

GOLD WING TOURING ASSOCIATION



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Hello and Good Wishes to all.

It has been a busy summer, and as the riding season winds down and the weather gets colder and wetter, we remember all the things we did this past summer. Some of the events we attended were our customary rides, and some of them were new ones that we had not been to before. All were great, and it is evident that a lot of time and effort goes into these events so that everyone will have a good time. Thank you to each and every chapter for giving us great rides and warm gatherings.

- **The State Gathering in Ritzville:** Our theme will be “Support Our Troops”. Mark your calendars for July 2 – 5 2009. We have been contacting some of the local businesses and the Chamber is getting the word out. One thing that we would like to start now is the pin design contest for the Washington State Gathering 2008. Here are the specifics:
 - We are going to do an electronic vote for the pin again this year so that all members may have a hand in choosing the pin design.
 - All entries must be received by December 1, 2008. You may submit your design electronically to wastatedirs@makingitdigital.net, or on paper to Don and I and we will scan for posting on the web page.
 - Voting will start on December 1st, the choices will be posted on the web page for members to vote on at the web site. Voting will close on December 31, 2008.
 - All entries must contain the words “GWTA” or “Goldwing Touring Association” “Washington State Gathering” “Ritzville” and “2009”.
 - All entries must indicate if they are an original design or computer generated design. The submitter of the design must be the designer.
 - All entries will be posted without the name of the submitter to provide an impartial atmosphere.
 - The winning design will be announced on the web site January 1st, 2009
 - The winning designer will win one free registration, one meal ticket, and one rally shirt with the design printed on it.
- **Additionally**, we know that everyone has their favorite charitable efforts and would not ask anyone to forsake those. If you already do something, then by all means keep that up. We have received a suggestion that we’d like your input on. Instead of each chapter making the little handouts that are given at opening ceremonies how about chapters spending that money on items that the troops need/want. We can get a list of the items (hard candies, beef jerky, Febreze, etc) and each chapter can bring their items to donate. We can designate one of the 50/50’s as a way to make postage money and then send the troops a little bit of home, GWTA style. Please give us your input on this.

