

# GWRRRA



# WA-E

October 2009

Gold Wing Road Riders Association:  
Big Sky, Region I & WA District



*"Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"*

Message from our Chapter Directors

October – ahh..the fall months. Well another motorcycle summer season is winding down as we move more into cooler months, slowly leaving summer behind. The leaves are turning beautiful shades, the days are getting shorter and daylight is less and less each day. Well, there are still days to ride your motorcycle and you should take advantage of every one of these days. We also need to pay careful attention as this is one of the most dangerous of all seasons. Now with the days getting shorter, riders need to pay particular attention, especially in traffic as those people in the cars are not looking for you and cannot see you. I know you say, we have big motorcycles with lots of lights and wear bright protective clothing, but for some reason, they still don't see you. Please remember to think defensively when riding into these fall months, so we can keep everyone safe and sound.



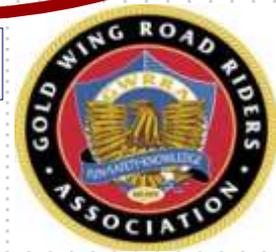
Also in October we have a couple of really special events, the 2009 Washington District Leadership Conference in Buckley on October 10<sup>th</sup>. This year the trainers in our district have gone all out and have changed the format and classes. There will be many new and exciting classes and information to provide to you, the chapter member. There will be classes on Facebook, Photography, and Geo-caching, just to name a few. Also in addition, the chapter will pay the fee for those members who attend this wonderful day of education and fun. This is not just for leaders but is open to every member, so please if you can attend, I would recommend it. There is information on our website and also on the district website with the flyer and class syllabus, so please check it out!! In addition, Halloween is right around the corner. I wonder what our crazy chapter members are planning for the Halloween party. Hmm..there have been some really cool and interesting costumes over the last few years and I am sure this year will be better. If you have not been to the Halloween party, I would suggest you start looking for a costume now and prepare to have a great time with your fellow Chapter E members. **This year's party is on the 30<sup>th</sup>**, so it will give you an opportunity to come and show off your creativity, your costume and have some fun right before the official date of the 31<sup>st</sup>. **Remember, don't leave your camera around, or you might see something on it that might scare you..<wink><wink>...**

Remember, if you see something that you think the Chapter would like to do and/or see, please feel free to let us know. We would be happy to take any and all ideas and suggestions to **'our' chapter membership to see if this is something we can all do as a group.** This is YOUR Chapter, so please send all of your suggestions along and we will see what we can do to incorporate those into our Chapter gathering and events.



Till next month—let's ride!!

John & Barb



Next Chapter Meeting  
Saturday  
October 17, 2009  
At  
**Denny's Diner**  
2233 148th Ave NE  
Bellevue, WA  
Breakfast: 8:00 AM  
Meeting: 8:30 AM





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## Washington District & Region 2009 Calendar of Events

- OCT 10 DISTRICT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE in Buckley, Registration form at ([http://www.gwrra-wa.org/Flyers/2009\\_Leadership\\_Flyer.pdf](http://www.gwrra-wa.org/Flyers/2009_Leadership_Flyer.pdf))
- OCT 23-25 Motorcycle Mall Show 23-25
- OCT 24 Halloween Dance WA-Q
- NOV 11 Veterans Day WA-B
- DEC 12 Festival of Lights WA-D

*\* This calendar is subject to change.*

Check the Washington GWRRRA web site for flyers and contact information at [www.gwrra-wa.org](http://www.gwrra-wa.org) for any events you wish to participate with.



## Rider Education

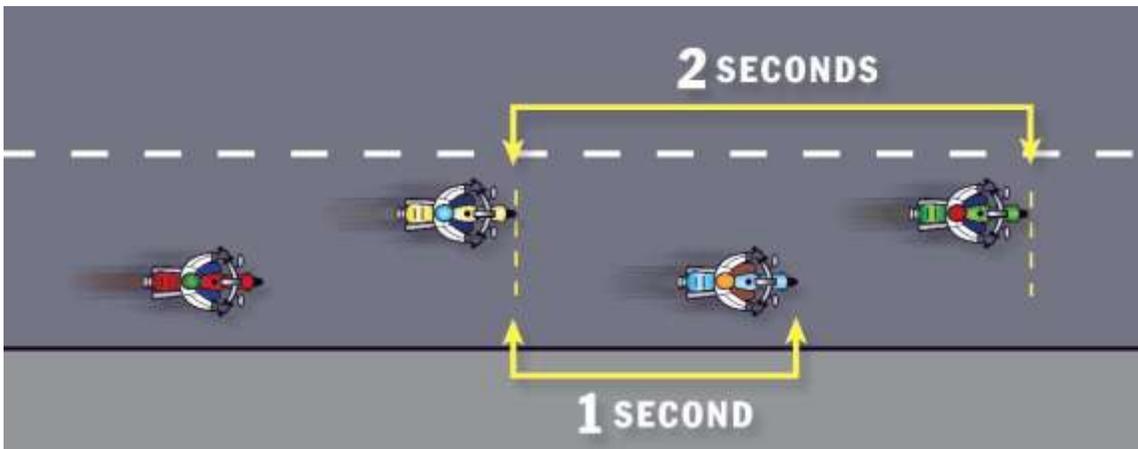


### Why We Need The Staggered Formation

*By Ron Peck, Chapter E Educator*

An unfortunate thing happened last week in Northern Oregon: a group of 30 riders were traveling on I-5 between Portland and Salem when they encountered stop and go traffic. At some point during the ride traffic came to a complete stop and there was a mass collision among the bikes. Twenty bikes were involved and 10 went down. It was a nice day with dry pavement, so the only apparent reason was that they were following too closely to the cars in front and to each other, and they weren't paying close enough attention to their environment.

As you all know, the recommended spacing of motorcycles in a group is to be 2 seconds behind the bike immediately in front of you and 1 second behind the bike diagonally in front of you. This is done to give you sufficient time to react if something happens.



This also implies that you stay in your track and don't move from side to side in the lane. The obvious exception to this is when you have to move to avoid a problem (pothole, gravel, bodies, etc.) Hopefully, these problems will be pointed out by the lead bike.

A single-file formation is preferred on a curvy road, under conditions of poor visibility or poor road surfaces, entering/leaving highways, or other situations where an increased space cushion or maneuvering room is needed.

Avoid side-by-side formations, as they reduce the space cushion. If you suddenly needed to swerve to avoid a hazard, you would not have room to do so. You don't want handlebars to get entangled.

Periodically check the riders following in your rear view mirror. If you see a rider falling behind, slow down so they may catch up. If all the riders in the group use this technique, the group should be able to maintain a fairly steady speed without pressure to ride too fast to catch up. Large gaps between riders may tempt cars to slip inside the group on multi-lane highways, especially when they are passing on the right.

A nice tight formation might look great, but can cause problems if the unexpected happens, so be aware...





## Chapter E Library

- ◆ Book: Street Strategies by David L. Hough
- ◆ VHS: Co-Rider from GWRRA (2002)
- ◆ VHS: Part 1: Helmet Effectiveness (Hurt Report)
- ◆ VHS: GWRRA & Safeco present Touring & Braking / Trailering (1996)
- ◆ VHS: Basic Maintenance of the 1500 Goldwing with Andy MacDonald
- ◆ VHS: Advanced Maintenance for the 1500 Goldwing with Andrew MacDonald
- ◆ Report: Impaired Motorcycle Riding: What Motorcyclists Think About Alcohol and Motorcycling, February 2001
- ◆ Book: Proficient Motorcycling by David L. Hough
- ◆ VHS: Gary Sanford's Slow Speed Cycling Seminar
- ◆ Part 2: Co-Rider from GWRRA (Pre-2002)
- ◆ VHS: Buying Motorcycle Helmets (Snell Memorial Foundation)
- ◆ Report: Fatal Single Vehicle Motorcycle Crashes, October 2001
- ◆ Report: Drowsy Driving and Automobile Crashes



In the next Chapter E Newsletter, look for the story about Sue Howe and Bob Watson's great adventure across country ride this year. It sounds like they had quite a lot of fun and saw many wonderful places of our great country.



# Whistler 2009

By Barb Smith



On Friday September 11, 2009 a group of Chapter E folks headed north to Whistler, BC in search of fun, adventure and fabulous riding. As usual we were not disappointed. Bob & Patty Spencer, Dave & Leah Steik, Bob & Carolyn Reagle, John & Barb Smith and Jim Pelican met at Canyon Park Starbucks for an early departure. We took the beautiful northern route through Hope and Pemberton, BC. Dave & Sheila Chavez and Ron & Lana Peck decided to leave a wee bit later and take the Sea to Sky Highway directly to Whistler. Scott & Karla Edwards left Thursday providing enough time to ride an expanded version of the northern route. We all arrived by late afternoon and began our third annual Whistler weekend of FUN!

Friday evening was all about food and drink while Saturday brought adventure. Some enjoying the local riding and for others while on horseback. Eight hearty souls traded in our iron horses for some good ole four legged horses. The journey consisted of about 1 ½ hours of riding with some water fun thrown in the midst. The horses had a mid ride stop at the river and they all started splashing themselves and **their riders. Leah's horse decided to lay down in the river with Leah still astride.** Good thing she is as agile and was able to jump off before the horse pinned her under him. The whole river scene was pretty comical! It was quite fun but after 1-2 hours on that hard saddle I was very happy to be sitting on my comfy motorcycle "saddle".



On Sunday morning we bid farewell to Scott and Karla as they were headed for home. Bob Spencer, Dave Chavez & John Smith took to the hills on quads and rode all the way to the edge of the glacier on Blackcomb. They had a great time even though John crashed, ripped his pant leg. No medical attention was required, a few beers that evening did the trick! That was good thing, as **we did not want a repeat of last year... ouch!** While the quad riders were on their adventure, Barb, Dave Steik & Ron took to the skies, well sort of, we went zip lining. As high **and as fast as we were traveling it sure felt like flying. That's 3 years in a row I've been zip lining, I am now** campaigning for volunteers to go Bungee Jumping with me next time!



Sunday afternoon brought adventures as well. Bob Reagle had a mountain bike lesson, those mountain bike riders up **there don't mess around. Kudos to Bob for venturing into** the world of that sport.) We all rode the Whistler Village Gondola to the Roundhouse Lodge for lunch and then took the new Peak to Peak Gondola which spans the distance between Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains. What amazing scenery, it is simply beautiful in that area. As we all headed for home on Monday morning, I believe there was total agreement that this had been another successful **Chapter E journey. I can't wait for next year and our end** of summer weekend ride!

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#### WA-District:

<http://www.gwrra-wa.org>

#### Region I:

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### October Birthday's

Dick Stryker	5
Karen Roberson	10
Don Hopkins	13
Jimm Burk	15
Willy Rosenow	17
Jim Pelican	25
Kathy Johnson	31

### October Anniversaries



Bob & Patty Spencer	4
Doug & Sandy Newbury	6
Rick & Marietta Dewitt	21
John & Barb Smith	22
Russell & Lee Ann Greaby	31

Note from the Newsletter Editor, *Sheila Chavez*

Please contact me with information, articles and/or pictures you would like to share with Chapter E members in our newsletter.

*Special Reminder: Don't forget to look for your membership number hidden somewhere in our newsletter. If you find your number, this could mean \$ for you if you tell us at the Chapter E meeting of the month of the newsletter. We encourage you to identify yourself at the meeting.*



If we have missed any announcement, birthday or anniversary please email me with dates, names and information. If you have pictures and/or stories, please attach them to your email.

Email Sheila @ [dashwae@comcast.net](mailto:dashwae@comcast.net)



If you have pictures to add to the Chapter E Website please email John Smith, Chapter E Chapter Director, Assistant District Director & Webmaster @: [allabout@verizon.net](mailto:allabout@verizon.net)

# Gold Wing Road Riders Association Upcoming Calendar of Events

## OCTOBER

Oct 3<sup>th</sup> Chapter E - PLP (Parking Lot Practice) at Redmond HS at 9AM, weather permitting. Please RSVP with Ron Peck via email ([ron@peckmanor.com](mailto:ron@peckmanor.com)) if you are interested in attending this event. He will setup and coordinate the PLP and could use a little help with doing that, so please let us know if you would be willing to help and are going to attend. Coffee will be provided. This is the last PLP of this year..



Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 2009 Washington District Leadership Conference at the Rainer Christian Fellowship Church in Buckley, Washington. The chapter will pick up the fee if you pre-register, so what are you waiting for!! There will be many new classes and seminars presented, so this is a great opportunity to come and have some fun and learn a few things at the same time. **Let's have a big showing from Chapter E at the event.** This is not just for the leadership team and there will be something for everyone, so please register now. The Leadership Conference Flyer/Matrix can be found at: <http://www.gwrra-wa.org>

Oct 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter "E" Breakfast/Meeting – Denny's in Overlake. We will finally get Ron Peck installed as the Chapter Educator, so please come and support him and your chapter at our monthly chapter meeting.

Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> Chapter "E" Thursday Dinner Social at 6PM. Location is TBD for the moment. Please keep checking the Eagle Eye for the location information as we get closer to the date.

Oct 24<sup>th</sup> WA-O Halloween Dance at the Poodle Dog Restaurant in Fife at 6PM. From everything I have heard, this is an awesome 'O' event. **Let's try to get a group together for this event.** The ladies could use the 'Scooter Girls' shirts and the guys could go as the '50's' theme we did at the District Rally – **Don't want to give away your costume ideas for the 'E' Halloween party, but think this would be a kick and we would all have a good time.** Please let me know if you are interested and we can get the group together and caravan down to Fife together. The WA-O Halloween dance flyer is a little large (6MB) but is located at: [http://www.gwrra-wa.org/Flyers/2009\\_WAO\\_Halloween.pdf](http://www.gwrra-wa.org/Flyers/2009_WAO_Halloween.pdf)

Oct 30<sup>th</sup> Chapter 'E' Halloween Party at the Smith's at 6PM. Just a reminder to start looking for your costume now, so you can be looking good for this annual event. **Can't wait** to see what everyone has come up with for this year. If the last couple of years are any indication, this year will be good..

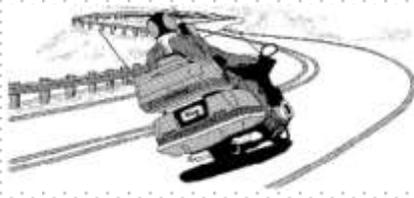
Additional information can be found at our website: <http://www.gwrra-wae.org>

Oct 23-25 WA-F All Motorcycle Mall Show at the South Hill Mall in Puyallup. Should be a great time with lots of bikes. You can also enter your bike if you would like. The theme for this year is 'Outdoor Recreation' and the flyer is located at the Chapter F website: [www.gwrra-waf.org](http://www.gwrra-waf.org)

→Have you read the Washington District newsletter for October located at:

<http://www.gwrra-wa.org/Newsletters/D200910.pdf>

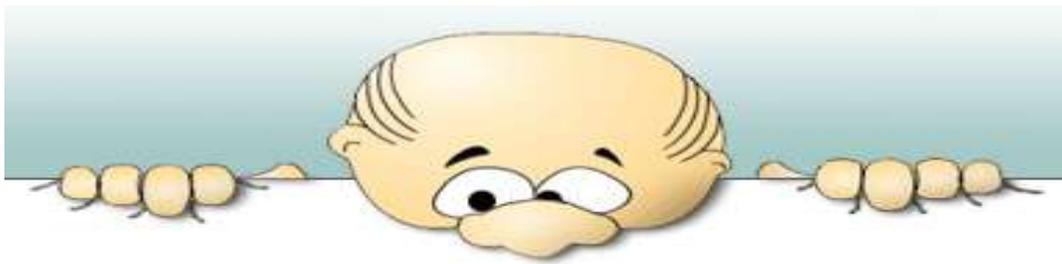




GWRRA Washington District Chapter Gathering Sites

4th Saturday	9:00AM	A-Seattle	★ New location Old Country Buffet, 25630 104th Ave. SE, Kent, WA
1st Sunday	9:00 AM	B-Bremerton	Bremerton Eagles, 205 6th St., Bremerton, WA
2nd Saturday	8:00 AM	C-Everett	Petosa's Restaurant, 1216 Broadway, Everett, WA
2nd Sunday	8:30 AM	D-Aberdeen	Duffy's Restaurant, 1605 Simpson Ave, Aberdeen, WA
4th Sunday	8:30 AM	F-Tacoma	Eagles#3563, 22316 Mountain Hwy E, Spanaway, WA
2nd Tuesday	6:30 PM	H-Lynden	Fairway Restaurant, 1726 Front St, Lynden, WA
3rd Sunday	8:30 AM	I-Olympia	★ Olympia VFW Hall, Olympia, WA
2nd Saturday	8:00 AM	L-Kennewick	Cousin's Restaurant, 4605 N 68, Pasco, WA
1st Saturday	8:00 AM	M-Yakima	The Branding Iron Restaurant, 61311 Hwy 97, Toppenish, WA
3rd Sunday	8:30 AM	N-Spokane	Golden Corral Restaurant, 7117 N Division, Spokane, Wa
4th Saturday	8:00 AM	O-Port Orchard	Airport Diner, 8803 State Hwy 3 SW, Bremerton National Airport
3rd Saturday	8:00 AM	P-Longview	Izzy's Pizza Bar Three Rivers Mall Complex, Longview, WA
1st Friday	7:00 PM	Q-Puyallup	Hangar Inn, 16919 A Meridian E, Puyallup, WA
1st Saturday	8:00 AM	R-Walla Walla	★ Oasis Restaurant. Milton-Freewater
1st Saturday	8:30 AM	V-Auburn	Old Country Buffet, 1816 S. 320th St. Federal Way, WA.
1st Saturday	8:30 AM	X-Vancouver	Billygan's Roadhouse, 13200 NE Hwy 99, Vancouver, WA
2nd Friday	6:30 PM	Y-Enumclaw	Krain Corner Restaurant, 39929 264th SE, Enumclaw, WA
2nd Saturday	5:30 PM	Z-Centralia	Kickstand Restaurant, in Napavine at Exit 71 off I-5, Napavine, WA

## Some Useful Gold Wing Links



<http://www.goldwingfacts.com/>

<http://www.aboutmotorcycle.com/>

<http://www.tourkingcovers.com/shop/>

<http://www.msf-usa.org/>

<http://soundrider.com/>

<http://www.wingstuff.com/index.php>

[http://www.goldwing-world.com/  
GL1800.htm](http://www.goldwing-world.com/GL1800.htm)

<http://www.gl1800riders.com/>

<http://www.hondadirectlineusa.com/stores/index.asp?str=4>

[http://www.motorbiketoday.com/reviews/Articles/hon\\_goldwing\\_04.htm](http://www.motorbiketoday.com/reviews/Articles/hon_goldwing_04.htm)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Motorcycle\\_safety](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Motorcycle_safety)





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