

GOLD WING TOURING ASSOCIATION

May 2010



IT'S ALL ABOUT FUN!!

The State gathering is just weeks away and we're shifting into high gear. Here's just some info to share:

- **Arriving to the Rally:** It is important that everyone understand that the earliest that rally attendees are able to park in the camping area or RV area is 12:00 PM **Thursday, July 1st**. State staff will be putting the organizational touches on the facility and will be working prior to 12:00 PM to get things ready. We have not made arrangements with the facility or our insurance to cover anyone prior to this date and time, so no matter what rumors you've heard please do not come expecting to get onto the grounds prior to 12:00 on July 1st. Also, motorcycles are allowed on the campground to deliver tents, trailers, etc but must be parked in the parking lot afterwards. No motorcycles are to be permanently parked on the campground. Also, due to the drain on the electrical system no motor homes will be plugged in this year. The motor homes will not be parking next to any of the buildings this year so look for the signs showing the new parking location across from the bus garage.
- **Schedule of Events:** is out there now so you can start planning your activities.
- **Opening Ceremonies:** will be held on Friday, July 2nd at 11:00 AM. This time change was implemented last year in order to allow more people to arrive before opening ceremonies.
- **Door prizes:** As in years past it has been requested that the chapters supply door prizes for the State Gathering, this year is no exception. We are requesting 3-5 adult prizes and one child's prize per chapter. Please let us know if you need help getting these items to the rally.
- **CD and ACD Roundtable:** This will be a room set aside for current CD's and ACD's to gather and talk in a forum for exchanging thoughts and ideas. There is no itinerary and the State Director's will be on hand to answer questions if we can. This is planned to be an area of friendly gathering and hopefully some mentoring between the "Old-Timers" and the "Newbies" and those in-between.

- **Safety Programs:** At State this year we are offering an SRC course and a CPR/1st Aid Class. The SRC Course is \$25.00 and the 1st Aid/CPR Course is also \$25.00. Sign up at registration on a space available basis. Thanks to Frank Miller and Scott Peabody of Region A staff for putting these classes on. Due to the SRC course, parking at the Gilson Gym parking lot will be in posted areas on Friday night to allow for space to conduct the SRC course Saturday morning.
- **Thursday Dinner Option:** The Ritzville Festival Association will offer a Spaghetti Dinner to anyone who wants to purchase it: Spaghetti, salad, bread & beverage for \$8.00 or with dessert for \$10.00. This will be at the school facility and is a fund raiser for The Festivals Association, which is a nonprofit organization that sponsors the yearly Jr. Miss Program and provides scholarship monies for the Jr. Miss, the Finalists, and the Scholastic & Spirit Award recipients. The dinner was very well received last year and we look forward to stuffing ourselves again this year.
- **Saturday Night Dinner:** A great meal of Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Corn Bread and Pie for dessert. Just a good ole' fashioned down on the farm dinner with all your friends.
- **A Call to Early Risers:** We are looking for help with doing the morning coffee and donuts. If you are an early riser and wouldn't mind pitching in one morning to set up coffee and donuts please contact Marty & Barb Manson at martyandbarb@wildblue.net.

We could not be happier that Steve and Cameron Gillit are becoming the stewards of Washington State and believe that they will be the awesomest State Director's anyone could hope for. They have our support and friendship for as long as they'll have us, and their new staff will work hard for you and everything that Washington State stands for.

This is the last newsletter that you will be getting from Don and I, as our time is coming to an end. We have had many memorable times while serving as your State Directors, and while not all are happy memories, all of them are treasured memories. We could not have accomplished any of it without our wonderful staff of volunteers and hope that when you see them you will remember to thank them for their time and energy as well. Marty & Barb, Mike & Becky, LeeRoy, Dot, Rita, Bud, Dave & Sandy, Denny & Yvonne – You all have made us proud to work with you and hope that you have enjoyed your time with us. Thank you to all the members that have supported us and given us your encouragement and your friendship.

We will see you soon.

Don & Carol

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