

# GWRRRA

September 2009

Gold Wing Road Riders Association:  
Big Sky, Region I & WA District



*“Friends for Fun, Safety  
and Knowledge”*

## Message from our Chapter Directors



Hard to believe it is September, where did the summer go? Seems like we just started riding not too long ago and now we are heading into the fall months, which means we still have a bit of riding time left this year while the weather is still nice (as I write this, it is raining, a sign of the times to come).

We have lots of events planned this month, including our Whistler ride on the 11-14<sup>th</sup> of September, we hope you all can make this weekend as it is truly an excellent adventure. You will probably get to see some of the venues that have been created for the upcoming 2010 Olympics being held at Whistler/Vancouver. We still have several upcoming Thursday socials left, so please come and visit with your Chapter 'E' Family and enjoy the food, companionship, and camaraderie with your fellow motorcycle riders and eating enthusiasts. In addition, this month we also move away from our weekly socials and into our monthly dinner socials with both Karla and Leah finding some excellent choices to wet our appetites over the coming winter months. We have several other events that will be coming in October (10<sup>th</sup>), like the Leadership Conference in Buckley, once again the chapter will pick up the fee for members who attend the conference. This year's lineup looks to be really good and I know that our trainers are working to add new and exciting classes. Please plan on joining us at this useful and fun event, I would love to see the whole chapter attend (what a message that would send to the other chapters). In addition, we are planning for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Halloween Party at our house. I can hardly wait!! I wonder what the costumes will look like this year ☺.. Never dull, that is for sure and remember don't leave your camera lying around as you never know what will show up on it with this group. Keep an 'eye' out for the Eagle Eye weekly message as there will be new additions each week, we hope you are all enjoying the information provided in this important chapter communication.

Remember, if you see something that you think the Chapter would like to do and/or see, please feel free to let us know. We would be happy to take any and all ideas and suggestions to 'our' chapter membership to see if this is something we can all do as a group. This is **YOUR** Chapter, so please send all of your suggestions along and we will see what we can do to incorporate those into our Chapter gathering and events.

Till next month—let's ride!!

John & Barb



NEXT CHAPTER

MEETING

Saturday

September 19, 2009

At

**Denny's Diner**

2233 148th Ave NE

Bellevue, WA

Breakfast: 8:00 AM

Meeting: 8:30 AM





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## GWRRA Washington District Leadership Team Or should we say Crew Members?:

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## Washington District & Region 2009 Calendar of Events

SEPT 18-20 Oyster Feed WA-P  
OCT 10 DISTRICT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE in Buckley, Registration form at  
( [http://www.gwrra-wa.org/Flyers/2009\\_Leadership\\_Flyer.pdf](http://www.gwrra-wa.org/Flyers/2009_Leadership_Flyer.pdf))  
OCT 23-25 Motorcycle Mall Show 23-25  
OCT 24 Halloween Dance WA-Q  
NOV 11 Veterans Day WA-B  
DEC 12 Festival of Lights WA-D

*\* This calendar is subject to change.*

Check the Washington GWRRA web site for flyers and contact information at  
[www.gwrra-wa.org](http://www.gwrra-wa.org) for any events you wish to participate with.

## Rider Education

What NOT to (or what you should) say to a Police Officer!

*By Ron Peck, Chapter E Educator*



Sooooo, you are speeding along and you get pulled over. What do you say? Before I give you the answer, I am not advocating doing anything wrong, taking unnecessary risks or trying to argue the fact that you did anything wrong or unsafe. I am just giving you some simple advice, and in doing so, I hope you think about what and why you chose to do what you got pulled over for.

**So let's start by analyzing what you were doing and why. Yes, this will bring you to the answer that** you should be giving the fine infallible Officer who kindly removed you from a potentially dangerous situation. Let us take speeding as an example, since almost everyone I have ridden with, know and have heard about, has done this. So you were speeding along I-680 South, cruising through the 24 interchange and flying through the Caldecot tunnel. On the other side of the tunnel, increasing speed down the hill toward downtown Oakland, you get the abrupt awakening of bright lights in your mirror, quickly followed by a quick burst on a siren. You yield, as required by law, for an emergency vehicle, only to find that you have been selected from the crowd to prove your ability to handle a dangerous weapon (yes the motorcycle you are on).

As you exit Broadway, down the ramp to a safe location, you start to think of an excuse. Mistake number three. Yes number three, the first mistake was to be speeding, the second was getting caught. I will let you in on a secret. Most every police officer, including the rookies, have probably heard almost every excuse, so **lying will do you no good. AND if you aren't lying and you said "I didn't realize I was going that fast!" DING! A winner, speeding AND not paying attention. You get a ticket. How about "I was only going the speed of traffic!" Or, "I wasn't going as fast as everyone else, why did you pull me over?" For starters, the speed of traffic is no excuse if it is over the posted limit and going slower than everyone else, over the posted limit is speeding. Oooh, I hear Bruce saying "Ride your own ride!" Yes, this counts even if you are by yourself. If you are uncomfortable in the traffic situation, get yourself off the freeway. I digress...**

Okay, so I told you what not to say. No lies, no silly excuses. So what do you say? In most cases you are going to be stuck with a ticket. Do NOT say sorry or thank you (unless you get off with a warning). We all know **"I'm sorry, it won't happen again" is a lie. And yes, so the Police Officer. So when an Officer asks "Do you know why I stopped you?" If you answer "Yes, I was riding a little faster than the speed of traffic." Or "Although riding slower than traffic, I was still speeding." Okay you may still get the ticket, but what this says to the Officer is that you were aware of your surroundings. Thereby acknowledging more than most, and probably getting the Officer thinking you may know what you are doing, even while violating a speed law. Honesty is the best policy. Make it short and as succinct as possible. You don't want to be there an most Police Officers don't want to be standing on the side of the road either.**

**I am sure that now you are thinking "Well that was dumb, tell the truth and still get a ticket?" Well duh, you broke the law. There is a point to this however. What I want you to do is be aware of what is going on and your surroundings. Be able to articulate what you are doing while you are doing it and most likely you will be more aware of what is going on around you. I'm not just talking about your actions, but what was happening around you that made you decide what you were doing was safe.**

Here is why. Not everything done against the law is unsafe, nor is everything done legally, safe. However, **the Officer can not be inside your head when (s)he sees you breaking the law or doing something "unsafe".** This is why sharing lanes in California is neither legal nor illegal. It is at the Officers discretion whether you are acting in a safe and prudent manner. If you can articulate what you are doing, it is reasonable to assume that you were thinking about what you were doing. Not just because you saw an opening and went for it! Why do most accidents happen within 5 miles of the home. Because it becomes so routine, people stop paying attention. They probably could not describe the woman (or even saw her) walking her dog a block away from their house. They turn left into their driveway, with you on the motorcycle coming down the street **or not. They don't see you because the can no longer articulate what and why they are making decisions. It's just a routine.**



I will close with two examples of the same situation:

Here is what the Police Officer saw -- A motorcycle rider came out of a side street traveling West, entering with traffic going North, crossing three lanes, entering the West bound left turn lane. The motorcyclist did not slow for the red light, turned left behind a vehicle coming down the hill at a relatively blind and very dangerous intersection. 261070-01 At the beginning of the turn, the rider looked back, acknowledged the Motor Officer and continued through the red light West bound. When the Police officer followed down the street after the Motorcyclist. The Motorcycle was stopped at the side of the road, the rider was off and waiting with Driver License in hand.

**Simple case of failing to stop for a red light on a left turn. The officer asks "What in the world were you thinking when you did that?"**

Answer number one:

**I ride this road every day. The light does not change for motorcycles and I didn't feel like waiting!**

Answer number two:

**Rider:** I have been riding this same route since September of last year, twice a day to drop off and pick up my child from school, and the light does not change when a motorcycle stops at the light. I have waited upwards of 15 minutes. So unless there is a car behind me I have to run the red light.

**Officer:** I would have let that fly, if you had stopped first. This is a dangerous intersection and cars go way too fast down that hill to begin with.

**Rider:** I would have stopped, but as I approached the intersection I saw that the truck pulling the boat was the last vehicle coming down the hill and there was a white car coming from the side street. If I waited for that car, then other traffic would probably start coming down the hill and I may have to wait for some time. I saw that it was safe so I took the opportunity.

**Officer: I saw you looked back and saw me, why didn't you stop then?**

**Rider:** When I saw you I felt I had already committed to the turn and trying to stop in the intersection would not have been safe.

This is a real life example, and the outcome (this time) was that the Police Officer did not process the ticket after verifying that the light did, in fact, not trip for a motorcycle.

Again, I am not advocating you do anything unsafe, illegal or stupid. I am just saying that even though you may or may not get a ticket, if you were able to articulate what you did and why, you were probably being safe. Minimally you were thinking through the situation. The key here is think through your options, be aware of your surroundings and make decisions based on the wealth of information presented to you. It is your life you save.

*< I would like to thank the rider who let me use their story as an example. Name withheld. >*





## Chapter E Library

- ◆ Book: Street Strategies by David L. Hough
- ◆ VHS: Co-Rider from GWRRA (2002)
- ◆ VHS: Part 1: Helmet Effectiveness (Hurt Report)
- ◆ VHS: GWRRA & Safeco present Touring & Braking / Trailing (1996)
- ◆ VHS: Basic Maintenance of the 1500 Goldwing with Andy MacDonald
- ◆ VHS: Advanced Maintenance for the 1500 Goldwing with Andrew MacDonald
- ◆ Report: Impaired Motorcycle Riding: What Motorcyclists Think About Alcohol and Motorcycling, February 2001
- ◆ Book: Proficient Motorcycling by David L. Hough
- ◆ VHS: Gary Sanford's Slow Speed Cycling Seminar
- ◆ Part 2: Co-Rider from GWRRA (Pre-2002)
- ◆ VHS: Buying Motorcycle Helmets (Snell Memorial Foundation)
- ◆ Report: Fatal Single Vehicle Motorcycle Crashes, October 2001
- ◆ Report: Drowsy Driving and Automobile Crashes



### Cares and Concerns from Ernie & Sue Sigyarto

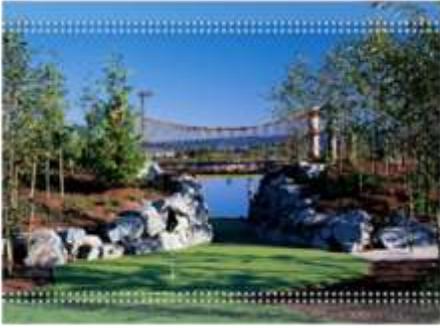
As most of you probably know by now, Sue and I have been reinstated as Cares and Concerns after a couple years absence filling another position. We also take on the privilege of Birthday and Anniversary reminders. We've started with our B & A's in August. If you hadn't gotten congratulations from the Chapter or don't get one in the future, it could be for a couple reasons. First, we may not have your correct address or second, I don't like you. We may institute a requirement for an age appropriate physical display since some have not stated their correct age. And, as a result, an event to verify your age needs to be instituted.

Our very important issue is to be aware of any Cares or Concerns you may have or are aware of. If someone is ill or incapacitated or simply is in need of a friendly hug or support, please let us know. Some issues you may not want to share but rest assured we will exercise whatever privacy concerns you may have. We really do want to know if you are OK or in need of anything. So please keep us informed.

I, as some of you as well, have received an email from Dick Stryker concerning Ginny's progress. An excerpt of the email is as follows:

" Hi To All: Gin is doing fine. She is taking more jobs away from me all the time. She had another birthday and she walked up and down three steps and is walking with a cane. Our goal is to be able to walk down to the pool and back by the end of the week she is as far as Thelma blacks now.

Nothing new here except it has been warm. We are going for record of days over 110, 26 day as of yesterday, 32 days is the record so only 1 week left. We hope this finds everyone OK and are looking forward to seeing the ones back here soon."



## A Chapter Social on the Links

*By Dave Chavez*

It was a relatively clear (for Seattle anyway) late afternoon on August 20<sup>th</sup> when about 26 Chapter E **members & several family members met for our usual 6:00PM social at Willows Run "Rainbows Run" Golf Course in Redmond.** The miniature golf outing was a first for the chapter and it turned out to be a pretty fun event from most accounts. Present were Dave and Sheila (and their daughter Jenny and **grandkids**), **John and Barb (and Barb's brother visiting from California), Bob and Patty, Ernie and Sue,** Scott and Karla, Rick and Sue, Bob Watson and Sue, Steve Lee (and daughters), George and Vicki, David and Leah, and Bruce and Sandy.

**Armed with the standard issue "course putter" several of the more competitive Chapter E faces showed** inscrutable countenances and steely determination in navigating the walk-able "course". **I, for one,** was initially shocked and disappointed that the course did not provide motorized golf carts for golfers! But, I suppose it was for the best since limited space and suspect driving skills might have created more than a social! 😊

Starting out at the first hole, one member (I think it might have been Rick or Sue Gustin) accidentally putted their ball straight into the water hazard only to discover an effective method for making a par on a difficult hole. What followed after this demonstration of stupendous, albeit accidental, skill was a series of deliberate putts into the water to make par! I know I tried it and it worked! Unless you count **the "arm chair golfer" (a dead ringer for John our CD) who insisted on playing through midway through** our grueling match play, the play was uneventful for most of the 18 holes. Since everyone quickly moved off the course after the match was over, I can only assume that the course itself won the match for the most part! 😊

Several of us debriefed in the club house restaurant afterwards and socialized. Would we do it again? **Probably, but it will have to wait until next golf season. For me, next time I'll bring my driver and show** the course exactly who the boss is! 😊

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### September Birthday's

John Smith	10
Tanya Caldwell	15
Lana Jo Peck	20

### September Anniversaries



Dave & Sheila Chavez	3
Mark & Tanya Caldwell	9
Jim & Carolyn Wartchow	17



Note from the Newsletter Editor, *Sheila Chavez*

Please contact me with information, articles and/or pictures you would like to share with Chapter E members in our newsletter.



*Special Reminder: Don't forget to look for your membership number hidden somewhere in our newsletter. If you find your number, this could mean \$ for you if you tell us at the Chapter E meeting of the month of the newsletter. We encourage you to identify yourself at the meeting.*

If I have missed any announcement, birthday or anniversary please email me with dates, names and information. If you have pictures and/or stories, please attach them to your email.

Email Sheila @ [dashwae@comcast.net](mailto:dashwae@comcast.net)

If you have pictures to add to the Chapter E Website please email John Smith, Chapter E Chapter Director, Assistant District Director & Webmaster @: [allabout@verizon.net](mailto:allabout@verizon.net)



September 7th

**Labor Day**

Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 'Ride For Kids' - This year's Ride for Kids benefitting the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation is to be held 10:00AM at Remlinger Farms, 32610 NE 32nd Street, Carnation, WA. 98014. For those of you not attending the Whistler Ride, this would be a good opportunity to support the 'Ride for Kids'.

Sept 17<sup>th</sup> **Last Weekly Chapter 'E' Thursday Social 6:00PM. Everyone seemed to like this one, so thought we would do it again.** Location is BurgerMaster, 18626 Bothell Everett Hwy, Bothell, WA 98012 (425) 486-8980). They have a really nice area off to the side where we can eat, socialize and have a good time. Please ride your motorcycle, if you can. Nothing looks better than a bunch of motorcycles all lined up!! Menu is located here: <http://www.burgermaster.biz/millcreek-menu.htm>

Sept 19<sup>th</sup> **Chapter 'E' Breakfast and Chapter Meeting**, 8AM Breakfast, 8:30 Meeting. Location is Denny's in Overlake, 2233 148th Avenue NE, Bellevue WA. After Chapter Ride is TBD.

Sept 19<sup>th</sup> Gerbings Open House - If you need some heated gear, here is your opportunity to get some. Gerbings Heated Clothing, 1145 - 85th Ave SE, Tumwater WA 98501  
Phone: 1-866-371-4328 Sale is from 9AM to 3PM.

Sept 24<sup>th</sup> Chapter 'E' Dinner Social - This is the first of many great places in which both Karla and Leah have found for us to eat and socialize this year. The first one will be Tutta Bella's, 714 Northwest Gilman Blvd., Issaquah, WA 425-391-6838 Info located here: <http://tuttabellapizza.com/>

Additional information can be found at our website: <http://www.gwrra-wae.org>

## Upcoming events in other Chapters and Districts

Sept 18th POW/MIA Ride - This is a non-GWRRRA event, but deserves some attention. This ride will leave NAS Whidbey Island CPO (Chief Petty Officers) club at 9AM, returning at 11AM, with a flag raising ceremony following. Location is CPO Club, NAS Whidbey Island.

Sept 18-20 Chapter WA-P Oyster Feed

Go to [http://www.gwrra-wa.org/flyers/2009\\_WAP\\_Oyster\\_Feed.pdf](http://www.gwrra-wa.org/flyers/2009_WAP_Oyster_Feed.pdf)

Sept 26th New Idaho Chapter Kickoff - Chapter ID-G is having a new GWRRRA Chapter Kick-off. Will be held in Twin Falls, ID at the Pandora's Restaurant, 516 Hanson Street South, Twin Falls, ID at 1PM (MDT).

Have you read the Washington District newsletter for September?

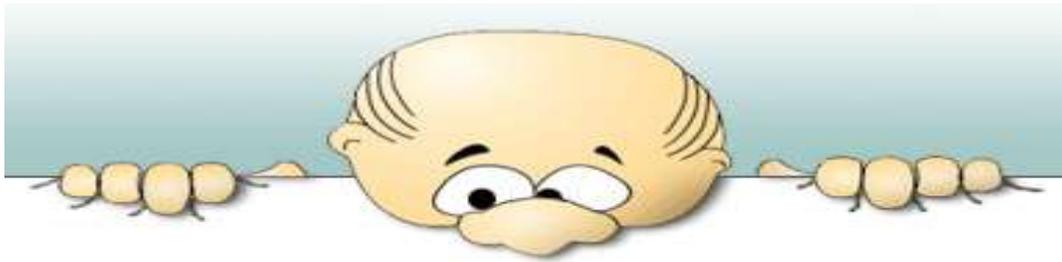
<http://www.gwrra-wa.org/Newsletters/D200909.pdf>



GWRRA Washington District Chapter Gathering Sites

4th Saturday	9:00AM	A-Seattle	★ New location Old Country Buffet, 25630 104th Ave. SE, Kent, WA
1st Sunday	9:00 AM	B-Bremerton	Bremerton Eagles, 205 6th St., Bremerton, WA
2nd Saturday	8:00 AM	C-Everett	Petosa's Restaurant, 1216 Broadway, Everett, WA
2nd Sunday	8:30 AM	D-Aberdeen	Duffy's Restaurant, 1605 Simpson Ave, Aberdeen, WA
4th Sunday	8:30 AM	F-Tacoma	Eagles#3563, 22316 Mountain Hwy E, Spanaway, WA
2nd Tuesday	6:30 PM	H-Lynden	Fairway Restaurant, 1726 Front St, Lynden, WA
3rd Sunday	8:30 AM	I-Olympia	★ Olympia VFW Hall, Olympia, WA
2nd Saturday	8:00 AM	L-Kennewick	Cousin's Restaurant, 4605 N 68, Pasco, WA
1st Saturday	8:00 AM	M-Yakima	The Branding Iron Restaurant, 61311 Hwy 97, Toppenish, WA
3rd Sunday	8:30 AM	N-Spokane	Golden Corral Restaurant, 7117 N Division, Spokane, Wa
4th Saturday	8:00 AM	O-Port Orchard	Airport Diner, 8803 State Hwy 3 SW, Bremerton National Airport
3rd Saturday	8:00 AM	P-Longview	Izzy's Pizza Bar Three Rivers Mall Complex, Longview, WA
1st Friday	7:00 PM	Q-Puyallup	Hangar Inn, 16919 A Meridian E, Puyallup, WA
1st Saturday	8:00 AM	R-Walla Walla	★ Oasis Restaurant. Milton-Freewater
1st Saturday	8:30 AM	V-Auburn	Old Country Buffet, 1816 S. 320th St. Federal Way, WA.
1st Saturday	8:30 AM	X-Vancouver	Billygan's Roadhouse, 13200 NE Hwy 99, Vancouver, WA
2nd Friday	6:30 PM	Y-Enumclaw	Krain Corner Restaurant, 39929 264th SE, Enumclaw, WA
2nd Saturday	5:30 PM	Z-Centralia	Kickstand Restaurant, in Napavine at Exit 71 off I-5, Napavine, WA

## Some Useful Gold Wing Links



<http://www.goldwingfacts.com/>

<http://www.aboutmotorcycle.com/>

<http://www.tourkingcovers.com/shop/>

<http://www.msf-usa.org/>

<http://soundrider.com/>

<http://www.wingstuff.com/index.php>

[http://www.goldwing-world.com/  
GL1800.htm](http://www.goldwing-world.com/GL1800.htm)

<http://www.gl1800riders.com/>

<http://www.hondadirectlineusa.com/stores/index.asp?str=4>

[http://www.motorbiketoday.com/reviews/Articles/hon\\_goldwing\\_04.htm](http://www.motorbiketoday.com/reviews/Articles/hon_goldwing_04.htm)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Motorcycle\\_safety](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Motorcycle_safety)





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