



## Region Directors Ramblings



Many of you will not read this until after your return from Wing Ding. For Region I three of what I consider the main Rallies are already over with this year: The Oregon District Rally, the Wyoming District Rally and Wing Ding. I encourage everyone to find some way to attend the Rallies left in Region I: Washington District, Montana District, Idaho District and, of course, the Region Rally in Weiser.

For the Region Rally come visit us in Weiser, Idaho, the gateway to Hells Canyon, and see the deepest canyon in the country. Yup, it is deeper than the Grand Canyon. Or if you prefer, go east and ride the central mountains of Idaho. Either way you will be a winner. Should you prefer to just relax and visit with old friends, again you are a winner.

For a moment let's talk about the opportunities provided at these Rallies by our Rider Educators and by our trainers. In both cases they can provide life changing insight to different aspects of your riding ability and your personal growth.

Rider Education is not just about an ARC or ERC course. They offer many different seminars that can benefit you on the rides you

take. They range from Trailering, to Co-rider, to ride safely as a group, and many others.

Leadership training is not just for the volunteer leaders we owe so much, but rather for everyone. The curriculum is varied and offers seminars on how to communicate better or how to hold better meetings.

So the next time you attend a Rally, take a look at the agenda on seminars and attend a few of them. You will not be sorry that you did. In fact, I think you will find yourself attending more and more of them.

### Reminder:

- When you change your address, be sure to update it in your online membership record or call Member Services. Failure to do so can delay the arrival of your *Wing World* magazine, sometimes as much as two months.
- When you change your address or renew your membership, your password for *Wing World* magazine and the Message Board will change. This is due to your password being based on the digits in your address and your expiration date. For help in determining your user name and password, just click on the following link [www.gwrra.org/members](http://www.gwrra.org/members) or contact Member Services at 800-843-9460.

Ride Safe

We will see you at the Rallies

**Steve & Sandy Henicksman**  
**Region I Directors**



## Region I Educators



## Tales Of The Dragon



As you read this Wing Ding will be happening in Tulsa. I hope some of you are there enjoying it.

August 14<sup>th</sup> is the start of the Region I rally in Weiser, Idaho. There will be an ARC during this rally. There is a course registration form located at <http://www.bigskyregioni.org/training/RE%203%20Course%20Registration%20Form.pdf>. If you want to attend this class please fill out this form and send it with your region rally registration to Steve & Sandy Henicksman or to Lee Nelson at 1313 Rebecca Dr, Blackfoot, Idaho 83221. You can also sign up at the rally but space is limited so if you want to guarantee a spot send your registration early. With all the wet weather we have had this spring I have had plenty of chances to ride in the rain. Here is some good information to remember.

Most riders get used to riding in the rain by accident. They takeoff on an all day ride when the sun is shining and by afternoon they realize they're going to get their first taste of wet asphalt, like it or not. Those who accept it soon find themselves venturing back into the rain, sometimes at their own will. Riding in the Northwest has a cycle with some. Many never ride in the rain the first year they're up on two wheels. They're timid about it the second year, feeling more confident by the third and by the

forth year they're asking the question - "What Rain?"

So suppose you're thinking about getting on a wet road for the first time, or perhaps you've done it a few times, or perhaps you do it so much you're not thinking about what the hazards are.

Here's a list of critical rain hazards I like to watch for and look for even after 31 years of riding:

- ✓ **Painted Lines - Crosswalks** can be unsafe for motorcyclists, particularly if you're turning right or left and crossing the lines at an angle. Slow down more than usual and make the turn straight up, rather than in a lean.
- ✓ Ditto for **diamonds** in the HOV lanes. Very nasty when you lean into one, especially on the freeway. The diamond is shaped so you just slide across it and continue to slide along it.
- ✓ Any painted line is a hazard. Until the DOT addresses the issue and comes up with a tackier texture you're the one in control of your destiny.
- ✓ **Surface Textures** - Many commercial and residential parking areas are paved with very **slick concrete surfaces**. Your wet entry into the local mall or condo complex can put you on the ground in a second. Again, ride slow and straight up and don't let the concrete bite you.
- ✓ **Rubber** - If you thought you might save some money by buying **long lasting tires**, think again. Such tires are typically not as tacky and have less traction when the rain comes out. Next time you change tires look for the tackiest one that will take care of you better during your northwest riding adventures.
- ✓ How about that **rubber they use around railroad tracks** to decrease the sound as cars drive over them? Forget those little circles on the surface, these provide zero traction to you as you cross - slow and straight up.
- ✓ **Steel - Manhole covers** are enemy number one and **railroad tracks** rank a close second. Making a turn over the surface of them sets you up for trouble. Avoid such, or keep the bike straight up and cross over it slowly.
- ✓ Railroad tracks have a way of popping up on you just after a turn and you may still be into a lean when you reach them. Look for the crossing signs ahead of time, slow down and stay straight up when crossing.

- ✓ **Grated bridge crossings and metal plates** are a nasty encounter in the rain. Look at where you want to ride, take it slow and don't try any fancy dancing, particularly a lane change.
- ✓ **Water - Puddles/Pot Holes** - It only takes once to know how this one feels. You cruise through a puddle and after it's too late you realize you just went into a pot hole that wants to suck you into the underworld more painfully than Satan himself beating you down with a stick. Avoid puddles if you can. Use caution and predict the possibility ahead of time. Recovery from this rude awakening is not always easy. Pull over and take a few minutes of rest if you need to gather your wits. In 1997 the Seattle Times reported that the DOT only had enough funds to patch 60% of the potholes created in the state that wet winter.
- ✓ **Oil** - It's everywhere and very illusive. Those little red and blue rainbows on the ground mean danger. Ride slow and straight up. As per the DOT's motorcycle safety manual, if you're caught in the first rain following a few dry days remember the roads are covered with lots of oil and dirt that will be lifted from the surface in the first 30-60 minutes of a new rain. Take a coffee break if you can.

Ride Safe,

*Patrick Thomas - Winter/01* Printed with permission from Soundrider.com

Remember:

**Ride-Em SAFE!!!  
And Have Fun!!!  
Lee & Anna Nelson  
Region I Rider Educators**



## Region Couple Of the Year



### **Couple of the Year Comments**

On June 13<sup>th</sup> we met the MT-B Chapter for their "Teddy Bear Run" for the children at the Shriner's Hospital. It was a pleasure to see 25 bikes, two cars and one truck with trailer (loaded with all the goodies) at the Pet Area at Stateline. It was a good ride and a great cause, supported by members from Montana, Idaho and Washington.

As Shirley and I look back and reflect on the past year, we have fond memories from everyone we've had the opportunity to meet and the fun places our travels have taken us. We're now in our final preparations for "Cruising to the Powwow", Wing Ding 32 in Tulsa. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your enthusiasm, support and encouragement during the last several years. Most of all, we thank our Chapter for honoring us as their Chapter Couple, because this is where our journey started. Without the understanding and support from these friends, this wouldn't have been the labor of love it's grown into.

Please keep us in your hearts as we make this trip, and who knows, we may see you at the Washington District Rally as the new International Couple of the Year. Wouldn't that be a hoot?

**Dale & Shirley Dufner  
Region I Couple Of the Year**





## A Note from Steve & Sandy

For those of you that were at the OR District Rally, you know the outcome of the Couple of the Year raffle. For those of you that were not, you missed a good time and this information, so here you go.

Dale & Shirley received \$1,066.00  
1<sup>st</sup> Place \$426.00 Dianne Kester, Idaho  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$320.00 Dean Pond, Montana  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$213.00 Alan Neuburger Oregon

Thank you all for your efforts and hard work. I am sure Dale & Shirley really appreciate it, as do the winners.



## A Note -or two- From Dianne



**Happy 4<sup>th</sup> Everyone!**



I watched the flag pass by one day,  
It fluttered in the breeze.  
A young Marine saluted it,  
And then he stood at ease.  
I looked at him in uniform  
So young, so tall, so proud,  
With hair cut square and eyes alert  
He'd stand out in any crowd.

I thought how many men like him  
Had fallen through the years.  
How many died on foreign soil.  
How many mothers' tears?  
How many pilots' planes shot down?  
How many died at sea?  
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?  
No, freedom isn't free.

I heard the sound of Taps one night,  
When everything was still,  
I listened to the bugler play  
And felt a sudden chill.  
I wondered just how many times  
That Taps had meant 'Amen,'  
When a flag had draped a coffin  
Of a brother or a friend.

I thought of all the children,  
Of the mothers and the wives,  
Of fathers, sons and husbands  
With interrupted lives.

I thought about a graveyard  
At the bottom of the sea  
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.  
No, freedom isn't free.

Enjoy Your Freedom  
& God Bless Our Troops

Newsletter articles are welcome and due five days before the end of each month. Send to Dianne at: [kesteribo@cablone.net](mailto:kesteribo@cablone.net).



# Region I Rally August 13-15, 2009 Weiser, Idaho



Rally headquarters will be at the Weiser High School at 690 W. Indianhead Road, Weiser, Idaho.

Thursday night there will be a free hot dog feed.

After careful consideration we feel that the Grand Prize should be something you can take home on a motorcycle so how about five \$ 100 bills.

Camping is on site with very limited electrical hook ups but unlimited dry camping, Showers and rest rooms are available.

#### Local motels:

|                            |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| State Street Motel         | 208-414-8424 |
| Indianhead Motel & RV Park | 208-549-0331 |
| The Colonial Motel         | 208-549-0150 |

#### Bed and Breakfast:

|                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Galloway House Inn | 208-549-1719 |
| Liberty House      | 208-549-1442 |

Monroe Creek Campground & RV Park 208-549-2026

Located at the South entrance to the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, Weiser offers travelers a multitude of outdoor recreational opportunities. Water sports in the area include fishing, water skiing, and boating in the Snake and Weiser Rivers and the Mann Creek Reservoir.

Don't forget the Districts Challenge **SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL** Tournament. Borrow the gloves from the children or grand-children and join the fun. The winning District will have their National Charter fee paid for 2010.

Planned activities: Bike show, light show, walk about contest, people games, rides, seminars, ARC and a hot dog feed, Thursday, courtesy of Region I.

Undoubtedly the biggest attraction for Weiser is The National Old-time Fiddlers' Contest. Starting in 1953, it is now always held the third full week of June each year, drawing nationwide media coverage and over 10,000 people to the Weiser area. While you are in Weiser visit the National Old-time Fiddlers' Hall of Fame.

Create a one-of-a-kind souvenir of your visit to Weiser as you follow the Charm Trail through town. Pick up your bracelet and first charm at the Trail Head, Weiser Chamber of Commerce for \$5.00. Some of these locations will be part of the walk about. Then visit each shop around Weiser and add other charms for just \$1 each to complete your bracelet.

**ARC Course is available but it is by pre-registration only.** The registration form follows must be completed and returned. It is a great opportunity to maintain your Rider Ed status or step up a level.



**GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION  
REGION I RALLY  
WEISER HIGH SCHOOL  
WEISER, IDAHO  
AUGUST 13-15, 2009**  
(Opening Ceremonies 9:00 AM 8/14/09)

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|---------------------|---|-----------------|
| Rider: _____        | GWRRA Number _____                          | Chapter _____   |
| Address: City _____ | State: _____                                | Zip code: _____ |
| Co- Rider: _____    | GWRRA Number _____                          | Chapter _____   |
| Address: City _____ | State: _____                                | Zip Code: _____ |
| Phone: _____        | E-Mail Address: _____                       |                 |
| Position: _____     | Distance traveled (most direct route) _____ |                 |

Note: **All personal/business checks, Cashier Checks, and Money Orders must be drawn on U.S. banks in U.S. currency.**

**EARLY REGISTRATION**

Under 16 Free

Post Marked after May 1, 2009 before July 1 2009

|              |             |           |
|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| Life Members | \$25X _____ | =\$ _____ |
| Members      | \$27X _____ | =\$ _____ |
| Non Members  | \$32X _____ | =\$ _____ |

Post Marked after July 1 and on site

|              |              |           |
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| Life Members | \$30 X _____ | =\$ _____ |
| Members      | \$32 X _____ | =\$ _____ |
| Non Members  | \$37 X _____ | =\$ _____ |

SUB Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I/we the undersigned agree to hold harmless Gold Wing Road Riders Association, Region I and its officers. GWRRA and Region I assume no liability for damages or injury incurred while participating during the 2009 Region I Rally at Weiser, Idaho High School

Rider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Rider Signature \_\_\_\_\_

For more information contact:  
**Steve Henicksman 208-523-9813**

“T” shirt orders by Pre-Registration only

**Short Sleeve with pocket**

Sm \_\_\_ Med \_\_\_ Lg \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ \$13 X \_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 XXL \_\_\_ XXXL \_\_\_ \$15 X \_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Long Sleeve with pocket**

Sm \_\_\_ Med \_\_\_ Lg \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ \$15 X \_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 XXL \_\_\_ XXXL \_\_\_ \$17 X \_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Pre Registration 50/50 8 for \$5.00 X \_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Drawing at Opening –Need not be present to win

Grand Prize Tickets 6 for \$5.00 X \_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
**Must be present to win**

Pulled Beef/Pork Sandwiches Dinner –  
 Pre-registration only \$6.00/ea X \_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodations: August 12- 16th only  
 On site camping \$10 per night  
 Camping is the same for Tents or  
 RV’s limited electricity \$10 X \_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Total registration \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Motels:**

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|--------------------|--------------|
| State Street Motel | 208-549-0150 |
| Colonial Motel     | 208-549-0150 |

**Bed & Breakfast**

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| Galloway Inn  | 208-549-1719 |
| Liberty House | 208-549-1442 |

You will need to make your own Hotel/ Motel Reservations.

**Mail Registrations to:  
 GWRRA Region I Rally  
 258 Stone Run Lane  
 Idaho Falls, Idaho 83404**



# GWRRA Region I Rider Education Rider Course Registration Form



## COURSE INFORMATION ~ Please check one of the following courses and location you would like to attend:

GWRRA Advanced Rider Course (ARC)       GWRRA Trike Rider Course (TRC)\*  
 GWRRA Trailering Course (TC)       GWRRA Side Car Course (SRC)  
 GWRRA Trike Trailering Rider Course (TTRC)  
 Course location: \_\_\_\_\_ Course date: \_\_\_\_\_ Times: \_\_\_\_\_

## PARTICIPATE INFORMATION ~ Please complete (print clearly)

Rider: \_\_\_\_\_ GWRRA Membership # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Drivers License #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Co-Rider: \_\_\_\_\_ GWRRA Membership # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ **Emergency Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

- Cost for all courses is **\$30.00** per motorcycle (or Trike). Full payment is required to reserve a spot
- Registrations are accepted on a first-come basis. Class size is limited.
- Cancellations will be accepted up to 7 days prior to the course.
- GWRRA reserves the right to cancel or reschedule courses. In the event of a cancellation by GWRRA, fees will be refunded. If the course is rescheduled, students will automatically be enrolled in that class. If a student is unable to attend the rescheduled class, fees will be refunded.
- Courses will take place rain or shine. No refunds due to weather
- Submitting this form does not guarantee a place in a course.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS ~ required at the beginning of the class:

- Proof of current motorcycle insurance or bond coverage.
- Riders/Co-Riders GWRRA members have priority over all non members.
- Riders/Co-Riders must wear full protective gear as defined by GWRRA. (*Helmet, gloves, long sleeves, full pants, and boots/shoes that cover the ankles.*)
- Riders must have proof of valid operator's license with motorcycle endorsement.
- Due to insurance restrictions, only permanent conversions to three wheels may participate
- Participation/waiver statement for course participation.
- Co-Riders participation will be determined by the instructor, based on the rider's capability.

NOTE: GWRRA Region I Rider Education reserves the right to deny course participation to anyone failing to meet the above criteria or presenting an unsafe condition.

## PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

Make check payable to: GWRRA Region I

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Check \_\_\_\_\_ Received by: \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt No. \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL Eric (360) 620-7071 or email [ericandmona@comcast.net](mailto:ericandmona@comcast.net)**