



Friends for fun, safety and knowledge

September 2006

Chapter "E" Bellevue



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

Message from your Chapter Directors: Bob & Patty Spencer

As summer grows to a close it is a bittersweet time, but it doesn't have to be. Patty and I always look forward to this time of year. Sure....we, like the rest of you, don't look forward to putting the bike away for the winter, but what we do look forward to is the social time we have with all of you over the next several months.

The winter "down time" gives us all a chance to get to know each other a little better. Right now you're probably thinking "Geeze, we all ride together all summer, what more does he want? It's not what I want. It's what Patty and I discovered a few years ago. Rather than sit at home waiting for the sun to shine, we decided to participate in many (if not all) of the winter social activities that our chapter and many other chapters in the area had to offer. By the time spring finally came around something wonderful had happened. Many of those people that we simply "rode with all summer" had become close, "life time" friends. Now as chapter directors and with so many new chapter members this year, we are looking forward to getting to know all of you a little better while sharing some of the fun activities that we have enjoyed over the years.

Besides our monthly meetings and after meeting activities, we have our monthly dinner socials and game nights with the first one coming up next month at the Smiths. In November we put together our ride calendar for next year and in December we have our chapter Christmas party. January gives us the Chapter I "Casino Night" and February brings in the Chapter F "Valentines Dance" and the "Rider Ed" program. In March we have "Surf Watch" and the Chapter V "St Paddy's Dance". In between all this we will manage to make several chapter visitations. Wow! Can you believe it? April's already here and it's time for the Chapter C "Early Spring Fun Run". Where did winter go?

So...You have no excuse to sit at home doing nothing. There's lot's to do and we encourage you to stay involved. We know you all actually have other lives, so participate when you can. It's a lot of fun and who knows....maybe you too, will find new "life long" friendships in those people that you "just rode with all summer".

Bellevue Chapter WA-E Breakfast

Our next meeting is:

Saturday, September 16th

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

Dinner Social

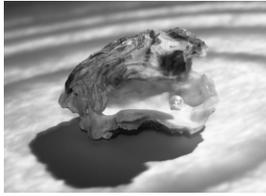
**Ixtapa Mexican Restaurant
at
Redmond Ridge**

22350 NE Market Place
Redmond, Wa 98053
425-868-8283



What's on the calendar?

September 24th - "Oyster Run" to Anacortes - The one hour later departure last year made a huge difference in where we were able to a.m. departure from the Canyon Park worth it. Besides, you'll be home in breakfast in Anacortes and plan on Cossack's motorcycle drill team does every kind of bike imaginable, not to there's of fun vendors too. Believe leaving early. We'll catch a late lunch on the way back. Here's their web site www.oysterrun.org



park, so this year we will go back to our 6:00 QFC Starbucks. I know it's early, but well time to take a late afternoon nap. We will eat departing around 1:00 or 2:00 p.m., after the their thing. This is a fun day of checking out mention the great people watching and me.... you'll be glad you got there and are

September 28th - Our first "Dinner Social" of the season - Ixtapa Mexican restaurant at Redmond Ridge. 22350 NE Market Place Redmond, Wa 98053. Take Novelty Hill Road out of Redmond to 224th St. Ixtapa is on your right. Here's the phone number if you get lost. 425-868-8283. **Karla will announce the winners of the summer mileage contest at this dinner!**

October 7th - 8th - "District Workshop" in Moses Lake - "The Ins and Outs of GWRRA" We will be going over on Friday evening the 6th. The hotel is offering GWRRA special rates of \$55.00 a night for one or two people for 2 nights or \$60.00 for one night. I've attached a copy of the flyer above. There will be more information out in the next couple weeks. We welcome your participation!

October 21st - 22nd - Chapter "F" 6th Annual All Bike Mall Show - The show is held at the South Hill Mall in Puyallup. Come out and enjoy the show, or if you choose to show a bike, check-in is at 9:00 p.m. on Friday October 20th, through the 'Old Country Buffet' entrance. Entrance fee is a voluntary donation of non-perishable food or cash. If you wish to show your bike for judging the fee is \$10.00 a bike. We will make every effort to accommodate your space needs, however we do have stricter Mall rules and regulations this year. Contact phone is Mary Ann Bailey 253 848 0947 or 222 2535. T-shirts will be pre-sold only at a cost of \$12.00 each. Last day to order is Friday October 13th. The Seattle Cossacks Precision Drill Team will be performing in the south parking lot at 12 noon on Saturday, October 21st. The Mall store managers are looking forward to this event and have said that there will be many specials that weekend. Might be a good time to start Christmas shopping! We hope to see many of you there!

October 28th - Game Night at the Smith's - Halloween is the theme and costumes are encouraged. We had a blast last year! Barb and John really know how to throw a game night! We've been waiting for this one all year! More information to follow as it gets closer.



Attorney Advice to Avoid Identify Theft

A corporate attorney sent the following out to the employees in his company.

Read this and make a copy for your files in case you need to refer to it someday. Maybe we should all take some of his advice!

1. The next time you order checks have only your initials (instead of first name) and last name put on them. If someone takes your checkbook, they will not know if you sign your checks with just your initials or your first name, but your bank will know how you sign your checks.
2. Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put "PHOTO ID REQUIRED".
3. When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card accounts, DO NOT put the complete account number on the "For" line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number, and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.
4. Put your work phone # on your checks instead of your home phone. If you have a PO Box, use that instead of your home address. If you do not have a PO Box, use your work address. Never have your SS# printed on your checks. (DUH!) You can add it if it is necessary. But if you have it printed, anyone can get it.
5. Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopier machine. Do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place. I also carry a photocopy of my passport when travel either here or abroad. We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed on us in stealing a name, address, Social Security number, and credit cards.

Unfortunately, I, an attorney, have firsthand knowledge because my Wallet was stolen last month. Within a week, the thieves) ordered an expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had a credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number from DMV to change my driving record information online, and more.

But here's some critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or someone you know:

1. We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them.
2. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc., were stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and this is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one).

But here's what is perhaps most important of all: (I never even thought to do this.)

3. Call the 3 national credit-reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and Social Security number. I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell me an application for credit was made

over the Internet in my name. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit.

By the time I was advised to do this, almost two weeks after the theft, all the damage had been done. There are records of all the credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchases, none of which I knew about before placing the alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thieves threw my wallet away. This weekend someone turned it in. It seems to have stopped them dead in their tracks.

Now, here are the numbers you always need to contact about your wallet, etc., has been stolen:

- 1.) Equifax: 1-800-525-6285
- 2.) Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742
- 3.) Trans Union: 1-800-680-7289
- 4.) Social Security Administration (fraud line): 1-800-269-0271



Our Calendar of Events

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.



Sudoku Puzzles

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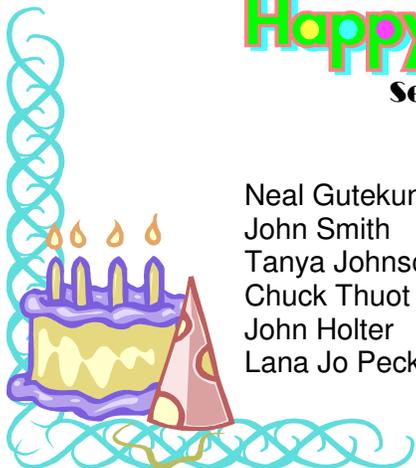
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Chapter E Business

Chapter E Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

September



Neal Gutekunst	1
John Smith	10
Tanya Johnson	15
Chuck Thuot	25
John Holter	28
Lana Jo Peck	20



Sit & Stitch Quilting

Penny Rosenow 362545 SE 47th CT
(425) 222-5910 Fall City, WA 98024

WFPGR@AOL.COM

Embroidery & Classes

Penny does T-shirts, Jackets and Windshield Covers.
Just send her e-mails or give her a call to place your order.

August Anniversaries

Dave & Sheila Chavez	3
Jimm & Annette Burk	8
Dave & Anna Hersey	9
Jim & Carolyn Wartchow	17



Chapter E Library

Please contact Jim & Karen Roberson if you are interested in borrowing something for your reading or viewing pleasure.

- 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

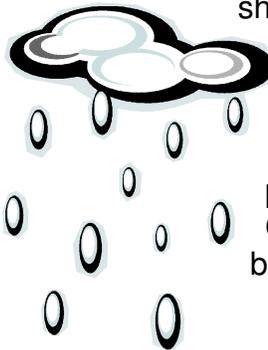
Rider Education

Fall and Winter Riding

By Jim Roberson

Fall and the rainy season are just around the corner. Two of the many reasons to get yourself and your motorcycle well prepared if you do choose to continue riding rain or shine.

One of the blessings of living in the Northwest is the ability to ride year round. With fall upon us you need to prepare yourself by dressing for the current weather as well as for the possible change in weather later in the day. You also need to make sure that you have water and a snack to replenish the energy that the cooler weather saps from your body. Evaluate your mental attitude for the ride and cut the length of your ride back. With daylight getting shorter, squeezing in a few more miles may result in a daylight ride turning into a dark night return. Not a good idea this time of year.



Your motorcycle needs extra attention as well. It has served summer and now it's being called upon to serve in a hostile environment. While performing your usual "T-sure that you pay particular attention to your tires and that you let the engine warm up before heading out.

you well during the potentially more "Clock" check, make brakes. Also, ensure

With the rain, the roads become more treacherous and those lovely leaves turn into highly polished slick spots on the wet roads. They also tend to pile up and become small mounds of slickness waiting for the inattentive rider.

The wind begins to With the also drop. If higher roads with an early be at the top more around you. may be weather whole day in



can also be a factor as it pick up at this time of year. wind, the temperature may your ride takes you to altitudes, you may run into frost on them and possibly snowfall. More reasons to of your game and be even vigilant to everything While the changing leaves tempting, the roads and might combine to ruin your an instant.

Not that this year to get ride almost always is preferable to riding in a car. But the key thing to remember is to be prepared and don't try to be "super macho". If it looks bad, don't do it and live to ride another day. Above all, if you do choose to ride, ride safe!