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ENJOY YOUR TRAILERING EXPERIENCE WITH THESE VALUABLE TIPS!

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Trailers & Trailering Ron & Kathy, Chapter Educators FL1-M

While researching some Rider Education material I read an article giving a reason to cross your safety chains. This article explained how he spoke to an individual at a Honda dealership about trailers and noticed that his safety chains were not crossed. He proceeded to explain that the chains are crossed to make a cradle to catch the tongue in case the trailer becomes unhitched. I have heard this story before (and it is only a story) and thought I should take the time to correct this misconception.

I measured the distance from my hitch to the ground and this is 10". The distance from the safety chain connection at the hitch to the point where the safety chains are connected to the tongue is 14". This means that there is 4" of safety chains left when the hitch is on the ground, excluding the skid bar, which will contact the road first and that does not include any slack! The safety chains on my trailer are longer than a lot because we have the 360° swivel, however I have attempted to catch the tongue with other trailers and it doesn't work. There is no fixed point where the chains cross; therefore if the trailer comes loose the cross can move all the way to the tongue connection or conversely toward the rear of the bike. This depends on whether the trailer is approaching to bike or not. This does not keep the chain cradle in position that some individuals tell you.

The original idea for crossing the safety chains was designed when the safety chains were placed on both sides of the tongue and this was a way to keep the chains at an even length when going around turns. The safety chains can become very tight on one side and conversely very long on the opposite during sharp turns. This can cause a chain to break if it was too short.

Your safety chains need to be securely attached to your bike. "S" type hooks are not good, they can disconnect from the bike on rough roads. The best connection is a screw type connection that will not separate from the bike.

Let's talk about your trailer and properly loading your co-rider's shoes so that the tongue weight is proper. You should always have a minimum tongue weight of 25-pounds or 10% of the net weight of your co-rider's shoes plus whatever you are permitted to take, if any room remains. You must remember to account for the cooler that you place on the tongue, if you have this. The increased tongue weight must be balanced with weight placed behind the wheels. We carry two coolers, one on the tongue and the other inside the trailer. The coolers are typically some of the heavier loads, therefore I place the one as far back as possible to counterbalance the one on the tongue. It is also very important to load the trailer evenly from side to side. You don't want to put all of the heavy bags on one side as this can also make the trailer tow incorrectly

The tire pressure should be amount specified by the manufacturer for the amount of load carried. You should not go with the maximum pressure that is imprinted on the tire as this might be too much for a light load and this can cause bad handling. It is also important to have the correct amount of air in the shocks, if your trailer is equipped with air shocks.

Lastly you should check that all of your lights are working. This is much easier if you have a co-rider to assist, if not, then you will need to use the ever-useful bungee cord (or some other method to hold the brakes on) to check the brake lights. This is all that is needed with the trailer, however you should check that the bike is sitting level with the additional load. This should be done on a flat surface and someone needs to look at your bike while you (and co-rider) are sitting on the bike with the bike not on the side or center stand. The bikes with air shocks can easily be adjusted by adding additional air. The 1800 have a mechanical adjustment and this can be changed with the press of a button.

Trailers can make life a lot easier for carrying the clothes (and SHOES) that we want to have with us. They are not that difficult to pull, especially with the proper loading. They do require the riders to be extra careful. We hope that you will enjoy the added space that these conveniences afford you.



Trent's Talk

On May 18th, we held our annual Right Turn Ride. We had 32 entries at registration and there were 50 people at the awards ceremony. A big thank you goes out to Cycle Country who allowed us to start at their location on Portland Road, and for providing the donuts and coffee before the ride.

Thank you to Curt and Jan Frink for letting us end our ride at their house.

The biggest thank you goes to everyone who participated in the ride. Whether it was the planning, the staging, manning a check point, or completing the ride. Without everyone's involvement, the ride would not have been the success it was.

As a reminder, In June, there will not be the Oregon District Rally in Turner Oregon. The Rally had to be cancelled due to lack of participation.

From our Rider Education Instructors, Bob and Dawna Hitch, they will be teaching a TRC class in Silverdale, WA on Saturday, June 8th.

They have room for 5 more students. If anyone from the chapter is interested here is the information.

Kitsap Mall, 10315 Silverdale Way NW Silverdale, WA 98313

Saturday June 8th Class begins at 8:30am Range begins at 1:30 pm.

Don Eide is the WA District Educator. Those interested can send their registration sheet to Don and pay on site. The class is \$30 per student.

Don Eide—cell 509-531-7849 email eide02@yahoo.com

A registration form is included in this newsletter.

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Dawna Instructor # RCI 705
Bob Instructor # RCI 706

On June 15th we have a ride planned after the Gathering. We will be heading to Thompson's Mills State Heritage Site: 32655 Boston Mill Drive Shedd, OR 97377

According to their website: Thompson's Mills is a unique survivor of times past, chronicling 160 years of Oregon rural life and honoring the owners who continually adapted the mill to the changing world around it. It is the last water powered mill in the state and its turbines can be seen in action on guided tours. A water right that predates statehood produces the water flow that still runs the milling machines for demonstration.

Looking into July, on July 12 and 13 we have our scheduled campout at the Elks "Tokatee Illahee Campground located at 20590 Hwy229 Siletz, Oregon 97380. Phone 541-444-2733 Camping fee is \$24.00 for both nights.

Generators can only be used for CPAPS after 11 PM. This is a dry camp! There is no water or electricity at the campsites! Port-a-potties are near the campsites as well as water from the nearby Gazebo.

"Spam II – The Sequel" Spam is our featured Saturday night meal. There are many great recipes on line. All meals are pot luck.

Gene Anderson will have a map of the campsite area at the planning meeting and gathering if you want to reserve a specific campsite or contact Gene @ 503-371-7311 geneanderson1@comcast.net.
Need directions?? Call or e-mail.

Please look at the June Calendar to see what is happening in June and keep an eye out for emails that come out as we add more activities as we learn about them.

We are looking forward to seeing you at one or more of our upcoming activities.

Be safe out there, the only person truly looking out for you is yourself.

~Trent Axen, Senior Chapter Director – Chapter OR-G



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GWRRA Region I Rider Education Rider Course Registration



COURSE INFORMATION ~ Please check one of the following course you would like to attend:

_____ GWRRA Advanced Rider Course (ARC) _____ GWRRA Trike Rider Course (TRC)

_____ GWRRA Trailering Course (TC) _____ GWRRA Side Car Course (SRC)

Desired Course location: _____ Desired Course Date _____

PARTICIPATE INFORMATION ~ Please complete (print clearly)

Rider: _____ GWRRA Membership # _____

E-mail: _____

Co-Rider: _____ GWRRA Membership # _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Chapter: _____ Day Phone: _____ Emergency Number: _____

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

- Cost for all courses is **\$30.00** per motorcycle (or Trike). Full payment is required to reserve a spot.
- Co-Riders attend for free with a paying Rider.
- Registrations are accepted on a first-come basis. Class size is limited.
- GWRRA reserves the right to cancel or reschedule courses. In the event of a cancellation by GWRRA, fees will be refunded. If the course is rescheduled, students will automatically be enrolled in the next available class.
- Courses will take place rain or shine. No refunds due to weather.
- Submitting this form does not guarantee a place in a course.
- **Receipts will be issued only when the course has been attended and completed.**

COURSE REQUIREMENTS ~ required at the beginning of the class:

- Proof of current motorcycle insurance or bond coverage.
- Riders/Co-Riders GWRRA members have priority over all nonmembers.
- **Riders/Co-Riders must wear full protective gear as defined by GWRRA. (Helmet, gloves, long sleeves, full pants, and boots/shoes that cover the ankles).**
- Riders must have proof of valid operator's license with motorcycle endorsement.
- Due to insurance restrictions, only permanent conversions to three wheels may participate
- Participation/waiver statement for course participation.
- Co-Riders participation will be determined by the instructor, based on the rider's capability.

NOTE: GWRRA Region I Rider Education reserves the right to deny course participation to anyone failing to meet the above criteria or presenting an unsafe condition.

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

Make check payable to: **GWRRA Region I**

DATE: _____

MAIL TO: **Donald W. Eide ATTN: Rider Ed**
1588 W 21st Place Kennewick WA 99337

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL **Don Eide (509) 531-7849**

June “HAPPENINGS”

Summer is on it's way! Though it might seem like a light schedule of events without the Oregon District Rally, who knows what might popup! On June 3rd. will have our Planning Meeting at Curt & Jan's Home.

Our Gathering is on the 15th. At Almost Home Restaurant. We have a ride planned after the Gathering. We will be heading to Thompson's Mills State Heritage Site: 32655 Boston Mill Drive Shedd, OR 97377. On the 26th. We have a dinner ride to Home Place in Silverton and we will be leaving Cycle Country at 6:00p.m.

Be sure to checkout Trent's Talk for some valuable information for Trike Riders and a TRC class being offered by our GWRRA Ride Educator Instructors Bob & Dawna Hitch on June 8th. Checkout the flyer in this month's Grapevine and this is a time sensitive opportunity!

Be sure to mark your calendar for July 12th. & 13th. For our annual campout to the Elks “Tokatee Illahee Campground at Siletz, Oregon. This has been a great event with lot's of food, fun and fellowship!



We are always looking for pictures to add to Thee Grapevine or our Chapter G Web Page. Please send your pictures to darkforrest@comcast.net and you will receive credit for your contribution.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



This months
Chapter G Planning Meeting
will be at
Frink's Shop
6372 Sunnyview Rd. N.E.
Salem. Oregon
See you on
Monday June 3rd.. See you there!
At 6:00pm

Angie Allen	2nd.
Barb Anderson	12th.
Kim Dennis	15th.
Eldon Cannon	17th.
Mike Gohman	20th.
Ron Dennis	25th.
Bob Dodson	25th.
Terri Shepard	30th.

JUNE ANNIVERSERIES

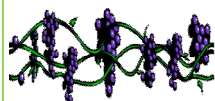


None To Report This Month

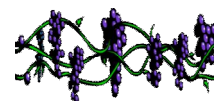
This months
Chapter G Gathering
will be at
The Almost Home Restaurant
3310 Market St. N.E. Salem, Oregon
Saturday June 15th..
Breakfast at 8:00am
Hope to see you there!

**The Grapevine publishes
Chapter G Member's
Birthdays & Anniversaries each month .
Do you wish to see yours in print?
If we are missing yours, please send an
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Thanks to Cycle Country, our starting point for this year's - **Right Turn Ride**



It was a great event this year and the rain held off until the end. Coffee and donuts during registration and a chance to take a look at the models offered by Honda, Indian, Polaris and Suzuki. And a show room filled with apparel and accessories to satisfy any customer.

The ride was great with some of the best backroads. And a BBQ meal to satisfy the hungriest rider & co-rider! Great Prizes and company from fellow motorcyclists

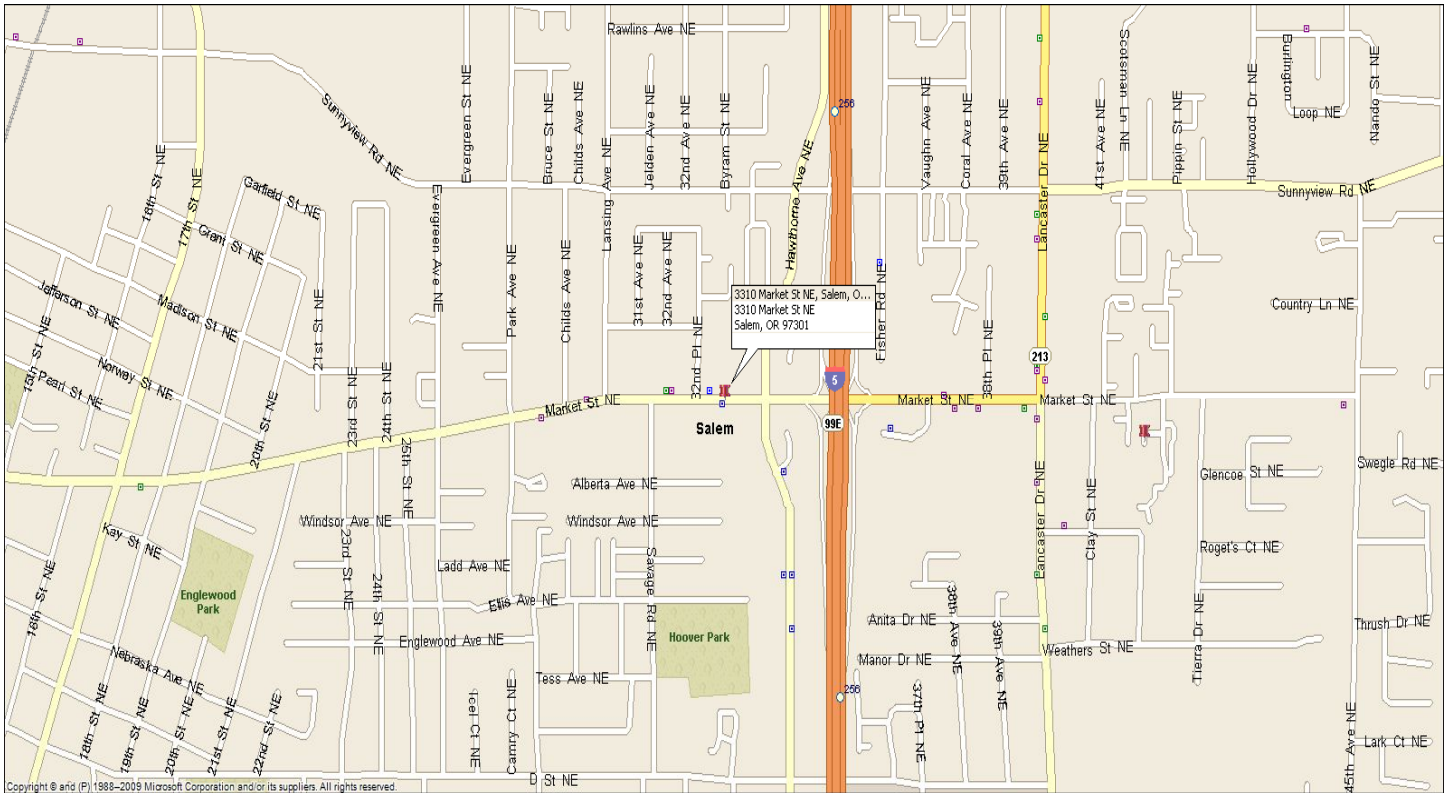


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2	3 Planning Meeting	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Chapter Gathering All
16 Father's Day	17	18	19:	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Dinner Ride Home Place Silverton Leave Cycle Country 6:00pm	27	28	29
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