



Honda Sport Touring Association

Washington State Chapter

October 2002

September 21 - Mt Baker

Jim and Marv wrote essentially the same account: Brrrrrrrrrr! Frost in the morning as the group gathered: Jim, Dave (GPZ shod with new BT020), Marv, Troy, Tim, and new guy John (green Bandit 1200S) at the Everett truck scales. We stopped at Denny's at Exit 208 to warm up. In Sedro Woolley, we met Paul Hancock from Bellingham on his VFR, then we headed north on SR-9, Mosquito Lake road, and finally up to Mt. Baker.

There was quite a bit of traffic going up but almost none coming down. Jim and Troy rode "THE PACE" and the others regrouped in Maple Falls for the 10-mile ride on Silver Lake road to the Holy Smoke for lunch. Somehow we lost Paul on this little stretch. I thought that we all had a good understanding of where we were going for lunch - come to the stop sign, turn left and 1/2 mile on the left is the Holy Smoke. The rest of the ride home was uneventful.

September 28 - Mt St Helens

The mornings are definitely on the cold side this time of year. (Note to myself: Stagger the start times of the rides at both ends of the riding season)

Don met me just after 6am so that we could eat breakfast at Charlie's in Enumclaw prior to the ride. We rode Auburn-Black Diamond road briskly and our pipes competed favorably against the morning rooster cries. We rolled into Enumclaw at 7am, glad to be stopping to warm up. Don commented on not knowing that he was supposed to bring his "A" game, but the day would prove that this indeed was the only game to bring.

We quickly ate and decided were to fuel. As we rode past the Safeway, we saw 3 bikes in the parking lot, only one of which looked familiar. Only a couple minutes passed but now there were a dirty dozen and still growing. We left the parking lot with 17. This was a large group but I didn't feel the need to separate the group at this point. We would be on enough back roads without getting broken up by normal traffic flow.

Our route would take us south to South Prairie, Electron, Eatonville, Elbe, Morton, and finally to

Randle. After meeting up with Tye in Randle, we were off to the Burger Buggy for lunch. Our return trip would take us up to Windy Ridge and then back to Randle, where we disbanded. Don, Mike, and I went to Packwood, jumped on Skate Creek Road (FR-52) and backtracked the aforementioned route from Elbe, including Auburn-Black Diamond road.

We came up short on our attempt of a perfect season, as mentioned in my previous newsletter. Did I jinx us? Prior to lunch, on FR-25 with about 15 miles to go to the BB, is where we had our first bit of trouble. Jeremy's '96 VFR, a normally calm and comfy steed decided to morph into a bucking bronco. As he hit a pavement separation, the bike bucked him out of the saddle and sent him and his bike down the road. The bike eventually slid off the road, and down an embankment where it found a tree to lodge itself upon. The bike was smashed up pretty bad, and Jeremy required a ride down the mountain to St Johns hospital in Longview, then subsequently to Harborview for surgery on broken limbs.

Damages to Jeremy were: right collarbone was completely broken; a central bone in the left foot was cracked; a bone in the left wrist was cracked; the right ankle was sprained. The only appendage not injured was his right wrist, and that isn't of much use with the right collarbone being broken.

Jeremy was in surgery for some six hours on his left foot (due to poor circulation) and left wrist late Monday. When Marv talked to him on Tuesday, he said there was talk of them trying to get him discharged. However, he didn't feel ready to be discharged; still having lots of discomfort.

When I talked to Marv about the days events, one thing that came up was the issue of emergency contact information. I stopped tracking this information for our riders a while back and see that maybe I shouldn't have. I still have the old information, but you should expect to see this return for next season and I will be asking anyone riding with us to fill it out and make sure that the leader has that with them.

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Awards Dinner in November

The final ride of the season is Leavenworth, which means the season has almost come to an end. A lot of stuff has happened this year and it's time to jog those memory banks of things that stood out. There are definitely some entertaining stories that will be told...

It is at this time that I am taking all suggestions for awards for next months Award Dinner. Please send me your ideas, either by e-mail, or snail mail. If you would like to present an award because you personally want to roast someone, let me know so that we don't double up. The deadline to submit is November 7th.

Awards should not be malicious, or vulgar, and should be entertaining. Serious awards for good deeds should also be recognized.

One last thing – please RSVP with me on your attendance, as well as anyone else you're bringing along. I will try to get the “Al Capone” table and if our group gets too big, I'll request the surrounding tables too. I look forward to hearing from all of you soon!

Events At-A-Glance

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October 12 – Ride to Leavenworth – 12 noon Ride
Meet at Albertson's (Monroe)
Good Two-up ride, Easy pace on this one

November 9 – HSTA Dinner at Olive Garden – 7 pm
Club Awards / Recap of Season
11325 NE 124th Avenue
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Please RSVP with Dan Hytry
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