

Washington State Chapter August, 1998

July 18 Neah Bay

Trying to make the ferry at 7:10 was a real chore. Even worse when I got there, the only other bike in line was a HD and he didn't look like he wanted anything to do with me. So I left him be, like a junkyard dog.

When I arrived at Kingston, Jeff Muhlenkamp greeted me and said that he was the only other rider that he'd seen. He rode up from Lacey so he was probably on the road before I was, and already put some miles on the bike. We ate breakfast and waited for the 8am boat from Edmonds to arrive. 3 more riders got off – Rod, a friend of his, and Trevor. Larry Dunn had already arrived during breakfast, so that made 6 for the day – perfect number.

We headed out, single file all the way to Port Angeles. Boring, boring, boring... with a few passes, and then boring again. After getting onto SR-112, the roads livened up quite a bit, but the weather, believe it or not, was freezing cold! We shivered our way down SR-112 and all the way into Neah Bay. Inland, it was probably 85+ and we're riding in 50 degree temperatures, at best.

After eating lunch and talking about racing 50 and 80cc YSR's, we headed out. 3 of us decided to go back the same route, and 3 continued to finish the US-101 loop around the peninsula. Those of us that continued, sat in a construction zone for about 10 minutes, and finally got to ride again. By now the temps started to climb and the construction crew had just paved a long stretch of new asphalt road. Needless to say, a dream come true – no traffic ahead, probably no law (cause there was no traffic), so we opened up. Trevor, without having much time in the saddle, led on the VFR800 and Jeff and I had a difficult time keeping up.

The road back was made interesting only by the fact that our 3 bikes went past a park ranger at probably 90+ and the ranger never even looked up. Probably attributed to all three of us having stock exhaust and him being busy doing business already.

The ride home was pretty mellow with no other close calls. The total miles were probably over 450 for

those that did the loop, and 300 for those that returned immediately. Good day, but quite honestly, I don't think I'll include this ride on next years schedule due to the fact that it takes too many miles to get to any entertaining roads, US-101 is heavily enforced, and the weather is too finicky and timing is everything.

One last note – BOB, if you ask for a change in the schedule, maybe you should show up?

Wedding

Okay, enough about my wedding already, but I did want to say that today is August 1st. I am up the night before my wedding, trying to put this newsletter together for you all. Call it dedication, call it stress relief prior to the wedding, but I'm calling it a night. Keep your eyes peeled on the net, and I'll have pictures posted - for those who are interested.

Events At-A-Glance

| August | | | | | | | September | | | | | | |
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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

Sept 12 - Denny's in Renton (Kennydale) - 8 am Meet
Ride to be Determined

Sept 19-20 - PACKWOOD PURSUIT
Chinook / Cayuse / White Pass