

# GOLDWING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

## WASHINGTON CHAPTER A SEATTLE

### Weekly News Letter

January 27, 2015

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Last Wednesday's social was at DQ in Renton. Ride calendar discussion was the main topic of the evening, not to mention the Ice Cream. There is just something about soft serve ice cream that makes you smile.

Anyway, several ride possibilities were brought up but no dates have been tacked to them as of yet. I think we will just wing the dates. It is still a bit early in the year to schedule nice weather ride days.

Some of the destinations/rides mentioned were the Evergreen Air Museum in McMinnville, OR; Naval Undersea Museum in Keyport; Windy Ridge; Johnston Ridge; Hurricane Ridge; Vintage Motorcycle Museum in Chehalis; Pioneer Motorcycle Museum in Tacoma; Ride the Olympic Loop; Ride the Cascade Loop; Dry Falls; Coolie City; Long Beach and Ocean Shores. All great suggestions. All we have to do is decide when to go to the respective destinations and whether to make it an overnight stay or a day trip.

This past Sunday, four of us made a day trip of Ocean Shores. It was a beautiful day for a ride.



Casino Night has come and gone. Chapter WA-A managed to amass about 56,000,000 bull bucks to use at auction. We came away with some pretty good items to use for our Mystery Ride. Thanks so much to Tim for being our designated Bidder.



Also at Casino Night, Bill O. was installed as your newest Assistant Chapter Director. Thanks so much for stepping up Bill. The Chapter can use all the support it can get.

A **BIG** Thank you goes out to Mike and De Blangy who stepped down this year. You guys did a great job supporting the Chapter. De is still our Sunshine Lady and she is doing a fantastic job, though she is looking for a replacement for that position. It is difficult for them to make events now that they have moved north to Mt Vernon.

# Tomorrow's WA-A social will be at Stacks, 1706 S 320th St Unit A, Federal Way, WA 98003-5424.

## SOCIALS:

January socials are:

Jan 28 - Stacks, 1706 S 320th St Unit A, Federal Way, WA 98003

February socials are to be selected by ST and Betty. Thanks Guys.

## WASHINGTON GWRRA CHAPTER GATHERINGS:

Feb 4 - WA-Q (Puyallup)	Feb 5 - WA-V (Auburn)	Feb 7 - WA-B (Bremerton)
Feb 7 - WA-M (Yakima)	Feb 7 - WA-R (Walla-Walla)	Feb 7 - WA-X (Vancouver)
Feb 8 - WA-D (Aberdeen)	Feb 10 - WA-H (Lynden)	Feb 13 - WA-Y (Enumclaw)
Feb 14 - WA-L (Kennewick)	Feb 14 - WA-Z (Centralia)	Feb 15 - WA-I (Olympia)
Feb 21 - WA-E (Bellevue)	Feb 21 - WA-P (Longview)	Feb 15 - WA-N (Spokane)
Feb 28 - WA-A (Seattle)	Feb 28 - WA-O (Port Orchard)	

Check the Web Site for a complete list of what's happening. <http://www.gwr-ra-waa.org/>

## 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

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

There is one event that we REALLY need to attend. The Chapter WA-V meeting in Auburn. They meet on the first Thursday of the month at Trotter's. From what I understand they have the best Ice Cream in the Puget Sound area. Anyway, we NEED to visit them because they have our **MASCOT** and the District Traveling Trophy. Now, the Trophy is not a big concern but our **MASCOT** is. We really need to go and bring him home. It will take FIVE of our Chapter participants in Chapter colors\* to rescue the **MASCOT**. Their Gathering is at 6:00 pm on February 5th at Trotters Restaurant, 825 Harvey Road, Auburn, WA 98001. Don't let our **MASCOT** become an orphan. Join us at the Trotters on February 5th for dinner. \*Chapter Colors means Red Shirt and if you wear a hat, Red Hat.

February 27 ~ March 1st - WA-P Mall Show.

March 7<sup>th</sup> - WA District Bowling Challenge

Where: Hi Joy Bowl, 1011 Bethell Ave, Port Orchard, WA 98366

When: Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>... following WA-B Gathering

Time: Starts at 1:00pm. Cost: \$9 for 3 games and it includes shoes.



## YOU MAY NEED SOME OF THESE:

I don't know about you but when I ride in cold weather, I wear my Gerbing heated jacket liner and gloves. My legs don't really get cold so I usually just wear the water repellant First Gear overplants. In the past and also most recently, my feet seem to be getting colder than I like them. It was most noticeable when riding my Honda ST-1100. My feet were really in the air path with no real protection so my toes took all the frigid air full force. The GL1500 seemed to have some pretty good wind protection so I just tuck my feet up under the cylinder heads and they don't suffer from the cold.

Well, on the GL1800 I have noticed that my feet just don't get the protection they need to stay warm. Tucking my toes up under the cylinder heads just isn't keeping them warm. I had thought about buying some Gerbing electric insoles but for some reason I always stop short of the purchase.

Now to the point I'm trying to make, I was in Costco last week and saw these toe warmers. The company that make these also make hand warmers, and foot warmers. The hand warmers and toe warmers are what I have seen available in Costco.

I picked up a box of 30 packages for **\$13.99** and took them home. Each package holds two self adhesive warmers. Simply open the package, remove the paper backing and place the adhesive



side of the toe warmer on the outside of your sock, at the top or bottom of the toe area. I put them on the top of the sock over my toes. After about 20 minutes of exposure to the air, they had heated up to about 105 degrees and they maintain their temperature for about 5 hours. I can vouch for that. I left on a ride at noon with these puppies in place and after returning home from a six hour ride, I checked them with a thermometer and they read 109 degrees.

I checked the website for these little hotties at <https://www.littlehottieswarmers.com/> and they are pretty proud of their product. The manufacturer sells a box of 40 on their website for \$60.00 That is about \$1.50 a package. Now, if that is the only way I could get them is to pay \$1.50 a package, I would probably buy them BUT, Costco sells a box of 30 for \$13.99. That is about \$.50 per package. Quite a savings and THEY WORK. You can find them in Costco on a shelf

near the glove displays. I really like these warmers. I'm not going to have cold toes again.

## **CHAPTER STORES:**

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

GL1800 AIR FILTERS \$19.00 EA, OIL FILTERS \$9.00 EA, FORK OIL SS-8 10W \$6.50 PER BOTTLE (3 required) AND NEW ITEM NGK SPARK PLUGS BKR6E-11 \$16.00 SET Of 6 (limited to stock on hand) If there is anything you need email Gary and he will make arrangements.

**Available Now -**

Limited quantity of new red chapter A Tee-shirts, LG & XL, with Chapter A logo on left front and happy ape on right side. No names \$25.00

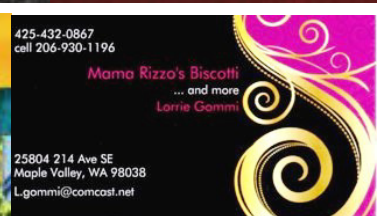
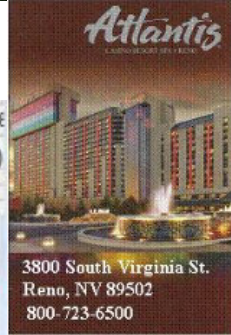
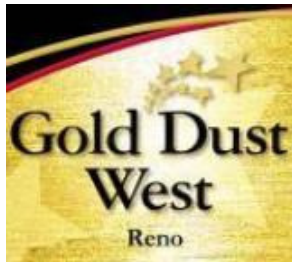
**New Item:** 10FT, 10GA Motorcycle Booster Cables \$10.00. Packaged in a 6"x1" round dry/compact plastic bag.

See the Stores on the Chapter Web Site for pictures <http://www.gwrra-waa.org/stores.html>

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