



# Big Sky Region I



## Gold Wing Road Riders Association

Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge

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WASHINGTON	Bob and Patty Spencer	<a href="mailto:DD@gwrra-wa.org">DD@gwrra-wa.org</a>	July 16-18 in Port Townsend, WA
WYOMING	Bud & Peggy Nading	<a href="mailto:peggynading@bresnan.net">peggynading@bresnan.net</a>	June TBA in Rock Springs, WY

**2010 Region Rally: August 26-27-28 in Tillamook, Oregon**

## Region Directors Ramblings



It is hard to believe that another Region I Rally is now in the past. The Rally, held in Tillamook Oregon, provided cool weather with a few clouds and overall great riding weather. Many took the opportunity to accompany Hank Smith on guided tours of the area. Hank provided us with articles over the last several months about the history and the sights of the area. We took the articles, made a booklet and then had a contest on the sights and exhibits. All that went on the guided tour raved about how great it was and the excellent job Hank did for them. Many thanks Hank!

The facilities at Tillamook County Fairgrounds are ideal for holding a Rally. We not only had a large indoor area for the opening/closing ceremonies but a large indoor area for the vendors. We took advantage of a newly enlarged and renovated kitchen to provide two free meals to the participants and then had a catered dinner provided on Saturday night.

I would like to take some time to thank the many members that stepped forward to serve meals, put on the bike show, the light parade and of course the seminars. All rallies' are a team effort requiring many people in many areas to come together and it is a privilege to be associated with them. To the Region Staff, for the last couple of the years, it seems trite to just say thank you. It has been a great privilege and honor to have been so closely associated with you, thank you, thank you.

At the Rally, Sandy and I announced formally that we will be stepping down as your Region Directors. The last several years have been

very enjoyable and we are appreciative of the opportunity to serve you and to be part of such a great association. We have added many new friends during this time period that we will treasure for the rest of our lives.

The paper work has been completed and is on the way to the National office for Mike and Peggy Hudnell to become your next Directors for Region I. In working with them for the last couple of years I can assure you they will do a great job for the members. Please take not only the time to congratulate them on the new position but step forward in some way to help in the running of the Region. As I have noted previously it is a team effort to run the Region and it takes many people. I am positive that when you step forward to fill a position in GWRRA you will not regret it. Rather you will look back and say, "Why didn't I become more involved earlier,"

As I write this a lucky few are on the migration ride from the Region rally to the Idaho District Rally in Kellogg, Idaho. Just think, 1,040 miles. four days and only about 40 miles on the interstate. All the rest are on the back, winding roads with plenty of time to sightsee, visit the attractions along the way and to just visit with their fellow travelers.

The Idaho District Rally is in Kellogg, Idaho this week end and it is the last Rally for Region I this year. I hope to see many of you there.

**Ride Safe & we will see you down the road.**

**Steve & Sandy Henicksman  
Region I Directors (For a little while longer)**

It is time to update your Gold Book listing. Remember to make sure you have a current phone number listed on your Member listing, as well as the correct listing you wish to show in the Gold Book. (i.e., tools, phone calls, etc.) Also, remember if you select "Do not list me in the Gold Book" as one of your selections, you will NOT show up in the Gold Book!



**Assistant Region I Directors**



(Mike and Peggy are on the Migration Tour leaving just after the Region Rally and ending in Kellogg Idaho for the Idaho Rally. They'll let you know how much fun they had and what we missed in next month's newsletter.)

**Mike and Peggy Hudnell  
Assistant Region Directors**



**The Region I Rally Talent Show**



## Assistant Region I Directors



(Hank and Marilyn are also enjoying the Migration to Kellogg Idaho and will get back to you with an article next month.)

We really appreciate your interesting tour of the Tillamook area – Thanks Hank!



**Hank & Marilyn Smith**  
Assistant Region I Directors



## Region I Educators



## Tales Of The Dragon



Hello fellow riders. It has been a busy August with lots of rally to attend. Do to all the time on the road this month article will be short Here is another great piece from the: **“Give Me 5 Articles”**:

**Lightning** is the MOST UNDERRATED weather hazard. On average, only floods kill more people. Lightning is most often seen in thunderstorms. In fact, lightning is what makes thunderstorms. Lightning makes every single thunderstorm a potential killer. Forecasting when and where lightning will strike is not yet possible and most likely never will be.

In the United States, lightning routinely kills more people each year than tornadoes or hurricanes. Only lightning can strike outside the storm itself, and is the first thunderstorm hazard to arrive and the last to leave and knows no boundaries.

Since lightning is so unpredictable no one can guarantee an individual or group absolute protection from lightning. However, knowing and following proven lightning safety guidelines can greatly reduce the risk of injury or death.

While no place is 100% safe from lightning, some places are much safer than others. Buildings that are NOT SAFE (even if they are "grounded") have exposed openings. Convertible vehicles offer no safety from lightning, even if the top is "up". Other vehicles, which are NOT SAFE during lightning storms, are those which have open cabs, such as golf carts, tractors, and construction equipment.

The safest location during a thunderstorm is inside a large enclosed structure with plumbing and electrical wiring. If lightning strikes the building, the plumbing and wiring will conduct the electricity better than a human body. If you are using any electrical appliances or plumbing fixtures (INCLUDING telephones and computers), and a storm is overhead, you are putting yourself at risk! If no buildings are available, then an enclosed metal vehicle such as an automobile, van, or school bus makes a decent alternative. If you are inside a vehicle, put the windows up, and avoid contact with any conducting paths leading to the outside of the vehicle.

Lightning can strike as far as 10 miles from the area where it is raining and many people are unaware of how far lightning can strike from its parent thunderstorm. If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance. Seek safe shelter immediately. Remember this lightning safety rule...**When thunder roars, go indoors** and stay there until 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder. DON'T wait for the rain to start before seeking shelter, and don't leave shelter just because the rain has ended.

There is **NO SAFE PLACE outdoors** during a lightning storm. If stuck outdoors on a highway, you *could* find a highway overpass and park the bike and get as high as possible from the road, high enough to be out of any water, on the embankment between the highway and the bottom of the bridge. At the same time, do not touch the metal of the bridge. You are trying to get away from metal and water conductors.

Lightning can be as hot as **54,000°F** (30,000°C), a temperature that is five times the surface of the sun! Water and metal are excellent conductors of electricity. The current from a lightning flash will easily travel for long distances. The average lightning bolt carries about **30,000 amps** of charge, has **100 million volts** of electric potential. These amounts can burn through ANY insulator (even the ceramic insulators on power lines!) Besides, the lightning bolt may just have traveled many miles through the atmosphere, which itself is a good insulator.

Don Francisco IL-A

Remember:

**Ride-Em SAFE!!!**

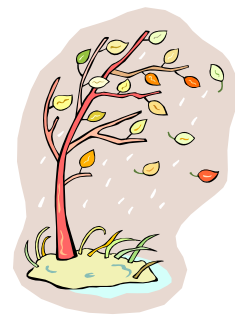
**And Have Fun!!!**

**Lee & Anna Nelson**

**Region I Rider Educators**



## Region I Trainers



**“What’d ya know!”**

All Officers and Core Team Members should now clear your calendar, mark your calendar, and as

a priority be sure to attend the Region I Core Team meeting in Boise Idaho on Saturday, October 23, 2010. WHY? During that meeting this fall an Officer Certification Program – 2 (OCP – 2) training/awareness seminar will be presented. OCP – 1 updates will also be presented and receiving these updates maintains your OCP Certification for another year.

OCP – 2 is a half day session that is aimed at the District and Region Core Teams. As you will remember from your OCP – 1 training the Core Team (previously called “staff”) consist of the Director, Assistant Director, Treasurer, Educator, and Trainer. **It will focus on the financial and budget issues in the Districts and the Region that they as “subordinates” (an IRS term for these entities) face in attempting to maintain the Association’s 501(c)4 compliance.** You know how important it is for the Gold Wing Road Riders Association to maintain it’s “Not for Profit” status with the U.S. IRS and therefore our non-tax position. Likewise it is extremely important for these Region I District and Region Officers and their Core Teams to attend this meeting.

We’ll see you there!

If you are a current Officer in the Chapters and Districts in Region I (and of course, the Region) and you have not successfully completed the OCP – 1, as of August 31, 2010 your directorship has expired. If that is you, please contact your Appointing Officer ASAP. With your cooperation, we may be able to work with you to repair the expiration of your officer tenure.

**Ride safe & have fun,**

**John & Dianne Kester  
Region I Trainers**



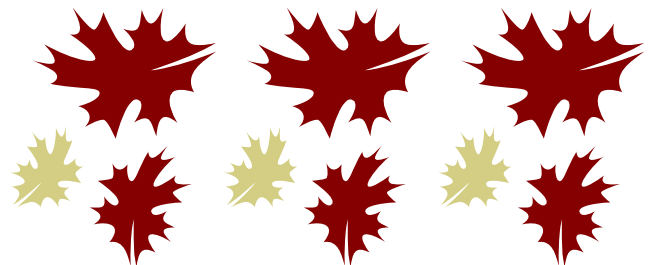
## **REGION I MEMBER ENHANCEMENT COORDINATORS**



(I believe Doug and Donna are on the migration Tour to Kellogg Idaho. So look forward to their article next month.)

**Donna and Doug Deskin, Region I MEC  
"Accentuate The Positive"**

### **Pacific Ocean near Tillamook Oregon**



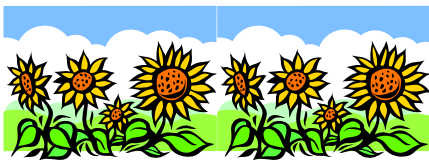
## Couple of the Year Coordinators



The Region I Rally was fun and exciting. For all that were there we got to honor a great couple as our 2010 Region Couple of the Year. Larry and Barbara Kuzma, from Wyoming were selected to represent our Region in Knoxville, TN in 2011. When you see them, congratulate them on a well done job during the Region I Rally.

It is time for all District Directors to emphasize the importance of this program and if you were there and heard Mike Hudnell talk, then you know the direction we are headed. We would like to have Chapter/District/Region Couple's talk about GWRRA to organizations other than our own. With that being said; Chapter Directors it's time to HONOR that special Couple in your Chapter. This is the only program that has to start at the Chapter level. We have lived in the past too long, our future is in your hands.

### **Dale and Shirley Dufner Region I Couple of the Year Coordinators**



## **A Note -or two- From Dianne**



## **PONDERISMS**

- I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.
- Healthy is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.
- Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing again.
- The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
- All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.
- If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a song about him?
- Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?
- Why is it that I can eat a quarter-pounder cheese burger and gain 3 pounds?
- More next month!



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