### **WASHINGTON CHAPTER A SEATTLE**

Weekly News Letter Jul 14, 2015

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This email is predictably all about our Mystery Ride. It was completed on the 12th of July. We had about 80 registrants. There were a total of six check points including the Mystery Check Point staffed by Chris and Patty J. Registration and Check Point one was staffed by Bill and Terri H. and Pen B. Don H. was doing the 50/50, Bug Run and Mileage Guess sales. Jill M. was tending to our basic breakfast needs via donuts, muffins, coffee, tea, Sunny D and ice water.

General setup was performed by a handful of staffers; Bill & Terrie H., Bill O., Charlie and Ann B., Chris & Patty J., Dave D., Don H., Gary & Joann B., Kenny U., Mike & De B., Mike B. from North Bend, Pen B., Sue J., Todd M., and Tom & Jill M.

At Check Points #2, Mystery, #3 and #4 were Charlie and Ann B., Chris & Patty J., Gary & Joann B., and Bill O. with Kenny U. and Mike & De B.

Upon arrival at the final destination the riders were greeted by Joey on Bill H's white GL1800 and for further positive identification, the goodie trailer with the Chapter WA-A banner on it.

Once inside, Terrie, De, Ann and Sue received all riders and ushered them towards the Door Prize tables and Silent Auction area. There was a door prize for everyone and lots to choose from in the Silent Auction.

As the early arrivals were sorting through the wide assortment of goodies, Todd and Mike B. from North Bend were riding sweep and notifying the check points of the ALL CLEAR to vacate. Unfortunately, the sweepers underestimated the speed at which some members' stomachs would empty. Todd and Mike passed a few folks that had decided to patronize the XXX Root Beer Drive In. I can't blame them, the food there is so good that none of it is good for you. You know how it is, if it tastes good, it is bad for your health and there are signs all over the XXX to let you know just that.

Anyway, at about a quarter to 2:00, Cheryl B. called proclaiming that there was no one at Check Point 4. What were they to do? I gave them the well protected address to the finish point and apologized for the slip up. They arrived at the destination with time to spare.

There was some confusion with the Mystery Check Point as well. I think all of you found it but one small group was either not listening or misreading hand signals. The staffers there were asked if they were Check Point 5 or 6 and they said no, we are not. We are the Mystery Check Point. They had a Check Point Sign and a big RED APE in a chair to help identify themselves BUT, that little group waved and continued on their way without stopping. I don't know how this happened and I didn't want to speculate on the awareness or vision of anyone so in the interest of fairness we let them have the extra card draw. It was a fun ride and a really good day for a ride.

The 1st Place winner was Bill Crain. He rides a trike and the prize was a set of TWO tires. That third wheel can be an asset but in this case it was a liability. He only gets two motorcycle tires. Oddly enough, Bill doesn't play poker and his winning hand was a straight. I'd be willing to bet that Bill can sell those tires if he wants to.

The sizeable 50/50 was taken by Dave B.

Congratulations to all big and small winners and thanks for supporting us.

But most of all, thanks to all the participants of Chapter WA-A that worked so hard to put it all together.

### **SOCIALS:**

## The July socials are as follows:

Jul 15 - Wally's in Buckley, 282 Hwy 410 North, Buckley, WA 360-829-0871

Jul 22 - Pick-Quick Drive In, 4306 Pacific East, Fife, WA 253-922-5599

Jul 29 - Chris and Patty's home for a picnic.

### **SOCIAL PICKS FOR THE YEAR 2015:**

January – Bill O.

February – S.T. & Betty

March – Tom & Jill

April – Mike & Pen

May – Charlie & Ann

July – Chris & Patty

August – Todd & Don

September – Sam & De

October – Kenny & Ann

November – Les and Steph

June –XXX Root Beer

December – Bill & Terrie

#### **WASHINGTON GWRRA CHAPTER GATHERINGS:**

Jul 18 - WA-E (Bellevue) Jul 18- WA-P (Longview) Jul 19 - WA-I (Olympia) Jul 19 - WA-N (Spokane) Jul 25 - WA-A (Seattle) Jul 25 - WA-O (Port Orchard)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### Jul 16 ~ 18 - WA District Convention

Jul 23-25 - Montana District Convention

#### **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. Gary - Chapter Stores <a href="mailto:igbeard@comcast.net">igbeard@comcast.net</a>

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