

**GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION
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UPCOMING GWRRR EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

10/6/2018	ID-B Gathering 8;30 A.M.	Matt's Grill & Lodge
11/3/2018	ID-B Gathering 8;30 A.M.	Matt's Grill & Lodge
12/1/2018	ID-B Gathering 8;30 A.M.	Matt's Grill & Lodge

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
16th Sheldon Russell	5th Rockey Davis
20th Gary Prestella	17th Jim Stemmene
22nd Guy Williams	26th Joyce Stark

<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
29th Butch & Joyce Stark	8th Sheldon & Elaine Russell

Beautiful in the Autumn season

Look Out For Dry Or Wet Leaves Yes the leaves are full of color and look beautiful in the Autumn season, but they are hazardous to riders once they start to fall to the ground, and potentially very dangerous. Dry leaves can pile up on the road and cover potholes or any other inconsistencies. Keep your eye on the road and try to take routes you are familiar with. Rain or morning dew will bring a different kind of hazard as they will create wet leaves causing them to make a slick pavement surface. This could make your bike slide on the road so try and avoid these kind of situations whenever you can. If you approach a pile of leaves on the road, try your best to drive slowly until you're past the obstacle.

Deer Season Deer are prominent for being more active in the Fall, whether they be searching for food or scarcely running away from hunters pushing them into new areas. More collisions with deer happen during this season so you don't want one to come in your path while riding your motorcycle. Make sure you put on your protective gear before going out for a ride, and always scan the road sides if you're cruising in any rural areas. Stay alert during dusk and dawn as these are the times of day when deer movement reaches its peak.

Leather Is Your Best Friend The cool, crisp air is very exhilarating during the Fall. Temperatures are much more enjoyable to ride in compared to the heat waves that occur in the Summer time. This is the time of year when leather truly is your best friend. Leather protects you from the wind and will keep you comfortably warm while riding.

Cold Autumn Nights The weather is more unpredictable this time of year. It can go from chilly in the morning, warm in the afternoon to below freezing at night. Bringing extra layers with you is something to keep in mind. Once the sun goes down, the temperature can significantly drop and you don't want to run into some unexpected mechanical problems while under dressed. You may want to bring your rain gear too because frigid rain can cause hypothermia – and no one wants that.

Frosty And Icy Surfaces Cold Autumn nights only lead to one thing – morning frost. Its important to be aware of frost on the roads in the early morning because that pavement could have a thin layer of ice above it which will force you to lose traction. Shaded areas will frost up first so it's important to be knowledgeable of your surroundings while cruising.

In closing, Autumn *can* be the most captivating time for riding. Traffic on the back roads has decreased, the colors are full and the air is pure. Once the leaves begin to drop, the landscapes become more open. The new settings that come with this season aren't more backbreaking compared to those of others, but you will need to be prepared for the conditions to come.



~ Larry



The September 15th gathering BBQ at Hereth Park. 14 members and no guest were present. Larry acknowledged birthdays, anniversaries, discussed old, new, and ongoing business.

We had a great time and a lot of good food at that BBQ. Larry mention some event that were coming up like the overnight at Konkoville Motel with ID-H. He also Mention getting a dinner or lunch ride to Wingers in Moscow some time soon. Asked everyone to start thinking of time, place, date for this year's Christmas party. Mention that he would like some idea for the 2019 ride calendar soon so that calendar would be available in January. Also he reminded everyone that starting October 6th 2018 thru March 2019 we will be meeting at Matt's grill for breakfast gathering 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM. Laurie mentioned that ID-H was having there Maintenance/ Potluck cookout around October 20th she would follow up with ID-H on Date and Time. Larry Mentioned that WING DING 41 will be in Nashville, TN next August 27-31,2019 if anyone is interested.



Riding season coming to a end

It's easy to argue that the summer is the best time to ride a motorcycle, but there's still a lot of two-wheeled fun to be had in the fall. The magnificent colors of the changing leaves are just the beginning of the natural beauty that's made even better from the saddle of a motorcycle. Here are a few ways you can keep riding before the snow flies.

Bundle Up

If its sweatshirt or light jacket weather outside, that means it's going to be freezing when you're on your motorcycle. If your bike doesn't have a windshield or fancy heated grips, it's going to be even worse. However, that doesn't mean it has to be uncomfortable. If you layer up with a thermal, long-sleeve base layer and add some nice, thick clothes over that, topped off with your riding jacket, you'll be just fine in brisk temperatures.

Many motorcycle jackets have removable liners to add an optional extra layer of warmth for three-season riding. If you have such a liner, make sure it's in if you're going to ride in the fall. The right pair of insulated gloves with materials like Gore-Tex can make a big difference too, so you may need to hang up the bad-boy fingerless gloves until spring. Maybe even throw in some old-school flair and add a scarf to your collection of riding gear.

Personally, I'm a bit of a sissy when it comes to cold-weather riding, but if I bundle up properly with layers, riding is still a pleasure in autumn.

Avoid Wet Leaves

Wet leaves on the road can be almost as slippery as ice. Modern motorcycle tires have tons of grip and are usually good in wet-road conditions, but you'll still want to avoid running over wet leaves whenever possible.

If your tires are starting to wear out and you're planning a long fall motorcycle ride, you may want to consider getting them replaced in case there's an unavoidable wet leaf situation on your ride.

Watch Out for Animals

According to Farmers Insurance, 36 percent of all animal collisions on the road occur between September and November. The same data shows that you're 67 percent more likely to hit an animal in autumn than you are in the summer.

Deer and elk are more active in fall months and are often the cause of nasty accidents that can easily total your car or do much worse to motorcyclists. As always, you should be on high-alert with your head up while riding, but if you're riding in a forested area, pay extra close attention to any animals that could run out of the woods. Also, make sure your brakes and tires are in good shape in case you need to make an emergency stop at a high speed.

Look for Fall Events in Your Area

Enjoying the fall on a motorcycle isn't just about keeping warm and safe, but it's also about the cool stuff you can do that you can't do during any other time of the year. The falling leaves bring with them a host of events that only happen in autumn. Thanks to the unique scenery of the season, getting there could be half the fun if you take your motorcycle.

Maybe there's a big Oktoberfest you could check out with your riding friends (as long as you don't drink and ride) or perhaps you and your other half could make a day trip out of some sort of harvest festival. State and national parks sometimes have events going on in Fall that could be cool to check out on two wheels. Visit your state's travel website and see what's going on near you.

Summer coming to a close is far from meaning the end of riding season. Bundle up, watch out for deer, and enjoy the season

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 -
10, 6, 2018
8:30 to 10:00 AM
at Matt's Grill
90 2nd St, Asotin WA**



FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY, AND KNOWLEDGE
