



# HAPPY NEW YEAR 2007 2007

January 2007

## Gold Wing Road Riders Association WA—A Chapter

## News from the Jungle Vine

January, 2007

Chapter A:

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Our annual New Year's Day Ride was a terrific start to the New Year. 14 Wings and their riders/co-riders headed out of RMC for an unknown destination. Arriving at the IHOP at the SuperMall about 1 ½ hours later, we became a group of 34 people that took over the back end of the restaurant where we enjoyed a terrific meal, conversation and an honoring of Bill Holt on his birthday. This ride epitomized what the Chapter is all about: doing rides and having fun together.

Looking back to December, a number of us were affected by the windstorm that blew through the Puget Sound on December 14 which forced the cancellation, I mean postponement, of our holiday extravaganza. A number of people have asked when it will be re-scheduled; and at this writing, I don't know. We'll let you know as soon as we can when that will be. November & December were both pretty significant weather challenging months for riding. A few of us got in a very few riding days; and I'm sure the PMS "Parked Motorcycle Syndrome" has really set in. Now's the time to be doing that needed maintenance, dreaming about up-coming trips/rides, studying maps and travel guides, watching your favorite motorcycle movie or reading that motorcycle book you've always wanted to read. Just around the corner the riding season will be here.

Looking ahead, the events calendar is really looking full. Not all of us can do all of the rides or events so you'll need to pick the ones that interest you. Angela & I will be doing the following ones in the next few months (plus some chapter visitations as we can) and we'd love to see you join us. Details can be found on the District Website by navigating to the sponsoring Chapter's link.

### Coming Events

- Next chapter Meeting on Saturday 1/27/07
- Saturday 1/13/07 — Chapter I Casino Night
- Sunday 1/21/07 — Chapter Z Birthday Bash 2pm ??
- Saturday 2/03/07— West side Rider Ed Workshop

Saturday, January 13, 2007 – Chapter I Casino Night @ Camp Murray (A

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real nice event with all you can eat or drink)

Sunday, January 21, 2007 – Chapter Z's Sock Hop – Anniversary Party

Saturday, January 20, 2007 – Greenfreeze (leaves from Hinshaw's Honda)

Saturday, January 27, 2007 – Chapter A Gathering at RMC's Full Throttle (new menu ordering option or buffet) – weather permitting – a ride to follow

Saturday, February 3, 2007 – Westside Rider's Education Workshop in Buckley (David Hough will be a speaker there).

Saturday, February 24, 2007 – Chapter A Gathering at RMC's Full Throttle followed by a ride to Gig Harbor for Chapter G's Bowling Challenge.

Friday to Sunday, March 2-4, SURF WATCH, Ocean Shores (We may do a day ride or head down for the weekend).

Saturday, March 17, 2007, Chapter G Auction, Cottesmore Life Center in Gig Harbor

Saturday, March 24, 2007, Chapter A Gathering at RMC followed by Chapter A's renowned Gold Wing Maintenance Day at the Don Hatley Garage. If you have any doubts about the value of your GWRRA membership, come to this event to do some Gold Wing maintenance or accessory installation, and it will pay for your membership.

Looking way ahead to this summer, WING DING 2007 will be held during the July 4<sup>th</sup> week. If you are new rider and are looking for someone to ride to the event with, let me know. Likewise, if you are a more veteran rider and would entertain the prospect of helping a newer rider on a longer journey, also please let me know. I'll act as a clearing person.

Keep your eye on your email, and you'll see all sorts of additional activities to participate in.

This issue of the newsletter also is the return of Greg Beeck as our chapter educator and his first article contribution in a number of years. Greg has a wealth of experience as a Gold Wing rider and MSF instructor and has a real desire to promote safe riding. I've ridden with him in classroom settings and on the road and he definitely knows how to ride. Check out his article for some great tips. But watch out, there's a quiz in there somewhere!

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## Your Chapter Staff

*Jim & Angela Bowman*

WAA Chapter Director

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## WA-A Rider Education Newsletter

### “January 2007”

Well it's a new year and we are all looking forward to the riding season and the rain to stop or at least to slow down. Our job as your chapter educators is to supply you with the tools to be safe and have a little more fun in the process. You'll be hearing more and more from us on numerous riding issues and that brings me to one that just happens to be in February. It's the Washington District Education Workshop on February 3 at the Rainier Hills Christian Fellowship in Buckley. The flier and other information is at: <http://members.aol.com/bmcmahwae/flyers/flyers5.doc> this is a very good place to learn new things and also clear out some of the cobwebs that have developed over the last year. Lunch will be provided by pre-registration so please get your registration in soon. This year we welcome come back Dave Hough, author of Proficient Motorcycling and Street Strategies. He brings a wealth of knowledge on a large variety of Motorcycle situations and has a lot of good information. Plan to attend and have some fun in the process. If you have questions on the Rider Education Workshop please e-mail me at [gjbeeck1@msn.com](mailto:gjbeeck1@msn.com) or Bruce at [bmcmahwae@aol.com](mailto:bmcmahwae@aol.com) and one of us will get you the needed information.

Have fun and ride safe

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### Weather and Rain:

Excerpt for the NSC, Motorcycle Supplement, 1<sup>st</sup> Edition.

There can be no doubt that the motorcyclist is more seriously affected by hazardous weather conditions than any other motorist on the road. And, the greatest single weather factor in motorcycle accidents is rain.

Rain combines the worst aspects of wind and cold with decreased visibility, effectiveness or eye protection and traction. Riding without eye protection in the rain is nearly impossible. The raindrops smacking onto the rider's face and eyes sting like bees and riders finally end up narrowing their eyes down to slits. Glasses, goggles and face shields lose their efficiency in the rain -- they tend to steam up and the water on the lenses distorts vision.

Rain turns the film of oil that accumulates on all streets during dry weather into slime, making two-wheeled transportation hazardous at best. Braking under these conditions should be done **very gently**, with the rear brake being applied slightly before the front. Turns cannot be rounded at the usual speed and angle -- they must be executed at reduced speeds with the motorcycle nearly vertical.

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This newsletter is also Don Wiggins' first newsletter as editor. Don & Valory come to us as former Chapter Directors from Idaho who are here on a "short-term" assignment. Don has a new pride & joy, an '07 Blue 1800. Unfortunately, the weather hasn't quite cooperated with him, so there's not been much riding yet.

Last, this is your Chapter. We have a number of new people in our group, and we are pleased to have you. I trust that our emphasis on riding our Wings and having fun is attractive to you. As you can imagine, this does not just "magically" happen. It does take people and we could really use your help. Besides the people I've mentioned above, we will welcome Mike & De Blangy as our chapter couple (they'll be officially installed at our January gathering). If you see something that you feels needs to be done, consider volunteering to do it. You'll be the better for doing it.

Come make some new memories with us.

Tim & Angela Bowman  
Chapter Director

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The best defense for hazardous weather conditions is to simply stay off the road. If this isn't possible, a defensive rider should prepare themselves for the conditions and watch the road closely.

### Preventable or Not?

You're riding home from work in a mild drizzle. The drizzle accelerates into a heavy rain; but you're anxious to get home so you stay on the road. You're not wearing your eye protection and the rain forces you to squint. Just ahead, a dog darts out into your lane. You hit your brakes and at the same time try to swerve around the dog. You skid, lose control and lay it down.

Was this accident preventable?

The accident was preventable. You should have left the road before your vision became badly impaired. Also, you shouldn't have never tried to brake and swerve around the dog at the same time. (Never swerve and brake at the same time -- **NEVER.**) You can't do any fast turning while you're braking and still keep control of your motorcycle.

OK now for the test....

I ask every one reading this to think, Think hard about what you just read. What was the most important thing you learned from this little story? Hint, it's not about your eyes. I will almost certainly be asking this question at January's meeting.

## Wednesday Night Socials

6:00pm until ??

Our Winter Socials continue to be held at a different restaurant each week. Jeff & Yvonne Harvey have picked the following restaurants for January. We'll continue to meet at 6pm at the following locations:

**1/10/07**

**IHOP**

1433 NW Sammamish Rd  
Issaquah, WA  
425-392-1363

**1/17/07**

**Senas Iron Grill**

17017 SE 270th Pl  
Covington, WA  
253-631-0101

**1/24/07**

**Fatburger**

6220 E Lake Sammamish  
Pkwy SE #D  
Issaquah, WA  
425-837-1670

**1/31/07**

**Toreros Mexican  
Restaurant**

431 Rainier Ave So  
Renton, WA  
425-271-7585

## Chapter Z Anniversary Bash

2308 N. Pearl, Centralia, WA 98531 [(360) 736-1146 for directions only]

**Party Begins at 2:00 Food Begins at 3:00**

Fun Begins the minute you walk in the Doors

## Keeping Current with the Fun

Chapter A does all sorts of interesting rides and events. These are captured in picture form and our schedule is shown and kept up to date on our official website. It can be reached at:

**[www.gwrra-waa.org](http://www.gwrra-waa.org)**

## Other GWRRA Chapter Gatherings:

The easiest way to keep up with locations of other GWRRA Chapter gatherings is to view the Washington District website ([http://www.gwr-ra-wa.org/wa\\_gatherings.htm](http://www.gwr-ra-wa.org/wa_gatherings.htm)). If you are on our email list and we are planning to visit one of these or another chapter, you'll receive notice via email to come join us. A few of the closer chapters are (be sure to confirm the times & locations before heading out):

1st Thu 6:00 PM  
WA-V  
Auburn  
Eagles of Auburn  
702 M St SE  
Auburn, WA 98002

1st Fri 7:00 PM  
WA-Q  
Puyallup  
O'Farrell's' Family Restaurant  
1100 N Meridian  
Puyallup, WA 98371

1st Sun 9:00 AM  
WA-B  
Bremerton  
Bremerton Eagles  
6th St & Washington Ave  
Bremerton, WA 98337

2nd Sat 8:00 AM  
WA-C  
Everett  
Petosa's Restaurant  
3121 Broadway  
Everett, WA 98201

2nd Friday, 6:30pm  
Krain Corner Restaurant  
39929 264th SE  
Enumclaw, WA 98022

3rd Sat 9:00 AM  
WA-E  
Bellevue  
Denny's Restaurant  
[22833 Bothell Everett Highway Bothell, WA](#)



3rd Sat 8:30 AM  
WA-G  
Gig Harbor  
Cottesmore Life Center  
2909 14th Ave NW  
Gig Harbor, WA 98335

3rd Sun 9:00 AM  
WA-I  
Olympia  
JJ North's Grand Buffet  
[2915 Harrison Ave NW Ste 255 Olympia, WA 98502](#) 360-943-9344

4th Sat 8:00 AM  
WA-O  
Port Orchard  
Airport Dinner  
8803 State Highway 3 SW  
Port Orchard, WA 98367

4th Sun 8:00 AM  
WA-F  
Tacoma  
Fraternal Order of Eagles  
Span-A-Park #3563  
22316 Mountain Hwy E.  
Spanaway, WA 98387  
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NEWSLETTER EDITOR WANTED

Chapter A needs a person who likes to write and compose material into a newsletter. Would you be interested in helping?

If you would like to help, contact me (Tim Bowman) @ 206-244-2442.

**Position Filled**



Next meeting,  
Saturday, **January 27 2007**,  
Renton, Washington  
9AM—Breakfast  
9:30AM—Meeting

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## **CO-RIDER CORNER**

Hey Co-Riders – Your hands are as important as your riders; keep them protected,  
Wear your gloves.