

Washington State Chapter
Show Edition, 2000

Happy Holidays!

Y2K Re-Cap by Dan H.

Awesome year! Awesome, awesome, awesome!

Racked up monster miles again and had a blast doing it. I remember back to Bryce doing his year 'round da country and on his final leg, crashing in California on his way home – Dean and I ended up going out the same way, with a bang, on Mt St Helens.

At the start of the year – we broke in the year with a few short rides towards Mt Baker, Granite Falls (what a fiasco), and then Leavenworth. Just when the going got good, we got a warning from a kind WSP officer for having too much fun. That was the last time of dealing with Johnny Law for the year.

One ride after another worked on developing style, smoothness, knowledge of roads, and camaraderie. Gotta love this group of guys!

There were situations that we came across that shot the pucker factor up to at least 9, like when we were finishing up the Lake Cavanaugh loop, and came into a corner marked at 20 when it should've been marked 15 or even 10! Everyone fought hard to stay vertical, and luckily no one gave up the fight, albeit everyone crossed the centerline.

The best of the best was encountered on the longer (multi-day) rides. My first ride towards Laguna was the most memorable of this year. I still can't say Northern California without cracking a smile. The Oregon Outing was a HUGE success and therefore I have planned two such events for 2001 – Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends. Plan on riding between 1500-2000 miles in 4-days on each trip.

The season was capped in October by a fantastic turnout for the club dinner at Olive Garden. The food and service was impeccable. We issued many awards (see 2000 Club Awards, this newsletter) that covered the events of the year. Everyone took their beatings with a smile.

I can't wait to get my bike reassembled after the winter maintenance regimen, and start riding again. Until then, we'll try racing go-karts during the winter! (see HSTA 2001 Schedule) See you at the show!

2000 Club Awards

For the past couple of years, we hand out awards at the end of the season dinner meeting to those deserving. Basically, everyone gets something and we all have a good laugh. This year, the awards are...

Alan H – Felony Evasion Award – for being most likely to appear on World's Wildest Police Chases!

Bob K – "Other White Meat" Award – for first dealing with the Pig Farmer, and then dealing with the Keystone Cops of Pendleton, Oregon.

Bryan B – Binford 2000 Award – for going the extra mile to fixing Dean's bike after the accident on Mt St Helens.

Cary P – Poncho Villa Award – for numerous occurrences in which he tempted the Rain Gods and paid the price!

Dan H – Mr. Miyagi Award – "Ride motorcycle on left. Safe. Ride motorcycle on right. Safe. Ride down the middle, and 'squish', just like grape."

Dawn H – First Lady Award – just because I love her so much!

Dean G – "I'm Feeling Very Olympic Today" Award – for scoring 9.0, 9.5, 8.5, 9.0, 9.0 on his dismount.

Don G – Pilot of the Year Award – for learning how to master the GSX-R600 in less than a season and keeping up with Bryan on Mt St Helens.

Jeff and Jean C – the Shel Silverstein, Where the Sidewalk Ends Award – for exploring the roads around Neah Bay with less than optimal results!

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Jim H – Nothing Ventured, Nothing Gained Award – for finding the most AWESOME roads through Oregon and California. Including some that weren't on the map, were covered with gravel, and were washed out!

Jim M – “He Who Dies with the Most Toys, Still Dies” Award – for managing his time between all his toys: Fun-Mover, race, street and dirt bike, dual sport, quads, and paragliding!

Larry M – Go! Go! Gadget Award – for having a Digital Trick-meter and keeping the highly accurate and somewhat entertaining statistics of our club rides.

Destination: Mt Baker

Time on Bike: 5h 45min

Miles: 326.4

Average Speed: 56.8mph

Top Speed: TOO FAST!

Mark G – Pink Panties Award – for going from making almost every ride, to only showing up for one club ride this year!

Mat M – Rand McNally Award – for successfully leading the group to Mt St Helens, even though he also found 300+ stoplights along the way!

Russell G – “Real TV” Affiliate Award – for always being on the spot and producing quality footage of our clubs mishaps.

December 16 - Christmas Party!!!

Upcoming is our annual Christmas party, this year being hosted by Bryan and Marisa. The layout will be the same as years in the past – Potluck. Festivities start at 7pm, so bring a favorite dish, pictures, and some good stories.

Directions have been provided to current and local members of HSTA.

2001 HSTA Ride Schedule

Please be sure to look at the ride schedule, and if possible, always pull up the website to verify that all the information is correct. I will always let you know ahead of time if something changes, but I hope that you let me know whenever there is a discrepancy between the website, and what is in print. E-mail is the best way to get a hold of me, and the quickest way for me to disseminate information to the masses.

Safety Sign-ins

As usual, I will be maintaining a sign-in sheet for club rides. I will hand out the one I have for you sometime during breakfast, so that you can make changes. Remember, the reason I do this is so that we can take care of the situation should you be rendered unconscious and you don't want us to leave you on the side of the road. Again, the more accurate the information, the better we can serve you.

The Pace & Pace Yourself

Club riding can be the best way of getting experience and learning how to master your machine. The reason being, that when you're out there riding on your own, you may be taking it easy, riding with the flow of traffic, or just plain commuting. Riding with more experienced riders, and watching them, you pick things up about positioning, handling special situations, proper braking, and speed control, things that you may not experience in everyday commuting.

The best articles I've read on these concepts are both by Nick Ienatsch. With permission for reprinting, these articles are being provided at the motorcycle show for everyone to read. My advice is to read them, learn what he's talking about, and obey them at all times.

This year, I became an MSF Instructor, and have learned so much. I would encourage anyone who hasn't taken an MSF course, to do so – ASAP. What you learn, may save your life.

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