



GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

REGION 'J'

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The first delivery attempt has failed for the majority of recipients in the Region. Many of you received a blank message, and for some this will be your second message. New technology, still working the bugs out, thank you for your patience, however, we hope you enjoy the newsletter.

Northwest News ... from J & L

This is our first Region 'J' E-Newsletter with many more to come. This has been a challenge to put together but like all things GWRRA... when a team puts their mind to a task, results will happen. There are a lot of people to thank for this but none more important than Arnie & Janet Tucker for their dedication and efforts in getting this started and pushing to see it completed and Larry Ohlmann for creating the new Region 'J' logo.

In essence, the Region 'J' newsletter is a vehicle to enhance communication and hopefully lessen the long distances between us. In this issue we are going to focus on the big 'events,' and as spring comes closer we will turn our attention to all the Rider Education and Leadership Training that is - or will be available in the Region.



Region 'J' is a truly International Region, with 3 Canadian provinces (British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan), 3 Canadian Territories (Yukon, Northwest and Nunavut) and 1 U.S. State (Alaska), bringing two great countries together as one, just as GWRRA unites us all.

We are the largest Region geographically at 3.03 million square miles, or 97% of the size of the 48 contiguous states to our South. This makes us almost the same size as the 9 other Regions in North America all together. Yes we are big, but we are also sparsely populated at just over 10.1 million people. That makes us less populated than the Greater Los Angeles area. How is that for a contrast!

So what does all that mean? For many of our members, participating in 'Chapter Life' is not possible. Then there are Rider Education events, Leadership Training, Conventions and a host of other GWRRA activities. All this can be difficult without planning and we need to have the time to travel, travel time being measured in days or weeks. Of course, this assumes that you even know what is available and where.

I would like to encourage everyone to tell us about your special events, such as an Advanced Rider Course or any of the many seminars you are hosting, so that they can be highlighted and shared with everyone. Arnie and Janet have put together some of the events we know about and they are posted in this newsletter.

One of the great strengths of GWRRA is that we are all members of GWRRA and are free to participate in all the activities available, whether they be Region, District or Chapter events and even better...they don't have to be in our own Region, District or Chapter. We hope to meet you at some of them soon.

John & Leslie Wait

Region 'J' Directors

Region 'J' The Great Northwest Event Highlights

- **Region J 2013 Convention – August 2nd to 4th in Westlock, Alberta**

The 2013 Region J Convention is being hosted by the Edmonton, Alberta Chapter AB B. Ted & Raylene Brooks Chapter Directors for AB-B have had their chapter working hard for the better part of a year now planning the "WORLD'S BIGGEST REGION "J" RALLY". Ted was saying: "The host facility has the biggest parking lot of any Region J Convention, and we are planning to make full use of it ... people will be amazed".

Leslie and I are already planning our trip from Vancouver to Westlock, and then on to Pendleton, Oregon. It would be great if you could join us.

For more information:

Website: <http://www.gwrra.ca/RidesAndEvents/RegionJRally/info.htm>

Contact: info@gwrra.ca or by phone @ 780.349.1093

- **Region I 2013 Convention – August 7th to 10th in Pendleton, Oregon**

The 2013 Region I Convention is back in Pendleton after an extremely successful event in 2012. Mike & Peggy Hudnell (Region I Directors) have their team working hard to put together an even better event this year. Leslie and I would like to thank Mike and the Region I team for changing the dates of their event so that it would line up with the Region J Convention this year, so we can all attend both. Talk about Friends for FUN, Safety and Knowledge.

Let's make the most of this extraordinary opportunity. There are going to be lots of groups migrating down to Pendleton and I'm sure there will be as many different routes as there are groups. Share your ideas and plans and we'll make a note of them in upcoming issues.

For more information:

Website: <http://www.bigskyregioni.org/Flyers/2013/Region%20I%20Rally%202013%20Registration.pdf>

- **Wing Ding 35 Ridin' the Ridge – July 3rd to 6th in Greenville, South Carolina**

This of course is the gran-daddy of GWRRA events and never disappoints. Leslie and I are already hearing about plans being made to get to Wing Ding ... are you? This is a long ride from our Region, with so much to see and do along the way, let us know if you are going and we can share some of the ideas with others.

Leslie and I would enjoy meeting up with you there.

For more information:

Website: <http://wing-ding.org/>

- **Victoria Days – May 17th to 20th in Salmon Arm, British Columbia**

This is the season opening event for many in our Region and is well attended with folks from BC, Alberta, Washington and other areas coming to join in the fun.

For more information:

Website: <http://vwh.ca/bc-g/events.html>

Message from the Region Educator

Here we are, into another New Year, 2013. For most of us in Region "J" we are in the middle of winter and suffering from P.M.S. (Parked Motorcycle Syndrome). All but maybe our friends in the Vancouver area. Now would be a good time to tinker with our rides and install all that "Safety Chrome" that Santa brought us. Before we know it spring will be here and we can get back on our bikes again.

Spring also brings the start of another training season. Our Chapter Educators will be planning for the courses for this year. If there is a particular course or seminar you would like to take, speak to your Chapter Educator and if there is enough interest we will try our best to make it happen. Last year was a bit of a challenge. With limited number of instructors available, especially in Alberta, and some conflicts with dates we had some juggling of courses but we did get it done. I would like to say a BIG Thank You to all of our instructors and members for making it happen. Without their work and support this would not have been possible. With early planning we can avoid these challenges this year.

As I am sitting here writing this I catch myself thinking about the upcoming season and the trips we are considering. One event we don't want to miss is Edmonton's World's Biggest Region J Rally August 2nd through 4th, 2013. The Edmonton Chapter is working hard to make this a great event. More details will be made available very soon.

Till then, take care and see you on the road very soon.



Larry Harland

Region 'J' Educator
Lethbridge, Alberta

Message from the Region Leadership Trainers



The Leadership Training Program is a benefit of GWRRA membership, it is the means that we have to make sure we have well trained and informed Officers, the Officer Training Program has for the past few years been the main focus of our Trainers, most of Region J Officers have now completed the Program, either with the courses offered at Chapter & District or by using the on line Program. This program is also a benefit to our members at large, giving a good understanding of how GW is administered and why the organization is set up as it is.

LTP also offers life skills training programs and many diverse courses to help the member get full enjoyment from their membership. Over the next few months GW will also be working to amalgamate many programs under the GW University, which should give easier access to all GWs programs. GWs Rider Training Programs are already recognized as the best available in the industry and with the assistance of our dedicated Trainers we are looking forward to providing our members with the best in every field of endeavor.

Phil & Margaret Craven
Region 'J' Leadership Trainers

Message from the Assistant Region 'J' Directors (& Editor)

Welcome to the first edition of Region J E-Newsletter. This newsletter is not meant to take over any other newsletter, but to supplement what you have already. We have planned this as a quarterly distribution, but you never know. This e-newsletter will only be sent to those who have submitted an email address to GWRRA. If you change your email, please notify GWRRA of the change. Thank you.

What we have planned, is to give you news or articles pertaining to Region J and the National HO. I'm asking, from the Region J membership, to submit stories and other glimpses of our region. You will notice the region ride schedule on the next page. I'd like to keep this as a list of pre-planned rides that are set up from the start of each year, and not a spur of the moment decision. I'll update these as chapters submit them. Even if you may only do one planned event, I'd like to put it in. As for stories, please remember that I'm not a novelist, so not too long.

I see from the schedule that there are a few motorcycle shows. I'd like an article from the someone who attended about the impact they are having in your area. Could you do that for me, please.



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Region 'J' - Rides & Events

January

1 BC-A -New Years Day Ride
11 – 13 Edmonton Motorcycle Show
17 – 20 Vancouver Motorcycle Show
26 SK-D Xmas Dinner & Bowling

February

2 BC-A Silent Auction & BBQ
9 AB-B Pioneer Comedy – Hazel Bluff
16 BC-A, C, D Karen's Krome Social
22 BC-D Cloverdale Races Social

April

SK-D Swap Meet - TBA
6 BC-D Bike Maintenance Day
19 – 21 Saskatoon Motorcycle Show
20 BC-A, C, D Road Capt/ Co-rider Course
21 BC-A, C, D Team Riding Course
27 AB-BPot Luck Dinner
27 BC-A, D Mall Show
27-28 BC-A/C/D MFA Course

May

3-5 BC-A, C, D ARC's
4 SK-D Mall Show
11 BC-D Memorial Ride
12 AB-BMother's Day Ride
12 BC-G Maintenance Day
16-21 SK-D Boys Ride To Vancouver
17-20 BC-G Victoria Days in Salmon
Arm
26 AB-BAl's Garage, Lamont

June

1 BC-A Bob Davies Fun Run
9 AB-B Settler Historic Park
11 AB-BBBQ @ Hawrelak Park
16 AB-BReynold's Museum – Wetaskiwin
16 BC-AFather's Day Ride
21/22 AB-B ARC
21-23 SK-D Greenwater Camping Trip
23 AB-BRoad Captain Course
23 BC-ATriple D Ride
29,30,1 AB-B Baptiste Lake
29-30-1 BC-D Kootenay Loop Ride
29-30-1 BC-C Princeton Campout

July

1 SK-D Day Ride to Waskesiuw
3-6 WING DING 35 S. Carolina
7 AB-B Paridice Valley Picnic
14 AB-BRock Mnt House, Braseau Dam
21 AB-B Mulhurst Bay
27-28 BC-A Cascade Loop Ride
28 AB-BWorlds Big Ride, dry run

August

2-4 REGION J Rally, Westlock, AB
5-8 migrate to: Region I Rally, Pendleton
Oregon
11 AB-BSTARS Poker Run
11 AB-BAg Drag
18 AB-B Ellis Bird Farm
17 SK-D Camping, Outlook Regional
Park
25 AB-BFUN Golf Tourney
25 AB-BTurkey Fry
25 BC-ADuffy Lake Loop Ride
30,31,1 AB-B Peace Counrty Ride
30-2nd BC-D Gold Run Rally, Princeton

September

Labour Day, Whitehorse YK, Klondike Road Relay, support
servicing
1 AB-B Sunshine Ride
8 BC-C Green Heart Ride
8 AB-B City Roads Tour
8 SK-D Poker Rally
10 AB-BBBQ @ Hawrelak Park
15 AB-B Chapter Director BBQ
21 BC-D Ride & Corn Roast
22 AB-BVictoria Settlement
29 AB-BToy Run – Garage Gathering

October

5-6 BC-G Nakusp Cold Run
5 AB-B Smokey Lake Pumpkin Festival
6 AB-B Corn Maze
6 Vancouver Toy Run
19 BC-A, C, D Joint Planning Meeting
20 Fraser Valley Toy Run
26 BC District Meeting

November

11 BC-A Remembrance Day Ride
17 BC-D Chilii Dinner
30 BC-AXmas Dinner Party
30 AB-BXmas Dinner Party

December

7 BC-D Xmas Dinner Party
7 BC-G Xmas Dinner Party
14 BC-CXmas Dinner Party

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