

Washington State Chapter February 2002

January 12 – A Day at the Races

The day started at Claim Jumper, where we had 12 people show up for lunch, including regulars as Mark, Don, Mat + Charlyn, Chris, Marv, Tim + Heather, Dawn and myself. We also had new prospects, Kurt, who rides an ST1100 and has been a member for about a year, and Suzanne, who rides an SV650 and recently returned to home in Seattle from Colorado. Welcome to both of you and I hope that you enjoy riding with us as much as we'd enjoy having you along.

After lunch, we headed over to Sykart for some humility. Wait, I was the only one humbled here... but anyway, it was a blast. Only 4 of us raced, but that made it more fun. Jim showed up as a spectator and almost all that were at lunch came to cheer on those that raced.

The race recap goes something like this... Don jumped out to an early lead, and continued to pull away from the rest of us (he had a faster car, I think). I initially started out front, but quickly gave up the lead and fell back to 4th (yes, last). I pulled up the rear for the better part of the race. By the 14th lap, Don passed me a 2nd time, so I guess that puts me in 2nd place, right?

Results were in and Don racked up the fastest lap time of 30.83, me at 31.82, Tim at 31.99, and Chris' fastest lap was 32.30. The fastest lap is not what counts, it's consistency so on that note, the podium finishes were Don at 31.36, Tim at 33.02, Chris at 33.10, and me, dead last at 33.31. That's why you'll see me kneeling in the picture soon to be on the website. It was all in good fun; I'm just glad I ride a bike better than race a go-kart (some may beg to differ there too!)

More Savvy Shopping By Marv Travis

<http://www.newenough.com/> New Enough is the site that has some barely-used, as well as lots of new name-brand clearance leathers, boots, gloves, etc. Start at "Start Shopping or Customer Service". The owners have reviewed and evaluated each item as pertains to fit, finish, quality, etc., and that review appears with each item. Each item of clothing is shown on a model at their

shop, with the weight, height and measurements of the model, so you can see how they fit. Prices seem to run about 2/3 that of retail. Some items are available at greatly reduced prices.

<http://members.aol.com/motorle/> Motorcycle Leather Exchange isn't as extensive as NewEnough, but you might find something of interest.

<http://www.gerbing.com/> is the site for good heated clothing. According to reviews, Gerbing's gear puts out more heat than that from Eclipse or Widder. I have a heated Gerbing liner and gloves which plug into the liner. The liner has a turtle neck, and full-length sleeves that are wired. Once you try heated clothing, you'll wonder why you waited so long.

<http://heat-troller.com> is the site for heated clothing controllers. Gerbing uses these controllers for their line of heated clothing. I have a permanent and a portable controller excess to my needs, (at 1/2 retail) if/when you get ready to get heated clothing.

<http://www.kisantech.com/homepage.htm> is the site for Headlight Modulators. See "PATHBLAZER". These are life savers! Since installing my headlight modulator, I've had only one car turn in front of me in about five years, and it used to happen frequently.

<http://www.hyperlites.com> is the site for Hyperlite SUPER BRIGHT LED lights you wire into the brake light circuit. I have them on my bike. You can rig them to flash for 5 seconds then go on steady, or flash as long as you have either brake applied. See a demo at this site.

<http://www.helmetdepot.com/> They have closeouts on AGV boots, helmets, leathers, etc. You can either go there directly, or access it through the AGV site.

www.adrenalinefreaks.com

Track days are here at Pacific Raceway!!!

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Nor Cal Ride Invitation by Alan Belnap

Here's the deal: Since getting my XX I've been going to a couple of XX enthusiast websites and participating in the forums there. At one point in mid-December, I suggested a get-together somewhere in Northern California.

The idea took off from there and is now a for sure thing. We decided we would accept riders of other bikes, since to not do so would be pretty snobby! So, if anyone wants to go to: www.nashnet.org/cbr1100xx/ they can see what we've got going on. Please let me know at: alanb@mindless.com. If you sign up for the mailing list you will get a ton of mail from the group that is meeting down there.

I'm heading down May 2, staying in Yreka, taking a roundabout way to Santa Rosa. We're riding the next day, then on Sunday it's off to Sears Point for some AMA Superbike racing!! Next day is back north, not sure which route. – Alan Belnap

Sykart vs Kartz by Chris Harnish

(Since Chris had been to a couple of facilities, I asked him to compare Sykart of Tukwila and Kartz of Bothell – here is the rest of the story...)

I liked the track layout at Sykart better, more turns and it seemed longer. The carts up north are propane powered so they don't emit noxious fumes and they appeared to accelerate harder than the gas carts. The gas carts had better top speed but took longer to get up and go. The cost was about the same. Both have a fun factor of 10+!!

Events At-A-Glance

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February 9 - SyKart Indoor Kart Racing – 12 noon
17450 W Valley Hwy
Tukwila, WA 98188
(425) 251-5060
www.sykart.com

March 9 – SyKart – 12 noon (no group lunch)

April 13 – Snoqualmie Valley – 11 Lunch, 12 noon Ride
Denny's (Kennydale)
4750 Lake Washington Blvd.
Renton, WA 98056

Directions: Exit 7 off I-405