



# GWRRA CHAPTER WA-A SEATTLE, WA



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## Through the Windshield:



Looking through the Windshield:

**Hello chapter "A"**

*As I sit here at the computer working on our chapter "A" newsletter I'm feeling great now that summer is almost here. I celebrated yesterday with a nice 160 mile solo ride up around the Stanwood area to attend a gathering of my cousins for a nice luncheon at the Angel of the Winds Casino and to visit with my older sister (85 this year). Always nice to stay in touch with blood relatives and relive great memories. While up there another club I belong to (Vintage Chevrolet Club of America) was meeting in the evening at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Marysville so I decided to hang around for the meeting and enjoy a beautiful ride home in the evening. Great decision!*

*Chapter "A" has been very busy this year visiting other Washington chapters supporting and enjoying their company and May hasn't been any different. On May 1<sup>st</sup> some of us attended Chapter "V"s meeting (**Note** – Chapter "V" meeting place, and day, is changing, they're moving back to Trotter's Family Restaurant in Auburn) then on the 12<sup>th</sup> several of us visited with chapter "Q" (they meet at the Little Park Restaurant in Spanaway) and this last Saturday several of us from Chapter "A" and Harry and Claudia from Chapter "V" left on a 6:45 departure from the 212 McDonalds for the ride up to Chapter "E"s meeting at the Bowling lanes in Kenmore. While there they said there was just 3 marbles left on a very large (over \$1,300) jackpot, I bought my usual 5 tickets. Alas One of the chapter "E" members won one of the largest pots I've seen. Pictures of meeting attached!*



**Don't forget!** This Saturday the **26<sup>th</sup>** is our **Chapter "A"** monthly meeting at the Golden Steer Restaurant. Breakfast starting at 8:00am with meeting following at 9:00.



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Some pictures of the April 28<sup>th</sup> Chapter "A" Meeting.....



***One of our members has chosen the monthly social for June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Dairy Queen Restaurant 17824 108<sup>th</sup> Ave SE Renton, WA 98055 (425-228-2139) (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 checked out the **Chapter "A" Website lately?** Our Webmaster works on it almost daily, Check it out) [gwr-ra-waa.org](http://gwr-ra-waa.org)

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

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## Assistant Director (ACD) – June 2018



*Something from the road.*

### A Little Something from The Road:

*Had been hoping for more glorious rides to report on but not the case. Had some family matters to take care of in Moses Lake, so I jumped on my bike and had a nice, mind clearing ride. Always amazing how centering a 3 hour ride is. People who don't ride never seem to understand it. That's why there is never a motorcycle parked outside a shrink's office. Hopefully we'll be able to get some group rides in soon. Am looking to get more of that "wind therapy". My prescription calls for it. I got a note from my doctor! That's about it for this month. Let's burn some gas and wear out some tires. Your ACD, Todd*



*Todd McClain (ACD)*

## Chapter Treasurer – June 2018



From the treasurer

**I tried to ignore the smell of coolant coming from my 1800.** It seemed I could smell it but never saw it. Then one morning as I was just about to leave for work, I could see it had already dripped out from under the center of the bike, so it was time to tackle it. Those of you that have had 1800's for a while knew this already, but I quickly found out that, unlike the 1200 and 1500, it's basically impossible to see anything near the water pump on the 1800, inconveniently located under the gas tank at that back of the engine. Mike Briese confirmed that I would have to remove the gas tank to do any kind of work on it. I removed all the necessary plastic surroundings and got down to the tank. Then taking Mike's advice, I called Bill Holt who apparently has enjoyed this task a few times. Bill came over and it's good that he did. The actual removal is a bit tricky as the tank must be twisted to get it out and I had not removed the support directly under the tank, so I'm pretty sure it would have been impossible to remove if Bill had not been there to pass along that piece of information. I don't remember seeing that in the repair manual, but I could have missed it and I haven't gone back to check. The tank also got hung up in a few places as I tried to lift it out. Without a second person to help, it would have much more difficult to remove, but we got it out fairly quickly. I then connected up a pressure tester to the cooling system to see if we could find the leak. I "rented" one from Autozone, although it wasn't really a rental. They required a deposit of \$275 to take it home and as long as you return it within 90 days, you get all your money back. Good to know as they have a decent selection of tools. Anyway, once I connected the tester and pumped it up, we could plainly see the source of the leak. I might have gotten away with just tightening a hose clamp, but since I had it all apart and it was still April, I decided to order new hoses for the area that I could now easily get to.

Once they came in, I connected everything back up and redid the pressure test. After tightening a few hose clamps, the system held pressure without leaking at around 18lbs of pressure. So I started putting it back together. First step was to get Bill back over to help get the gas tank back in. I did some cleanup of wiring along the way and also installed a voltage monitor. I intended to also do a brake job, but after closer inspection, there was still enough of the pads left to wait on that for a while.

**The leak was coming from the Y connection** to the hose that goes to the **water pump** in the center of this photo.



# Membership Enhancement



## Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Input – June 2018 –

### Summer is just a heartbeat away.

By now you should have finished or at least got a good start on the spring maintenance of your motorcycle. Change that oil, check the tire tread depth and sidewall condition, check the pressures, check or replace the Anti-Freeze, and check or replace the brake and clutch fluids. Please remember to do your **T-CLOCS** inspection before you ride too.

In case you forgot, the **T** is for Tires and Wheels. The **C** is for Controls, the **L** is for Lights and Electrics, **O** is for Oil and Other Fluids, **C** is for Chassis, and the **S** is for Stands, center and side. For those of you that do not ride during the winter months, I hope you kept a float charger (Battery Tender) on your battery. If you didn't, you are sure to have to replace it this spring. Don't get caught short when it is time to ride. Check that bike over make sure everything is in proper working order before your riding season gets under way.

For me, I try to ride all year long so I have to do my TCLOCS and keep my maintenance items done on a regular basis. Just last week I took a 2,500 mile trip to Riverside, CA and back on my GL1500. It was a great ride and the weather perfect and the roads were all in excellent shape. My GL1500 performed flawlessly as usual.

Making sure all your preventative maintenance is up to date is a big plus. Because of that you can jump on your bike at any time and take a short, medium or long trip whenever the urge hits you. There will be lots of opportunities this summer to participate on group rides as well as riding solo when the mood hits you.

Coming up real quick on May 25th through the 28th is the WA-L Desert Spring Fling in Kennewick, WA.

Then this Saturday is the **CHAPTER WA-A** meeting at The Golden Steer Restaurant in Kent.

On the 1st through the 3rd of June is the WA-R Blue Mountain Rendezvous Camp Out in Walla Walla.

On Jun 3rd, is the Spanaway Lions Club Annual Fundraiser that will start at South Bound Honda, Tacoma.

On Jun 7-9, the Oregon District Rally is happening in Turner, OR.

On Jun 9th, is the WA-D Duck Hunt in Aberdeen. If you pre-register you will save \$5.00.

And finally in June is the Wyoming District Rally in Laramie, Jun 28th through the 30th.

**All of these events are listed on the Chapter WA-A website if you need more information and a registration form.**

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

Chris & Patty Johnson - 27 years.

Bill & Terrie Holt - 23 Years.

Michael Miller - 7 years.

**Mike Briese**

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

## Motorcycle Awareness – June 2018



### MOTORIST AWARENESS



The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has provided safety tips to both motor vehicle and motorcycle drivers in anticipation of the summer riding season. Stefanie Valentic / Summer fun is around the corner, and motorcycles already can be seen cruising in your local neighborhoods. Government agencies and safety organizations are reminding both motorists and motorcycle drivers to practice safety while on the road. In 2013, 4,668 motorcycle riders and passengers died in crashes, and nonfatal injuries that year totaled 88,000, according to data published by the National Safety Council. "As more and more people enjoy the fun and excitement of motorcycling, we want to remind both motorcyclists and motorists to share the road safely," **Tom Wolf, Pennsylvania governor**, said in a statement. "Staying aware while driving or riding, obeying speed limits and being responsible will help keep fatalities and injuries as low as possible." The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) reminds operators of motor vehicles that they should watch for motorcycles. Because many two-wheeled vehicles may be difficult to see, drivers should be extra cautious when checking mirrors and blind spots before changing lanes and at intersections. Motorcycles should be respected with the same rights as any vehicle on the roadway, PennDOT said. Drivers should leave extra space — at least four seconds when following a motorcycle. In addition, motorcycle drivers need a full lane width to maneuver safely in all

types of roads and conditions. Lastly, drivers should always signal their intentions during vehicle operation and never drive impaired. Motorcyclists also have a set of safety measures they should use while driving. PennDOT recommends:

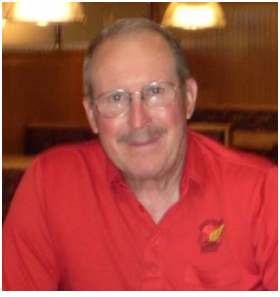
- Be seen by wearing reflective clothing and put reflective tape on your protective clothing and motorcycle. Also, wear face or eye protection and a DOT-approved helmet.
- Use common sense by riding sober, obeying all speed limits and allowing enough time to react to potentially dangerous situations.
- Know your motorcycle and conduct a pre-ride check.
- Practice safe riding techniques and know how to handle your motorcycle in adverse road and weather conditions.

"Sharing the road safely, staying aware while driving or riding, obeying speed limits and being responsible can help keep motorcycle fatalities and injuries low," said PennDOT Secretary Leslie S. Richards in a statement. "Taking a training course under the watchful eye of a trained instructor also goes a long way in reducing the likelihood of a crash."



**Vic Parr**  
**District MAP Coordinator**





## ***Ride Coordinator – June 2018***

### **Chapter E Visit**

**Chapter A was meeting at 212 McDonalds at 6:45 am. It was a gray morning looking like rain but hoping for the best. We were 4 bikes and 5 people strong,**



**Mike leading the way, Harry and Claudia from Chapter V (A), Don and I. With Don as our tail gunner, we were ready to go and so was the rain. Thinking it was going to be a soaker, we headed out with a smile on our face because we were on our bikes. As luck was shining on us the rain stopped as we hit 405. With bigger smiles it was a smooth ride to the Kenmore lanes. Arriving at 5 minutes before the doors opened timing was everything! As we know who says that. Ready for a hot cup of coffee and some breakfast and visiting. The meeting started at 8:30. Chapter E had a good group because of their Marble Game!**



**Only 3 marbles left with a total of \$1,340.00 out the door. Soon it was time for the 50/50 and the marble drawing. And the lucky person to draw was their Chapter CD. And Luck shined on him. Luck kept shining on Chapter E one of their members won the 50/50. Congrats to the winners! Time to head home the weather was good and the ride was fun**



**We hope to see you on our next Chapter A visitation. As always keep the rubber side down.**

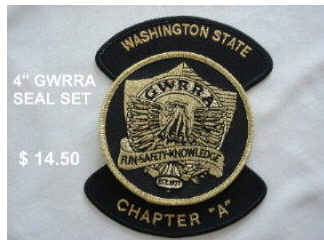
*Bill Holt / Ride Coordinator  
Phone Tree Coordinator*

# 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.**



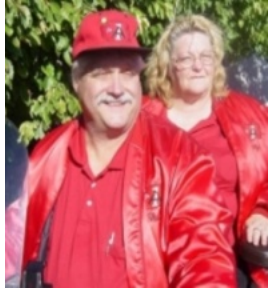
The full stores inventory is on the Chapter Website:



Gary Beard/Stores Manager



# Chapter Sunshine / Greeters



## May Birthdays

10<sup>th</sup> Ann Urban  
10<sup>th</sup> Jill Maurice  
21<sup>st</sup> Charlie Butters  
22<sup>nd</sup> Gary Beard  
30<sup>th</sup> Todd McLain

## May Anniversaries

28<sup>th</sup> Mike & Pen

## June Birthdays

3<sup>rd</sup> Terri Holt  
10<sup>th</sup> Pen Briebe

## June Anniversaries

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

Chris & Patty Johnson  
Sunshine / Greeters

(Get well soon Patty, we miss you)





## WA"A" Activities

Fri – Mon May 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> WA-L Spring Fling in Kennewick  
Fri – Sun June 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> WA-R Blue Mountain Rendezvous  
Sat – June 9<sup>th</sup> WA-D Annual Duck Hunt  
Thur – Sat June 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Oregon District Rally  
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



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