

GOLDWING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

WASHINGTON CHAPTER A SEATTLE

Weekly News Letter

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This past Wednesday, we were at the Red Robin in Tukwila. I don't think anyone went away hungry.



This last Friday, we visited Chapter WA-Y. We did a good job of filling the room with red. In case you hadn't heard, we took their Coyote mascot. It will be available for their re-possession in March.



On Saturday, Chapter WA-Z was visited. Chapter WA-I was on hand to rescue their Cow.



On Sunday, Chapter WA-I was visited. Not a lot of Red here or at WA-Z yesterday.

SOCIALS:

February socials are:

Feb 18 - SIZZLER, 16615 SOUTHCENTER PKWY, TUKWILA

Feb 26 - AZTECA MEXICAN RESTAURANT, 17555 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:

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)

DO YOU FANCY YOURSELF TO BE A CULINARY EXPERT IN FINE TEXAS RED CHILI?

Don't miss the South Sound Honda 16th annual Texas Red Chili cook-off. It kicks off at High Noon on the 28th of February at the Olympia store. Their address is 2115 Carriage Dr SW, Olympia. Along with the chili cook-off is a Benefit Auction for the Ride for Kids Foundation.

Hot chili (without beans) is the name of the game. First prize for the best chili is **\$200**.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **February 27th ~ March 1st** - WA-P Mall Show.
- **February 28th** ~ South Sound Honda Chili Cook Off, Merchandise deals and Benefit auction for Ride For Kids. GREAT Texas Red Chili tasting. Chili sampling starts at Noon.
- **March 7th** - WA District Bowling Challenge.
Where: Hi Joy Bowl, 1011 Bethel Ave, Port Orchard, WA 98366
When: Saturday, March 7th... following WA-B Gathering.
Time: Starts at 1:00pm. Cost: \$9 for 3 games and it includes shoes.
- **March 14th** - West Side District Rider Education, Rainier Hill Christian Fellowship in Buckley. For all Chapter Participants that go to the Rider Education, you will be reimbursed your registration fee. You will need to pre-register to be guaranteed lunch which is included in the fee. It is \$15 to pre-register.
- **March 20th ~22nd** - WA-E Surf Watch
- **March 28th** - WA-P Swap Meet in Longview.

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

Are you on the fence about Lane Splitting?

Recent research has confirmed what many motorcycle riders have known for years. "Lane splitting" – or riding in between lanes of traffic – obviously saves riders a lot of time, but it's also considerably safer than sitting in traffic and acting like a car, as long as it's done within certain guidelines, and contrary to what many drivers think, it actually speeds up traffic for everyone else on the road. Riders, please pass this information on to the drivers in your lives.

It's time for certain drivers to get these thoughts out of their heads: "lane splitting is queue jumping," "motorcyclists should have to wait in line like the rest of us," "riding in between cars is suicidal." While it's illegal in most of the United States, it's accepted in many other parts of the

world, and evidence is mounting that lane splitting is safer for riders than sitting in traffic, and actually benefits car drivers as well as the riders themselves.

Safety benefits of lane splitting for motorcyclists

One of the key arguments against lane splitting is that, to many driver's eyes, it seems like a dangerous practice. From a rider's perspective, this couldn't be further from the truth.

The most common type of accident on the road is a rear-ender. These make up 40 percent of all accidents in the United States, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. And while most of these are minor fender benders between car drivers, there's really no such thing as a minor fender bender if someone slams into the back of a motorcycle. By splitting between lanes, riders are able to put a shell of slow or stopped traffic around their bikes and protect against the inattention of other road users.

In a recent Berkeley study undertaken with the California Highway Patrol's assistance, 7,836 motorcycle crashes were examined closely, with some 1,163 of these crashes having occurred while the rider was lane splitting.

Riders who were splitting at the time of their accident were significantly less likely to be injured in every category than those who weren't: 45 percent fewer head injuries, 21 percent fewer neck injuries, 32 percent fewer torso injuries, 12 percent fewer arm/leg injuries, and 55 percent fewer fatalities.

This is quite possibly because the majority of those splitting accidents happened at speeds between 1 and 30 mph (50 km/h). The data also shows that the safest way to lane split is to travel at less than 30 mph, and less than 10 mph above the speed of the surrounding traffic. Injury rates leap up in all categories when both of these conditions are violated.

Taken from <http://www.gizmag.com/motorcycle-lane-splitting-filtering-safety-research/34425/>

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 (3required)

AND 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

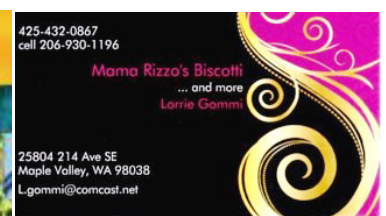
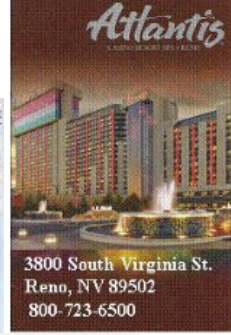
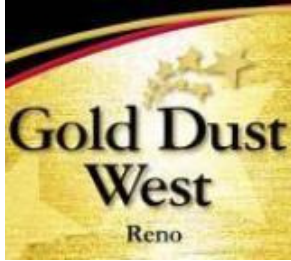
New Item: 10FT, 10GA Motorcycle Booster Cables \$10.00. Packaged in a 6"x1" round dry/compact plastic bag.

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

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