

Washington State Chapter July 2000

June 10 – Mt Baker

We had seven riders go out for a great day of sport touring. Due to the long mileage of the route, the pace was kept fast and on track. I had to pick and choose which roads to take, and which to skip. It was a difficult decision, but I know that everyone had a great time so I must have done okay. Still, we didn't reach the summit. Once again, too many good roads along the way.

Just a quick synopsis of the route for those who were interested – Marine View Drive from Marysville to Warm Beach, east on Norman Road to I-5. North to SR-539, east to SR-9, then north through Sedro Woolley and catching Mosquito Lake Road (this was the really twisty loop). From there we went east on SR-542 to Silver Lake Road where we could've jumped off the bike, ran across the border into Canada, and ran back without the hassle of going through Customs. This is as close as we got to the summit (only 20 minutes away) we ate lunch at a Harley bar called the Holy Smoke, and headed home, catching the first part of Lake Cavanaugh Road along the way. One day, we're gonna HAVE to make it all the way.

STAR vs Laguna

A lot of you are at STAR this week. Still many more of you are heading to Monterrey next week. I fall into the latter. I can't wait to ride down the coast. Looking at all the events around the nation, wouldn't it be nice to have done the Honda Hoot in North Carolina, motored over to STAR in Colorado, and then to California for the Laguna Races? I guess I can dream, while I know that there are some that are living that dream. Maybe next year!

E-mail Newsletters

Most people feel that getting the Newsletters by e-mail is a tremendous convenience. I know that it keeps me from having to print, fold, stamp, and mail them.

I've been able to compile about 80% of our members on e-mail. If you see your name below, I don't have an e-mail address for you. Please send me a note if you have e-mail, and would like to get your information electronically. From time-to-time, I receive leads on rides, and other important information that can't/or shouldn't wait until the monthly newsletter.

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Dirt Biker Warning

Jim Masterman wanted me to let you all know that anyone riding dirt around the Ravensdale, area will be cited for trespassing. The land is private property and the authorities having jurisdiction are issuing steep fines for violators. Sorry it took me so long to disseminate this.

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Pre-Mt St Helens (pre-July 8th)

Donald and I rode to Packwood, twice in the last 3 weeks. The first time, we got a late start so we rode SR-410 over Cayuse Pass into Packwood, ate some Calzones, and headed home. The second time, we reversed our route, I was sick, and didn't feel right until we got halfway down Skate Creek Road (FR-52).

It was clear as a bell, and the roads were awesome. I had warned Donald to "stay focused" and he found out exactly what I meant. As we came around a corner and finally getting to some clearing, whammo – the scenery took over. Oh sh*t, a corner! Well, he came through just fine, but commented to me that it was a surprise. That's what I mean, when I tell new riders about St Helens. The roads are superb, and the scenery even better.

The funny thing here is, that both times, we ran into Dan Meekhof. I know that we were in his "backyard" but still, what are the chances of driving through a town, halfway across the state, and running into someone you know, BOTH times. We got a laugh out of that.

I will not be leading the ride to Mt. St. Helens on July 8th, or the ride to Neah Bay on the 29th. These are some of the few conflicts that I have in my schedule as I'll be teaching classes those weekends.

Chris and Dianne Harnish Wedding

Local member makes an honest woman
of his longtime significant other on July 29th.
Congratulations!

Events At-A-Glance

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July 6-9 – SUPERBIKE Races – Laguna Seca, CA

July 8 - Denny's in Kennydale – 8am Breakfast
Club Meeting / Ride to Mt St Helens

July 22 - Mitzel's in South Everett – 8am Breakfast
Club Meeting / Ride to Mt Baker

July 29 - Kingston Inn – 8am Breakfast
Club Meeting / Ride to Neah Bay

Aug 12 - Denny's in Kennydale – 8am Breakfast
Club Meeting / Ride to be Determined

Aug 18-20 – Oregon Campout – Friday Evening
KOA in Cascade Locks, Oregon
30 miles east of Portland on I-84
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