

Washington State Chapter March, 2000

February 19, 2000

Our first meeting went off just like it does every year. We had a great turnout on one of those rare sunny days in February. Temperatures were in the 50's, which made for a good, but brisk ride.

We had 18 people at Dennys, and a lot of new prospects from the motorcycle show in December. Half rode, while half showed up for lunch.

Riders included: Bryan Defrees (Yamaha Vision 550), Wayne Favre (Honda Trans-Alp), Dean Girard (Honda CBR900RR), Mark Hamlin (BMW K100), Alan Heng (Suzuki GSX-1100G), Dan Hytry (Honda CBR900RR), Alex Macdonald (Honda ST1100), Cary Perkins (Kawasaki ZX-9R), and Joel Vaughn + Lisa Ferner (Honda CBR1000F).

Eaters (wusses) included: Bryan Bailey, Donald Grabrick, Mark Grabrick + 2 rugrats, Chris Harnish + Friend, and Dan Thomas. I wouldn't let Donald ride since he just bought a brand new Suzuki GSX-R600 on Thursday prior, and it wasn't properly broken-in yet. I tried that on Trevor in '98 with his VFR, but he didn't seem to mind.

After brief introductions, and a briefer spiel by me warning the group of my bad habits, we ate lunch and headed out. The destination was Mt. Baker (not the summit though). The best part came as we got on Chuckanut Drive and headed south towards Mount Vernon on the way back. Although it got pretty darn cold, and dusk came quickly, it was worth the side trip. One thing that became crystal clear was that we all rode a little sloppy and had some honing of our skills after the long winter break. The goal for this day was to avoid sand in the road, watch out for slick pavement in the shade, and spin the tires. We all accomplished all that without incident.

All riders had a good time as we hurried back home. I'm looking forward to riding when the sun actually starts to heat up the roads and the bodies!

Member Updates Continued...

As I mentioned last time, Dan Meekhof and Amanda were married on July 3, 1999. This is a correction. I apologize to Dan and Amanda for saying it was in the fall.

Bryce Ulrich is finishing up at AMI in Florida in June. Summer plans include STAR2000 with s.o. Marie Grohman on her F650 BMW. He also plans on competing in endurance rallies and maybe a trip to New Zealand. You may even see him at Cascade BMW as a tech toward the latter part of the year.

Tim Macy of ORYGUN, had a get-off last October and has since repaired the scooter and is riding again. No damage to Tim. Plans on joining us Warshitonians for exploration. (Little does he know that we're planning on invading ORYGUN!!!)

Jim Steenson is one of the lucky bastards that is getting himself an RC-51. After the raffle, I plan on calling myself that title too. Shooting for STAR and Laguna this year. Wife Teresa ride a Hawk, and plans on doing the same. Should be busy with both being MSF instructors as well.

Y2K Schedule Corrections (already)

About half-way through the season, I will send out an updated version. For now, please make the following adjustments:

1: September 15-17: Destination remains Packwood, but the contact should read:

Contact: Dan Hytry (206) 612-2821

2: August 18-20: Remove Leonard Lloyd as a contact for that ride. It was listed erroneously.

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By the way, many people hang on every word that I write and I wouldn't want to disappoint you from getting the local newsletters so sign up NOW. ;-)

Events At-A-Glance

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March 11 - Denny's in Kenndale – 8 am Breakfast
Club Meeting / Ride to be Determined

April 8 - Denny's in Kenndale – 8 am Breakfast
Club Meeting / Ride to Granite Falls + Cavanaugh

May 13 - Denny's in Kenndale – 8 am Breakfast
Club Meeting / Ride to Leavenworth