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Happy New Year

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Mike Turner and his Chili Trophy

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Upcoming Events

February

January

Regular Meeting is Saturday
January 9th 9:00 Breakfast at the
Pasco Red Lion Pasco 10:00
Meeting

Staff 6:00 1/14 Mid Columbia
Library on Union
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[For Sale and Want to Buy
is on the Web Site](#)

Staff 6:00 2/11 Mid Columbia
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Regular Meeting is Saturday
February 13th 9:00 Breakfast at
the Pasco Red Lion, 10:00
Meeting

CPR First Aid training.
February 13...1-4 p.m.

At Finley's 4131 West Hood,
Kennewick

[A full Calendar is on the
website](#)

WORDS FROM THE DIRECTOR

Russ and Chris Akers

This will be our last newsletter article as Chapter Directors as our tenure has come to an end. Chris and I would like to thank for all our staff for the help they have been in the last two years. We still plan to stay active with the chapter. New Directors Mike and Janet Turner has asked us to become the next Chapter Store keepers. We would like to thank Mark Blake for the wonderful job as Chapter Store keeper

December was a busy month with all of the holiday's fast approaching I would like to thank all of the members that helped with the Chapter Xmas party as it was a big success we had about 60 people

show up and even four from Chapter R were there. The dinner was fantastic and we would like to thank everyone who helped decorate the church and all of those who cooked and brought items for the dinner

The New Year's Day ride was a big hit. Once again Chris and I would like to thank Lloyd and Georgia Finley for use of the wonderful house. There about 30 people that showed up for the chili feed. Even Oregon H braved the weather and rode up from Hermiston. All together there were about 33 people in attendance this year. For all of those who did not make it to the chili feed the Chapter put on a chili cook off challenge. There were six people who cooked up their special chili recipe for everyone

to test and judge. The winner of this year's contest was our new Director Mike Turner. The individual that made the hottest and I do mean the hottest chili was Jerry Denny. We would also like to thank the entire chapter member's that have helped us over the last two years for a wonderful experience as Chapter Director's. We could not have done this without everyone.

As the New Year continues please remember to ride safe and always watch out for the other guy.
Russ and Chris Akers
Chapter Directors



Registrations are already coming in hard and fast, with pre-registration hitting record numbers. You don't want to miss out on that kind of FUN!

Opening ceremonies will be held on August 31, but we have a very exciting day planned on August 30 that you really won't want to miss. As you all know, the International Couple of the Year selection process is held on that day. This year, we're making it even more FUN. We'll be holding a COY Boot camp that morning for anyone (COYs, MECs, COY Coordinators, Directors, judges) who has interest in the COY program. Not only will the boot camp cover topics designed to assist a COY in participating in the selection process, but it will also be an informative resource for coordinators and individuals who are asked to judge the selection process. And of course, all of this will be imparted with all of the FUN we can muster!

But wait—there's more! In addition to the excitement of the Couples' oral presentations that afternoon, there will be an Awards Ceremony after the oral presentations that will include the MEC of the Year, Newsletter Award, Chapter of the Year presentation, Merit / Director of the Year presentation, and will culminate in the announcement of the new International Couple of the Year. This will be one FUN afternoon, and we don't want anyone to miss out!

2016 Region and District Rallies

Our Assistant Directors, Ron and Bev Clark, put together a great spreadsheet listing all of the 2016 rally dates that are currently available in one document. We hope that you will take a look at this schedule and, since it's the season of giving, give yourself the gift of registering yourself for a rally that's perhaps outside of your District or Region. When we visit our cohorts in other areas, we discover new and exciting ways to have FUN!

See the Event Schedule Below on Page 4

The Riders Levels Program

by Herb Powers

Hope your holidays went well. One of the more noticeable things I like about this time of year is, we are on the back side toward spring. The winter solstice is over, which translates into days getting longer, and Sol is now making its annual northern trek which will mean not only longer days, but also warmer weather. With the warmer weather and longer days, it will not be much longer before we can pull our bikes out of storage, dust them off and go riding. For the past couple of months I have been talking about the GWRRA levels program at our monthly Chapter meeting. If it hasn't been obvious enough, I really am excited over the prospects of the GWRRA levels program (and Riders Education Program) for the reason it is a way for us to recognize the importance of motorcycle safety and keep our minds active with knowledge.

GWRRA is a pretty cool organization, a member can make of it what they want. With that in mind GWRRA motto is "Fun Safety and Knowledge" while the fun part on a motorcycle pretty much takes care of itself, the safety and knowledge part is what the GWRRA Riders Education Program can assist with. The levels program is where you can recognize yourself and also be recognized by others for your personal safety accomplishments! I want my members to be safe, and I want everyone to be recognized for their accomplishments. We are a husband, wife, mother, father, aunt, uncle, brother, sister, son, daughter, grandpa, grandma, and someone I call my friend, and I do want you to ride safe. That is GWRRA, and that is what I want to make of it. Explaining the Levels program may sound intricate and complicated, but for some it helps simplify things when you

are able to view what sounds complicated. explanation of the levels program below.

I will be contacting you at the next meeting in order to get you up to date on your levels, or you can contact me ridereducator@gwrra-wa-l.org.
SEE INFO on Page 5

Happy New Years

by Mike & Janet Turner

We hope that everybody had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. As another year passes and we enter into 2016 it will be another busy one. Janet and I have stepped up as the Chapter Directors. To assist us is a great staff that will help in serving the Chapter in the coming year. To see the full list of staff you can check out this month's newsletter or check out our web page. We would like to THANK Russ and Chris for leading the chapter over the past two years.

2016 Spring Fling planning is in full swing. The fliers have been sent out and are available on the web site. This year's entertainment is a must see, thank you Gary Domas for getting it set up.

We still need help in a few areas, so if you are interested in any phase of the of the planning please contact Joyce LoParco, as we can always use the extra help.

Everybody that was in attendance at the Christmas party seemed to have had a good time. There was plenty of good food and desserts for all. Diana Domas won the 50/50. Mike Kasko, Pat Royer, and Gail Lindsey were the recipients of the Christmas envelope drawing. Each received a different amount of money.

Our annual New Year's Day ride and the 1st annual Chili cook off was held at the Finley's. The participation was a great success. Due to the cold weather we all stayed inside enjoying the Chili and company. We had 33 members and visitors in attendance.

A special thanks to Loren Heideman, Mark Bridge, and Gerry Davis from Hermiston OR-H as they braved the cold weather and rode to attend.

Tom Denny was the only Chapter member to ride his bike, hats off to you Tom. There were 6 different chili's that were entered, from very mild to hot, and I mean HOT! After the votes were tallied it was close. The winner by 3 votes was I, taking home the Chili Cook Off trophy.

Thanks to the Finley's for hosting and for all those who participated and attended.

Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge,

Mike and Janet Turner

Event	Details (Name, Theme, Sel., Etc.)	Date	Location
MD District Rally		Jan 7 - 8	Ocean City, MD
KS Mid Winter Rendezvous	COY / IOY Selection	Jan 15 - 16	Wichita, KS
IL Winter Warm-up	COY / IOY Selection	Jan 22 - 23	Springfield, IL
Cabin Fever	OH (Nascar Theme)	Feb 5 - 6	Deer Creek Lodge, Mt Sterling, OH
Winter Rendezvous	IN (Mash 4077 Theme)	Feb 12 - 13	Clarion Motel, Columbus, IN
TN Sweetheart Ball	COY Selection	Feb 13	Cumberland Mountain State Park, TN
Wingless Weekend	MI (Mardi Gras Theme)	Feb 26 - 27	Bay Valley Resort, Bay City, MI
MO Spring Fling	COY / IOY Selection	Mar 5	Osage Beach, MO
FL District Rally	America - Land of the Free & Brave	Mar 17 - 19	Orlando, FL
Regional Rally H		Mar 17 - 19	Marshall, TX
LA District Rally		Mar 31 - Apr 2	Lafayette, LA
GA District Rally	The Brothers Grimm	Apr 21 - 23	Dalton, GA
KS District Rally		Apr 22 - 24	Hutchinson, KS
TN District		Apr 28 - 30	Pigeon Forge, TN
AL District Rally	Christmas In Dixie - GW Style	May 19 - 21	Eufaula, AL
PA District Rally		May 19 - 21	State College, PA
Spring Warm Up	IN (A Little Bit Of Country Theme)	May 19 - 21	Parke County Fairgrounds, Rockville, IN
TX District Rally		May 19 - 21	Temple, TX
Region Ride "N"		May 20 - 21	Hungry Mother State Park, Marion, VA
AR District Rally		May 26 - 28	Harrison, AR
Regional F / NM Dist. Rally	Region "F"un Family Reunion!	May 27 - 29	Marriott, Albuquerque, NM
Regional Rally E	No Regional Rally - COY / IOY Sel.	Jun 2	Branson, MO
MO District Rally		Jun 3 - 4	Branson, MO
Buckeye Rally	OH (Hobo Junction Theme)	Jun 16 - 18	Mahoning Co Fairgrounds, Canfield, OH
MN / ND District Rally	COY / IOY Selection	Jul 8 - 9	Wilmar, MN
SC District Rally	Wingin' Down on the Farm	Jul 14 - 16	Anderson, SC
UT District Rally		Jul 15 - 16	Western Park/Conf. Center, Vernal, UT
New England Rally	CT, NH, VT, ME, RI	Jul 21 - 23	West Lebanon, NH
IL District Rally		Jul 22 - 23	Pontiac, IL
WV District		Jul 22 - 23	Summersville, WV
Region K Rendezvous	The Roaring Twenties	Jul 22 - 24	Quality Hotel & Suites, Woodstock, ON Canada
Regional Rally L	COY Selection	Jul 22 - 24	Best Western Glengary, Truro, NS Canada
Regional Rally D	USA Proud	Jul 28 - 30	Branch Co Fairgrounds, Coldwater, MI
ID District Rally		Jul 28 - 30	Garden, ID
Bi State Rally	NY & NJ (Regional COY Sel.)	Aug 4 - 6	Swedesboro, NJ
Michigan Rally		Aug 5 - 6	Osceola Co Fairgrounds, Ewart, MI
CO Convention	27th Winging the Rockies Conv.	Aug 11 - 13	Montrose Co Fairgrounds, Montrose, Co
KY District		Aug 18 - 20	Cave City, KY
NE / SD District Rally	COY / IOY Selection	Aug 25 - 27	Wall Drug, SD
Regional Rally J	Wing in The Rockies	Aug 26 - 28	Red Deer, AB Canada
WY District Rally		Aug 29 - 30	"Welcome to Wing Ding" Party
WI District Rally	COY / IOY Selection	Sep 16 - 17	Wisconsin Dells, WI
NC District		Sep 22 - 24	Cherokee, NC

CA District Rally		Sep 23 - 25	DoubleTree Hotel, Bakersfield. CA
IA District Rally	COY / IOY Selection	Sep 25 - 26	Dubuque, IA
OK District Rally		Sep 29 - Oct 1	Muscogee, OK
VA District		Oct 6 - 8	Roanoke, VA
MS District Rally		Oct 13 - 15	Gulfport, MS
Regional Rally A	Region 'A' Steel Pony Rally	Oct 27 - 29	Lakepoint Lodge & Conv. Center, Eufaula, AL
AZ District Convention		Oct 28 - 30	Nautical Beachfront Resort, Havasu City, AZ
Region N Winter Event	COY Selection	Nov 4 - 6	
WA District Rally		TBD	Port Townsend, WA

GWRRA RIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Gold Wing Road Riders Association has always promoted safety through education. However, it wasn't until January 1988 the Rider Education Program began to gain momentum with member participation increasing continuously through the years. There are now over 30,000 member participants in the program.

The "Rider Ed" Program has four levels:

★ Level I ★

"Safety By Commitment"

You may sign up for the Rider Education Program's Level I at any time. There are no prerequisites or minimums to meet. Simply bring your commitments to make riding safer for you and those with whom you ride.

★ Level II ★

"Safety By Education"

To progress to this level, you must have signed on at Level I, achieved at least 5,000 safe miles since becoming a GWRRA member and have taken an approved riding training course (riders) or an approved co-rider training course (seminar or 2-Up riding course) within the past three years.

★ Level III ★

Certified Tour Rider/Co-Rider

"Safety By Preparation"

You must be current in Level II, have CPR or First Aid training carry a First Aid kit, and take a Motorist Awareness Seminar.

★ Level IV ★

Master Tour Rider/Co-Rider

"Safety By Enhanced Preparation and Experience"

You must be current and have a full year at level III, have ridden no less than 25,000 safe miles since joining GWRRA, and must be certified in both CPR and First Aid. Master Tour Riders and Co-riders sign a commitment to wear all the gear all the time (ATGATT).

Masters Recognition Program

Beginning in 2002, this program provides recognition for dedicated members who have maintained their commitment to the Rider Education Program through their continued certification renewal as a Master Tour Rider

Senior Master

Master Tour Riders who have maintained their active status by remaining certified for 5 consecutive years are eligible to be recognized as Senior Master

Grand Master

Master Tour Riders who have maintained their active status by remaining certified for 10 consecutive years are eligible to be recognized as Grand Master

Life Grand Master

Master Tour Riders who have maintained their active status by remaining certified for 15 consecutive years are eligible to be recognized as Life Grand Master

Live Seminars

★ CPR/First Aid (MEDIC First Aid, and others)

Learn how to handle many first aid emergencies and how to save a life. Both CPR and First Aid are hands on courses that add to your qualifications for Level III

★ Co-Rider

The seminar is essentially the same as the video but presents the opportunity for discussion and Question and Answer sessions

★ Group/Team Riding

Team riding involves cooperative communication between the entire team. Learn the do's and don'ts of riding together and enjoy the entire journey

★ Road Captains Course

What is really involved in leading a group? Learn about conducting a safe and well-planned ride. Learn the responsibilities of both the lead and the tail riders

★ Motorcycle Crash Scene Response

The unthinkable happens. Are you prepared to cope with an accident scene? This course suggests an appropriate course of action when a crash has occurred and prepares the member to respond with knowledge and confidence.

★ Motorcycling for the Mature Rider

Informational tips for motorcyclists who want to continue to ride safely at age 50 and older.

And more

Video Seminars

★ Co-Rider

This instructional video addresses the preparation of the co-rider for the motorcycling experience. Areas of focus include the personal preparation, riding gear, motorcycle equipment, and riding techniques – the do's and don'ts of riding as a team. This video qualifies the co-rider for Levels II - IV

★ Trailering

Gold Wingers are the experts when it comes to trailering behind touring bikes. This video presents an overview of various types of trailers, hitches, wiring, safety chains, suspensions, wheels and riding techniques

★ Touring & Braking

"High Siding" can be the worst phrase in motorcycling. This video reviews several aspects of riding with emphasis on proper cornering and braking techniques to assist the rider in preventing the dreaded "high side"

★ Slow Speed Riding

Gary Sanford presents a comprehensive video seminar with demonstrations of slow speed riding techniques. Learn to have better control with confidence.

Riding Courses presented by:

Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF)

★ BRC (Basic RiderCourseSM) (15 hours)

This is a 14-15 hour course that teaches the basic riding skills for the true novice through the experienced rider. It presents riding strategies as well as fundamentals techniques. Includes classroom sessions and range instruction.

★ BRC2 (Basic RiderCourse^{SM2}) (6 hours)

The ERC combines discussions between exercises and on-range riding instruction. It is designed for the experienced rider with at least 5,000 miles. The course focuses on braking, swerving, and cornering techniques.

Evergreen Safety Council (ESC)

★ Sidecar Course

The US Sidecar Association's course is now offered by the ESC. It is part of the Sidecar/Trike Education Program (S/TEP). The course is for enhancing and training sidecarists in the unique techniques necessary for handling the rig.

★ Trike Course

The other part of ESC's S/TEP is their trike course. Operating a trike is a different experience from two wheelers. Hands-on trike training is provided.

Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA)

★ Trike Rider Course (TRC) (6 hours)

This course is designed to provide trike riders with coaching and instruction focused on braking, swerving and turning. A unique experience for the three-wheeler set.

★ Trailering Course (TC) (6 hours)

With classroom and range instruction, this course prepares the rider for pulling a trailer. Includes discussions for set-up and on-range practice for backing up, braking, swerving, and cornering.

★ Trike Trailering Rider Course (TTRC) (6 hours)

This course is a combination of the TRC and the TC. It rovides trike riders with coaching and instruction focused on backing, braking, swerving and turning. Only GWRRA has it!

★ Sidecar Riders Course (SCR) (6 hours)

Similar to the TRC and TC, this course emphasizes the differences specifically related to the sidecar rig rider.

★ Advanced Rider Course (ARC) (8 hours)

This course is designed to provide riders and co-riders with the necessary skills and knowledge to make their riding experience safer and more enjoyable. It combines three (3) hours of classroom and five (5) hours of on-range riding skills training and coaching. The course is all new while focusing on the critical skills of cornering, swerving, and braking.



Puzzle Time

Happy New Year

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell the name of a popular location for celebrating New Years Eve.

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| BUFFET | FAMILY | MIDNIGHT | SINGING |
| CELEBRATE | FATHER TIME | MUSIC | STREAMERS |
| CHAMPAGNE | FEAST | NEW YEARS | THIRTY FIRST |
| CONFETTI | FESTIVITIES | DAY | TIARAS |
| DANCE | FIREWORKS | NEW YEARS | WINE |
| DAY ONE | FIRST OF | EVE | YEAR IN |
| | JANUARY | NOISEMAKERS | REVIEW |
| | FRIENDS | OCCASION | |

Christmas Party & New Year's Chili & Hotdog Party



Slideshow of all of the pictures are on the web site