



Washington District News Letter

REGION I JANUARY, 2015

Gold Wing Road Riders Association

We welcome all riders, no matter what make or model you ride!



Hello to all,

I'm hoping everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a happy, happy new year. Wow, it's hard to believe that 2014 is already gone, so I'm sitting here looking over the schedule for 2015 we have a lot of new and exciting adventures to take. We are looking forward to spending time with each and every one of you and coming to your rallies and gatherings in 2015.

Now that the holidays are behind us we have a lot to get through and prepare for our great district rally that's coming in July. I can tell you that your team and myself are hard at work getting all the final details worked out for our District rally for 2015, you will find that the registration is in the back of this newsletter and you also can find it on our district website.

My understanding is that Washington Chapter V went to Chapter A's gathering and retrieved the traveling trophy it will be available to be retrieved again in February way to go Chapter V.

Chapter Traveling Trophy Rules

The rules for this are pretty simple and easy to follow. This is meant to be a fun and exciting thing for your chapter and also helps support visitations to other chapters in the state.

1. When your chapter retrieves the traveling trophy, your chapter gets to keep it for 30 days.
2. There must be 30 days between having the trophy for your chapter and being able to get it back to your chapter. In other word, no back to back captures of the traveling trophy.
3. To get the trophy, your chapter must have 6 members in attendance, in chapter colors to be able to retrieve and take it to your home chapter.
4. In the case where there is a tie, with multiple chapters in attendance and both having 6 members in colors, the chapter that is the farthest away from the chapter currently holding the trophy is the winner. This is only in the cases where there is an exact tie, if a chapter has 7 members and the other having 6, the one with the most members in colors wins.
5. Chapters should display the traveling trophy at all chapter/district functions. You earned it, show it off!
6. The District wants to know and share in your fun, so please let the District Director and/or District Newsletter editor know, so we can feature this in the District newsletter for all to see.
7. Please have the trophy engraved with your chapter and date, so there can be a permanent record. This shows where it has been.

Most of all, have fun!! Till next month, Reggie and Chuck



Washington Assistant District Directors – west side

Garry and Maxine Alexander

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~ People show their support to Compass Housing Alliance in all kinds of ways. Maxine marks her support one stitch at a time.

Maxine, 75, is an avid knitter who each year donates a plethora of warm, colorful hats to give to people

in need.

For Maxine, knitting is her way of relaxing.

But there's something else about Maxine that makes her gift so special - she's legally blind and, in spite of her disability, has managed to donate hundreds of hats to Compass and other organizations.

Maxine and her husband, Garry, raised a family of seven, and knitting was a practical way to keep their children bundled up in hats and scarves.

But as Maxine aged, she recognized her vision was declining. She'd already had poor night vision and would never drive at night.

"I've known for a long time my vision wasn't like a lot of other people," Maxine said.

It was about 30 years ago that she was diagnosed with Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP), a degenerative eye disease, and was declared legally blind.

She stopped knitting for a time. But then something changed. It was when she went to receive her first guide dog, some years ago. In the clinic was another woman, also blind, knitting a blanket.

"I thought, 'How did she do that?'" Maxine said. "As my vision went further south, I just picked knitting back up, and off I went."

She doesn't see color well and needs help selecting yarn when she begins a project. But the tactile experience of knitting is something she's never forgotten.

"It's been a real pleasure to start knitting again," Maxine said. "It's relaxing for me - I knit with my eyes closed and my feet up."

She practices her knitting with friends in her retirement community in Tacoma, and is also a member of the Tacoma Area Coalition for Individuals with Disabilities (TACID). She and a group of other visually impaired knitters make hats and blankets to donate to families.

Compass Housing Alliance is also fortunate to be a beneficiary of Maxine's generosity. Her connection to Compass goes back to 1957, when Maxine was a teenager living in Spokane, and we were known as the Lutheran Compass Mission. Maxine signed up for a service project and paid her own way to Seattle to volunteer at Compass with a group of teens. They spent a week painting dorm rooms and the kitchen; she recalls that the room they slept in was so close to the viaduct that one could almost reach out and touch it.

"That was quite an experience for me, I enjoyed doing the work and I enjoyed being a part of that," she said. It's an experience that's never left her, and today she's found a new way to support our mission. Her goal each year is to donate 100 hats to our shelter and emergency services, to provide extra warmth for

men and women experiencing homelessness. After giving 79 last year, she made up for it with a gift of 121 this year, for a nice round donation of 200 hats in two years. And I've already got three here for

next year," Maxine said. We look forward to collecting them. Our deepest thanks to Maxine for her support of our mission and

for her simple gift that helps create a safe, caring community.





Assistant Directors
Wally and Anna Wallingford

Anna is doing a lot better, getting back to being herself so I know she is a lot better, thank you for all of your well wishes and prayer's. This is hoping that everyone had a great Christmas and A Happy New Year. Looking forward to next year.



District Treasurer

Bob and Patty Spencer

Happy New Year everyone! I wonder how many of you make it to midnight, or by the time you read this "made it to midnight", to usher in the New Year? Certainly not me! I can't remember the last time Patty and I did. We usually tune in an East coast TV station and watch the ball drop in New York, then head for bed shortly after 9:00 p.m. our time with another exciting year to wake up to!

To you chapter directors and treasurers, you know the saying; "No job is complete, until the paperwork is done". Well in GWRRA land that means your "year end" financial reports. Please get them in to me as soon as you can after you receive your December bank statement and remember the ending balance on your financial report **MUST** match the ending balance on the bank statement.

Also, don't forget to file your IRS 990N form on line. When you receive the IRS acceptance response please forward it to me, so I can keep track of it. If you need help, go to www.gwrra.org click on "Officers" then over to the left, click on "Officers Resources", then about two thirds down the left column is the 990N tutorial.

If you were at the Leadership workshop in October, you received a packet of all that I need. If you were not there, or if any of you have any questions, please feel free to call or e-mail me and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Mail your reports to: Bob Spencer 19428 4th Dr SE Bothell WA 98012. My phone number is 425-489-9786 and my e-mail address is bspwae@frontier.com





Hello Washington District

Dennis & Terri Black



The Washington Rider Education Seminars have been planned... East Side is March 21, 2015 at the Church of the Nazarene, 7305 W. Court St., Pasco WA. West Side is March 14, 2015 at Rainier Hills Christian Fellowship, 23711 Entwhistle Rd E, Buckley WA. We will have the staple classes of Co-Rider, Motorist Awareness available. CPR and 1st Aid should be available at both. Both of their flyers should be available soon. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Do you need an ARC or TRC class this next year? Let your Chapter Educator know and we can add you to the waiting list. The initial class dates have been set and will be further planned out from there depending on our member's demand. SO... Don't wait until the last minute and expect to find a class. There will also be Trailering classes scheduled as needed.

If you are passing through the Tacoma area, be very careful around the I5 and WA16 interchange area. There is still a lot of construction going on the interchange area and they keep shifting the lanes and the center dividers. When the sun first goes down or it is raining hard, it is very difficult to see what the new lane is and what the old ones is. There is also a sign indicating motorcycles stay in the right lanes.

Terri and I hope that everyone had a great Holiday Season and we look forward to seeing everyone this next year.

"Cover Everything you want to use later in Life"

Dennis & Terri Black

Washington District Rider Educators





Vic Parr Motorist Awareness CONSPICUITY



RIGHT OF WAY

Statistics show that 66% of motorcycle accidents with other vehicles are caused by the motorist failing to yield the right-of-way.

What is right-of-way? One of the Free Dictionary's descriptions is:

in traffic ordinances, a driver is entitled to the "right of way" to proceed first ahead of other vehicles or pedestrians, depending on certain rules of the road, such as the first to reach an intersection. Failure to yield the right of way to the vehicle or person entitled to it can result in a citation and fine, to say nothing of an accident. It can also be evidence of negligence in a lawsuit for injuries suffered in an accident.

Although we may assume we have the legal right of way at intersections, we should never take it for granted. Not everyone follows the common courtesy of allowing the party on the right the privilege of being the first to proceed. Hopefully with more motorist awareness and adhering to the right of way we might reduce the statistics.



District Membership Coordinators

Greetings from your District Membership Coordinators,

Pete and Lynda Goetz



Best Wishes for a Happy New Year! It's good to know that the GWRRA Member Enhancement Division focuses on the

"Friends for Fun" aspects of the GWRRA motto! How often do you get to think about the fun part first in any organization you have joined, except GWRRA??!! Membership is all about FUN:

Of course, there are other benefits of involvement in GWRRA than just FUN. But we must remember FUN IS number ONE!

The Membership Program in GWRRA provides proven ideas for increasing involvement by chapter participants which results in more people getting involved and the more involved you get the more FUN you will have.

As the Washington District Membership Coordinators, our goals are to (a) promote a positive image of GWRRA and motorcycling in general; (b) publicize fun activities to insure Members enjoy their GWRRA experiences, and (c) encourage Members to retain their membership and to recruit new Members into GWRRA.

We have been communicating with our chapter Members as membership coordinators for the past few years. Now, we are also stepping up to the District level, communicating with all 17 chapters in Washington, obtaining their membership reports, and forwarding answers to their questions. Lastly, getting the Region "I" report to Garry Alexander in a timely manner.

As we contact the Chapter Directors and Membership Coordinators, we are getting to know each chapter's membership challenges. After all, we are providing a service for the MEMBERS of GWRRA. The best interest of the membership is the best interest of GWRRA.



Roy and Pearl McKenzie – Leadership Membership Training

ATTITUDE

Have you really ever sat down and thought about your attitude and the attitude of those around you? Charles Swindoll wrote the following regarding attitude:

"The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on my life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company, church or a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past. We cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the string we have, and that is our attitude

... I am convinced that life is ten percent what happens to me and ninety percent how I react to it. And so it is with you ... we are in charge of our attitudes."

When I read the above, I thought about it and came to the following conclusion. My attitude and the attitude of those around me are very important to me. I have seen many friendships fall apart because of attitude.

Just the other day I had to return an item to the store from which it was purchased. On the wall behind the customer service desk was a poster that read "Attitude is Everything." I questioned the clerk and she said that her manager brought it in one day. The manager said that she wanted each clerk to read it at least once a day and to remember that their attitude can and will be the deciding factor in whether a customer returns to their store or not. I also believe that, as a customer, my attitude toward the clerk will be the deciding factor as to how I am served. In the same way, the attitude of each Officer and Chapter member will be the deciding factor as to whether a new member or even an existing member will return to the Chapter.

The following is a list of positive words that can be used to describe attitude:

- A**ctive - Is your Chapter active? Do you plan rides and activities for your membership
- T**rust - Does your Chapter trust you, or do they watch and criticize?
- T**hriving - Is your Chapter growing or is your membership getting smaller?
- I**nteresting - Are your Chapter gatherings interesting or boring?
- T**reat - Are you treating your Chapter members as you would like to be treated?
- U**nique - Are you using your own ideas, your staff's ideas or are you using the ideas of the Chapter members. Are you taking the credit for the success of a planned activity or giving credit where credit is due?
- D**esire - Do you have the desire to see your Chapter succeed and grow?
- E**nticing - Do you end your Chapter gatherings or activities with your Chapter wanting more?



If you can truthfully answer "yes" to any of the above questions, then I feel that you and your Chapter are on the road to success.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER GATHERINGS

chapter	mascot	week	day	time	location	contact	phone
A	Apes	4	SAT	08:00am	Seattle	Mike and Pen Briese	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	John & Barb Smith	360-863-2342
H	Hound Dog	2	TUE	6:00PM	Lynden	Gilbert Gunderson	360-815-3972
I	Cow	3	SUN	08:00am	Olympia	Ray Abitz	360-790-2832
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	Simon	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 Treasurers	Dianna and Fred Borke
Region Membership Coordinator	Garry and Maxine Alexander
Region Instructor Coordinator	Eric Carlson
Region Ambassador	
Region Webmaster	Mark Bridge
Couple of the Year	Ron Fox and Helen Fleming
Region COY/IOY Coordinator	Mike and Janet Turner
Region Newsletter Editor	Marla Muirbrook

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

Festival of Lights Chapter D 12 – 12-15



Washington District Convention

"Happy Days"

July 16, 17, 18, 2015

Jefferson County Fairgrounds
4907 Landes St.
Port Townsend, WA 98368



Registration Fees

Postmarked on or before July 3, 2015

GWRRRA Member \$25.00 x ____ = \$ _____
Life Member \$20.00 x ____ = \$ _____
Non Member \$30.00 x ____ = \$ _____

Postmarked after July 3, 2015

GWRRRA Member \$30.00 x ____ = \$ _____
Life Member \$25.00 x ____ = \$ _____
Non Member \$35.00 x ____ = \$ _____

Grand Prize \$1000.00

(Must be present to win)

Price per ticket \$1.00 x ____ = \$ _____

Pre-registration 50/50 Drawing

(Must be present to win)

Price per ticket \$1.00 x ____ = \$ _____

Friday Night Ice Cream Social

Free for everyone \$0.00 x ____ = \$ FREE

Saturday Night "50's Home Style" Dinner

Price per ticket \$15.00 x ____ = \$ _____

Includes fried chicken, three salads (potato, macaroni and green), BBQ beans, beverage and dessert.

Camping, RV's, Tents & Tent Trailers

(Thursday, Friday, Saturday)

Price per night \$15.00 x ____ = \$ _____

20 amp power and water

Total amount enclosed = \$ _____

Make check to GWRRRA Washington District

Mail to:

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19428 4th Drive S.E.
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For those RV'ers that would like **full hook ups** (30 or 50 amp power, water and septic) there are several sites available at the fairgrounds, located a short distance from our rally campground. Call the Fairgrounds direct, at 360-385-1013, to make your own reservations.

Motels (all pet friendly)

Harborside Inn: (\$119 to \$179) – 800-942-5960 – www.harborside-inn.com
Aladdin Inn: (\$145 to \$159) – 800-281-3747 – www.aladdinmotorinnpt.com
Pt Townsend Inn: (\$119 to \$169) – 800-216-4985 – www.porttownsendinn.com



\$1000 Grand Prize!

Live music by "Jukebox" Friday & Saturday
Ice Cream Social - 50's Sock Hop - Karaoke
Bike Games - Bike Show – Light Parade
Chapter and Individual Competitions
and, the "Walkabout" is back!

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Rider _____ GWRRRA# _____ Chapter _____

Co-rider _____ GWRRRA# _____ Chapter _____

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Rider Signature _____ Co-rider _____

Signature _____