

GOLD WING TOURING ASSOCIATION



WASHINGTON STATE NEWSLETTER

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Let's go see all of our friends!!!

With the winter months approaching the opportunities to be out riding will be less and less. But this doesn't mean the fun has to end during the next several months.

Cameron and I attended the Wing Washington banquet and I was thinking that we sometimes wait until these events to see our friends or catch up with people we haven't seen in months.

Why should we wait to see our friends? Maybe, just maybe, we could all get out and go visit our friends at *their* scheduled chapter meetings. Then we would be able to continue the fun and friendship through the winter months and support other chapters.

As we get out and about to other chapters, the fun and friendship shared makes our organization stronger. These opportunities to visit also answer the question "What do I get for my membership money?" You get more opportunities to attend events and visitations with those friends that you may not see until spring. I know that if you show up at another chapter's meeting you will be greeted with open arms.

Many of us are a little competitive by nature so we're creating a "Chapter Visitation" contest, much like a ride card, to make visiting other chapters fun and rewarding. More information with contest rules & details will be forthcoming (did we mention prizes will be awarded at the rally next year? Oh yeah - that's one of those details we'll bring your way soon).

So we would like to challenge each and every one of you to get out and attend another chapters meeting. Share the fun and friendship. See if they do something fun that you may be able to incorporate in your own chapter meetings (i.e. chapter colors) , and yes.....*STEAL THEIR 50/50!!*

We hope you are enjoying the fall colors and have a fantastic Halloween. We'll see you all sooner than later at your chapter meetings.



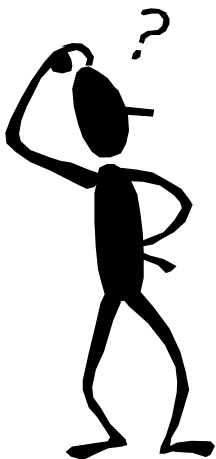
Yours in Friendship,
~ *Steve & Cameron Gillit* ~
Washington State Directors





WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER MEETINGS

Meeting	Chapter	Location	Time	Contact
1 st Sat	C	Eagles 1216 Broadway ~ Everett	8:00 am	Lane or Shelley 425-335-3831
	G	Golden Corral 7117 N Division ~ Spokane	8:00 am	Mel or Jana 509-328-2803
	Q	Sunbirds 1757 N National Ave ~ Centralia	8:00 am	Julie or Larry 360-736-5989
1 st Sun	V	Eagles 202 5 th St NW ~ Puyallup	8:00 am	Vonda or Gary 206-854-9341
2 nd Sat	E	Denny's 2233 148 th Ave NE ~ Bellevue	7:30 am	Phil 425-898-1030
	L	Split's Bowling Alley 200 Kelso Dr ~ Kelso	8:00 am	Scott 360-989-9293
2 nd Sun	A	Denny's 1246 Central Ave ~ Kent	9:00 am	Bill or Kathy 206-368-8966
	D	Call for info ~ Renton area	8:00 am	Cowboy 253-538-4915
3 rd Sat	N	Sager's 1700 Continental Pl ~ Mt. Vernon	11:00 am	Brad or Judy 360-630-1780
	U	Koala St. Grill 914 Koala Ave ~ Omak	8:00 am	Greg or Terry 509-422-3450
	Y	Call for location of potluck ~ Yakima area	6:00 pm	Lee 509-837-8585
	Z	Call for info ~ Sequim area	11:00 am	Ed or Jennie 360-681-0372
3 rd Sun	I	San Remo 421 NE Midway ~ Oak Harbor	9:00 am	Bill or Deb 360-678-3676
4 th Sat	B	Buzz Inn 17216 Smokey Point Dr. ~ Arlington	8:00 am	Dennis 425-760-3644
	M	Alfy's 19121 SR 2 ~ Monroe	11:00 am	Sue 360-794-8538
4 th Sun	S	Emerald City 1912 West SR 20~Sedro Woolley	8:30 am	Lee or Jean 360-630-4021



Did YOU KNOW?



GWTA
Washington State



Did you know that our state's web page is continually being updated? Denny does a fabulous job of keeping up with Cameron when it comes to making sure items are as current as possible. Go check it out (www.gwta-wa.org).

If there's something you see that needs updating, let us know.

But more importantly, check out all the tools and links available to you. This is your state's website and we try our darndest to keep you informed.





welcome Aboard!

We are thrilled to announce the newest members to the Washington State Staff team as Vendor Coordinators:

Tom and Jennifer Stock

Tom & Jennifer have been members of Chapter V for a couple of years now and yes, Jennifer rides her own 1800!

We are really excited to bring their fun and enthusiastic attitude to our already crazy crew! Be sure to give them a friendly hello and welcome the next time you see them!



FOR SALE

1990 GL1500 SE

I'm the second owner and I know the history of the bike since new. It only has 49K miles and is in fantastic condition. Newer tires, brakes, battery, plugs, wires. All maintenance performed on time or early. Has Dunlop Elite III tires, Tulsa windshield, Torquemaster mufflers, Progressive springs, rider backrest, floor boards, highway boards, hitch, accessory lighting plus gold and chrome add on's.

Asking Price: \$6,300

Contact: Jeff Richards Email: jeffnmargie@comcast.net

Location: Renton, WA

Phone: 425-358-0138



Have something for sale? Maybe you're looking for something specific. We'll send your ad (with photos) to our webmaster, Denny Wright, at dawebguy@gwta-wa.org and we'll post it on our website.

Want to see it here in the newsletter?

Send your info & photos to Cameron at statedirector@gwta-wa.org.



Get Ready for the 25th Annual



Washington State Gathering!



As many of you have heard, we're heading back to the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, in the quaint town of Port Townsend, to celebrate 25 years of *Destination Friendship* in Washington State! The fairgrounds staff and town folks enjoyed having us in town this year and are excited to have us back!

When, you might be asking? **July 5th - July 8th** and the theme, to go along with our 25th anniversary will be ***"SILVER SCREEN."***

So it's that time of year again folks ~ to pull out all that creative energy and computer know how!!! We need your rally pin design ideas and here's the criteria to get those artistic juices flowing:

- * The number 25
- * The acronym GWTA (or words Gold Wing Touring Association)
- * Washington State Rally (or Gathering)
- * Port Townsend
- * 2012 (or the dates July 5-July 8, 2012)

We will be accepting your designs from now until November 15th (email them to statedirector@gwta-wa.org). At that time, your design will be put on our state website for voting. Voting will take place for just two weeks, November 16th through November 30th. The winning entry will receive one (1) free rally package (rally registration, Saturday night dinner and a t-shirt).



Events around the state will be returning soon.
Be sure to get us your chapter's event flyer to post
on the website and in the newsletter.



Annual Veterans Day Parade ~ Auburn, Washington

Day of Parade:

Saturday, November 5th, 2011

American Legion Breakfast:

7:00AM - 9:30 AM

**Auburn Senior Activity Center
808 Ninth Street SE ~Auburn, WA**

Some of us will be meeting at the Senior Center at 8:30 AM to enjoy the American Legion's annual pancake breakfast. Pancakes, eggs and ham along with juice and coffee for only \$6.00 per person. Everyone is invited to join us at the Senior Center.

Our Staging Area:

The corner of East main and "K" Street SE

Time to Stage:

9:30 AM until 10:30 AM

Parade Begins:

11:00 AM Sharp - Fly Over by USAF

Parade Ends:

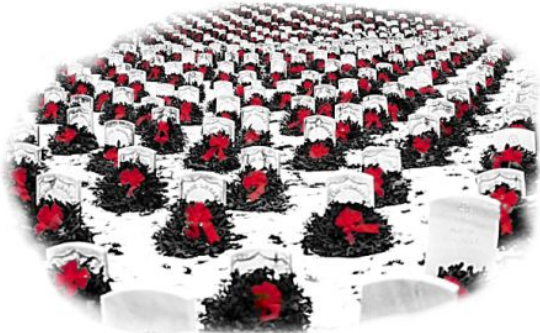
At the intersection of West Main & 1st St NW

Immediately following our completion of the parade route, some of us are planning on traveling as a group to Tahoma National Cemetery to pay our respects to those who have gone before.

All participants in our group are invited to join us in this.

**Thank you,
Bud Dyer
253-833-7752**

Wreaths Across America



WREATHS-ACROSS-AMERICA.ORG
REMEMBER - HONOR - TEACH

To honor our vets and support GWTA!!
That's what we call a WIN/WIN!

Wreaths Across America is a non-profit (501(c)3) organization that was formed as an extension of the Arlington Wreath Project started by Morrill Worcester (Worcester Wreaths) in 1992, where 5000 Christmas wreaths were donated and laid at Arlington National Cemetery to remember

and honor our fallen soldiers.

Fast forward to 2008 where over 100,000 wreaths were placed in honor of our servicemen and women at over 350 locations and over 60,000 volunteers participated.

So how can you become a part of this and how does GWTA benefit? Wreaths Across America™ has made it so easy for us to help make their dream come true that someday every veteran's resting place will be adorned with a wreath. They have given us the opportunity to use wreath sponsorship as a fundraiser for us. You got that right! For every \$15.00 wreath that is sponsored in the name of GWTA - GWTA will receive a cash donation in the amount of \$5.00. We can't think of a better way to support GWTA and honor those who have served to keep us free.

It is a very easy process. Go to www.wreathscrossamerica.org. Select the "Act Now" link at the top; then click the "Sponsor a Wreath" on the next page. On this page select "Individual Wreath Sponsorship - 1 wreath \$15.00." Now select the state and cemetery location where you'd like your wreath(s) to go.

The next step is our **Fundraising Group State and ID**. Choose **IN** (Indiana) as that is where our National office is. Then choose **INGWTA001** as the Group ID #, about 6th from the top (IN for Indiana, GWTA and 001 because we are not so secretly #1). At this point, you can choose if you'd like to donate your sponsorship "In honor" or "In memory" of a loved one (follow the prompts). Select add to cart and follow the instruction to check out. As we mentioned Wreaths Across America™ is a 501(c)3 and every dollar you contribute to sponsoring a wreath(s) is tax deductible. Hey, what more could you ask for?

Please have your wreath order in no later than November 28th to ensure your wreath placement on December 10th.

Wreaths Across America™ Mission:

- * Remember the fallen
- * Honor those who serve
- * Teach our children the value of freedom



Family of the Year!

Do you have a special family in your Chapter that deserves recognition?

Here is a great way to tell them how special they are! The Family of the Year program recognizes the hard work and dedication that members and their families enthusiastically give to their fellow members and community.

So the time has come to ask each Chapter to submit someone from their Chapter to serve as Family of the Year ~ 2012. All the information you need can be found in the TA Way on the National website. Here's the direct link: [Family of the Year](#). Chapter Directors, please submit a photograph, with a biography (or resume), regarding your nominee to Steve & Cameron (statedirector@gwta-wa.org) no later than November 30th.

Here's a brief synopsis from the TA Way...

Selection Guidelines...

1. The program will be open to all families except operation officers higher than chapter director and their families. Chapter directors and assistant chapter directors and their families are eligible to participate.
2. A family unit generally consists of two adults and any household children.
3. Family of the Year participants must be members of GWTA in good standing.
4. The GWTA membership of a selected Family of the Year must not expire during their tenure and/or title period. If a member should be holding a chapter, state/provincial, regional or national Family of the Year honor, and during their term be elected or appointed to an office above Chapter Director, they will not need to give up their Family of the Year status.

Selection Process...

November: The chapter director conducts the Family of the Year appointing process for the next year. Nominations may be solicited at a meeting and families nominated from the floor, or the Chapter Director may ask for submissions in writing. The chapter may also use a selection committee. Once the chapter Family of the Year is selected, the chapter director works with the newly nominated Family to prepare their biography (or resume), as well as preparing written justification for the chapter selection. This information is sent to the state/provincial director, supporting their candidate for state/provincial family of the year. (Must be in the state/provincial director's office no later than November 30).

January: Each state/provincial director appoints a Family of the Year Selection Committee to review the chapter nominations to select their representative for the state/provincial family of the year. The selection for state/provincial family of the year is based on information contained in the biographies and justifications submitted by the chapter directors. Alternatively, the State/Provincial Director may elect to conduct interviews of the chapter representatives, either via telephone or in person at a state event. Once selected, the state/provincial director prepares a written justification supporting their candidate for regional family of the year. This justification along with the biography and justification from the chapter director is forwarded to the regional director (must be in the regional director's office no later than January 31).

March: The biographies for the regional families of the year are submitted to Touring News by the executive director to be published prior to the annual Gold Rush rally in July.

July: The executive director will appoint a Family of the Year Selection Committee to conduct interviews of the regional representatives on Monday morning prior to opening ceremonies at Gold Rush. The Selection Committee will inform the executive director of their decision. The executive director makes the announcement for the National Family of the Year honor at opening ceremonies. All Regional representatives who are interested in being considered for the National Family of the Year honor must be present to participate in the interview process. If financial obligations are keeping a Regional representative from attending Gold Rush, the Regional Director may consider covering some of their expenses at Gold Rush from the Regional treasury.

A Biker's Guide to LIFE!



“Sometimes it takes a whole tank of gas before you can think straight.”



“The only good view of a thunderstorm is in your rear view mirror.”



“Saddlebags can never hold everything you want, but they can hold everything you need.”

Krazy Kay's Klue

Trick or Treat!

Jack has gold wings!

Connect the dots



Always remember to have some fun

EVERYDAY!

Krazy Kay Cohenour



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