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## WASHINGTON CHAPTER A SEATTLE

Weekly News Letter  
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Early Wednesday afternoon, I sent out a couple of emails concerning rides for this weekend. The only replies I received were from Bill O. and Charlie B. Both had other commitments. I sure hope you did something this weekend. We saw lots and lots of campers out there on our rides

On Wednesday evening, Pen and I and Bill and Terrie visited Chapter WA-Q for diner. We had a good dinner and very nice visit with the WA-Q folks. They meet at the Sizzler and there is always a pretty good spread there.

On Thursday evening, Pen and I, Bill and Terrie, Don, and Todd all visited Chapter WA-V. Once again, it was a wonderful visit with great people and good food. The ice cream sundaes for desert were great too. There were enough of us that we kidnapped the WA-V Frog Mascot again. It will be available for rescue by Chapter WA-V during our October gathering at the Old Country Buffet.



The evening of the WA-Q meeting, we made the decision to ride to Wenatchee on Friday to pick up some apples. We met at the Maple Valley McDonald's restaurant for coffee and then left there shortly after 9:00 am. It was a really good day for a ride. We took Hwy 18 to Hwy 90 and departed the big road at Cle Elum to head up Hwy 97 towards Hwy 2 and then on to Wenatchee. We had to stop in at Liberty for Pie though. It would be unheard of not to stop for a piece of their most excellent pie.



Unfortunately, I neglected to get any pictures while in Wenatchee but suffice it to say, it was a beautiful day and the Apples were everywhere. Bill has a former co-worker that owns an orchard and he invited us out to pick as many as we wanted of Fuji's, Golden's and other varieties. I think we rode away with two or three bushels of apples.

On the trip back over Hwy 97, we took the Old Blewett highway. The road is still in fairly good repair but you do have to watch for the occasional pot hole and the wayward car coming from the opposite direction. There are lots of twisties and as you never really know what to expect after that next bend in the road.

We didn't pass the Liberty Cafe until after 4:00 pm so stopping for a second piece of pie was out of the question. It was a really great day of riding.



On Saturday, we met up at the North Bend Chevron at 6:00 am for a ride to Toppenish for a visit with WA-M. I had hoped to see the District Director there to ask a few questions and to make sure she was going to be at our gathering on the 26th of this month. Unfortunately, Reggie was not there but I did have the opportunity to talk to Wally, the Assistant District Director for the East side. He said that Reggie has already made plans to attend our gathering.

We did however, ride through Packwood on our return trip from Toppenish to check out the Northwest's Largest Flea Market. Wow, lots and lots of people. We were lucky to find a place to park at the Shell gas station so we could get a drink and use the bathrooms. Of course, the inside bathrooms were blocked off. The only facilities available were the portable toilets in the adjacent parking lot. And those few units had long lines to them. Luckily, our timing was pretty good and we only had to wait a few minutes to use the facilities.

There were vendors of all sorts of things in their four or five acres of available space. We didn't bother to check it all out. If we had, we would have had to find a place to park and pay the \$5 parking fees just for the opportunity to look around and then pass up what we knew we would not need. But all in all it was a great visit with WA-M and a nice tour through Packwood.

Speaking of visiting, I plan to visit Chapter WA-Y on Friday the 11th. They meet at Krain Corner Restaurant, 39929 264th SE, Enumclaw. Dinner is at 6:30 pm and the meeting follows. They are getting ready for their annual Riddler Run which will be on Saturday the 12th. It originates at the Rainier Hills Christian Fellowship, 23711 Entwhistle Road, Buckley. Registration opens at 8:00 am. First bike out at 9:00 am. Last bike in at 1:30 pm. Grand Prize is \$100. There will be a mileage guess, 50/50 and silent auction. Registration is only \$15 for the rider and \$5 for the co-rider.

Please plan to be there to support their Chapter. Supporting one another is what GWRRA is all about.

The official word on the location of Wing Ding for next year, is that it is going to be in Billings, Montana. If you'd like to go, now is a good time to start making plans and even make some reservations. I do not know which hotel will be the GWRRA select hotel for 2016. Time will tell I guess. We will have to wait and see.



## **SOCIALS:**

The Sep socials are as follows:

Sep 9 - Azteca Mexican Restaurant, 17555 Southcenter Pkwy, Tukwila, WA 98188 (206)575-0990

Sep 16 - Sizzler, 16615 Southcenter Pkwy, Tukwila, WA 98188 (206)575-0427

Sep 23 - Jimmy Mac's Roadhouse, 225 SW 7th St, Renton, WA 98057 (425)227-6881

Sep 30 - To Be Announced

## **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 @ the XXX Root Beer

**September – Sam & De**

October – Kenny & Ann

November – Les and Steph

December – Bill & Terrie

## **WASHINGTON GWRRA CHAPTER GATHERINGS FOR SEPTEMBER:**

Sep 11 - WA-Y (Enumclaw)

Sep 13 - WA-D (Aberdeen)

Sep 20 - WA-I (Olympia)

Sep 26 - WA-O (Port Orchard)

Sep 12 - WA-L (Kennewick)

Sep 19 - WA-E (Bellevue)

Sep 20 - WA-N (Spokane)

~~Sep 12 - WA-Z (Centralia)~~ Not 'til OCT

Sep 19- WA-P (Longview)

Sep 26 - WA-A (Seattle)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Sep 12 - WA-Y RIDDLER RUN

Sep 13 - 2015 Puget Sound Ride for Kids

Sep 18 - 20 - Chapter WA-P's Oyster Feed

## **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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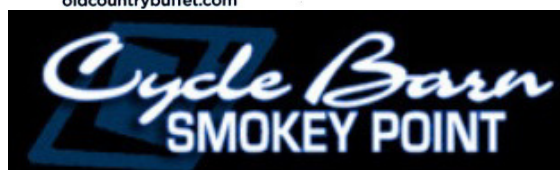
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