



# GWRRA CHAPTER WA-A SEATTLE, WA



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## Through the Windshield:



Looking through the Windshield:

**Hello chapter "A"**

The riding season is definitely here with the longest day of the year on June 21<sup>st</sup>. It's time to set the honey due projects aside and get some great riding in while we can. Our May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting was a little light due the Memorial Day Holiday following on the same weekend, and a lot of the members were out of town enjoying the holiday with friends and relatives. Those of us still in town enjoyed a good meeting and breakfast at the Golden Steer.



After the meeting we headed out on a very nice ride laid out by Bill Holt our Ride Coordinator. **Details in his article.**

On **Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup>** some of the **Chapter "A"** members converged on **South Bound Honda** around **8:00am** to join in the **22<sup>nd</sup>** annual **Benefit Run** sponsored by the **Spanaway Lions Club**. The forecast was for cooler weather

*with rain in the forecast. The ride was a nicely laid out 150 miles with many country roads and lots of curves, “and” the rain held off until right at the end!*



*Another great time was had by all, and we barely even got wet!*

*Then on Thursday June 7<sup>th</sup> Chapter “A” visited with Chapter “V” at their new/old meeting place and different day (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday) Trotters Restaurant 825 Harvey Rd in Auburn.*

*Then on June 9<sup>th</sup> one of the Chapter “A” favorite rides (The Chapter “D” annual duck hunt.) We met up at the SR512 & So Tacoma Way McDonald’s Restaurant for an **8:00am** departure along with Gary and Harry from Chapter “V” for a very fun and joyful day with old and new friends. And Gary won first prize! Great job Gary.*

**Don’t forget!** This Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> is our Chapter “A” monthly meeting at the Golden Steer Restaurant. Breakfast starting at **8:00am** with meeting following at **9:00**. **Usually a ride after.....**



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***One of our members has chosen the monthly social for July 12<sup>th</sup> at the Triple XXX Restaurant 98 NE Gilman Blvd Issaquah 98027 (425) 392-1266 (always the second Thursday of the month) Official time is 6:00pm, with some members showing up a little early.***

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

(Have you check out the **Chapter "A" Website lately?** Our Webmaster works on it almost daily, Check it out) [gwrra-waa.org](http://gwrra-waa.org)

***Come on out and join in the fun!***

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

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## Assistant Director (ACD) – July 2018



### *Something from the road.*

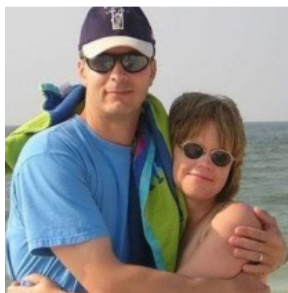
*Had my two best kinds of therapy these last two weekends; solo riding and group riding. Took a trip to Oregon for a family reunion. Had a great ride down. Rode down I-5 to 205, then on to 26 which took me over Mt Hood pass. Great roads and weather going down. Came home with a way-point at Miners in Yakima for all the right reasons. While going up the pass, I heard a familiar voice on the c.b. It was Joe and Patti from Wa V. Talked to them for a little bit before I had to pay attention to my rain riding. Got a little wet but was still refreshing. Fast forward to last weekend. Harry from Wa V set up a ride starting from 212 McDonalds in Kent. We ended up going north to the Arlington area. There was a great food stop at the junkyard burger shop. Very tasty. Harry had some great roads mapped out for our return trip where we ended up at a dairy queen for after-ride ice cream. Great job Harry! Thanx for the therapy. **Come on out to our meeting. We're gonna be burning gas and wearing out tires. Join us for the fun.** Your ACD, Todd*



*Todd McClain (ACD)*



## Chapter Treasurer – July 2018



### From the treasurer

*I had ridden my 1800 for at least a month since “fixing” the coolant leak, so I was a little surprised and disappointed when I was sitting at a stop light on the way to work and suddenly saw steam arisin’ in front of my eyes. I looked down to see my 1800 relieving itself of some of it’s coolant on the pavement. Fortunately I was only a mile or so from home, so I rode home and parked it. After work I determined that the leak was coming from the very same area I had worked on the last time. I’m still working on selling my 1500, so I swapped their spots in the garage and began the repair process again, but at least I could ride the 1500 in the meantime. It’s running great — and the water pump isn’t under the gas tank. Maybe I should keep it?*

*Anyway I pulled it apart again. Bill came over again to assist with removing the gas tank. We quickly figured out that the connections on the new hoses were all loose. I’m sure I tightened them when I put them in. My theory is that I was too gentle with my tightening process and after a month of riding, the hoses had compressed enough to loosen things up. Regardless, I had obviously not tightened them enough, especially considering the work required to access them again. Bill cranked them down tight and we did a pressure test. That revealed another leak on a hose connection on the right radiator. Fortunately we could get to it relatively easily by removing the right air vent and snugged it up. Then we put the tank back in and since it was 9pm, I let Bill go home for the night.*

*Since I had parts off again, I decided to install Speed Bleeders all around and put in new brake fluid everywhere. Also did an oil change. Look at that — they put the drain plug right up by the oil filter on the 1800. Good thing I didn’t put a wrench on what I thought was the drain plug in the old GL1200/GL1500 location. Always helps to read the manual. I think the bike is now ready for the summer. Of course that’s what I though a month ago...*

Charlie Butters / Treasure

# Membership Enhancement



## Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Input – July 2018 -

### Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge.

The first word in the GWRRA motto is Friends. Why? Because without friends there is no one to share a ride with. No one to share a meal with. No one to share in your joy or sorrow.

Whether we want to believe it or not, we all need friends. Some of us have trouble making friends while others of use can't help but make a new friend at the drop of a hat.

To meet new people and make new friends, it is usually best to go where they congregate. In the GWRRA community, you can always find a large cluster of folks at their meeting places sharing a meal.

Like these folks pictured below, at a meeting. Or perhaps at a motorcycle event. Come join us.



You have the entire summer ahead of you to join with old friends and meet new friends. We share a common bond in our love of motorcycling and traveling. Come ride with us.

Don't forget to wish a Happy Birthday to the June babies in our group as well and those that tied the knot so many years ago in June.

#### **June Birthdays**

3<sup>rd</sup> Terrie Holt  
10<sup>th</sup> Pen Briesse  
13<sup>th</sup> Angela Bowman

#### **June Anniversaries**

2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin & Jennifer Allen

Last but not least, I'd like to acknowledge the GWRRA Anniversaries for June.

Mike & Pen Briesse - 19 Years.  
Kevin and Jen Allen - 14 years and 2 years.  
Gary Beard - 12 Years

**Mike Briesse**

**WA-A Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Coordinator**

# Motorcycle Awareness – July 2018



## MOTORIST AWARENESS



Taken from an article written by our MAP National Directors:

**Did You Know....** The question was asked, “What can one person do for Motorist Awareness?”. To be honest we, the Motorist Awareness Program Directors, are so busy trying to make presentations and tools available that we sometimes forget that our best asset is **YOU!**

Everyone who rides a motorcycle or is a riding enthusiast is critical to the Motorist Awareness Program. Remember, you are all Motorist Awareness Coordinators! You don't have to be an ITCP, Dale Carnegie or Toastmasters graduate, have a table at a rest stop, or host a drill team to be effective. Here are some really simple things one person can do:

- ☐ Take MAP trifolds to dealerships, restaurants, businesses, or places of worship.
- ☐ Take coloring pages to local schools or day care centers.
- ☐ Ride your motorcycle.
- ☐ Wear your vest.
- ☐ Place a MAP bumper sticker on your trash cans.
- ☐ Send a letter to your local newspaper about Motorist Awareness.
- ☐ Tell people about riding – its risks and rewards, and why it's important for motorists to look for motorcycles.
- ☐ Wear an orange ribbon for Motorcycle Awareness.

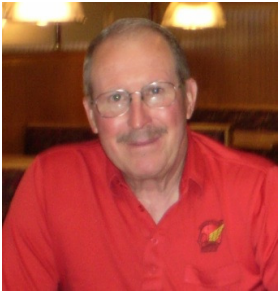
There are many more opportunities. Be creative and enjoy helping your fellow riders! Help Us Survive the Ride! Mike & Barri Critzman 760-245-9218

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Vic Parr  
District MAP Coordinator





## ***Ride Coordinator – July 2018***

### **After the meeting Ride**

We were four bikes heading out for a ride, to our favorite place Miners. The weather was perfect for a ride and a Miners burger was calling. We took 167 to 512 to Hwy 7. We were heading to Hwy 12 to Morton. We made a quick stop at a chevron station. While we were there the cashier told us that the traffic was real bad going towards Miners. So, with four sad faces we headed away from Miners going west on Hwy 12. We went to Mary's corner and turned right. We went through Chehalis and then through Centralia on our way to Tenino for lunch at Scotties. After a good lunch it was time to ride. Leaving Scotties, we headed North towards Spanaway where Mike left us heading for home. We took 512 to Hwy 167, were Charlie and Don wanted to make a stop at cycle gear. I headed home on Hwy 18. It was a good 200-mile ride for chapter A. ***As always keep the rubber side down.***



***Bill Holt / Ride Coordinator  
Phone Tree Coordinator***

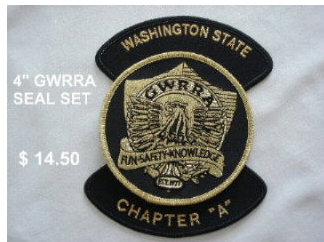


# Chapter Stores



New items this month in Chapter "A" Stores.

**12" MIRCO FIBER cloths 3 for \$1.00 and Wheel wash brush for \$3.00 ea.**



The full stores inventory is on the Chapter Website:



Gary Beard/Stores Manager

# Chapter Sunshine / Greeters



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No July Birthdays

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Chris & Patty Johnson  
Sunshine / Greeters



## WA"A" Activities

Thur – Sat June 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Wyoming District Rally (Laramie Wyoming)  
Sun – July 1<sup>st</sup> Annual **Packwood Chicken BBQ**  
Thur – Sat July 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> **Washington District Rally**  
Thur – Sat July 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Montana District Rally (Missoula KOA.)  
Sun – August 5<sup>th</sup> Annual **Packwood Beef BBQ** Noon -3:00  
Tues August 28<sup>th</sup> - Sat Sept 1<sup>st</sup> WING DING Knoxville, Tennessee



## Motorcycles and / or Parts ..... Buy / Sale .....

Add's will be listed for three (3) months or until sold!



### SELLING

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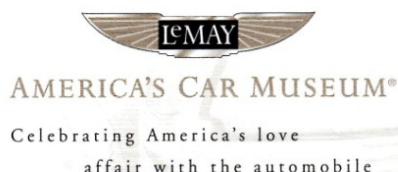


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