



# Washington District News Letter REGION I April, 2015



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

Hello everyone,

Well here it is spring and I think spring is sprung, we blink and riding season is upon us. Hooray!!! Hooray!!!

It has been a busy month first things first, have to give a big shout out to Dennis And Terry Black for an outstanding Rider Ed leadership in Buckley last month, we had some really good classes, really good structure and for the first time ever doing in putting together you did an outstanding job, THANK YOU and just know you are so appreciated. Another big shout out to Mr. Roy Mckenzie for getting us the church we wouldn't be able to have this wonderful place if it wasn't for him so we just want you to know how much we appreciate you stepping up and taking care that for us thank you thank you thank you.

Another great time we had in the month of March, is if you miss Surfed Watch for Chapter E you missed out, what a great time we all had and want to great job Chapter E did, hats off to you Chapter E.

We also had the great privilege of taking in Chapter P first swap meet last month, what a great turnout they had for that, all the vendors that showed was very pleased with what the outcome was and has already made reservations for next year. So way to go Chapter P good job done looking forward to next years.

April 4 we got to go, east of the mountains to Prosser Washington and experience the multi chapter M and R gathering what a nice turnout y'all had, nice job done way to go guys.

So as you can tell the month of March was a busy month, hopefully the chapters made a little money had a good time, was good to see everybody looking forward to the month of April and May.

April 11 chapter E early spring fun run hopes to see everybody there should have a blast. Then we will be going April 19 off to Spokane Washington to be there for the chapter N brownbag auction on the 19th looking forward to seeing everyone there. Then May 9 we will be going to chapter Q crazy ride, then May 15 through the 18th is Chapter BC – G Victorian days not sure I'll make that, but I'm going to try. May 16 Chapter M's Fun Run east of the mountains, May 22 through the 25th is Desert Spring fling in Kennewick Washington chapter L everybody looks forward that. And to finish out may we have Washington B harvest run on May 30.

So as you were reading this you can tell there's something going on almost every weekend, hooray, it is wonderful to get out and support all the chapter, and as we all know, when we show your support to others it usually comes back tenfold. Soon as you can see we will be out and about looking forward to spending time with each and every one of you.  
Your District Director, Reggie and Chuck Porter





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Please keep Gary and Maxine in your prayers, there hanging in there but need prayers, thank you



Hello wingers, I've been going through all the pins and patches I have. I have a lot! I started getting them altogether, and discovered that I'm missing some. So if anyone is wanting to get rid of their pins I would sure like to have them. I'm going to make a display board and show them at different Rally's, to show people what has happened in our state, and other states in Region I. Georgia Finley and I are trying to compound a history of the different Rally's, Chapters, District, Region, and National. Our first District Rally was in 1980 at Leavenworth WA. Our region was called Region G it included WA, OR, ID, CA, and NV. Region G's first annual Rally at Yuba City California in 1985. Sometime later we became Region P. At the time it was just Washington and Oregon, then we became Region I. The dates of these changes I don't have, but I will find out. As you read this article the Multi-Chapter netting will have happened, for I'm writing the day of the meeting

**East side Assistant Directors**

**Wally and Anna Wallingford**





## Hello Washington District

Dennis & Terri Black



### Rider Education Seminars

As I sit at a hotel in Pasco, WA, having just finished dinner with a great set of people from the east side; I am forced to reflect on what has happened the last 2 weekends and the impact that we have had. 21 Instructors sacrificed several hours of their personal time to review and rehearse their seminar, to educate a couple hundred members. Almost every seminar available from the GWRRA selection was given on both sides of the mountain, Along with multiple Motorist Awareness but unfortunately, a CPR and 1<sup>st</sup> Aid class only available to the West Side. And even though the seminars are exactly the same one downloaded from the GWRRA website, each Presenter adds their own flavor and experience to the class, almost making each one uniquely different.

I would like to thank the following individuals for their time and sacrifice helping out our members in becoming better educated riders and co-riders: Vic Parr, Dottie Yarnell, Bob Minor, Violet Urquardt, Randy Davis, Roy McKenzie, Reggie Porter, Ted Moore, Mike Hudnell, Mike Briggs, Bruce McMahill, Sandra McMahill, Jim Dutton, Mike Turner, Janet Turner, Mike Messenger, Lloyd and Georgia Finley, Tom Denney, Herb Powers and Don Eide. Not to forget any of the Special Guests that took time out of their schedule's to help us out: Dale Gray (Owner/Mechanic, South Bound Honda, Tacoma, WA), Dave Hoffman (Trucking Supervisor, Praxair, Fife, WA), Jay Tizon (Manager, Cycle Gear, Tacoma, WA), Rich Nelly (Owner, Insurance Providers, Lakewood, WA), Brian Tungesuik (BCSO Motor Deputy, Sheriffs Department, Franklin County, WA) and Dusty Powers (Washington State Driver Awareness, Tri-Cities, WA). Just to show your appreciation, the next time you see any of these members or our special guests, thank them. A little gratitude goes along way. This list is cut a little short of thanking everyone that was working behind the scenes to pull each of these endeavors off. The pre-registration, breakfast spreads, lunch's (excellent job on both sides of the mountains by the way), set up and take down of the furniture and lastly the cleanup. Without everyone's help, we as educators and instructors could not do our jobs nearly as effectively or easily.

Lastly, **"Thank You"**, to all that attended. By attending these workshops you make our sacrifice worth it to us.

Terri and I are looking forward to seeing everyone soon at a chapter function or at the District Convention in Port Townsend, WA.

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

Dennis & Terri Black

Washington District Educators



Vic Parr

Motorist Awareness

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## Safe Driving Tips for Motorists

Extracted from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety website.

### Additional Safe Driving Tips

- Watch aggressively for motorcycles.
- Search the traffic constantly and expect to see motorcycles.
- Check blind spots before changing lanes or merging, especially in heavy traffic.
- Double-check traffic at intersections before turning or pulling out.
- Motorcycles can easily be hidden in traffic. Look for a helmet above, tires below, or a shadow alongside a vehicle.
- Anticipate hazards that may confront the motorcyclist and predict how the motorcyclist may react to the situation.
- Poor road conditions, bad weather, flying debris, oil slicks, and heavy traffic pose high risks for motorcyclists.
- Allow a minimum three-second "space cushion" when following a motorcycle.
- Pick out a fixed object ahead of you. When the motorcycle passes the object, count off, "one thousand one, one thousand two...." If you haven't passed the same object after two seconds, your following distance meets the two-second minimum.
- In poor driving conditions, at higher speeds and at night, use a four or five-second following distance to give the motorcyclist more space.
- Watch out when turning left.
- Because motorcycles are smaller than other vehicles, it is harder to see them and more difficult to judge their approach speed in traffic.
- Share the road.
- Do not drive in the same lane as a motorcycle. It is unsafe and illegal.
- Treat motorcyclists with the same respect and courtesy you afford to other motorists.
- Observe and obey all traffic laws, signs and signals.
- Failure to obey and yield the right-of-way can result in the death or serious injury of a motorcyclist.
- Stay focused on the driving task. Inattentive driving is a major cause of vehicle-motorcycle crashes.
- Remove all possible distractions that can interfere with the driver's attention, and remove any objects that may block the driver's view.
- Looking Twice May Save A Life!





## Roy and Pearl McKenzie – Leadership Membership Training

### Leaders

As part of the Leadership Training Team in GWRRA, you are a LEADER. But remember that you are also a leader to your family, friends, and co-workers. People are always watching what we do, and how we handle everyday situations.

Have you ever wondered about how leaders think? There is a tremendous amount of intuition involved in our lives. Some people are born with great leadership intuition, and others have to work hard to develop and hone it. No matter how it evolves, the result is a combination of natural ability and learned skills. Intuition also helps leaders become **readers** of the numerous intangibles we are faced with.

Leaders are readers of their **situation**. In all kinds of circumstances, they capture details that elude others. Often you can tell that something is going on- you can just feel it. Usually by talking with your staff and other people, you are able to get the pulse of what is going on, and are able to track down potential problems before they get out of hand.

Leaders are readers of **trends**. Everything that happens around us does so in the context of a bigger picture. Leaders have the ability to step back from what's happening at the moment and see not only where they and their people have gone, but also where they are headed in the future. It's as if they can smell a change in the wind.

Leaders are readers of their **resources**. A major difference between achievers and leaders is the way they see resources. Successful individuals think in terms of what they can do. Successful leaders, on the other hand, see every situation in terms of available resources, such as: finances, raw materials, technology, and most important, people. They never forget that PEOPLE are their greatest asset.

Leaders are readers of **people**. Many politicians will say that when you walk into a room, if you can't tell who's for you and who's against you, you don't belong in politics. That statement also applies to leadership. Intuitive leaders can sense what's happening among people and almost instantly knows their hopes, fears, and concerns.

Leaders are readers of **themselves**. Finally, good leaders develop the ability to read Themselves, their strengths, skills, weaknesses, and current state of mind. They recognize the truth in the statement: "No one can produce great things who is not thoroughly sincere in dealing with himself."

The principles of leadership are constant, but the application changes with every leader and every situation. That's why it requires intuition. Without it, you can get blindsided, and that is something that can be avoided with proper planning. If you want to lead a long time, and be successful doing it, you need to use your powers of intuition.





# 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	Jerry McDonald	360-790-3910
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	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 10–20–15

**Nov-15**

International Motorcycle Show - Seattle ??

**Dec-15**

Festival of Lights Chapter D 12 – 12–15

