



High-Speed Transit Authority

Washington State Chapter

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Washington State Patrol Wins One

I was riding around Renton when I noticed the red & blues behind me. I ignored him for awhile, but then he hit the siren. I was heading south on Rainier, close to the onramp of I-405 so I went for it, running the lights at 7th St and also at Grady Way. As I merged onto the freeway, I had to cut across the three lanes of traffic to get to the HOV lane and I still couldn't lose the cop.

WSP joined the chase as I made my way onto northbound I-5 at Southcenter. I made it to the HOV lane along Boeing field, and I could see the cop start to PASS me on my right! I couldn't believe it! He rolls down his window and starts yelling, "PULL OVER!"

I cracked the throttle, but to no avail. There he was again... "Pull over or I'll run you off the road!," yelled the cop over the siren of his cruiser.

Now at about 150+mph, I could feel, in addition to the wind drag, this tugging sensation on my leathers. I look over to see the cop, half-hanging out of his window, pulling on my leg like I'm pulling on yours!

March 13th - Race & Run IV

This fourth annual underground HSTA race was staged on Friday the 13th. The route was a 1000-mile loop that was designed to go past many of the popular speed traps (Concrete, Yakima, Ellensburg, Ritzville, etc.). The goal was to finish the race with the shortest elapsed time, including stops.

Prize money for the top five finishers was \$1000 for first, \$800 for second, \$600 for third, \$400 for fourth, and \$200 for fifth places. The entry fee was \$200 and many of the hard-core members look forward to the opportunity to race on the streets every year.

This year we had 38 starters and 29 finishers. A total of 7 riders were ticketed, 5 of which picked up reckless charges, while the other 2 only got cited for high speed. Two other riders got tangled up while trying to pass a tractor-trailer combination on the shoulder and went down at about 120 mph, only 350 miles from the end of the race. Both riders survived, were hospitalized, and received tickets for failing to maintain control their

vehicles, but not for speed since none of the witnesses could accurately estimate how fast they were going.

They were lucky the police didn't catch them in the act!

Bikes ranged from CBR's, GSXR's, and ZX's.

One rider even showed on a NSR500!

All the top five riders finished under 9 hours with times at 8:46, 8:47, 8:53, 8:55, and 8:59, which works out to just over 114mph for the winner (ZX-11), including gas stops. This breaks the previous record, set last year, by almost 3mph and 13 minutes (which is approximately the amount of time he spent relieving himself after the race!)

Way to go guys! See you next year!

Arrested

Eight members showed for the ride although three of our members didn't make it (luckily I did, so I can write this report for you).

As we were cruising through Snoqualmie Valley, as we do all the time, we were clocked by an officer of Carnation at over 120mph. Knowing full well that we were about to spend the weekend in jail anyway, we chose to crack the throttle, get to the freeway, and try and outrun him.

Of course, Motorola is faster than any bike, and as we were getting on I-90 at Preston, we encountered a small roadblock of two WSP cars on the onramp. We maneuvered around them, with troopers' guns drawn, and started east on I-90. At speeds of over 140mph now, we were pulling away from what we thought would be the last cop for awhile. We took the exit for SR-18 and headed southbound, thinking that we could make it back to Renton, and eventually lose our tail.

By now, we could see a number of King County Sheriffs heading towards us in the northbound direction, their lights flashing and sirens blaring. I counted 5 in a row and all were making U-turns to chase after us.

After taking the Maple Valley exit, we doubled back along Petrovitsky and took headed south on 196th. This would've worked great, but due to an unmarked construction zone, we were forced to stop and with no alternative, go back the way we came. Bad Move!

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The police cut us off, and Bill, Doug and Jeremy who were unable to squeeze by the roadblock, were arrested for felony evasion, speeding, reckless driving. In addition, Bill was cited for riding without an endorsement. Last I heard, they were making friends in the poky and trying to figure out how to pick up the soap without bending over.

Tips for Riding on the Edge!

- ❖ Always face forward. Never look to your sides or you will not see what is in front of you.
- ❖ Never use turn signals - they're distracting and the time spent activating them could cause you to rear-end the rider in front of you.
- ❖ Never fasten the straps on your helmet - in the event of a fall, you want it to be thrown free due to the added weight could pound your head into the pavement even harder.
- ❖ Always pass on the inside of a turn. You don't want the other rider to slide into **YOU**, do you?
- ❖ Never let other riders know what you are about to do, for they will try to interfere with your actions.
- ❖ Always pull wheelies through intersections - most accidents happen in intersections and a smaller target is harder to hit.
- ❖ Always speed - you'll never get rear-ended!
- ❖ When pulled over, always address the officer as "Asshole". They get tired of being called "Porker", or "Pig" all the time.
- ❖ When in doubt - Gas it! It may not solve the problem, but it **WILL** end the suspense!

Future Articles...

Next month... Sammy Stealth reviews techniques for successful evasion of the authorities when involved in a high-speed chase.

Upcoming Events At-A-Glance

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April 4 - **National Tip-A-Hog Day** - All Day
Find a Harley, tip it, and get away fast!

April 18 - **Denny's in Blaine** - 10 am
Ride through BC, Moon the Mounties!
Do not wear 1-piece leathers on this day!

HSTA Disclaimer

Any similarity to actual events is purely coincidental and as such should not be repeated, as they can be hazardous to your health.

Hopefully, you found this newsletter somewhat entertaining. That was its purpose. It is in no way endorsed by the HSTA and I'll probably catch hell for it!

Happy April Fool's Day!