

## Washington State Chapter October, 1998

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### *September 12 - Leavenworth*

Many people showed for the meeting, but only a handful rode to Leavenworth (the selected destination). Bryan Bailey showed on a new GSXR, and another gal joined us, having been recruited by Dean Girard at Lynnwood Cycle Barn. Lisa, who has had many bikes in the past, was riding a CBR1100XX. She would be a great addition to the club. Hopefully she will continue to ride with us.

Jim and Lisa swapped bikes during the day, and I'm sure both were impressed with each bike. Jim's description was that he loved the power of the XX and that it felt much like a CBR1000 Hurricane. Only noticeable attribute was the weight going from full tilt one way to full tilt the opposite way. I would personally like to ride one and be convinced that it IS the right bike for 2-up sport-touring.

### *September 19/20 - Packwood*

The last ride of the season was a great one. We had a new member join us for the ride to Packwood, while Jim decided at the last minute to forego the adventure.

Alex MacDonald, Bob Kramer, Mat and his wife Nicki, and Dawn and I rode to Packwood by way of Enumclaw, Greenwater, and over Chinook Pass. The roads were clear, with the one exception that got our butts to pucker real hard. SR-410 was a little bumpy once entering the park. It appeared as though it was going to rain, but held up and we basically had a dry ride all weekend.

Once in Packwood, Dan Meekhof opened his doors to us and allowed us to sack out at his place. After a brief chat, we all hit the road again to make the trip up to St Helens for the twisties of FR-25 and FR-99.

About 3/4 of the way to Windy ridge, we encountered a caravan of BMW's coming down the mountain and they provided some serious oogling of all makes of BMW.

Just as we were about to round the corner to the peak, we noticed the dark, and I do mean DARK clouds

just ahead of us. No need to put on raingear, we turned around and raced home for cover.

Alex peeled off and headed for home after dealing with a momentary shut down of the ST. Who knows, you're riding along, hit a bump, and all the electrics go off!? Mat and I pulled up on him wondering why he's off the bike flailing his arms up in the air, and the first thought was - He went down! Luckily, the bike turned over without hesitation and we were off again.

The evening consisted of making a supply run of Yukon, Peach Schnapps, and chips for the night, and enjoying some serious Calzones in Packwood. They are truly worth the trip, and bigger than even Mark could eat in one sitting.

We played cards once back at Dan's place, and once again, Dan was unbeatable at Poker. Here's a guy that gets dealt a full-house on the deal, and waited long enough for someone else to open the bidding - shrewd, very shrewd, Dan!

After a good night's sleep and sleeping in, we headed for home. Bob left a little earlier than Mat and I did, and encountered a buck in the middle of the highway. From Bob's recollection, it sounded like the deer was going to make friends by charging the F2, but decided otherwise. We on the other hand, had a rabbit in front of us until Eatonville and he provided a brisk pace for us to follow. Gotta love it when someone has that machismo chip on his or her shoulder thinking that they could possibly stay in front of us. Well, we let him think that while he cleared any radar traps in front of us.

It turned out to be a great weekend for everyone and I think Nicki may be coming on more rides with the group from now on. It's great that I'm not going to be the only 2-up rider anymore!

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### ***Schedule Planning***

Lots of 1 or 2-day ride locations are out there. Please bring all your suggestions and ideas to the Christmas party for next year's schedule. I will take it upon myself to put a tentative calendar together (cause I know we are mostly lazy) and will look for people to modify it as needed. From the survey, most people liked the idea of doing a trip through Oregon so you can bet your butt, it'll be there. No wimping out this year!!!

### ***October 10 - Café Veloce***

Don't forget the after-season dinner meeting at Café Veloce in Totem Lake. Bring pictures, stories, and your bike if it is not raining - they give a discount for riders!

### ***HSTA Christmas Party***

#### **NOTICE THE DATE CHANGE!!!**

Kirby was unable to host on the 12<sup>th</sup>, so we've moved it to the 19<sup>th</sup>. I hope you can still attend and look forward to seeing you all there.

Same format as last year - Bring a Dish and call Kirby to verify your attendance. See you there.

### ***Electronic Newsletter***

Most members will now be receiving the NL electronically. If you are getting a hard-copy, please let me know at the address below if you have e-mail so that you can be added to the electronic distribution list!!!

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

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

Dec 19 - Christmas Party (@ Kirby's) - 7 pm Dinner  
1999 Schedule / Planning