

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



**3/3/2018**  
**Chapter Newsletter**

**QUAD CITIES ROAD RIDERS CHAPTER ID-B**

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**UPCOMING GWRRR EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**

<b>03/03</b>	<b>ID-B Gathering - 8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Matt's Grill, Asotin, WA</b>
<b>04/03</b>	<b>ID-B Gathering - 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>05/01</b>	<b>ID-B Gathering - 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>06/05</b>	<b>ID-B Gathering - 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>07/10</b>	<b>ID-B Gathering - 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>08/07</b>	<b>ID-B Gathering - 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>TBD</b>

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

March	April
<b>8- Debra Mitchell</b>	<b>18- Bob Cooper</b>
<b>8- Alan Searle</b>	<b>21- Eileen Henry</b>
<b>23- Elaine Russell</b>	<b>25- Nini Welch</b>

March	April
<b>17- Jim &amp; Laurie Stemmene</b>	<b>4- Lance &amp; Debra Mitchell</b>

## DIRECTORS CORNER

Well folks March is here and if you take a look on Accuweather you will notice that most of March is predicted to be rainy days in this area. I know some of us have already gotten our motorcycle out and snuck in a short ride here and there. With that being said I have some No. 17 bike inspection sheet and No. 18 Trike inspection sheet for anyone who is interest in using them to do your pre-check on your motorcycle.

I'm seeing many riders on the highways as the weather improves; I will to be out and about myself. One of the reasons I see motorcycles is I am looking for them, many other drivers are not, so make yourself visible!! There is still a lot sand, gravel, and other debris on the roadways, use caution! Watch out for frost in the shaded corners.

**\*\*\* Remember Nearly two thirds of all motorcycle accidents are caused by a driver violating a rider's right of way. Usually this is because the motorcyclists were not seen. To avoid this, YOU MUST RIDE AS IF NO ONE ELSE ON THE ROAD CAN SEE YOU! \*\*\***



*~ Larry*



The 3/3/2018 gathering was held at Matt's. 10 members Jack, Gayle, Rockey, Shirley, Bob, Karen, J.J., Mark, Larry and N/A guest were present. Larry acknowledged birthdays, anniversaries, discussed old, new, and ongoing business.



**March 16 & 17, 2018** – WA-E Surf Watch, Ocean Shores, [wa.org/Flyers/2018/2018\\_WAE\\_SurfWatch\\_Registration.pdf](http://wa.org/Flyers/2018/2018_WAE_SurfWatch_Registration.pdf)



**April 7, 2018** – WA-M Multi Chapter Meeting, Toppenish, WA, 9:00am [s.html](#). Annual Multi Chapter Meeting @ the Branding Iron Restaurant, 61311 US Highway 97, Toppenish, WA 98948. Breakfast is offered prior to meeting. socializing with friends while promoting upcoming events. Bring your members FUN! Hope to see you there.



**May 5, 2018** – WA-M 23rd Annual Fun Run! ALL motorcycle riders are welcome to take the ride, scenery of the byways and hi-ways of the Pacific Northwest, with the opportunity of winning the Grand Prize of \$300. Ride will begin at the Branding Iron Restaurant, 6311 US Highway 97, Toppenish WA 98948 @ 9 am. Entry Fee \$20 per Rider. This is a Day Ride.



**May 19-21, 2018** – BC-G Annual Vic beautiful Shuswap Lake. New venue this year: Salmon Arm Elks Hall and RV Campground. Local g weekend, Flea Market Saturday morni to Make-A-Wish. For more info contact Kirk Elliott at [kandkelliott@shaw.ca](mailto:kandkelliott@shaw.ca)



**May 25 – 28, 2018 WA**

WA, <http://www.gwrra.org>



**June 7-9, 2018** – OR District Rally, Turner, OR

<http://www.gwrraoregondistrict.com/calendar/docs/2018/o>

WA-R **June 22 – 24th, 2018** WA-R's Blue Mountain Rendezvous. Junior Show Grounds, Milton (2.4 miles south of the WA state line outside Walla Walla)



**June 28-30, 2018** – WY District Rally, Laramie, WY,



**July 19-21, 2018** – WA District Rally, Cashmere, WA

[District-Rally-Flyer.pdf](#)



**July 26-28, 2018** – MT District Rally, Missoula, MT,



**August 3 – 5, 2018** ID-H River Run



**August 28-September 1, 2018**



**September 13-15, 2018** – CO District Rally, Gunnison, CO,



**October 26-28, 2018** – AZ District Rally, Lake Havasu, AZ,

– Wing Ding 40, Knoxville, TN, <http://wing-ding.org/>

<http://www.coloradogwrra.com/>

<http://www.gwrraaz.org/district/>



## Take Care of Her and She'll Do the Same (How to start out the riding season)

By Jeff Sinason

Has your scoot been sitting in the garage all winter, just dying to be ridden? Or have you had the chance to only get her out a couple of times? If you answer yes to either of these questions, then this article will interest you. This article lets you know what I do every year right before riding season starts.

Living in the lower Midwest, there seems to be several chances to ride during the winter. Usually, a day here, and a day there. But for the most part the bike still sits on a pretty regular basis. Sitting, in and of itself doesn't do any harm to your bike but some of the less durable stuff has a tendency to break down even when sitting. Another thing, in order to help you have a safer and problem free season it's just better to run the checks listed below.

- **Fuel** - Gas tends to break down as it ages. If you've ever smelt a gas can that been sitting for awhile you know what I mean. If my bikes been sitting for a over a month, I will drain the gas and put new fuel in it.
- **Oil and Primary Drive Fluid** - Now I don't know if oil breaks down by just sitting, but every March 1st I do an oil change regardless of the milage since the last one. One of the things that was suggested to me was that by doing an oil change after the bike has sat for awhile helps get more of the stuff that gathers in oil out.
- **Battery** - Winters can be rough on batteries. I know some people who take theirs out during the winter and store it in a warmer place. I also know people who keep it on a battery charger all winter. I don't know what works best, but I do know that a battery that has sat for awhile might not have all of the kick it really needs. Before you go out for the first time, give the battery a good check. Look for leaks or anything that looks unusable. If you've got a battery charger, give it a good charge before you go out. It might just help keep you on the road.
- **Air Cleaner** - During the winter the critters that live in your garage all scamper to find someplace to hide your air cleaner could be one of them. I pull out my air cleaner and clean it and oil it every year at the time that I do my winter oil change. By doing that I'm sure that my first ride will be a nicer day.

- **Spark Plugs** - To me it just seems to easy to not pull the plugs and give them a quick once over. Plugs in general can tell you a lot about how your motor is running. Why not check them and replace them now, instead of on the side of the road.
- **Belts and Chains** - Weather you have belt drive, chain drive or shaft drive. Make sure all the parts appear in good order and everything that is supposed to be tight is tight.
- **Tires and Wheels** - Make sure your tires look ok. That they don't have any cracks or worn spots and that tire pressure is good. (You should do this regularly). As for your wheels. If you have solid wheels or mags or anything other than spokes checking your wheels is pretty easy. You only have to check for any corrosion, or dings. If you have spokes, CHECK TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE TIGHT. Loose spokes can cause you to get a flat or even worse, have the spokes to break. Check them carefully.
- **Cables** - During the winter you can get quite a bit of condensation in your cables. This can cause all kinds of problems. These might include rusting the cable or weakening the cable. Check them and lubricate them if necessary.
- **Lights** - Make sure that all of your lights and other electrical components are in working order. Especially, at the beginning of the season, since the cagers aren't used to seeing us out there.
- **Chassis** - Make sure that everything is tightened up. Some of us who ride bikes that have a tendency to really loosen things up need to really check the bike over during this step.
- **Rider Gear** - Now that the bike is already to go make sure you are too. Check your eye protection, condition leathers, and protect your helmet with a new head wrap. Also don't forget, you might still be wearing gloves so check those zipper pulls also. All of these are important checks for starting out the season and during the riding season. You don't have to be a great wrench to be able to do these checks and there are several books available that can help you with these basic maintenance tasks.

## **Helpful tips to remember:**

- \*Slow down at intersections and ride through carefully.**
  - \*Watch for turning vehicles.**
  - \*Stay out of driver's blind spots.**
  - \*Signal well in advance of any change in your driving pattern.**
  - \*Don't assume a driver sees you, even if eye contact is made.**
  - \*Use your horn when necessary or if you aren't sure a driver can see where you are.**
- \*\*\* RIDE PROUD... DRESS LOUD**



## 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 Calendar](#)

[Other Reasons to Ride Calendar](#)

[Idaho District Event Calendar](#)

[Washington District Event Calendar](#)

[Oregon District Event Calendar](#)

[Wyoming District Event Calendar](#)

[GWRRA Event Calendar](#)

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

**NEXT GATHERING -  
4/3/2018, ID-B monthly gathering,  
6:30PM  
Roosters Landing Restaurant**



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