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Through the Windshield:



Looking through the Windshield:

*.....The holidays have come and gone like a blurry vision. With all the hussle and bussel of Christmas and the joy of having family around, and the celebration of the coming New Year. We now look forward to new **adventures and memories to be made in 2018.** Several in the*

Chapter we're able to get out for a nice ride on New Year's day, with the air a little brisk and the Sun shining. What a great way to start the year off. Unfortunately the pneumonia bug caught up with me and I've been out of commission and couldn't make the ride.

If you have some great new ideas for some fun and new adventures in 2018 bring them to our meetings so we can plan them in for more enjoyment by everyone.....As the old adjective says the more fun you put into it, the more fun you get out of it. Let's all have a great year.....

Don't forget our Chapter "A" monthly meeting Saturday January 27th at the IHOP Restaurant 610 Rainier Ave. South, Renton. Breakfast at 8:00am with meeting following at 9:00am. Usually a ride follows.

Chapter "I" Casino Night - Saturday Night January 27th starts at 4:00pm. (Camp Murray)
Always a lot of fun.....

The monthly socials will start up again on February the 8th (always the second Thursday of the month) Official time is 6:00pm, with some members starting to show up around 5:30pm.

What's your favorite restaurant? Just let us know, send a text, e-mail, or call and we'll set it up for our February social.....

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

Don Hatley
Chapter "A" Director
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Assistant Director (ACD) – January 2018



Something from the road.

Finally got some of my projects completed in my garage. Was guilting into it. Was able to "put it off" for along time. That's my Superpower. Thanks to Bill Holt and Don Hatley, I was on my way to finishing my bike lift and wood stove installation.



Got the piping for the air controls and the rebar ready for the concrete pour. Bill came over and the mixing started. Had only a handful of concrete leftover.



. Well after all of the hand wringing and tears my lift is in and working. I love it. Then, when I least expected it ,Don's threats came true and we had to work on the wood stove also. After much measuring and re-measuring and trips to Mclendons we got all our parts and got it in stalled. Works great. Thankful for not only the help from Bill, but the knudging from Don. Someday maybe my garage will be as well setup as Dad's. Your ACD, Todd

Todd McClain (ACD)

Chapter Treasurer – January 2018



From the treasurer....

Over Christmas, Ann and I made a trip to San Diego to see our family. Our daughter Leslie lives in San Diego. Her husband is in the Navy and is stationed in Iraq right now, so we didn't get to see him, but our daughter Julie came down from Seattle and our son Luke flew in from Milwaukee. The weather was nice but a little cool for the San Diego natives. It got down into the low 40's overnight and stayed cool until about 11am, but then it warmed up to the 60's and 70's. No rain of course. Leslie actually wishes it would rain once in a while, but apparently that is extremely rare.

We took in the self-guided tour of the aircraft carrier Midway. That was the highlight of the trip. It was amazing to learn what it takes to keep a ship with 4000 service men going. It's a city unto itself that had to be refueled and supplied at sea regularly with an enormous amount of fuel and food. Facilities for medical, dental, aircraft repair, several kitchens as well as munitions and other supplies, and of course the aircraft. One of the most interesting things was the landing/launch tracking boards which are clear plexiglass. The crewman that was tracking the aircraft would write backwards on one side of the board so that the crewmen on the other side of the board could read what he was writing and direct the "traffic." Basically an air traffic controller that had to write backwards — nothing like making a difficult job a little more difficult!

We also visited Balboa Park which is next to the San Diego Zoo, and we got down to the bay to see the sea lions laying around on the shore. The kids made the dinners for 2 of the evenings we were there which was a nice change of pace from the normal family gathering. They still looked to mom and dad for the Christmas dinner, so we didn't get off the hook entirely. All in all it was a good family time.

Charlie Butters / Treasurer

Membership Enhancement



Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Input – January 2018 -

Is It Worth It?

That is, is your GWRRA Membership worth it? There are times we wonder if there really is a value in the investment? There are many ways to track the value of something by how many uses you get out of it. We have appraisers who tell us the value of everything from jewelry to motorcycles. Sometimes we even see people selling things and they assign a value to their items. But really, what is it worth? Like a trusted friend of mine would say, “It is only worth what someone is willing to pay for it.”

People ask about the cost of a GWRRA Membership when they come to visit an event, whether it's a Chapter Gathering, a District or Region Rally, or at Wing Ding. But, do they really know what the real worth of that Membership is?

Take a bar of iron that is 1" x 2" x 12". The value of that bar is an estimated \$10.00. That same bar of iron could be turned into a horseshoe and now the value has gone up to an estimated \$20.00. You've doubled your money. The bar of iron could also be turned into screwdrivers and the value goes up to an estimated \$40.00 for the set. It's the same bar of iron used differently, and the value changes depending on how it was used. Our Membership is like that bar of iron. We all pay the same amount to be a Member. However what we do with it is up to each of us. The value is also up to us. So how can you add value to your Membership? Here are a few things you can do to add value:

- Attend Monthly Chapter Gatherings - get involved.
- Attend seminars - what a great way to learn about GWRRA.
- Get involved in the Rider Education Levels Program - just might save your life.
- Visit other Chapters in your area - there are amazing Wingers to meet.
- Attend your District, Region, and Wing Ding Rallies - you will have an awesome experience and again, the people you will meet are amazing.
- Take on a position - you'll always get more out of your Chapter, District, or Region by giving back.
- Your monthly copy of Wing World.
- The Gold Book.
- Rescue Plus.
- And last, Participate, Participate, and Participate!

These are just a few ways you could add value to your Membership. In fact, you may have some ideas of your own that were not listed. The point is we want you to see the real worth of

your Membership and that the more YOU get involved, the more your Membership has real value and worth. In my opinion, my Membership is priceless, but it's what you make of it that is important. Is Membership in GWRRA worth the investment for me? Oh heck yes, and I hope you also see the real worth of your Membership.

Remember, it's all the same Membership. It's what we do with it that determines the value. The choice is yours.

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Mike Briese

WA-A Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Coordinator

Motorcycle Awareness - January 2018



Recently a friend of mine purchased a new car and it came with many new safety devices that are meant to give the driver a warning of some type that it feels some corrective action must be taken. The action might just be an audible signal, a small flashing light, or even the system controlling the movement of the vehicle.

If you have purchased a new vehicle lately (or plan on buying one), it may have one of the following “enhancements”.

- Electronic Stability Control – slows individual wheels during a turn to keep car on course
- Lane-Keep Assist – detects lane departure and steers vehicle back into the correct lane
- Adaptive Cruise Control – monitors the driver-set speed and distance to the vehicle ahead
- Warning System – alerts the driver if a collision is imminent
- Drowsiness Alert – uses automobile or driver data to indicate when you need a break
- Driver attention system – electronic eye in steering wheel-mounted camera senses driver monitoring road. If detected reading a book or applying makeup, the system will give series of audible and visual warnings to refocus. Continued warnings determine motorist unresponsive and it will bring vehicle to a controlled stop.
- Intuitive Pedestrian Detection with Active Steering – will apply the brakes and steer around a person if he/she happens to be in its path, while staying within the current lane of traffic.
- Blind Spot Information System and Oncoming Lane Mitigation system – help avoid collisions with vehicles in adjacent lanes. It's basically a light on the side view mirror that begins blinking anytime another vehicle is in your blind spot. May also include an audio alert to make sure you know not to change lanes yet.

- Heads-up displays help solve this problem by putting basic navigation information right in front of you on the windshield so you never have to take your eyes off the road.

Now, I appreciate the efforts that the automobile industry has taken to present us with methods to make driving safer. Soon driving will be totally automated and any accidents will be the vehicles fault. Until that time I ask myself if the bells and whistles that alert the driver will be a distraction in and of themselves. It is scary to think that drivers will depend more on the new “features” and less on their individual awareness.



Vic Parr
District MAP Coordinator



Ride Coordinator – January 2018

New Year's Day Ride 2018

Our New Year's Day ride started at 10:00 am. With a meeting place on the corner of James and Central at a closed Exxon station. We were 4 bikes and 5 people, Todd, Mike, Carl, Debbie and I.



Once all together we decided to meet up with Chapter “V” at Denny's on Auburn Way south in Auburn, to join them on their New Year's Day ride. The more the merrier.



A total of 11 bikes set out on a sunny but very cold day of the New Year. After about 70 miles into the ride, it was time to head to Cranes Corner for a warm lunch. Jeff made sure to let them know we were coming. We arrived ready to warm up and eat, and they had a table ready for us.



It was nice to see that the Christian riders had the same idea. To ride your bike on the first day of a New Year. When they arrived, they mentioned as they walked by, I think you guys got our table Ha!Ha! Not so, their table was ready to go as well.



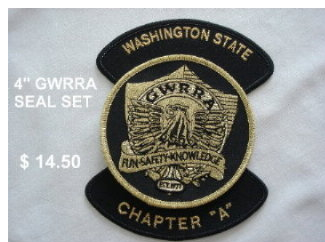
After lunch some of us headed out in different directions. Five bikes finished the ride that ended in Covington. Thank you to Jeff for letting us join his group for a great ride and lots of fun as always. Happy New Year's everybody and as always. Keep the rubber side down.

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



January Birthdays



1st Bill Holt
9th Mike Briesse
15th Ann Butters
16th Gisla Jones

January Anniversaries



Chris & Patty Johnson
Sunshine / Greeters

Upcoming Outings & Events.....

January 27th – Chapter “A” Meeting at the IHOP

January 27th – Chapter “I” Casino Night at Camp Murray

Chapter “A” Members have been busy Visiting other Chapters!

January 2nd – Members visited Chapter WA - “V”

January 6th - Chapter WA- “B”

January 13th – Oregon Chapter “I” (There first meeting at the Bomber Cafe.)



January 14th – Visiting Chapter “D”



Chapter “A” was present for the installation of the new Chapter “D” Directors.

Come on out Chapter “A” and join in on the fun! Visiting other Chapters is always great fun, seeing old and making new friends, support their Chapter, and opens up new possibilities for increased fun and adventures.....**Don't Miss The Fun!!.....**

You can look at the Chapter "A" Website and find times and distances from our North and South departure sites for Chapter Visitations....

WASHINGTON CHAPTER GATHERINGS

Chapter/ Mascot	Week	Day	Time	Location	Contact/ E-mail	Phone
A Apes	4	SAT	8am	IHOP Seattle	Don Hatley dhatwaa@comcast.net	253-941-5674
B Bees	1	SAT	8am	Airport Diner Bremerton	Robert & Helen Liddell rkliddell@earthlink.net	360-275-0461
D Duck	2	SUN	8am	Duffy's Aberdeen	Steve & Mary Carey smcarey1984@comcast.net	360-580-2186
E Eagle	3	SAT	8am	Kenmore Lanes Bellvue	Ron & Lana Peck ron@peckmanor.com	425-908-7321
H Hound Dog	2	TUE	6pm	Fairway Family Lynden	Garry & Judy Calman ghcalman@aol.com	360-739-5888
I Cow	3	SUN	8am	Hawks Prairie Olympia	Ronald & Dianna Hemmi waicd@gwrrawgai.org	253-686-7029
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M Mountain Lion	1	SAT	8am	Branding Iron Toppenish	Sherre & Arlie Holden sherreholden@hotmail.com	509-305-1278
N Wing Nuts	3	SAT	8am	Golden Corral Spokane	Lori Ann & Lewis Robertson mmloriann@gmail.com	509-251-4443
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P Panda	3	SAT	1pm	The Sizzler Longview	Jerry & Judy Thompson jernjud@gmail.com	360-261-0629
Q Koala	2	SAT	8am	Little Park Puyallup	Rusty & Nancy Boyatt chevyguy-slm10@hotmail.com	253-312-0851
R Road Runner	1	SAT	9am	Smith's Rest. Walla Walla	Jim & Laura Young tjyoung@centurylink.net	509-337-6562
V Frog	1	TUE	6pm	Rainbow Cafe Auburn	Joe & Patty Diambri j_diambri@yahoo.com	253-630-8463
X Phoenix	1	SAT	10:00am	Hometown Vancouver	Mike & Vicki Miller miller99val@msn.com	360-666-2569
Z Chickens	2	SAT	6pm	Ramblin Jacks Centralia	Jessie & Eva Valentine hvalk.58@gmail.com	360-888-0546

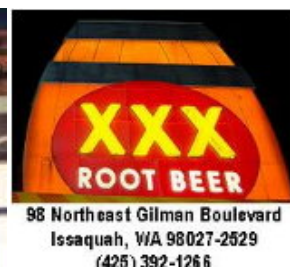
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