

## Washington State Chapter June, 2001

### ***Oregon Outing Recap*** by Jim Holzberger

Friday morning of Memorial Day weekend, we gathered at Shari's in Puyallup for breakfast, prior to the ride. There were just three of us, Cary, Dan and I.

After pulling out of Puyallup, we took SR-7 to Morton. This is a really nice road when traffic is light. Then we took US-12 (notorious for enforcement) to Randle, and then FR-25 down the backside of St. Helens, turning east on FR-90 over to FR-23 to Trout Lake.

After crossing the Columbia and heading east on I-84, we shot down US-97 to Shaniko where we turned onto SR-218 to Antelope and on to Fossil (insert fall-down go boom adventure).

The Fossil area was crawling with big twins as there was an ABATE rally being held there, so unfortunately their presence had drawn the attention of local and regional law enforcement. Dan and I got yellow awards (green equivalent in Washington) for excessive speed - good thing we were taking it easy at that point as we were coming up on a gas stop. From that point on we took the boring route (read: major highways) to Pendleton to meet up with Stan Downing and Doug Weir from Idaho (who, earlier in the day, were notoriously enforced on US-12), and Bryan and wife Marisa, who left Renton after work on Friday.

On Saturday, Stan and Doug didn't think they could keep pace with us, so they opted for their own ride. Bryan, Dan and I did the whole Blue Mountains Scenic Byway Loop. We took US-395 to Ukiah, FR-52 to Granite and FR-51 to Sumpter. From there, SR-7 to Baker City with a little side trip up and back on FR-245 (highly recommended) and finally up US-30 to North Powder. This was our lunch stop. (Don't order the chili at this Café)

After lunch, it was FR-73 west up through Anthony Lakes where a sign read, "Road Closed due to Snow on Roadway." Sure enough there was, but we got through without too much difficulty. Had we taken this road a week earlier, the traverse may have been significantly more difficult. We got back to FR-52 and retraced our steps back to Pendleton, where the temperature was a balmy 93 degrees at 6:00pm.

Sunday morning, Dan left first thing before it got too hot to take care of other obligations. Bryan, Marisa, and I headed out on US-395 then SR-74 to Heppner, and FR-53 to Ukiah (53 is in great shape with new pavement.) Now back on US-395, down to Long Creek (a great stretch of 395) and then west through Hamilton, Monument, Kimberly (SR-19) and Spray. We caught our first thunderstorm between Spray and Fossil, then sedately (yellow reminder tucked in my wallet) rode to Condon for the night.

On Monday we awoke to much cooler temperatures, and had breakfast at Biggs Junction. We crossed the river and then went west on the Washington side along SR-14 to White Salmon. Here, we ran the Friday morning ride in reverse on FRs-23, 90, and 25 on the east side of St. Helens.

Though we had rain intermittently at first light until Trout Lake, it became heavy at times with hail and snow thrown in the rest of the way home.

This was a great ride with all the best roads listed above. If you get the chance - do this route! We will have one more ride in these parts over Labor Day weekend, so if you're so inclined... don't miss it!

### ***Granite Falls Fiasco***

I don't know if I should write what happened here, or whether I should cut and paste last years synopsis of this ride? Different ride, yet similar results.

Let's see, the group got separated, twice, and I received a ton of e-mail on the disappointment (to put it mildly) of the quality of this ride. But hey, no one died!

The good things: the weather was fantastic, great turnout (more people to be let down), the roads were excellent, no one got a pulled over, and no one crashed - what more could you ask for? More organization, I guess.

Okay, I'm not going to belabor the point. I dropped the ball in giving "THE Speech" about the last rider waiting at the last intersection, when there are people still behind them. That way, we make sure that everyone knows where to go. This just didn't happen.

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### *No more Newsletters???*

I need someone to step up in my place to write/edit newsletters for the club. I cannot continue to perform these duties as I am increasingly busy with MSF classes, and with working on my new house.

This will be the last newsletter that I write. I have enjoyed doing this for the last 5 years, but it's time for a new perspective. Will someone please step forth, anyone, anyone... to take over?

I will not be hanging up my leathers, just pulling back in my responsibilities. I will continue to lead rides, help organize, host this years Christmas party, and still be active within the club. You can't get rid of me that easily ☺.

I will help whoever wants to do this to get you set up. Keep in mind, you are free to make changes as you see appropriate for the betterment of the club. I would like to think that I have made a contribution and that the next person will put as much energy into these duties as I once did, but I'm just burned out.

Please contact me and I can provide you with more information on what this volunteer job entails and help get you set up. I think it would be a shame if no one stepped forward. This club offers a lot of opportunity for members to make new friends, become better riders, and learn some roads that would otherwise remain unmolested.

C'mon, make that call. Don't be a chicken... ☺

This is your Washington State Newsletter  
Editor, signing off... (power down) Dan Hytry

### *Events At-A-Glance*

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June 9 – Denny's in Kenndale – **8 am Breakfast**  
Club Meeting / Ride to Leavenworth

June 23 – Mitzel's in South Everett – **8 am Breakfast**  
Club Meeting / Ride to Mt Baker

June 24-27 – **STAR** – State College, Pennsylvania

July 14 – Denny's in Kenndale – **8 am Breakfast**  
Club Meeting / Ride to Mt St Helens  
(Are you ready???)

July 28 – Kingston Inn – **8 am Breakfast**  
Club Meeting / Ride to Neah Bay