

# GOLD WING TOURING ASSOCIATION

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As a weekend of record setting temperatures and motorcycle riding comes to an end I am hopeful that a safe and happy riding season is in store for all. Don't forget your safety practices, and remember that just because you can see someone doesn't mean that they see you or even recognize your being there.

- **The State Rally:** The flyer is done and on the web page, so we are hoping that everyone will take this opportunity to pre-register. Pre-Registration is important for a number of reasons, mostly food and vendors: the Saturday night dinner is going to be great, and the more people we know are coming the better opportunity we have for vendors to participate.
  - **Dinner** will be cooked for us by Rent-A-Chef, who will also be one of our vendors this year. They have done an awesome job in the past, and we look forward to enjoying the culinary delights they will be providing this year: *Turkey or Ham, Potatoes and Gravy, Vegetable, Roll, and Apple Crisp*. Chapter C will be serving.
  - **Vendors** are coming along, and an important thing that the vendors want to know is how many people will be coming. This information is provided by pre-registration numbers, so get your pre-registration in.
  - If you have any **suggestions for vendors**, let Daylon know (360-856-5289). He is working hard and looking for new vendors, as well as working with previous vendors to make this a great rally.
  - The **schedule of events** has been released, sent to the Chapter Directors with this newsletter. Some changes may occur between now and the start of the rally, but if it does you all will be advised, and nothing will change once the rally starts.
  - **Rally shirts** will be available in white or Chapter U light blue for \$14.00. Rally shirts are pre-order only, so make sure you get yours ordered. If you are planning on a day pass and would still like to order a shirt we can accommodate you as well, contact us so we can talk.
  - Bud Dyer has put together a great **Safety Program** for rally participants on Saturday. Sergeant Mike Saunders from the Okanogan Washington State Patrol is coming over to share some info: The first is a report from the "Motorcycle Rider Safety Task Force" which provides some great information regarding contributing factors to M/C collisions, and the second source is a slide show that addresses what the WSP is doing to reduce the number of M/C collisions in Washington State. This information will take about 60 minutes to present and I'll plan on using the final 30 minutes for a Q&A session. We've also asked Sgt Saunders to prepare

some definitive information on laws regarding oscillating headlights, flashing tail lights, cell phone usage, towing trailers, and new laws that have recently gone into effect regarding motorcycles. In addition, Bud is working with the Northwest Wings Drill Team for some skills tests. Bud is also working with the Department of Licensing Motorcycle Program manager for an additional presentation.

- So far we have four suggestions for the **State Rally 2009** – Centralia/Chehalis, Moses Lake, Ritzville and Sequim. If you have a suggestion, send me some info about the place and we'll be glad to let everyone know who's interested.
- **Chapter Olympics** information has been received by Chapters B, G and S. Please send in your chapter's info as soon as possible so that we can pass it along to National, as our deadline with them is May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- **Family of the Year:** We are please to let everyone know that the Washington State Family of the Year, Larry and Kay Cohenour, have been named as Region A Family of the Year. Larry & Kay are blown away by the nomination and plan to be at National to represent Washington State. If you are at opening ceremonies, then let them hear your support when they are introduced!!
- **Bike Raffle Tickets:** Raffle tickets are now available from Lindy Phillips. Contact her for your tickets, \$1.00 each.
- **STP:** I have been in communication with many chapters about STP, and not in communication with some chapters about STP. Information has been sparse up 'til now, but the wheels are starting to roll and information should be coming more steadily now. Thanks to all the chapters that are participating. The next CBC meeting is June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Mark Your Calendars:**
  - 24-26** Oregon State Rally
  - 26** Memorial Day
  - 31** Ch C's Blue Crew Fun Run
  - June: 14-15** Ch A Family Campout
  - 14** Ch G Garage Sale
  - 15** Father's Day
  - 21** Ch B Car Wash

Thanks again, and we'll catch ya later.

*Don & Carol*

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