

**GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION
BIG SKY REGION I - IDAHO DISTRICT
CHAPTER ID-B**



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Chapter Newsletter**

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UPCOMING GWRRRA EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

1/6	ID-B Gathering, 8:30AM	Matt's Grille, 90 2nd St, Asotin, WA
2/4	ID-B Gathering - 8:30 AM	Matt's Grille, 90 2nd St, Asotin, WA

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Dec</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>
4 - Carol Erwin		2 - Jack Turner
		24 - Gary Turner

<u>Dec</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>
10 - Dave & Carol Erwin	27 - Larry & Sheryl Fowler	12 - John & Eileen Henry

DIRECTORS CORNER



SHIRLEY

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Gold Wingers! I hope you are all having a chance to dream of, not sugar plums, but new riding gear or plans for Gold Wing rides to take in the new year.

The times, they are changing for GWRRA. The Regions will be no more, so please read their final newsletter and join me in thanking them for their service to our organization.

This the end of my year as your Chapter Director. I now see why Rockey felt he should not take on the role of Chapter Director this past year, and that this coming year will be even busier for us, so I am stepping down.

Shirley



ID-B met at Matt's Grill in Asotin on Dec 2nd. Nine members were present. Birthdays and anniversaries were honored. We discussed participating in the Toy Run on Dec 9th. Those wishing to participate should be at Lancer Lanes, kickstands up at 1 pm, Sat Dec 9th.

The "Eyes of Freedom" will be coming to Lewiston in March. They have asked ID-B for an escort upon arrival. The "Eyes of Freedom" have chosen the LC Valley for the unveiling of their new statue. The Lewis Clark Valley was chosen because of the huge reception given them earlier this year. Let's give them an "over the top" reception in 2018. Dates and details will follow as they come in.

Bob Cooper talked about weight reduction on our bikes. We all need to re-evaluate what is needed or not needed as we unpack all our nooks and crannies on our bikes. Also checking out brakes, tires, oil levels, etc during our winter down time is a good idea. We all want to be ready to ride when a good day comes along. We are fortunate to be able to ride nearly year round in our area.

Shirley handed out the T-Clock inspection sheet to all those present.

Laurie has received mileage reports from all our members. Shirley announced she is stepping down as Chapter Director Jan 1. The Turner's are stepping down as unofficial Assistant Director's effective Jan 1 also. A newsletter writer is also needed. Anyone ready to step up? We will be available to answer any questions.

Merry Christmas everyone and have a Happy New Year.

The next meeting will be Jan 6 at Matt's Grill at 8:30 am.
We hope to see you there

Here is some info you may be interested in as to cruises sponsored by GWRRRA coming up for the next year.

As you may know, WINGERS-N-WAVES is the largest Wingers cruise event in the county.

We have two amazing Wingers trips planned for 2018. Please share with your fellow Wingers.

Viking River Cruise – June 2018 – 8 days from Switzerland to Holland, 4 countries and 10 ports!

Special group rates and **\$395.00 round-trip air** from most US cities (special air offer until October 30, 2017). See the attached flyer. Limited space

VEDIO of the tour:

<http://www.wingersnwaves.com/viking-river-cruise-6-16-2018.html>

Alaska 12 day Cruisetour – June 2018 – 12 days land and cruise. Escorted 5 day land tour, luxury train, Denali and 7 night inside Passage. Pick 2 perks for FREE (if booked by October 30, 2017)

Open bar, \$300 on board credit, free internet or free tips! Special group rates. See attached flyer. Limited space

VEDIO of the tour:

<http://www.wingersnwaves.com/alaska-cruisetour-5-28-2018-.html>



BOB & KAREN
DRESS FOR THE SLIDE NOT THE RIDE!!!



Why a motorcycle is better than a ...

I'm sure you have all heard the jokes about why a motorcycle is better than a man/woman/husband/wife:

- You can keep photos of your old motorcycles
- If baldness occurs, you can just replace the tires
- Motorcycles don't care about how many other motorcycles you have ridden
- Your parents won't keep in touch with your old motorcycle after you dump it
- Motorcycles always feel like going for a ride when you do
- Your motorcycle never wants a night out alone with the other motorcycles
- Your motorcycle would rather go for a ride than watch sports
- When riding, you and your motorcycle both arrive at the same time
- ...and the list goes on

Aside from all the jokes, there are ways that your motorcycle is an honest and straight-forward partner – and some of these have very serious implications:

Your good intentions do not matter. After a 'screw up,' there is no discussion about what you meant to do. The only thing that matters is what you actually did do. For example:

- *I intended to use the front brake, but...*
- *I meant to wear my riding gear, but...*
- *I meant to stay on the road in the curve, but...*

Your knowledge does not matter. *What?? Did he just say 'Your knowledge does not matter?'* Yes, but let me clarify – if your knowledge leads you to successful action, then it matters, but it only matters as far as your action matters. If you 'know' something, but take action or make a decision against that knowledge, then that knowledge isn't helping you. Here are some examples:

- *I knew I entered that curve too fast, but...*
- *I knew I shouldn't have ridden home after having a few drinks, but...*
- *I knew that riding the clutch would have helped me with low speed control, but...*
- *I knew that I should have looked through the turn and not at the guardrail, but...*
- *I knew that wearing a jacket, pants, and a helmet would have reduced my road-rash and head injury, but...*

So remember – it is true that your motorcycle doesn't care if you get bald and fat, and it doesn't care if you don't call for a few months over the winter. When you are riding, the only thing your motorcycle cares about is what you actually do. Gaining knowledge is great, but make sure that you spend some time practicing the 'doing' and not just the 'knowing.'

Happy Holidays – enjoy the good riding days we have over the winter and ride safe!



Benefits of GWRRRA membership:

Free Towbuster Emergency Road Service coverage for your motorcycle; homepage with interactive bulletin boards, chat, and exciting links www.gwrra.org; monthly subscription to Wing World magazine loaded with technical information, touring features, editorials and articles; 800 Chapters worldwide to visit & participate in; GWRRRA Gold Book - listing of members worldwide who have offered to assist other riders or offered local tour guide assistance; Motorcycle Safety Foundation endorsed Rider Education Program; Tours, Events and rallies throughout the year. The best folks you will ever meet. ...And much much more!



2008 Honda 1800 cc Goldwing Motorcycle. *Bike has comfort package, GPS, heated seats, heated grips, and CB radio. Bike is pearl white and has 66,000 miles. Call Butch for price at 208 798 3417*

I am selling my 2007 Goldwing motorbike. My contact telephone numbers are [509-332-9063](tel:509-332-9063) (cell) or [509-334-4647](tel:509-334-4647) (home) and message.

Ride-on,
Kent Blevins

EVENTS OF INTEREST – REASONS TO RIDE

This is not an all-inclusive list. Dates and details of events may change. Review information before attending an event.

[ID-B and GWRRA Calendar](#)

[Other Reasons to Ride Calendar](#)

[Idaho District Event Calendar](#)

[Washington District Event Calendar](#)

[Oregon District Event Calendar](#)

[Wyoming District Event Calendar](#)

[Region I Event Calendar](#)

[GWRRA Event Calendar](#)

Check your WingWorld, Idaho District and Region I web sites and newsletters for other GWRRA sponsored events.

**NEXT GATHERING -
Jan 6th, 2018, 8:30 AM
Matt's Grill, 90 2nd St, Asotin, WA**



FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY, AND KNOWLEDGE
