

GOLD WING TOURING ASSOCIATION

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Hello to all and Happy New Year to You –

As we begin a new year on a frosty note, we would like to wish each of you health, happiness, and prosperity for 2009. It is shaping up to be a year full of fun activities, great get-togethers, and riding to your heart's content. We have a lot of Chapter inspired activities to enjoy this year, so we encourage everyone to get their information onto the State Web Site so that everyone can plan their riding calendars for the upcoming year.

- **Family of the Year:** We received one nomination for Family of the Year, and a darn good choice they are. We would like to congratulate Mike & Melinda Mustered of Chapter G for being the Washington State Family of the Year for 2009. When you see them make sure to congratulate them and let them know they have your support.
- **From our Web Master:**
 - **Web Site Events Calendar:**

To save a lot of potential confusion in keeping the Events Calendar accurate and up-to-date, please submit your events, or edits to events, by using the "Add or Edit Your Event" form on the "[Events Calendar](#)" page at www.gwta-wa.org .

If you have a link to the State Events Calendar on your chapter Web site, be sure you have a link to the new location at <http://gwta-wa.org/events.htm> , the old link address is no longer available.
 - **Chapter Pages on State Site:**

Chapter directors, please review your chapter pages on the [State Web site](#) to be sure the info there is up-to-date and accurate. Click the "Chapters" menu link, then choose your chapter from the left menu bar. If there is more content you would like added to your chapter page(s) on the state site, let our [State Webmaster](#) know.
- **State Rally:** The registration form for the state rally is available on the State Web Site, www.gwta-wa.org. Please print a copy off of the State Web Page, fill it out, and send it to Yvonne so that your registration will be complete. I just spoke with the hotel (1/16/09) and they have 18 rooms available at the discounted rate for our group, so you need to call them directly at 509-659-5000 and tell them you're with the GWTA group. We are still

working on some items for the rally and will be coming out with the details very soon. If you have something to suggest then please do so, we would be happy to hear it.

- **From the State Newsletter in October 2008:** We need you input:
Instead of each chapter making the handouts that are given at opening ceremonies how about the chapters spending that money on items that the troops need/want? We will get a list of items from an approved site to forward to each chapter, the chapter can make their purchases and bring it to the state rally, and we will gather all the items and get them to an approved organization to send them over to where they are needed. Marcia Dunham of Chapter E has already organized with her employer, GLY Construction Inc, has made a cash donation to assist with mailing costs for the items. *I have had two chapters respond to this, so I am hoping that I will hear from the rest of you very soon, I'm hoping around the end of February so that each chapter has an opportunity to meet and discuss. Please check with your chapter members and let me know so that we can get this decided before any chapter puts out funds for opening ceremonies items.*
- **Chapter Rally Assignments:** We will be going over the list of jobs for the chapters, so please be ready for that at the next **State Officers Meeting, March 14th**.
- **Tri-Folds and Bike Hangers:** National has had their order on backorder for the tri-folds. I spoke with Jennifer today and the order is supposed to ship to them on the 23rd. Jennifer tells me that as soon as she gets them she will send up more. I currently have a supply available if you need any.
- **State Officers Meeting:** The venue we have used in the past has notified us of an increase in fees for the rooms and want to start charging a fee for the meeting room. Don and I will be exploring new locations, so please be aware that the location will most likely change.
- **STP:** Please let me know who your STP focal will be. I have attended a meeting of the Cascade Bicycle Club and there are changes to the route along with some other info to share. We had a great turnout last year, and we're hoping that with less pressure of deciding what to attend and what not to attend will increase participation this year. We have a great STP incentive raffle item for this year: an intarsia eagle made by Larry & Kay Cohenour.
- **Passing Along Information:** We like to keep everyone informed of everything there is to do out there, and really like forwarding the info that you all share – GWTA events, charity rides, community efforts, and enjoyable endeavors. Without making this sound negative I need to make sure everyone is aware of one thing – passing along the

information is not an endorsement or a directive from us or any state officer for you to attend or participate. As long as we are able to pass along information without fear of misinterpretation we are happy to do so and welcome your input. We will, however, only place GWTA events on the State Web site events calendar.

- **Mark Your Calendars:** **February 21** Green Freeze II
27 – 28 Winter Weekend West
March 7 Chapter D Spaghetti Feed & Auction
14 State Officers Meeting
21 Green Freeze III

Thanks again, and we'll see you on the next ride.

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