



Lilac City Wings, Chapter "G" Gold Wing Touring Association Spokane, WA 99203



January 2010 Newsletter

Directors Comments

We hope this is not indicative of how the next two years will go. Jana and I missed our first meeting as Chapter Directors because of a death in my family. Then this morning I realized it's December 23rd and I'm supposed to have something to Ken Peterson for the newsletter by the 20th. So the start has not gone as smoothly as I had hoped.

We do want to thank Lyle, Wally and Michael for their continued work and support. Lyle and Alice have really got things organized from their time as CD's and if I can keep my timing straight this should be a piece of cake.....your laughing right? Wally has been a great help keeping the information streaming and Michael is doing lots of things with rider safety, Motorcycle Awareness Day, and stepping in for us at the first meeting. We would also like to thank all the other members who have stepped up to fill openings or stayed on in their positions. We will all get out of this club whatever we put in. It's an honor to be allowed to be your CD's. We will do our best and we are looking forward to having lots of fun.

Be warned, we want to concentrate on more RIDING. I'm not talking about "Iron Butt" (Google that) rides. To me, this means adding a few longer rides with stops that have the availability of camping, and motels for those not inclined to camp. I have talked to some members about riding Hwy 20 in August. In keeping with "Destination Friendship, this may be a good time to get to know some other chapters as well. Know anyone in Chapter "S"? They're in Sedro Woolley and that's were highway 20 ends on the other side of the mountains at I-5. If you have suggestions, questions (or answers) just send us an email or call.

Jana and I would like to wish you all a wonderful new year, full of nice days for riding.

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Newsletter Editor's Comments

Well this is my first newsletter and Alice was right this does take some time! As the name implies I am the editor! My job is to take the articles and events that you turn into me and format/arrange them into **YOUR** newsletter. If there is anything you would like to see in your newsletter please e-mail them to me at lilacnewsletter@centurytel.net.

Hopefully you and yours have had a safe and joyous Christmas and New Year! As for me and mine we have enjoyed not only Christmas but also our membership in the Lilac City Wings. I am looking forward to becoming more involved and to many great rides in the coming year!

Safety

As we start this New Year there are many things in the works for Rider Education. We will be having a First aid/CPR class for all members who would like to update their cards and refresh their memories in January--more information coming by email and phone. In March there will be a Co-riders and Group Riding Seminar. In April or maybe early May we will have the Skilled Rider's Course and of course the Turtle Race. More information will be coming soon on all of these.

For now please remember to drive your cars carefully. Winter driving is challenging. Not only do we need to be sure that we maintain control of our own vehicles, but we need to be cautious of other drivers who may have little or no experience driving on the white stuff.

Use what you have learned from riding your motorcycle: stay alert, pay attention, and give yourself plenty of space for avoiding accidents. As always, keep the rubber down and the shiny side up.

Michael and Melinda Mustered
Riders Education Directors

January Anniversaries

24th John and Jean Gordon

January Birthdays

5th Linda Kessler
5th Ralph Olson
6th Antoinette Wisowaty
12th Dale Meador
14th Bob Allen
17th Rosanne Anderson
21st Brian Keeatts

January Events

2 Chapter "G" Meeting / Activity?
5 Chapter "G" Planning Meeting
13 First Aid/CPR Class
16 Game Night/Spud Feed
16 Painters Show at Road House Cycles in Post Falls ID

February Events

6 Chapter "G" Meeting / Activity?
7 Super Bowl Sunday
12-14 Inland Northwest Motorcycle Show
?? Sweetheart Dinner?
16 Motorcycle Coalition Meeting

For more events go to

<http://www.lilaccitywings.com/Events.htm>

CPR/First-aid Course

It's time for our annual CPR/First-aid Course again. You may ask, "Why bother to take it again or at all?" The reason is simple: you never know when you might need to use the information and, if you ever need it, you will wish that you knew the latest information and had it fresher in your mind. The going rate for these classes is \$60 - \$80 per person. This year we are getting a great deal--certified CPR and First-aid cards for only **\$20 per person**. If you only need one or the other the cost is \$10.

The location is the **Golden Corral** (7117N Division) on **Wednesday, January 13. Dinner will be at 5:30 pm.** The **classes will start at 6:30 pm** and finish between 9 and 9:30 pm.

Please join us there and prepare yourself to be able to help a friend or loved one. Contact Michael or Melinda (922-2637 or 868-9965) or mmmsmustered@hotmail.com to sign up.

Road House Cycles in Post Falls, Idaho is having a Painters Show Jan 16th 2010. They are opening up their show room to six or so custom painters to show what they do. The painters will all be displaying what they can do and will be available to answer questions and give quotes if you are interested. For more information contact: SCOTT at Road House Cycles Post Falls, Idaho (208)457-1150 rebecca@rdhse.com
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Well I did not have very many submissions so the back of the mailing cover was empty. I thought about increasing the fonts to take up more room but instead I decided to ask some questions:

10 Questions

1. When you put your motorcycle up for its long winters' nap do you change the oil
 - a. Before its' nap?
 - b. After its' nap?
 - c. Both?
 - d. Neither?
2. Do you perform your own maintenance on your bike or do you take it to someone else? Who?
3. How many motorcycles do you currently own?
4. How many motorcycles have you owned throughout your life (Some of us have a distinct advantage here)?
5. Of all the bikes you've owned which was your favorite and why?
6. When you go for a ride what makes it memorable:
 - a. The scenery?
 - b. The twisties?
 - c. The company?
7. What is your favorite day ride?
8. What is your favorite multi day ride
9. Does riding 60 miles or more for ice cream sound crazy?
10. Last but not least: What is the craziest/most unusual ride you have ever gone on?

Please send your answers to lilacnewsletter@centurytel.net