

Washington State Chapter September, 1998

August 8 - Mt Baker

Mark Grabrick, Bob Kramer, Trevor Norsworthy, Dean Girard (prospect), and Pat Taylor (rare appearance) were all in attendance and ready to rock and roll. Mark commented on the quality of road that leads to the summit and it is definitely IS worth making the trip. I like to get right into the twisties and therefore dragging the day along before getting up to Nooksack and still having time to run up to the summit. Maybe I'll try heading straight up and taking the long way back, giving many options to haul home if the day gets too long. How anyone can get tired of twisties is beyond me!?

August 29 - Winthrop

Mark, Chris, Trevor, "Boots", Eldon (you're probably asking, "Who is Eldon?"), Dean, Dawn and myself all made breakfast but the last three bagged the ride due to other commitments. Eldon, you ask, you may recognize from the STARReview. Bells are starting to ring. I think he suckered his way into the "Long Distance Commute Award" for 1998, unless someone else shows from farther away than Oklahoma! Sorry Tim, you just got moved to second place (Oregon).

Nice to see Eldon since I haven't touched base with him in 3 years since the Oregon Campout in '95. I see he's still riding the same VFR but I forgot to look at the mileage - I'm sure it's in the 6 digit range! From Mark's synopsis, he still hauls on the back roads!

Well all the rumors have been dispelled regarding SR-20 east from Diablo Dam. Yes, there is a WSP that patrols Washington Pass!!! Just as the group was getting into the groove, flashing lights appeared! Oh SH&T... good thing was, he already had someone in his sights and was doing business in the opposite direction and didn't bother our boys!

Upon arrival in sultry Winthrop, the group ate lunch and decided to return the same route rather than make a loop through Chelan. I guess the return trip was

more fun than the one out, but old WSP was once again busy so no obstacles or tickets on the way home.

September 13 - Ride for Kids

Ever wonder about the club doing a charity event? Can't say I did either, but here's your chance - Ride for Kids. This event is supported by the entire motorcycle industry as the number one charity.

I apologize for not promoting the event more, but many people have made sure that I don't forget to do it this month. Here's your chance... you too can participate in this worthwhile event and get some fantastic riding in too. I don't think the WSP will be too hard on you for opening up a little if you tell them that you're doing it for a good cause.

Seriously, it's a good cause, your buddies are probably doing it, and chicks respect you more are all good reasons to do it, but think of the kids - research is expensive and every dollar helps.

If you can't ride or participate, please, sponsor someone who is. Did I mention, it's tax deductible?

Location: Enumclaw @ 9am, Ride at 10!

September 12 - Pick your destination!!!

Okay, how many rides did we blow off either for weather, low turnout, or just plain laziness. Okay, I'm guilty of a few myself. ;-)

Think about which road is your favorite and which road you think you can convince others to ride. Looking back at the schedule, I see many destinations that we used to ride, but I forgot to include in this years schedule - Lake Cavanaugh, Whistler (yes, it IS doable in 1 day), Goldendale/Hanford, Yakima, Long Beach, and many others. Whip out a map, close your eyes, spin around, and point at a location - tell us your result!

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September 19/20 - Packwood Pursuit

Don't forget about the last multi-day ride of the year. Dan Meekhof is still willing to put us up (or put up with us) and allow us to explore the 3-pass area of Packwood. I'm planning on attending this one with Dawn and therefore hope that others will join us for Pizza and Calzones in Packwood on Saturday night! See you there!

Newsletter Editor

How many of you are tired of my ramblings? I think I suffer from "My Mouth Runneth Over Syndrome." It must be a result of hanging around Mark too long! So, for anyone who feels that they have significant material that is fit for publishing, please let me know. I need help! I've found myself short on time to write, much less ride. Keeping up with the website is challenging as well, and we need some support from the rest of the club so that we can keep the quality up.

I am more than willing to help with anything, but I've bitten off more than I can chew since Mat has stopped webmastering the site. Got to give him credit - He did a fantastic job on it. There is still much to do and many new ideas that can be incorporated. It takes more than one person to do it all though. Please volunteer to help, or I will have to resort to groveling and begging... Thanks ;-)

Events At-A-Glance

September							October						
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27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Sept 12 - Denny's in Renton (Kennydale) - 8 am Meet

Ride to be Determined

Sept 19-20 - **PACKWOOD PURSUIT**

Chinook / Cayuse / White Pass

Oct 10 - Café Veloce (Totem Lake) - 7 pm Dinner

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