

GWRRA

JUNE 2011



Gold Wing Road Riders Association Region I - WA District

"Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"



Next Meeting: JUNE 18, 2011

Crystal Creek Café

22620 Bothell-Everett Hwy.

Bothell, WA. 98021



June.. time to sit back and enjoy..



June has arrived, hallelujah. We all need a little sunshine for a while, so we can dry out and enjoy sitting outside, whether doing a little BBQ or just relaxing and basking in the sunlight. The number of months of winter this year, seems really long and we are all looking to have some great weather for the summer. There are lots of events planned for the chapter for the month of June. This month, we started something different with our Thursday Socials, and have decided that a lucky chapter couple will help to pick the different venues that we go to each week, with the third week in each month being **held at Pete's in Carnation. It is sure a great ride out to Pete's so we want people to get out and ride the bike** if possible. For the month of June, Rick and Sue Gustin are our guest social coordinators. They have picked some great places for us to go. On the 2nd, will be Crossroads Mall Food Court, lots of great places to find something to eat here. Then on the 9th, Round Table Pizza in Woodinville and the on the 16th **will be Pete's in Carnation**, and then the 23rd **will be Spud's Fish and Chips in Juanita. We should be able to head over the park** and if the weather cooperates with us, have some fun in the park. I will bring a Frisbee or something so we can enjoy the park. If you have some games or outdoor type stuff, please bring it and we will have some fun as **part of our social. Also, last by not least is Small Fry's in Fall City. This is a great little dive, but has really** great food. I am hoping that many of you will be able to ride your bike and we can make a great showing of our bikes and chapter. We also have our chapter meeting on the 16th, followed by an after chapter ride down to **Seattle to ride the 'Duck'. I know I have lived in the Seattle area for quite some time and have seen the 'Duck'** cruising the streets, but have never taken the ride, so this should make for a memorable event and perhaps we will even learn something new about Seattle. I am really looking forward to driving down the boat ramp and in to the water. How much fun will that be?? We also have a couple of rides planned for the month, on the 11th, we have the Port Townsend ride, always fun to head over the peninsula and visit historic downtown PT. There **are the forts to check out and maybe even a little beachcombing...Sounds like a hoot. Check the 'Eagle Eye'** for the times and meeting places for the rides and events. At the end of the month on the 25-26th, we also have **Bob's Omak Loop. This is a great time for an overnight ride to Omak. Typically, we head across Hwy 2, a little** back road cruising up to Omak. We stay at the Rodeway Inn, which is a decent hotel for not a lot of money. We have rooms blocked out, but you need to make your reservation soon, before they run out of rooms. Then on Sunday, we typically take Hwy 20 back, after a stop in Winthrop for some coffee, or an early lunch. This ride is a perennial favorite of most chapter members, so if you have never gone, this is a great way to come and spend time with your chapter friends and have some FUN.

There is also an upcoming TRC (Trike) and ARC (Advanced Rider Course) happening in June on the 11-12th. If you need to get current on your levels or want to take some classes, head over to the district website at (<http://www.gwrra-wa.org>) and fill out the forms and send them in. It is always good to work to improve your riding skills, no matter how good you are and how many miles you have under your belt, you can always learn something new. I encourage you to take a class. The chapter pays for this type of event, to the only cost to you is time.

The Oregon and Wyoming District Rallies are also this month. Check out the District Website for more information on these rallies. Both are happening on 16-18th of June. **Also, don't forget the Washington District Rally, scheduled for July 21-23 in Chehalis, WA. You can also register for this from the District Website. Let's have a great turnout for this year's rally. The theme is Western, so I know we have a lot of cowboys and cowgirls that can rope and ride. We will be working on our hay bale as well this month, so I will be calling for help in the coming weeks. We have a good plan and just need to start looking for items to make it work. We can chat more about it at our meeting or on some of the rides.**

We are continuing with our little game of figuring out who Zorro's is. We have had a couple of guesses, but no luck as of yet. Here is this month's clue is: MONEYBAGS. Remember to send me a note if you think you have it figured out. Good luck and happy hunting..

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— Relax..
John & Barb





GWRRRA Happenings



*** WASHINGTON CHANGES ***

WA-E NEW Meeting place and Time:

Effective February Meeting 2/19/2011

Breakfast 8 AM Meeting 8:30 AM

Crystal Creek Café

2620 Bothell-Everett Hwy.

Bothell, WA 98021

WA-I New Meeting Place and Time: 8AM Breakfast 8:30 AM Meeting

Fatsos Bar and Grill

3205 Martin Way E.

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2011 Calendar of Events

JUNE

- 3-5 WA-R Blue Mt. Rendevous
- 4 Rider Ed Trike Course...Kennewick
- 4 WA-B Harvest Run
- 11 WA-D Duck Hunt
- 11-12 WA District TRC & ARC...Bremerton
- 16-18 Oregon District Convention
- 16-18 Wyoming District Convention
- 25-26 WA-M Fun Run



Rider Education



128 Ways To Dump Your Bike Part 1

Confessions from those who have done it

Compiled from the rec.motorcycles newsgroup by Scott Harpster

- 1 Putting your foot into a hole when stopping.
- 2 Putting your foot down on something slippery when stopping.
- 3 Locking the front wheel during overenthusiastic braking.
- 4 Missing the driveway and sliding on the grass.
- 5 Not putting the kickstand down when getting off.
- 6 Make a turn from stop in gravel or sand at high throttle.
- 7 Not putting a board ('foot') under the kickstand on asphalt on a hot day.
- 8 Letting overenthusiastic people sit on your bike who have never been on a bike.
- 9 Forgetting the bike's in gear when you jump on the kickstarter.

- 10 Revving the engine, releasing clutch, and putting feet on pegs when the light turns green, but the bike's in neutral.
- 11 Not putting your foot down when stopping at red light.
- 12 Losing balance when putting it on the centerstand.
- 13 Take an hour ride in 30 degree weather with no gloves, stop at a stop sign and pop the clutch when you start because you've lost feeling in your hands.
- 14 Putting your foot down at a toll booth on the thick layer of grease that builds up when cars stop.
- 15 Using too much power when you pull out of a greasy toll booth.
- 16 Ignoring the sand that builds up in the spring at the side of the road (in places where roads are sanded and salted in winter.)
- 17 Kicking your kickstand in a cool fashion and having it bounce back up instead of staying down.
- 18 Getting off your bike while it is running and forgetting that is in gear.
- 19 Trying to kick start your first bike over and over because you didn't realize that it was really out of fuel, and getting the goofy metal ring on the side of your boot caught in the kickstarter, causing you (and the bike) to go over on the right side.
- 20 Starting your brand-new electric-start trail-bike, riding around an ornamental shrub on full left lock, throwing it to the right and accelerating to wheelie over the curb onto the street and _then_ discovering that you hadn't unlocked the steering-lock...
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- 21 On same bike, getting the dual-range lever caught inside your jeans as you come to a stop...
- 22 Having your boot/jeans catch the gear-lever and putting your running bike into first gear whilst reaching for the side-stand (which is why I now automatically pull in the clutch whenever deploying or retracting the stand.)
- 23 Having "green" racing linings which have much higher coefficient of friction on the slight rust that forms on the polished drum when you've not ridden for a few hours, and lose the front-end holding the brakes on against the throttle to wear off the rust.

- 24 **Having a three-cylinder two-stroke** that's so smooth you think you're in second when you're actually in first, so you spin out when the undercarriage touches down in a tight corner passing a car and you think, "just a bit more throttle will help here..."
- 25 **Revvng bike in impressive squidly fashion at red light, thinking it's in neutral; dropping clutch and standing in place** while bike wheelies and backflips into intersection.
- 26 **Having your fat-ass brother** (as a pillion) lean waaay over to the side to look at something on the ground while at a stop sign.
- 27 **Wife gets foot caught on saddlebag while getting on before you.**
- 28 **Rebuild carbs and treat bike like it still needs full gas away from a stop.**
- 29 **Bald tires, and a smatter of rain.**
- 30 **Look at the sand at the edge of the exit ramp rather than through the turn.**
- 31 **Neither you nor your dad watching while he's backing his car up to the woodpile to unload wood.**
- 32 **Not putting the pin that holds the center stand all the way in and then trying to put the bike on the center stand.**
- 33 **Trying to hold the bike upright before deploying the center stand only to find your knees are too weak from riding.**
- 34 **Park behind friend's mom's minivan figuring "If anybody goes anywhere, they'll surely see it. 'specially since there'll be 5 of them getting into the van.**
- 35 **After getting fuel at gas station and holding the bike level with your legs in order to fill it completely, jumping off** forgetting that your legs were holding it upright not the kickstand.
- 36 **Entering a DR ("decreasing radius") turn too fast. This is especially dangerous when making a right turn where if you attempt to straighten up and brake, you'll plow into oncoming traffic.**
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- 37 **Trying to countersteer (or wheelie) your shaft driven bike?** [Obviously the person who posted this doesn't have a clue.]
- 38 **Getting your boot/ shoelace caught on the gearshift. (I wear laceless boots now.)**

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- 39 Attempting to kick start a cantankerous '84 CR500, whilst standing on a picnic table bench, and she *kicks* back!
- 40 Getting pissed off for dropping it in the first place, yanking it vigorously off the ground, only to have it drop to the other side.
- 41 Pulling out the swing arm stand, and forgetting to put the sidestand down first.
- 42 Backing down an inclined driveway, turning to either side with a full tank of gas.
- 43 Taking the bike off the centerstand and forgetting the sidestand.
- 44 Riding on wet grass with street tires (Almost as bad as ice!!)
- 45 Riding on wet asphalt with dirt tires (Almost as bad as ice!!)
- 46 *Thinking* the kick stand was down when it wasn't.
- 47 Kick stand slowly burying itself in hot asphalt.
- 48 Kick stand slowly burying itself in soft ground.
- 49 Backing up perpendicular to a steeply sloped driveway and attempting to put your foot down on the downhill side while on a large bike with a high seat. (By the time your foot reaches the ground the bike is so far off center balance you won't be able to hold it up.)
- 50 Backing your bike down a plank, by yourself, from the bed of a pickup truck. Works great as long as you remember that once you start moving, stopping for any correction is out of the question. Get two people to stand on each side of you and the bike.
- 51 Losing your balance when coming to a stop because of fatigue from a long trip. The wind and the buzz of the bike induces an unexpected case of vertigo. Stop often and rest.
- 52 Riding beyond your limits while trying to keep up with someone who is probably riding beyond their own. Always a temptation. The best riders/racers understand and use discipline when riding.
- 53 Not paying attention. Always strive to anticipate what could possibly go wrong and be planning what you're going to do when it happens, eventually it will - and you'll be ready, instead of surprised when you're much more likely to do something stupid and reactionary.

- 54 Assuming that all wet roads are created equal. They are much more slippery when it first starts to rain - until the oil and dirt are washed away.
 - 55 Assuming that the condition of a blind corner is the same as it was the last time you rode it. Instead you find sticks, road kill, oil, rain wash, stones, pot holes, garbage, etc.
 - 56 Not understanding how to get set-up for a corner when pushing the limits. In most cases the bike could have made the corner but the rider decided it couldn't and while in a panic attempted to correct the situation with the brake. WRONG! MSF course will discuss this at length.
 - 57 Riding without all of the protective equipment because I forgot to bring it and after all it was just this one time. Turned out to be the wrong time! I forgot my MX boots and fell on a steeply banked corner and the foot peg attempted to drill into the back of my right calf. On crutches for 3 weeks with a deep bruise.
 - 58 Using a little too much power turning the first corner after you've put on new tires (with that nice slippery release compound on them).
 - 59 Being too short for the bike you're riding, and coming to a stop sign.
 - 60 Your rider hops on before you are ready.
 - 61 Pushing your bike into the garage and letting it get leaned just a little away from you, pulling you on top of it to the ground.
 - 62 Pulling off both fork caps while the bike is on its centerstand.
 - 63 Park pointing downhill, don't leave it in gear.
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<http://www.msgroup.org>

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



And remember: Drive on the right except to pass...



KAREN JAMISON

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JEAN KUPER

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MARIETTA DeWITT

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BOB & CAROLYN REAGLE

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RON & LANAJO PECK

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MAY BIRTHDAY

If we have missed any announcement, birthday or anniversary please email Ernie Sigarto or Barb & John with dates, names and information. If you have pictures and/or stories, please attach them to your email.

© Cares & Concerns: Please remember to inform Ernie & Sue Sigarto of any cares or concerns you may have or if you are aware of other members in need of support. If someone is ill or incapacitated or simply is in need of a friendly hug or support, please let us know. We really do want to know if you are OK or in need of anything.

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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 you have pictures to add to the Chapter E Website please email Ron Peck, Chapter E Webmaster



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June

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 | 2 E Social Crossroads Mall Public Market Restaurant | 3 WA-R Blue MT. Rendevous | 4 Rider Ed Trike Course Kennewick WA-B Harvest Run |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 E Social Round Table Pizza Woodinville | 10 | 11 WA-E Ride To Port Townsend WA-D Duck Hunt WA District TRC & ARC |
| 12 | 13 | 14  Flag Day | 15 | 16 E Social Pete's in Carnation | 17 | 18 WA-E Meeting & Ride the Duck OR Dist. Rally WY Dist. Rally |
| 19 Happy Father's Day  | 20 | 21  First Day of Summer | 22 | 23 E Social Spuds Fish & Chips Kirkland | 24 | 25 WA-E Bob's Omak Loop Ride WA-M Fun Run |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 E Social Small Fry's Fall City |  |  |

2011 R A L L I E S / C O N V E N T I O N S

OREGON

June 16, 17 & 18 2011

Joseph , Oregon

Wyoming

June 16, 17 & 18 2011

River ton, Wyoming

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July 6, 7, 8, & 9 2011

Knoxville , tennessee

Washington

July 21, 22, & 23 2011

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Ch eh al i s, Wash ing ton

Montana

July 28, 29 & 30 2011

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August 4, 4 & 6 2011

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Idaho

September 2, 3 & 4 2011

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GWRRA WASHINGTON MEETINGS

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| 4th Saturday | 8:30AM | A-Seattle | Old Country Buffet, 25630 104th Ave. SE, Kent, WA 98030 |
| 1st Sunday | 8:30 AM | B-Bremerton | Bremerton Eagles, 205 6th St., Bremerton, WA 98337 |
| 2nd Saturday | 8:00 AM | C-Everett | 132 128TH St. SW, Everett, WA 98204 |
| 2nd Sunday | 8:30 AM | D-Aberdeen | Duffy's Restaurant, 1605 Simpson Ave, Aberdeen, WA 98520 |
| 3rd Saturday | 08:30AM | E- Bellevue | Crystal Creek Café, 22620 Bothell-Everett Hwy. Bothell, WA. 98021  |
| 2nd Tuesday | 6:30 PM | H-Lynden | Fairway Restaurant, 1726 Front St, Lynden, WA 98264 |
| 3rd Sunday | 8:30 AM | I-Olympia | Fatsos Bar and Grill 3205 Martin Way E. , Olympia, WA  |
| 2nd Saturday | 9:00 AM | L-Kennewick | Sandstone Café 104 W. 1st. Kennewick, WA 99336 |
| 1st Saturday | 11:00 AM | M-Yakima | Legends Casino 580 Fort Road Toppenish, WA  |
| 3rd Sunday | 8:30 AM | N-Spokane | Golden Corral Restaurant, 7117 N Division, Spokane, WA 99208 |
| 4th Saturday | 8:00 AM | O-Port Orchard | Airport Diner, 8803 State Hwy 3 SW, Port Orchard, WA 98367 |
| 3rd Saturday | 1:00 PM | P-Longview | Sizzler, 936 Ocean Beach Hwy., Longview, WA. 98632 |
| 1st Friday | 7:00 PM | Q-Puyallup | Hangar Inn, 16919 A Meridian E, Puyallup, WA 98372 |
| 1st Saturday | 9:00 AM | R-Walla Walla | Oasis Restaurant. Old Milton-Freewater, OR 97862 |
| 1st Thursday | 6:00PM | V-Auburn | Eagles Lodge . 702 M St. S.E. , Auburn, WA 98002  |
| 1st Saturday | 8:30 AM | X-Vancouver | Hometown Buffet, 7809 B NE, Vancouver, WA 98686 |
| 2nd Friday | 6:30 PM | Y-Enumclaw | Krain Corner Restaurant, 39929 264th SE, Enumclaw, WA 98022 |
| 2nd Thursday | 7:30 PM | Z-Centralia | PJ's Pizza, 1232 Alder St. Centralia, WA 98531  |

Where is Ernie Bird?

Ernie Bird has retired!

This is the new award recognition!

Patty Spencer is the first recipient of the new award!

Ask her about how she earned it at the next meeting!

Seems wrong turn Bob had something to do with her receiving this prestigious award...

Come to the next meeting to see if she keeps the award or hands it over to someone else.



So...Who is Zorro?



There will be a new clue added to the newsletter each month!

The person who guesses correctly will get free
at the next breakfast meeting!



April clue is: **BLUE**

May clue is : **EYE**

June clue is: **MONEY BAGS**

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