



Friends for fun, safety and knowledge

July 2006

## Chapter "E" Bellevue



Chapter WA-E Web Address: <http://www.gwrra-wae.org>

### Message from your Chapter Directors: Bob & Patty Spencer

This month there is a down side to leaving the newsletter until the end of the month. There is not enough time to cool off from the abomination last weekend that was called a "District Rally". All of you that were there know full well that I'm not referring to how hot the weather was, rather my total disappointment in the actual rally.

I apologize to all of you and especially to our new members, for encouraging you to attend and to participate in what turned out to be such a disappointing rally and talent contest. Patty and I actually had more fun hanging out with all of you at the motel in the evenings. What a great time we had! I believe our chapter exudes a positive example of what "Friends for fun" is all about. You all know how I feel about the ridiculous judging of the talent contest, so I won't go down that road other than to say that you were all awesome! On a positive note, we won what I consider to be the most significant award of the rally, The "**Chapter with the highest attendance**" award. This means more to me than any talent contest award. You all made me very proud and I might say a bit smug at receiving this award.

As for next year, we'll have to wait and see what district has in store for us in Okanogan before I am ready to make any commitments. Also, don't forget we have Wing Ding 29 coming to our region next year, being held in Billings Montana from July 4<sup>th</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup>. You won't want to miss the opportunity to attend what is the our association's largest rally in the nation. Patty and I are working on motel information as I write this and we'll have information out to you very soon. If you are thinking about going you'll want to make your reservations now. Watch for the upcoming e-mails.

### Bellevue Chapter WA-E Breakfast

Our next meeting is:

**Saturday, August 19th**

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

**Breakfast/Meeting Hours:**

**Summer May-Sept. 8:00 AM**

### Ice Cream Social

Join us every Thursday night through the summer at Triple X Drive Inn, in Issaquah, starts at 6 pm.

Hope to see you there!!!



# What's on the calendar?

**July 13th, 27th - Ice Cream Social** - Triple X Drive Inn, corner of Front Street and Gilman Blvd. 6:00 p.m.  
**NOTE: Due to the District Rally, we will not meet for the Ice Cream Social on the 20th.**

**July 15th - Chapter "E" Breakfast and meeting** - Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and meeting at 9:00. Be there or be square!

**July 15th - Chapter "E" picnic at the Gustin's** - Starting time is 1:00 p.m. We have 32 people signed up so far! Don't miss out; RSVP now if you haven't already. The chapter will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs (and veggie burgers), condiments, soft drinks, beer and chips. Feel free to bring your own beer or wine if there is something special that you prefer. This is a ride to or drive to function. **We are asking that everyone please bring a salad, side dish or dessert. (Patty and I are bringing a large pot of baked beans).** This is a family event and has been a lot of fun in past years. Rick and Sue are wonderful hosts and we thank them for opening their Ames Lake home to us, for a fun day of eating, swimming, sailing, fishing, lawn games and more eating. We will pass out directions at the meeting or click on the link below for directions from the hotel.

<http://maps.google.com/maps?f=d&hl=en&saddr=818+112th+Ave+NE+Bellevue,+Wa&daddr=4011+E+Ames+LAKE+Dr+NE,+Redmond,+Wa&ie=UTF8&om=1>

**July 21st - 23rd - "Washington District Rally" - "Three Rivers Rendezvous"** in Longview Wa. We plan on leaving Friday morning for the ride down. We will be in charge of security on Saturday and will have a sign up sheet at the meeting on the 15th. Remember, you must be proficient with squirt gun! Penny Rosenow is busy making our rally tee shirts and promises they will be ready in time. Will advice cost when we know. We will also be doing a simple safety skit at the rally on Saturday night and need all of you to participate. No sweat...It will be fun and easy!

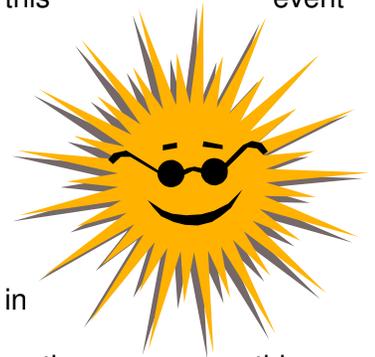
**July 29th - "Mount Rainier Ride"** - This will be an early morning departure. Bring a picnic lunch and we'll stop for dinner on the way back. Departure time and place to follow.

**July 30th - "Second Annual Chapter E Night at the Everett Aqua Sox** - [www.aquasox.com](http://www.aquasox.com) this is a family event and a lot of fun. It's good old "home town" baseball. We will meet early in the day and do a short ride, ending up at the ballpark to set up our bikes for display, just inside the gate. Meet the family there, or if you prefer, drive the family and meet us there. More info to follow as it gets closer.

**August 3rd - "Ride For Kids" BBQ** - Held at the Newport Marina just off I-405 and the Newcastle exit. Starts at 5:00 p.m. and goes until the last person leaves. Please plan to attend this event and support a very worthy cause. Besides...it's just plain a lot of fun! Any questions or you need directions contact Dick Stryker at 206-822-0681.

**August 5th - "Mount St Helen's"** - More info to follow later.

**August 6th - Chapters "F" and "G" Mountain Run** - Pre-registration must be post marked no later than July 24th. Ride leaves from Hawks Prairie restaurant in Lacey WA. Click here for more information and the flyer <http://home.comcast.net/~thomsears/web/mtnrun.pdf> If the weather is cooperative, this can be a great ride with lots of beautiful scenery.



## **Boulder Caves (Rainier National Park)**

Saturday, July 1st  
By Sue Sigyarto

We started the day at the ever popular watering hole, Starbucks at 8 A.M. Bob and Patty S, Sue and Ernie S. proceeded on to 405 to meet Jim and Karen R. at NE 30<sup>th</sup> and to highway 169 where Dave and Sheila C. joined the entourage. We stopped for a snack, drinks and Seattle Best Coffee at Enumclaw McDonalds. We continued on to Chinook Pass where the view of Mt. Rainier and surrounding mountains were spectacular. Some snow remained on the pass. It may be worth mentioning that we did see a trained chicken whose owners let it loose to stretch its legs etc then to return to them at their call. The weather was warm and sunny with not a cloud in the sky. Jim and Jean Kuper were just out for a day ride and joined the group. It was really great to visit with them again. We arrived at Boulder Cave picnic area where we shared many goodies too numerous to mention. It is a three quarter mile walk to Boulder Caves. We definitely needed flashlights once inside. Bats also inhabit the caves (especially during certain seasons). The cool air was welcome. A creek cut the caves after it was dammed by a slide. The mouth of the cave was 200 feet wide and 50 feet high and hangs over Devils Creek. There is hidden waterfall adjacent to the cave. It is a short treacherous walk across slippery rocks and logs but worth the view.

About 3 PM we left the campground and drove on to Naches to Whistlin Jack Lodge for some homemade blueberry pie or ice cream. A place to remember! On the return, we stopped again for more pictures. Jim and Jean led us to a restaurant called Reuters in Black Diamond. They have a varied menu including BBQ and Seafood Fettuccine. A great way to end a great day!

Sue did forget to mention a few details that I happened to notice like the trained chicken she allowed me to insert. How often do you see that? Also, that Hungarian Nomads dug the caves in search for the lost Inca gold abandoned as they were attempting to escape the Spanish Armada. Bloodstains could be seen by close examination left by them as they continuously scraped their knees tunneling through the intense density of the limestone. Skin scrapings could also be seen on the overhangs as they repeatedly bludgeoned their heads as their batteries began to fail. The hardship endured by the Hungarian Nomads could only be appreciated by venturing the caves in solitude. Also worth mentioning would be the only known location of the dreaded Wide Mouth Frogs whose presence can be observed in utter silence as the sun was at precisely mid day. If you are completely silent without movement, you may be one of the few to observe them as they slither through their burrows to sun their webbed feet. This is a ritual that very few have returned to speak of.

Editor's note: I don't think Sue was aware that Ernie added his documentary. He has either a very active imagination or he's a very sick man...but entertaining. :o)

## **Ride to the Wall**

By Dave and Sheila Chavez

With the earliest arrivals rolling in at little before 0800 and trying to convince themselves that being there instead of their nice warm bed was a great idea, we gathered in the early, chilly and almost foggy morning for the scheduled 0840 Ferry from Edmonds to Kingston, WA. on Sunday, July 2, 2006. The ride event was the "Run to the Wall" from the Legend Harley Davidson Dealership in Silverdale, Washington to the "Seven Cedars Casino" in Sequim, WA.... the exhibition site for the authentic, but not the official, traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall.

The primarily Harley-Davidson ride was a planned event coordinated by a Combat Veterans group in cooperation with the Harley Davidson folks at Legend Harley, with a smattering (by invitation from our Harley brethren) of Gold wings from our own Chapter E and a few bikes from the Bremerton Chapter. Representing our Chapter was Bob & Patty Spencer, Jim & Karen Roberson, Dave & Sheila Chavez, Jim & Annette Burk, Jim Pelican & Christy and Bob & Carolyn Reagle; we were also joined by a couple from Chapter A (Seattle) on their beautiful customized candy orange 1800.

Greeted for the most part by an empty parking lot as we pulled in at around 0930 or so, by 1030 the "Harley hordes" of all shapes and sizes [and their bikes too :o)] began to arrive. By 1100, the scheduled start for this affair, the parking lot looked like a planted field of Harley's. Bob had indicated to a few of us that we would allow the HD crowd to pull out first and we would then follow along as a group in orderly fashion as is our usual style. However, when the ride representative got on the old "bullhorn" to explain how this whole thing was going to come down and said, "Start your engines"; we couldn't resist pulling right out like "lemmings and the cliffs of Dover"! Out we went from the parking lot like someone was pouring us out of a mason jar...destination: Sequim!

All in all, we had a great time riding and challenging our skills to maintain proper riding protocols and procedures in the ride over, what with the variation of riding practices and probably knowledge. As far as I know, the entire group had only one mishap (no injuries except to pride and probably confidence) with a Harley Davidson Ultra Classic (with rider and co-rider) going down while trying to U-turn on a busy highway right out in front of the Seven Cedars Casino.

The "Wall" experience itself was worth the trip. We each paid our respects in our own way, then spent the afternoon in a casual ride home through Port Townsend for lunch, a ferry ride from Kingston back to Edmonds, and then finally a late supper at the Canyons Restaurant in Bothell. Would we do it again? After trying to talk ourselves out of it.... probably.

# Ramblings from your Former District Director

Roy & Pearl McKenzie

Greetings to All,

Well, what a weekend we have had with our Washington District Rally with its many facets. We think that the most enjoyable portion was just seeing and visiting with you from time to time throughout the Rally.

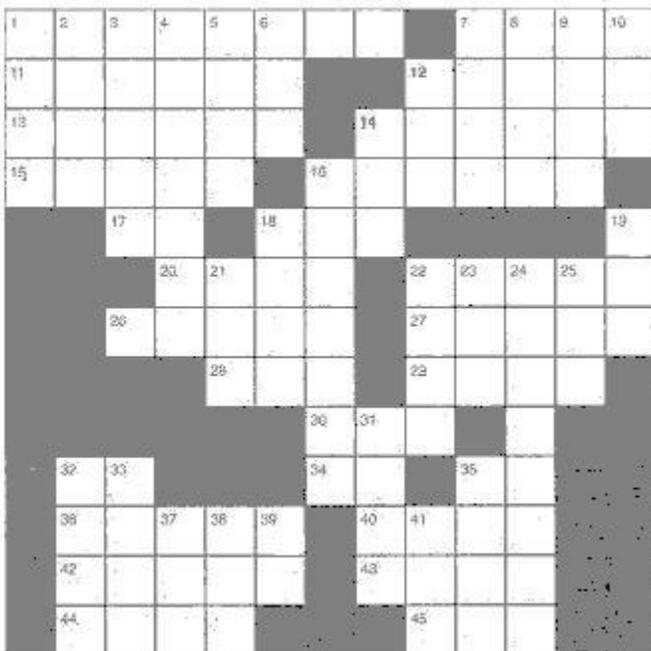
We have ended one season and embark on another new adventure. Our new District Directors, Bob and Becky Minor have set goals in several areas all of which will lead to stronger chapters and District, which will benefit each of us greatly to the degree that we join in and participate.

We have enjoyed what is probably the most wonderful experience in our lives by serving as your District Directors these past two years and want to thank each of you for your support and encouragement and wonderful friendships that we have enjoyed. There are not words in our vocabulary to adequately express our appreciation of you for all you have given us.

In our stepping aside we want to ask that you please get behind Bob & Becky and the new staff to support and encourage and work together as a team to become all that this great District can become with your help.

We want to also thank our wonderful staff that served so faithfully through out the past two years making it a delight to serve.

Ride safe, Have FUN,  
Roy & Pearl, EX



## ACROSS:

1. Cows or software Cyberspace
7. Beans beans again
11. Load that software again poppy!
12. One who tunes
13. Hope the food is cheap
14. Preying Paris
15. Horse drawn carriage
16. Blinkin and Nod
17. Milliamp ere
18. Not in AMERICAN alphabet, or 3950 of measurement
20. Take by force summertime
22. Faster than the average modem
26. Computer's way of saying "idiot"

## DOWN:

1. Be Real, Exit
2. Once around again
3. Just say no,
4. Index.html
5. Nice to get it
6. Summer in
7. Too much mail
8. Not pro
9. Not artery
10. Chinese units
12. FFCC99 in the
14. Halfway
16. http://

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| 27. Slip away                          | 18. Kills files                      |
| 28. 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet  | 19. Follows U                        |
| 29. Result of an upgrade               | 21. Salesperson                      |
| 30. Article                            | 22. Yield, turn it over              |
| 32. Mantra                             | 23. Midwinter Conference             |
| 34. Call home                          | 24. Conferences are full of these    |
| 35. Exclamation of disgust             | 25. Libraries Digitalize Extensively |
| 36. Streaming                          | 31. The language of the web          |
| 40. One                                | 32. Roman poet                       |
| 42. Requirement for R&D                | 33. Long skirt                       |
| 43. One who prevaricates               | 35. Ban...                           |
| 44. After Christmas resolution         | 37. Fourth letter of the alphabet    |
| 45. Flower power drug                  | 38. Wait for the break               |
| 39. Bare fones of the operating system |                                      |
| 41. Silicon Snake                      |                                      |

## Our Calendar of Events

### July

- 2-3 Wing Ding
- 8 Vancouver, BC Day Ride
- 15 Breakfast Meeting 8:00 - followed by Gustin Picnic
- 20-23 Washington District Rally in Longview
- 29 Rainer Ride
- 30 GWWRA Chapter E, night at the Aqua Sox

### August

- 5-7 Carson Hot Springs double overnighter
- 12 WA-Y Riddler Run
- 17-20 Region I Rally in Wyoming
- 18-20 WA-P Oyster Feed
- 19 Breakfast Meeting 8:00-Followed by Music in the Mountains
- 26-27 Olympia Penninsula Hoh Rainforest Overnighter

### September

- 3 Labor Day Picnic
- 10 Ride for Kids
- 16 Breakfast Meeting 8:00-Followed by 3-Pass Ride
- 24 Oyster run in Anacortes

### October

- 7 Washington District Leadership Workshop-Moses Lake
- 21 Breakfast Meeting 9:00 - (Winter Hours Begin)
- 21-22 South Hill (Puyallup) Mall Show
- 28 Game Night at Smith's Home - Theme: Halloween

### November

- 18 Breakfast Meeting 9:00 - Followed by 2007 Ride Calendar Planning

### December

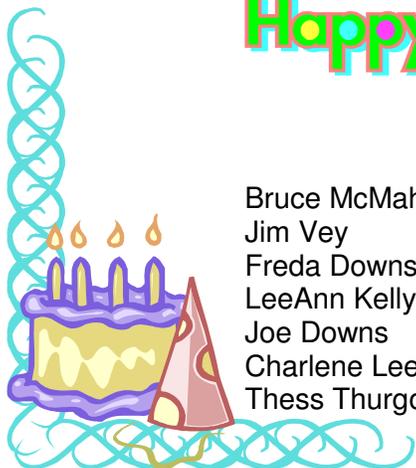
- 2 WA-E Christmas Party
- 9 WA-D Festival of Lights
- 16 Breakfast Meeting 9:00

### **NOTES**

- (1) Rides and activities are subject to change for any number of reasons
- (2) We will continue to add items as they come up.

# Chapter E Business

## Chapter E Birthdays & Anniversaries



## Happy Birthday

JULY, 2006

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

### July Anniversaries

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



## For Sale

### Pool Table

Like new, Olhausen, full size, 1" slate pool table, comes with balls, triangle, four cues, 1 child cue, bridge, slate brush, chalk, game book and cue stand. Asking \$1000.00 or best reasonable offer. Unable to deliver but can help load. Please contact Laurie Slavin if interest in stopping by to see it @ 425-444-1858.



### Sit & Stitch Quilting

Penny Rosenow (425) 222-5910 WA 98024 <a href="mailto:WFPGR@AOL.COM">WFPGR@AOL.COM</a>	362545 SE 47 <sup>th</sup> CT Fall City, Embroidery & Classes
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Penny does T-shirts, Jackets and Windshield Covers. Just send her e-mails or give her a call to place your order.

## Chapter E Library

Please contact Jim & Karen Roberson 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 / Trailing (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

### How to tell the Sex of a Fly

A woman walked into the kitchen and found her husband stalking around with a fly swatter.  
"What are you doing?" she asked.  
"Hunting Flies," he responded.  
"Oh! Killing any?" she asked.  
"Yep; three males, two females," he replied. Intrigued, she asked, "How can you tell them apart?"  
He said, "Three were on a beer can and two on the phone!"



# Rider Education

## **Beating the Heat**

By Jim Roberson "Chapter Educator"

For some of you this might be old news as it is a continuation of my remarks at the chapter meeting on July 15. For others it might be passed over as I am tough and do not need such a product. And lastly it might make you think about how fragile you really are.

What's this about? Cooling vests! We had some real good first hand reports of what they can do for you in the desert in 100 – 110 degrees at the meeting. It's not that they could have stopped for several hours along the way and cooled off but then again most of us are not blessed with unlimited vacation. We all must stick to some kind of schedule so that is where the vest comes in.

The vest allows the body to remain cooled through evaporative cooling. It is similar to the neckwear that is used to keep the carotid arteries cool. The neckband and the vest are filled with water absorbing crystals. Either product is allowed to absorb as much as possible and then the excess is wiped away.

It is best to put the vest on over a T-shirt. Some brands suggest any T-shirt will do, others want micro fiber and still others want you to use a product that they sell. In any event it probably works better and makes the vest last longer if you do not put it in direct contact with skin.

Keeping cool is not a laughing matter! The saying about bold pilots and old pilots probably holds true for motorcyclists as there are probably no "old bold" motorcyclists. I have personally used the neckwear and have purchased the vest. I have suffered heat injuries before and did not enjoy the experience. I know that the neckwear worked for me and I have no reason to believe that the vest will let me down. Anything that you can do to make your ride more comfortable makes your ride more enjoyable. And that's what it's all about isn't it? A safe comfortable ride!

Ride Safe!

