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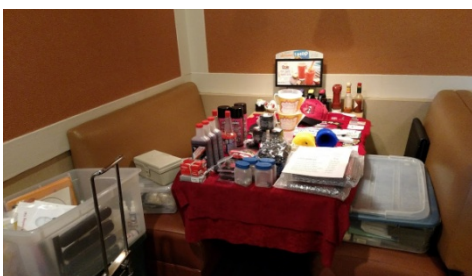


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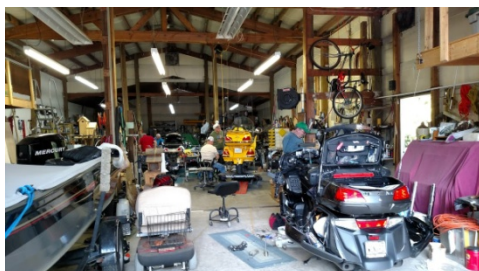


Looking through the Windshield:

.....The September 23rd meeting has come and gone and although I wasn't able to attend due a little case of pneumonia our ACD Todd McClain and the Chapter staff conducted a very nice meeting and socializing with Chapter "A" members and guests. I heard a great time was had by all. After the meeting the Chapter Ride Coordinator had a short ride planned.



.....After a very nice meeting They adjourned to the parking lot to get set for the ride out to the Chapter "V" maintenance day.





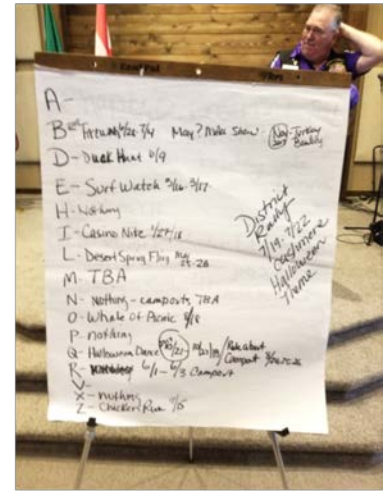
....The Chapter "V" maintenance day was another great success for the members. Ken Harder had once again opened up his shop for their fall maintenance items. A lot of maintenance was accomplished before the winter weather arrived. And it was appreciated by all.....

Sunday the 24th arrived as another great riding day up to Anacortes for the **Annual Oyster Run**. A like minded group of members from Chapter "A" and Chapter "V" were on hand for the 05:30 departure from the 212th McDonald's restaurant with a scheduled stop at the Smokey Point Rest Stop to pickup any members from up north. They arrived on time about 8:00 and found their favorite parking spots across the street from the Calico Cupboard restaurant and immediately settled in for breakfast before the crowds filled everything up.



Another really fun day was enjoyed by all, with an estimated 17,000 motorcycles filling the down town streets, with many vendors filling the side streets. Of course no trip to Anacortes is complete without a stop at the Snow Goose for ice cream cones on the way home.....

On October 7th several of us from Chapter "A" were up early to attend the Washington District Leadership Training workshop in Buckley. This is always a very interesting and educational workshop. With the chance to meet up with other members from throughout the state and catch up on the latest information about GWRRA from National and District levels. Several new Modules were added this year. **In addition the various Chapters laid out there rides and event plans for 2018.**



On Thursday October 12th it was time for our Picnic social at the Johnson's house.



Sixteen members were on hand to enjoy Chris and Patty's hospitality and a very nice indoor picnic (it rained and hailed while there so indoors was very appropriate for the evening). Thank you Chris and Patty for a very fun filled evening.....



On October 17th several Chapter "A" members joined Chapter "V" members for their social at Jimmy Mac's restaurant in Federal Way. Twenty Three people enjoyed each other's company, a great time was had by all.....

*One of the chapter "A" members has selected the **Azteca Restaurant in Federal Way** for the **November 9th** Chapter "A" social. (Remember the socials are always on the second Thursday of the month).*

*...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" members 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 coming to the end of summer and it's been a fantastic riding season. So let's get those Gold Wings out on the road and watch out for road hazards associated with the fall and winter seasons.....

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

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



Something from the road.

Wanted to send out a little something for this newsletter. Was going over to Don's house for "garage night" last Thursday, got off work (something some of us still have to do), went home and got my truck, it was not a sunny day. Thought, boy I better stop and get something to eat beforehand, little did I know, Don got doughnuts, Bill got pizza and Mike brought muffins. Needless to say, there was plenty, another event that I didn't go home hungry from. More reasons to join in. Be safe out there.....Your ACDTodd.

Todd McClain (ACD)

Chapter Treasurer – November 2017



GL1200 back in shape.

Last newsletter ended with the brakes on Harold's GL1200 locking up. Some searches on this problem turned up a possible culprit being the "return port" on the master cylinder. Although we had rebuilt the master cylinder, there was one piece that we hadn't taken off in the process which was the tube that the brake fluid reservoir hose connects to. It's a plastic tube on top of the master cylinder. Mike knew that it used an O-ring, but the rebuild kit didn't come with a new one, so we didn't take the tube off. What we did not know was that under that tube are 2 ports, one that is maybe 1/8-inch at the top, but is cone shaped so that the bottom opening is very tiny, so small that I'm not sure that a standard pin would fit through it. This hole is shown in the photo and it was obviously completely plugged with hardened gook. I used a strand from a wire brush to poke at it over and over until I finally was able to get that strand through the hole. After getting it cleaned out, we reinstalled the master cylinder for the 3rd time and voila! The brakes stopped freezing up!



So with that problem solved, the bike is pretty much ready to ride. Harold has to decide if he's going to sell it as is, or replace the tires, renew the tabs, renew his endorsement and do some riding. Since it's pretty late in the riding season to be selling a bike, that decision may not be made for a while.....

Charlie Butters / Treasurer

Membership Enhancement



As most of you know, changes are coming to GWRRA in 2018.

The President of GWRRA, Anita Alkire, has made some sweeping changes. Naturally, there have been multiple questions about how things are going to function with these changes. Here are some questions answered by Anita Alkire, GWRRA President, in her own words:

"The first question is a very critical one, Are assistants going away?

NO ASSISTANTS ARE NOT GOING AWAY!!! The position of Assistant does not normally go on an organizational chart. BUT, we must have Assistants to do our tasks and to teach and mentor them to take the position next. Some Assistants are just great helpers, so have a couple. My only request is PLEASE use your Assistants, they are there to help and want to help!"

"Rider Education", is it going away? ABSOLUTELY NOT!!! There is some change and my belief is it will be change for the better. I really hope that the vision of why these changes can be understood. The Chapter needs to become less structured, a gathering of Members to share experiences, adventures, new gear, safety tips and our leaders to bring the news of the Chapter, District and GWRRA. Does that mean we are going away from safety? Quite the opposite, I believe that safety is all of our responsibility. In my Home Chapter, CA-1F we used to say, "your safety is my responsibility". "

"I believe this in my heart. So the approach here is that we all take the responsibility by encouraging each other to think, ride, dress, and act with safety as our 1st priority. Without a formal Chapter Educator, we will share, teach, mentor and encourage others to take safety courses when offered from the District and to get involved in the levels program."

"So what about this Ride Coordinator? What are they going to do?

They will first be a person who loves to find the back roads, fun roads and find some fun places to visit. Maybe overnights, or day rides, a picnic or a longer trip, they will be the coordinator. Will they do this alone? I sure hope not. Share the fun, planning and logistics, I just know that someone has to be the instigator and that is the primary responsibility. We have made this position an Officer position and put it under Rider Education. I did this because safety and sharing safety is critical for our Members. I want this position to share safety in a fun and thought provoking way. Use the Rider Meeting cards to have a great meeting before the ride. You can go to the Rider Ed form page, <http://gwrro.org/regional/ridered/officerpage.html#a10> and scroll down to Inspection Forms. You will find forms for Motorcycle, Trike, Trailer and Sidecar and then demonstrate how to do the inspection while having the other riders inspect their own ride. Lead by example and encourage others to follow.

It's just a different approach, a gentler approach, to share our "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge" motto."

Mike Briesse
MEC/Webmaster

Ride Coordinator – November 2017



This Thursday's social was at Chris and Patti's home. They had fried chicken and fixings. With our bellies full, it was time to sit and just talk. Five of us thought Saturday would be a good day for a ride. Don, Todd, Mike, Charlie and I came up with a couple of places we could go. We could either go to Oregon City for Chapter "I"'s installation of new officers, or head to Lynden for Chapter "H"'s 35th anniversary meeting. We chose Oregon City because of the weather and time.



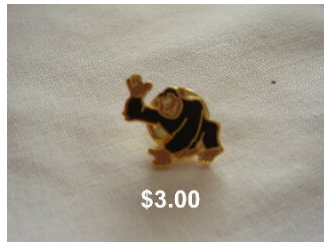
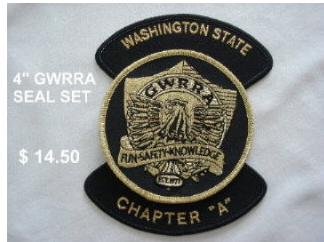
*Todd, Mike and I started out from the 512 McDonald's restaurant at 6:40 am helmets on ready to go. We arrived at 9:00am just in time for breakfast. After breakfast the installment of Bijou White and her staff was completed. Congratulations all around and it was time to head home. We made a quick stop at my house in Vancouver to take a look at my new fence. A good job they did. Then it was time to find a place to have lunch. Back on the road headed for home, it was time for another stop just before Olympia at a rest stop. That stop lasted an hour. Sometimes when friends get together, there is always time to talk and kick tires. Once back on the road the next stop would be home. It was 350 miles on a cool day, but great motorcycle weather. **Until next time keep the rubber side down.....***

Bill Holt / Ride Coordinator

Chapter Stores



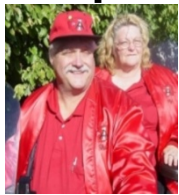
Nothing new for this month in Chapter "A" Stores.



The full stores inventory is on the Chapter Website:

Gary Beard/Stores Manager

Chapter Sunshine / Greeters



November Birthdays

November Anniversaries

David and Meredith Doll

Chris & Patty Johnson
Sunshine / Greeters

Upcoming Outings & Events.....

This Saturday October 28 is our Chapter "A" meeting at the IHOP restaurant at 610 Rainier Ave. South, Renton. Breakfast at 8:00am meeting at 9:00am. Usually a ride follows.....Don't miss the fun.....

The Thursday Night Social for November (always the second Thursday of the month) is November 9th at the **Azteca Restaurant** in Federal Way. Official time is 6:00pm, with some members starting to show up around 5:30pm.



October 31st is Halloween and the kids will be out on the streets in celebration of the day and odds are it will be dark and rainy. Extra care should be taken when driving.....

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