



Washington District News Letter REGION I June, 2015



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

Hello everyone,

I hope this finds everyone doing well, enjoying this wonderful fabulous weather that we are having, talking about nice riding weather hooray.

Well first things first I'm sorry we haven't had a newsletter out last month my fault things, and time got away from me so hopefully I can make up for it this month. I know a lot of you are aware of what's going on and those that don't hear you go.

Well it has been around two months we have found out that Chuck's cancer is back, we are going through chemo therapy in hope to slow the growth of the cancer.

We have had 4 sessions and so far things are going good. We have had A few side effects that we have dealt with. But all in all we are doing well. He still riding his bike every chance he can find to ride. Thank you to all of you for your prayers and your support we appreciate them and our extend GWRRA Family.

Let me tell you, time just keeps flying by, here it is ridding season, rally season time to get out and have some fun fun fun!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!😊

I tell you it's been very very busy we went to Kennewick to chapter L Spring fling way to go chapter L outstanding Rally was really nice. If you miss Spring Fling you missed out on a lot of fun, good times with good friends.

We headed to Milton Freewater chapter R Mountain Rondevoo, again a fantastic rally to go to great riding, Great food, and great time to share with Great Friends. Jim and Laura and your team did an outstanding job.

I want to send an apology out to chapter B, I'm sorry We missed your run, I've had reports on it was a lot of fun a lot of hard work and all I've heard is good stuff I'm sorry I missed it, so good job guys and gals.

We went to Reno Rondivoo had a great time was a great success they are saying it will be there again next year. Will wait-and-see.

Your district team and myself has been working on your District rally and I can't wait to see how you all like it. Can you believe it is two weeks away lots of stuff to get done? I am so excited it's going to come really fast; the early registration is coming up, deadline 3 July. CDs make sure you put it out to your members as a reminder to get the registrations in so they can save some money please. We use those numbers to go by for food drinks things that we need so it's very important that they get those into us. Looking forward in seeing each and every one of you there. Till next time, your district directors Reggie and Chuck Porter



Washington Assistant District Directors – west side



Garry and Maxine Alexander

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Welcome Home Maxine



East side Assistant Directors
Wally and Anna Wallingford



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. Out 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.



Washington district rally chapter challenge.

You are invited to participate in the dinner table decoration competition, Saturday night July 18.

There will be a \$50 gift certificate to be awarded for the best table.

This needs to include: chapter participation, mascots, your chapter colors, The happy day back to the 50s theme, costume, linens for the tables and tableware etc.

District will provide each chapter with at least a 6 foot table, if your chapter is big enough and you need more tables feel free to continue the decorations they have to be connected to make one table to be in the competition.

Thank you, Judy Thompson

Your WA, District Ambassador

Questions call Judy Thompson

360-261-0629 or 360-430-6286





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



The word “member” is described in the dictionary as “each of the persons composing a community”. It takes communication, ability to compromise and effort to decide what is best for the community. GWRRA is a community, sharing common goals to attract new members, promote safety, plan events and create an environment of fun and enthusiasm.

We’ve all experienced the negative forces when individuals become self-serving and ignore the goals and wishes of the community. When this happens, lines of communication are severed and a meeting room’s temperature definitely drops to an uncomfortable chill.

In 1977, GWRRA was created with just 7 members at the first meeting. Interestingly, the first chapter logo was a covered wagon – pretty good reminder to keep together and travel together! GWRRA welcomes all riders, no matter what make or model you ride.

Since that first chapter was formed in 1977, GWRRA has grown to over 60,000 members, with chapters in all 50 states, England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Channel Islands, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Denmark – quite an increase from the original chapter of 7 members! But the dedication to the GWRRA motto: Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge and goals remain the same: Be Seen, Be Safe and Have Fun.

Each member is important and their knowledge and experience is needed to bring in new ideas to each gathering and share the camaraderie and fellowship while enjoying the comfort of belonging to the largest family of touring motorcycles. There is no chapter problem that can’t be solved when everyone works together and then gets to share the good times!





Hello Washington District

Dennis & Terri Black

TEAM RIDING

During our drive over and back from attending WA-N's Brown Bag Auction, a definite must attend next year, we noticed several different types of Team Riding going on. From a very tight side by side group of 12 riders with less than 1 second from the bike in front and the one behind, to an almost comatose 9 motorcycles strung out for about 1/2 mile, most of them hugging the solid white line. Both scenarios create a very unsafe condition for all riders involved.

Referring to the GWRRA Team Riding Manual you will find what it takes to become an integral part of a Team ride.

<http://gwrra.org/regional/ridered/PDF%20Files/TeamRidingManualver2-5-25-05.pdf>

There are some general rules that you must accept and follow if you are planning on participating in a

Team Ride. Not necessarily in order of importance.

1. Show up with a full fuel tank and an empty bladder.
2. Be willing to ride the safest that you can and never cause an unsafe condition.
3. Keep the main communication channel clean and speak clearly.
4. Maintain your lane position and the proper following distance for the formation you are in.
5. Even if everyone has communications you should, at a minimum, know the hand signals for Follow Me, Stop/Slow, Single File, Double File and Hazzard in Road. All found in the attached manual above.
6. Have all of the gear you think you will need to complete the ride. Anywhere on the Westside that includes rain gear.

There are several Chapter Rides coming up in the next couple of months, that have a ride planned and I look forward to seeing everyone there, completing the ride safe and happy.

“Cover anything you want to use later in life”

Dennis & Terri Black WA District Educator





Vic Parr

Motorist Awareness

CONSPICUITY

When was the last time you were riding your motorcycle on the highway and someone either pulled in front of you from the other lane or almost wiped you out as they attempted to merge into your lane from an “on” ramp? You probably wondered why they didn’t check their mirrors to see if it was ok to take that position in your lane. Problem is, they may have checked their mirrors, but what they did not do was perform the “head check”. That simple action of turning their head and looking over their shoulder to see if a vehicle was next to them in the lane they wanted to occupy.

Now we have to examine our own driving habits. Are we aware of the other motorist in our immediate area? Are we preparing to switch lanes and then our peripheral vision makes us ask ourselves about the vehicle next to us “where did that beast come from”? Are we expecting a moving object (car, truck, motorcycle, bicycle, pedestrian) to suddenly appear from a blind spot? Or are we the one coming out of a “hidden” area and giving the other driver insufficient reaction time in order to avoid a collision?

Although May is designated as Motorcycle Awareness month, we need to be aware of other motorists around us as well. Drive like our lives depend on it – they do.





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

On October 10, 2015 Washington District will be holding its annual Leadership Training Workshop in Buckley. So, now is the time to put it on your calendar and begin making plans to get as many of your members there as possible.

The leadership Training Division has as its focus to provide training for you as a Chapter Leader. That will increase your confidence and rate of success to our membership. That information will enhance their experience in GWRRA by increasing their knowledge and ultimately encourage and prepare them to take the next step to become the next generation of chapter leadership and eventually going to the next level.

Now is the time to start thinking about what it is that interests you and what you would like to know more about. Leadership Training has eight training venues with multiple classes available to you with something for everyone, regardless of how long you have been an officer or member of GWRRA. If you will please let us know what you would like to learn at the workshop we will get it put together for you.

Our goal is to do something new and fresh this year and we need your help by letting us know what interests you.

Going into summer, we hope to see all of you at the District Rally in Port Townsend in July. The registration forms are available on the district web site. Download one and send it in. You will not be disappointed.

**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 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



Your Vendors for the 2015 District Rallie

On the Go Products

Marry Kay

American Laser Works

Glass Act

Firecreek Accessories

Walkingshaw Ent.

California Heat

Weber Woods & Quilts

All About RhineStones

Glass Act

These our coming for sure, still working on some others, should here back by the end of the week.