



Washington District News Letter REGION I MARCH, 2015

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



Hello to one and all,

Wow, can you believe spring is just in a few days, you know you blink and it is here.

You know, I know there's a lot to be done and I want to get it all done before riding season starts but I think I'm too late, with this beautiful weather we've been having. Just want to get out and ride and ride and ride.

I'd like to welcome Simon and Insewa Berridge onboard stepping up becoming the chapter directors of chapter n of Spokane Washington. Great turnout you had at your first gathering outstanding job you are doing, prescient you both and a big thank you for stepping up.

Then Chapter P had there mall show, they had several people put their bikes in to show off their ride that part of it went really well. The sad part is the mall that they're hold there show in they are in the middle of this big re-construction and there just wasn't a whole lot of foot traffic which made it really sad, hopefully it will be better next year they will be done with all the reconstruction.

This weekend is rider Ed in Buckley, looking forward to seeing each and every one of you there. Dennis Black has done a outstanding job on getting all the classes and everything put together thank you Dennis you rock. We are all going up on Friday so we can go to Chapter Y gathering Friday night looking forward to that.

The next weekend which is the 20th and 21st it is Surf Watch chapter E, I have to say if you never been to this one you really want to take it in, talk about a lot of fun having fun at the beach you can't go wrong there.

The same weekend is writer Ed Eastside, looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Then the weekend of the 28th chapter P swap meet in Longview Washington looking forward to that, think it's going to be a good thing it's not just for motorcycles except we encourage all motorcycles to bring their stuff to swap out but they'll be other vendors there besides just motorcycles stuff. So y'all can see it's already getting busy busy busy but it's a good busy I'm very excited about everything that is going on and trying to take it all in.

There is been some questions about how to retrieve a mascot from other chapters, I did some checking and there's no rules or regulations wrote out anywhere that I can fine so I'm going to set some rules and regulations so we're all on the same page.

There must be six members in their colors to be able to pick up a mascot from a gathering.

If there is two chapters there with the same amount of members then it would go to the one that is the furthest away from the chapters there visiting.

Pretty much the same regulations and rules that apply to the traveling trophy apply to the mascots. Hope this helps everybody get on the same page.

Have you all, checked out the countdown to the district convention 2015 on our web page? If you have not, check it out pretty cool John, great job. Talking about the district convention 2015 I get so excited, we're working so hard on it this year, At the bike show we will be giving out trophies this year. During the bike show so you'll be able to see who wins and what they've won. Great big thank you has to go out to Chapter O for taking on the bike show preparing and doing it for our district convention 2015 we really appreciate you all. We are having all kinds of fun, putting this together for you all looking forward to it, hope you all too. Till next month,

Keep the Sunny side up and the rubber side down.

District Director Reggie and Chuck Porter





**Washington Assistant District Directors – west side
Garry and Maxine Alexander**



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GET READY



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





Hello Washington District

Dennis & Terri Black

WHERE DID WINTER GO??

With the weather as it has been, did the riding season really leave us this year? I have been able to ride to work at least once a week this winter. Before running out for your ride, do a mental check and make sure you took care of everything, on your bike and gear that you meant to take care of this winter. Is your heated gear plug in working? Is your rain gear patched up from the last time you wore it?

Complete a thorough T-CLOCK. The time to find an issue is when you're sitting in your garage, not 100 miles away. If you are going on a ride with a newer rider (or a new to you rider), listen to what they say and act on it. My son said that the motorcycle he borrowed, was feeling a little "SQUISHY" in the corners. The rear tire was 20 pounds under inflated with the front 10 pounds under. While checking this out I noticed that you couldn't see any fluid in the front brake reservoir. But then, who needs brakes, they just slow you down...

Use the following links to print out the appropriate T-clock for your ride to make sure you don't miss anything.

Motorcycle:

http://gwrra.org/regional/ridered/Forms/N.17MotorcycleTCLOCSVersion_2011_06.pdf

Trike:

http://gwrra.org/regional/ridered/Forms/N.18GWRRATrikeCheckVersion_2011_06.pdf

Trailer:

http://gwrra.org/regional/ridered/Forms/N.19GWRRATrailerCheckVersion_2011_06.pdf

Sidecar:

http://gwrra.org/regional/ridered/Forms/N.21GWRRASidecarRigCheckVersion_2011_06.pdf

There is still time to sign up for both of the upcoming Workshops/Seminars. Don't miss out on your chance to get together with your friends and enjoy the day taking classes and refreshing your knowledge of riding safely. Chapter WA-O has graciously volunteered to take care of the lunch for us.

"Cover anything you want to use later in life"

Dennis & Terri Black WA District Educators





Vic Parr

Motorist Awareness

CONSPICUITY

Safe Driving Tips for Motorists

Extracted from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety website.

About half of all motorcycle crashes involve a collision with another vehicle. In many crashes, the driver never saw the motorcyclist — or didn't see the rider until it was too late. There are many reasons why other drivers do not see motorcyclists.

- Most car drivers aren't familiar with motorcycles and don't look for them in traffic.
- Motorcycle riders often wear leathers which are usually dark in color and can easily blend into the background.
- Motorcycles are smaller than other vehicles, so they are more difficult to spot in traffic and can be hidden by other vehicles or roadside features.
- Daytime headlight use does not give motorcycle riders much of an advantage anymore, due to the widespread use of daytime running lights on cars.
- The smaller size and single headlight on the motorcycle make it more difficult for other drivers to judge a rider's speed and distance.

The Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Center encourages everyone — drivers and motorcyclists — to practice these techniques to make motorcycling safer for everyone.

- When turning left: Most crashes between vehicles and motorcycles involve turning left at an intersection. If crossing traffic or turning left, look twice for motorcycles before turning.
- Blind spots: Motorcycles are easily hidden in traffic. Always take a second look over your shoulder — don't rely solely on your mirrors.
- Weather: Rain and sun glare can make a motorcycle "invisible." Take an extra moment to make sure the way is clear.
- Signals: Use turn signals. This allows the rider to anticipate traffic flow and find a safe lane position.
- Larger vehicles: Cars and trucks can conceal a motorcycle traveling behind it. Take an extra moment after a larger vehicle passes before beginning a turn
- Eye contact: Motorcyclists make eye contact often to feel confident that other drivers see them. Give a nod back to acknowledge them.
- Distance: Motorcyclists prefer to use a large space cushion, allowing them more time to react. Do not cut in front of a motorcycle and eliminate the safe following distance.
- Signals: Most motorcycle turn signals do not cancel automatically. If a cycle is coming, and the signal is flashing, wait a moment for the cycle to pass.





**District Membership Coordinators
Pete and Lynda Goetz**



**GREETINGS FROM YOUR DISTRICT
MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT COORDINATORS,
PETE & LYNDA GOETZ**

As Chapter Directors, we know the importance of treating each member as we would like to be treated. When we moved to Woodland, Washington ten years ago, we felt like fish out of water. Moving to a new area can be a little daunting. Before moving to Washington, we had been members and held office in other motorcycle groups located in Rhode Island and California, where we left behind many good friends. But, it was up to us to check out the local groups in our new surroundings and introduce ourselves. Luckily, Chapter WA-X stuck out their hands and welcomed us. Now, it's important for us to remember that "strangers in a strange land" feeling when inviting new members into the GWRRA Family. Each individual is unique and brings their own viewpoints, including how a motorcycle group should be organized. The positive side is that new members can bring new ideas, which benefit everyone.

Luckily, the Membership Program in GWRRA provides some ways to increase involvement by chapter members, by including more people to have **FUN**. Without **FUN**, no one would be involved in any activity! The best way to increase most people's involvement is by surrounding them with other folks that want the same thing, basically they want to ride their motorcycles and enjoy the people who are sharing the road.

We have valued every position that we have held in GWRRA and are looking forward to serving the membership as your Directors of the Membership Enhancement Program. We have already met many friends that make up GWRRA and look forward in sharing future rides, along with participating in the many planned events.

Presently, we're excited about plans for the upcoming District Convention in July. As District MECs, our concentration is also directed to the Area Reports, encouraging new and prospective members and improving membership retention. Most importantly, to emphasize the best benefit of joining GWRRA: **HAVING FUN!**





**Roy and Pearl McKenzie – Leadership
Membership Training**

OFFICERS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

In 2010, our national organization released a program to certify all who were serving in any capacity of leadership. This was to ensure that everyone was on the same page as they served. All speaking and teaching from the same level of understanding as to what GWRRA is all about along with changing some misconceptions along with challenging some assumptions that exist.

At that time the required classes took a full day and a half to complete. This caused a burden for some participants to participate in because of travel and other constraints such as jobs, family and other commitments. This time requirement has subsequently been reduced to one full day with the option of taking the class on-line.

While the classroom portion has been reduced, the information and purpose remains the same. To provide our volunteer leaders with all the information they need to be successful in their positions by being consistent at all levels.

Our whole mission is to serve you, the members, by providing the best possible informed leaders as they work toward success in their positions.

For your information; District Leadership, is looking at a date sometime in the fall of this year to conduct an OCP training class District wide. I don't have a date at this time but as soon as it comes together I will let you know. This class will be open to any and all members who may want to know more about the operation and to increase your knowledge about being a volunteer leader in your local chapter or even beyond. While it is no longer a required class for leadership, we want to encourage everyone to take this class when it does come about. The information is excellent and will enhance your GWRRA experience.

If you have any questions about the OCP program, please contact me.

Keep in mind, our GWRRA motto, friends for fun safety and knowledge. The more you know the better it gets.

Be safe have fun
Roy McKenzie
District trainer



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	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	SUN	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

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
Poker Run Chapter X 24th

Sep-15

Oyster Feed Chapter P 18th – 20th NEW LOCATION

Oct-15

Halloween Dance Chapter Q 10–24–15

Nov-15

International Motorcycle Show - Seattle ??

Dec-15

Festival of Lights Chapter D 12 – 12–15

