

# Washington State Chapter

## April, 1998

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### *April Fools Newsletter*

I hope that you all enjoyed the newsletter. For lack of material to print in this issue, I decided that I would at least entertain you with some good stories. This issue is lacking in substance do to minimal events in the past month, but at least, IS truthful in content.

### *March 14<sup>th</sup> - Snoqualmie Valley*

Eleven riders showed for the first ride of the year. We had 3 new riders and I apologize for not getting their names. Many had other plans, one had a swollen ankle (Mark, from the day before), and therefore only 7 riders made the short (barely 100 miles) trip.

We hit some good roads, starting from Denny's, over the hill through May Valley, out to Issaquah. Issaquah-Fall City road is really a fun road. After that, we continued through the Valley to Snohomish and Harvey's Airfield where we paused for an Espresso for Kirby. We meandered through Mill Creek, Bothell, and finally back to I-405 where we went our separate ways.

I got the feeling that the new members felt comfortable with the pace and that we'll be seeing them again, which gives me another chance to introduce them in the newsletters.

### *March 28<sup>th</sup> - Granite Falls*

The weather forecasting in Seattle really sucks lately! Oh yeah – 40 degrees, cold and rainy, snow level 1000 ft, blah blah blah...

I decided to bag the ride on Thursday because I believed all that crap and later realized that the weathermen have once again proven what fools we are for trusting them and what fools they are for trying to predict Mother Nature. Most all of the regular riders fell in the same boat that I did, and decided to make other plans. I apologize for those that showed up and had to

guide themselves to Granite Falls, or some other route that may have been decided at breakfast.

Next time, I will wait until I wake up and decide whether to ride at that point, rather than to sleep in and get up to sunny, warm, mild weather day that would've been great for riding. The term CANDYASS comes to mind... (George R.)

### *More Member Updates*

Chris Harnish and his girlfriend recently bought a house in West Seattle. Congratulations are in order!

Dawn and I have purchased a house as well. I will be moving to the Renton Highlands on May 1st and Dawn will be joining me after our wedding in August.

Mark fall down, go boom. Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> was a bad day indeed. Mark bought new tires for the CBR and those tires ended up costing him about \$250 for rubber, \$2400 for mounting (plastic and case repair), and \$500 for delivery (to the hospital). New slicks **ARE** slick!

Peter Broda has retired from motorcycling and is selling or has sold the 916. Spending time with his daughter outweighs the pleasure of riding the Duck.

Kevin is upgrading his Duck (900) with new 5-spoke magnesium wheels, while his brother John has upgraded almost everything else on his Triumph. The T595 was recalled for a faulty frame weld and while it was stripped down to replace the frame, John had a whole slew of new mods done to his ride. Should be interesting what a \$20k T595 looks like!

Jim's baby was delivered on March 28<sup>th</sup> weighing in at 419lbs. The proud father was last seen carving out the twisties near Elbe! Just in case you were wondering... oil filters for the R1 run \$15!!!

Bob is busy taking care of the financial end of the recent rash of house purchases by HSTA members. Thanks Bob!

Dan Meekhof is spending a lot of time getting to know the officers in Packwood. After receiving 3 tickets this year already, he wants to convey that sport touring in Packwood may not be a good idea and that they make use of aerial surveillance!

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### *Events At-A-Glance*

April							May						
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April 11 - Denny's in Renton (Kennydale) - 8 am Meet  
Club Meeting / Ride to be Determined

April 25 - Mitzel's in Puyallup - 8 am Breakfast  
Ride to Mt. St. Helens

May 9 - Denny's in Renton (Kennydale) - 8 am Meet  
May 16 - Mitzel's in Puyallup - 8 am Breakfast  
May 30 - Café Veloce in Totem Lake - 7 pm Dinner