

GOLD WING TOURING ASSOCIATION



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As the rest of the holidays quickly approach, Steve and I try our very best to keep focused on what the holiday season reminds us of: those special people who do special things for us all year and not just during the holidays. For the most part each of us knows someone like that. You know ~ the person who never forgets a birthday, always has nice things to say, is truly honest and forthright with you and makes it a point to call or send a card just when you need it the most (email or good old fashioned snail mail).

To us, the true meaning of Christmas and the holidays is *LOVE*. The love we give to our closest family on a daily basis; the love we feel for the family not always spoken to, but care about none-the-less; the love we share with friends, near and far, who have become very close *FAMILY*; the love we give to nurture our animals.

While giving is so much more rewarding than receiving, we must pause and take note that when someone gives to you; open your heart and receive it!!! That is the utmost reward to the giver and allows you to cherish your present even more. So when someone **hugs** you, remember that it is a gift as well ~ one that doesn't require anything more than for you to open your arms and your heart.

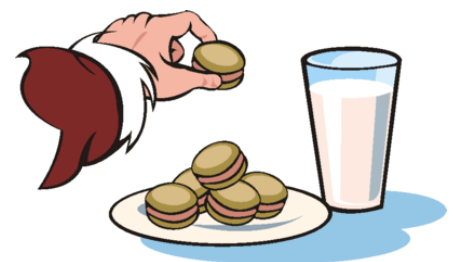
May your Christmas and New Years be filled with **LOVE** and **HUGS!**

Merry Christmas Everyone!

~ Steve and Cameron Gillit ~

Washington State Directors

P.S. Don't forget to put out some milk and cookies for Santa!





Out And About!

Chapter Meetings for December (note those not having a meeting as well):

Chapters C, G & Q: December 4

Chapter V: December 5

Chapters E, L & Z: December 11

Chapter A: December 12

Chapter N: December 18 **NOTE:** Chapter U will **not** be having a meeting in December

Chapter I: **NOTE:** no chapter meeting in December for Chapter I

Chapters M, B & Y (December 25): **NOTE:** These chapters will **not** be having a meeting in December

Chapter S: **NOTE:** No chapter meeting in December for Chapter S

Coming up around the corner:

December 4: *Chapter I* is having their annual Bottle Auction and Christmas Party. Check out their flyer:

http://www.gwta-wa.org/i/Christmas_party_10.pdf

December 11: *Wreaths Across America*. Meet at Tahoma National Cemetery (18600 SE 240th St, Kent) at 8:45am to participate in the annual laying of Christmas wreaths to honor and remember our fallen soldiers.

December 25:



Into the future:

January 15: *Chapter V's Green Freeze*. Celebrating 24 years of Freezing Green. Starting at Hinshaw's in Auburn (1611 West Valley Hwy S); come on 2, 3 or 4 wheels! **NOTE:** Registration doesn't begin until 10am this year. See their flyer later in this newsletter.

Gold Rush, 2011

Boyne, Michigan

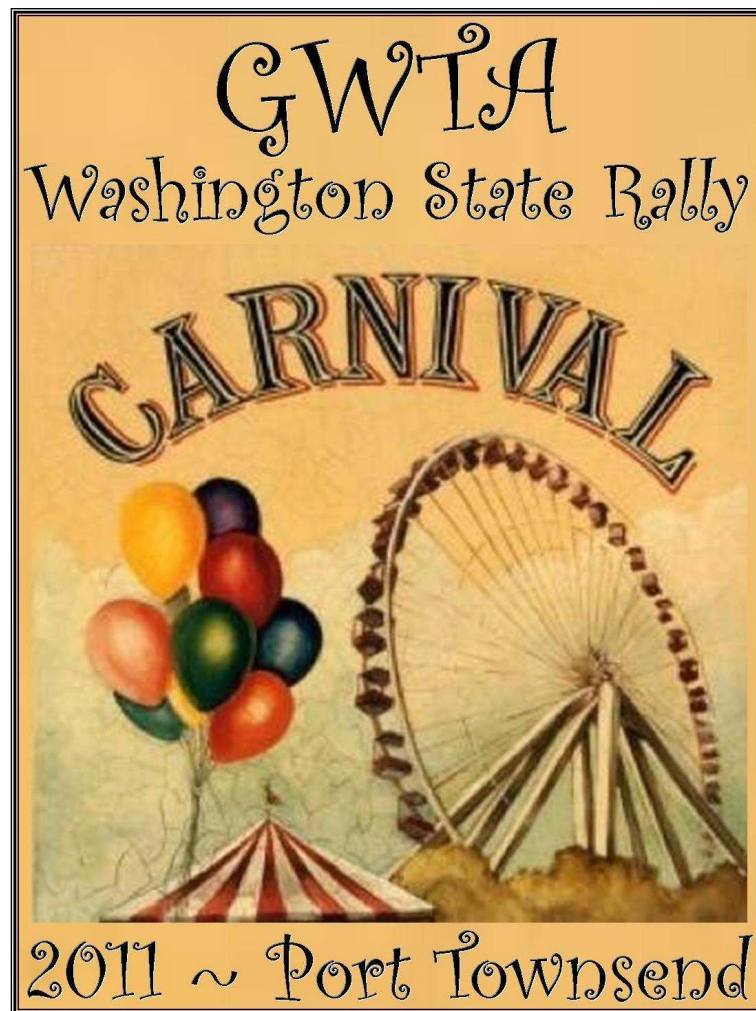
July 24 - 29, 2011

Go to http://www.gwta.org/upcomingevents/gr/gr_info.htm for more information.

2011 State Rally Logo

...and the winner is...
Your very own State Director,

Steve Gillit!



Steve will be donating his winnings (1 free rally registration, 1 rally t-shirt and 1 Saturday night dinner) to the auction basket for the Chapter D, Northwest Wings event, to be held on March 5, 2011.
Look for more Rally information to come your way.

~CONGRATULATIONS~ ARE IN ORDER!

During the months of October and November, all Chapters Directors went through either an evaluation or an election.

We are happy to announce the following chapter election results:

Chapter B ~ Stilly Valley Wings: Dennis and Lea Kelly were re-elected as CDs, along with their ACDs Joe and Lois Cleveland

Chapter D ~ Northwest Wings: Al "Cowboy" Mitchell was re-elected as CD, along with his ACD Patrick Fitch

Chapter E ~ Lake Washington Gold: Paul Kesler stepped down as CD. Thank you for your service to Chapter E. However, let's give a HUGE welcome to Phil Auberg elected in as their new CD, along with Curt Buckley as their ACD.

Chapter S ~ Skagit Valley Wings: Lee and Jean Eklund were re-elected as CDs, along with their ACDs Chris and Ruth Blair

Chapter U ~ Okanogan Valley Wings: Greg and Terry Bolinger were re-elected as CDs, along with their ACD Mel Caylor

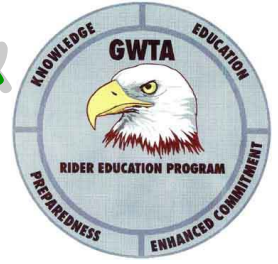
Chapter Y ~ Yakima Valley Wings: Jon Hopwood was re-elected as CD

Chapter Z ~ Sequim Valley Wings: Mike Zmiarovich was re-elected as CD, along with his ACD Jerry Hayman

The next time you see these Chapter Directors, be sure to give them a big HIGH-FIVE!



Rider Education & Safety Corner



Hi Everyone,

Winter is coming and if you continue to ride, there are many things to think about. Roads can, and will be slick with not only ice, but with all the leaves on the ground as well. The daylight hours are getting shorter, which means it will be harder for other drivers to see you. Beware of intersections, look all ways and continue through with caution. When riding on the freeway, do not pace with other vehicles; either pass them or fall back as you never know when that vehicle might not see you and move into your lane. On city streets you must be aware of your surroundings by watching for vehicles turning on to and off the road and be especially cautious in intersections.

When traveling down any road, you know to be aware of what is going on around you. BUT ... always look ahead so you can stop in time if the traffic comes to a stop. Keep a safe following distance from the vehicle in front of you in case something happens.

I'm a big believer in wearing proper riding gear and hope you will never get tired of hearing it. Heaven forbid a rider goes down. It's less costly physically and financially to pay the price for good riding gear and wear it. If you've dropped your helmet on a hard surface, it may now be unsafe and a candidate for replacement.

GWTA RIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM

When was the last time you checked our GWTA Rider Education Program? Do you need a Level IV renewal? Have you asked your chapter rider education coordinator to get you started in the GWTA Rider Education Program? There are only four levels and if your Rider Education person does not have the information, he or she can contact me and I will get them the updated information so you can get started in the program.

Thank you for your time and remember when you are out there, be safe and have fun.



Thank you,
Ron Matthews
State Rider Education Director



Helping Hands Program



GWTA is all about members helping members. One of the best ways to help is through the Helping Hands Program. Our National Helping Hands Chair, Dennis Seery, was very gracious to talk at length with me recently regarding the program, how it functions and what aid it provides.

Helping Hands is a grant program for GWTA members in need, funded solely by donations from members. The maximum grant amount is \$500, although grants can be issued in smaller amounts when warranted. Members are eligible for one grant per member, per year, with a maximum of three grants in a lifetime.

These funds are intended for an emergency situation and it does not have to be motorcycle related. Grants have been awarded for a variety of reasons like medical expenses. Dennis offered his own example of reasons grants are awarded. In 1998, his 15 year old daughter was injured when she dove into a swimming pool. Though the family was newly located to the area, his new GWTA Chapter pitched in and helped with the overwhelming job of modifying the family's home for wheel chair access. Upon hearing of the project, his prior Chapter helped out too. A Helping Hands grant provided funds for their efforts. You can only imagine the difficult time this TA family faced. The support they received was greatly appreciated. In fact, Dennis requested Golden Heart Awards for both Chapters in appreciation for their assistance. By the way, he reports his daughter is doing well. She has graduated from college and is enjoying life with her six year old son and she has not allowed her challenges to defeat her. Wow! What a credit to her and her family.

Dennis has a committee of three people who review the grant applications. The best way to thoroughly understand the program is to get involved. So, if you want to be on the committee, contact Dennis. He welcomes all help. He said it is not a large commitment of time but you do need to be available to review the applications in a timely manner. They strive to complete reviews via email and telephone within a two day period.

It is requested that, when possible, the grants be repaid so that the fund remains viable. However this is not a requirement. Donations are down this year but the fund is sound. It would not take much to over extend the program. He understands that times are difficult for many of our members. The economy is difficult across the nation. Donations are requested to be sent to the GWTA National office. Please clearly mark them for Helping Hands or donate online at http://gwta.org/online_store/helpinghands.htm.

The online donation is a minimum of \$1.00 each. If all 2500 GWTA members donated \$1 online, the Helping Hands fund would be able to issue five grants. \$1.00 to help five members? Doesn't sound too difficult to me.

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While talking with Dennis I told him how my chapter maintains a \$500 balance in our Chapter funds in case a member needs a grant. He thinks that having chapters front the funds to the member is a good idea when possible. However, he does want us to know that it is not a guarantee that the grant will be awarded by the committee. When the grant is awarded, he has no problem with issuing the check to the chapter in this situation.

No one wants to be in a situation to need a grant but it is good to know that help is available in case of an emergency. Grant application forms are available from your Chapter Director or online. The committee members need complete information to do their review so please take care in completing the form.

Krazy Kay Cohenour
GWTA Washington State
Assistant State Director North



heart of gold

Pure. Tried and true. You are deeply loving and caring. You stand the test of time, and give without expecting anything in return. You long for someone who will shine as brightly as you.

PS: While talking to Dennis about Helping Hands, he expressed his disappointment that members are not giving **Golden Heart Awards**. He has only received one request in the entire time he has been Helping Hands Chair. Awards don't cost much and are an excellent way to tell those special people how much you appreciate their help. All that is required is a letter explaining

the good deed and a \$6.00 donation to cover the cost of the pin and certificate.

He just knows there are deserving members out there that should be honored with a **Golden Heart Award**.



GREEN FREEZE XXIV

2011 - Celebrating 24 Years of
Freezing Green

All Bikes Welcome

January 15 Green Freeze Ride I
February 19 Green Freeze Ride II
March 19 Green Freeze Ride III & Banquet

Starts at Hinshaw's Motorcycle Store

1611 West Valley Highway South
Auburn, WA 98001 (253) 939-7164
Registration is from 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Last Bike in: Will be posted at the start



What to look forward to:

PRIZES: Set of new tires; Lots of cash prizes
50/25/25 Jan. & Feb. / True 50/50 in March / Door Prizes

Fundraiser with proceeds going to Ride For Kids
(Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation)
Great Food ~ Lots of Fun!!!

Registration fee gets you all 3 rides:

Rider/Passenger \$20.00 each
Kids 15 & under \$10.00 each

Optional Banquet Dinner \$10.00 each

Please make checks payable to:
"GWTA Chapter V"

Send Pre-Registration(s) to:

Lisa Alberts
33404 40th Ave SW
Federal Way, WA 98023

Banquet Location:

Fife Community Center

2111 54th Ave East ~ Phone: (253) 922-0900

For more information, please contact:

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Our website: www.auburnvalleywings.org

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Registration

Rider _____

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Jan Score: _____ Feb Score: _____

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March Score: _____ TOTAL SCORE: _____

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I understand that state law requires vehicle and operators to be appropriately licensed and endorsed and to carry their own liability insurance, when required, to operate on state roads and highways and that it is my responsibility to provide that insurance. I therefore release and hold harmless GWTA, event sponsors & supporters, participating merchants and event site owner and personnel from any responsibility for any damage or injury to my person or property that I may incur or cause to incur while participating in this event. I have read, understand and agree with the above statement.

Rider Signature and Date

Passenger Signature and Date



WE'RE HERE TO SERVE YOU!!!! HERE'S HOW TO FIND US:

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