







### Chapter WA-P "The Pandas", October 2010



Chapter Directors Chuck & Reggie

**Chapter Director's Corner** 

Hi All,

Well it have been a while since we have had a Gathering; we are looking forward to seeing everyone again.

I would like to say we are very grateful that our Team member, Jerry Thompson is home and doing real good, we have had a lot of people ask for their address so here it is. 1302 Minor RD Kelso WA 98626.

Oyster feed has come and gone for another year, now we can start all over for next year. If you did not make it, you missed out. We had bad weather this year but one out of five is pretty good, I think. We have a lot of people to say thank you to, all of you that came and showed your support, to us, we give you all A BIG THANK YOU! All of our team members that worked and endured the weather with us, THANK YOU to all of you. Can't wait tell next years!

We hope that all of our team members can make this

Gathering we have a lot to cover. For we have a lot of fun things coming up and we don't want to leave anyone out.

We had seven bikes go to the Gerbing Open House with us, it was a great ride and the weather was awesome, no rain coming and going, can't ask for better then that. Sorry to say, no one in our group won any of the door prizes, but

I did come home with a trophy, for the fastest male speed wiring. Chapter – Q's Mel won for the female great job.

Some of our team members went to Chapter OR- I gathering and the change of C.D.s on Saturday they had a good turn out for it. We would like to welcome the new C.D.s aboard. The weather was not very nice so we took the van and stayed dry. On our way home we stopped by and had a cup of coffee at Chapter -X coffee stop, in Vancouver. Good job Ch-X.

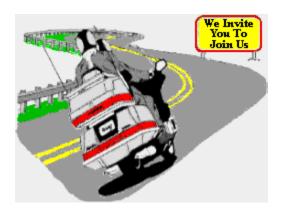
We hope to see you all at the gathering Saturday the 16th at 1:00 pm at the Sizzler in Longview, WA

Keep dry and keep the shiny side up.

Chuck & Reggie C.D.s. of Chapter P

#### **Contest Winner**

Jerry Thompson identified the member who is in the picture on page 42 of Wing World. If you look in the background of the picture you can make out Reggie sitting at a table. So Jerry wins the free lunch at our next gathering.











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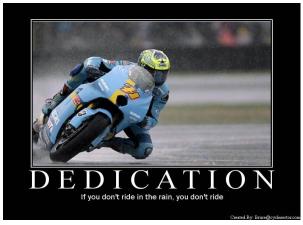
Assistant Chapter Directors Rick & Marilyn Cade

Recently several of us traveled to Gerbing's open house to see if there was anything that we just could not live without. I was considering buying some gear but decided to forego the purchase. So, if I whine and cry about being cold on a ride you have permission to kick me in the butt and tell me to shut up.

Some of us stayed around until the grand prize was awarded, and much to our surprise none of us won. What a bummer. A few left prior to the drawings but they were not winners either, as a person there won the prize without the number having to be called more than one time.

I hope to see all of you at our next gathering. We have not had one for quite awhile and it will seem kind of funny to actually have one. I hope you all can make it.

Rick



### Chapter WA-P Information

### The Panda's Gathering Place: The Sizzler

936 Ocean Beach Highway Longview, WA 98632 1:00PM for Lunch 2:00PM for Sharing

**Next Gathering: November 20th** 

#### October Events:

WA-V Mall Show\* Oct. 22 - 24 WA-Q Halloween Dance Oct. 23

#### **November Events:**

WA-V Veterans Day Parade Nov. 6

#### **December Events:**

WA-D Festival of Lights Dec. 11

#### January(2011) Events:

WA-I Casino Night\* Jan. 22

Note: The rallies listed for WA-P (\*) are the ones that the chapter is hoping to make. Most of the rallies have already got someone registered to go. All rides leave from Highlander/Splits parking lot. Watch for emails from our Chapter Directors, or getting a phone call from the phone tree person, or contact Chuck or Reggie at 360-636-0519 for the times we are leaving.

Chapter WA-P WEB site address is: <a href="http://www.gwrrawa-p.org">http://www.gwrrawa-p.org</a>









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# **RIDER ED AND SAFETY Riding in Weather Conditions**

Only a freak motorcycle rider enjoys riding in foul weather, but that doesn't mean you'll never do it. Rain, ice and snow can all be surprises so you want to know how to handle riding in poor weather.

Rain poses two major challenges: traction and vision. Traction seems to be the primary concern for most Riders. Watch out for metal fixtures (such as manhole covers and bridge gratings), painted areas, and places where built-up oil and grease have not washed off; these become much slipperier when wet.

However, there is still a surprising amount of traction on clean asphalt or concrete.

You can test traction by testing a surface with your rear break. (Before you do this: make sure your tires are in good shape; you need a reasonable amount of tread depth). If you do this at moderate speeds on a flat, straight road, it won't become a thrill ride. Avoid locking up the rear wheel on a steeply crowned road, where it will tend to slide downhill and out of line.

Once you have a feel for traction, you should have some idea of how much you can safely ask the tires to deliver under braking and cornering. There are additional steps you can take to improve traction. Premium aftermarket tires are virtually certain to give better wet-road grip than original-equipment tires.

Additionally, a slight increase in tire pressure will improve wet-weather traction.

Be very careful of any large metal road surfaces or metal sections running parallel to your direction of travel including expansion joints, metal plates and railroad tracks. Painted surfaces can be almost as slippery as metal.

Turning a motorcycle on slick, wet surfaces demands a smooth touch. Braking abruptly or making a sudden steering input could get you into trouble.

Additionally, initiate your turns a bit more gradually. Downshift smoothly, engaging the clutch a bit slower than usual, and avoid abrupt throttle changes. Use a taller gear to reduce the forces reaching the rear tire. Apply the brakes in such a way that the tires are not loaded abruptly.

Allow more space to stop or slow down so that you need less. And also make sure that drivers around you have time to react to your moves.

You already know that drivers have trouble seeing you. This is an even larger issue in the rain, low light, obscured windows, and a foggy windshield, will additionally impair driver visibility. Consider a bright rain-suit, retro-reflective striping or panels or even a bright safety vest.

Also consider your own vision. Your view can be impaired by faceshield fogging or a windshield that rises into your line of sight. Rain-X does help disperse water on both face- and, more importantly, windshields. \* Make sure your windshield can handle the use of Rain-X or like products, as some windshields have special coatings and can become damaged.

\*\*This info courtesy of MotorcycleSafteyInfo.com

Ride & Be Safe!!! Scott Peabody, ACD & Rider Education









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Newsletter Editor Reggie Baumer

Happy Halloween to all

There is a lot to talk about so I hope to see you all at the Gathering!

There is a Halloween Dance coming up it is on 23 of Oct, we are planning on going, we will be staying over night so please be thinking about going, we did last year and had a ball.

We have a coffee Stop coming up in Nov 13 -14. So I will have the sign-up sheet on site at the Gathering, the shifts are 4 hr a piece. We will need bakers and I will have the cookie dough there for you to take. This is the kicker, as the c.d.s there are two times a year that we have to go to a workshop and guess when it is this time? Yep you guessed it, it is on that Sat. so we will need more help then ever please.

Can you believe that it is time to think about Christmas?

Well there are a couple of things we could do, but they are on the some day, so here you go, The Christmas parade is on the 4<sup>th</sup> of Dec and this is what we have done in the pass, but I have heard of this trip we could take, we would go up to Seattle spend the night, get up and catch a bus that would take us to Leavenworth WA and spend the day and then it would bring us back to Seattle that night, were we would stay and com home on Sun. Think about it, it could be a lot of fun Scoot has more info that he will share at the gathering.

So in Jan we will be having our winter retreat in Long Beach WA, more info will be coming.

Feb we have our Mall Show at the Three Rivers Mall in Longview. So see we do have a lot to talk about. See soon

Reggie

## **Region I Rally** by Brad Kane

The Region I Rally was held in Tillamook Oregon. on August 26th through the 28th. We had a really good turn out from the chapter for the rally. I would like to be able to tell you that the weather was great but that was not the case. We only had a little rain while there. The problem was the wind. I think it was trying to blow Tillamook from the coast out to eastern Oregon.

Tillamook is a great town to spend some time in. It was a great choice for the Region I Rally. Unfortunately I don't think the turn out was as good as what they expected. The fairground facilities were great but we had a lot of open space. I'm going to let the pictures give you an idea of what the rally was like. There are more pictures up on the chapter's WEB site.











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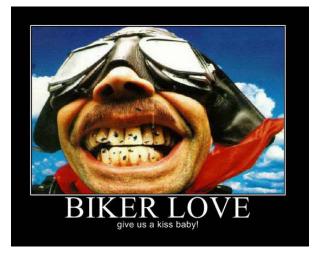


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Our Store **Judy Thompson** 

Item	Cost
GWRRA Earrings	\$7.50
GWRRA Patch (Large)	\$12.00
GWRRA Patch (Small)	\$9.00
Neck Scarf (Bear Paws)	\$10.00
Net Headband	\$10.00
Saddlebag Liners	\$19.99



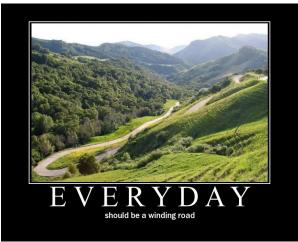


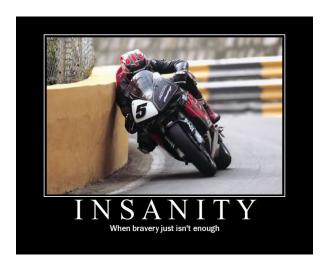
Lloyd Dally Judy Thompson

10th Oct. 24th Oct.



No Anniversaries this month













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Assistant District Directors	John & Barb Smith
Assistant District Directors	Gray & Diana Domas
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Leadership Trainers	Mike & Lynn Briggs
Treasurers	Chuck & Deb Buell
Membership Coordinators	Carmen & Dan Weakland
Stores	Lynn Briggs
WEB Master	John & Barb Smith
Couple of the Year	Open
IOY/COY	Dan & Carmen Weakland
Vendor Coordinators	Peggy & Mike Hudnell
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The WEB site has more information: http://www.gwrra-wa.org

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Individual of the Year	Open	
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### Washington District Chapter's Gathering Information

Wk	Day	Time	Town	Chapter	Contact	Phone
4th	Saturday	8:30AM	Kent	A	Sam & Doreen Grubbs	206-718-6814
1st	Sunday	8:30AM	Bremerton	В	Jim & June Dutton	360-551-2236
2nd	Saturday	8:00AM	Everett	С	Bob & Thess Thurgood	425-486-4416
2nd	Sunday	8:30AM	Aberdeen	D	Erv & Phyllis Granahan	360-249-3463
3rd	Saturday	8:00AM	Redmond	E	John & Barb Smith	206-391-6343
2nd	Tuesday	6:30PM	Lynden	Н	Chet & Kathy Renskers	360-332-4765
3rd	Sunday	8:00AM	Olympia	I	Ray Abitz	360-790-2832
2nd	Saturday	9:00AM	Kennewick	L	Alex Piper	509-546-0846
1st	Saturday	8:00AM	Toppenish	М	Ron Hafsos	509-697-4415
3rd	Sunday	8:30AM	Spokane	N	Dale & Shirley Dufner	509-924-3698
4th	Saturday	8:00AM	Port Orchard	0	Ken Smith	360-876-6737
3rd	Saturday	1:00PM	Longview	Р	Chuck Porter & Reggie	360-636-0519
1st	Friday	7:00PM	Puyallup	Q	Dean & Christie Kalles	253-845-7177
1st	Saturday	9:00AM	Milton-Freewater	R	Jim Corn	509-525-1304
1st	Thursday	6:00PM	Auburn	V	Garry & Maxine Alexander	253-770-3866
1st	Saturday	8:30AM	Vancouver	Χ	Dee Hall & Vanora Volk	360-254-2343
2nd	Friday	6:30PM	Enumclaw	Υ	Roy & Pearl McKenzie	253-862-0220
2nd	Saturday	5:30PM	Centralia	Z	Jesse & Eva Valentine	360-888-0546

Call the contact and make sure the chapter is holding their gathering before heading out. Check the Washington district WEB site as well for the latest gathering information.

### **Notes:**

### Oregon District Chapter's Gathering Information

Wk	Day	Time	Town	Chapter	Contact	Phone
3rd	Saturday	8:00AM	Salem	G	Barb Choate	503-932-0206
4th	Saturday	9:00AM	Hermiston	Н	Mark & Sheri Bridge	541-449-1451
2nd	Saturday	8:00AM	Portland	I	Rick & Kathy Mashek	503-650-6172
4th	Saturday	8:00AM	Albany	J	Del & Sandy Schaeffer	541-967-7953

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### Washington District 2010 Calendar of Events

### October:

23 WA-Q Halloween Dance in Puyallup 22-24 WA-V South Hill Mall Show

#### November:

6 WA-L Veterans' Day Parade

#### December:

11 WA-D Festival of Lights in Montesano

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### January:

22 WA-I Casino Night

# Oregon District 2010 Calendar of Events

#### October:

4 OR-G Chili Cook Off 29 OR-J Halloween Party

### November:

20 OR-J Gathering moved due to Thanksgiving

### **December:**

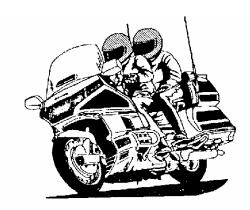
4 -Shriner's Toy Run TriMet Center Street4 OR-I Secret Sister Reveal Party

11 OR-I Christmas Party

11 OR-J Christmas Party

12 OR-G Christmas Party

Please make sure you check the respective WEB sites to be sure that the rally information is correct.



**Get Out and Ride**