

GOLDWING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

WASHINGTON CHAPTER A
SEATTLE

Weekly News Letter
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This past Wednesday we were at, once again, an all new place for most of us, the Hibachi Buffet in Auburn. The food was both plentiful and excellently prepared. By far the best Asian Buffet we have been to, and we have been to a few. We also had a pleasant surprise in store for us. Ed and Linnie Poyneer from Mountain Home, Idaho joined us for dinner. They were in the area visiting family so they decided to also visit their Chapter WA-A family as well. So nice to see them both.



Last weekend was our March gathering. We had a nice turn out and the day cooperated weather wise. John S. and Bob S. joined us from Chapter WA-E. John thanked us for our recent participation in the WA-E Surf Watch Event and reminded us of the upcoming Early Spring fun run on April 11th. Joe and Patti Diambri came and brought enough of their Chapter participants to kidnap the Traveling Trophy and our Mascot, as well as recover their own mascot we kidnapped from them in January.

After the gathering, Bill H. and I rode down to Longview to the WA-P Swap Meet. Kenny U. was there selling some of his Goldwing leftovers. We didn't necessarily lighten his load but we did buy some of his stuff, with the provision that he haul it back to the Puget sound area. We were on the bikes so that made it difficult to transport it. Kenny gladly did the transporting and even hauled back some things Bill purchased from other vendors.

SOCIALS:

April socials will be as follows:

Apr 8 - Jimmy Mac's Roadhouse, 225 SW 7th St, Renton, WA 98057

Apr 15 - Azteca Mexican Restaurants, 17555 Southcenter Pkwy, Tukwila, WA 98188

Apr 22 - BBQ Pete's, 6621 S 211th St Ste 106, Kent, WA 98032

Apr 29 - Famous Dave's, 17770 Southcenter Pkwy, Tukwila, WA 98188

SOCIAL PICKS FOR THE YEAR 2015:

January – Bill O.

February – S.T. & Betty

March – Tom & Jill

April – Mike & Pen

May – Charlie & Ann

June –XXX Root Beer

July – Chris & Patty

August – Todd & Don

September – Sam & De

October – Kenny & Ann

November – Les and Steph

December – Bill & Terrie

WASHINGTON GWRRA CHAPTER GATHERINGS:

Apr 1 - WA-Q (Puyallup)

Apr 4 - WA-M (Yakima)

Apr 10 - WA-Y (Enumclaw)

Apr 12 - WA-D (Aberdeen)

Apr 18- WA-P (Longview)

Apr 25 - WA-A (Seattle)

Apr 2 - WA-V (Auburn)

Apr 4 - WA-R (Walla-Walla)

Apr 11 - WA-L (Kennewick)

Apr 14 - WA-H (Lynden)

Apr 19 - WA-I (Olympia)

Apr 25 - WA-O (Port Orchard)

Apr 4 - WA-B (Bremerton)

Apr 4 - WA-X (Vancouver)

Apr 11 - WA-Z (Centralia)

Apr 18 - WA-E (Bellevue)

Apr 19 - WA-N (Spokane)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Apr 4** - WA-M/R Multi Chapter Gathering-Prosser
- **Apr 11** - WA-E Early Spring Fun Run
- **Apr 19** - WA-N Brown Bag Auction in Spokane at the Golden Corral
- **Apr 25** - Maintenance Day at Don's Garage after our monthly breakfast gathering.

Flyers for the above District Chapter events are on the web site front page here: <http://gwrra-waa.org/> and calendar here http://gwrra-waa.org/calendar_2015.html#2

NOTE: For those that plan to attend our Maintenance Day, please remember to pre-order/buy your supplies that you will need on the 25th. Examples include:

Engine Oil/Final Drive Fluid

Bolts to attach Rotors

Bearings

Oil Filters

Timing Belt Adjusters

Fork Oil

Brake Pads

DOT 4 Brake Fluid

Seals

Fuel filters

Fork Seals

Towels/Shop Rags

Brake Rotors

Antifreeze

Air Filters

Timing Belts

Fork Bushings & Sliders

Nitrile Gloves

If you plan to buy any of your supplies from the Chapter Stores, please let Gary know in advance so he can insure the items will be on hand.

NOTE #2: Bring fluid containers to haul away your fluids when you have finished your work. Don does not have the facilities to dispose of excess automotive fluids.

All About Insurance

Facts About Insuring Your Ride

Washington State does not require that you have insurance to use a motorcycle, but it certainly is a wise move. Liability insurance covers people and property that you might damage; comprehensive coverage includes you and your vehicle. When comprehensive insurance covers medical costs, it is a wise buy, especially if your personal health insurance has high co-pays and deductibles. Comprehensive coverage only covers the cost of damage to your bike, and since motorcycles cost less than cars, it will be cheaper than your automobile comprehensive insurance. Liability insurance can protect you from huge debts if someone is badly hurt in an accident you cause (or when you are part of the cause). Remember that passengers are only covered by liability insurance.

We can advise you in broad terms about cutting the cost of your motorcycle insurance, but your best bet is to use an agent you trust, who will know your state's requirements and be familiar with the policies of several insurance companies. We're using discounts offered by Allstate; other companies may offer more or less in percent discounted and may not offer all of the ones we mention or may offer other discounts. It pays to check around.

On *American Pickers*, Frank makes his best deals by bundling. That concept works when you buy motorcycle insurance, too. You can save up to 30% by bundling your motorcycle and automobile or homeowners insurance. Additional motorcycles on the same policy save 10% or more.

In general, the amount you pay for insurance depends on how much the insurance company thinks it is risking on you and your vehicle. Younger riders pay more than experienced riders, and if you have a track record of accidents and moving violations, you'll pay more for insurance than those with a clean record. Allstate gives a discount of up to 10% if you've had only minor violations and no accidents in the last five years. In any case, you can often get a discount (5% at Allstate) by taking an approved motorcycle safety course. And belonging to certain specified organizations (American Motorcycle Association, for example) can give you an added 5% discount on your Allstate liability insurance.

Many factors go into setting the rate (before figuring discounts). For instance, an older, stodgier bike costs less to insure than a newer, flashier one. Older stodgier people get a break too—AARP members can get a discount at Hartford, for instance. And the more you drive, the more you'll pay. Where you keep and ride your bike can also make a difference. If you live in a high-crime area, you'll pay more. And you'll pay more if you live in "tornado alley" or another natural danger zone. But, if you can keep your motorcycle in a garage, you may pay less (Allstate doesn't mention this one).

A helpful website that reviews several insurance companies, giving an overview of their costs and their reputations is [here](#). It's a good place to start your pre-shopping research. Whatever insurance you buy, be sure it covers your worst-case scenario—that's what it's for.

By Eagle Leather

FOR SALE

A new page has been added to the Chapter WA-A website. Here is the [LINK](#). It is in the left margin of the web page. It was created because we are getting into the riding season and there are members looking to sell some things. For example, Gregg Beeck is selling his 1989 GL1500 and trailer. Go to the [Chapter WA-A Website](#) to check out the particulars.

CHAPTER STORES:

We now have a limited supply of shorter sized Windshield covers. See Gary to buy yours. \$30.00 each.

New for the stores, we have a vendor that sells the GWRRA Rhinestone pins in clear or in colors. They also make name badges. Pretty much, if you have seen it on a vest or engraved on a motorcycle, we can get it for you from the Engraver. Prices are reasonable. The nametags are \$7.95 and the pins are between \$7.95 and \$9.95.



They also make Chrome Knobbed Keys for your GL1800.

If there is anything you need, email Gary and he will make arrangements.

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NEW SPONSOR OF THE MYSTERY RIDE

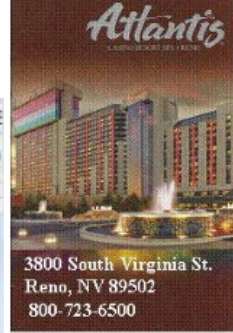
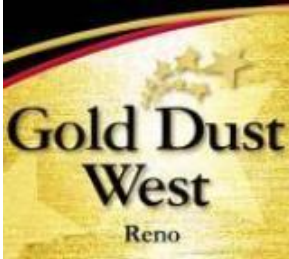
Today I am welcoming a NEW sponsor for WA-A. California Heat. Ron and Katie Stull were at the International Motorcycle Show this last November. They are a relatively new company but NOT new to the heated clothing line. They had been working with Gerbing's for many years and have now branched off with their own endeavor. And, as you can see by their business card, they are LOCAL in Union Washington.

While we were at the WA-P Swap Meet this last weekend, Ron and Katie were there with their Booth selling their offerings. Quality Items all. It is looking like they will be at the District Rally in Port Townsend as well.

Anyway, they donated a pair of Heated Gloves and a Controller for your Mystery Ride. It is much appreciated.



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Mike & Pen Briese
WA-A Chapter Directors