

Vancouver, WA Chapter WA-X

# GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION "PHOENIX FLIGHTS"



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Region I

**EXTRA! EXTRA! Read all about it! Riding Season almost here!!!**

## A FEW WORDS FROM OUR FEARLESS LEADER

As time grows nearer to our riding season, I'd like to take a moment or two to review a few safety items with you, so that all of us are reminded of the importance of them, and so that all of us may safely get to our destinations and back this (and every other) riding season.

- ◆ First is remember your T-Cloc checks....A great "pre-trip" T Cloc check can make the difference between a good or bad trip, as well as maybe even life versus injury or death.
- ◆ Remember to pack proper gear for your trip....Pack for the temperature ranges for everywhere you might go on your trip....Example....You depart from location A when it's 78degrees outside, but your planned route into the mountains takes you down to 34degrees....Did you pack your cold-weather gear this trip?
- ◆ Pack your medications if you take any, and plan stops along the route to keep your meds on-schedule...This can be PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT if you are a diabetic.....
- ◆ Make sure your emergency information is packed in your FRONT LEFT FAIRING POCKET....EMS knows to check this location on bikes/trikes with fairings for this info.
- ◆ Check the condition of your safety gear, and replace as necessary before the season starts, therefore minimizing your down-time due to equipment....Example.....Helmet in great shape? Gloves worn out? Riding jacket in need of repairs?
- ◆ Lets get out there and have great, safe rides this year, and we look forward to sharing some miles with you all!

Stay safe!

See you out there!!

Dee and Vanora

*Editor's corner.....Report on safety seminar in Buckley, WA*



I was one of the members from our chapter that attended this safety seminar, and I have to say that it was a pretty good, informative day.

Most of the material was review, but I agree that we can't be reminded enough of the importance of safety out there on the road.

One of the class instructors was a friend of mine by the name of Mike Briggs. . Mike is an excellent person to take any class from, and I'd like to say to you that if you ever get the chance to attend any class given by him, do yourself

**A great favor and do so.**

**The day was filled with our GWRRA Motto...friends sharing that fun, safety and knowledge.**

**I will review some of the information we covered in upcoming issues of "Phoenix Flights", and in this issue, you can read our Ride Coordinator's account of his experiences at that seminar.**

**I was able to share the "trucker's view" with a few people also, and opened their eyes a bit, as well.**

**I found the District and Regional staff to be pretty good hosts of the event, and the catered lunch that was provided as part of the registration fee was also pretty good,**

**All-in-All, a worthwhile, informative day.**

*WORDS OF SAFETY by Michael Miller, Rider educator*

.With a new riding season approaching one of the things to consider is a bike check out. remember the T-CLOCS, Tires, Controls, Lights, Oil, Chassis and Kick stand. I have a printed detailed check list if you would like one.

There will be an ARC ( Advanced Riding course) in Bremerton on Apr 20-22, and TRC and TC (Trike and trailering course) in Bremerton on May 19-20. Info flyers and registration sheets can be printed off of the state web site.

**T.C.L.O.C.S.  
CHECKS**

*Ride Coordinator Corner**by Dallas Murphy*

February 11 was the Washington District Rider Education work shop at Buckley Washington, a number of us from chapter X went to it and I know for myself I felt it was worth the time and travel. None of us from Chapter X rode bikes but there were Chapters that did ride. Most of the people came by car or something that had four wheels and a heater. I did not pay any much attention to the groups that rode their bikes. Sheryl and I arrived late and had to rush right in. After the meeting we said our good byes to the other members, jumped in our car, and headed home. It was getting late and we had to get home to pick up our Grandson and check on our dog. Around Fort Lewis I looked in my mirror to see a line of head lights and in no time there was the group of bikes from Rider Education work shop along side of us. I am now paying attention to them, the bikes are quiet and the riders are in full control of the road. I watched as they glided by. All of them in formation just like it was shown to us at the work shop. They were making very good time but were well with in the speed limit. In a very short time we were looking at their tail lights, that was great to watch. I know we were not the only car on the road that paid attention to them as they moved through the traffic like one machine, their tail lights were bright and they were easy to see. Soon they were out of sight. Sheryl and I were inside of a car like most of the other traffic making our way home talking about how great the group looked as they rode by. How many people in cars, buses, trucks, were impressed by the riders? How many people wanted to be part of the group. Enjoy the freedom of a motorcycle. Is there any better way to tell folks why we ride, and how safe riding can be? A great demonstration of how safe, fun, and graceful riding bikes can be.

February weekend from Friday the 24th to Sunday the 26th is Chapter P`s mall show. I know Chapter P is very helpful to us and gave a lot of support to our swap meet. I hope we will be able to do the same for them. I know at our last meeting Reggie was telling us about the show and asking us to come and put our bikes and trikes in it. I could see a number of people interested in doing this. I hope we will have a good turn out for them. If you`re not going to put your bike in the show at least go to there to show support. I would like to see a number of us ride to it. I hope to have my bike out from under the covers from winter, I need to get it ready to ride for next month anyway. I have to wait and see how it goes. It would be good to see some of us that did not put our bikes in the show to at least ride to it. Anyone wanting to put together a ride to the Mall show let me know.

March 3rd after meeting ride, Bob Eggett helped me with this and I asked him to take the lead in this ride. Some of the suggestions I received were to put a name on the rides I set. Soooooo I will name this ride the Bob Eggett ride to North Clark County. Ride starts right after meeting on March 3rd rain or shine, at the Home Town Buffet. It will take two to three hours depending on stops on the around 100 mile trip. Will go by Battle Ground Lake, stops at Moulton Falls, Cougar for coffee break or lunch, and one more stop at Grist Mill. The ride will end at Loves Leathers, Battleground. If anyone else has a good idea for a ride like Bob, please let me in on it. The squeaky wheel gets the grease, So squeak.

I am working on other rides. I have some information about places to go and things to do, with all the chapter events and fundraisers going on one can just make plans to do that. I will try and set some rides to these events and if any one would like me to set a ride to a event or is planning on going to one of the other chapter fundraisers and wants some company give me a heads up, like maybe chapter P`s mall show.

# Ramblings from your editor

I would like to ask as many of us as can go, to show up at chapter P's mall Show.....

The dates for this are February 24, 25, and 26th at three rivers mall in Kelso/Longview, and registration is available through chapter p website or at the door on event day.

It is an opportunity to be involved in educating the general public about who we are, what we ride, and why we ride, as well as showing off our shiny machines, and talking safety.

It's also a great opportunity to help Chapter P amass non-perishable food items for the local food bank up there in Longview/Kelso area.

It really is a worth-while venture, and I would like to put out the challenge to our members to not only put a bike/trike in the show, but to show up with the most amount of food of any chapter or group there.....

The actual entry fee for the show is 3 cans of food, but we can do waaaaaay better than that! And the individual who brings the most will get lunch on Chapter P at their Next meeting

I'd like to see us bring food to donate even if you are not putting a bike/trike in the show.....

MY dream-scenario would be to have so much food as a chapter that Connie & I would have to consider bringing our truck up there to haul it! (That's a little far-fetched, but you get the idea!)

Let's bring them bikes, trikes, and food, folks!! (In Record Numbers!)

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# ITEMS OF INTEREST

Our very own Lisa Pearson was recognized as the Individual of the year from chapter WA-X by the District director at our last meeting!

She was recognized by the district for outstanding dedication and work within the GWRRA family, and for outstanding achievement in connection with our annual swap meet. CONGRATS, LISA!

Another notable item is that Lisa also won a prize up at the Mall "Black Friday" event that chapter P helped sell tickets for as a fundraiser.....

The prize???? \$ 1,000.00 in cash!!

CONGRATS AGAIN, LISA!!!

I also saw Ray Tompkins at chapter P's meeting this Saturday, and he is doing a little better, but is still in some pain on the left side...

He has contracted Bells Palsy, on both sides of the face, which is extremely rare.

The right side has come back somewhat, but the left is still giving him trouble, and pain.

We also found out that Reggie's brother and son have had heart troubles and scares recently, but are doing ok....Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

**February 24, 25, 26 WA-P Mall show, Three rivers Mall, Longview/Kelso...registration available on Chapter P website and at door on event day...entry fee is 3 cans (or more) of non-perishable food for the local food bank**

<b>March 2012</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Flyer/Registration</b>
17	Washington District Bowling	None
23-25	WA-E Surf Watch (Ocean Shores)	<a href="#">Flyer</a>

<b>April 2012</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Flyer/Registration</b>
7-12	WA-V Federal Way Rest stop	None
14	WA-C Early Spring Fun Run	None
15	WA-N Brown Bag Auction	None
20-21	Rider Education - ARC	<a href="#">Flyer</a> / <a href="#">Registration</a>

For directions and flyers to any of these events, please go to GWRRA.org, and follow the link to the region/district/state map pages from the home site.

Chapter	Wing to Wk 4th	Day	District Time 8:30AM	Chapter's Town Seattle	Gathering Information	
					Contact Sam & Doreen Grubbs	Phone 206-718-6814
B	1st	Sunday	8:30AM	Bremerton	Jim & June Dutton	360-551-2236
C	2nd	Saturday	8:00AM	Everett	Lee Ann Kelly	206-362-4903
D	2nd	Sunday	8:30AM	Aberdeen	Kerry & Greg Bash	360-249-4640
E	3rd	Saturday	8:00AM	Bellevue	John & Barb Smith	206-391-6343
H	2nd	Tuesday	6:30PM	Lynden	Randy & Debbie Reid	360-733-3123
I	3rd	Sunday	8:00AM	Olympia	Ray Abitz	360-790-2832
L	2nd	Saturday	9:00AM	Kennewick	Lloyd Finley	509-783-9789
M	1st	Saturday	12:00PM	Yakima	Pete and Jean Hernandez	509-453-6951
N	3rd	Sunday	8:30AM	Spokane	Dave and Terri Chromy	509-292-0314
O	4th	Saturday	8:00AM	Port Orchard	Ken Smith	360-876-6737
P	3rd	Saturday	1:00PM	Longview	Chuck Porter & Reggie	360-636-0519
Q	1st	Friday	7:00PM	Puyallup	Dean & Christie Kalles	253-845-7177
R	1st	Saturday	9:00AM	Walla-Walla	Jim Corn	509-525-1304
V	1st	Thursday	6:00PM	Auburn	Garry & Maxine Alexander	253-770-3866
X	1st	Saturday	8:30AM	Vancouver	Dee Hall & Vanora Volk	360-254-2343
Y	2nd	Friday	6:30PM	Enumclaw	Roy & Pearl McKenzie	253-862-0220
Z	2nd	Saturday	1:00PM	Centralia	Jesse & Eva Valentine	360-888-0546

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