

Washington State Chapter June, 1998

May 16 – SW Washington

Turnout = 11 riders! Finally, the weather was good enough for a ride, though Jim's back wasn't. It was cold in the morning, but the afternoon proved to be worthy of calling it a great day.

New members (or prospects) included Kevin Iden, Dean Harrison, and Bryan DeFrees. The usual ringers were Jim Holzberger, Chris Harnish, Larry Dunn, Larry Wacek, Bob Kramer, Mat McDanold, Mark Grabrick, Me and my fiancée Dawn.

After leaving Puyallup, and heading towards Shelton, Jim gave up fighting his back pain and handed over the reigns for me to lead. As he did so, he sent us on a wild-goose chase that took us down yet, another gravel road. Jim really enjoyed the DOT Award he got at Christmas last year so much, that he wanted to get an early lock on it this year.

We ended up going out to the coast and stopping in Ocean Shores for lunch. Afterwards, we headed north to Pacific Beach and made a loop that put us back in Aberdeen for the brisk ride home.

Mat almost gets arrested!

Mat and his wife, Nicki, had just come home from work. Mat went inside to change, and Nicki headed back out the door to run some errands. When she got to her car, two officers of the law approached her.

They interrogated her as to where her husband was and about his (Mat's) motorcycle. They took the interrogation inside where Mat was caught with his pants down, literally. As he was changing, they asked him more questions about his whereabouts that day, and what his motorcycle and helmet looked like. They asked to see the helmet, and realizing that there was some mixup, they went back outside to examine Mat's bike.

Upon looking at the license plate on the bike, Mat quickly realized that the plate on his bike showed an expiration of April, when Mat knew that his true plate expired in July. Looks like the old switch-a-roo was done to Mat! The plate on Mat's bike was also reported stolen.

Story goes that someone had evaded the police near Mill Creek, and the officer had just enough time to get the plate number. Well, that plate number was traced to Mat's address and the police were waiting for "that" bike to roll in the driveway. When they saw Nicki exit the apartment, they approached her and pursued their investigation.

Mat asked what would've happened if he was pulled over with the wrong plate on his bike – 1: He would've been taken off the bike at gunpoint. 2: The bike would've been towed (very carefully, I'm sure) 3: Mat would've been taken downtown to meet Bubba in the poky. And then, the cops would've started asking questions.

Moral of the story: Know your license plate number, check it frequently, and carry K-Y lubricant just in case...

Half-Fast / Saddle sore / Bunburner

For anyone who is interested, the Cascade Classic is approaching. Last year, Kirby and I participated in this event, and both learned a tremendous amount about mind over body and machine (also about air-patrol along I-82).

Three options are at your disposal, 500 miles in 15 hours, 1000 miles in 24 hours, and 1500 miles in 36 hours. Each event is staged and you ride only against yourself. This is not a race, only a quest.

The Rally is on August 1-2 depending on the ride you choose to partake in. More information to be had at:

Cascade Classic, POB 3491, Everett, WA 98203
Steve Willits (425) 710-9320 or
George Fair (425) 347-0793

Ride For Kids

For those interested: September 13 in Enumclaw is the start of the 1998 Ride For Kids. Registration opens at 8 am at the King County Fairgrounds, and the parade style ride starts at 10 am **SHARP!**

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HSTA Survey

I know that it's tedious, but if you wouldn't mind giving ME some feedback, I would be able to cater more towards your needs. Seldom do I hear back, unless I've rattled someone's cage, on issues that concern us all. I'd provide the postage, but I don't want the feedback THAT badly to sport it from my own pocket – remember, I send out about 80 newsletters a month, so the costs add up quickly.

Please return the survey to me either by mailing it, or be sending it to the new address below. Thanks

New Address for ME

I've moved and have a new address and phone number. Please update your information as needed:

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425-254-8156 (Home)
206-972-2392 (Cellular - Same as before)
206-989-1315 (Pager - Same as before)

Cannonball Cancellation

There is talk that the wrong people got word of the Cannonball from Seattle to Savannah, GA and have made it clear that there will be no condoning of such hooliganism. My guess is that it will still run, but be pushed underground. I will get word, and keep you all

posted in the July newsletter. Either way, we'll make a ride of the day, staying clear of potential speed trap areas.

Events At-A-Glance

June							July						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6				1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30					26	27	28	29	30	31	1

June 6-8 - Oregon Outing II - Cancelled
I am unable to host this event
as previously scheduled - Sorry

June 13 - Denny's in Renton (Kennydale) - 8 am Meet
Ride to Mt Baker

June 21-25 - STAR in Taos, NM

July 11 - Denny's in Renton (Kennydale) - 8 am Meet
Ride to Leavenworth

July 17 - Mitzel's in North Bend - 8am Breakfast
Cannonball Rally

Possible Cancellation – Stay tuned!!!

July 18 - **Mitzel's in Poulsbo** - 8am Breakfast
Ride to Neah Bay

July 24-26 - BIG SKY RUN II, WA/ID/MT

August 1 - **Café Veloce - 7 pm Dinner**
Overnight to Vancouver, BC / Whistler / Hope

On the net - <http://www.snwsc.com/hsta/main.htm>