



# **Honda Sport Touring Association**

**Washington State Chapter**

**December 2002**

## ***Awards Garnered in 2002***

### **Marv Travis - *Father Figure***

Dependability during times of need.

### **Troy Shuler - *Cirque Du Soleil***

The motorcycle acrobatics are worthy of LVX 3!

### **Tim Popovich - *Moons over My Hammy***

Showing off his better side at Sykart.

### **Mike Fulfer - *The Fast and the Furious***

The GP tires are a dead giveaway!

### **Marv Travis - *Krispy Creme***

Always carry doughnuts when arguing with cops!

### **Tye Aldana - *Subway***

He budgets for the salad bar!

### **Mark Grabrick - *Practice Makes Perfect***

Third time is the charm on the Granite Falls ride!

### **Kathy Spitz - *Hot For Teacher***

For instructing the HSTA Experienced Rider Course

### **Jim Holzberger - *Master Navigator***

Does anyone know where we're at?

### **Heather Armour - *Tipsy***

Dismount (sans kickstand)

### **Fettah Kosar - *"Leash" by Nokia***

Always connected

### **Don Grabrick - *Watch Your Six!***

Don In Mirror Is Closer Than He Appears!!!

### **Dawn Hytry - *Save of the Year***

ROAD ENDS HERE equates to pucker-factor 10!

### **Dave Bolton - *Cheers!***

Ride first, drink later!

### **Dan Hytry - *Fishy / Whore***

100K means a lot of trips to Trout Lake!

### **Cary Perkins - *Victoria's Secret***

Size Q fits most men!

### **Bob Kramer - *BAAAAH***

"Little Sheep Creek" was not just a coincidence!

### **Alan Belnap - *Conspicuity***

Not so "STEALTHY" this year.

## ***This was NOT me!***



## *Destination Highways – Book Review*

Let me state that YES, I can read!

Wow - this book is the bible of motorcycling in Washington. There is an equivalent version for BC that is just as good.

Destination Highways, or DH, are roads that are entertaining in themselves, often times leading to great cities or towns throughout the state. Roads are evaluated on the TIRES system (Total Integrated Road Evaluation System) which looks at Twistiness, Pavement, Engineering (lane/shoulder width, sightlines, and camber), Remoteness, Scenery, and Character (blend of overall quality). Mileage is listed and traffic is rated, but is not included in the TIRES total.

Interestingly enough, 7 of the top 10 are roads we do regularly on club rides, and the top 4 are ones that you should be able to guess without even looking in the book.

#1 – North Cascades Highway (SR-20) from

Rockport to Winthrop,

#2 - Windy Ridge (FR-99),

#3 - Spirit Lake Highway (SR-504) from

Castle Rock to Mount St Helens, and

#4 - FR 25 - Randle to Cougar.

This book is well written, contains great maps and descriptions, is informative (includes gas, hotel/motel/camping/B&B, taverns (for the HD guys), coffee shops (for the posers), and bike shops), and is hilarious. Did you know that BAMBI is the spiritual leader of a woodland terrorist organization?

The book is divided into various regions of the state, including the DONUT HOLE which is an area that doesn't offer squat for pleasurable riding on a bike. This includes the area north-south between Kennewick and Grand Coulee and east-west between Wenatchee to Ritzville. Yes, Hanford is contained within this "hole".

There are 346 roads total, with 74 as DHs and 272 as TEs (Twisted Edge) roads, which are side trips from the main DH. I originally thought that of the 74 DHs listed, that I would've probably ridden at least 70 of them. I was wrong. Though I have been on most, or ridden past all of them, there were detours (TEs) listed that I had no idea were worthy of riding. It looks like I may have an excuse now to rack up more monster miles on the new bike (more on this later) next year.

If it sounds like I am actually excited to ride in Washington - shh, don't tell anyone. Yes, Northern California rocks, and Oregon is only slightly less appealing. However, I do have a renewed inspiration to go explore the Evergreen state.

## *Police Quotes*

"The handcuffs are tight because they're new. They'll stretch out after you wear them awhile."

"If you run, you'll only go to jail tired."

"You don't know how fast you were going? I guess that means I can write anything I want on the ticket, huh?"

"Yes, sir, you can talk to the shift supervisor, but I don't think it will help. Oh, did I mention that I am the shift supervisor?"

"Warning! You want a warning? O.K., I'm warning you not to do that again or I'll give you another ticket."

"The answer to this last question will determine whether you are drunk or not. Was Mickey Mouse a cat or dog?"

"Yeah, we have a quota. Two more tickets and my wife gets a toaster oven."

"Life's tough. It's tougher if you're stupid."

"No sir, we don't have quotas anymore. We used to have quotas, but now we're allowed to write as many tickets as we want."

"Just how big were those two beers?"

"In God we trust. All others are suspects."

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### ***Membership Information***

Membership information updates for the annual Blue Book are due January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2003. If you have any changes, DO NOT wait to send them in.

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### ***All Digital Newsletters***

After this newsletter, there will be no more Washington (NW region) paper NLs. If you don't have an e-mail account, I'm sorry, but it is just too much work to continue for the half dozen that don't have e-mail.

For the rest of you, it will be your responsibility to update me with changing e-mail addresses where you prefer to get messages.

The NEW website up and running, ahead of schedule. You will see some new stuff, as well as updated links and a complete schedule with maps, directions, and contacts.

The website will ALWAYS be the most current information. You can find it at the link below, and I welcome any suggestions for future development. I will continue to discourage advertising and only distribute information that pertains to the club.

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

### ***Events At-A-Glance***

DECEMBER						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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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### ***2003 Schedule***

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