

Washington State Chapter  
Fall-Winter, 1999

# Happy Holidays!

## ***1999 Re-Cap*** by Jim Holzberger

In June, Oregon Outing III; four days of riding, eating, camaraderie, and hot-tubbing. Riding got great on Sunday when we got into the Blue Mountains in Northeastern Oregon.

In July, there was Laguna Seca; ten days without rain, riding every twisty road we could find between Washington and Monterey, CA. If you ever find yourself down that way, check out Skaggs Point Road between Stewarts Point and Geyserville. It has some of everything, ridge running, knarly tight twisties, and wide-open sweepers.

In August, Oregon Camp-In; Bob Kramer and I were the only WA members to go and meet with the Oregon crowd at Cascade Locks. We took the 3-day scenic route that included more exploration of Eastern Oregon. We found SR-218, a 36 mile ribbon of twistiness between Fossil and Antelope (remember the Bagwan and his Rolls Royces?).

Packwood Pursuit in September; Dan Hytry, Bryan Bailey, and Jim Masterman got an early start on Friday and spent the day playing in the Gifford Pinchot (see warning below.) I met with them that evening at Dan Meekhof's residence in Packwood (thanks for putting us up, Dan.) Saturday morning, Larry Dunn from Silverdale joined us on his CBR1000 for a ride down the backroads to Hood River for lunch at Mickey D's. That afternoon our ride took us to Mt. Hood, east to Maupin, SE to Antelope (218 had been freshly chip-sealed) and then northeast to Condon, where we spent the night. There, we had the largest piece of Prime Rib I've ever been served in a restaurant. Sunday brought new discoveries, 141 to Trout Lake and Ice Cave, FR 23 north from Trout Lake (like FR 25 from Randle to St. Helens used to be - smooth, twisty, very little traffic).

Looking back, I can't help but notice that I enjoy rides that take me away from the traffic of Pugetropolis. Where but in Condon, Oregon or some other small town will kids ask if you are someone famous? Or where a clerk in a gas station/general store/post office is overjoyed to find that you have \$10 in change to sell her (the nearest bank is 50 miles away).

America and the open road are still out there, and only a days ride away. Start thinking about STAR 2000 in Avon, CO - there's a lot of open space between here and there.

## ***ALERT!!!***

Speeding tickets in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest (the area around Mt. St. Helens) are \$250 and are adjudicated in Vancouver, WA.

The friendly officer who wrote me a warning wanted me to share this with everyone as "they are tired of scraping up crashed motorcyclists". At \$250 each, officer friendly doesn't need to do too much business to justify his fancy Grand Cherokee (it's the white one with 8 antennae on top.)

## ***1999 Motorcycle Show***

Note the NEW date (December 3-5) and the NEW location (The King Dome Parking Lot) for the show this year. More information at:

[www.motorcycleshows.com](http://www.motorcycleshows.com)

Volunteers are needed to set-up, staff, and take down the booth. The first 6 to commit, to at least 8 hours, will be handsomely compensated with FREE entry to the show.

Check out all the Y2K models - Honda will have the new RC51 and the CBR929RR plus the VFR now comes in Yellow. Kawasaki will unveil their 200mph missile the ZX-12 and a revised (read lighter and more powerful) ZX-9R. Yamaha has revised the mighty R1, and Suzuki has redone the GSXR750. This truly is the golden age of motorcycling.

Please call Jim or Dan to volunteer:

**Jim Holzberger**  
**Dan Hytry**

**253-531-8180**  
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## *E-mail Updates*

Things change so rapidly, that keeping up can only be achieved when riding the fastest of new bikes. Seriously, I need your help to keep up with changes in YOUR lives including addresses, and e-mail.

**BLUE BOOK updates are due January 31, 2000.**

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If you have not received any e-mail from me lately, please drop me a line, as I continue to plan to send our monthly newsletters via e-mail to those that have it. The rest will continue to get hardcopies. Thanks for your help.

## *1999 - Christmas Party!!!*

Kirby and Adelle Drawbaugh have once again graciously offered to host the HSTA Christmas Party. Directions and a map are provided. The dinner will be potluck so bring something good!

Please **RSVP** with them **(425-228-2465)**.

## *Driving Directions to Kirby's Place*

- Make your way to **SR-167** and take the **SW 180th St** exit, one mile south of Renton.
- Head **EAST** uphill on 180th past Valley Medical Center. **Continue** along for about 5 miles, past Fred Meyer, Safeway, and Albertson's. 180th changes names but eventually becomes **Petrovitsky Road**.
- Turn **left** at **162nd Ave SE**.
- Turn **right** at **179th St**. 179th becomes **163rd** and then **171st St**.
- At the **intersection** of **161st St**, go **straight** through the intersection into **Kensington** and Kirby's house is the **first** house on the **right** with rockery and lots of flowers.

## *Events At-A-Glance*

December 1999							February 2000						
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December 3-5 - CW International Motorcycle Show  
Stadium Exhibition Center, Seattle  
**Fri 5pm-10pm, Sat 10am-9pm, Sun 10am-5pm**

December 11 - HSTA Christmas Party - **7pm** to ???  
Map included – Potluck

## **Tentative Y2K Schedule**

February 19 – Denny's in Kenndale – **12 noon**  
Club Meeting / Ride (Weather permitting)

March 11 – Ride to be Determined

April 8 – Granite Falls / Lake Cavanaugh

May 13 – Leavenworth

June 10 – Mt Baker

June 18-22 – STAR - Avon, Colorado

July 8 – Mt St Helens

July 22 – Mt Baker

July 29 – Neah Bay

August 12 – Ride to be Determined

August 18-20 – Oregon Camp-Out

September 1-4 – Oregon Outing

September 9 – Winthrop

September 10 – Ride For Kids

September 15-17 – Packwood Pursuit

October 14 – HSTA Dinner

December 16 – HSTA Christmas Party