

Washington State Chapter March, 1997

February 8 - First 1997 Club Meeting

Well, the first meeting of the year started off with a minor setback - we got kicked out of Denny's. Not exactly what your first thought was, but here's what happened.

Due to the large size of our group, the only place to fit all 16 of us that showed up, was in the lounge area. One of our members had brought his young daughter and after we had all settled in, even had some coffee, the waitress states that the little girl cannot sit there.

Let's see, it's 8am, the lounge is closed, the chances of the liquor control board coming into a Denny's at 8am is slim to none, there is nowhere else to seat 16 people...hmm, what should we do? Ignore her! Well, that only worked for about 30 seconds, then the manager came in and informed us of the same fact that the waitress did. Duh, we heard her the first time!

Well, not being of the HD clan, we chose to pack up our stuff, pay for the coffee (I was opposed to this, we should've stiffed em!), and headed out the door.

As we were pulling out of the Denny's parking lot, more members were pulling in, so we motioned for them to follow. I think that anyone that showed up late, would be surprised to find we weren't there. I truly hope that this didn't happen to anyone, but if it did, please accept MY apologies for your inconvenience.

We finally had breakfast at Shari's in Renton. Though the tables were in close proximity, they were far enough apart that we couldn't really get a group discussion going. I think the March meeting will prove to be better for organizing.

We will still meet at the same Denny's in March, possibly changing this location after the March meeting. I will make reservations this time to get an open area.

February 8 - Ride to Granite Falls

This ride always proves to be a good one. After eating breakfast, and waiting for the outside temperature to come up to about 35 degrees, we ventured out. Yes, it

was cold! Who ever thought of riding a motorcycle in the second week of February, anyway?

Nine of us chose to ride our bikes, to the meeting, but only six of us went for a ride. After a brief little scare from a friendly State Patrol (thank God he was more interested in the Volvo than us), Bob, Dan M, Kirby, Larry, Mat, and myself were on our way.

The roads just north of Monroe are great for riding. Little law enforcement, even less traffic. We came upon a few spots that had some frost and some sand, but otherwise, the ride was great. It warmed up a little to about 36 degrees (just kidding) and turned the day into one fine day for riding.

July 21-27 - Montanathon

Anyone who feels that the Big Sky Run is not going to be enough for them, well here's your chance to get MORE than you can handle! (Just a reminder to register for the Big Sky Run (July 18-20) with Elbert Silbaugh at 206-882-0224)

A few of us are already planning to stay in Montana after the BSR is over for another full week of sport touring. Kirby Drawbaugh, Mat McDanold, and myself have already committed our vacation time for this week and plan on camping and getting motel rooms here and there to take showers.

If you have the interest in riding with us, let one of us know. We will be getting together soon to plan out details of the route, destinations, and lodging. I don't imagine the week being a tremendous financial burden, but if you can spare the time, I know it will be worth it!

February 23 - Club Ski Trip #2

Well, let's just say, if you missed it, you blew it! Originally there were 5 of us that had interest in making the trip, but it dwindled down to 3 - Dan M, Theresa, and myself on February 23rd.

The weather was awesome, as was forecasted, and the snow was great too. Crystal was busy due to the weather and the lines were long, but they moved pretty

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fast up in Green Valley, where the runs were wide open, and the sun could beat down on you. It was so nice that skiing in a T-shirt was not uncommon.

I can see, with spring upon us, that we will have to schedule another day to go up and hopefully, get more people onto the hill! March 9, 15, 16 look like a tentative dates so let me know if you are interested in going up. The destination will be decided by those that choose to attend.

Safety Log Book

Many of us already carry cellular phones, but this doesn't do us any good if we don't know who to call. We have decided, after an unfortunate incident last year, that we would carry two copies of a log book which will have some personal data of yours. One book will be carried by me, and the other by someone else on the ride so that if the person with the book goes down, we have a backup.

The reason for this log book is to carry instructions on what you (the injured) want us (the other riders) to do for you in the event of an accident. Information contained is an emergency contact phone number that you want us to call, and how you want your bike and belongings taken care of (left on side of road, or towed) in the event you crashing and being rendered unconscious.

This information is personal, and confidential. It will be used only for this purpose and none of the phone numbers will ever be used, except in the event of an emergency. You only need to sign in once, I will take care of making the copy and updating the log book.

Schedule Update

Don Peter has elected not to have the Three-Pass Run this year. Dan Meekhof has graciously offered to set something up for that weekend. Thanks Dan!

Upcoming Schedule of Events

March 8 - Club Meeting / Ride **TBD***
March 22 - Granite Falls / Lake Cavanaugh

April 12 - Club Meeting / Ride **TBD**
April 19 - Dewatto

May 10 - Club Meeting / SW Wa
May 31 - Mt. Baker / Mosquito Lake

June 14 - Club Meeting / Ride **TBD**
June 27-30 - Western Oregon Coast / Hwy 101

July 12 - Club Meeting Monroe / Winthrop
July 18-20 - Montana / Spokane (Big Sky Run)

August 9 - Club Meeting Federal Way / Mt. St. Helens
August 15-17 - Oregon Camp-Out / Cascade Locks

September 6 - Leavenworth
September 13 - Club Meeting / Ride **TBD**
September 19-21 - Packwood

October 11 - Club Meeting / Dinner @ Cafe Veloce

December 6 - Christmas Party / **TBD** (@ Kirby's)

***To Be Determined** by those present