



**GWRRA CHAPTER "WA-N" SPOKANE**  
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CHAPTER WA-N  
GATHERING

**Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Breakfast at Golden Corral**  
**At 8:30**

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**February 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Chapter Dinner Social**  
**Wingers at 6PM**  
**Valley Mall**

**February 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**WA-L Bowling Challenge**  
**Pasco**

**March 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Eastside Rider Ed Workshop**  
**Pasco**

CHAPTER DIRECTOR:

Here we go in 2008, what with a great turn out for our first Gathering of the season. We had such a great time. Our new Assistant District Directors Hank and his lovely bride Marilyn Smith joined our Gathering to give us some idea of who they are and how they can be of great support to our Chapter. They both have been riding for many years and have held many positions within GWRRA, so they can be a major resource to us all. They are champions of having safe fun and I love those wild pants. I think Hank is trying to out do Ronnie Lopez. Speaking of Ronnie, hopefully you have received your applications to the final "Victoria Days" held in Ephrata, WA. This is usually the best attended rally that our Chapter attends on any given year. I hope that we can make it the best showing that we have ever had this year as a way of thanking WA Chapter-S. If you have not gotten an application or would like one sent to you, please contact me or see Ronnie at the Motorcycle show coming up February 22, 23, and 24<sup>th</sup>. Motorcycle show discount tickets are available at most of the motorcycle dealers in the area and Toyota or you may get some via the mail too. The price is \$10.00 per person and they offer free motorcycle parking around the new convention center also. Looking out this week at the weather, riding seems a long way into the future.

After the Gathering, we adjourned to Dale and Shirley Dufner's to have a meeting open to all our members, and for those wanting to become members, to help us plan this years fun things to do, and the way we would like to spend our money and discuss safety programs. Washington Chapter-N members were all sent out several forms to do a survey to voice your input in for the Chapter. Out of well over 100 members that we have for the Chapter, we got only a handful of returns. As I stated in last month's newsletter, if you want to make a difference or have a concern, this would be the best forum for you to use. All the replies could be sent in without names. So if you didn't have anything to say, or any concerns, we will assume that what we are doing is great. Thank you all that attended or sent in the surveys, your input was fabulous.

So what can you expect from WA- N at GWRRA?

We have decided for those wanting to increase or maintain their Rider Education Levels and are in good standing, that we will pay for you to take your CPR classes and 1st Aid classes or renewals.

We will no longer have two Brown Bag Auctions, but will host our "Annual Brown Bag Auction" in April on the 20th of the month.

We will also donate 10% of the money we raise from this auction and from our 50/50 or any other fund raisers to the "Candle lighters Foundation".

We have also added a program that we will hope will entice more involvement to our functions both Chapter and GWRRA functions. So if you go on our dinner rides, attend our GWRRA sanctioned events, you will earn a card of participation. We will hold a drawing every quarter, so bring your cards to the quarterly Gathering and you will

be in for a drawing for a fabulous gift or prize. This quarter you will have a chance to win a \$50.00 gift certificate to the Coeur D'Alene Resort. If you like food and I know we all do, you will love the Sunday Brunch!

Dinner rides, during the off season, we will continue to meet at the location for dinner at around 6 pm and then in May to September we will meet at a designated area and ride to the location and we should be at the location by 6:30 pm. Locations will be published one or two months in advance. We will be doing our dinner rides on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. We have suggested well over 12 restaurants to Dennis Howey and he will call the locations each month to let them know we are coming. Come join the fun and be with people with like interests. By the way, please invite new people to these functions or just meet us at the location if you can't ride.

Each month we will also have rides scheduled for after the Gathering, and you will have a choice of a short ride or a longer ride and we will post these in forth coming newsletters.

We are also looking to have several campouts with our chapter and please invite anyone else that would like to join us.

Suggested has been heading up to Priest Lake for a weekend, making a Saturday run to Missoula to have lunch at Famous Dave's BBQ and make a stop at Lincoln MT to go to the High Country Jerky Factory and then spend the night in Missoula and have a breakfast at the Cracker Barrel Old Country Restaurant. Maybe head back home via Lolo Pass or you can head back via I-90.

We have thought about going to Lake Wallowa in Oregon and staying at the State park for a weekend. As a chapter we would like to pay for the camping fees for one or two nights and we would rebate those in motels the same price as the tent campers. This time has to be scheduled rather soon as even with over 125 camping sites; they have a tendency to fill up rather quickly, so let us know if you might have a time preference to go.

As we have shown, your Chapter members have some great ideas and want to have fun. We understand that not everybody has all the time in the world to do long distant rides and so we want to provide you with great local rides too.

How about a ride to coast? We want your input.

With a time to reflect during the down time, I have had chance to re-read the book "Motorcycle Proficiencies". Mr. Hough has so many years of experience and suggestions to lower our risk levels. It gets me also very excited to get back on our bikes. I love teaching rider safety and we will start having parking lot practices has soon as the weather will allow us. Mr. Al French is exploring several places for us to host these events or if you have suggestions please let us know.

Remember, your Chapter is only as strong as the people that are involved in making it strong.

Tom McCollim  
Chapter Director

### **ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS:**

January is here and almost gone, but I wish I could say the same for the snow. On the positive side, spring is not that far away. I'm looking forward to riding again and enjoying the summer.

Shirley and I have been your Chapter Couple, as well as the District Couple, for the last year. We had planned on installing your new Couple of the Year at the January Gathering, but only half of the recipients were there. Both parties were at the planning session, so... it was with great honor and respect that Shirley and I got to install Dennis and Linda Howey as your new Chapter Couple of the Year for 2008. When you see them, please show them that you are proud that they've received this honor.

Looking forward to what's in store for us in 2008, the prospects are plentiful. The planning session went well and a lot of things were accomplished. Tom, Dale, Shirley, Don, Diana, Terri, Dave, Dennis and Linda were at the session. All in all, it was a good turn-out. We decided to pay the fees for CPR and First A training, continue to reimburse the fee for rider education seminars, and donate some funds to the Candle Lighters. We also discussed after-gathering rides - some long, some short - and overnight campouts. The group decided to schedule dinners on the second Wednesday of each month. A lot of establishments were mentioned and Dennis will make a list for the entire year, so you can plan. We'd like to thank all of you who sent your comments and suggestions in the survey. Your surveys were very helpful in the planning session.

March 15<sup>th</sup> is the Eastside Rider Education seminar in Pasco. The preregistration fee is \$15.00 and includes lunch. Registration forms are not out yet, but as soon as we have them, so will you. The Chapter will reimburse this cost when you turn in your receipt. It opens at 8:00 and the seminars start at 08:30. We will travel down that morning and return that night.

The lunch ride to the 59er Diner is May 31<sup>st</sup>, so plan ahead and join us. Last year, there were 28 people enjoying some good hamburgers and blackberry cobbler with ice cream. This year, we're discussing the possibility of including a campout at Swauk Creek Campground on Bluett Pass, for those who don't want to go straight home after lunch.

We've started a "Participation Drawing". A Participation Card will be given to every member who attends one of our events, other than the regular breakfast gathering. Each person who gets cards will be asked to bring them to a gathering, this time in April, for a special drawing for a special prize. We will do this drawing several times during the year. The Chapter Officers (CD and ACD) aren't eligible; it's just for the members.

Washington District Rally in Lyndon is just around the corner, July 17<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>. Shirley and I will plan our ride, and we invite you to ride over with us. This year's theme is "Family Reunion" and more time for socializing and riding is on the schedule. We'll have registration forms for you at our next gathering.

Dale (and Shirley) Dufner  
Assistant Chapter Directors

### **RIDE COORDINATOR:**

Well, we finally got it. The worst nightmare all of us "riders" dread. Yes, I'm talking about the extreme weather conditions that have hit our area this winter. It doesn't look like we'll be riding to the motorcycle show next month and the way things are looking at my house, I'll be lucky to get my bikes out of the yard by April. I can't believe I'm even thinking such awful thoughts. For the past few weeks now I've been watching the routes I take to and from work getting worse with every new storm that blows in. There are so many new potholes on North Wall that I won't need to ride Corkscrew Canyon to get my twisty fix this spring; just swerving to miss all the potholes will be more than a challenge. I've looked at several different routes home and they're all bad. We're all going to have to be extremely careful this spring when we can finally get our bikes on the road because of all the broken pavement, potholes, crack's and probably car parts we'll be dodging. That brings up a whole new set of concerns we need to be thinking about before we venture out for the year. What shape is your bike in? I know I'm going to have to put some new shocks and front fork springs on my Valkyrie for sure. There are several problems the bad roads create other than just potholes and road debris. The rough roads can cause worn shocks, loose nuts, bolts and body parts just to name a few. Since we're going to have an extra month or two before we can start riding, we all need to be thinking about making sure our bikes are in top condition to handle all the jarring these bad roads are going to be dishing out. Check you shock's and make sure they are in good working order, as they have a tremendous effect on how your bike handles under normal conditions. Go over your bike and look for worn or loose parts and accessories. Read your service manual for information on torque settings and maintenance guidelines. We're all going to be in a hurry to get on the roads when the snow clears, so now is the time to be working on your bike, making sure it's going to be ready for the pounding the roads are going to be handing out this year. Just remember, we're a group that stresses safety, and if your bike's not safe, it now not only endangers you and your rider, but the rest of us who are riding with you. If your bike has trouble on a ride, the people riding with you are going to be waiting while it gets back up and running. When we ride as a group, we go home as a group and don't leave fallen riders behind.

Life is short, ya gotta ride!

Dave Chromy  
Ride Coordinator

### **DARLA'S VIEWPOINT**

It is snowing, alot! Here we are deep into winter and more snow coming. Tom has a fire going in the wood stove and the satellite is on and off. Our new roof is covered with a blanket of snow and the leaky facet that I asked Tom to fix is turning into a huge bathroom remodel. There are no small fixes in a 100 year old house. Yet, there are signs of spring and things to come. I'm getting seed catalogs and dreaming of a weed free garden and 2lb heirloom

tomatoes. Tom spends his free time searching for our new 1800 Goldwing. His requirements are small, ABS, CB, trailer hitch and a real good bargain. This will be our first major purchase together and he wants it to be perfect. He will call me over to see an orange bike to match my hair, or a yellow (always his favorite) Goldwing but it's in Florida and only has a beverage cup holder. We have both eyed beautiful black and silver bikes and trikes from all over the country and can imagine us riding down the road this summer. Tom looks at each detail on every picture, noting each piece of chrome and each feature added, even the tread on the tires. The most he usually gets out of me is that I'll look and say its pretty and "I love rings of fire!" He is figuring the best way to bring one home from across the country, but I know that he hopes timing will work out that he can fly down and ride it back. Tom and I enjoyed helping to plan the GWRRA rides for the year. Looking forward to great road trips and I always look for new places to take great snapshots. I also am forming a private list for us. There are some days when you just have to hit the road. Tom and I have sat on the bike, helmets on, in the driveway and this conversation takes place... "Left or right, dear? I don't care. Where ever you want to go, Tom. Anyplace is fine with me; want to head north or south?" .....then 2 hours after we get home someone will say, I wish we had gone to.....so I am making a list to check off of what I hope will be fun rides. Tom loves to have a destination and something new to see.

Have you ever heard of Bickleton, WA? It is south of Granger and northeast of Goldendale....somewhere in there? and it is the Bluebird capital of the World! Starting about Valentines Day they start arriving for mating season. Two thousand bluebird houses line the fence posts and thousands of Blue Mountain bluebirds and Red-breasted Western bluebirds come and stay till October. There is the Bluebird Inn in "downtown" Bickleton is one of the two oldest saloons in Washington and the Whoop-n-Holler Ranch and museum is down the road. Who knew! I wonder if they have ice cream. If you have been or do go, let us know! Check out [www.bickleton.org](http://www.bickleton.org) for the town website.

Darla McCollim  
Newsletter Editor

### **2008 DINNERS FOR GWRRA WA CHAPTER 'N' IN SPOKANE**

At a meeting on January 20, 2008 we decided to hold our dinners the same night every month in 2008. This was done to provide advance notice and consistency so hopefully more people will decide to participate.

NOTE 1: We have already made reservations at Wingers for 6:00 PM the FIRST Wednesday on February 6<sup>th</sup> but all others will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday.

NOTE 2: All reservations are for 8-10 people but if we can get more than that, that's great.

NOTE 3: All reservations are made under 'Dennis Howey'.

DATES: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday every month

TIMES: October - April - 6:00 PM and meet at the restaurant. May - September meet somewhere at 6:00 PM and ride to the dinner and eat at about 6:30 PM.

- ? March - Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup> at TGI Fridays at 6:00 PM. PH 922-6604. ADD: 14728 E. Indiana in the Valley Mall. I've talked to them and they don't take reservations but say we really shouldn't have a problem. I'll call them again just before the date.
- ? April - Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup> at Tomato ST. at 6:00 PM. PH 484-4500. ADD 6220 N. Division at Market. I've talked to them. They take reservations for 8 or more people (don't let me down) and they also needed a maximum # (I gave them 15 but don't worry about that).
- ? May - Wednesday May 14<sup>th</sup> at Northern Quest Casino buffet at 6:30 PM. Meet at the Chevron service station at 6:00 PM at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Maple (across from the old Safeway) and we will ride to the casino. PH: 242-7000. ADD: 100 N. Hayford Rd in Airway Heights. I've talked to them and there should be no problem. They do want a 10% tip of 10 or more people.
- ? June - Wednesday June 11<sup>th</sup> at the White House Grill in Post Falls at 6:30 PM. Meet at the Chevron service station just south of the Mirabeau Motel at 1100 N. Sullivan at 6:00 PM and we will ride to the White House. PH: 208-777-9672. ADD: 712 N. Spokane ST Post Falls. I have made reservations.
- ? July - Wednesday July 9<sup>th</sup> at the Worley CDA Casino buffet at 6:30 PM. Meet in the Albertsons parking lot at the corner of Argonne and Trent at 6:00 PM and we will ride to the casino. PH: 1-800-523-2464. I have made reservations.

- ? August - Wednesday August 13<sup>th</sup> at the Prospector in Airway Heights at 6:30 PM. Meet at the Chevron service station at 6:00 PM at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Maple (across from the old Safeway) and we will ride to the Prospector. PH: 747-5579. ADD: 9105 W. SR 2. I've talked to them and made reservations but will need to call about a week before to confirm.
- ? September - Wednesday September 10<sup>th</sup> at O'Malley's Sports Pub & Grill in Rathdrum, ID at 6:30 PM. Meet in the Albertsons parking lot at the corner of Argonne and Trent at 6:00 PM and we will ride to O'Malley's. PH: 208-687-5996. ADD: 13742 W. Highway 53. They don't take reservations so I will need to call just before we go there and they will set up some tables for us.
- ? October - Wednesday October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Longhorn BBQ at 6:00 PM. PH: 924-9600. ADD: 2315 N. Argonne. I've talked to them and made reservations.
- ? November - Wednesday November 12<sup>th</sup> at Shari's at 6:00 PM. PH: 464-4870. ADD: 12505 N. Highway 395. They don't take reservations so I will call just before then to see if they can get us all together.
- ? December - Wednesday December 10<sup>th</sup> at Mamma Mia's at 6:00 PM. PH: 467-7786. ADD: 420 W. Francis. I've talked to them and made reservations.

Dennis Howey

**When in doubt, slow down. No one has ever hit something too slow!**

### DINING OUT IN FEBRUARY

I have made reservations at Wingers at 14742 E. Indiana (Valley Mall, PH 893-8057) for Wednesday February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM for 8-10 people. Directions: If you are coming from Sullivan and going west on Indiana, just make a left at the second stop light and get in the right hand lane and it's on your right on the first turn. It's the old Tony Roma's restaurant. Hope to see a lot of people there.

Dennis L. Howey  
dennishowey@yahoo.com

### REMINDERS and OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST:

#### **Membership Expirations**

Please check the expiration date for your GWRRA membership. And please let me or Duane know when you renew or if your phone or email changes. Because of security concerns, GWRRA no longer distributes monthly members' updates. So when your membership expires, we'll be asking if you've renewed and still want to receive this newsletter. I don't want to drop anyone from my mailing list in error, but I also don't want to send spam.

Shirley Dufner



**There is someone for everyone!**

#### **Vests**

If you're looking for a new vest, Chapter ID-H has some available in just your size - S to XXXL. The sale of these high-quality, custom-made vests will help support their chapter. If interested, please contact Sharon at (208) 773-1924.

## "WINGNUTS" EVENT SCHEDULE

### **FEBRUARY**

- 2 District Rider Ed Workshop (Buckley)
- 6 **WA-N Dinner Social at Wingers - 6:00PM**
- 9 WA-L Bowling Challenge
- 16 ID-H Breakfast at IHOP CdA - 8AM
- 17 **WA-N Breakfast at Golden Corral - 8:30AM**
- 22-24 Spokane Motorcycle Show

### **MARCH**

- 7-9 WA-D Mall Show
- 12 **WA-N Dinner Social at TGI Friday - 6:00PM**
- 15 District Rider Ed Workshop (Pasco)
- 15 ID-H Breakfast at IHOP CdA - 8AM
- 15-16 WA-E Surf Watch
- 16 **WA-N Breakfast at Golden Corral - 8:30AM**
- 22 WA-Z Oldies Dance

### **APRIL**

- 4 WA-Q Auction
- 5 WA-M&R Joint Breakfast
- 9 **WA-N Dinner Social at Tomato Street**
- 11-13 WA-Q Elma Rest Area
- 12 WA-C Spring Fever Run
- 19 ID-H Breakfast
- 20 **WA-N Brown Bag Auction**

### **MAY**

- 4 WA-M Fun Run
- 10 WA-F Crazy Ride
- 14 **WA-N Dinner Ride to Northern Quest**
- 17 ID-H Breakfast
- 18 **WA-N Breakfast**
- 23-26 WA-L Desert Spring Fling
- 31 **WA-N&Y 59er Diner Lunch**

### **JUNE**

- 6-8 WA-R Blue Mountain Rendezvous
- 7 WA-D Duck Hunt
- 11 **WA-N Dinner Ride to White House Grill**
- 12-14 Oregon District Rally - Prineville
- 13-15 WA-Q Elma Rest Area
- 15 **WA-N Father's Day Ride**
- 19-21 Wyoming District Rally - Newcastle
- 20 ID-H Breakfast
- 20-22 WA-X Disabled Veterans Campout

### **JULY**

- 3-6 Wing Ding - Greenville, SC
- 9 **WA-N Dinner Ride to CdA Casino in Worley**
- 17-20 Washington District Rally - Lynden
- 19 ID-H Breakfast
- 20 **WA-N Breakfast**
- 24-27 Montana District Rally - Hebgen Lake

### **AUGUST**

- 1-3 ID-H River Float Campout
- 2 WA-F&G Mountain Run
- 13 **WA-N Dinner Ride to The Prospector**
- 14-16 Region I Rally - Powell, WY
- 16 ID-H Breakfast
- 16 WA-O Picnic in the Park
- 17 **WA-N Breakfast**
- 29-31 WA-B B at the Ocean
- 29-31 Idaho District Rally - Kellogg

### **SEPTEMBER**

- 6 WA-G Chili Cook-off
- 10 **WA-N Dinner Ride to O'Malley's**
- 13 WA-X Fund Raiser
- 14 WA-Z Chicken Run
- 19-21 WA-P Oyster Feed
- 20 ID-H Breakfast
- 21 **WA-N Breakfast**

### **OCTOBER**

- TBA District Leadership Training
- 8 **WA-N Dinner Social at Longhorn BBQ**
- 18 ID-H Breakfast
- 24-26 WA-F All Motorcycle Mall Show
- 25 WA-Q Halloween Dance

### **NOVEMBER**

- 1 **WA-N Chili Feed**
- 12 **WA-N Dinner Social at Shari's**
- 15 ID-H Breakfast
- 16 **WA-N Breakfast**

### **DECEMBER**

- 10 **WA-N Dinner Social at Momma Mia's**
- 13 WA-D Festival of Lights
- 13 ID-H Christmas Party
- TBA **WA-N Christmas Party**

**NOTE:** These dates are subject to change. Check this list or the website calendar for updates.

## "STREET STRATEGIES" (continued)

The following are more street strategies from the book by the same name, by David L Hough...

- 8. Blinding Lights bother you? Focus on the Fog Line to protect your night vision. If you focus on the fog line instead of the oncoming headlights, your vision will return to normal quicker than if you look into the lights.

9. **Blind Spots Blunders** Remember, if you can not see a truck or van's mirrors, they can NOT see you. Pay particular attention in slow, close traffic, and at merging sites. They might not see you and start moving over into your lane, blocking you in between another car, or a guardrail. It is better to move up along side the truck or van, to be seen better, or you can move over to the right lane behind a car, so that when you merge back to the left lane you will be in a better position. Yes, you might lose your place in line, but that is better than losing your life.
10. **Bounding Bambis** The reason for deer signs is there is a history of numerous deer strikes in that area. When you enter a deer zone, be prepared to see deer grazing along side the road or leaping out across the road. The best tactic is to be prepared for a quick stop. If you see a deer next to the road, IMMEDIATELY brake! Especially if the deer is facing the road and therefore most likely to leap in your direction.
11. **Bumper Bikes** It pays to cover that front brake in traffic. Look ahead several cars to monitor the light signals and the flow of the traffic, to predict traffic slow-downs well before the brake lights of the next vehicle come on. You could also favor the left wheel track to see better and be seen better by the other drivers. When you notice a slowdown, apply your brakes to signal drivers behind you, which might prevent a chain of accidents.
12. **Bus Blammers** Clever riders don't hide behind busses in traffic. Busses have the right-of-way in some states, and it is right to yield to a bus, but never follow immediately behind busses, trucks, or other large vehicles where you are hidden from view of oncoming drivers. Once you know which lanes are used by transit busses, it is wise to fall back, or avoid those lanes.
13. **Deep Trouble** Running wide is a clue you're cornering skills need an Upgrade. Crossing the centerline may seem to be a result of riding quickly, but the real culprit is your cornering technique. Use the whole lane, not just the center, to maximize traction. Start a curve on the outside, by the fog line, curve smoothly in to the centerline through the curve, and curve smoothly out toward the fog line at the end of the curve. What you are doing, is straightening out the curve as much as possible.
14. **Desperate Drivers** Some drivers hate motorcycles, and others are just mentally unstable. If you haven't encountered a desperate driver yet, just wait. Eventually you will. And whatever his or her problem is, you do not want any part of it. Remember, some drivers are prejudiced against motorcyclists. Be aware of erratic driving, and avoid them.
15. **Detour Dumping** Sooner or later, you'll find yourself riding off pavement. When faced with deep gravel, increase your speed to build forward energy. Then select the most tractable surface, such as the hard-packed dirt between the ruts or one side of the deep gravel. Rather than slowing down to a crawl and extending your feet, place most of your weight on the foot-pegs and keep your speed up. Standing on the pegs places your weight down low on the machine, which allows you better control of your balance. Rolling on more throttle helps push the front tire through loose dirt and gravel, and helps steer the bike.

That concludes your strategies for this time. Ride Safe, stay alert, and see you soon...

Jim and Pam Swart  
District Educators

(From the FEBRUARY Washington District newsletter)

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## HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

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### LOOKING FOR BOWLERS

During the November gathering we talked about the GWRRA Bowling Challenge to be held in Pasco on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Dennis Howey, Richard Hentz, Bill Schultz, Dale and Shirley Dufner showed an interest. We're looking for others to join us. We'll travel down to Pasco on the 9<sup>th</sup> and join them for their breakfast gathering and then go bowling. The cost is \$12.00 per bowler, plus shoes if needed. We'll return home that night. I know that's a long day, but anyone choosing not to go that early can come down for the bowling, which starts at 1PM. This is not a WIBC or ABC sanctioned event; its just fun. Call Dale or Shirley at 509-924-3698 if you're interested.

Dale Dufner

Appreciate every single thing you have, especially your friends!

Life is too short and friends are too

### OOPS

Over breakfast one morning, a woman said to her husband, "I'll bet you don't know what day this is." "Of course I do," he answered as if he was offended, and left for the office.

At 10:00 a.m., the doorbell rang and when the woman opened the door, she was handed a box of a dozen long stemmed red roses. At 1:00 p.m., a foil-wrapped, two-pound box of her favorite chocolates was delivered. Later, a boutique delivered a designer dress. The woman couldn't wait for her husband to come home.

"First the flowers, then the chocolates and then the dress!" she exclaimed. "I've never had a more wonderful Groundhog Day in my life!"

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 National Activity Professionals Day	28	29	30	31	<b>FEBRUARY 1</b>	2 Westside Rider Ed Workshop/ District Staff Mtg Groundhog Day
3	4	5 Mardi Gras	6 WA-N Dinner Winger's at Valley Mall Ash Wednesday	7 Chinese New Year	8 Boy Scout Day	9 WA-L Bowling Challenge
10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 St. Valentine's Day	15 Flag Day (Canada)	16 ID-H Breakfast
17 WA-N Gathering Random Acts of Kindness Day	18 PRESIDENTS DAY	19	20	21 Full Moon with Full Lunar Eclipse	22 Spokane Motorcycle Show Washington's Birthday	23 Spokane Motorcycle Show
24 Spokane Motorcycle Show	25	26	27 Remember to update your Emergency Information!	28 ID-H Dinner Top of China, CdA	29 International Leap Day	<b>MARCH 1</b> National Pig Day
2 A good day to give your bike and trailer a Spring Cleaning (and think Positive!)	3 National Anthem Day	4	5	6 Alamo Day	7 WA-D Mall Show Peace Corps Day	8 WA-D Mall Show International Women's Day
9 WA-D Mall Show Daylight Savings Time Starts	10	11	12 WA-N Dinner TGI Friday's At Valley Mall Girl Scout Day	13	14 Pi Day (Math maniacs) World Book Day	15 Eastside Rider Ed Workshop ID-H Breakfast WA-E Surf Watch
16 WA-N Breakfast WA-E Surf Watch	17 St Patrick's Day	18	19	20 World Frog Day Spring Equinox	21 Good Friday Full Moon	22 WA-Z Oldies Dance
23 EASTER SUNDAY World Meteorological Day	24	25 Waffle Day (Sweden)	26	27 ID-H Dinner O'Malley's, Rathd. Skyscraper Day	28 District Horizons Class - Tacoma	29 District Horizons Class - Tacoma
30 District Horizons Class - Tacoma Doctor's Day	31 Seward Day	<b>APRIL 1</b> April Fool's Day	2 Int'l Children's Book Day	3	4 WA-Q Auction	5 WA-R & M Joint Meeting

**CHAPTER WA-N CALENDAR for FEBRUARY and MARCH 2008**