

Washington State Chapter October, 2000

Favorable Review

There were a couple of guys that joined our ride to Mt St Helens on August 12th, one of which had the accident that left his bike DOA, and the other, Dan Kasprowicz, ride leader and newsletter editor of the I-90 Chapter of HRCA. Dan wrote in his last newsletter...

"I learned a lot about myself and others on this ride. I found what the definition of true camaraderie meant. We all look out for each other and when there is a friend in need, we will be there. We were fortunate in Jon's situation."

These are the kind of comments that make me proud to be associated with our club, and why I'm such an advocate for club riding. I've ridden with I-90 prior to this, and we had a similar situation where we needed to help a fellow rider. That situation also went well.

Good job guys! Keep it up. (the bike too)

September 1-4 – Oregon Outing IV

Washington roads SUCK! Okay, they don't ALL suck, but by comparison, the worst road we took in Oregon, pretty much exceeded the Washington standard of maintenance. Remind me why our gas tax is so high?

This weekend proved that the trip was well worth it considering the weather forecast. Those of us that took the full four days off, didn't regret a moment of it. Jim, Cary, and Bob met at Denny's Friday at 8am and Dawn, Don, and myself were going to join them for the ride over to Pendleton, but we had to make a slight detour. Bryan and his wife Marisa met up with us in Pendleton, but after watching it rain Friday night, and most of Saturday morning, they decided to return home. Shame on them! The weather cleared by afternoon, and most of us got out to do some shorter trips rather than waste a day.

Bob and Cary met some not-so-friendly pig f***er (farmer) that familiarized them with the concept of "Citizen's Arrest". Two rednecks were driving down the road in staggered formation, significantly below the speed limit, holding up everyone behind them. Cary and Bob made their move and squeezed through by executing a lane change. One farmer picked up his cell

phone (what's the world coming to when pig farmers are toting cell phones) and dialed 911 that two bikes were riding erratically. Soon thereafter, Cary and Bob were explaining their version of the events in a parking lot. After about an hour of going back and forth, the complaint was dismissed but not until the keystone cops of La Grande called in their supervisor for clarification. The city, county and state police were all involved. As a side note, Cary pulled the guy aside and asked him if he was willing to personally risk a civil suit over this. I guess not.

Sunday morning we all headed out south on US-395 to Ukiah, and then SE on FR-52 to Sumpter. There we took SR-7 to SR-19, just west of Dayville. We experienced some awesome roads through the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument. This is a must do if you're ever in the area. This is a gorgeous canyon road through awesome rock formations. From here we continued in a NW direction, taking different routes to The Dalles where we spent Sunday night.

After a LONG discussion that we would only stay at a place with a jacuzzi on Sunday night, we searched a couple of places in town and found one. Jim, Cary, and Bob obviously didn't look hard enough cause they wussed out and stayed at the Super 8, with no hot tub. Needless to say, they tried to save face by saying that the hot tub REALLY wasn't that important. We laughed at 'em over pizza at the Dave's Pizza place.

Monday, we jumped across the bridge into Washington, and headed north along FR-141. Along the way, we see this huge MOUND of roadkill. I thought it was a small elephant, or maybe even a rhinoceros. Apparently dead porcupines get quite bloated, and BIG. We stopped and had breakfast at Trout Lake. Afterwards, we continued towards Randle on FRs-141, 90, and 25.

This is where we said our good-byes and left in separate directions. I had 1300 miles on my odometer upon returning home and about a week's worth of cleaning my bike that I still have to look forward to.

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September 9 - Winthrop

The weather looks crappy, and the forecast is worse, and the Huskies were about to beat Miami (which they did). We ended up with 6 brave souls (fools) – Mat, Alan, Larry, Jeff and Jean, Brad, and myself.

We start out with rain gear on, because it looks inevitable that we're going to get wet, taking SR-530 heading from Arlington through Darrington and then to Rockport. Now on SR-20, as we get close to Diablo, the roads are slick. I mean REALLY slick. I can't keep from sliding all over. We continue gingerly until we approach the summit of Washington Pass, and things are starting to appear better. By the time we get to Winthrop, the skies are clear and the temperature is warm. We eat lunch, and deliberated which wet way to go home.

For the return trip, there were different agendas, ranging from needing to pick someone up at the airport, staying dry, and getting home in the shortest amount of miles. We had 3 different routes: A – backtrack, B – bwo Steven's Pass, and C – bwo Blewett Pass and I-90.

Jeff and Jean took A and got wet the whole way back. Alan and Brad got wet going over Stevens so looks like route C was the winner.

Mat, Larry and I did route C in 7 hours of riding. Mapquest claim almost 12. Everyone was home by 7pm and we covered about 450 miles on this ride.

Events At-A-Glance

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October 14 – **HSTA Dinner at Olive Garden** – 7pm
Club Awards & Roast / Recap of the Season
You may want to show up to defend yourself!

Olive Garden at Totem Lake
11325 NE 124th Avenue
(425) 820-7740

December 1-3 – **International Motorcycle Show**
Stadium Exhibition Center
We need volunteers, Contact:

Jim Holzberger, (253) 531-8180
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December 16 – **HSTA Christmas Party** – 7pm
Enjoy the holidays with a bunch of hooligans
Location to be Determined
Questions: Dan Hytry (206) 612-2821

NEW: www.geocities.com/MotorCity/Garage/4714/