

# GOLD WING TOURING ASSOCIATION

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July 2009



WOW!!! What a great couple of weekends. We had the best time at the State Rally, and then to turn around and have an equally great time at STP, I just can't tell you what a pleasure it was.

- **State Staff:** We just want to take a moment here to thank our AWESOME staff. We know that we could not have had as great a rally as we did without every one of them handling their assignments the way they did. Our fun was enhanced by each one of them, so Barb, Becky, Dot, Rita, Yvonne, Bud, Denny, LeeRoy, Marty and Mike – we are honored to have your friendship, loyalty and trust. Thank you for the work you've done, the work you will do and the team that you've become. Washington State GWTA is a great place to be with you at our sides at the helm. We also had a lot of help from Frank Bergschneider and wanted to thank him for all his efforts with the vendors and we're hoping to talk him into it for next year too.
- **State Directors . . . one more time:** We're sure it's made the rumor mill but we just wanted to acknowledge that we, along with the 100% agreement of our staff, have agreed to remain State Directors for one more year. Our team will remain intact as well, and we couldn't be happier to have them all with us. Thank you to the members who have made us feel like this was a good decision and we look forward to your support in the next year. And yes, JR & Lindy are still accepting applications for State Directs next year.
- **Washington State Gathering 2010** – Themes Wanted!!! Denny and Yvonne have set up an online system to accept theme ideas, and also space for a 25 word write up about what you think we could do with your theme suggestions at the rally. *For example – Support Our Troops, we could collect food items to send to the troops, . . .* Theme ideas can be submitted on the State Web Page <http://www.gwta-wa.org/rally/theme.htm>. We will accept theme ideas until August 31, 2009. Voting will be from September 1 through September 30, 2009. The theme will be announced at the State Officers meeting October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Gold Rush 2010:** We're sure this has gone around the rumor mill as well, but the location for Gold Rush 2010 has been announced – **Billings, Montana**. The rally will be July 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. More detail will follow.
- **State Officers Meeting:** will be Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> due to scheduling conflicts with State Staff not thinking we would be there. It is at the same location – Days Inn

Ellensburg. I'd like to start the meeting a little earlier – 12:30 PM. If this is a problem for any of the Chapters please let me know ASAP and we can move it back to 1:00 PM. This might help us get out of there a little earlier. Please bring any information that you have about your chapter's upcoming events so we can start getting the planning calendars going. Also, some chapters have asked to change their state rally assignment, so please be prepared to discuss this as well.

- **Family of the Year:** You may think it's early to bring this up, but we will be asking each chapter to submit someone from their Chapter to serve as Family of the Year 2010. The new TA Way is online and all the FOY info you would want is there. Please start planting those seeds of thought with your members.
- **STP:** What a great job everyone did! We are receiving all sorts of emails from the people that you all assisted this year, and each one is more thankful than the last. For each person you came across with a negative attitude I can show you emails that prove they were the anomaly. Your presence there is greatly appreciated and you should all be proud of your efforts. Next year STP is July 17-18 due to a scheduling conflict CBC has with their ending location in Portland.
- **State Ride Card** – Coming soon to a Chapter near you – A Ride Card for Washington State. Each Chapter will be listed for attending a breakfast meeting and also each chapter event that we know is scheduled. The card is free to Washington State members. The ride card can be signed off by CD's or ACD's. The prizes will be handed out at the State Gathering 2010 – complete the whole card and be entered in a drawing for \$250.00. For each item that you get signed off on the card you will get a ticket for three drawings, one for each amount \$150.00, \$100.00 or \$50.00 (just like Wing Washington). Also at State next year, we'll have Chapter's submit their attendance sheet for their most attended social meeting (*example: breakfast meeting*) by visitors and guests, for a drawing of \$50.00 for the chapter that has the largest number of visitors at one meeting. A complete set of rules will accompany each chapters mailing of ride cards to them, so be on the lookout for a package within the next few days.

**We are happy to be here and hope to help you enjoy the next year in GWTA. Please let us know if you need our assistance.**

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