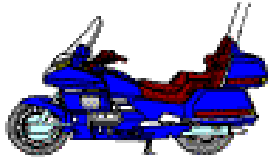




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Next Gathering

October 18, 2009

Breakfast at Golden Corral at 0830



Upcoming Activities

October 10 Washington District Leadership Conference

October 14 Dinner- Ringo's Little Vegas

October 24, Soup and Chili Feed

October 31, Happy Halloween

(See the full list for more activities on the 2009 Schedule)



Ramblings from your CD'S

The September gathering was attended by 13 people and we welcomed our new member Cal William (wife Ingrid was working). We discussed the Christmas Party location and Steve and Dawna Kienzle offered their house in Suncrest. We'll talk more about this at the October gathering.

For those of you who didn't make the dinner social at Klink's, you missed a good one. 14 people made the dinner and the food was great. That was the last week the restaurant was open and would be closing for the winter. Glad we made it just under the wire.

Wallowa Lake Campout was a huge success. I'd like to thank the 24 folks that joined us this year. The deer didn't seem to be as thick as last year. On the way to dinner on Saturday evening, Tom and Darla had a close encounter with a deer. Dave and Terri Chromy, leaders of this group, saw the deer at the last minute and sounded the alarm. Tom managed to stop on a dime and a half and avoided a collision. Thanks, Dave and Terri, and good going, Tom. It must be great to have ABS brakes.

Talking about the October gathering, it's Participation Drawing time. Bring your tickets and drop them into the bucket and there is no telling what you can win. If you do not have any tickets, then you should come out to the dinner social, visit ID-H, attend rally's with us and do what we have fun doing.

The next dinner social will be on October 14th at Ringo's Little Vegas at the corner of Bowdish and Sprague at 6PM. Come on out and join us, and pick up a participation ticket. Next year's dinner schedule will be organized by Tom and Darla, since Dennis and Linda will be in the sunny south this winter. If there's a favorite restaurant you'd like your Chapter to include in this schedule, let me or Tom know. There are some sites we won't revisit, so we need fillers.

Shirley and I are done with our Couple of the Year duties and looking forward to getting back in touch with you, our Chapter family. We've missed you!!

Dale Dufner Chapter Director

Ramblings from your ACD's

Recently there have been some strange things taking place and I don't like them.....I don't like them one bit. When riding to work in the morning I now have to put on my clear riding glasses as it is way too dark to wear my usual sunglasses. A couple of mornings I've even had to hook up my Gerbing heated gloves. I realized that my numb fingers weren't caused by my neck being out but by the low 30° temperatures we've had up at our place. I enjoy the smell of smoke around a campfire with friends but when I smell smoke coming from the neighbor's house, from their wood stove, that's not a good sign. All these signs, along with leaves and pine needles on the road can only mean one thing; PMS (parked motorcycle season) will be hitting us sooner than we think. Yes, it's getting close to that hideous time of year when all sane (and retired) people head south for the winter with their bikes in tow. Man, do I envy those folks who will be down there putting on the miles, and smiles, while the rest of us gripe and complain about the - - - (I can't even say the word yet). Although some of you have parked your bikes for the year or are about to, I'm hoping for at least 6 or 7 more weeks of riding before I have to reluctantly give in to the wrath of winter. I do have one more trip on the Wing planned for the first full week of October with my daughter Alison. She just graduated from the University of Washington, School of Medicine, with a Physicians Assistant degree and will be starting her career in November at Group Health over in Bellevue. She and I will be taking off

for Kalispell and Glacier National Park and, depending on the weather, probably heading south and do Lolo Pass and maybe back down to Lake Wallowa. Although she has been on a couple of short rides with me, she has never been on a actual motorcycle trip before and she's extremely excited about going with me and having a road trip with her dad. That in itself is going to be priceless and I will gladly put the bike up if we can get in this week of father daughter time together. All in all, considering the late April start we had this year, we did get in a lot of riding and more rallies than ever before. We attended eight rallies in four different states and British Columbia and had a great time at every one. It was especially nice traveling to them with several of our Chapter members and also with Chapter H out of Coeur d'Alene. Although there were some close calls along the way, everyone had a safe riding season, thanks to our continuing education and the riding skills we have developed over the thousands of miles we've all logged on our bikes. It's been a great season and with the help of Mother Nature I'll be able to ride until Thanksgiving weekend before I have to call it quits and join the rest of the world behind a cage. The only saving grace of having the bikes in the shop is it will give me some time to really clean them up and maybe even add some chrome or a light or two. Thanks to everyone who joined us on our rides this past year and we look forward to getting together with everyone next Spring to explore new roads, share new adventures and meet new friends.

Life is short; ya gotta ride!

Dave & Terri Chromy, ACD's

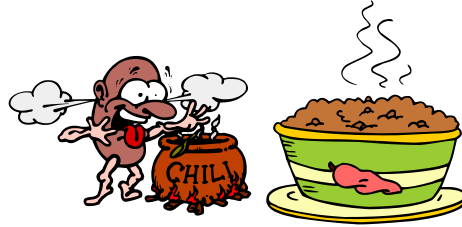
2009 Lake Wallowa Campout. Wow! What a great turn out we had. As usual our camp trailer had problems but thanks to Dale, we may have finally found out the problem - my "excellent" wiring! We started out on Friday from the Harvester in Spangle and Duane and Phyllis Battien even joined in to help send us all off. They couldn't let go and still were needed for the last of the Harvest. We made our way to the Strike and Spare and ready to dig into some of those great Turkey "jumbo" sandwiches. Several people hadn't enjoyed them yet, so the surprise of how big they are was great to see on their faces, and the sandwiches were great too. A warm day made the run even better and a stop for ice cream at the Oasis was well needed. Up the canyon we went and into Oregon and to our campsite. Dale and Shirley, our Wagon Masters, found a great area for us, close to the restrooms and plenty of room for the campfire chats. Friday night found many goodies for the Pot Luck and lots of fried chicken. The food was great as we have some awesome cooks in our group. The campfire was glowing and so were our campers. As usual a discussion of aliens and ghosts was mentioned and accompanied by mysterious lights courtesy of a certain ACD! I must say that Wally came down with the first of several lounging pants and this was soon to be followed by other entries. I feel that this is just the beginning of even more fun for our campouts. Let's see how many come to the fireside chats with some of these great and crazy lounging pants next year and we'll have Ronnie, the inventor and creator of the wild pants, be the judge. Saturday morning found us going in many directions but the best was for breakfast at Cheyenne's for some great food. Now many folks took extra rides and found even more great adventures. Saturday night found us a great place with some awesome burgers and Dale loved the hand cut fish and chips. Sunday morning we all took off to get grub in Enterprise and refuel the bikes. Friendly's Restaurant was our choice and this is a great one for us to return to next year by popular request. They make the wonderful biscuits, home made jam and they even make their own corned beef hash, (one of my favorites), Then just when we thought it couldn't get any better the owner, an elderly spry young thing, gave us all a thrill with her comedy routine and jokes. We had a dinner show in the morning! A great ride home with all of our friends and we hope to see even more this coming year. This is one outing you can't miss and, yes, we had people join us that love the art of moteling it too. Hope to see you in 2010.

Tom McCollim





Wingnut News



The Soup and Chili feed in on the agenda for this month. Thanks to the Howays for hosting this annual event. Chili, soups, and all the accompaniments are requested. I'm sure a dessert or two, maybe even 3, would be appreciated. Please let Linda know what you're bringing or if you want ideas of what we don't have yet and still need. Please call her at **928-5772**.



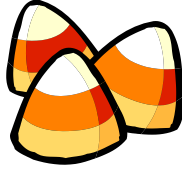
Beware-Warning!!! This month I found a safety article befitting the season, if you are squeamish, it is ok to skip it this month. However if you love the gore CSI or Bones, have at it and enjoy the information.....Darla

The summer has held on so nicely it is hard to believe that October is here and that last ride of the year is approaching for all of us. Now the next group dinner is at Ringo's Little Vegas. If you have ideas for the dinner rides for 2010, places you want to go or places you don't want to go, the chili feed is a great time to discuss it or let Dale and Shirley know by emailing them with your suggestions. Tom McCollim (Rhodwarr@AOL.com) is going to make the reservations for next year as the Howays will be snow birding this winter in Arizona, so you can forward your suggestions to him as well. October is also the month for the quarterly drawing, so stick your tickets in your wallet. Our leadership is doing an awesome job picking out great prizes. Remember your tickets don't expire till you use them, but you can't win unless you show up and bring them with you.

Bill and Renee Schultz have their trike listed on Craig's List and last week they were getting a lot of interest but suspect it won't take long to sell with those lovely ghost flames on it.

Lastly, several of our fellow Wingnuts have been spending more time with the medical professionals that what they want lately. We wish everyone a speedy recovery and long lasting health.

The suggestion has come up for a weekly Friday morning get together for coffee. If you have a suggestion for a place please let Dale know. I know Donuts To Go on Division finally reopened and might be one suggestion.



October Birthdays

Wishing these members a Happy Birthday this month-

Dave Chromy October 10

Darla McCollim October 16

Ingrid Williams October 20

October Anniversaries

Wishing you a Happy Anniversary

Dave and Tina Fyhr October 3

Don and Elaine Manor

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!

2009 CHAPTER DINNER SOCIALS/RIDES

DATES: The 2nd Wednesday every month

TIMES: Meeting at 6 pm **NOTE 1:** All reservations are for 15-20 people because we've had such good participation lately (thanks to ID-H for joining us).

NOTE 2: All reservations are made under 'Dennis Howey'.

October 14th at Ringo's Little Vegas, 11420 E. Sprague. 924-2055 they don't take reservations this far in advance.

November 11th at the Iron Skillet, 10566 W. Aero Rd. 842-1130. Have reservations at 6:00 PM.

December - No Wednesday dinner social.

Dennis Howey

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Happy Halloween Wingnuts

Safety Article

An Ugly Fact You May Have To Deal With Eyes Pop Out

By: James R. Davis

During a State Rally that Elaine and I just attended, we had the pleasure of hosting a couple of safety seminars for the attendees. During a session of our presentation, the audience was dumbfounded and shocked at a casual remark made by Elaine. She told them that high impact accidents sometimes result in having the victim's eyes (or one of them) pop out of their heads. [Subsequent to posting this article an EMT wrote me that in 15 years of experience he has NEVER witnessed a case of an eye dislocating. On the other hand, another wrote that he has seen it happen. Our most recent CPR/First Aid class included acknowledgement that high impact accidents do result in dislocations. For what it's worth.]

This was not meant to shock or make the audience uncomfortable, but rather to point out that a first aid kit should include a few things that most people don't seem to realize could come in very handy. (In the case of an eye or eyes that have popped out of their sockets, you should not assume that the victim is rendered blind as a result. The eyes can be returned to their sockets by competent medical people.) The problem is that the victim can STILL SEE with their eyes dislocated and that scares them and confuses them to the point that they can do some very damaging things to themselves.

What to do? Use empty Styrofoam cups and capture each eye in one and hold it up near the sockets. Use a large triangle bandage and secure the cups (goggle fashion) against the head. This 'blinds' the victim, removes the confusion of uncontrolled sight, and protects the eyes themselves from further damage resulting from handling (particularly by the victim.)

Keep the victim still - TALK TO THEM NON-STOP!!!!!! - and wait for medical help to arrive. Ugly and uncomfortable to think about, but if you have read this far you could be the reason a victim has any sight left at all after an accident.

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(James R. Davis is a recognized [expert witness](#) in the fields of Motorcycle Safety/Dynamics.)



A Halloween Story

Bob Hill and his new wife Betty were vacationing in Europe... as it happens, near Transylvania. They were riding on a rental Gold Wing along a rather deserted highway. It was late and raining very hard. Bob could barely see the road in front of him. Suddenly a car pulls out in front of him and the Gold Wing starts to skid out of control! Bob attempts to control the motorcycle but even with ABS, no avail! The Gold Wing swerves to keep from hitting the car and smashes into a fence along side the road.

Moments later, Bob shakes his head to clear the fog. Dazed, he looks back at the passenger seat and sees his wife unconscious! Despite the rain and unfamiliar countryside, Bob knows he has to get her medical assistance. Bob skillfully lifts his bike off Betty, carefully picks her up, leaving on her helmet and begins trudging down the road. After a short while, he sees a light. He heads towards the light, which is coming from a large, old house. He approaches the door and knocks.

A minute passes. A small, hunched man opens the door. Bob immediately blurts, "Hello, my name is Bob Hill, and this is my wife Betty. We've been in a terrible accident, and my wife has been seriously hurt. Can I please use your phone?" "I'm sorry," replied the hunchback, "but we don't have a phone. My master is a doctor; come in and I will get him!"

Bob brings his wife in. An older man comes down the stairs. "I'm afraid my assistant may have misled you. I am not a medical doctor; I am a scientist. However, it is many miles to the nearest clinic, and I have had some basic medical training. I will see what I can do. Igor, bring them down to the laboratory." With that, Igor picks up Betty and carries her downstairs, with Bob following closely. Igor places Betty on a table in the lab. Bob collapses from exhaustion and his own injuries, so Igor places Bob on an adjoining table.

After a brief examination, Igor's master looks worried. "Things are serious, Igor. Prepare a transfusion." Igor and his master work feverishly, but to no avail. Bob and Betty Hill are no more.

The Hills' deaths upset Igor's master greatly. Wearily, he climbs the steps to his conservatory, which houses his grand piano. For it is here that he has always found solace. He begins to play, and a stirring, almost haunting melody fills the house.

Meanwhile, Igor is still in the lab tidying up. His eyes catch movement, and he notices the fingers on Betty's hand twitch, keeping time to the haunting piano music. Stunned, he watches as Bob's arm begins to rise, marking the beat! He is further amazed as Betty and Bob both sit up straight!

Unable to contain himself, he dashes up the stairs to the conservatory. He bursts in and shouts to his master

"Master, Master! The Hills are alive with the sound of music!"

(I am soooooo sorry..... But you really should've seen that coming)



CHAPTER WA-N EVENT SCHEDULE FOR 2009

OCTOBER

- 10 Washington District Leadership Conference in Buckley
- 14 WA-N Dinner Social at Ringo's Little Vegas - 6PM
- 17 ID-H Breakfast at IHOP, CdA - 8AM
- 18 WA-N Breakfast at Golden Corral - 8:30AM
- 24 WA-N Chili & Soup Feed at the Howeys'
- 24 WA-Q Halloween Dance in Puyallup

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

NOVEMBER

- 11 WA-N Dinner Social at the Iron Skillet - 6PM
- 11 WA-B Veterans' Day
- 15 WA-N Breakfast at Golden Corral - 8:30AM
- 21 ID-H Breakfast at IHOP, CdA - 8AM

DECEMBER

- 12 WA-D Festival of Lights in Montesano
- TBD WA-N Christmas Party
- TBD ID-H Christmas Party

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28 Confucius' Birthday (Taiwan)	29 International Inventors Day	30	OCTOBER 1 International Raccoon Appreciation Day	2	3
4 National Cinnamon Bun Day (Sweden)	5 World Teacher's Day	6 National German-American Day	7	8	9 Leif Erikson Day	10 District Leadership Conference World Mental Health Day
11	12 Columbus Day	13 Thanksgiving Day (Canada)	14 WA-N Dinner Ringo's Little Vegas, SV Peace Corps Birthday	15 International Day of Older People (Australia)	16 Dictionary Day Boss Day Ether Day	17 ID-H Breakfast IHOP, CdA Black Poetry Day
18 WA-N Breakfast Golden Corral Alaska Day	19	20	21	22 ID-H Dinner Elmer's, CdA	23 WA-F Mall Show National Mole Day (Avogadro's #)	24 WA-N Chili & Soup Feed, The Howeys' WA-Q Halloween Dance WA-F Mall Show United Nations Day
25 WA-F Mall Show Mother-in-Law's Day	26	27 Navy Day	28	29 Int'l Internet Day	30	31 ID-H Costume Party and Pot Luck HALLOWE'EN National Magic Day

CHAPTER WA-N CALENDAR for OCTOBER 2009