



## **Honda Sport Touring Association**

### **Washington State Chapter**

### **November 2002**

#### ***October 12 – Leavenworth (maybe not)***

The season has finally come to an end and the final ride was supposed to be to Leavenworth. I purposefully left it on the schedule as a ½ day ride, planning for 4-hours of riding, shoot over three passes, and get home before dark. As it turned out, there were many factors working against us on this one: traffic in Monroe was insane, the weather was DAMN COLD, and OctoBEERfest was happening in Deuschetown. These all added up to be good reasons NOT to go over the pass and freeze our nays off, get pulled over, or risk getting plowed by a drunken cage.

Some braved the elements just the same, and went anyway. Those of us who were less brave (read: pansies) chose to follow me along a northerly route to Granite Falls, Arlington, and Sedro Woolley. The day was originally planned to be short, hence the noon start time and we stopped at DQ at about 4:00. I think a handful went to Leavenworth after all, Tim and Heather were disappointed that I changed the plan, and Dean headed home for some needed sleep (he works graveyard).

After getting to Granite Falls, and taking Jordon Road to Arlington, we cut off towards Lake Cavanaugh. Earlier in the year, this road had just been chipped (chip sealed) and was pretty loose. The quality now is that of a bumpy racetrack. Troy and I exercised our right to twist the wrist, and others were in tow. We turned around and doubled back when George runs me down and says that he's low on fuel. (visions of running dry over Satus Pass in '97 ring in my mind) Sure enough – fuel is kaput only 1 mile from the next gas station. Following that, we did some exploring on South Skagit Highway. This turned out to be a better route to Concrete than SR-20. There is also an extension that takes you just south of Rockport, which we did not partake on this trip.

From here, we turned west to Sedro Woolley where we had lunch and split up for the day. Some of us headed to I-5 to scoot home, and other backtracked the aforementioned route.

All in all, it was a good day.

#### ***Awards Dinner***

Don't forget to call me with your plans for attending. I've already had to start making decisions on award suggestions that have been nominated. Ironically, those that won't be able to attend have made some of the better suggestions. RSVP: 206-612-2821 or by e-mail.

#### ***New Website***

I can't thank Mat enough for hosting the website for the last number of years. I guess it's time that I finally step up the plate and take ownership of it. Very shortly, probably at the first of the year, you will see a new location for the Washington HSTA Website. At present, Mat's site will stay up until I fully transition. For now, you can find all the Newsletters (including this one) back to 1996, at:

[www.geocities.com/youaretooslow](http://www.geocities.com/youaretooslow)

Kindof a catchy name, don't you think?

#### ***MSF Classes***

It's that time of year to start to sign up for classes. Next year I will be teaching exclusively for Evergreen Safety Council. You can call 206-382-4090 for getting scheduled for either an RSS / BRC (beginner class) or an ERC (experienced) class. The BRC is the curriculum to be taught after **May, 2003**.

The number of ERC classes have been expanded significantly for next year. I am currently not planning on doing a special ERC such as last year. I would have to collect all money NOW, and register everyone into one class. There aren't any available weekends to run special classes for next year.

Successful completion of either classes will give you a waiver to get a full endorsement without DOL testing (the skill evaluation is performed at the conclusion of the class).

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### *Seattle Motorcycle Show*

Check the date – the presumed date was incorrect and the current schedule on the net has been updated with the correct information. The dates are December 13-15.

Also, we will not be hosting a booth this year. The recruiting that our members do during the season is great, allowing our new members to be personally introduced to the club, rather than being talked into it. Spending upwards of \$700 for a booth at the show just doesn't pay dividends in the end. I guess you'll have to pay for your own tickets this year - \$10!

### *HSTA Christmas Party*

This year, Bob and Lynne Kramer will host the Christmas Party on December 14<sup>th</sup>. That is the same weekend as the motorcycle show. Festivities will kick off at 7pm. The menu will be Potluck so call ahead to tell Bob what you're bringing. We may ask you help fill in the gaps for missing items. Bring your videos, pictures, and stories. Bob has offered accommodations should you stay too late and don't feel like driving afterwards.

The address is listed to the right. Directions are:

- ❖ Take Exit 186 from I-5. Go East about 2 miles.
- ❖ Make a left on 35<sup>th</sup> Street. Go about 1 mile.
- ❖ Turn right on 116<sup>th</sup> Street. Go about ½ mile.
- ❖ Turn left into the Pinehurst development.
- ❖ Veer right at the "T", and continue to the bottom of the hill. It is the last house with the steep driveway on the right corner. Plenty of parking.

### *Events At-A-Glance*

| NOVEMBER |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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November 9 – **HSTA Dinner at Olive Garden** – 7 pm  
Club Awards / Recap of Season  
11325 NE 124<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Kirkland, WA 98034  
(425) 820-7740

Please RSVP with Dan Hytry  
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206-612-2821

December 13-15 – **Seattle Motorcycle Show**  
Stadium Exhibition Center  
**Fri 4pm-9pm, Sat 10am-9pm, Sun 10am-5pm**  
[www.motorcycleshows.com](http://www.motorcycleshows.com)

December 14 – **HSTA Christmas Party** – 7pm to ???  
Host: Bob & Lynne Kramer  
11011 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE  
Everett, WA 98208-9698

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