

# GOLDWING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

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This past Wednesday, we were at the Sizzler in South Center. We couldn't make it but Tim got a pic. Then on Saturday, Todd, Mike, Charlie, Kenny, Kevin, Ranks and myself visited Chapter WA-E.



Sunday was a ride day with WA-I. Bruce, Jeri, Dan, Mike, Dave and me did a Wing Washington run. We captured four points amassing 385 miles in all. It was a great day for a ride and a great ride.

Wing Washington is a GWTA sponsored ride but I have to tell you, Sunday's ride was one of the most enjoyable rides I have been on in a long time. It reminded me of when I first joined GWRRA, probably because we were on much the same roads but mostly because of the riding style.

We rode the perimeter of the Washington peninsula. We rode up Hwy 101 to the Quinault Casino for a quick photo. Then through Forks to the Forks timber Museum for another snap shot. We went east skirting Lake Crescent, and what a beautiful day to skirt that lake.

We headed, further east to Sequim and got a snapshot at the 7 Cedars Casino then past the southern point of Discovery Bay and over the Hood Canal Bridge. We turned left and passed through Port Gamble and into Suquamish for a snap shot at the Clearwater Casino.

It was getting a little late in the day so we headed back to the ranch over Hwy3 and down Hwy 16 south. Bruce and Jeri set up and led the ride. I'm looking forward to doing similar rides with them again. What a perfect day.

## SOCIALS:

February socials are:

**Feb 26 - AZTECA, 17555 SOUTHCENTER PKWY, TUKWILA**

## SOCIAL PICKS FOR THE YEAR 2015:

January – Bill O.

February – S.T. & Betty

**March – Tom & Jill**

April – Mike & Pen

May – Charlie & Ann

June –XXX Root Beer

July – Chris & Patty

August – Todd & Don

September – Sam & De

October – Kenny & Ann

November – Les and Steph

December – Bill & Terrie

## WASHINGTON GWRRA CHAPTER GATHERINGS:

Feb 28 - WA-A (Seattle)

Feb 28 - WA-O (Port Orchard)

## TEXAS RED CHILI COOK-OFF THIS SATURDAY.

Though we will likely have a few visitors at our gathering on Saturday, the meeting will be short because of the Chili Cook-Off. It kicks off at High Noon at South Sound Honda in Olympia. Since we need to be there by 11:00 am with our chili entry, we will not have much time to linger in Kent. We need to be walking out the door by 9:30 am.

Along with the Chili Cook-Off is a Benefit Auction for the Ride for Kids Foundation. Hot Texas Red Chili is the name of the game. First prize for the best chili is **\$200**.

## AFTER THE SOUTH SOUND HONDA EVENT

After the South Sound event, we will be heading down to the WA-P Mall Show to support them. the show is at the Three Rivers Mall in Longview.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **February 27th ~ March 1st** - WA-P Mall Show.
- **February 28th** ~ South Sound Honda Chili Cook Off, Merchandise deals and Benefit auction for Ride For Kids. GREAT Texas Red Chili tasting. Chili sampling starts at Noon.
- **March 7th** - WA District Bowling Challenge.  
Where: Hi Joy Bowl, 1011 Bethel Ave, Port Orchard, WA 98366  
When: Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> ... following WA-B Gathering.  
Time: Starts at 1:00pm. Cost: \$9 for 3 games and it includes shoes.
- **March 14th** - West Side District Rider Education, Rainier Hill Christian Fellowship in Buckley. For all Chapter Participants that go to the Rider Education, you will be reimbursed your registration fee. You will need to pre-register to be guaranteed lunch which is included in the fee. It is \$15 to pre-register.
- **March 20th ~22nd** - WA-E Surf Watch.
- **March 28th** - WA-P Swap Meet in Longview.

Flyers for the above events are on the web site front page here: <http://gwrra-waa.org/> and calendar here [http://gwrra-waa.org/calendar\\_2015.html#2](http://gwrra-waa.org/calendar_2015.html#2)

## 5 Motorcycle Safety Tips

### 1. Wear A Helmet

Your mom's a smart lady -- you should listen to her. When she told you to always wear a helmet as a kid, she did so for a reason. Your cranium may have gotten a little thicker in the ensuing years, but no matter how dense it may be, it won't protect you against a solid crack against concrete. Brain damage is no fun, eating through a straw is hardly pleasant and trying to communicate with a damaged parietal cortex is no walk in the park. Don't be an idiot; wear a helmet. You may never need it, but when you do, you'll be glad you did.

### 2. Wear Gloves

This one may seem innocuous, but just think about it for a second. Every time you fall, what's the first thing you do? You put your damned hands out. It's human instinct, and when you're flying off your handlebars at 50 miles an hour, all you have is human instinct. If you're wearing a pair of simple leather gloves in the case of a minor spill, you'll likely come away with a few scratches at worst. If you had on a proper set of gauntlets, I doubt you'd even break the skin.

### 3. Wear Proper Boots

You may have grown up tooling around on your cousin's Vespa in nothing but a pair of sandals and swim trunks, but that doesn't mean you should continue doing so. Why wear solid over-the-ankle footwear? That old Vespa likely weighed at most 300 pounds -- take a Honda Goldwing for a spin, and you're working with nearly 1000 pounds of chromed-out, Tupperware covered, smooth running aluminum and steel. When you accidentally tip that bad boy over and experience that "oh, sh\*t" moment and grunt like the Hulk to save your baby, the last thing you want is your foot slipping out or your ankle giving way. Good soles are essential, as is ample ankle support. A proper jacket and pair of pants are also essential. In the event of a real spill, only proper riding attire will give you the protection you need. The last thing you want to be is a SQUID (Stupid Quick Underdressed and Imminently Dead).

### 4. Look Where You Want To Go

You go where you look -- it's just how it works. When you enter a corner, it's imperative that you turn your head and look through the turn to where you want to go. There is nothing like the sensation of entering a corner and all of a sudden realizing that you're not turning, you're just going straight toward the opposite lane of traffic. Then you realize you're staring at a goofy-looking rock on the far side of the road and the light bulb goes off, you turn your head, look out at the exit of the curve, give a little lean and you're in the clear.

### 5. Never Use The Front Brake First

When a raccoon leaps out at you, a semi decides to change lanes or your exit pops up out of nowhere and it's time to hit both brakes and shed that speed, never hit the front brakes first. NEVER. You must train your instincts to always go for both brakes at the same time. If you grab the front break with any kind of enthusiasm at speed, you will eat it. This is not a question; it is a fact. Brake first with your foot, not your hand -- you'll be glad you did.

## CHAPTER STORES:

We now have a limited supply of shorter sized Windshield covers. See Gary to buy yours. \$30.00 each.

GL1800 AIR FILTERS \$19.00 EA

OIL FILTERS \$9.00 EA

FORK OIL SS-8 10W \$6.50 PER BOTTLE (3required)

AND NGK SPARK PLUGS BKR6E-11 \$16.00 SET Of 6 (limited to stock on hand)

If there is anything you need email Gary and he will make arrangements.

**Available Now -**

Limited quantity of new red chapter A Tee-shirts, LG & XL, with Chapter A logo on left front and happy ape on right side. No names \$25.00

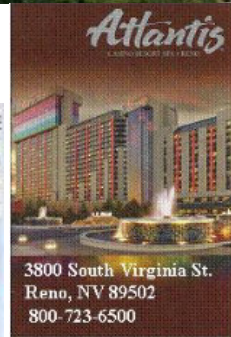
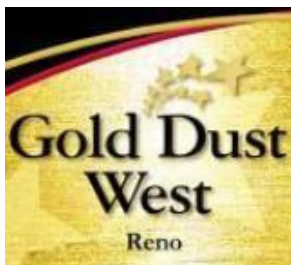
**New Item:** 10FT, 10GA Motorcycle Booster Cables \$10.00. Packaged in a 6"x1" round dry/compact plastic bag.

See the Stores on the Chapter Web Site for pictures <http://www.gwrra-waa.org/stores.html>

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