

**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 GWRRR EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

05/01	ID-B Gathering 6:30 P.M.	Roosters Landing
06/05	ID-B Gathering 6:30 P.M.	Roosters Landing
07/10	ID-B Gathering 6:30 P.M.	Roosters Landing
08/07	ID-B Gathering 6:30 P.M.	Roosters Landing
09/04	ID-B Gathering 6:30 P.M.	TBD

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>
18 - Bob Cooper	4 - JJ Jones
27 - Nini Welch	5 - Mark Moeckli
	5 - Shirley Davis
	30 - Russ Maninger

<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>
4- Lance & Debra Mitchell	11 - Gary & Bobbi Turner
11 - Gary & Kris Prestella	

DIRECTORS CORNER

Hello everyone as we move into spring, summer, riding, rallies and get togethers, we will find that there will be lots of activities happening. As we all know with regular life events, sometimes we can't make it to everything. Each member has the opportunity to 'pick and choose' off the calendar that fits with their lifestyle and can still be an active part of our chapter family. As your Chapter Director, we are trying to make sure you have enough choices that you can enjoy Chapter Life and have FUN doing it.

If there is a event or a ride that you would like to see us as a group participate in please feel free to contact one of your chapter team officers we will do our best to try and accommodate your request if at all possible.

As some of you will notice we have changed the evening gather time to 6:30 pm to help with some of our members who are still working. We have reserved the room from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm the meeting will start at 6:30 pm. As for meeting place we are open to suggestion .



~ Larry



The 04/03/2018 gathering was held at Roosters Landing. 17 members and N/A guest were present. Larry acknowledged birthdays, anniversaries, discussed old, new, and ongoing business. Gathering was held at 6:30 PM at Rooster's Landing it was discussed that Rooster's Landing will be our gathering spot until this October.

We have had several rides already this year....

March 31 - 9 bikes from Chapter ID-B, 2 bikes from ID-H

Eye's of Freedom escort - 4 Bikes from ID-B

Upcoming Rides -

April 21st Depart Jack-in- Box at 9:00 AM. 243 mile loop, lunch TBD by group.

June 23-25, ID-T coming to Lewiston(A lot of our member have expressed interest in the Blue Mtn Rendezvous that weekend in Milton-Freewater

We will include the ride calendar with the news letter this month.

The District Picnic in July has been cancelled. They will try for next year.

Bob Cooper has been updating the levels program. To complete the level 2 you can take the Star class. To attain the level 3 you need a CPR class. Stars has a class scheduled in Lewiston. If interested, look on the STARS website <http://idahostar.org>

Gary Turner was the winner of the 50/50 drawing

Jack & Gayle graciously brought girl scout cookies for door prizes. Winner Doug Welch, Mark Moeckli, Gary Turner, Larry Fowler.

April 7, 2018 – WA-M Multi Chapter Meeting, Toppenish, WA, 9:00am <http://www.gwrra-wam.org/event-s.html>. Annual Multi Chapter Meeting @ the Branding Iron Restaurant, 61311 US Highway 97, Toppenish, WA 98948. Breakfast is offered prior to meeting. Inviting ALL GWRRA chapters to come have a great morning of socializing with friends while promoting upcoming events. Bring your members, friends, event flyers and come enjoy the FUN! Hope to see you there.



May 5, 2018 – WA-M 23rd Annual Fun Run! ALL motorcycle riders are welcome to take the ride, enjoy the 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 Victoria Days Family Reunion Rally, Salmon Arm, BC, on the shores of beautiful Shuswap Lake. New venue this year: Salmon Arm Elks Hall and RV Campground. Local guided rides all weekend, Flea Market Saturday morning. Catered Saturday night dinner. Fun Run Sunday with proceeds going to Make-A-Wish. For more info contact Kirk Elliott at kandkelliott@shaw.ca



May 25 – 28, 2018 WA-L's Desert Spring Fling. Benton/Franklin County Fairgrounds, Kennewick, WA, <http://www.gwrra-wa-l.org/>



June 7-9, 2018 – OR District Rally, Turner, OR
http://www.gwrraoregondistrict.com/calendar/docs/2018/or_dist_rally.pdf

WA-R

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



June 28-30, 2018 – WY District Rally, Laramie, WY, <http://www.gwrra-wy.org/>



July 19-21, 2018 – WA District Rally, Cashmere, WA <http://www.gwrra-wa.org/Flyers/2018/2018-WA-District-Rally-Flyer.pdf>



July 26-28, 2018 – MT District Rally, Missoula, MT, <http://www.gwrra-mtdistrict.org/page7>



August 3 – 5, 2018 ID-H River Run, http://gwrra-id.us/?page_id=67



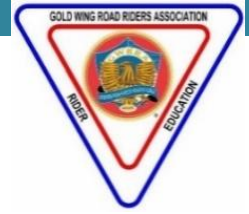
August 28-September 1, 2018 – Wing Ding 40, Knoxville, TN, <http://wing-ding.org/>



September 13-15, 2018 – CO District Rally, Gunnison, CO, <http://www.coloradogwrra.com/>



October 26-28, 2018 – AZ District Rally, Lake Havasu, AZ, <http://www.gwrraaz.org/district/>



Rider Education Report by: Mark Moeckli

Top 15 Motorcycle Tips For Street Riding Safety

The basics always bear repeating, especially when it comes to rider safety. Can you add to this list?

By [Motorcyclist](#) Photos: Kevin Wing November 19, 2014

Close your eyes and recall your last ride in heavy traffic. Imagine the vehicles surrounding you, crowding you, cutting you off. Imagine yourself monitoring closing speeds, reading street signs, noticing and anticipating traffic lights. Then imagine guessing what pedestrians will do, or how slippery that painted line might be. And those drivers with cell phones, newspapers or screaming kids to deal with...imagine trying to guess what they're going to do.



Riding in traffic can be a nightmare, especially for street-riding newcomers. Is it any wonder so many motorcyclists crash and burn while riding on congested streets? It's amazing how many different tasks motorcyclists deal with on a normal traffic-choked commute. Doing it successfully means processing a multitude of items at once and reacting correctly to each. Doing it wrong can mean road kill--the human kind. Here are 15 smart strategies for dealing with traffic-choked streets.

1/Watch Drivers' Heads and Mirrors

Watching the head movements of drivers through their windows and mirrors is an excellent way to anticipate sudden moves. Most drivers won't lunge left or right without first moving their heads one way or another (even if they don't check their mirrors).

2/Trust Your Mirrors, But Not Totally

Your bike's mirrors can be lifesavers, but they don't always tell the entire story even if they're adjusted properly. In traffic, always buttress your mirror-generated rear view with a glance over the appropriate shoulder. Do it quickly and you'll add an extra measure of rear-view and blind-spot knowledge to your info-gathering tasks.

3/Never Get Between A Vehicle and an Offramp

This sounds almost too simple, but drivers who decide to exit at the last minute kill plenty of riders each year. The simple rule, then, is to never position yourself between a vehicle and an offramp. Passing on the right is generally a no-no, but in this day and age it's sometimes necessary. So if you do it, do so between exits or

cross-streets.

4/Cover Your Brakes

In traffic you must often react extra quickly, which means not fumbling for the brake lever or pedal. To minimize reach time, always keep a finger or two on the brake lever and your right toe close to the rear brake pedal. When that cell phone-yakking dork cuts across your path trying to get to the 7-Eleven for a burrito supreme, you'll be ready.

5/Be Noticed

Make sure drivers and pedestrians can see you, even from a distance. Ride with your high beam on during the day (as a courtesy, turn it off when sitting behind someone at a light), and wear brightly colored gear, especially your helmet and jacket. Hi Vis yellow suits and jackets aren't just hugely conspicuous, they've also becoming more fashionable, so now you don't have an excuse.

6/Be Ready With the Power

In traffic, ride in a gear lower than you normally would so your bike is ready to jump forward instantly if asked. (Not everyone rides open-class twins, after all.) Doing so gives you the option of leaping ahead instead of being limited to just using the brakes when that pickup suddenly moves over. The higher revs might also alert more cagers to your presence.

7/Traffic Slowing? Stay Left (Or Right)

When traffic slows suddenly, stay to the left or right of the car in front of you. This will give you an escape route if needed. It will also help keep you from becoming a hood ornament if the car behind you fails to stop in time. Once you've stopped, be ready--clutch in, your bike in gear and your eyes on the mirrors. You never know.

8/Practice the Scan

Constantly scanning your entire environment while riding--from instruments to mirrors to the road ahead to blind spots to your left and right rear--keeps you aware and in touch with your situation, and therefore better able to react. Dwelling on one area too long--watching only behind or in front of you, for instance--is just begging for trouble.

9/Left-Turn Treachery

When approaching an oncoming car that's stopped and about to turn left, be ready. Your brights should be on so the driver can see you (during the day), but don't rely on this to save you. Watch the car's wheels or the driver's hands on the steering wheel; if you see movement, be ready to brake, swerve or accelerate, whichever seems best for the situation.

10/Study the Surface

Add asphalt conditions to your scan. Be on the lookout for spilled oil, antifreeze or fuel; it'll usually show up as shiny pavement. Also keep an eye out for gravel and/or sand, which is usually more difficult to see. Use your sense of smell, too; often you can smell spilled diesel fuel before your tires discover how slippery the stuff is.



11/Ride In Open Zones

Use your bike's power and maneuverability to ride in open zones in traffic. In any grouping of vehicles there are always some gaps; find these and ride in them. Doing so will separate you from four-wheelers, give you additional room to maneuver and allow you to keep away from dangerous blind spots. And vary your speed. Riding along with the flow can make you invisible to other drivers, especially in heavy traffic.

12/Use That Thumb

Get into the habit of canceling your turn signals often regardless of the traffic situation. A blinking signal might tell drivers waiting to pull into the road or turning left in front of you that you're about to turn when you aren't. So push that switch a few times each minute. Better to wear out the switch than eat a Hummer's hood, eh?

13/It's Good To Be Thin

A huge advantage single-track vehicles have over four-wheelers is their ability to move left and right within a lane to enable the rider to see what's ahead. Whether you're looking to the side of the cars ahead or through their windshields, seeing what's coming can give you lots of extra time to react.

14/More Than One Way Out

Yeah, motorcycles fall down. But they're also light, narrow and hugely maneuverable, so you might as well learn to exploit their strengths when things get ugly, right? So don't just brake hard in a hairball situation. There's almost always an escape route. Swerving into Mrs. Smith's front yard could be a lot better than center-punching the Buick that turned left in front of you. Always have an escape route planned, and update it minute by minute.

15/Running Interference

This one's easy, and we'll bet most of you already do it: Let larger vehicles run interference for you when negotiating intersections. If the bonehead coming toward you from the left or right is going to blow the light, better they hit the box van next to you, right? For the same reasons, don't lunge through an intersection as soon as the light turns green. Be patient, and use the vehicles next to you as cover.

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 -
05/01/2018, ID-B monthly gathering.
6:30 PM
Roosters Landing**



FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY, AND KNOWLEDGE
