

# Big Sky Region I



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## News and Views for February 2012

### MORE AND MORE

At the end of the year we have more and more to do as Directors, reviewing financial reports for accuracy and completeness plus all the changes with any officer positions. Several calls and questions have come my way about the paperwork process so I thought I would share the new procedure with you again. I would ask that you share it with the Chapter Directors, since the majority of the questions I have received came from Chapter level.



At the Chapter level: The Appointment Worksheet and MOU for the Chapter Director, Assistant Chapter Director(s), Membership Enhancement Coordinator and Treasurer will be filled out completely. That paperwork will be reviewed/concurrred/recorded and retained at the DISTRICT LEVEL.

At the District level: The Appointment Worksheet and MOU for the District Director, Assistant District Director(s), Membership Enhancement Coordinator, Leadership Trainer and Treasurer will be filled out completely. That paperwork will be reviewed/concurrred/recorded and retained at the DISTRICT LEVEL. **ONLY** the paperwork for District Director, District Membership Enhancement Coordinator, District Leadership Trainer, District Treasurer and Chapter Directors will be forwarded to Region.

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I have also received multiple inquiries about listings in Wing World. Some were explained because paperwork wasn't done correctly or membership was not current through the first year of the office. Once in a position, you can stay so long as the membership is being served as expected. Your position is for a calendar year and continues so long as your appointing officer agrees. I suggest that you continue as long as you are having fun and enjoying what your position entails.

Each week, more is added to the Region Convention. I have been

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**Anyone can catch your  
eye, but it takes  
someone special to catch  
your heart.**

communicating with the California Angels Drill team since October, and this past week I got confirmation the team will be at our convention. They have offered multiple performances. Since our Bike Show will be downtown for the community to see and enjoy... we will give them a little more. In my last meeting with the Convention Center manager, I added a little something to opening ceremonies. You will not want to miss it. The opening ceremonies will be on Thursday at 9:00 a.m. I know you will talk about it for a long time.

In other articles in this newsletter, you will see that people are receiving an award I introduced after becoming the Region Director. I asked some time ago for recommendations; to date, I've received only three. I look forward to seeing more!

*Mike and Peggy Hudnell  
Region I Directors*

**TERRY'S FEBRUARY REGION I STORY**

Do you ever wonder why you put so much time and effort into being an officer in GWRRRA? Is it just for the members? Is there ANYTHING in it for ME? The answer is yes... and I found out exactly what that is this past weekend when I had the most amazing "Feel Good Moment" and I want to share it with you all.



Cheri and I, along with Mike and Joy Bean (Assistant Oregon District Directors), took off Friday afternoon about 3:00PM to head out to Hermiston, OR so that Saturday morning we could attend the Oregon Chapter H breakfast gathering. Of all of the weekends to plan to go, we had to pick this one. It seems that we chose the one with the worst weather in a year. It had snowed, and now the wind was blowing, freezing rain was coming down and trees were falling across the freeway. We even got to spend 2 hours stopped while they cleared downed trees. We finally stopped for dinner in The Dalles at 8:45PM, got to our hotel in Hermiston close to 12:30AM... and the parking lot looked like an ice skating rink. Why would we do something so crazy? It's all about the membership and giving recognition to those that go "above and beyond" with their selfless acts when it comes to our members.

We were headed to Hermiston to present the OR-H Chapter Directors with the Region I Director's Award for Excellence. We hadn't told them we were coming, so it was a total surprise. I had called the other local chapters and invited them share the moment with us when we honored Mark and Sheri Bridge. This Award is a way to recognize members for their leadership, hard work, and dedication to GWRRRA and its members. Mark and Sheri Bridge deserved this recognition for all they've done. They started the Chapter in May of 2010 and hit the ground running, building the membership of not only Chapter



H, but also bringing new members to the organization. They bring a large group to rallies and really show the spirit of GWRRA, they ride hundreds of miles to go to other chapter gatherings and they RIDE. Under their leadership, the OR-H Educator started signing members to the levels program and setting up classes, pushing everyone to be safer riders. They set up a fund-raiser ride for a local charity and raised over \$1700.00. In addition, each year a different chapter in Oregon puts together the "End of Season" campout; 2011 was OR-H's turn and they really did an outstanding job... more a mini convention/rally than just a campout. How does a fairly small chapter do so much? Leadership! One thing you can say about Mark is that he is a silent motivator. He leads by example and people just naturally want to follow him. One of the main reasons Mark wanted to start a local chapter was his love of riding; he wanted to share his passion and make the organization one where members were listened to, appreciated and participating. He and Sheri have achieved that and much more!

Please join the Region I Team in congratulating Mark and Sheri Bridge, recipients of the Region I Director's Award for Excellence. You have done a great job and are a real asset to Chapter OR-H, Oregon District, Region I and Goldwing Road Riders Association.

Do you know of somebody that is deserving of such recognition? If so, send us a letter telling us why you think that person should be nominated.

Until next month... Live the Adventure... Ride Safe!

*Terry and Cheri Huffman*  
*Assistant Region I Directors*  
*Oregon District Directors*

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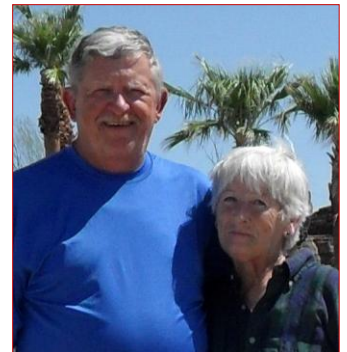
### HELLO FROM ARIZONA

The days are getting longer, Super Bowl is just around the corner, and Valentine's Day (for that special someone) is just a few short weeks away. In no time, it'll be riding season and we can clean the dust off the bike, shine it up, do a T-clock and RIDE.

This is also the time that many Directors are making plans for the events that they hope to attract you to attend and participate in. I encourage all Directors, at each of their respective levels, to encourage and promote the District and Chapter fund-raiser events.

The Region Staff has been very busy getting sponsors and vendors, and as Mike said, the California Drill Team will be in Pendleton for the Region Convention. Again I challenge all District Directors to have a minimum of 10 bikes per Chapter from your District at Pendleton in August.

*Dale and Shirley Dufner*  
*Assistant Region I Directors*



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### LEADERSHIP TRAINING IN THE REGION

Now is the time that all Chapter Directors and District Directors have completed their end of Fiscal Year 2011 Financial Reports. Whew! As you will note, the Leadership Training Program (LTP) throughout the Gold Wing Road Riders Association exists to support the Chapter, District, and Region Directors. Said a little differently, the LTP is "needs driven" and the training in the "Big Sky Region" (Region I) in 2012 will be based on the needs identified by the Chapter and District Directors.

With this article, we are asking the DDs to canvas their Chapters and their own core teams and identify the training needed (and the home chapters) for the members in their Districts.



We will develop the 2012 training program and schedules based on those DDs' input. So in advance, we thank you for completing this little task for us.

*John & Dianne Kester 208-524-1768*

*Region I Trainers*

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### **FROM YOUR REGION MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT OFFICERS:**

January is already drawing to a close! Looks like 2012 is off and running! Feels like it's off at a gallop without us!!! Here we sit, just having come out of 8 inches of snow in Portland area – which is nothing compared to our friends up North and in the Midwest! The heavy rains have washed away our snow and put the Seattle area into a deep freeze and the creeks arising here in Oregon!



Sooooo. Let's try to get rid of the thoughts of winter and think about spring days and sunshine, and a bit of nice daylight after work in which to go for a ride. It's just around the corner. It is, isn't it????

Good news and a huge THANK YOU to the Membership Enhancement Team. We are #2 amongst all the regions in meeting the goal of the membership initiative! Keep up the great work in reaching out and making those contacts!!!

Thoughts are turning to the fun time that is coming up mid-August in Pendleton for the Region I Rally/Convention (even if I did receive an email today that the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce offices are closed until further notice due to ice)! When we were over there a few months ago, the prospects of fun and shopping were looming large, with increased anticipation on our part!

Let's make it a big party! Invite your friends who ride. Remember, it's all about the ride, not about what you ride. Wouldn't it be great to get all our friends, on all makes and models, over there to see how we have a great time and show them that this is, indeed, a group they really ought to become involved with on a regular basis!

Back to membership "stuff" – if any of you have anything you need help with or have an interest in joining this fabulous MEO team, please let me know.

Until we see you next, be safe and dream of Ride Baby Ride time. Take care and enjoy!

*Carmen and Dan Weakland*

*Region I Membership Enhancement Officers*

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### **WHAT ARE THE DUTIES OF CHAPTER EDUCATOR?**

A team of members have been working on building the next training program for educators and I thought this would be a good time to talk about it. Sometimes we forget how much the core team does to meet the needs of the members.

I feel that Rider Education is one area where we forget to thank them for what they do for us. If it weren't for rider educator training, we would have more accidents and deaths. Talk to anyone who has taken training from a Rider Educator and you'll find that what they learned made a great difference in their riding skills. The list below is from the new training and will give you a good look at what the Educator has to do in one year to meet the needs of the chapter and its members.

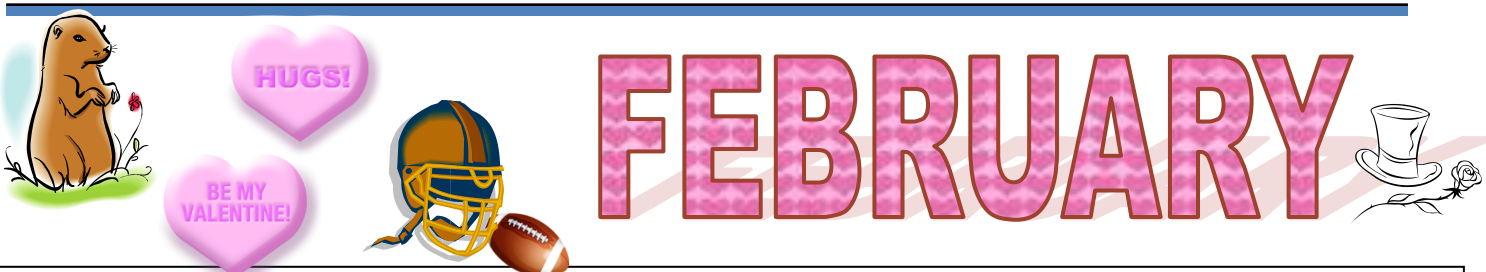


My hope is that the next time you speak to an Educator, you'll thank them for what they've provided to you.

The time they spend training saves lives and enhances your riding experience.

	CHECKLIST	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	QUARTERLY	SEMI-ANNUAL	ANNUAL
1	Give Rider Safety briefing talk prior to any chapter rides	X				
2	Contact Members that are not current in levels, current or not in the levels program	X				
3	Review all e-mails from National, Region, District and Chapter	X				
4	Update Rider Education Records	X				
5	Attend monthly chapter staff meetings		X			
6	Give a short talk at the monthly gathering - 'Give Me 5'		X			
7	Promote the levels program at chapter gathering		X			
8	Provide Rider & Co-Rider Education article for chapter newsletter		X			
9	Review and report all Rider Activity using N6 form		X			
10	Review chapter website and update REP information		X			
11	Review National, Region ad District newsletters for material that can be passed on to the members.		X			
12	Review National, Region and District Rider Education Websites & Educator Tool Box		X			
13	Review REP database with members and update database from gathering		X			
14	Take a supply of Forms, pins & patches to monthly gathering		X			
15	Advise Ride Courses to membership			X		
16	Review and update yearly objectives and goals			X		
17	Review need and schedule Seminars			X		
18	Plan for First Aid & CPR Classes (Suggest Fall and Spring)				X	
19	Plan for one Road Captain Class with both Classroom and Road course				X	
20	Review Membership Run List				X	
21	Review Chapter Equipment & Supplies for RE and upcoming Year					X
22	Attend District and Region Annual Leadership meeting after Wing Ding					X
23	Plan for a PLP at the start of Riding Season					X
24	Review and create REP calendar for the next year					X
25	Setup REP goals for members and REP goals for self					X
26	Work with Chapter to setup next year's budget for Rider Education					X

*Bob and Becky Minor  
Region I Educator/Washington District Educator*



# FEBRUARY MILESTONE GWRRA ANNIVERSARIES

## 31 YEARS

JACK L CULVER	OR
JOAN CULVER	OR

## 30 YEARS

JERRY RICH	OR
ROBERT W HICKEY JR	ID-H

## 28 YEARS

ALAN R HOLL	WA-Q
KENNETH H BAKER	WA-Q
LEE V SODER	WA-X
RONALD F FOX	WY-B

## 27 YEARS

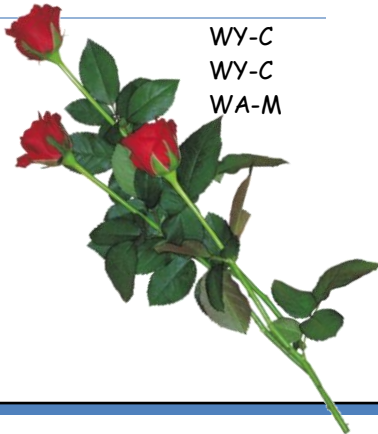
CAROL A MILLER	WA-V
J D MILLER	WA-V

## 26 YEARS

ERIC W EASON	OR-J
JAMES O LYSNE	WY-B
PAULETTE J LYSNE	WY-B
NELL M CHASE	WA-M
ROBERT A RICE	ID-T
ROBERT H BROOKE	WA-V
SHARI L JOHNSTON	ID-G

## 25 YEARS

MARY R HARDY	WY-C
RAY M HARDY	WY-C
STEVE A ELLIOTT	WA-M



## 24 YEARS

KEITH L BRYANT	WA-M
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## 23 YEARS

RICH R GOETZ	WY-A
ROBERT W NELSON	WA-O

## 22 YEARS

BARBARA BROOKE	WA-V
EDWARD A ROEHLER	WA-Q
EDWARD F BEVELHIMER	WA-B
KERRY V SCOTT	ID-E
PEGGY S SCOTT	ID-E
L P SCHMIDT	WA-Q
LOREN W HEDGE	WA-P
RAYMOND L BIGGS	WA-P

## 21 YEARS

BRIAN T BRIGGS	WA-I
DUANE L SHULTS	WA-L
PAT L SHULTS	WA-L
EDWARD J ZAIC JR	WA-E
RICHARD E CARTER	ID-E
RON HALL	WA-Q

## 20 YEARS (NEWEST LIFE MEMBERS)

C REX SAUNDERS	ID-T
CLARKE BROWN	WA-M
HANS P RAUB	OR
JOHN F GERSZEWSKI	OR-I
JOYCE VANDERSLOOT	WY-C
MIKE TODD	WY-C

# Happy Anniversary!

## THE NEWS FROM IDAHO

Hello from the Heart of the Region, where we still Rock. I'm having a bunch of problems with my own newsletter. My computer doesn't have the right programs for me to keep what was already working... or I just don't know how to get it to work.

I would like you to know some key dates:

- We are not doing the Challis Hot Springs Birthday Party this year. At the Fall Meeting, everyone wanted Our Rally and Region Rally to be Key.
- Our District Rally is going to be at Sawtelle Mountain Resort, August 31



thru September 3, 2012. You can go to [www.sawtellemountainresort.com](http://www.sawtellemountainresort.com) to see the Resort. They have RV spots and hotel rooms already set aside.

Frank and I are so excited to show you this part of Idaho. There will a lot of great roads, fantastic scenery, and it's only 20 minutes from Yellowstone Park.

*Lynette Layton*  
*Idaho District Director*

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### **SOME WORDS FROM WYOMING**

Happy New Year to ALL. We are looking forward to a lot of good rides this upcoming season.

We are inviting all of you to our District Convention in beautiful Sheridan, WY. There are many roads to ride and beautiful sights to see. We hope to have the registration letter out soon, along with the events calendar.

Our convention is June 28, 29, and 30. The host motel is the Holiday Inn. There are several motels to choose from and SEVERAL CAMPGROUNDS.

We look forward to seeing several of you as you journey towards Fort Wayne, IN for WING DING!

Ride forever,

*Dawna Hill*  
*Wyoming District Director*

*Jane Datisman*  
*Wyoming Assistant District Director & Trainer*



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### **EXCELLENCE**

In December of 2011, I had the pleasure to present the Region Director's Award of Excellence to Erv and Phyllis Granahan, part of your Region Team. This couple, in case you don't know, has just received their Life Member status for 20 years membership in GWRRA. Over those twenty years, they have been integral members of WA-D, their home chapter. They have served the chapter as Treasurers, Assistant Chapter Directors and the Directors twice. In addition, they have served on the District Team and are now on the Region Team. What you may not know is that, with all the issues with IRS reporting, they went more than an extra mile and took on completing critical reports for several chapters around the Region who were in jeopardy of losing their tax exempt status. So the decision to recognize Erv and Phyllis was an easy one. They remain working diligently to assist Chapters and Districts of the Region with financial reporting. Their work on training within the Region is, and always has been, of the highest caliber.

In January 2012, the Region Directors Award for Excellence was presented to Mark and Sheri Bridge of OR-H. This couple stepped up to start the chapter, have taken it to the forefront, and now have OR-H members serving with the District team. I don't wish to duplicate what has already been said about them, but their work is true excellence. The award was presented by Terry and Cheri Huffman at the OR-H chapter gathering.

The very first Region Director's Award for Excellence was presented to Jack Snedigar of Montana's Chapter B in May 2011, as reported in our April/May newsletter and in Wing World.

The Region Director's Award for Excellence comes with registration for two to the Region Convention. I know these three couples are not the only ones in our Region that are serving the membership in an extraordinary manner that deserves recognition. I ask all District and Chapter Directors to consider who they could submit for recognition. It's as simple as an email to me or any of my Assistants.

*Mike Hudnell*  
*Region Director*

## 2012 CONVENTION/RALLY SCHEDULE



**Southwest Region F Convention 2012** - May 25-27 - St George, UT

<http://gwr-ra-regionf.org/>

Online Registration on Region I website



**Oregon District Convention 2012** -- June 14-16 -- Heppner, Oregon

<http://www.gwr-raoregondistrict.com/>

Flyer on OR District website

Preregistration due by May 18<sup>th</sup>



**Wyoming District Convention 2012** -- June 28-30 -- Sheridan, WY

<http://kennharvey.tripod.com/District/>



**Wing Ding International Convention 2012** -- July 4-7 -- Fort Wayne, IN

<http://www.wing-ding.org>

Registration, Schedule, Vendor List, etc. on Wing Ding website

Preregistration due by May 10<sup>th</sup>

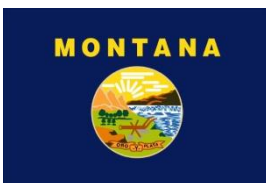


**Washington District Convention 2012** -- July 21-23 -- Grandview, WA

<http://gwr-ra-wa.org>

Registration/Flyer on WA District Website

Preregistration due by June 28<sup>th</sup>



**Montana District Convention 2012** -- July 26-28 -- Bozeman, MT

<http://www.gwr-ra-mtdistrict.org/>



**Big Sky Region I Convention 2012** -- August 15-18 -- Pendleton, OR

<http://www.bigskyregioni.org>

Registration on Region I website

Preregistration due by July 14<sup>th</sup>



**Idaho District Convention 2012** -- August 31-September 3 -- Island Park, ID

<http://gwr-ra-id.us>

*~ Make some plans ~ Make some rides ~ Make some memories ~*