

## Washington State Chapter July, 1998

### *June 13 - Mt Baker*

What can I say about the weather that we are having this year – it SUCKS! Most of the regular riders showed up, probably cause we're all getting desperate to ride in no matter what anymore.

Kevin Iden, Jon Labbe (newcomer), Mark, Kirby, Jim, Trevor (new VFR800), Kevin Jaquith, Chris, Bob, Dawn, and myself were in attendance.

We took the usual route, heading north until we got to Marysville for the first gas stop, and at that point, made a decision whether to proceed, or to call it a day. The weather wasn't making it an easy decision, but after a few more miles, we're glad we hung with it. Turned out to be a good day in the north and once we got past the convergence zone, it was smooth sailing with great roads.

Some of us (I included) had to return quickly so the pack split into two after finishing Mosquito Lake Road. Four of us headed straight home, while the rest went towards Bellingham to have lunch. Due to the time, we chose not to head up to the summit of Baker, calling it a short day. Maybe next time, in August, there won't be anything holding us back.

### *Neah Bay Update*

There has been a recommendation/request to eat breakfast at the Kingston Inn. It is located directly upon exiting the ferry in Kingston and is rumored to have pretty good food. It makes more sense to meet here since Poulsbo would be out of the way, and then we would have to backtrack to get on route. I hope that Larry doesn't mind riding a little to meet up with us.

For the rest of us that are commuting by ferry, the schedule is 7:10am, 8:00am for departure from Edmonds. You don't have to wait in line if you're riding your bike (HOV privileges). Those that want to sleep in, or that don't want to eat, can catch the 8:00am boat and still be fine. We'll wait for its arrival before leaving the restaurant.

**Date:** July 18 – Ride to Neah Bay  
**Location:** Kingston Inn  
24886 Washington Blvd NE  
(360) 297-3373  
**Time:** 7:10 or 8:00am Edmonds/Kingston Ferry,  
8am Breakfast  
9am Ride  
**Directions:** Exit 177 off I-5, West to ferry terminal

### *Another Kramer*

Congratulations are in order for Bob and Lynne Kramer who are expecting an addition to the family.

Looks like that Viagra stuff really works!?! Mat was wondering if Bob would trade in the F2 on a BMW with a sidecar... (Naa – soft saddlebags work fine)

### *HRCA Schedule*

Many of you have asked about a ride schedule for HRCA. Well, the answer is... we're just more organized than they are right now... I'll keep prodding.

I can say that they have assured me that **EVERY** Sunday they are planning on riding somewhere. They originate from I-90 Motorsports in Issaquah at 9:00am. I guess if you're open minded to the location, you should show up and plan on doing a light mileage day (less than 300 miles) and plan on making more stops than we usually do. Monthly meetings are at the dealership the first Thursday of each month at 6pm.

Those that are so equipped can locate them on the Internet at [www.I-90motorsports.com](http://www.I-90motorsports.com). They have a schedule listed there of overnight destinations. Here is a synopsis as of June 25, 1998:

June 28 Mt Baker, WA  
July 25-26 Winthrop, WA  
August 8-10 Whistler, BC  
September 13 Ride for Kids, Enumclaw, WA  
September 26-27 Long Beach, WA

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### ***HSTA Survey Results***

I received 13 responses, which were less than anticipated, but enough to get a general feel for trends.

Most plan on making a handful of rides, feeling comfortable at around 3-400 miles. Few were interested in the overnight trip to BC, but almost all were interested in a multi-day trip out of state, particularly Oregon and BC. The majority feels the start times are appropriate.

Regarding safety issues, almost everyone feels that we do a great job in this area. There were comments on our speeds and passing situations, but that is what life on a motorcycle is all about. I feel good knowing that people feel that they would be well taken care of in the event of an emergency – and they should.

Newsletter forum was split, but one suggestion was to e-mail the NL to people by pasting it in the message itself, so that there are no compatibility problems. Consider it done... Everyone loves the At-A-Glance (glad I thought of it) and 2-3 months is fine for event notification.

All the comments were noted, and will be reflected in our future actions. Next years ride schedule will also reflect new changes. I would like to thank those that responded and thank those that complimented me for a job well done on the NL's.

### ***Cannonball***

The Cannonball is officially cancelled. Mike Gasper has informed me that someone had taken ill to the event and notified the NHTSA and the DOT. Regardless, we will still plan on a ride for that day.

### ***Events At-A-Glance***

July							August						
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26	27	28	29	30	31	1	30	31					

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

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

July 18 - Kingston Inn - 8am Breakfast  
(Ferry leaves Edmonds @ 7:10 and 8:00 am)  
Ride to Neah Bay

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

August 1 - Café Veloce - 7 pm Dinner  
Overnight to Vancouver, BC

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

August 14-16 - OREGON CAMPOUT  
Camping at KOA in Cascade Locks, OR

August 22 - Denny's in Olympia (Blk Lake) - 8 am Meet  
Ride to Ocean Shores

August 29 - Mitzel's in South Everett - 8 am Meet  
Ride to Winthrop