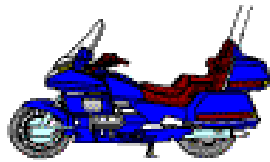


GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION



WASHINGTON-N



WASHINGTON DISTRICT, BIG SKY REGION I

All riders welcome for fun, safety and friendship

WINGNUTS NEWSLETTER for January 2010

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Next Gathering

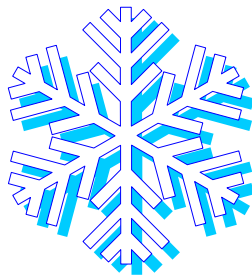
January 17, 2010

Breakfast at Golden Corral at 0830



Upcoming Activities

January 13 dinner at Tomato Street at 6 pm



(See the full list for more activities on the 2010 Schedule)

Ramblings from your CDs

Looking back, I often think about how we got started in all this. When I met Shirley, I was riding my 85 Gold Wing Aspencade. We would take off, if we had the same time off, for trips around the area. We enjoyed these rides on the Wing. Then in 1999, I bought a new 2000 1500 SE and the riding changed. I wasn't comfortable, two-up, on the new ride. While working one day this nice looking 1500 pulls into the lot and the rider comes into the Port of Entry on I-90. He asks for a map of Washington and then asks if that's my bike. Well, he tells me that he's the Chapter Director of the local Gold Wing Chapter of GWRRA. I tell him I'm not a member of GWRRA, but I do get the Wing World from a friend. He invites me and Shirley to their gathering, but Shirley and I like riding alone, so we just pass it off. So, in 2002 we upgraded to an 1800, and we were back in the saddle, so to speak. We joined GWRRA and enjoyed the Wing World with articles on trips others had made. The stories made touring sound like a lot of fun. We went to our first GWRRA gathering, met some really nice people and an old friend I had not seen in 15 years, and we had a lot of fun. Well, we were hooked and started looking into this organization and the fundamentals that made it work.

In the spring of 2002, we went to our first Chapter Rally, Desert Spring Fling. Our Chapter said they were not attending this rally as a group, so we ended up going alone, not knowing what to expect. We received a warm welcome and met some wonderful people. Our first encounter was the District Individual of the Year, Jeff Riggs. Within an hour with him, I think we were introduced to all the members attending. Again, we were hooked, and as many of you know, we don't miss many rallies. The friends we made that first encounter with Gold Wingers made us feel a part of the family. We attended the Washington District Rally in Leavenworth, which was the last time it was held there, and found out how it was to ride in temperatures over 100 degrees. The friends and the fun made all that worthwhile. We learned it's not the destination - it's the ride. These past few years, Shirley and I have been fortunate to have some of our members join us for some of these rides and that enhances the trips.

We also found that being involved provided greater pleasure than just belonging did. The old saying "you get out of it what you put into it" has real meaning for us. We're involved with our Chapter, our District and our Region. As the years passed each Chapter Director and staff member has helped to make our Chapter grow and left a legacy for the future. The slogan for GWRRA is "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge" and we're committed to this in all aspects. And we know that "you can't get there from here" without some good preparation. That's why we're seminar instructors in Rider Education and Leadership Training. It's important to us that our members know what this organization offers and have the training to ride safely.

I'd like to invite all our members in WA-N to look to the future and get involved with our Chapter. If you've never been to our breakfast gathering, come on down and meet all the good folk that make this a great Chapter. Who knows, you might find you like it.



Dale Dufner CD

ACD Rambling

I attended Terri's Christmas party in early December and as we were leaving a couple of people she works with gave each other a hug and said their good byes. As we walked to our cars Terri's manager mentioned that she was "not a hugger" and I casually told her that she sure wouldn't fit in with us Gold Wingers as we were a hugg'n bunch. I have never been around a more hugging bunch of people in my life, other than immediate family of course. I guess that makes sense though, since our organization is a tight knit family in

itself. But why is that? Why is it we shake hands or hug one another every time we meet and every time we say good bye? I believe it's because we have a true feeling of being a family. We genuinely care for one another like no other organization I've ever been affiliated with. This is a difficult time of year for us in the sense that we don't get to see our "family" members as much as we do during the riding season. We had a wonderful time sharing the Christmas party with Idaho H in early December and it really gave us a sense of the Holiday Spirit when our two families got together. It just seemed extra special to me since we hadn't seen each other for a few weeks. There was a warmth and sharing you can only get from people you truly care about. Some of the other similarities between our GWRRA family and our biologic families are we all have family members living far away that we don't get to see as often as we like. That's why we enjoy all the different Chapter rallies we attend every year. It gives us a chance to visit our Gold Wing family where there is an atmosphere of a family reunion. This is something we really noticed at the Washington State Rally in 2008 whose theme was "Family Reunion". I believe that is why that particular rally was so successful and why everyone wanted to do it again in 2009. It's a feeling that runs deep in the entire organization and not just from within our own Chapters. This is the time of year that family is especially important to all of us. Those of us with family members living far away and unable to travel it's comforting knowing we have the support and blessings of our Gold Wing family near by. Terri and I want to thank all of you for making us feel so much a part of one of the best families anyone could hope for and look forward to seeing as many of you as we can over the holiday season. We wish every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy (and early) New Riding Year. May the holidays bless you with time shared with your family and friends and that Santa makes sure there is some chrome under the tree for all of you. Keep up the hugging and we hope to see you soon.

Life is short; ya gotta ride!



Dave and Terri Chromy, ACDs



Wingnut News



We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and is starting out this New Year in fine style. Our dinner rides have been changing due to closure of Lazybones and now the fire at Chef in the Forest. Replacement restaurants are being finalized. Tomato Street is our dinner for January so we get a peek at the remodeling and it always provides a wonderful meal and is one of the most popular with our group. The short days and long nights is the perfect time to plan our bike rides for the next season, looking for more chrome and lights and gadgets to add to our bikes in the catalogs. Some of us may have even gotten some new gear left under the tree. Figure out what other Chapters you want to visit this year and try to go to a rally that you haven't gone to before. Keep in mind of the Brown Bag Auction this year and look for great gifts on sale in the weeks to come for our annual fundraiser for rider education and chapter expenses. We still have a staff position for a qualified chapter rider educator, if you have questions about this position, just let us know. You can also plan on another great camping session at Wallowa Lake this year in September. We are looking for it to be bigger and better as more of our "friends" drop in for this layback weekend to the end of summers fun. It won't take long for your new 2010 calendar to be all blocked in. Thankfully our snow shovels haven't been overworked this season it won't be long till we can get our first biking fix of the season.

A member of Chapter L, **Phil LoParco**, a GWRRA member since 1993 was in a motorcycle accident in tri-cities just before christmas. He was airlifted to Sacred Heart and his wife Joyce traveled to Spokane. Injuries are numerous. Say a prayer for him and keep him in your thoughts.

WINTER

Happy Birthday for January

Debbie Shell 3rd

Kruz Casper 17th

Bill Rose 23rd

Elam Yocom 27th

Happy Anniversary

None this month

If we missed your birthday or anniversary please fill in the calendar at the meeting or email Dale @ dld1@comcast.net we want never to leave someone out!



WA-N & ID-H Christmas Party 2009



SAFETY ARTICLE

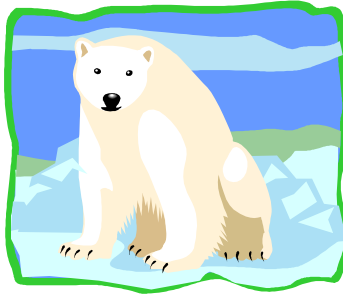


QUICK TIPS: Preventing Motorcycle Theft

Follow these basic tips to help avoid becoming a victim of motorcycle theft:

- **Lock your ignition** and remove the key. Most bike thefts occur when the ignition is shut off, but not locked.
- **Lock the forks** or disk brakes with locks that have large, brightly colored tags.
- **If traveling with other riders**, lock motorcycles together when not in use.
- **If riding alone**, lock your bike to a secure, stationary object that can't be easily dismantled, such as a light pole.
- **Add an audible alarm** to your motorcycle.
- **When traveling** and spending the night at a hotel, locate an outdoor security camera and park your bike in the camera's view. If this is not possible, park your bike close to your room.
- **Keep an eye on your bike**. When parking at a public event, check your motorcycle periodically, especially immediately after leaving your bike, to make sure there are no suspicious individuals lurking about.
- **If parking in a garage**, block your bike with automobiles, close the garage door and make sure it is locked.
- **Don't store** your title in your bike's storage compartment, tank bag or saddlebag. The safest place for your title is at home.
- **Uniquely mark** and then photograph your bike. If thieves take your bike, note its unique markings to law enforcement using the photos you have taken.
- **Keep your bike registration** and insurance identification card on you when you ride.
- **Be careful** about giving out private information on where you live, work or play





Dinner Rides for 2010

2010 WA-N Dinner Rides: 2nd Wednesdays Every Month

TIMES: May through September meet at 6:00 PM at designated locations and ride to the restaurant, to eat about 6:30 PM or meet us at the restaurant. October through April, meet at the restaurant at 6:00 PM.

NOTE 1: All reservations are for 15-20 people because we've had such good participation.

NOTE 2: All reservations are made under "Tom McCollim".

January 13th at Tomato Street 6220 N. Division St. 509-484-4500

This is always a great turnout so come early.

February 10th The White House 712 N. Spokane St. Post Falls, Id 208-7779672. Time to get your *GARLIC* fix on, bring extra breath mints.

March 10th Chic A Ria German Inn 1812 W. Francis Ave 509-326-2214. Great comfort food.

April 14th Rusty Moose 9105 W. SR 2 Airway Heights, WA 509-7475579. Time to get your expanding clothes on.

May 12th Salty Dog, 718 N. Main Ave. Deer Park, WA 509-276-1990

Meet at the Shell Station at the Wandermere Mall, we leave at 6 PM

Awesome fresh fish, steaks and chicken.

June 9th Luke's BBQ, 3998 Hwy 292 Loon Lake 509-233-9114

Meet at the Shell Station at the Wandermere Mall, we leave at 6 PM

Finger licking good food, Call Tom if you want ribs or steak by June 4th so we can let the cook know. 509-326-5486

July 14th The Beach House 3204 Coeur d Alene Lake Drive CDA, ID 208-664-6464. Meet at the Chevron station on Sullivan and Mission, We leave at 6 PM. Great ride, spectacular views and food.

August 11th Chef in the Forest -burned in December and new destination of Bear Creek Lodge 24817 N. MT Spokane Parkway Mead WA 509-238-9114 is planned.

August 21st Klink's at Williams Lake, [Saturday Ride!](#) Yes a Saturday ride so more folks can join us and enjoy this great ride and legendary food. Meet at the old Safeway's on 3rd and Ash. We leave at 6 PM and we will try for a 6:45 reservation.

September 8th Waddell's Pub 4318 S. Regal Spokane, WA 509-443-6500

Meet at Fred Meyer's South parking lot on Ray and 3rd. We Leave at 6 PM. Fantastic food with large selection super burgers.

October 13th Ringo's Little Vegas 11420 E. Sprague Ave, Spokane, WA 509-924-2058. Meet here at 6 PM.

Winner, winner great service and super steaks. Wednesday is steak and bake night.

November 10th Tecate Grill 2503 W. Wellesley Spokane, WA 509-327-7817. We meet here at 6 PM. Some of the best Mexican food around. Happy Marine Corp Birthday 235 years, OORAH!

December-No scheduled ride.

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Chapter Couple- Dave & Terri Chromy 292-0314;
Stores- Don Sundahl 487-5160;

ACD- Dave & Terri Chromy 292-0314;
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Treasurer- Dawna Kienzle 464-5396;



Rider Education- Vacancy;

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Sunshine- Linda Howey 928-5772

Ride Coordinator- Dave Chromy;

Membership- Duane Battien 569-2125



Hello from the land of 4 seasons to our traveling Gold Wings.

Side car of the month!

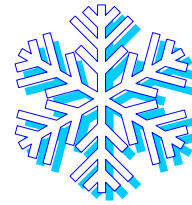


Go take a look at the Eagles around CDA this year!





A treat for a cold winter night!



Cincinnati Chili (a five way)

Ingredients:

1 lb ground beef
2 medium onions chopped
2 cloves garlic minced
1 cup thick BBQ sauce
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water
1 tablespoon chili powder
1 teaspoon ground black pepper
 $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce unsweetened chocolate, grated
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon ground cumin
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon turmeric
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon allspice
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon cinnamon
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon coriander
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon cardamom
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
Tomato juice as needed
9 oz spaghetti cooked and lightly buttered
1 lb can kidney bean, heated and drained
1 lb cheddar cheese finely shredded
Oyster crackers as garnish

Brown beef, $\frac{1}{2}$ of onions, garlic, stirring to keep it loose. Drain any fat. Add sauce and water and bring to a boil. Add spices, cover and simmer on low heat for 30 minutes. Sauce will thicken and add tomato juice to keep it saucy enough to ladle. Rest sauce for 30 minutes in a covered pan at room temp (it may be placed in frig and reheated).

Plate with noodles, top with hot chili, scatter heated beans, chopped onions and shredded cheese over chili. Serve with oyster cracker.

2010 EVENT SCHEDULE

JANUARY

- 13 WA-N Dinner Social at Tomato Street 6pm
- 16 ID-H Breakfast at CdA IHOP 8am
- 15-17 WA-P Winter Retreat in Long Beach
- 17 WA-N Breakfast at Golden Corral 8:30am
and Quarterly Participation Drawing
- 23 WA-I Casino Night at Camp Murray

FEBRUARY

- 6 District Chapter Leadership Skill Program
(Seattle)
- 10 WA-N Dinner Social at White House 6pm
- 13 WA-D Bowling Challenge in Montesano
- 20 ID-H Breakfast at CdA IHOP 8am
- 20 District Rider Education Workshop, Buckley
- 21 WA-N Breakfast at Golden Corral 8:30am
- 26-28 WA-P Mall Show in Longview

(This schedule is subject to change, so please check on the websites for current information.)

MARCH

- 5-7 District Chapter Leadership Skill Program
(Olympia)
- 10 WA-N Dinner Social at Chic-A-Ria German
Inn 6pm
- 12-14 WA-D Mall Show
- 20 District Chapter Leadership Skill Program
(Portland, OR)
- 20 ID-H Breakfast at CdA IHOP 8am
- 21 WA-N Breakfast at Golden Corral 8:30am
- 26-28 WA-E Surf Watch at Ocean Shores

APRIL

- 2 WA-Q Auction and Dinner in Puyallup
- 3 WA-M & R Joint Breakfast in Prosser
- 10 WA-C Spring Fever Fun Run in Everett
- 14 WA-N Dinner at Rusty Moose 6pm
- 16-18 Region I ARC/TRC/TC courses in Bremerton
- 17 ID-H Breakfast at CdA IHOP 8am
- 18 WA-N Breakfast and BROWN BAG
AUCTION at Golden Corral 8:30am
- 24-25 Region I ARC courses in Bremerton

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE <i>Full moon w/Partial Lunar Eclipse</i>	JANUARY 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2 WA-V CD Installation
3 WA-B CD Installation	4 Trivia Day	5	6	7	8 WA-Q CD Installation	9 Balloon Ascension Day
10	11 International Thank-You Day	12 Stephen Foster Memorial Day	13 WA-N Dinner Social Tomato Street	14 Ratification Day	15 WA-P Winter Retreat	16 ID-H Breakfast CdA IHOP WA-P Winter Retreat
17 WA-N Breakfast Golden Corral WA-P Winter Retreat	18 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY	19	20	21	22	23 WA-I Casino Night at Camp Murray
24	25 Opposite Day	26 Australia Day	27	28	29	30 <i>Full Moon</i>
31 Call your family today - just because!!	FEBRUARY 1	2 Groundhog Day 	3	4 Thank a Mailman Day	5	6 District Chapter Leadership Skill Program (Seattle)