



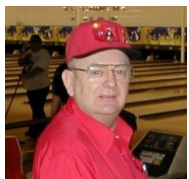
GWRRA CHAPTER WA-A SEATTLE, WA



Periodic News Letter
August 2017
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Through the Windshield:



Looking through the Windshield:

Chapter "A" has been very active over the last few weeks. Participating in and enjoying the various Chapter rides and fund raisers. It's always nice to see old friends and meet new ones. Chapter "A" has also visited with Chapter "V" at their June 6th meeting and Chapter "E" at their June 17th meeting. And once again our **MEC** walked away with another very nice 50/50 at the Chapter "E" meeting.

After our Chapter "A" meeting on June 24th several of us headed down to South Bound Honda to join the Chapter "Q" Crazy Ride. It was a picture perfect day with temps reaching **90** degrees during the ride. Chapter "A" spun the ride wheel and won the ride down to Mossy Rock then over to Oakville and back to South Bound Honda for the finish. Chapter "A" took home over seven (**7**) door prizes and multiple brown bags from the drawing. All in all a great time and a lot of fun was had by all that came. On arriving home I had a little over 200 miles for the day.

On July the 8th several Chapter "A" members were up early and off to visit Chapter "Q"s meeting and our Ride Coordinator won the chance (twice) to pull the marble from the bag for the "marble game" but to no avail! A great time was had by all. Then the next day (Sunday) several of us were up at zero-dark-thirty (5:00) for the ride down to Aberdeen to visit with Chapter "D". It's always fun to see friends in the other Chapters. We decided to go along on there after meeting ride up the west side of Hood Canal. We dropped off at the site of a great hamburger place, enjoyed some good company there and then continued up and across the Hood Canal Bridge and back down Hwy 3 to I-5 and back home. A beautiful sunny 75 degree ride along the canal with about 277 miles logged for the day.

As noted in the News Bulletin on July 10th we're having some great last minute ride ideas with very little time to get the word out to all members of Chapter "A". We don't want any Chapter "A" member to miss a great ride and make some fantastic new memories because of communications. So don't hesitate to get on the **Phone Tree call list**.

We are in the middle of what looks like a fantastic riding season. So let's get those Gold Wings out on the road and.....

-----Don't miss the fun-----

Don Hatley
Chapter "A" Director
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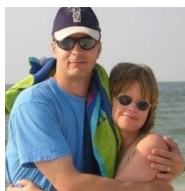
Assistant Director (ACD) – August 2017



*This summer is really passing by quickly. The weather finally broke and the Sun has come out in spades and some of us have been taking advantage of it. On one of the rides a person mentioned to me that Chapter “Q” had changed their Chapter colors back to the original gray. After some thought he stated maybe that would be good for Chapter “A”. The Chapter has had the same Red color sense 1980 and maybe a change to the “**Seattle Blue**” color would be helpful in rejuvenating the Chapter as we are the “**Seattle**” Chapter! The more I thought about it the more sense is seemed to make. So I’m putting it out there for member feedback to see what you think.....*

Todd McClain (ACD)

Chapter Treasurer – August 2017



Mexico Mission Trip by Charlie Butters

Clean running water. Flush toilets. A home with windows, solid walls and a roof that doesn’t leak. Electricity. A job with good wages and reasonable hours. If you ride a Gold Wing, these are things you probably don’t give a second thought to. Maybe you’ve had difficulties in life, but normally we all have these things.

Concepcion is a single mother of 4 living near Vicente Guerrero, Baja California, Mexico. Up until a couple weeks ago, she had none of these things. She was living in this shack..



...which was maybe 10x20, with her children. They had a banyo (you probably know that means “outhouse” but I didn’t) but it was 10 years old and plywood doesn’t hold up well outdoors for that long. Her “house” was not holding up well either. There was light peaking through her roof in numerous places. It was not at all clean. She cooks the meals for her family in that small, dark space. She had electricity, but it was just an extension cord from her parent’s house nearby. There’s no running water, and even if there was, it would not be safe to drink without boiling first.

Her husband started building a new home about 3 years ago. He got the walls up, but then left her.

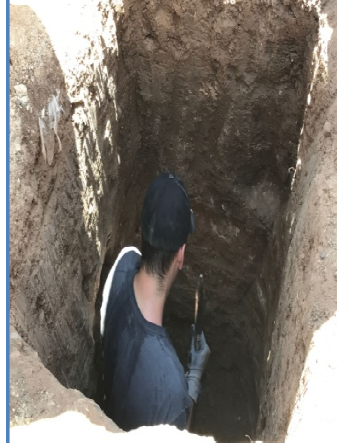
She used to work in the fields every day from 5am to 7pm 7 days a week for about \$12 a day. But sometime after her husband left, she was diagnosed with epilepsy, so now she can only work a couple days a week, so her daughter works. She had a pretty tough life and her story and situation is pretty typical in that area. She still has a tough life, but she heard about Welcome Home Outreach last year and now things are a little better.

In June, I joined 9 others from my church on a mission trip to help WHO finish the house Concepcion’s husband started. Vicente Guerrero is on the Baja Peninsula, about 100 miles south of Ensenada. We flew into San Diego, then rented a van for the 185 mile drive down.

Normally WHO will build a new home from the ground up in a week for about \$5000.. The homes are very simple, but an enormous step up from most of the “houses” in the area. Since the walls for Concepcion’s house were already there, we were able to do some additional

things, one of which was to dig a new banyo hole. That's what I did for the first two days. It was 3' x 4' and 8 feet deep. We started with picks but that only got us a foot or so before we could no longer swing a pick. We then used a 25 pound, 6 foot long digging bar, which is basically a spear with one end flattened. I had help from 3 others. It took us 2 days.

The old banyo..



Digging the hole for the new banyo...

The new banyo in place...

I then moved on to helping with putting stucco on the walls. There might be a nice tool to do that, but this was all done by hand. Then I helped put up the sheetrock on the ceiling. Others worked on the trusses and the roof, doors, windows, enough wiring for lights and a few outlets, and painting. By the time we were done, it looked like this:

The house on day 1 (a cement floor was added to the walls before we got there)



Concepcion checking out the progress....

Nearly done...

Handing over the keys...



Concepcion still does not have clean running water or indoor plumbing, and she still must work in the fields when she can. But her family now has a solid home with windows and a roof that won't leak, so she has a little less to worry about. For me, it was very gratifying to do something for someone that truly needed it and truly appreciated it. Some people call this "giving back, but my motivation to do it is, in short, "Because Jesus." Long version is because Jesus lived for me, Jesus died for me, Jesus rose for me, Jesus saved me. I would like to quit my job and just do this type of thing for people, not because I think this will get me to heaven, but because I believe I'm going there and I want to help others to show my gratitude for the grace that God has shown me.

Membership Enhancement - August 2017



Well, Summer is finally here. But before Spring had ended and Summer began, we paid a visit to Chapters E and I.

The Chapter E visit was on Saturday the 17th. There were four WA-A participants and two WA-V participants.



Gary Andrews and Vic Parr joined us at the McDonald's Restaurant in Kent on 84th and 212th for the thirty five minute ride to the Kenmore Lanes where WA-E meets. It was a pleasant surprise to see that there were already several bikes in the parking lot, including the district Director on his sidehack.



For more pictures of all the GWRRA members at this meeting, go to the link --> [Visiting WA-E](#). Breakfast was good, reasonably priced and surprisingly it arrived pretty quickly. The meeting began right after breakfast at about 8:40. Visitors were introduced and a new officer installation was conducted. A new assistant chapter director was to be installed today but for some reason was not at the gathering. However, Bruce McMahill was there to be installed as the Chapter Educator. Bruce's Chapter Educator topic was Washington state's new distracted-driving law. For all the ins and outs of the new law starting July 23, 2017 please click on this link to the [Seattle Times article](#).

After the installation, upcoming rides were promoted and then the Marble Game and 50/50 drawings were done. Interesting to note here that the same Chapter A visitor that won the chance to pick the correct marble ALSO won the 50/50. Though the correct marble was not picked, winning the 50/50 winnings was very much appreciated.

The WA-Q Crazy Ride was wonderful. Great weather, innovative destinations and lots of friends to enhance your day. If you couldn't make it for some reason, go to the [Chapter A Photo Page](#) for a few pictures.

Speak Up And Make A Difference!

(Excerpt from May 2017 GWRRA Insight)

Often when we participate in groups we find ourselves thinking of a good idea, then say to ourselves, "Naaah – they'd never go for that." So we keep it to ourselves, and don't share it. We all do this to some extent; it's human nature. We tell ourselves – they'll think it's dumb. I would make myself

look foolish. I'm new here and no one would pay attention to my ideas. Surely someone else has already brought this up? It's corny, expensive, immature, unrealistic, or against some rule.

The fact of the matter is that in every case, you **SHOULD** speak up! Organizations of every stripe, especially GWRRA, are eager for your input and ideas. Part of teamwork is sharing your ideas – no one individual, however talented and creative, can have all the ideas. Your Chapter Team needs your input, and that of all Chapter participants, so that they can plan activities **YOU** are interested in. Yes, you're free to just sit back and take it all in, and many do, but this ain't like watching football on TV. GWRRA membership is not a spectator sport! You'll get a lot more out of your Chapter, and your membership in GWRRA, if you're vocal about your likes, dislikes, and ideas you have for everybody to have **FUN!**

Remember why you joined GWRRA – and why you stay.

(Excerpt from Apr 2017 GWRRA Insight)

Most of us joined to have someone to ride our bikes with. Are you yourself getting enough riding in? Riding our motorcycles is in many cases the sole common bond Chapter members have; we come from all different backgrounds and walks of life. If no one is doing much riding, it's easy to drift apart. And if you're a CD, it isn't really necessary for you to lead every single ride. That's why we have Road Captain courses, so others in our group know how to lead rides! And please, **PLEASE** mix in some rides just for **FUN** with rides to rallies, Chapter visitations, and the like – all are important, but a good **BALANCE** is also important!



Mike Briesse
MEC/Webmaster

Ride Coordinator – August 2017



Hello All

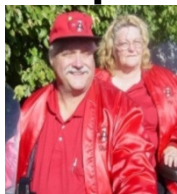
The North Cascades Loop Ride - Wednesday June 28th. Our ride started at Maple Valley McDonalds at 7 am. It was a cool morning, with 3 bikes ready to ride. Todd McClain, Mike Briesse and I set out up Hwy 18 to I-90 and then onto Hwy 97. We passed the Liberty Café on our way to Cashmere. Todd later mentioned that he has never passed the Liberty Café before without stopping. We checked out the fairgrounds where the state rally will be in July.

Then we headed to Chelan, once through Chelan it was time for lunch in Twisp. After lunch we were on our way to Winthrop and over the North Cascades Hwy. I arrived home at 6 pm. It was an 11 hour day and 426 miles. A good day with good friends doing the Cascade loop.

On Saturday July 1st a ride to Randall for the Firemen's Biscuits & Grave/Pancake breakfast. We started out at the 512 McDonalds at 7 am. 5 bikes Don Hatley, Todd McClain, Mike Briese, and Harry from Chapter V. and I. We arrived a little before 9 am and had breakfast. Randall had their flea market going on, so we made a pass through to see what they had. Harry found some music he liked. Then it was time to head home. On the way home our bikes pulled into dairy queen for some ice cream to end the ride of 200 miles for the day.

The July Chapter "A" after meeting ride will be to the Washington District Rally in Cashmere.....
Bill Holt / Ride Coordinator

Chapter Sunshine / Greeters



August Birthdays

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| August 3 rd | Les Greer |
| August 21 st | Bill Olson |
| August 29 th | Gina Rothwell |
| August 30 th | Janet Beeck |
| August 31 st | Greg Beeck |
| August 31 st | Tim Bowman |
| August 31 st | Ron (Boxcar) Lind |

August Anniversaries

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| August 3 rd | Gary and Joanne Beard |
| August 8 th | Charlie and Ann Butters |
| August 13 th | Sam and Doreen Grubbs |
| August 14 th | Chris and Patty Johnson |
| August 16 th | Rick and Robin Pradel |
| August 18 th | Andy and Simone Haugen |
| August 21 st | Les and Stephanie Greer |

Chris & Patty Johnson
Sunshine / Greeters

Motorcycles For sale



For sale Red 2003 Goldwing - \$6,500

174,000 Miles. Lots of chrome & lights, Controls for heated jackets front & rear, Trunk Rack, Adjustable passenger boards, Highway pegs, Chrome caliper covers with lights. AM/FM radio, with 6 disc player & CB radio, Trailer Hitch, Good Tires, Passenger Arm Rests, Passenger mute button, 2 helmets with J & M headsets. Radar Detector, Tracksion dynamics.... Much much more. For information Call Ronnie Lopez (509) 760-1060 (phone service ify so leave msg.)

For Sale Blue 2001 Goldwing – \$7,000 obo

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Don & Tina Hatley
WA-A Chapter Directors

Washington District Convention

"Christmas in July"

July 20, 21, 22, 2017

Chelan County Fairgrounds
1700 Wescott Drive
Cashmere, WA 98815



Registration Fees

Postmarked on or before July 1, 2017

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| GWRRRA Member | \$25.00 x | = \$ |
| Life Member | \$20.00 x | = \$ |
| Non Member | \$30.00 x | = \$ |
| Vendor | \$25.00 x | = \$ |

Postmarked after July 1, 2017

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| GWRRRA Member | \$30.00 x | = \$ |
| Life Member | \$25.00 x | = \$ |
| Non Member | \$35.00 x | = \$ |

Grand Prize \$1000

(Must be present to win)

Price per ticket \$1.00 x = \$

Pre-registration 50/50 Drawing

(Must be present to win)

Price per ticket \$1.00 x = \$

Friday Breakfast

Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Pancakes

Price per ticket \$5.00 x = \$

Friday Night Dinner

Pork Loin, salad, garlic bread, green beans, dessert

Price per ticket \$10.00 x = \$

Friday Night Ice Cream Social

Free for everyone \$0.00 x = \$ FREE

Saturday Breakfast

French Toast, Ham, Fruit

Price per ticket \$5.00 x = \$

Saturday Night "Turkey" Dinner

Includes: Turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, dressing, cranberry sauce, bread, beverage & dessert

Price per ticket \$13.00 x = \$

Camping, RV's, Tents & Tent Trailers

(Thursday, Friday, Saturday)

Tent & Tent Trailer (No power)

Price per night \$15.00 x = \$

RV, Tent, Tent Trailer (15/30/50 amp, water, sewer)

Price per night \$20.00 x = \$

Total amount enclosed = \$

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\$1000 Grand Prize!

Washington's Got Talent - Ice Cream Social - Bike Games - Trike Games

Bike Show - Light Parade - Scenic Rides - Quarter Bingo -

Santa Clause Visits

Chapter and Individual Competitions - Brown Bag Auction - Trunk Search

Christmas Themed Campsite Competition

The Gnomes of Cashmere in Downtown Cashmere

Aplets and Cotlets Factory Tours

Breakfasts and Friday Dinner Hosted by Chapter Z

Saturday Dinner Hosted by Washington District Staff

SNOW!! SNOW!! SNOW!!

For more information contact:

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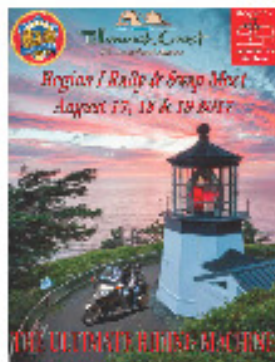
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Rider Signature _____

Co-Rider Signature _____



Region I Rally And Swap Meet



(Shirt image - as shown)



Come Join the Fun Rallying around the Lighthouses

August 17, 18, 19, 2017

Tillamook, Oregon

Rally Headquarters: Tillamook County Fairgrounds, 4603 Third Street, Tillamook, OR.

Region I Directors, Don and Sharon Weber - 208-660-7836

Motel: Western Royal Inn, 1125 N Main Ave, Tillamook, OR. 97141, 503-842-8844, 800-624-2912, westernroyal@gmail.com

Single Queen and Double Queen Bedrooms - \$79.95 plus tax. (Don't forget to mention **GWRRA** for Discount)

Rider Name _____ Member# _____ Chapter _____ Telephone # _____

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Pre-Registration - Post marked by June 31, 2017

Life Member \$ 20.00 X _____ = \$ _____
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Non-Member \$ 30.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Post Marked AFTER June 31, 2017

Life Member \$ 25.00 X _____ = \$ _____
GWRRA Member \$ 30.00 X _____ = \$ _____
Non-Member \$ 35.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Grand Prize Tickets \$500.00

\$ 1.00 EACH or \$ 1.00 X _____ = \$ _____
1 Yard (18 Tickets) \$ 15.00 X _____ = \$ _____
3 Yards (54 Tickets) \$ 40.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Pre-registration 50/50

\$ 1.00 EACH or \$ 1.00 X _____ = \$ _____
1 Yard (18 Tickets) \$ 15.00 X _____ = \$ _____
3 Yards (54 Tickets) \$ 40.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Breakfast

Friday Morning \$ 6.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Saturday Morning \$ 6.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Friday Night Dinner \$ 8.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Saturday Night Dinner \$ 15.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Camping

(Thursday, Friday, Saturday)

Camping (No Power) - Price per night \$15.00 X _____ = \$ _____

All registration for classes must be paid for by June 31, 2017

ARC Course \$ 30.00 per person
TRC Course \$ 30.00 per person
CPR / First Aid \$ 25.00 x _____ = \$ _____
LTP Class
Co-Rider Seminar

Shirt Orders need to be made by June 31, 2017

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Seniors \$19.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Children (3-10) \$12.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Swap meet

10% Charge for every item sold

Grand Total Enclosed

Check # _____ \$ _____

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NO REFUNDS after July 31, 2017

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