



# GWRRA CHAPTER WA-A SEATTLE, WA



Periodic News Letter  
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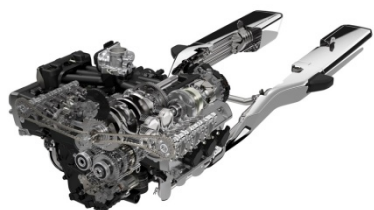
## Through the Windshield:



### Looking through the Windshield:

.....Here it is December and we're wondering what happened to 2017! How quickly the days and months go by. It just goes to show how important it is to get out there and enjoy each and every day. As I look back through this year's News Letters and reflect on all the fun we've had in Chapter "A", I look forward to all the outings and memories we can make in 2018.

For those of us that ventured down to South Bound Honda on Tuesday October 24<sup>th</sup> to see the dealers live feed from Honda on the New 2018 Goldwing it was well worth the trip and time. To start with South Bound Honda graciously served up hot food fresh off the grill. After some fun conversation all around they setup the live feed from Honda Corp. and we watched the live video's showing the (All) new 2018 Goldwing.



And there are a lot of changes starting from the frame, engine, front suspension and lots more. They are taking pre orders starting in November with deliveries starting in January and February 2018. The dealers should have more information out soon.....



Availability: February 2018

## PRICING

GL MT – \$23,500

GL DCT – \$24,700

GL Tour MT – \$26,700

GL Tour DCT – \$27,700

GL Tour DCT A/B – \$31,500

### GOLD WING / GOLD WING TOUR FEATURE COMPARISON

|                                  | GOLD WING TOUR | GOLD WING TOUR DCT    | GOLD WING TOUR DCT AIRBAG | GOLD WING      | GOLD WING DCT         |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Double-Wishbone Front Suspension | ✓              | ✓                     | ✓                         | ✓              | ✓                     |
| Electric Windscreen              | Tall           | Tall                  | Tall                      | Short          | Short                 |
| Transmission                     | 6-speed manual | 7-speed automatic DCT | 7-speed automatic DCT     | 6-speed manual | 7-speed automatic DCT |
| Reverse                          | ✓              | ✓                     | ✓                         |                | ✓                     |
| Top Box                          | ✓              | ✓                     | ✓                         | Optional       | Optional              |
| Audio Speakers                   | 2 front/2 rear | 2 front/2 rear        | 2 front/2 rear            | 2 front        | 2 front               |
| Riding Modes                     | 4              | 4                     | 4                         | 4              | 4                     |
| Cruise Control                   | ✓              | ✓                     | ✓                         | ✓              | ✓                     |
| Honda Selectable Torque Control  | ✓              | ✓                     | ✓                         |                |                       |
| Heated Seat                      | ✓              | ✓                     | ✓                         |                |                       |
| Heated Grips                     | ✓              | ✓                     | ✓                         | ✓              | ✓                     |
| Fr./Rr. Electric Damping Adjust  | ✓              | ✓                     | ✓                         |                |                       |
| Preload Adjust                   | Electric       | Electric              | Electric                  | Manual         | Manual                |
| Center Stand                     | ✓              | ✓                     | ✓                         | Optional       | Optional              |
| Built-in Navigation              | ✓              | ✓                     | ✓                         | ✓              | ✓                     |
| Apple CarPlay Compatible         | ✓              | ✓                     | ✓                         | ✓              | ✓                     |
| Airbag                           |                |                       | ✓                         |                |                       |

*Our October 28<sup>th</sup> Chapter “A” meeting has come and gone and what a picture perfect day for a meeting and a ride. 24 members were on hand to enjoy each other’s company and the rides after words.*



*There was a large visitation from Chapter "V" and several members from Chapters "I" & "Q". The Chapter "V" members surprised Chapter "A" by wearing red bandanas around their necks for the visitation. Thanks guys and gals it looked great! And matched your green shirts and hats.*

*Green and Red goes well together.....*

*After much "fun" conversation and completion of the meeting everyone adjourned to the parking lot to prepare for the respective rides. Chapter "V" had a ride planned to go over the narrows bridge up through Bremerton and down the west side of Hood canal with a stop in Olympia for lunch. A beautiful ride on a picture perfect day. Would have been great to go with "V", but Chapter "A" had preplanned the last trip over the mountains before snow sets in the pass's. So we all set out on are respective courses. The ride up through Enumclaw, on to Greenwater following hwy 410 up and then following SR 123 around the back side of Mt Rainier connecting up with US 12 just east of Packwood was absoultey georgous. The sun from out of the east on Mt. Rainier really highlighted what a beautiful part of the country we live in. The fall colors were outstanding. Turning east on hwy 12 over white pass (there was not a drop of snow on the sky slope's) and down through the canyons on the way to Miners in Yakima when we came upon a detour on hwy 12 (due some road construction ahead) so off we went on a road none of us had ever been on. It led us around Rim Rock Lake, it was a perfect bike road with good pavement and lots of curves (not a boring road) and more great sights to enjoy. Buy the time we arrived at Miners we were ready for a good hamburger.*



*And a good hamburger we did get!! A Miner burger is like a XXX burger you could cut it up and feed at least 2 people. But we left a proud gold winger, we left nothing behind..... As it turned out it was the last trip over the mountains this fall as four days later the Snow came down with gusto! Cayuse and Chinook pass's are now closed for the season.....*

On November 7<sup>th</sup> (Election Day) several of us from Chapter "A" returned the visit to Chapter "V"s meeting and this time



"we" wore "Green Scarf's" and green light sabers in a V shape as we entered their meeting. What a fun evening it was! Come on out with us next time and do some visiting, it is great fun.....

**An unrelated safety item everyone should be aware of.** Kidde fire extinguisher company has a recall on household, auto, and marine, fire extinguishers etc. Recall **#15-079**.



[www.kidde.com](http://www.kidde.com) to find out if yours is recalled.....

**Don't forget** our **November Chapter "A" meeting** this month, two days after Thanksgiving dinner on **Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup>**! ("A chance to get relief from the holiday fun and Black Friday shopping stress").....

**Two items of Note!** **"Canceled, Canceled"**

The Chapter "A" Christmas Party scheduled for December 17<sup>th</sup> has been **Canceled!**

The Chapter "A" **December 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting is Canceled** as it falls on the Christmas weekend. Your Chapter Volunteer Staff wishes each and everyone a very merry Christmas and a joyous holiday season.....

We don't want any Chapter "A" member to miss a great ride or event and make some fantastic new memories because of communications. So don't hesitate to get on the **Phone Tree call list**.

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

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## Assistant Director (ACD) – December 2017



*Something from the road.*

*Nothing new from the road this month!*

*Todd McClain (ACD)*

## Chapter Treasurer – December 2017



*Nothing new from the treasury this month!*

Charlie Butters / Treasurer

## Membership Enhancement



### Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Input - December 2017

### Have you had the opportunity to see the 2018 Gold Wing?

Well, until February of 2018, all of us are still riding the older wings so don't look here. But, if you read further down the page, you will see where you can see a few videos of the 2018 Gold Wing.

While I'm talking about riding, we had an awesome after meeting ride in October. After leaving Renton, we headed south on Hwy 167 to Hwy 410 in order to travel east on Hwy 123 over Cayuse Pass. The fall colors were abundant and vibrant. The roads were in good repair and the traffic was very light. After leaving Hwy 123 and going over White Pass, we had to take a bit of a detour from Hwy 12 onto Tieton Reservoir Road just before Rimrock Lake. We had never been on this road before. Very nice little two lane road through the woods. We committed it to memory for a spring ride.

Anyway, through the woods to Miner Burger in Yakima for an outstanding lunch. The return route back to the other side of the mountains was just as nice. West over Hwy 12 towards Whistlin' Jacks and on to Chinook pass. Once again beautiful roads with minimum traffic.

Long story short, this is no doubt the last time we will be going across Cayuse and Chinook on our bikes this year. I heard on the news today that both passes were closed as of November 4th due to snow. They are now closed for the winter.

Now, about the 2018 Gold Wing and available videos etc. Take a look at the front page of our web site, <http://www.gwrri-waa.org/> and you will see five videos of the new wing. Two from Cruiseman's Garage and three from Niehaus Cycle Sales. Also included are the Owner's Manual and the Navi Manual for the 2018 wing. These five videos plus the two documents will answer a multitude of questions.

**Why did you join GWRRA? I'd be willing to bet it was to reach out to others with the same make and model of motorcycle. To gain knowledge. To tap that broad knowledge base of Gold Wing owners.**

GWRRA Membership is always an important issue. Unfortunately, our membership has dwindled considerably over the years. Not just our chapter but all chapters across the globe. Presently, we have 15 life members and 31 Individual or Family Members. That means we have a total of 46 GWRRA members attached to Chapter WA-A.

Don Hatley is actively looking to increase our numbers. He has ordered and received Membership Information pamphlets, business cards and has drafted a letter of introduction to Chapter WA-A to hang in the local motorcycle shops and/or anywhere motorcyclists gather.

At the next meeting, Don will have a supply of the items that the National GWRRA office has sent for our distribution as well as the newly drafted letter of introduction to Chapter WA-A. Please take some of these items, place them in conspicuous spots in your local motorcycle shops and motorcycle hangouts as well as putting them on motorcycles you see on the road in your travels. Hopefully this will help to bolster our numbers.

Lastly, if you really want to reach out to others with the same make and model motorcycle, try visiting other district chapters. You might be surprised at how many Gold Wing owners love to talk about their motorcycles, their modifications and or any malfunctions they have experienced.

Mike Brieser  
MEC/Webmaster

## **Ride Coordinator – December 2017**



***Saturday was Chapter "A's" meeting day. With great weather we had a full house. Chapter "V" was well represented with red bandanas to show their connection to Chapter "A" it was a lot of fun. Along with Chapter "V" we had Chapters "I" & "Q". Joining us were our new members Dale & Pamela Timmons. After the meeting we had two rides for the day. Chapter "V" had a ride that headed across the narrows bridge and through Shelton and on to Olympia for lunch, and then home. Chapter "A's" ride headed to Hwy 410 then to Hwy 123 and on to Hwy 12 to get a famous Miners burger. Then it was time to head home. We took Hwy 12 to Hwy 410 when it was time to cut off, we waved good-bye on a great day with plenty of Sunshine, lots of laughs and 300 miles added to our bikes for the day. Until next time keep the rubber side down.....***

*Bill Holt / Ride Coordinator*



## District Motorist Awareness

### BUT, I DIDN'T SEE HIM!

Last month I was out in the elementary school parking lot assisting a teacher in the process of changing a flat tire. Fortunately I had my mini compressor with me and as soon as we were finished inflating the tire I heard a loud bang, and then the noise of a car horn continuously blaring away. I rushed out to the street and saw the results of a two car collision. One of the cars had the airbag activated and the driver in a dazed condition. I rushed over to

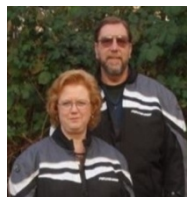


join some other people at the scene to see if I could assist in any medical way. The driver of the vehicle with the inflated airbag was being assisted by other individuals, so I went to the driver who had evidently made a left turn in front of the other driver. This gentleman was walking around in a high state of agitation and continually repeating that he wondered where the other driver had come from since he did not see him. Yes, emergency aid and police showed up in a matter of minutes.

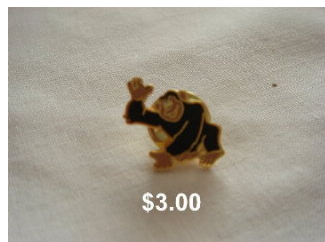
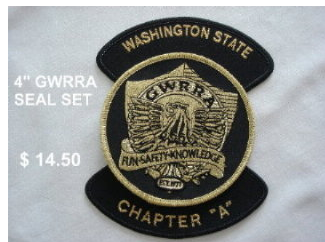
The point I'm making is that if the driver had not seen a vehicle the size of a car and made a left hand turn in front of it, how can an individual on a smaller sized motorcycle be recognized? Was the driver so engrossed on the entrance to the parking area that his vision of the approaching vehicles was totally ignored? Did another case of "distracted driving" enter the books? Only that driver will know. But, the statement of "I didn't see him" boggles my mind since the size of the on-coming vehicle is hard to ignore.

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# Chapter Stores



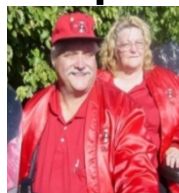
Nothing new for this month in Chapter "A" Stores.



The full stores inventory is on the Chapter "A" Website:

Gary Beard/Stores Manager

## Chapter Sunshine / Greeters



### December Birthdays

Dec 10 Dave Steckler  
Dec 11 Lisa Desiga  
Dec 17 Mike Miller  
Dec 20 Paul Edwards  
Dec 25 Rick Pradel  
Dec 27 Rhonda Otten  
Dec 27 Neil Mayes

### December Anniversaries

Dec 27 Greg and Janet Beeck  
Dec 31 Paul and Sue Edwards

Chris & Patty Johnson  
Sunshine / Greeters

## Upcoming Outings & Events.....

Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 Hometown Santa Parade on Meridian in Puyallup 5:00pm.

Jan 27<sup>th</sup> Chapter "I" Casino Night (Camp Murray Armory)  
Registration Forms on their Web Site or at our  
Chapter "A" Meeting.

# Motorcycles & Parts For sale .....

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