

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



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**Chapter Newsletter**

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

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<b>8/7</b>	<b>ID-B Gathering - 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Roosters Landing</b>
<b>9/11</b>	<b>ID-B Gathering - 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Roosters Landing</b>

**UPCOMING GWRRA EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

July	August	September
<b>13 - Butch Stark</b>	<b>4 - Karen Cooper</b>	<b>16 - Sheldon Russel</b>
<b>16 - Sheryl Fowler</b>	<b>17 - Laurie Stemmene</b>	<b>20 - Gary Prestella</b>
<b>24 - Doug Welch</b>	<b>22 - Renee Searle</b>	<b>22 - Guy Williams</b>

July	August	September
<b>10 - Alan &amp; Renee Searle</b>	<b>7 - Jack &amp; Gayle Turner</b>	<b>29 - Butch &amp; Joyce Stark</b>
<b>28 - Mark &amp; Jamie Moeckli</b>	<b>16 - Rockey &amp; Shirley Davis</b>	
	<b>21 - Doug &amp; Nini Welch</b>	

**Hello everyone summer is finally here,**

**The weather is warmer and the bikers are chomping at the bit. We are off to a great season of rides, fun and friendship with each other and some of the other chapters. Remember there are things that you can do to be at your best out on the road.**

**First, you can practice your skills in an empty, quiet parking lot with smooth pavement that is free of loose gravel or sand. Find an empty church or a school parking lot, or some unused out of the way space at a shopping center safely away from moving vehicles. Choose a time when it is unlikely to be busy, (e.g., a school lot on Sunday) as your safety is of the utmost importance. Work on braking, turning, curves, stopping while in a curve (remember to straighten the handlebars before braking!), and turning when pulling away from a stop. When you practice alone, always remain vigilant to vehicles encroaching on your space.**

**Be safe and ride defensively. Look out for the other guy.**



*~ Larry*

## July

**Our July 10 meeting was a no host picnic at Beachview Park in Clarkston, WA The nice breeze helped to cool the temps.**

**There were 16 members present and 2 new additions to group Bruce & Vikki Bennett.**

**Larry reviewed the newsletter for our June meeting.**

**Birthdays/anniversaries for July and August were noted. Eight members rode to Elk River for lunch recently.**

**Larry and Gary Turner did a pre-ride from Pullman, Steptoe, Reardon, Spokane, Pines, and various other points of interest. The ride will be 311 miles on good roads. Proposed date for the group ride is August 11.**

**Bob Cooper participated in the Star Safety Class. He chose the Cornering/Breaking segment of the training. Bob logged 15 miles that day just participating in the course layout and training. This gave Bob his next Level achievement. Congratulations Bob.**

**There are two couples going to the MT Rally in Missoula.**

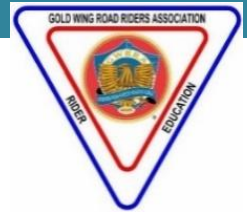
**Larry asked if we, as a club, wish to bring back the Dist Rally. Discussion followed. Larry will email the questionnaire to all members and contact Region with our final determination.**

**Cruising for Critters, a fund raiser for the Whitman County Humane Society is this weekend. Those wanting to participate will meet at Jack-in-the-Box, Lewiston at 9:15. All will meet Gary Turner at Zippos in Pullman. \$25 for rider, \$15 for co-rider. All proceeds will go to the WCHS organization.**

**July 18th the club will ride to Wingers in Moscow for dinner. Meet at Jack-in-the Box 6:30 pm sharp. Please RSVP Larry so he can give Wingers a head count.**

**The August 7th meeting will be at Roosters Landing in Clarkston @ 6pm. We hope to see you all there.**

**Our 50/50 drawing winner was Kris Prestella.**



## Mark's Safety Advice for July

### Follow these tips for safe riding:

#### **Always wear a helmet with a face shield or protective eye wear.**

Wearing a helmet is the best way to protect against severe head injuries. A motorcycle rider not wearing a helmet is five times more likely to sustain a critical head injury.

#### **Wear appropriate gear.**

Make sure to wear protective gear and clothing that will minimize the amount of injuries in case of an accident or a skid. Wearing leather clothing, boots with nonskid soles, and gloves can protect your body from severe injuries. Consider attaching reflective tape to your clothing to make it easier for other drivers to see you.

#### **Follow traffic rules.**

Obey the speed limit; the faster you go the longer it will take you to stop. Be aware of local traffic laws and rules of the road.

#### **Ride Defensively**

Don't assume that a driver can see you, as nearly two-thirds of all motorcycle accidents are caused by a driver violating a rider's right of way. You should always ride with your headlights on; stay out of a driver's blind spot; signal well in advance of any change in direction; and watch for turning vehicles.

#### **Keep your riding skills honed through education.**

Complete a formal riding education program, get licensed and take riding courses from time to time to develop riding techniques and to sharpen your street-riding strategies.

#### **Preparing To Ride**

Making sure that your motorcycle is fit for the road is just as important as practicing safe riding. Should something be wrong with your motorcycle, it will be in your best interest to find out prior to hitting the road. To make sure that your motorcycle is in good working order, check the following:

- **Tires:** Check for any cracks or bulges, or signs of wear in the treads (low tire pressure or any defects could cause a blowout)
- **Under the motorcycle:** Look for signs of oil or gas leaks
- **Headlight, taillight and signals:** Test for high and low beams (make sure that all lights are functioning)
- **Hydraulic and Coolant fluids:** Level should be checked weekly

#### **Once you've mounted the motorcycle, complete the following checks:**

- **Clutch and throttle:** Make sure they are working smoothly (throttle should snap back when released)
- **Mirrors:** Clean and adjust all mirrors to ensure sharpest viewing
- **Brakes:** Test front and rear brakes (each brake should feel firm and hold the motorcycle still when fully applied)
- **Horn:** Test the horn



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/>

## 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 - 8/7/2018, ID-B monthly gathering, Roosters Landing Restaurant**



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