad to concentrate on just the Region's reports. **HOWEVER**, Garry was not aware of what novices we are. This changing of the guard has been a real challenge for a man who tries very hard to keep smiling while patiently explaining the need to open an attachment before forwarding it, keeping a current list of chapter directors and membership coordinators and being aware of report deadlines. **THANK YOU, GARRY** for your patience!

So.....we are now changing from our little solitary (chapter) tree and moving a little faster, like our picture of Santa. But, no matter what our GWRRA positions are, we can always depend on getting help from members who want everyone to succeed because membership is the "Lifeblood" of GWRRA.



Pete & Lynda Goetz
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Ron & Violet Urquhart

A note from your WA- District Couple of the Year

In 2013 Violet and I were nominated to be chapter E's couple of the year. Our chapter director explained the program to us and we gladly accepted. As with everything we do, we jumped in head first and realized that we didn't have a clue of where we were going and what was really going on. With the help and mentoring of Mike and Janet Turner (Region I Couple of the year 2014) we spent half of 2013 and 2014 learning about GWRRA, doing chapter visitation's, going to all the classes that GWRRA provides and learning more about the couple's program. In 2014 we were selected to be the new District Couple of the Year at the district rally in Lyndon, WA

It's our vision to promote the couple's program to the chapters and to mentor couples in the same way that we were mentored, thank you Mike and Janet for all that you've done for us over the past year and a half.

If you are a current chapter couple or a chapter director and would like more information, please contact us at; 425-512-9498 or mcpheeurquhart@gmail.com



WASHINGTON CHAPTER GATHERINGS

Chapter	mascot	week	day	time	location	contact	phone
A	Apes	4	SAT	08:00am	Seattle	Mike and Pen Brieese	253-535-4271
B	Bees	1	SUN	08:00am	Bremerton	Ted and Debbie Moore	360-308-0727
D	Duck	2	SUN	08:30am	Aberdeen	Kerry and Greg Bash	360-248-4640
E	Eagle	3	SAT	08:00am	Bellevue	Bill and Caryl Estes	425-821-7441
H	Hound Dog	2	TUE	6:00PM	Lynden	Gilbert Gunderson	360-815-3972
I	Cow	3	SUN	08:00am	Olympia	Jerry McDonald	360790-3910
L	Looney Tunes	2	SAT	09:00am	Kennewick	Russ and Chris Akers	509-378-2918
M	Mountain Lion	1	SAT	12:00pm	Toppenish	Sherrie and Arlie Holden	509-305-1278
N	Wing Nuts	3	SUN	08:00am	Spokane	Steve and Dawna Kienzie	509-464-1396
O	Orca	4	SAT	08:00am	Port Orchard	John and Myrna Scrivner	360-275-8606
P	Panda	3	SAT	1:00pm	Longview	David Baumer	503-891-1141
Q	Koala	1	WED	7:00pm	Puyallup	Norm West	253-474-2335
R	Road Runner	1	SAT	09:00am	Walla Walla	Jim Young	509-337-6562
V	Frog	1	THUR	6:00PM	Auburn	Joe and Patti Diambri	253-630-8463
X	Phoenix	1	SAT	08:30am	Vancouver	Pete and Lynda Goetz	360-225-3482
Y	Wylie Coyote	2	FRI	6:30PM	Enumclaw	Roy and Pearl McKenzie	253-862-0220
Z	Chickens	2	SAT	12:00pm	Centralia	Jesse and Eva Valentine	360-888-0546



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REGION I DISTRICT STAFF

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Assistant Region Directors	
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Region Rider Educators	Mike and Lynn Briggs
Region Trainers	Dave and Sheila Chavez
Region Motorist Awareness	Mike and Janet Turner
Region Treasurers	Dianna and Fred Borke
Region Membership Coordinator	Garry and Maxine Alexander
Region Instructor Coordinator	Eric Carlson
Region Ambassadors	Mike and Lynn Briggs
Region WEB Master	Mark Bridge
Couple of the Year	Ron Fox and Helen Fleming
Region COY/IOY Coordinator	Mike and Janet Turner
Region Newsletter Editor	Marla Muirbrook

Dec-14	EVENT
6	Olympia Toy Run
13	Festival of Lights Chap D

UPCOMING EVENTS

A tentative schedule rallies

Jan-15

Casino Night Chapter I 24th

Feb-15

Mall Show Chapter P 20th-22nd

Mar-15

Surf Watch Chapter E 20th & 21st
Swap Meet Chapter P 28th

Apr-15

Multi chapter gathering Chapter M – R 4th
Fun Run Early Spring Chapter M 11th

May-15

Crazy Ride Chapter Q 9th
Fun Run Chapter E 16th
Desert Spring Fling Chapter L 20th – 25th
Harvest Run Chapter B 30th & June 1st

Jun-15

Blue Mountain Rendezvous Chapter R 5th - 7th
Duck Hunt Chapter D 13th

Jul-15

Idaho District Convention 2nd – 4th
Parade Chapter P 4th
Oregon District Convention 9th – 11th
Wyoming District Convention 10th – 12th
Mystery Ride Chapter A 12th
Washington District Convention 16th - 18th
Montana District Convention 23rd-25th

Aug-15

Region I Big Sky Convention 5th-9th
Whale of a Picnic Chapter D 15th
Porker Run Chapter X 24th

Sep-15

Oyster Feed Chapter P 18th – 20th NEW LOCATION

Oct-15

Halloween Dance Chapter Q 10-20 4-15

Nov-15

International Motorcycle Show - Seattle

Dec-15



