

GOLDWING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

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Weekly News Letter

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This past Wednesday, we were at the Azteca in South Center.

I didn't get any pictures of our short breakfast gathering and meeting in Kent on Saturday but I did get some of the Chili Cook-Off at South Sound Honda.



There were eleven entrants. We did not find out what the categories were until the day of the cook-off. Had we known, Pen might have made her tasty Texas Chili a bit spicier. The categories were, Hottest Chili, Best Texas Chili and Best Original Chili. Pen's entry was for Texas Chili.

Hottest Chili was won by Mike Tennyson. Best Texas Chili was won by Pen. Best Original Chili was won by Dotty Yarnell. All the chili's had their own distinct flavor and taste and were quite good.

There was plenty of chili to go around and the spectators were also the judges. Everyone tried a little of every pot. A couple of the pots were emptied and some were only lightly dipped into but no one went home hungry. Jeff Reiner and his crew did a fantastic job with the set up. Plenty of chopped onion, grated cheese, sour cream and crackers. Oh yeah, plenty of bowls, spoons and cold drinks too. I think we are all looking forward to next year's cook-off.

SOCIALS:

March socials are:

To Be Announced.

No social for Wednesday but Tim and Bill are having dinner at Ikea if you would like to go visit.

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:

Mar 4 - WA-Q (Puyallup)

Mar 7 - WA-M (Yakima)

Mar 8 - WA-D (Aberdeen)

Mar 14 - WA-L (Kennewick)

Mar 21 - WA-E (Bellevue)

Mar 28 - WA-A (Seattle)

Mar 5 - WA-V (Auburn)

Mar 7 - WA-R (Walla-Walla)

Mar 10 - WA-H (Lynden)

Mar 14 - WA-Z (Centralia)

Mar 21- WA-P (Longview)

Mar 28 - WA-O (Port Orchard)

Mar 7 - WA-B (Bremerton)

Mar 7 - WA-X (Vancouver)

Mar 13 - WA-Y (Enumclaw)

Mar 15 - WA-I (Olympia)

Mar 15 - WA-N (Spokane)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **March 7th** - WA District Bowling Challenge.
Where: Hi Joy Bowl, 1011 Bethel Ave, Port Orchard, WA 98366
When: Saturday, March 7th... 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://gwr-ra-waa.org/> and calendar here http://gwr-ra-waa.org/calendar_2015.html#2

5 More Motorcycle Safety Tips

6. Slow In

Turning in, leaning down and powering out -- there's nothing like it. And when you get in the flow and you're cutting apex after apex, you're going to want to kick things up a notch. You need to remember to keep things in line, though, and always brake before you enter a curve. Racing drivers preach the church of smoothness, and that means accelerating and decelerating in a straight line. Grabbing the brakes in the midst of a corner is liable to upset your weight distribution, mess with your traction and generally screw things up.

The faster you're going, the more these effects are magnified. Go in too hot, grab the brakes in a panic and you'll realize that you would have been much much happier if you had just downshifted and chilled a bit. Slow in, fast out -- leave the speed for your way out.

7. Watch Out For Sand And Debris

A motorcycle has much less traction than a car, and when debris like sand and gravel get between you and the road, it can have very detrimental effects. To avoid getting screwed by the sandman, you should always be on the lookout for sand and gravel and avoid driving over it in the first place. This means avoiding the shoulder and being aware of things like construction sites.

When riding in a group, it's important to help each other out and point out roadside hazards as they appear. Point out with your left hand for debris and obstacles when they're on your left and point with your right hand or kick out your right foot to let your buddies know when there's a big patch of gravel on the right.

When you do have to go over a patch of sand, the key is to keep it slow and smooth, avoiding abrupt throttle or brake inputs. You also want to try and keep your bike as upright as possible. Lose traction at a 50-degree angle and you're going to go down; lose traction while perpendicular to the ground and you should be able to roll right on.

8. Don't Drink

This should really be a no-brainer, but never ride while intoxicated. Two beers can be as dangerous as six because riding requires making split-second decisions and reacting with precision and confidence. Alcohol not only slows your reaction time but gives you a false sense of confidence, making you more likely to try and squeeze through that disappearing gap or take on a corner way too hot.

It's your responsibility to avoid collisions and maintain safe spacing while on the road. Doing so while stone sober is demanding enough as it is. Doing so while seeing double and burping up bubbles of booze -- nigh on impossible.

9. Act Like Nobody Has Mirrors

The average commuter is off in his or her own little world, chatting away with their friends, dreaming of tomorrow's party or scanning the radio 'cause they need to twerk it like Miley. They are doing everything but looking out for motorcyclists, and this means you need to be constantly on your guard. A good rule is to act as if everyone around you has no mirrors and can only see straight ahead. This means you've got to avoid blind spots, maintain proper spacing and assume that everyone and anyone may unexpectedly change lanes at a moment's notice. This may sound like an imposing task, and it is, but with time it will become second nature.

10. Roll Into It

The key to riding safely is keeping things smooth. Just as you never want to slam on the brakes, you never want to tear open the throttle. It's all about keeping the bike and yourself balanced. This applies as much to operating the machine as it does to approaching how and when you drive. Don't expect to drive cross-country a week into your license. Know your limits and be aware of how much and what kind of experience you have.

You never stop learning, and every ride is an opportunity to refine and develop your skills. If you're just getting started, find a friend who rides and follow along. Watching how more experienced riders handle themselves is one of the best ways to learn and improve. If you're an experienced rider, don't be miffed by newbies asking advice -- you were once there, too. Every rider should take pride in ushering in new members to the club that is motorcycling -- just make sure they know these essential tips so they can have the time of their lives and keep on doing so for years to come.

CHAPTER STORES:

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

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

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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

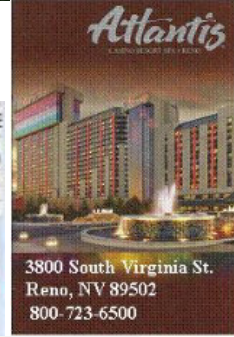
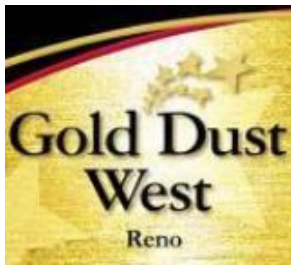
New Item: 10FT, 10GA Motorcycle Booster Cables \$10.00. Packaged in a 6"x1" round dry/compact plastic bag.

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