



"FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE"

Chapter "E" Bellevue



June 18th, 2005

Bellevue Chapter WA-E Breakfast / Meeting Social Hours:

Summer (May – September) 8 am -- Winter (October – April) 9 am

We meet at the Paragon Hotel (formerly the Ramada Inn) on the corner of 112th Ave NE and NE 8th just off 405 in Bellevue.

Message from your Chapter Directors: Bob and Patty Spencer

Why do you belong to GWRRA.....and in particular, why Chapter E? I can tell you that the reason why Patty and I joined GWRRA and the reasons why we continue to belong are much different. No doubt, we all had our specific reasons for joining this association in the first place. Some joined for the magazine, some for the education and some, like us, were just plain curious. We were also looking for others who share our passion for motorcycling.

Our curiosity was satisfied and we certainly found others who shared our passion when we attended our first Chapter E meeting. But what has kept us here? You.....the many wonderful friends we have made. I know that there are many benefits to belonging to GWRRA, but quite frankly, Patty and I think that the yearly dues of \$55.00 a year, or approximately \$1.00 a week, is worth being able to spend time with friends like all of you. All the other benefits are just a bonus to us! Speaking of benefits, when was the last time you visited the GWRRA National website? www.gwrro.org Check it out sometime. When you do, click on membership to see all of the benefits that are available to you. I'm sure you will find many that you were not aware of.

OK. So we all belong to this huge International Association, but we have also chosen to belong to an individual chapter. The question now becomes what benefit is there to belonging to a specific chapter? Patty and I have always said that "you reap what you sew" or better said in this instance, "You get out of an organization, what you put into it". I ask you. Are you getting your \$1.00 a weeks worth. If not, it's all up to you! The more you participate in rides, socials, rider education and other functions, the more fun you will have. The more friends you will make. The more knowledge you will gain and the safer rider you will become. Some may also say, "The more weight you will gain", but I'll save that for another day. We can't do it without you, or should I say, "we don't want to do it without you". The more people involved, the

more fun we all have! So muster up some of that Chapter E “Eagle Spirit” and get involved! Participate in all that you are able. Wear your chapter colors when appropriate (with or without a vest) and most of all keep your membership current and be loyal to your chapter! It will make you feel good about what you are doing and make us feel even better!

Bob and Patty Spencer
Chapter Directors

After “Chapter Meeting” Ride

Our After meeting ride on Saturday, June 18th will be to Roslyn Washington, Just on the other side of Snoqualmie Pass. This is the site where the TV series Northern Exposure was filmed. Some of the movie set murals still exist and make for great “photo ops”. Rick Gustin has laid out a route that will take us over the pass via the old highway, from Denny Creek to the Alpentel ski area.

May Chapter Rides

May “After Meeting Ride” By Laurie Slavin

Last month’s after meeting ride was very enjoyable. Nine bikes took 405 to I-5 north and got off the freeway in Marysville for some back road riding. We made our way north to Chuckanut Drive and the roads were great with lots of curves and hills. Once we made it to Bellingham, we stopped off at Bob’s Grill for a bite to eat. We then found our way to the Classic Motorcycle Exhibit at the Whatcom Museum of History and Art. They had a wide variety of bikes on display. We saw 1930s board track racers, '40s European Scooters, '50s Hill climbers and Harley Davidson’s from 1915 to a beautiful custom 2005 Harley show bike called “The Dragon Motorcycle”. They had Triumphs, Moto Guzzi, an Ariel Square Four, a 1919 Indian and a beautiful, red 1972 Honda 750.

Snohomish Motorcycle Show By Ernie and Sue Sigarto

On Sunday, May 15th, several of us (Bob and Patty, John and Barb, Neal and Karen, Jim and Karen, Mark and Laurie and Sue and I) met for the short run first to the Maltby Café for breakfast. Would you believe that we started with and ended with their famous cinnamon roll? Then off to Snohomish for their annual Antique Motorcycle Show. Should I remind everyone that just as we left for the Café, it began to rain and actually didn’t stop until we arrived at the Show? We actually got there fairly early while some booths were still being set up. They had many varieties of bikes for different classes of competition and they seemed to be coming in all day. It’s always fun seeing the work that’s been put into these bikes to restore them or just personalize them. They also had many motorcycle related booths, lots of food and even a couple stages set up for live music. They were quite good. They had a “Walk About” which several of us participated in and interestingly, when we went to the drawings they periodically had, two of us won. It seems that we were the only ones that had turned in the Walk About forms. Too funny. Strange that no one stayed for all the drawings. The Cossack stunt team performed and was as entertaining as ever. They were missing the

always entertaining big guy that is usually at the bottom of their pyramids but his replacement did quite well. All in all it was an enjoyable day and certainly worthy of repeating next year.

Chapter “D” Duck Hunt

By Karla Edwards

Did someone say Duck Hunt? On Saturday June 4th, 8 brave souls accepted the challenge from Washington Chapter D, “Find the duck!” We began our quest at the City of McCleary Park to register and carefully examine the photo of the exact duck that we were looking for (a 3 foot tall blow-up of Donald Duck?). This was also the first of 5 check points which included a little dart throwing. As our cards began quickly racking-up the points, it was time to head out in search of the duck, along with the second check point.

Our adventure took us through some amazing roads. The highlight during this stretch included the Capital Forest Road off of Highway 12. This stretch is a narrow one lane paved logging road which travels next to a beautiful stream and what appears to resemble a rain forest throughout. The road had miles of wonderful sweeper turns, little traffic, great scenery and some amazing character. We found our second stop near the end of this road and it included a bean bag toss through several holes in a cow. It became quickly evident that there was stiff competition within our group and all did a great job!

We were off to the third check point in search of the duck. This part of our journey took us through beautiful country back roads with old farm houses, barns, and wrapped barrels of hay that some thought looked like Costco sized Marshmallows. We were not disappointed by the quality of the secondary roads, giant sweepers, scenery, and the traffic. Our group even had the opportunity to explore miles of country side that wasn't on our route and meet some of the locals. The organized route took us through the Mima Mounds, Little rock, Galvin, and finally ending up in Adna for our third challenge of attempting to throw outside darts at a monster sized Einstein.

It was now our fourth leg of our adventure and still no duck. Our journey continued with the same quality of road and scenery we had come to expect. We headed towards Rochester following Manner Creek Road through the hills of Garrard Creek Road. We liked Garrard Creek Road so much that we decided to do it twice. It was during our second exploration of this road that the duck revealed himself to us. We were absolutely elated and believed this sighting secured our place in the winners circle. Our fourth check point was at the “Sharon Grange” and was another bean bag toss and a chance to recalibrate the GPS, share our excitement about our sighting and prepare for the final leg of the trip.

Our final leg took us to Montesano on Highway 12 and ended our travels at the Beacon School with the final check point, silent auction and a hot bowl of Duck soup. There was a great turnout for this year's Duck Run. The weather was great, the route was an adventure, and everyone had a great time.

Side note: What Karla neglected to share, was that she was the one that spotted the duck. She also won the Duck Hunt 50/50 for over \$160.00. Congratulations Karla!!

Chapter “M” Fun Run By Bruce McMahon

10:00 a.m. Saturday morning, May 14, 2005, WE WERE OFF for our weekend adventure in Yakima and Chapter WA-M's Fun Run. Unlike the last several years, the ride over to Yakima was very pleasant. It was 54 degrees at Snoqualmie Pass. In Ellensburg, we took the scenic route down Canyon Road, running along the Yakima River, into Selah. It was so nice, as the temperature started rising into the mid 60s. Jumping back on I-82 at Selah, we were off to the KOA in Yakima and a “Kamping Kabin”. Something we did last year with Rodney and really liked. Clean, four beds, porch swing, convenient and the KOA was where Chapter M was holding their free “member appreciation” BBQ on Saturday evening. **“More than you could eat”** is the only way to describe the BBQ. Right after the BBQ, we were entertained by a trio of “belly-dancers” -- remember “watch their hands,” or is that the Hula? They were a wonderful group of entertainers.

Sunday brought “SHOWERS.” Sandra and I made our way to Phulon's Honda and to the start of Chapter WA-M's Fun Run, COFFEE and donuts. Upon arriving at Phulon's, Ronnie Lopez came over and said, “You won!!” The first thing I did was reach for and held on to my wallet. “Won what?” I replied. Well it seems that there was a consensus of those riders present, that I was unanimously selected to lead the group. Now, isn't that special? Ronnie and Peggy, Roger and Deb, Dale and Charlene (WA-S), Alex and Becky (WA-L), Louis Horton (WA-B), Sandra and I took off in a group of six motorcycles. Ronnie Lopez was the tail end.

The ride was a little over 125 miles of country side to the south and east of Yakima along the I-82 corridor both north and south. Wonderful side roads into towns like Sawyer, Buena, Zillah, Sunnyside, and so forth. This was a well planned and laid out Fun Run, except for one area -- Cherry Hill Loop. You know something is wrong when you come up to a stop sign at a “T” and realize you have already passed this point. Out came the instructions and a map of Washington, which wasn't much help on really rural roads. We were not the only group that took this “side route” up though narrow roads amid apple orchards. We were finally able to find the route to our next check point, Darigold Dairy and away we went. Ice cream, cheese and flying cows -- oh my!!! What a great place for a check point even if it was showering.

Check point four found us in Toppenish, at the Indian Nation facility. We decided to have lunch in their restaurant, which turned out to be the right thing to do at that time. As we were enjoying the buffet lunch a REAL GULLY WASHER came rolling by. Heavy rain, but we didn't care -- having lunch you know. All too soon the ride was over. Back at Phulon's about 2 pm. We never connected with Jim Pelican and Christy Gill but heard they were there. Sandra and I left Phulon's for the ride over to Longview and to a Washington District Staff meeting on Monday. Finally ran out of the rain showers west of Mossyrock, on route 12. Busy, busy, busy. Bruce

Socials

XXX Ice Cream Socials

Join us every Thursday night through the summer at XXX in Issaquah, starts at 6 pm.
Hope to see you there!!!

Cares, Concerns and Celebrations

2005 Calendar of Chapter Events

PD = pre-registration dates

* = WA-E scheduled event

June

- * 3-5th WA-R Blue Mt. Rendezvous
 - * 4th WA-D Duck Hunt
 - 10-12th WA-Q Elma Rest Stop
 - 17-19th Oregon District Rally
 - 18th Breakfast Meeting 8 am. Ride to Roslyn (Rick Gustin)
 - 22-25th Can Am Rally PD: June 1st.
- (Every Thursday night 6 pm. XXX Ice Cream Socials in Issaquah)**

July

- * 3rd 2nd Annual Gustin Ride and BBQ beach party.
 - 4-7th Wing Ding in Indiana
 - 8-10th WA-M Hobo Feed
 - 9th Diablo Lake Adventure
 - 16th Breakfast Meeting 8 am. Fort Worden
 - * 17th WA-A Mystery Ride, PD: Jun. 30th
 - 23-25th WA-M Multi. Ch. Camp Out
 - 28-30th Wash. Dist. Rally in Lynden (360-384-8881)
PD: March 1st
- (Every Thursday night 6 pm. XXX Ice Cream Socials in Issaquah)**

August

- * 7th WA-F & G Mt. Run
- * 13th WA-Y Riddler Run
- * 18-21st Region I Rally, Port Townsend

20th Breakfast Meeting 8 am. Poulsbo Art Fair
 * 26-28th WA-P Oyster Feed
(Every Thursday night 6 pm. XXX Ice Cream Socials in Issaquah)

September

2-5th Idaho Dist. Rally
 2-5th WA-B Ocean Beach Camp Out
 * 4th "Chapter Picnic" at Joe & Freda Downs' Tree Farm
 7-11th WA-M North Cascades Loop
 11th Ride for Kids
 17th Breakfast Meeting 8 am. Ride to Black Diamond Bakery
 22nd Dinner Social
 * 25th Oyster Run

Thursday night 6 pm. XXX Ice Cream Socials. September 1st and 8th only.
(Please wear your XXX T-Shirt on the 8th if you have one)

October

8th Wash. Dist. Leadership Training in Moses Lake.
 Breakfast Meeting 9 am. (begin winter hours)
 * 15th Jillian's Sport Bar
 22nd WA-Q Halloween Dance
 22-23rd WA-F South Hill Mall Show
 27th Dinner Social
 29th Game Night

November

4-7th Rest Stop South Bound Smokey Point.
 5th LaConor Art Fair 10 am.
 11th WA-M Veteran's Day Parade
 13th Chapter E Brunch
 17th Dinner Social
 19th Breakfast Meeting 9 am. 2006 Calendar Planning Meeting

December

3 rd	WA-Q Santa Parade
10 th	WA-M Christmas Party, Zilla
10 th	WA-D Festival of Lights (tentative)
17 th	Breakfast Meeting 9 am. Christmas Party at 6 pm.

Impromptu Rides Pool

Lighthouse Photo Tour
Mt. Baker (approx. 300 miles)
Fall Color Ride
NW Trek / Picnic
Vancouver BC (Rodney)
Woodland Park Zoo / Picnic
Apple State Run Photo Tour
The Sound of Music in Leavenworth overnight (Contact Leah Gray)

Photo Album & Web Site

Reminder:

If you joined us for any of our great rides or events this month and took pictures, please give a copy of your photos to Rick or Sue Gustin for our chapter album. If you have a digital camera, you can print out the best for our album and send your digital photos to Mark Caldwell for use on the web site.

Rider Education

DIY Rider Education By Mark Caldwell

With the success of Lowe's and Home Depot, it seems that the DIY (Do It Yourself) trend is here to stay for a while. So rather than fight the wave, let me help you to ride it. Did you know that there are a lot of resources in the area of Rider Education that you can take advantage of by yourself? And many of them are **FREE**. Let's take a look.

I have hounded you in the past to read good books about safe riding skills such as those by David Hough. I was very happy to see how many of you purchased one or more of his books when he came to talk to our chapter. I hope you actually took some time to read them during the winter in preparation for this great

riding season we are entering. If you haven't, it's not too late. Just pull the books out of wherever you stored them, dust them off and go to it. If you find that you're just not getting around to it, perhaps planning a regular reading time would help, such as reading one chapter each Sunday after dinner, or something like that. What a great way to start your week!

For those who did not get his books yet, and/or are on a tighter budget, do not worry. David's books are available in the public library system, which I believe is still free in this country. We also have two of his books, *Proficient Motorcycling* (the first one) and *Street Strategies* available in our Chapter Library, which is also free to members. In fact, every month in the newsletter we publish what items are available to be borrowed from the Chapter Library.

If you'd rather do things the electronic way, there are several resources on the national GWRRA web site (<http://www.gwrra.org/>). On the right side of the home page, there is a Site Links drop down list. Choose Rider Ed from that list and it takes you to the national Rider Education page. From there you can read the National Rider Education newsletters, download T-CLOCK and trailer inspection checklists, and even read the Rider Education Program Handbook. Also on that site are links to other safety resources such as the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF), Red Cross, MEDIC FIRST AID, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), and others.

Also on the GWRRA web site there is the Message Board with Motorcycle Tech Info and Rider Ed discussion forums (topics). If you're new to using discussion forums, I suggest you start by browsing some of the discussions (a.k.a. threads) already on the site before posting your own questions. There is a Test Topic where you can practice posting messages in order to get used to the way the system works. It's not difficult, but it can be intimidating if you're new to forums. But **please** remember my warnings about False Authority Syndrome from a few newsletters ago. Just because it's on the Internet, and somebody writes with a forceful tone or sounds like they should know what they're talking about, does not mean that it really is accurate. I'm perfectly happy to talk about anything you read and let's discuss the pros and cons. Safety is rarely pure black and white, but instead is full of trade-offs. So let's talk about them.

Always remember: your safety is your own responsibility. Take some time to learn something new, or to sharpen those skills you already have. I'd like to see each and every one of you enjoying the ride, and then coming home safe.

Chapter "Check-Out" Material

Below is a list of materials available from the Chapter for your review. Please contact Mark Caldwell if you are interested in borrowing something for your reading or viewing pleasures.

- Book: *Street Strategies* by David L. Hough
- Book: *Proficient Motorcycling* by David L. Hough
- VHS: *Co-Rider* from GWRRA (2002)
- VHS: Gary Sanford's *Slow Speed Cycling Seminar*
- VHS: Part 1: *Helmet Effectiveness (Hurt Report)*; Part 2: *Co-Rider* from GWRRA (Pre-2002)
- VHS: GWRRA & Safeco present *Touring & Braking / Trailering* (1996)
- VHS: *Buying Motorcycle Helmets* (Snell Memorial Foundation)
- VHS: *Basic Maintenance of the 1500 Goldwing* with Andy MacDonald

- VHS: Advanced Maintenance for the 1500 Goldwing with Andrew MacDonald
- Report: Fatal Single Vehicle Motorcycle Crashes, October 2001
- Report: Drowsy Driving and Automobile Crashes
- Report: Impaired Motorcycle Riding: What Motorcyclists Think About Alcohol and Motorcycling, February 2001

Birthdays and Anniversaries

June Birthdays

- 3 Karen Jamison
- 6 Anna Hershey
- 7 Kathy Jones
- 12 Lance Donaldson

June Anniversaries

- 17 Chuck & Gayle Thuot

July Birthdays

- 16 Bruce McMahill
- 16 Jim Vey
- 17 Freda Downs
- 19 LeeAnn Kelly
- 21 Joe Downs
- 29 Charlene Lee
- 29 Thess Thurgood

July Anniversaries

- 2 Bob & Thess Thurgood
- 13 Bruce & Sandy McMahill
- 14 Garney & Gail Arcand
- 22 Rod & Kathryn Johnson

Please contact Jim and Karen Roberson for any additions or corrections.

Want Ads

EVERETT AQUASOX

Join us Sunday, July 24th at the Everett Aqua Sox game for a night of fun and a chance to show off your bike (more information at our Chapter Meeting Saturday, June 18th). Game time is 4:05 pm. Tickets are \$9.00 per person and a portion of the proceeds will go to Chapter E. Please contact Steve Lee 425-483-6212 or dbleshot1@comcast.net no later than July 10th for tickets.

Product Finds & Reviews

Motorcycle Works
 ((425) 226-2928 - 485 Rainier Ave S. Renton, WA)

They have the Elite 3 tires in stock now for \$275 a set. The Honda dealers all want around \$418 for the set.
 Nice little saving if anyone is looking for tires.