



GWRRA CHAPTER WA-A SEATTLE, WA



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Through the Windshield:



Looking through the Windshield:

The July 22nd meeting has come and gone and what a great riding day it was. After a little seating mix up at the IHOP, breakfast was very tasty and the service was great. Fourteen Chapter "A" members were on hand to enjoy good company and the latest information on the upcoming changes in GWRRA. After introduction of Staff and Visitors, our Sunshine lady announced the birthdays and anniversaries. Our MEC once again won the 50/50. And a short talk about other chapter events the meeting was adjourned so the planned ride to the State Rally could begin. Our Ride Coordinator had a short riders meeting next to the bikes to discuss the planned route and safety, then we were off to Cashmere! Even though we had just had breakfast two or three hours ago we still had to stop at the **Liberty Café for a piece of their homemade pie.**



Mine was alamode.



The rest

of the trip over Blewett Pass on US 97 connecting to Hwy US 2 then into Cashmere for the Rally was very pretty and uneventful. **Another fun day in the saddle.**

Sunday August 6 arrived as another "o"hum" Blue Sky day starting out in the high sixty's and ended up in the high eighty's. Except for the smoke from the fires up in Canada it was another picture perfect day for the planned ride down to Packwood for their Fire Departments annual BBQ Beef benefit outing. Our ride Coordinator laid out a great route starting out from the McDonalds restaurant in Enumclaw taking SR410 up through the small hamlet of green water and into the national forest to connect with SR123 around the east side of Mt. Rainier then on to connect with US12 and then down into Packwood. It was a beautiful ride around the majestic mountain ending up with a very tasty BBQ in Packwood.



*There were seven wings in the group, three from Chapter "A", three from Chapter "V" and a new couple that Todd had met the day before who had just purchased a new 2017 wing. Hopefully we will see them on future rides, they were Dale and Pamela Timmons riding a black 2017 just like Todd's.....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
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Assistant Director (ACD) – September 2017



After hearing a lot about how great the new balance disks are working on the GL1800's I decided to try a set. My new Wing with the built in tire pressure sensor's make adding balance beads almost an impossible task. So I purchased a set of CentraMatic disks.



The installation took approximately 2hr's leaving sufficient time for our Thursday garage night marble game. With over three hundred miles sense the installation including our after meeting ride on Saturday I'd say they work great! So far I love them and I would do it again.....

Todd McClain (ACD)

Chapter Treasurer – September 2017



Here's the story...

The neighborhoods around me have a lot of folks that have signed up for "Nextdoor" which is an online community where people can post information about events, ask questions, info about possible prowlers or breakins, etc. About a month ago, a fellow by the name of Harold asked if anyone could help him get his 1984 GL1200 running. He hadn't ridden it for a while and wanted to sell it. I sent Harold a message that I would be willing to come by and take a look. Turns out that Harold had not ridden the bike for about 4 years. Fortunately he kept it garaged, it was still in a bad way. I figured the first thing I'd do would be to see if it would at least turn over. Fortunately Harold had a new battery. He actually bought it 3 years ago, but never installed it, but it still had a charge. So I installed the new batter, poured a little Seafoam in the tank, and turned the key. The lights did indeed come on. I pushed the starter and after a few attempts, it fired up! Lots of smoke and smells, but it was running, so I shut it down. Next, I figured out that the front brakes were frozen. There was no pressure in the brake lines, so Harold and I bled the front brakes and eventually figured out that one or both were frozen. So that was enough for the first evening — I said I'd return on Saturday.

I mentioned to Don in an email that I was helping a guy with an old Goldwing. By Saturday, Bill and Mike had heard about it, so they decided to join me at Harold's Saturday morning. As Bill walked up to the garage, Harold said "Hey, don't I know you?" It turns out that Harold (Hawken) had been in or at least aware of Chapter A many years ago after buying his Goldwing from Boxcar. In fact, Bill remembered being there when Harold bought the bike. As they talked, we got back to work on the bike. That day, we worked more on the front brakes, removing and cleaning them. There was plenty of sludge in the calipers. We didn't have new seals, but we put them back together and they did seem to work. Getting to the rear brake was more of a challenge due to the add-on lights around the saddlebags. We, myself, Bill, and Mike came back on Tuesday and finally made our way to the rear brake and cleaned it up. With the brakes operational, we decided to start up the bike again. It sounded great, but there was smoke a-risin from near the right foot peg. There was also a smell of paper burning. We're not sure yet what the burning paper smell was, but we did figure out that the rear master cylinder was leaking and needed a rebuild, so we began to attempt to get the master cylinder out. Unfortunately, the brake lines to the cylinder had to be removed first, and those fittings were in a bad place behind the frame. We spend an hour or so trying to get a good grip on them, but they wouldn't budge. In order to get a proper angle on them, we figured we would have to remove the rear wheel and fender and possibly the gas tank. As we weren't too excited about that prospect, we called it a night and decided to do some web research to see if anyone else had come up with a solution to this problem.



The next day, Mike went to work solving the problem. He went to an auto parts store and bought a 10mm flare nut wrench, brought it home, and bent it into a shape that he thought would work. Then he had an even brighter idea, so he went back to the parts store, bought another 10mm flare nut wrench, then cut, bent and welded it so that it had an even better shot at getting to the brake line fittings.



We reconvened that night at Harold's. Mike and Bill started to work on it. They decided they needed some needle nose pliers which I had not brought with me, so I left to get those, but before I got back, they had successfully removed the master cylinder! With that accomplished, we had Harold order a rebuild kit. That's where we are as of today. The rescue project will continue this week, so more to come....

Charlie Butters / Treasurer

Membership Enhancement - September 2017



Life Membership, is your time counting?

(Taken from Insight - April 2011)

We sometimes receive questions from the spouse of a Member concerning why their time involved in GWRRA does not count toward a Life Membership. We normally find the answer to be that a person signed up as an Individual Member and never added their spouse or children in the household to their Membership. In some instances, the spouse does not realize they have never been a Member until sometime later. A GWRRA Member is eligible for Life Membership after they have attained 20 years of Membership.

We want to share the story of a young Life Member, Todd Miller of Abingdon, Virginia, whose Membership Number is 43314-03.

Todd's parents joined GWRRA in 1986. When Todd was born in 1990, he was added to his parents Membership. We recall him attending numerous GWRRA events and receiving many plaques for being the youngest Co-Rider. In short, Todd grew up as a part of the GWRRA family. As most lives go, we lost track of Todd during his high school and teen years. After he graduated high school, we would occasionally see him while he was working at Wal-Mart. He once told us he had a small motorcycle but didn't get to ride very much. This past Saturday, on a ride with our local Chapter, we were very surprised to see Todd show up riding his very own 1990 Light Blue Gold Wing. He was very proud!

Why is this important? Because, Todd has now been a Member of GWRRA for 21 Years which makes him a Life Member! He still lives at home with his parents. When Todd moves out of his parent's home and requests his own Membership number, he will get credit for the time he was a Member under his parents' Membership. It is fortunate for Todd that his parents added him to their Membership.

Where does this take us? We encourage every spouse, male or female, to be sure they are listed as Members. A spouse should realize that an Individual Membership covers only one person. A Family Membership covers two or more people living in the same household. We do not understand why Members sign up as an Individual Membership that does not include the spouse. Do we fail to fully explain the benefits of a Family Membership when recruiting a New Member? The additional cost is only a \$10.00 per year difference between the Individual and Family Membership.

It may be time to review your Membership status and be sure you have it correct. Does it cover everyone in your household? Just look back at Life Member Todd Miller. If his parents had not added him to their Membership, he would be starting his first year as a New Member.

Mike Briesse
MEC/Webmaster

Ride Coordinator – September 2017



Hello All:

On Saturday August 19th Chapter “A” visited the Chapter “E” meeting at the Kenmore lanes. Todd, Mike and I met at the 212th McDonalds at 7:30 to visit Chapter “E” at the Kenmore Bowl. We arrived a little bit after 8:00am, it appeared the bowling alley mixed up the meeting date. So we hung out in the parking lot with 15 members of Chapter “E”. Once they opened up it didn’t take them hardly anytime at all to get breakfast up and out to us. They did a great job! After the meeting Mike, Todd and I headed home by way of 405 until 8th street in Bellevue the traffic was so bad on 405 we were forced to do some creative routing. We made our way to Issaquah, once on the Issaquah Hobart road we headed through Ravensdale to Black Diamond. We turned onto Enumclaw Black Diamond Road then on to green valley road down to Auburn Black Diamond road and split up there. Todd turned right, Mike and I turned left. I went east on Hwy 18 and Mike went West. It was a fun creative route.

Bill Holt / Ride Coordinator

Chapter Stores



Nothing new for this month in Chapter “A” Stores.

Gary Beard/Stores Manager

Chapter Sunshine / Greeters



September Birthdays

9/6 Stephanie Greer
9/8 Tom Maurice
9/10 Andy Haugen
9/15 Dick Jones
9/16 Kevin Allen

September Anniversaries

22nd Mike and Dee Blangy
24th Tim and Angela Bowman

Chris & Patty Johnson
Sunshine / Greeters

Upcoming Outings & Events.....

The Thursday Night Social for September (always the second Thursday of the month) is September 14th at Jimmy Mac's Roadhouse 225 SW 7th St. Renton, WA 98057. Official time is 6:00pm, with some members starting to show up around 5:30pm.

Chapter "P" Oyster Feed - September 15th, 16th, 17th (Toutle River RV Resort, 150 Happy Trails, Castle Rock, WA.) Check Chapter "A" Website for Flyers and information.

Ride for Kids' – (Puget Sound) Remlinger Farms 32610 NE 32nd St. Carnation, WA 98014. Supporting the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation for kids. Sunday September 17, 2017.

Anacortes Oyster Run- Is Sunday September 24th (Last 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 212th McDonald's restaurant. Stay tuned for helmets on departure time yet to be decided.

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 dymatics.... Much much more. For information Call Ronnie Lopez (509) 760-1060 (phone service ify so leave msg.)

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