

Greg & Janet Beeck

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Good Tuesday to all of you APES out there and welcome to the February 19th edition of c**AP**Ers !

I apologize for being a bit absent last week, but I'm back and ready to go...and I proved it by getting out for a couple of great rides this last weekend.

Saturday, the 2nd installment of the GWTA Green Freeze played to a packed parking lot. Harleys, Guzzis, Beemers, Rockets, and Wings. I didn't get a count but there were substantially more participants at this one than the last. I am sure the departing Wappers forecast of a dry and warmer day helped to ignite some plugs...but (at least) the morning couldn't find the mysterious yellow orb. Yvonne and I departed MV for Auburn in the mist and it only got mistier as we approached Hinshaws. The good news is, the free donuts and steaming hot coffee were awesomeand meeting up with fellow APES Kenny U, Dave D, Gary F, and Vince and Sindy P was the maple on my bar. I was honored to lead the 6 bikes (included 1 harley) and Kenny took the Tail Gunnner spot. The blind route took us north to Renton, zig zag through to Lake Washington Blvd past Coulon Park, past the Dennys at Kennydale, up the hill to Coal Creek blvd, north to Factoria for a coffee break at Micky D's...then north to the Lake Hills Connector North thru Bellevues auto row to Northrup Way, to Kirkland via east side of Lake Wa, east then north past St Michelle up Hwy 9 to the Marysville to the Golden Corral on State Ave for an excellent all you can eat lunch. *I will surely admit that I am glad Yvonne and I are holding the Road Captains course this Thursday...because I realize I could have done many things better on the route and I am anxious to learn how I can do better....*anyway, good thing we got an early start because the lunch lines packed up early. After lunch Ken Dave and Gary bee-lined it back down the superslab, Vince and Sindy made their way back south, and Yvonne and I went visiting relatives in Snohomish. The mist burned off about 9am and never reared its ugly head again the rest of the day.

Sunday, ...or should I say SUN day it was a perfect riding day so we headed off for DesMoines (Washington not Iowa). It was the first day of the riding season where I actually smelled fresh mowed grass....another great day, south thru Fed Way, Puyallup, Bonney Lake, and Black Diamond 92 mi of great riding.

Other rides I heard about were from one of our newer APES Mark Sotzing who finally was able to get his Wing out, and venture from Kent to Tacoma, back to the Renton Highlands..he ran with some Harleys that liked the sound of what we doing...maybe it's the quite approach to motorcycling they thought was unique. Thanks Mark for dropping me a line.

Also venturing out was the mysterious Mr Gary Paul Reinke who pointed his Wing towards Eatonville approx. 30 miles SW of the big volcano, to a friends 20 acre homesite....hey Gary, did you ride the famous Raaaaaaaineeeeeeeeerbeeeeeeeeeeeeeer road ? Anyway, he logged 175 miles...way to go Gary...thanks for the report.

Dave and Meredith Doll (besides having Dave along at Green Freeze) got out for a second ride this weekend, didn't mention in his note where they traveled, but he did mention something that we all could keep in mind...Dave mentions that every time he gets out on his Gold Wing, he pushes himself to learn something additionally about riding and being a better rider...striving to be better, a great mind-set Dave.

I really appreciate those that sent me your short notes on your rides...your travels inspire us all to get out and discover a new road.

FUTURE EVENTS:

Wednesday, Feb 20th the Social is at 6pm at the Red Robin at Des Moines (Washington not Iowa) 227th and Marine View Drive..just up from the city marina.

Thursday, Feb 21st is the Road Captains Course at my house at 6:30 22615 SE 263rd Pl. Maple Valley 425-432-0965. We have a pretty good crowd and Greg Beeck our Chapter Educator guarantees that everyone will learn the latest and greatest when it comes to leading a group of riders, tail gunning a group of riders and learning about the positions in between. If you haven't already....please let me know if you are planning on attending...we may have to open up the balcony seating area.

Saturday Feb 23rd. Chapter A Monthly Gathering 9am at RMC...same APE time...same APE place. Great breakfast buffet, great socializing, 50/50, and more. After meeting (weather permitting) will be the 2nd installment of the Road Captains Course..ride portion.

Wed Feb 27th is the final social of the month GREAT JOB BEECKS ! Will be held at the Costco at the West end of Hwy 18 6pm. Spend an evening with us at the "\$100 Store". Share some stories and have some fun.

March 8th is the First Aid CPR class at RMC. This is tentative but so far I have received a pretty good response. Details to follow, but please mark your calendar. It is NOT about smooching with a strange dummy, this event may help you save a life someday for real.

March 8,9 is the Chapter D Annual mall show at the Southshore Mall in Aberdeen

March 14-16 is the Chapter E Surf Watch in Ocean Shores special fun and games planned for this well attended event.

March 15th is the final installment to the GWTA Green Freeze at Hishaws Honda MC in Auburn 9am start...good ride..big finish.

March 22 is Chapter Z Oldies Dance at the Poodle Dog in Fife...visit the Chapter Z website for the blast from the past event.

March 22nd is Chapter A's scheduled Maintenance Day...details to follow.

April 12th is the re-scheduled bowler derby Bowling Challenge in Pasco...hopefully the snow will be gone. RSVP to Gary Domas by April 5th if you plan to attend 509-582-7214

Way in the future...mark your calendars May 16th - 18th for the Victoria Days Farwell 2008 Camp Out in Ephrata Contact Ronny Lopez at 509-765-7073 or on his cell 509-760-1060 great ride, great people, great dinner and don't forget the Rockin B Cloggers will be providing the entertainment on Saturday nite...that's right..the Rockin B Cloggers. When was the last time you seen them fellers. I think Tim is putting a ride together that will probably involve BBQ in some way, shape or fashion...he knows all the best BBQ joints.

On a final note...our Chapter Educator and Website King Greg Beeck is getting very close on getting our new Chapter A website updated and running...stay tuned for the details.

Hope you have a great week, hope to see you Wednesday and/or Saturday.

Roll On !

Jeff and Yvonne.