



# GWRRA CHAPTER WA-A SEATTLE, WA



Periodic News Letter

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## Through the Windshield:



### Looking through the Windshield:

The August 26th meeting has come and gone and what a great riding day it was. After a little seating mix up at the IHOP last month they had the back room reserved for us. Seventeen GWRRA members were on hand to enjoy each other's company and a very good breakfast menu. After introduction of Staff and Visitors, our Sunshine lady announced the birthdays and anniversaries. (Our ACD walked away with a nice 50/50). And a short discussion about other chapter events the meeting was adjourned so the planned ride of approximately 250 miles could begin.



It was another perfect day for a chapter ride, with temps in the mid to high 70's. The ride was planned to go over the narrows bridge, up past Bremerton, over the hood canal bridge and south on US101 along the west side of the Canal to enjoy the gorgeous sights along the waterfront. We made a scheduled stop for lunch at a favorite hamburger restaurant for motorcycles (Pictures above). Then continue south on US101 through Shelton and on to Olympia. Then Todd led us on an adventure down through Tumwater, Rainier, a loop to McKenna and on to Yelm and ultimately up through Spanaway (Had to stop for ice cream at Dairy Queen) and on to home. For a total of 260 miles for yours truly. Another fantastic day on the Wing.

On September 5<sup>th</sup> a few of us from Chapter "A" decided to visit with Chapter "V" at their Sept. meeting.



A fun time was enjoyed by all. It's always great to see old friends and maybe make some new ones. The food was very good, and Jeff ran a very nice meeting (Joe was still on his way back from Wing Ding). In attendance from Chapter "A" was Charlie Butters, Chris and Patty Johnson, Mike Briese, and myself. It was a fun evening.

Our September social was on the 14<sup>th</sup> at Jimmy Mac's Roadhouse in Renton, another great evening for a ride on our Wings. A very nice venue for socializing in a relaxed atmosphere with good food and peanuts on the floor! Thanks Charlie for picking it.

The October social is scheduled for a picnic at Chris & Patty Johnsons on the 12<sup>th</sup>. It should be a lot of fun. Any ideas for the November social?? ( Socials are always on the second Thursday of the month)...

**Coming up this Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> is the Chapter "A" meeting at the IHOP Restaurant 610 Rainier Ave. So, Renton, Wa. Breakfast at 8:00am with the meeting starting at 9:00am. Usually a ride follows the meeting.**



This Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup> is the annual **Anacortes Oyster Run** (when you think of the Oyster Run think the size of Wing Ding 15 to 20,000 motorcycles. Everyone should see it at least once. Scheduled departure time for Chapter "A" is helmets on at **05:30** from the **212<sup>th</sup> McDonald's** restaurant in Kent. There is a scheduled stop at the Smokey Point rest area at **6:30** where members from up north can meet up with the chapter.

**(Safety Checks completed and a full tank of gas)**

...As noted in the News Bulletin on July 10<sup>th</sup> 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 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.....**

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

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## Assistant Director (ACD) – October 2017



*Something from the road.*



*I had the opportunity to go on a ride led by Harry and Claudia from GWRRA WA "V". We left from the McDonalds restaurant at 4 corners on our way to Zeke's on Hwy 2. Seemed like a pretty straight forward trip, then the fun little side roads were taken. Was a beautiful day for the ride with like minded people. When we got there, there was good food and good conversation. I had an elk burger. Was great to see friends from Chapter V and enjoy the ride together.*

*Todd McClain (ACD)*

## Chapter Treasurer – October 2017

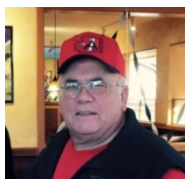


In last month's newsletter, we ended with successfully removing a leaking rear master cylinder from Harold's 1984 GL1200. Harold purchased a rebuild kit. Mike installed the rebuild kit and worked with Bill to reinstall the master cylinder. There were a few electrical issues to deal with, but eventually we took the bike out for a test run. Unfortunately, after about 10 minutes of riding, we found that the brakes were locked up. We figured that maybe it was the seals on the caliper pistons, but diagnosis after a subsequent test run narrowed it down to a continuing problem with the master cylinder. For some reason, it wasn't releasing the pressure on the brakes. We thought that perhaps a re-cleaning and maybe some smoothing of the piston in the master cylinder would help, but that did not seem to do the trick. The linked brakes are still not releasing. All that took place over the course of the last month, so that's where we sit as of today --- trying to figure out why the linked brakes won't release.

Some other things did get done. We found that the speedometer was not working, so a new speedo cable was ordered and installed. That fixed the problem. The rear end wiring had all been modified in the past for a light bar for the saddlebags that we removed, so Harold also spent some time cleaning up the wiring for the brake lights, tail lights, turn signals and license plate light. Harold also cleaned everything up quite nicely so it's ready to shine when we get it put back together. We also found that the fuse box had a bad receptacle. The bad connection caused one of the fuses to start to melt, so a replacement has been ordered for that. The next step will be to hopefully solve the brake problem. (Late breaking news: We suspect that the fluid return port in the master cylinder is clogged. It is a very tiny port and is easily missed. We will need to remove the master cylinder again to probe the port with a micro fine wire. Stay tuned.)

Charlie Butters / Treasurer

## Membership Enhancement - October 2017



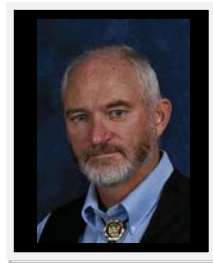
### Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Input - October 2017

## *Reprint from the September District Newsletter. (Thanks Ted)*



### District Webmaster

**RFID readers**  
**And your Credit Cards**



Hi,

Last month, I reprinted an article on WiFi hotspots. This month is a short article on your RFID chip enabled credit cards. It's great to be able to go into a business, like McDonalds or Subway and just press your credit card against a reader that activates the RFID chip in your credit card and automatically debits your account. This same technology can be used by someone with illegal thoughts in mind.

With the proper reader, or an app on their smart phone, they can just walk up to you, get within range of your RFID enabled credit cards and trigger the chip, having them broadcast all of your credit card information to them. All this without you knowing it or the person actually being very close to you.

Most RFID chips can broadcast about **3 meters**, that's a little over **9 feet**. So it's really easy to trigger the chip and have the information broadcast while the thief is just standing there.

So, what can you do? Well, first, check to verify that your card is RFID enabled. Not all cards with the chip in it is RFID enabled. You can tell by somewhere on the card, usually on the back, there is the radio broadcast icon, it looks like this:



If you've got some cards with that logo on it, then it's to your advantage to get something that can block unwanted RFID triggers and broadcasts.

Searching on Amazon returns several RFID protector sleeves at a pretty low cost. They can be a metal card holder so all the cards within are protected, or individual, metal lined sleeves... usually a type of metal foil.

By surrounding the card with metal will protect it from unwanted broadcasts.

Technology is great but care and common sense needs to be applied... Safe computing...

Ted Moore

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*(If you are interested in protective sleeves for your credit cards, take a look at Amazon.com. I just bought a pack of ten for \$5.99. small price to pay for added security.)*

Mike Briesse

MEC/Webmaster

## Ride Coordinator – October 2017



Well here we are at the end of September and the days are getting shorter and the rains have arrived. With the rain, winds and cooler air the tree's will start losing their leaves and the roads can be very slippery, combine that with the tar snakes (patch's) on the road, ride with a little extra care.

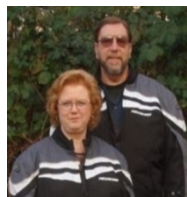
This weekend we have our meeting on Saturday and also one of the last scheduled big event rides of the season on Sunday. The **Anacortes Oyster Run** has been a favorite of the chapter for many years. This is always an early departure so we arrive in time to get good parking spots and breakfast at the Calico Cupboard Café & Bakery across the street before it gets too crowded to get seated. Departure time is **5:30am** with a stop at the Smokey Point Rest Area at **6:30**. Those living farther north could meet us there.

**(A T-Clock inspection on the bike and a full tank of gas.)**

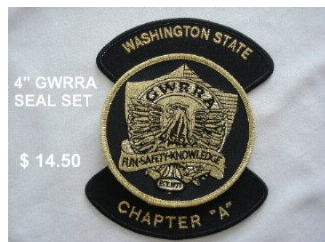
*Bill Holt / Ride Coordinator*



# Chapter Stores



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



\$ 14.50



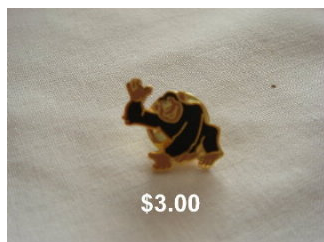
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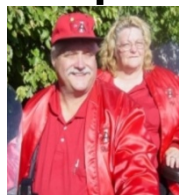


\$1.75

The full stores inventory is on the Chapter Website:

Gary Beard/Stores Manager

## Chapter Sunshine / Greeters



### October Birthdays

3<sup>rd</sup> Betty Edgemon  
5<sup>th</sup> Paul Rothwell  
22<sup>nd</sup> Robin Pradel  
23<sup>rd</sup> Kenny Urban  
27<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Allen  
28<sup>th</sup> Denise Blangy

### October Anniversaries

1<sup>st</sup> Tom and Jill Maurice  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bill and Rosalia Olson  
13<sup>th</sup> Eddie and Clarine Dunn

Chris & Patty Johnson  
Sunshine / Greeters

## Upcoming Outings & Events.....

**October 7<sup>th</sup>** Washington District Leadership Training Workshop. *This is always a very interesting workshop with several new modules this year. All Chapter "A" members are encouraged to attend (It's an opportunity to meet friends and members from all over the state and learn more about our association.) Additional information and registration forms will be at our meeting this Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

**The Thursday Night Social for October** (always the second Thursday of the month) is October 12<sup>th</sup> for a picnic at Chris & Patty's Johnson's.  
Official time is 6:00pm, with some members starting to show up around 5:30pm.

**Anacortes Oyster Run-** Is Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup> (4th Sunday in September). This has always been a favorite Chapter "A" ride! It's always an early departure for a fun filled day. Starting place is the 212<sup>th</sup> McDonald's restaurant. Helmet's on departure time is **0530**.

## Motorcycles For sale .....



### For sale Red 2003 Goldwing - \$6,500

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