

Washington State Chapter April-May, 1999

March 13 - Lake Cavanaugh

by Jim Masterman

About 8-10 people showed up at Denny's (crowded, almost good service).

Only the new people that have never ridden with the club before show up with bikes. Newbies were: Ty Wiese, Tony Gerbeck, Pat Smith, and Dan Thomas. I'm the only one in leather one-piece. I stood out like a bright red sore-thumb. What the heck.

Chow down grease and carbo's, have Jim H. carefully explain how to get to Lake Cava-something or other, look at the other guys and we know we are going to get lost. So a VFR, Seca, CBR1000, ST1100 I forgot the last bike sorry, head north.

New guys from Bangor Naval base, they instruct (maybe how to flush a submarine toilet and live to tell about it). The fellow on the ST takes the lead and we're off like a herd of thundering turtles (ok, a little faster).

Rain's light but might quit, no Joy there, gets worse as day goes on. Make it to Monroe right nicely. All the guys do great for never riding together. Do I think really well flying in formation making nice passes, being cool. Must be the Navy stuff. At Monroe, fate takes over we get lost, ask a kindly farmer, head off in right direction, and 5 miles later get lost again. Decide the ST needs compass maybe. ASK SOME KINDLY local types again for direction at Marichus something road, split up, me and 2 Navy guys heading towards Granite falls others heading home. We make it to Granite falls decide we had a good time despite the rain, wonder how come the club guys ain't here and head home. On way home, rain pours in sheets, 40 mph cross winds. I decide to keep it reasonable most of the way. Racked up 150 miles, good rain practice, good riding buddies, my hands begin to function again after only 2 hours in boiling water. I look forward to riding with someone that has been there before next month.

April 10 - Granite Falls (not)

Okay, this weather is really getting on my nerves. The morning looks relatively safe, though Jim riding up from Puyallup, got soaked along the way.

Attendees were Bob, Jim, Mat, and myself. Quinn Nelson and significant other Katie showed for breakfast just as we were ready to pull out.

After talking to the newbies about our riding tactics (and probably scaring them off) we disbanded from Denny just before 10am. Long meeting, but good conversation.

The upcoming rides will be long awaited and I'm personally going to ride rain or shine (or should I be saying Rain or Snow) for Leavenworth. See you there!

Future Newsletters

Mark Grabrick has graciously volunteered (picture 4 300lb guys with Marks arms wrapped around his body and pinned on the floor) to start writing the newsletters. I will probably continue the printing process, but from now on - pass your complaints to him!

Good Luck Mark! (sucker)

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Women of STAR '99

The annual Women's Get-Together and Meeting at STAR in Marietta, Ohio will be held Monday evening, June 21st at 5:30. The Get-Together is for ALL the women of HSTA; solo riders, co-riders, and non-riders! The Get-Together will include valuable information for all of us on a variety of topics that will include everything from tailoring our bikes to fit us better, choosing gear, to information about things to see and do in the Marietta area. Perhaps the best part of the entire Get-Together is the chance to make new friends, and to renew old friendships.

A flyer pertaining to the Get-Together and to issues especially important to women will be a part of the Registration packet. Even if you are unable to attend the meeting, we of the Steering Committee hope you will take the time to read it and to respond to the enclosed questionnaire. Results of the questionnaire will be compiled and shared at the Get-Together.

We'd like ALL women of HSTA to bring a photo of themselves to STAR. The photo can be of you and your bike, with your kids, doing something you enjoy or anything that will tell everyone in attendance a little about YOU. We hope to fill a BIG poster with the photos. Please include your name and state with the photo, too.

The Steering Committee for the Women's Get-Together, Jo Hamilton (Minnesota Newsletter Co-Editor)

Events At-A-Glance

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May 8 - Denny's in Renton (Kennydale) - 8 am Meet
Club Meeting / Ride to Leavenworth

May 14-16 - **WeSTAR**
Yosemite, California

May 16 - Mitzel's in Puyallup - 8 am Meet
Club Meeting / Ride to Mt St Helens

June 5-7 - **Oregon Outing**
Seaside, Oregon

June 12 - Denny's in Renton (Kennydale) - 8 am Meet
Club Meeting / Ride to Mt Baker

June 20-24 - **STAR '99**
Marietta, Ohio