



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

**Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Breakfast at Golden Corral  
 At 8:30**

With a Planning Meeting at  
 the Dufner's after

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**January 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Chapter Dinner Social  
 Hu Hot Mongolian BBQ**

**January 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Chapter Breakfast  
 Golden Corral**

**January 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Chapter Planning Meeting  
 The Dufner's Home**

CHAPTER DIRECTOR:

Happy Holidays to all,

Hope the season has found you all well and ready to start a new season. Many things are the same and many things change.

Dale and Shirley Dufner have taken on the additional role of being Washington District Chapter Couple, along with being Assistant Chapter Directors. Dale and Shirley are the Ambassadors for the Washington District and will be representing our District and our Chapter when they attend the Regional Gatherings and when they attend Wing Ding this year. So please give them all the support you can when you attend all the great functions that we will be having this year.

We have also had some great suggestions on how to have even more enjoyment with our group and organization. Shirley will be putting out an information piece in this news letter about a support meeting. All staff member should be in attendance, and we want everyone with an opinion to join in so we can continue to make this a fun and informative chapter.

We are looking also for some folks to step up and help with doing our phone tree. That position would involve making calls to members in good standing to let them know about up coming events and rides.

To all our members, it's your responsibility to make sure that your GWRRA membership is up to date.

We need some ideas and rides for this up and coming season. If you haven't sent in your survey report to Shirley yet, please do so. We want your information and if we don't know what you are looking to do, we can't make the changes you would like. If you don't send in the information, or at least give us a call, you can't make your opinions known.

Because Dale and Shirley have taken on the responsibilities of being District Couple of the Year, Darla and I will be still taking on the responsibility of being the Chapter Director for WA-N. I hope you will support us both.

Tom and Darla McCollim  
 Chapter Directors

ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS:

We just came home from a Mexican Cruise and it was fun. You have to know it's true because I'm saying it, and you KNOW that I don't like to be that far from land. The weather was great and the food was plentiful. After Cabo San Lucas, I felt like I needed a neck brace. We both lost some pounds before the cruise and only gained a few back... guess we should have gone to the midnight buffet. We each got sick (from different things) coming home, but are feeling much better now.

Well, January is upon us and the New Year has arrived. There are changes taking place all around us. Washington Chapters are installing new CDs and ACDs and selecting new Chapter Couples. On New Year's Day, Shirley and I will be at WA-M's gathering to see them install their new CD, Ron Hafsos.

One change that might slip by if not mentioned is that I've retired. Yes, I finally called it quits. Now Shirley and I can devote more time to WA-N, Washington District and GWRRA. Shirley and I would like to thank Tom and Darla for continuing as the Chapter Directors for the next year. This will enable us to fulfill the commitment we made as the District Couple of the Year.

We're having a planning meeting to discuss the survey suggestions you made. The only problem is we've received just four surveys back so far. Your Chapter Staff has made a commitment to improving our program this year, and we can't do it alone. We need your help. Please take the time to return the survey, and/or come to our house after the January gathering for the planning meeting. We're going to look at which events to attend and set up rides for after the gatherings. Please help us to make our chapter a success this year.

We're still looking for bowlers for the Bowling Challenge in Pasco on February 9th at 13:00. So far we have four interested, and I know there are more of you out there. Come on... I'll even drive down and back.

Dale (and Shirley) Dufner  
Assistant Chapter Directors

### **DINING OUT IN JANUARY**

Dennis has made reservations at the Hu Hot Mongolian BBQ for Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Tuesday is seafood night! Their phone number is 891-8711 and the address is 11703 E Sprague Avenue. The restaurant is located in the Valley, west of Pines Road. Hope to see you there.

### **PLANNING MEETING AND MEMBER SURVEY**

We've scheduled a Planning Meeting at our house on January 20<sup>th</sup>, after our Breakfast Gathering. We'll plan Chapter activities and set up our ride and event schedule for the coming year. At our November breakfast, we had a brief discussion about Chapter finances and what activities the chapter should fund, besides operations and education. We'll address some of the suggestions and discuss the results of the survey at the planning meeting, too. If you haven't sent us your survey, please do. The "fill in" version is still available on the Chapter website: [www.gwrwan.org](http://www.gwrwan.org).

You're invited to come to our house directly from the breakfast gathering if you'd like to watch the playoff football game. (Dale has a 52" TV.) The planning meeting will start as soon as the game is over. We'll have some homemade soup and salads for a late lunch. Our address is 13002 E. Blossy Avenue in the Spokane Valley, south of 16<sup>th</sup> between Pines Road and McDonald. Maps will be available at breakfast or we can email one to you. Our number is 924-3698.

Please come help us put together the Chapter's plan for this next year.

Shirley and Dale Dufner  
Asst. Chapter Directors

*"A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort." ~ Herm Albright*

### **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



**Share your smile!!!**

#### **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

### JANUARY

- 8 WA-N Dinner at Hu Hot 6:30
- 19 ID-H Breakfast at IHOP CdA - 8AM
- 20 WA-N Breakfast at Golden Corral - 8:30AM  
Followed by a Planning Meeting at the Dufner's
- 26 WA-I Casino Night - Camp Murray
- TBA ID-H First Aid and CPR Class
- TBA WA-L First Aid and CPR Class

### FEBRUARY

- 2 District Rider Ed Workshop (Buckley)
- 2 District Staff Meeting (Buckley)
- 9 WA-L Bowling Challenge
- 16 ID-H Breakfast at IHOP CdA - 8AM
- 17 WA-N Breakfast at Golden Corral - 8:30AM

### MARCH

- 7-9 WA-D Mall Show
- 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
- 28-30 District Horizons Class (Fife/Tacoma)

### APRIL

- 4 WA-Q Auction
- 5 WA-M&R Joint Breakfast
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 18 ID-H Breakfast
- 19 WA-N Brown Bag Auction
- 24-26 WA-F All Motorcycle Mall Show
- 25 WA-Q Halloween Dance

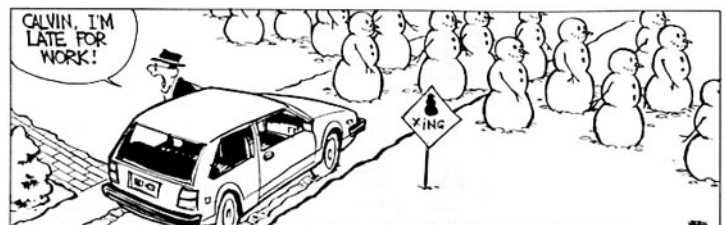
### NOVEMBER

- 1 WA-N Chili Feed
- 15 ID-H Breakfast
- 16 WA-N Breakfast

### DECEMBER

- 13 WA-D Festival of Lights
- TBA 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"

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

1. Don't let your guard down between intersections... Watch for cars coming out of driveways, and alleys! Parked cars and buildings can hide alleys from view, and you may not know one is there, until it's too late.
2. Watch out for those white directional arrows at off ramps and intersections! A little rain or a drop of oil can make them very, very slippery!! Avoid crossing these arrows, particularly in a curve, where you are already leaning. Select a path of travel to one side of the arrow, or if you can't avoid it, brake harder before crossing it.
3. Be very watchful when in parking lots! Cars may back out of a spot right in front of you, and run into you, because their attention is on the cars next to them, instead of behind them. Also watch for people, especially small children darting out from in between the parked cars. Stray shopping carts do not brake for anyone; they go until hitting something... Don't let it be YOU.
4. Stay out of the center of the lane in heavy traffic. When the flow is slow, you may not see a hazard, which has been pushed to the center, or a hole, until it is too late to avoid. Ride in one of the tire tracks. It is a good idea to favor the left wheel track to avoid debris, spilled oil, and greasy paving. When stopped, it is always smart to leave a space cushion of at least a bike length between you and the vehicle ahead of you. This helps in two ways, by making you more visible, and gives you a better view.
5. Stay out of the Blind spots of car and trucks. When push comes to shove, the bike will loose every time. Even if the other driver makes a mistake, it's your bike that gets crunched!
6. Watch for loose boards at railroad crossings. A vehicle coming from the other direction may cause it to "jump up" right in front of you! And watch out for those TRACKS, remember they are polished metal, and will become slippery when wet. Try to cross at a straight angle if at all possible.
7. An angled pavement edge can throw you out of the saddle! Pay heed to "construction" signs, and watch for loose gravel, dirt, mud, debris, and anything that might be a potential hazard.

Well, that's it for this time. I'll put in more in the next newsletter. Have fun, but KEEP ALERT, RIDE SAFE, and if you are out riding this time of year, Bundle up, it's cold out there! Till next time...

Jim and Pam Swart  
District Educators

(From the JANUARY Washington District newsletter)

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to...Washington Chapters WA-B and WA-Y!!**

### 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, and 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

*Attitudes are contagious. Is yours worth catching?*

### YOU KNOW YOU ARE LIVING IN 2007 when...

1. You accidentally enter your password on the microwave.
2. You have not played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of 3.
4. You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.

5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they do not have e-mail addresses.
6. You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries.
7. Every commercial on television has a web site at the bottom of the screen.
8. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you did not have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it.
10. You get up in the morning and go on line before getting your coffee.
11. You start tilting your head sideways to smile. :-)
12. You are reading this and nodding and laughing.
13. Even worse, you know exactly to whom you are going to forward this message.
14. You are too busy to notice there was no #9 on this list.
15. You actually scrolled back up to check that there was not a #9 on this list.

AND NOW U R LAUGHING at yourself.

(From Hank Smith, WA ADD)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31 Last day of Kwanzaa	<b>JANUARY 1</b> <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>	2 Bank Holiday (UK)	3	4 Trivia Day	5 Twelfth Night
6 Maroon Day (Jamaica)	7 Christmas (Moldova and Macedonia)	8 <b>WA-N Dinner at Hu Hot</b> World Literary Day	9 Balloon Ascension Day	10	11 International Thank-You Day	12 Stephen Foster Memorial Day
13	14 Ratification Day	15	16 Prohibition Remembrance Day	17	18 National Maintenance Day	19 <b>ID-H Breakfast IHOP, CdA</b>
20 <b>WA-N Breakfast</b> <b>WA-N Planning Mtg</b> Inauguration Day	21 <b>MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY</b>	22 Full Moon	23	24 <b>ID-H Dinner Bardenay, CdA</b>	25 Burns Night (Scotland)	26 <b>WA-I Casino Night</b> Australia Day
27 National Activity Professionals Day	28	29	30	31	<b>FEBRUARY 1</b>	2 <b>Westside Rider Ed Workshop/ District Staff Mtg</b> Groundhog Day
3	4	5 Mardi Gras	6 Ash Wednesday	7 Chinese New Year	8 Boy Scout Day	9 <b>WA-L Bowling Challenge</b> <b>ID-H Valentine Party</b>
10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 <b>St. Valentine's Day</b>	15 Flag Day (Canada)	16 <b>ID-H Breakfast IHOP, CdA</b>
17 <b>WA-N Gathering</b> <b>Random Acts of Kindness Day</b>	18 <b>PRESIDENTS DAY</b>	19	20	21 Full Moon with Full Lunar Eclipse	22 Washington's Birthday	23
24	25	26	27 <b>Remember to update your Emergency Information!</b>	28 <b>ID-H Dinner Top of China, CdA</b>	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 <b>WA-D Mall Show</b> Peace Corps Day	8 <b>WA-D Mall Show</b> International Women's Day
9 <b>WA-D Mall Show</b> Daylight Savings Time Starts	10	11	12 Girl Scout Day Employee Day	13	14 Pi Day (Math maniacs) World Book Day	15 <b>Eastside Rider Ed Workshop</b> <b>ID-H Breakfast</b> <b>WA-E Surf Watch</b>

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