

Notes from your Directors

Here we are already well into August. It seems that the riding season has just gotten started.

The Washington Rally was really great again this year. Glenn and I, and Wayne and Janet pulled into the Lynden fairgrounds with our mobile homes (kwik camps). We had lots of laughs, met up with old friends and enjoyed great ice cream with raspberries. The town was bustling with the raspberry festival and there was so much to do and see. The Walk About was a lot of fun and we enjoyed the free wine tour. Chapter C had several members that came for the day on Saturday. Next years rally is being held in Port Townsend, so plan to travel on Friday as you will need to take a little Ferry across from Oak Harbour.

Freedom of the Open Road – there is nothing like the feeling of cruising along a quiet scenic highway. After the Lynden Rally, Glenn and I, and Kathy and Kirk Elliot from Kamloops hit the road. We were very fortunate on our trip around Washington State to enjoy the beauty of the Ocean, Forests, Desserts, Rivers and Mountains. We stayed in some great campgrounds. We traveled around the Olympia Forest (lots of trees, and more trees), visited the unique town of Seaside, Oregon and traveled along the winding highway beside the Columbia River. The last stop was in the town of Winthrop, Yee Haw. What a great place to visit and the highway of the North Cascades has to be one of the prettiest that we have ever been on. It will be one that we certainly travel again.

The Region J rally in Maple Ridge was another great time. This time we had 4 couples from our chapter camping, and 3 more couples that came for the day. On Saturday we did the observation ride and had a great meal at Silvannas in Agassiz. Paul Everitt won the grand prize for the Observation Ride and Jeanette Everitt got an inukshuk trophy for being the youngest co-rider on the ride. The catered roast beef dinner was amazing and the evening ended with a great country singer and the ladies of Chapter C and Glenn cutting up the rug (so to speak). On Sunday we went on a guided ride lead by Peter McGregor, into White Rock and Steveston for the World Famous Fish and Chips. I never knew that Vancouver had so many nice, quiet,(not too busy) roads. The Region J rally was a lot of fun, and an amazing opportunity to mix and mingle with all of our GWRRA Family. Next years rally will be in Saskatoon, so start planning your routes and I am sure that you will find the Freedom Of the Open Road that we experienced this summer.

Hope to SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER - At the Gold Run in Merritt.

**Your Chapter Directors
Angela and Glenn Meyer**