



Washington District News Letter REGION I FEBRUARY, 2015

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



Hello everybody,

You know the state of Washington, your district team is working so hard for your convention 2015, it is going to be an absolute blast, every time we have a gathering to discuss details I just get more and more excited. It is going to be a very busy weekend, but one thing for sure you can't say you came and had a boring time, because if you do, that will have to be on you, because we're going to keep everybody busy busy busy with fun fun fun. I'm so proud of the team on how hard they're getting everything put together

you're doing an absolutely outstanding job all of you, thank you for working so hard.

I'd like to take a moment at this time and say some very big thank you's. As being the district director it is important to me to thank Chapter Directors that are stepping down and let them know just how much we appreciated them holding that office. So Bill and Caryl Estes from Chapter E, Kerry Bash from Chapter D, John Scrivner from Chapter O, thank you all for doing an outstanding job.

Welcome to all the new chapter directors, Chapter E, John and Barb Smith, Chapter O, Ken and Tami Smith, Chapter D, Stephen and Mary Carry, looking forward to working with you all, please know that district team is always here for you. It has been a busy time we've had some new ACDs come on board and I like to welcome them, Ted Wilson, Chapter I, William Olson, Chapter A. I will be heading to Spokane the third week end in February to swear in Simon and Insewa Berridge as the Chapter Directors of N, looking forward to the trip. Again just want to say thank you all for being there and for coming on board we appreciate each and every one of you.

Hey I have to say a great big way to go guys to Chapter I, Casino Night what a wonderful night we all had. Outstanding job!

A heads up for the traveling trophy chapter V has it, it can be pick- up at their gathering this month. Make sure you check your calendar for up and coming events.

We all know things are going to get busy here really soon, but looking forward to being able to have fun with each and every one of you.

Your District Directors
Reggie and Chuck Porter





**East side Assistant Directors
Wally and Anna Wallingford**

I'm back I've been quite busy working on my Thunderbird and it's taking most of my time so I haven't been able to really write a newsletter for you to tell you about all of our experiences that my wife and I have been having it with the gold wing association and I went down to chapter ours Christmas party had a really good time down there we've been going to different functions with Chuck and Reggie to install new officers. After installing officers with Chuck and Reggie I didn't realize that they had casinos so close to these places so we always have to stop and do a little amount to gambling and I should've just gave them my money speaking of my 1994 Thunderbird I purchased it it heap knowing that I had to put little money in it so I put a rack and pinion new rotors and brakes in the front new DS hubs brake cylinders in the back and a few parts on the interior but other than that I really haven't spent that much money on it Anna has been under the weather a little bit so we haven't been able to travel much.

Assistant district directors Wally and Anna walling ford



**GREETINGS FROM YOUR DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT COORDINATORS,
Pete and Lynda Goetz**



TEAM SPIRIT

With all the football games being played (Go Seahawks!) and enthusiasm levels rising, it is a reminder how important team spirit is. Without the combined efforts of all of the players and coaches, the goals become pretty haphazard and unpredictable. You've heard this before but it bears repeating: There is no "I" in the word TEAM.

As Membership Enhancement Coordinators, we communicate with all of the Chapters in the State of Washington to gather their reports on new and prospective members. We realize Chapter Directors and their Membership Coordinators have busy lives and the temptation to put the Area Report "on the to do pile" is great. However, these reports are important to every-one. First, it notifies the Chapter of the new member's address and phone number. The member can then be notified of all the benefits of GWRRA and what the Chapter has planned. It is also a reminder to the Chapter Director and Newsletter Editor to add the new member to their mailing/email list. Most importantly, a written letter or email can officially welcome the new member who becomes a part of the TEAM, joining other members who want to HAVE FUN, GAIN RIDING SKILLS and promote SAFETY.

The Area Report also lists prospective members, who should be contacted via telephone, email, mail or in person to let them know the benefits of joining GWRRA and the location of the Chapter gathering In January and July of each year, a Full Area Report is provided to all the Chapters for Members in the area who may not be attending Chapter Gatherings and may need to be contacted. It has been said that TEAM work divides the task and multiplies the success. How many fun memories do you recall with other members that happened because everyone got together, planned the event and then got to enjoy the success?

The current deadline for all Chapters to report to us on membership data is February 5, 2015

So that we can send our final report to Garry Alexander, Region Director.

As members, we are all part of the GWRRA TEAM, where we can enjoy the camaraderie while

Promoting friendship and motorcycling safety. Encouraging our members to participate in TEAM activities results in a winning score





Hello Washington District

Dennis & Terri Black



Tis the Season!?!

No, not Christmas or New Year's. Everyone has the over charged credit cards or empty savings accounts to prove that they are over. Tis the season to plan your 2015 social calendar. We are a very fortunate District that there are so many chapters, sponsoring so many great events. Use <http://www.gwrra-wa.org/Calendar.html>, to check out the District Calendar and start your planning. Of course this does not include the Chapters monthly meetings. It is always fun and exciting to visit other Chapters and steal their Mascot or chase down the Traveling Trophy to bring home. But, it will take 5-7 of your Chapter friends, in your colors, to do it. The more the merrier. Just a warning, when I come to visit your Chapter, I'll be asking a 1950's Music trivia question and handing out a reward for those that know the correct answer. It could be something as simple as "What 50's song did your Parents Hate?"...This is in honor of the upcoming District Convention's Theme.

The Westside Rider Education Seminar is being held on March 14th in Buckley, we have some of the usual classes including Motorist Awareness, CPR/1st Aid, Helmet Myth's, Team Riding and Co-Rider currently planned. Also, I am working on 2-4 Guest Speakers to give us a newer twist on the Seminar.

The Eastside Rider Education Workshop is being held on March 21st in Pasco. It is at a different location than it was last year, so pay close attention to the address. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Not included on the District Calendar is the start of ARC's, TRC's and Trailer class Schedule. The first TRC will be held on 18 April in Buckley, WA with an ARC coming up on May 16th at the same location. Trailer classes have yet to have a set date. If you would like to be added to the waiting list for any ARC, TRC or a trailer class please ask your Chapter Educator to e-mail me and you will be added. Once you make the commitment to attend any of these classes, be advised that the class will be held come rain or shine. Co-riders are more than welcome to attend any of the classes, at no extra cost. Attending the class counts towards the Co-riders Levels Program.

Terri and I look forward to seeing everyone at any of their Chapter Meetings, Functions or just riding down the highway.

"Cover anything you want to use later in life."

Dennis & Terri Black

Washington District Rider E





CONSPICUITY

Below is an article written by Georgia Chapter B2's very own Chapter Educator Paul W. Johnson. He is a Control Systems Engineer in the C & S (Communication and Signals) Department at Norfolk Southern. Since May is National Motorcycle Safety and Awareness month, I cannot think of a better way to reach a large number of people with such an important message. Once again, Congratulations to Paul for such an excellent article.

Defensive Driving Focus Perceptual Blindness

Inattention Blindness or perceptual blindness is a phenomenon that explains that people see what they are looking for and screen out everything else. The study of inattention blindness explains why drivers overlook motorcycles, bicycles and pedestrians on the roads. This study was conducted by University of Illinois Professors Arien Mach and Irvin Rock in 1998. You may have seen something about it while watching a video of people passing a basketball while a man in a gorilla suit walks through the crowd of people. A large percentage of people don't notice the gorilla because they are focusing on the basketball being passed around. The gorilla was an Unexpected Event

When driving, people are looking for cars and consequently don't see Unexpected Events. Motorists are looking for other cars and often overlook motorcyclists, bicyclists and pedestrians. It is hard for motorcyclist to understand why or how anyone can miss or overlook something as large as a touring bike, but think about this; have you ever bought a new car and suddenly noticed every car that is similar to your new car but hadn't noticed any on the roads before you became interested? My wife and I did that. We bought a Nissan Altima and suddenly noticed every Altima on the road. We would check to see if it had the same accessories and features while ignoring other cars that didn't fall within our filter of thought. Norfolk Southern has a lot of motorcyclists. You may ride anything from a sport bike to a fully loaded touring bike. That puts motorcycles in your filter of thought. Motorcycles mean something to you; therefore, you notice them more frequently than people with no interest in motorcycles. Trust me, I notice motorcycles. I also notice Mustangs, old trucks and every Dairy Queen I pass, but that's a different story.

So what does that all mean to us? May is motorcycle awareness month in most states. The push for the National Transportation Safety Board is to make motorists aware of motorcycles. As the Rider Educator of my local Goldwing Chapter, I'm constantly trying to inform the public of the importance of noticing motorcycles. We call it MAD - or Motorist Awareness Division. One of MAD's mottos is Drive Aware and Look Twice. Very good advice, but we still know that more than 75% of motorcycle accidents involve a collision with another vehicle. More than 50% of all crashes involving a motorcycle and a passenger car occur because the motorist did not see the motorcycle or didn't see it soon enough to respond.

Norfolk Southern employees typically do a lot of driving. We focus on many things to make us safer drivers and that is all extremely important and necessary. I would like to add to your bag of good driving tips the importance of noticing motorcycles, bicycles and pedestrians. As stated earlier, studies have proven that we have natural filters that prevent us from being alert to unexpected events but hopefully this reminder will make you more aware of my fellow riders. If you are a Norfolk Southern employee that happens to ride, keep in mind that you are the Unexpected Event and any rider training you can take to help you avoid a collision is highly recommended. Several Rider Education events are available to make you a more defensive rider.



Roy and Pearl McKenzie – Leadership Membership Training



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...???



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	Stephen Carry	360-580-2186
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	SAT	08:00am	Spokane	Simon Berridge	509-863-2087
O	Orca	4	SAT	08:00am	Port Orchard	Ken Smith	360-440-6357
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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UPCOMING EVENTS

2015

Feb-15

Mall Show Chapter P 26th to March 1st

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
TRC - Buckley - 18th

May-15

Crazy Ride Chapter Q 9th
ARC - Buckley -16th
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
Poker Run Chapter X 29th

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

