



GWRRA CHAPTER "WA-N"
Washington District, Big Sky Region I
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CHAPTER GATHERING

Perkins
at Argonne & Mission
Breakfast at 8:30
Sunday, May 15

May Birthdays:

Sue Smith May 5th

May Anniversaries:

Cal & Nancy JaneTucker
May 16th

CHAPTER DIRECTOR:

April has been a very busy month for Chapter WA-N. With all this weather, we have been going to several chapter meetings in our cages. Now we are experiencing some great weather here in old Spokane, so the bikes are coming out in major force.

Our chapter attended Chapter WA-S gathering, along with many other chapters in support of this great chapter. We had a great time with Ronnie Lopez and his well oiled team. It was a great turn out and a lot of fun being with fellow riders. We can only hope that more folks will want to attend these fun events.

Our annual brown bag auction was a major success this year. We had Lloyd and Georgia and a large group of fine folks from chapter WA-M, who really enchanted the fun we had. This was one of the biggest years that we ever had. I must admit that our ACD, Dale Dufner, was having a ball auctioning off all of the great prizes. Thank you, Dale, for a super job.

The missing GIANT underwear has arrived and Lunetta got the men's and Dale got the women's. They both accepted the challenge to wear the GIANT underwear around the restaurant and for this gallant effort the chapter received a \$50.00 donation. Everyone had a great laugh, and they are challenged to hang these items at their campsites, put their names on them, and add items to make them special for the next winner.

We had an open staff meeting at my house after the gathering. Everyone was invited and we had a

great turn out. Having some expanded funds, the consensus of the group was to purchase the safety tapes available from GWRRA for our chapter. We also decided to increase the patches available in our stores and purchase our chapter "N" pins for visiting chapter to get.

If you have some ideas for us to increase our safety programs, please let us know.

May is going to be a really busy month and we would love to see members participate in the functions. May 7th is bike maintenance day, May 14th is Motorcycle Awareness Days at Spokane Falls Community College, May 15th is our gathering and ride, the 21st is Victoria Days in Ephrata, and Memorial Day weekend we will be going to Spring Fling in Hermiston. Looking forward to seeing you and having fun with all the great folks and super food. Can hardly wait for those campfire pies at Victoria Days.

Tom McCollim
Chapter Director

ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS:

Well, here I am in sunny Albuquerque, visiting Shirley. This is the First of May and we have accomplished a lot, even if no one thinks so. Two leadership sessions under our belts, one rider education training workshop and, last but not least, we have members signed up for the ERC class in Lewiston on June 4th.

May is here, and as Tom said, there's a lot going on. I hope to see some of you there, and maybe we'll

have few new faces show up. These events are lots of fun, and you get to meet many other members of our GWRRA family.

During our Leadership training, we met some really fun people from the Westside. The new CD for WA-Y, Don and Marlene Weikart are funny and a joy to be with. We planned to get our chapters together for a lunch ride, so here it is: June 11th, we'll meet them at Swauk Creek Campgrounds on Hwy 97 between 11:00 and 11:30. Then we will go to the 59er Diner on Hwy 2 at Coles Corner for lunch. I figure it will take us 3 ½ to 4 hours to travel to the meet location, with breaks and fuel stops. I plan to leave Spokane at 07:30, meeting at the Safeway parking lot at 3rd and Maple at 07:15. Hope to have some of you joining us. I really hope Shirley is here for this one.

For those going to Victoria Days, we're meeting Lu and Gene at the Airway Heights Yokes store at 07:00. Reason for leaving so early is so we can get the good camp sites. For the ride to Desert Spring Fling in Hermiston, we'll meet at the Safeway parking lot at 3rd and Maple on Friday morning at 8:00 and leave at 8:30. Will those times work for you?

Did everyone have fun at our brown bag auction? I did! Thank you for bringing the booty and for bidding so enthusiastically. So you all will know, I'll be taking good care of the traveling undergarments. Shirley laughed her you-know-what off when she saw the pictures.

I am glad we don't have that many GL1800 in our group. My bike has been in the shop for the last three weeks, and as I write this, I still am not sure I'll have it for the Motorcycle maintenance day at Doug and Ann Fox's. Seems the frame man works whenever he wants.

(Hello from Albuquerque! The desert has turned out to be cooler and damper than anticipated, while you all have had great riding weather. I hope you've been taking advantage of it!

Dale and I registered for all the rallies that we could fit on our calendar, and we've SO been looking forward to this summer's rides. I especially want to meet Don and Marlene for lunch. Now, I'll only be in Spokane alternating weekends, so I'm going to miss a lot of the fun. When I have to stay here in Albuquerque, I hope several of you will be joining Dale on the rides... he tends to talk to himself when he's alone.)

Dale and Shirley Dufner
Assistant Chapter Directors

RIDE COORDINATOR:

Having accepted the position of Ride Coordinator, I have found out that it was not what I had expected it to be. As with any new job, you usually don't know what you will be doing or what your responsibilities are until you actually accept the position and start taking on those responsibilities. I have found out that the job of Ride Coordinator is to plan out the route for the rides that have been selected by the group and figure out rest stops, fuel stops and meal stops along, with options for the ride to and back from the selected destination. It also requires making sure that all bikes and riders are prepared for the scheduled ride as far as proper riding gear and that their bikes are properly maintained and in safe riding condition. This means proper tire pressure, all lights and signals in working order and FULLY GASED UP and ready to ride upon arriving at the scheduled meeting place. The Ride Coordinator is not the leader or tail gunner for the ride, (although they can be), but is there to make sure the trip is well organized and that everyone has a safe and enjoyable ride. We would like to make sure everyone gets involved with our scheduled trips this summer, so we will be looking for volunteers to lead the various rides we have scheduled, as well as volunteers for tail gunners. If any of you have a favorite ride or are familiar with the rides we have scheduled, and would like to lead or trail, let any of the officers know and we will be happy to help out in any way we can. We would like to see a different leader and tail gunner on each of our rides so everyone can get involved and can put to use the hand signals and group riding techniques we have been talking about at our gatherings. You don't have to worry if you're not sure of all the hand signals or exactly what you have to do because we will all be learning this together. The only way we will all learn this is by practice, taking our turns and paying attention. So get involved and volunteer to lead your favorite ride. We also will have available at the next meeting the rider and co-rider forms for information on special needs, medications, doctor's information and insurance contacts for everyone to fill out and carry on their bikes in case of emergencies. This is all new to me too, so any suggestions you have will be greatly appreciated. Let's make sure all of our bikes are safe and ready to ride and have the best riding season ever.

Dave Chromy
Ride Coordinator

DON SUNDAHL'S RIDERS' ED SECTION:

Saturday May 7 ID-H is having a Motorcycle Maintenance Day at Doug and Ann Fox's in Coeur d'Alene. Ride your M/C over there and perform any routine or needed maintenance. If you need help there are others who would be willing to help. It is a learning experience for everyone, even if you just watch.

For anyone who is interested in taking an ERC course, there are classes available in Lewiston through the Idaho Star Program which is Idaho's equivalent of Washington's Motorcycle Safety Program, and is recognized by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. (<http://www.idahostar.org/>) The cost is \$40; in Washington the cost is \$100 if you can find an open class anywhere. There is an ERC class Sat June 4, with 7 seats open. Tom McCollim, Dale Dufner and I have registered for the June 4th class. An ERC course can be considered an investment in improving your riding skills and can help make you a safer rider and make your co-rider more confident also. This also makes you eligible for Level II of the Rider Education Levels Program, Safety By Education. (You need to be enrolled in Level I and have M/C endorsement, ERC course within 3 yrs & 5,000 safe miles)

Listed below is the result of the motorcycle legislation this year.

HOUSE BILL 1466: Allowing motorcycles to turn left on a red light that will not turn green after one cycle. Passed the House and went the Senate Rules Committee for a second reading, April 24 returned to the House Rules Committee for a third reading, apparently will not become law this year.

SENATE BILL 5089: Relating to reducing nuisance noise from off-road vehicles, this bill was passed by the state legislature and signed by the Governor, it will become law July 24.

Now for the unpleasant part of writing this month's Rider Ed article. I was informed by a person where I work that a member of their M/C Club (Mountain Tribe) had gone down on his bike while on a ride Sunday April 24th and sustained very serious injuries, the Rider died on Thursday, April 28th. There was a Memorial Service for the rider, Art "Tugboat" Stack, age 41 Sat. April 30th. The Mountain Tribe M/C Club organized a ride from the Safeway at Mission & Argonne to Riverside Cemetery. There were approximately 100 M/C's that showed up for that. Tom McCollim, Cal Tucker, Sam Van Wyck and I attended the memorial service. I was in contact by email with the director of the club, below is the reply

I received regarding the accident. Please read this and take into consideration what the proper riding apparel can do to protect you in the event of an accident, or even a minor spill.

"Hi Don

I don't mind sharing the story with you if it can be used to help someone else. The accident occurred near the camp site in Idaho where the spring opener is to be held this year. We took a ride up there on Sunday to check it out, because it's not the same site that was used in the past. On the way back just a couple miles from the campground, the rider and his passenger were traveling the speed limit approx 35mph as he came up to a turn in the road the handlebars started to shimmy and shake all over the place (another biker said she heard a loud pop). We are pretty sure that his tire blew.

He lost control of the bike where he started to go off the road into a ditch, the bike hit several rocks that were on the side of the road which caused the bike to flip up and cartwheel several times.

The passenger was thrown about 50-60 feet in front of the bike where she landed in the road. (She was wearing full leathers and a helmet and sneakers on her feet.) She suffered a broken leg, shattered her heel and dislocated her ankle, she has had some surgery on her leg, and I am told she will need more surgeries, but will recover.

The rider was not as lucky.... he suffered a severely broken jaw and shattered many bones in his face, broke his collar bone, scapula, and dislocated his shoulder, there may have been some internal injuries as well. He was wearing leather chaps, but only a long sleeve t-shirt with leather vest, no helmet. They were both airlifted to a Spokane hospital. He had a 5 hour surgery on his face on Monday. During the surgery, we were told he had two strokes, which caused his brain to be deprived of a blood supply. The next day his brain began to swell, the Drs. later diagnosed him brain dead. His family took him off life support today, and he passed away a short time later. There will be a service for him on Saturday afternoon.

He was a very close friend of ours, one we consider our "brother", and he was a great guy and will be missed a lot. Riding will be different without him."

Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Center:

"Good motorcycle riding gear is not just for the racetrack. Wearing protective gear on the street separates the pros from the amateurs.

The pros wear protective gear because it looks great and can prevent injuries in a crash. Give yourself the same advantage on the street.

Gearing up can also prevent crashes by keeping you comfortable, alert and focused on the road.

Conditions such as poor weather, blinding sun, darkness and heavy traffic can make motorcycling very risky. The right gear will protect you from the elements and make you more visible to other drivers.

Good riding gear can be expensive, but decent equipment can be found at a reasonable price.

Protective gear can also save you money on medical bills if you do crash. Buy the best gear you can afford. To ride like a pro, dress like a pro. Think.

Ride Smart."

Ride Safely.

Don Sundahl
Rider Educator

TOM'S ROAD & RESTAURANT SECTION:

Road Report: Clean up crews are everywhere, so watch out gravel. The sweepers are out in force. The great folks working for the state of Montana have been trying to fix the pot holes that have flourished along I-90. I made the trek over Thompson Pass. The last snow storms have given the area more snow in the shaded areas and the roads are still full of gravel and dirt. Hopefully the sweepers will be cleaning up here soon.

Road Grub Report 'Ride to Eat, Eat to Live': Had some great burgers this last week in Kalispell, MT. The place is called the Frugal Burgers. Wow, the menu is limited but the burgers are awesome. Okay it is only drive-up service so the co-rider will have to help out here. The burgers are large and full of all sorts of goodies just like they used to be. I got a cheeseburger with fries and soda along with another burger for \$5.71. Okay I missed lunch, had granola bar for breakfast and it is along drive back to Spokane. Frugal burger is on the main drag and you will love the milkshakes too.

(These reports are based on Tom McCollim's experience, plus any information you're willing to send to him at rhodwarr@aol.com His phone # is 326-5486.)

OKAY, IT IS OFFICIAL: SYMES HOT SPRINGS

I just talked to the owners, and they are really looking forward to our having a fact-finding fun run to this funtastic hot springs. I have a flyer with the information for the hotel.

I am still up in the air about a new position and don't know if I personally will be able to attend, but Dale Dufner will be happy to help out and with our great group, we should have some fun.

1. The event will be June 18th and 19th, Saturday and Sunday.
2. Where? Symes Hot Springs Hotel & Mineral Baths in Hot Springs, MT.
3. Make your reservations now as hotel accommodations are good but we need to know how many very soon. Mention my name, Tom McCollim, and GWRRA and you will be given priority. The number is (406) 741-2361 or (888) 305-3106 (toll free).
4. Tent sites and RV sites are available also; just let them know.
5. Food? Everyone is on their own. They do have a good place at the hotel. Also, I tried "Second Home" and it was wonderful. They have an all you can eat Sunday breakfast buffet for \$6.95.
6. Where do we meet and when? We will meet at the Safeway parking lot at Mission and Argonne and leave around 9am to 9:15am. We can have breakfast at Perkins earlier and probably will have a bite of lunch along the way.
7. How long of ride is this from Spokane? It is about 185 miles on the route that we will be taking. We will get off i-90 at Kingston and then go over Thompson Pass to Thompson Falls, then to Plains. I warn everyone that there is a stretch of highway that touts "watch out of bighorn sheep" that is about 10 miles long. Keep your hand brake covered and watch your speed. From Plains we head up to Hot Springs and to our hotel.
8. How about coming home, which way? You can decide how you feel and how the weather is to determine the way you want to come home. You can retrace your route, go west on Hwy 200 to Sandpoint, or go east and pickup the highway to St. Regis and home over Lookout Pass on I-90. Or you could go up to Kalispell, then either through Eureka to Libby or just go to Libby, and on into Sandpoint to head towards Coeur d'Alene or Spokane. Your choice.
9. What to bring? Yourself, swimsuits, flip flops, (they have suits to rent and towels and robes), sun lotion, cameras and get ready to think about this place for chapter WA-N's rally event for next year. We need everyone's ideas.
10. Let me know via e-mail or phone 509-326-5486 if you are coming, so we can get a head count. And make your hotel reservations now. (Tom)

"WINGNUTS" EVENT SCHEDULE WA-N 2005

MAY

- 7 ID- H Maintenance Day - Doug and Ann Fox's
- 14 Motorcycle Awareness Days - SFCC, Spokane
- 15 Gathering at Perkins at 08:30... then ride to Loon Lake, Hunters, Two Rivers Casino and back to Spokane
- 14-15 WA-M BBQ and Fun Run - Yakima
- 19-22 WA-S Victoria Days - Ephrata
- 27-30 WA-L Desert Spring Fling - Hermiston, OR

JUNE

- 3-5 WA-R Blue Mountain Rendezvous - Walla Walla
- 4 ERC (STAR Class) - Lewiston, ID
- 10 Dinner with Gregg and Karen Tubac at 6 PM at the Prospector on north Division
- 11 Lunch with WA-Y at 59er Diner - Coles Corner
- 17-19 OR District Rally - Tillamook, OR
- 18 Gathering at Symes Hot Springs Hotel & Mineral Baths - Hot Springs, MT (see Tom's article)

JULY

- 17 Gathering at Perkins at 08:30... then ride to Ritzville, back roads to Colfax, have lunch at the Notch Café and back to Spokane
- 28-31 WA District Rally - Lynden. This is a special rally marking the 25th anniversary of our State Charter and celebrating 30 years of the Goldwing. Looking for a really good turnout from our members.

AUGUST

- 5-7 ID-H Campout Up River - CdA River
- 18-21 Region I Rally - Port Townsend
- 21 Gathering at Perkins at 08:30... then ride to Colville, over Gifford Ferry, to Davenport and Back to Spokane

SEPTEMBER

- 2-5 ID District Rally - Lewiston, ID
- 18 Gathering at Perkins 08:30 or a ride somewhere for our Picnic.

OCTOBER

- 8 Wash. Dist. Leadership Training in Moses Lake
- 16 Gathering at Perkins 08:30

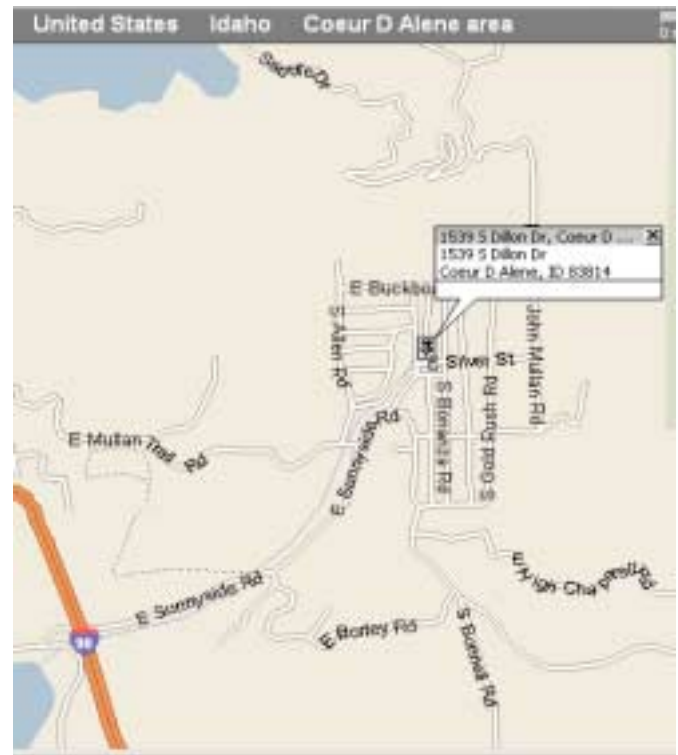
NOVEMBER

- 20 Gathering at Perkins 08:30

DECEMBER

- 18 Gathering at Perkins 08:30

If your member number is 139248, you're our winner!



Doug & Ann Fox, 1539 S. Dillon Drive, CdA (208) 667-4570

EXTRA SPECIAL EVENTS:

Lunch with WA-Y at the 59er Diner on June 11

How about lunch with chapter WA-Y? Don and Marlene Weikart (and friends) are riding over from Enumclaw to meet us for lunch at Cole's Corner, west of Leavenworth. It's a beautiful ride and our lunch company will be outstanding! *(Shirley)*

DINNER with Greg and Karen in June

Greg and Karen Tubac will be in town visiting Dennis and Linda Howey in June. Greg and Karen were the Assistant Chapter Director for WA-N until they move to Colorado. Thanks to Linda Howey; she has made reservations at the "Prospectors" on North 395, just past Hastings Road. (The restaurant is on your left as you go north on 395.) The reservations are for 6 PM on Friday June 10th. If you can't make it by 6 PM, come anyway (and they have great desserts). We hope to have a good turnout for such good friends. Ride to eat and eat to ride. *(Dale)*

WA-N CHAPTER PLAQUE!

Tom got an email last month, and Chapter WA-A has our chapter's traveling plaque. Well, we missed their March and April meetings, so when are you all up for a ride to get it back? They meet on the 4th Saturday of every month. *(Shirley)*

KEEP YOUR SHINY SIDE UP:

Mothers of Famous People

(From June 2004 Motorcycle Sounds' "Smile" column)

MONA LISA'S MOTHER: "After all the money your father and I spent on braces, that's the biggest smile you can give us?"

COLUMBUS' MOTHER: "I don't care what you've discovered, you still could have written!"

MICHELANGELO'S MOTHER: "Can't you paint on walls like other children? Do you have any idea how hard it is to get that junk off the ceiling?"

NAPOLEON'S MOTHER: "All right, if you aren't hiding your report card inside your jacket, take your hand out and show me."

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S MOTHER: "The next time I catch you throwing money across the Potomac, you can kiss your allowance good-bye!"

THOMAS EDISON'S MOTHER: "Of course I'm proud that you invented the electric light bulb. Now turn it off and get to bed!"

PAUL REVERE'S MOTHER: "I don't care where you think you have to go, young man; midnight is past your curfew."

MOSES' MOTHER: "That's a nice story. Now tell me where you've really been for the last forty years."

ALBERT EINSTEIN'S MOTHER: "Can't you do something about your hair?"

Volunteerism

Does volunteering your precious time seem at times to be a thankless task? Here a few very famous people who describe volunteering as not only worthwhile, but as the very key to happiness.

Quote: I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish small tasks as if they were great and noble. ~ Helen Keller

From Book of Positive Quotations by John Cook

Quote: We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give. ~ Winston Churchill

From Forbes Book of Business Quotations

Quote: Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. ~ Margaret Mead

From the Treasury of Women's Quotations by Carolyn Warner.

Quote: Be the change you want to see in the world. ~ Gandhi

From Bits and Pieces magazine, Vol. R No. 40

Quote: We cannot hold a torch to light another's path without brightening our own. ~ Ben Sweetland
From the Book of Positive Quotations by John Cook

SOME THINGS ARE WORTH REPEATING

(From other newsletters, which are available online or from your CD/ACD on request. Shirley)

Top Ten clues that you may need a new helmet:

(From VA-G's Mar. newsletter, by John & Sylvia Catonese)

10. Your helmet weighs as much as your bowling ball.
9. Your DD rings have been replaced by one D and duct tape.
8. There is more hair inside your helmet than on your head.
7. Your ventilation system was put in by you with a hammer and a chisel.
6. Your "HELMETS SUCK" stickers are the only things that are hiding the cracks and holding it together.
5. When it rains, your hair gets wet... inside your helmet.
4. Your SNELL sticker says 1970.
3. When you turn your head, your helmet keeps spinning.
2. Your paint scheme and stickers still say "I LIKE I KE".
1. Your DOT/SNELL sticker reads DO SMELL.

Demographics of GWRRA:

(From Motorcycle Sounds April 2003 issue)

Editor's Note: Here is the information I was able to get from our database, from my and various other memories banks and from a survey on the Message Board: (Numbers as of March 31, 2003)

1. How many Members worldwide are there? 81,352.
2. How many in the US? 76,353.
3. How many Chapters are there worldwide? 901.
4. How many in the US? 845.
5. What kind of person reads Wing World? Anyone and everyone who can get their hands on one.
6. What are the age span and the average age? 16 would be the youngest unless there is a state that allows younger Riders, and I believe 92 is the oldest Rider we have. The average age of GWRRA Members is 58.
7. How many motorcycles does the average Member have? 55% have one motorcycle and 26% have two motorcycles.
8. How often do they trade up? No known information.
9. How many miles do they spend touring every year? An average of 7,500.
10. What is the average income of a Member household? \$70,000.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MAY 1 WA-B Governor's Run, Bremerton	2	3	4	5 Newsletter Input Due	6	7 I D-H Maintenance Day Doug & Ann Fox's house Coeur d'Alene
8 Mother's Day	9	10 Newsletter Due	11	12	13	14 Motorcycle Awareness Day SFCC
15 WA-N Gathering	16	17	18	19	20 Victoria Days, Ephrata	21 I D-H Gathering Victoria Days, Ephrata ERC Class, Post Falls
22 Victoria Days, Ephrata	23	24	25	26	27 Desert Spring Fling Hermiston	28 Desert Spring Fling, Hermiston
29 Desert Spring Fling Hermiston	30 Memorial Day	31	JUNE 1	2	3 Blue Mountain Rendezvous, Walla Walla	4 Blue Mountain Rendezvous, Walla Walla ERC Class, Lewiston
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Lunch at 59er Diner With WA-Y
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 WA-N Gathering At Hot Springs, Montana (Preview for a "Soak Your Buns Run" rally)
19 Hot Springs, MT Father's Day	20	21	22	23	24	25

CHAPTER WA-N CALENDAR FOR MAY AND JUNE 2005