

SEPTEMBER 1, 2008

Chapter A, Seattle
The cAPErs

Finally back from 10 days off the grid, 1889 miles in 10 days spanning from Hood Canal to Bandon OR, to Crater Lake, to Portland and home. Sorry for the missing cAPErs last week, I will make a valiant attempt to catch up on all the past news and future events over the next week.

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE:

By now, hopefully all have received the notice of the passing of Dave Otten. I forwarded a schedule of Daves services earlier tonite (prepared by Mike Briese, thanks Mike). If you have any questions, please give me a call or refer to the prior written communication from earlier tonite. Our thoughts and prayers are with Rhonda and the family in this difficult time. Please try to make the Thursday services, on your wings, and in APE color.

SOCIAL LOCATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER WILL BE FURNISHED BY CHRIS AND PATTY JOHNSON

Sept 3rd is at IKEA in Renton

Sept 10th at RMC “ Full Throttle Café”

Sept 17th at the Johnsons house..potluck (chix provided by Chris and Patty)

SOCIAL LOCATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER WILL BE FURNISHED BY CHANZE AND BENNY BETCH

To be announced.

SOCIAL LOCATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER WILL BE FURNISHED BY GARY AND JOANNE BEARD

To be announced.

SOCIAL LOCATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER WILL BE FURNISHED BY LES AND STEPHANIE GREER

To be announced.

SOCIAL LOCATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY WILL BE FURNISHED BY KENNY AND ANN URBAN

To be announced.

THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR VOLUNTEERING TO MAKE SCRUMPTIOUS CHOICES ON YOUR GIVEN MONTH.

Phone tree: Chris and Patty as our new “phone tree” volunteers will be calling the Holts and the Coes...if you know of anyone else that requires a phone call (does not have a computer)..please advise me quickly so that I can get the numbers to Chris and Patty.

Incoming CD: It was discussed and no individual felt motivated to step up into the CD position at this time. I will continue to be the Chapter Director for 2009 if there is no opposition. On November 1st, there will be a Leadership Meeting” held by the Washington District GWRRA at the normal Buckley meeting location. I strongly urge that all APEs attend this meeting. ACD’s, Treasurer, Chapter Couple and ALL participants are invited...and November 1st will be raining anyway. This will be an excellent meeting to discover if the position of CD is something you would enjoy.

Mystery Ride: As mentioned above, JULY 11th is the Mystery Ride Event. The following MR functions will need to be covered by the entire APE group. Please volunteer for a post so that we don’t have to

“volunteer” you: (this is a ChAPEter event...everyone needs to pitch in and help out if it’s going to be successful).

Prize Coordinator; someone to help organize the gathering of prizes, goodies, gift certs, grand prize, set up “hunting grounds”, monitor the prize intake etc etc.

Advertising Coordinator; someone in charge of a group of people for the purpose of canvassing local business, MC related businesses, area GWRRA chapters, GWTA chapters, MC related groups, sport shops, handing out flyers, bulletins, generally spreading the word of our Mystery Ride 2009 to maximize participation. Etc etc.

Check point leads; responsible for managing your checkpoint crew, assuring safety, hosting games, being a cheerleader etc etc.

Registration and Check-in posts; we need people to organize the smooth flow of participants both at registration and check-in. Someone who can take care of the many details of moving (hopefully) masses of people through the lines quickly and efficiently with a friendly smile.

Silent Auction lead; someone who can work with the prize coordinator to receive prizes, produce our auction sheets and administer the efficient execution of the silent auction at the closing ceremony.. The silent auction is our single largest contributor of funds for this event.

The MYSTERY RIDE activities will need to begin NOW...starting with the gathering and accumulation donations and prizes. We are asking each of you to think about the geographical area around where you live and where you work. Approach your employer, (Boeing employees may be exempt from this) if they are willing to make a donation or contribution towards this event. Please start now, so that we are not in “panic mode” directly before the event.

My thanks to all who showed up for the Social and stayed for the Staff/Officers meeting. We have all witnessed the demise of too many Washington Chapters over the past couple of years. The primary overwhelming reason for their failure, was the lack of interest, and participation in the Chapters *every day* activities. They failed to understand that EACH INDIVIDUAL of the Chapter, and their

contribution...no matter how small, is vital to maintaining a healthy, vibrant and perpetuating social club. Thank you for your participation.

MYSTERY RIDE UPDATE: I HAVE ONLY RECEIVED A COUPLE OF REQUESTS FOR VOLUNTEER POSITIONS...PLEASE CONSIDER WHAT POSITION YOU WOULD LIKE TO MANAGE AND LET ME KNOW IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

FUTURE EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 4th . Bill Ottens Funeral Services

Sept. 13th is the Chapter X Fundraiser...these guys are having difficulty raising funds to keep the chapter afloat..if we could get a contingent of APEs together to make this event, it would be good to show them our support.

September 13th is the Chapter L Bowling Challenge in Ea WA Check their website for further details and registration.

Sept. 14th is the Chapter Z Chicken Run. Check their website for further details and registration.

Sept. 19-20 is the Chapter P Oyster Feed, please check their website for details and registration.

SEPTEMBER 28TH IS THE ANACORTES OYSTER RUN. LETS GET A BIG GROUP ORGANIZED TO ATTEND THIS FUN EVENT. We are probably going to be having breakfast at the Eagles Club...please let me know if you are planning on attending. With our usual large group we should have 2 ride leaders and 2 tail gunners. Lets do some advanced planning on this. Early helmet time for this one.

October 25th is Chapter Q Halloween Dance, check the website for details and registration forms. Costume suggestions?

DO YOUR TCLOCS BEFORE EVERY RIDE

Stay cool, ride safe

MAKE SURE YOU CONSUME PLENTY OF WATER ON HOT DAYS, WEAR YOUR LAYERS IN THE COOL MORNING HOURS THEN STRIP AS LEGALLY NEEDED, APPLY SUNSCREEN (but be aware that some sunscreens can vaporize and cause severe and instant eye pain).

Roll On!

Jeff and Yvonne