



GWRRA CHAPTER WA-A SEATTLE, WA



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Through the Windshield:



Looking through the Windshield:

Hello chapter "A" - Boy this year is going by quickly. At the end of February 1/12 of the year was over and as we come to the end of March it will be 1/4 of the year will have passed us by. It just emphasizes the need to use every day to have as much fun as we can. **So come on out and have some fun with us!** February and March has been very busy months for Chapter "A" members. On February 18th we visited with Chapter "I" at their Hawks Prairie Restaurant meeting....



Then some of us attended the Chapter "V" social on February 20th at the Hibachi Restaurant in Auburn. A fun time was had by all.....



Those members that didn't attend missed a great evening with interesting conversation. And good bike stories.....

Then on February 24th we had our last Chapter “A” monthly meeting at the IHOP in Renton. Even though the roads were icy and wet we had a good turnout of members, visitors and enjoyed a fun meeting.



Our future meetings will be at the **Golden Steer** 23836 104th Ave. SE, Kent, WA 98031



Hope to see everyone there.....

And then on March 3rd members from Chapter “A” and Chapter “V” and Chapter “Q” were up very early and met at the SR 512 & So Tacoma Way McDonald’s Restaurant for a ride down to Vancouver to visit Chapter “X” for their first meeting at the Golden Corral Restaurant.



It was a great meeting with five (5) Washington Chapters and one (1) Oregon Chapter attending. A fun time was had by all. Then on the way home Harry Chapter “V”’s ride leader lead us on a round and about ride home through various roads on both the east and west sides of I-5. I logged in about 325 miles for the day.....

On March 10th Chapter "A" was in attendance for the Washington District (Ride into Spring) Gathering and training event at the Rainier Hills Christian Fellowship in Buckley. This year there were new modules for **cold** weather and **long** distance riding. And as a special treat for the event South Bound Honda brought a new 2018 Goldwing for viewing and test rides for those participants that wished to ride it. Members attended from **Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia.** A very interesting and enjoyable day was had by all that attended.

The next day on March 11th members from Chapters "A", "V", and "Q" converged on the SR 512 & South Tacoma Way McDonald's again for a Helmet's on 6:45 departure for the ride down to Chapter "Z"'s meeting place for a ride to help celebrate "**Jessie Valentines**" retirement from 6 years as Chapter "Z" Director.



And Mindy's new bike is toilet papered.....

Then the ride began on a beautiful day out through the country side on back roads



Through sat sup, Aberdeen on to West Port, down along the ocean (beautiful views) and then into Raymond for gas and lunch at Slater's Restaurant. After lunch we broke off and headed north on the 101 back through Olympia and home. All in all a fun filled day.....

From March 13th through March 22nd I was off to visit my sister in Arizona and enjoy the **Good Guys** hot rod car show in Scottsdale Arizona. This is always a great event with 2,000 plus of the nicest cars in the US. This has been an annual event for me. I hated leaving the 86 degree days but I needed to be back for the chapters March meeting in two days. This was our first meeting at the Golden Steer restaurant.....

March 24th turned out to be a rainy cold day with ½ inch of snow in my yard with icy conditions on the road. I was off to the Golden Steer hoping we would have a good showing for our first meeting there.



Not to worry! Twenty five members turned out to enjoy each other's company and try out our new meeting place. The weather was cool but the company was warm and having a great time. Members from Chapter "I" and Chapter "V" along from a representative from the **Ride for Kids** were on hand to talk about their upcoming events.

So come on out Chapter "A" and join in on the fun of being a member of Chapter "A" of the **Goldwing Road Riders Association**. Good weather is just ahead with unknown adventures and fun awaits you.....

The monthly social for April 12th is at the Herfy's Burger's Restaurant 1640 S. 318th Pl Ste A, Federal Way, WA 98003 (253)946-7288 (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.....

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

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



Something from the road.

A Little Something from The Road: Well there I was, no kidding, minding my own business at home. When all of a sudden there was a phone call from Mike Breise. We had been talking about Unigo trailers and I said something foolish like "I sure would like one of those" Well you know how one thing does--- it always leads to another; Mike found one on-line. The guy turned out to be in Hollister, Ca. Talked to him on the phone and he said he had family in Grants Pass, Or and in Portland, Or. He hadn't seen them in awhile and if I could wait alittle, he'd bring it up with him and we could meet up and finalize the deal. Sounded good to me and I agreed. Well, today after our monthly meeting, my daughter-in-law and I took a little road trip to the end of the Oregon Trail Interperative Center {off 205} to pick up my trailer. We were there about 10 minutes before I got a text from Jim. 10 minutes later it was in my car and we headed for home. Bite of lunch at the Ribeye (WA Z meeting place) and back on the road. Long story-endless, I got a Unigo in my garage. Thanx to Mike and his help. Now I got gas to burn and tires to wear out. Come on along. Your ACD.... Todd



Todd McClain (ACD)

Chapter Treasurer – March 2018



From the treasurer

I still have my 1992 GL1500 and intend to sell it soon, but I knew it had an oil leak somewhere. Nothing major, just enough to always leave a spot on the cardboard I had learned to put under the engine. I thought that it may have been the shifter seal, as when I replaced that recently, I found that the one that was there was not seated properly at all — it only stayed on the bike because it couldn't get off the shifter by itself. But that repair did not solve the problem. So now that I have a 1800 to ride and it's a bad time to try to sell, I decided to see if I could find the leak.

The leak was coming off the front of the engine in the area under the timing belt cover. I pulled off the timing belt covers and could see that it was not pristine, but there was no real indication of a leak under there. I put a new piece of cardboard under the bike, waited for a few days, then rechecked the now visible area under the timing belt covers and I could not see any evidence that oil was coming from anywhere in there. The next step was to clean up the area below the covers where the oil filter and the water pump can be seen. Unfortunately, I had spent zero time trying to keep that area clean over the past 3 years, so it was pretty well gummed up with a heavy layer of grease and grime. Since I'd drained the radiator, I couldn't safely heat up the engine to help soften up the grime, so I started working with heavy paper towels and cleaning everything off as well as possible. After a few hours, I had a nice pile of dirty paper towel and a relatively clean area to watch for the leak. I shifted my cardboard around to get a fresh area under the leak and waited another day. A drip or two came down. The oil was dripping from the bottom of the water pump, but it was still hard to tell if it was the pump itself or something above the pump. So I wiped everything off and stuffed some paper towel up above the pump, then waited another day. Again I saw some drips, but now I was pretty sure it was coming from around the water pump. I did some searching on the Gold Wing boards and found that others had seen leaks from the seal that wraps around the part of the water pump that goes into the engine. It goes right into the area where the oil sits where it engages with a slotted post that drives the water pump. So I think that I've figured out the problem. I have ordered a seal and a new O-ring for the top of the water pump. Once those parts come in, I'll put it all back together and see if I can now advertise my GL1500 as having no oil leaks.

Here's a photo of the relatively clean water pump — best I could do without heating up the engine or using a solvent.



Membership Enhancement



Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Input – March 2018 -

....Don't Miss the Fun....

Where is the fun you ask? The fun is where you make it. For me, the fun is in visiting with like minded people, inviting them to go on various motorcycle rides and then having them join us. If you ride a motorcycle, particularly a Gold Wing, you are a like minded person and most likely know that I am talking about visiting, eating, riding and enjoying the scenery.

In the first three months of this year, a few of our chapter participants have had the pleasure of participating in no less than 20 motorcycle related events. We have visited more than 14 different chapter gatherings and ridden in 5 scheduled events including Washington District training events and new Chapter Director installations.

We started the year with a New Year's Day ride with Chapter V. Then we visited Chapters B, D, E, I, and V. We visited Oregon Chapter I in Milwaukee, OR at the Bomber Restaurant (300 miles round trip), we visited Chapter WA-P in Longview for a new CD Installation and participated in Chapter WA-I's Casino Night at the Camp Murray Armory.

To start February off, we witnessed the New Gold Wing Unveiling in Tacoma and were treated to a free pancake breakfast by the staff at South Bound Honda. For the rest of February the chapter was not quite as active. We visited Chapters V on the first Tuesday, Chapter Q on the second Saturday and then Chapter E on the third Saturday where we tried to win the marble game. Good news, it is still in the bag and ready for their next meeting in April. The day after that, Sunday, we visited with Chapter I for a good breakfast and visit at Hawk's Prairie Restaurant.

Kicking off the first weekend in March, we took advantage of excellent weather on Saturday and rode to Vancouver, WA where we visited with Chapter X at their new digs, the Golden Corral. It's a brand new building that had just been built. It opened for the first time the weekend after Valentine's Day. There were 7 chapters attending including Chapter X. Attending were chapters A, B, P, Q, V, X, and OR-I.

The following Tuesday, the 6th, we visited Chapter V for dinner at the Rainbow Cafe. That Saturday, the 10th, we visited Chapter Q. After the meeting we had a great group ride with Chapter's Q and V.

Then, we participated with 12 other District Chapters at the "Ride Into Spring" training in Buckley. At the training event, Dale Gray announced that he and Vickie had sold South Bound Honda. It is now under new management but being guided by Dale and Vickie for the first month as the new owners take the reins.

On Sunday, we had an impromptu group ride as a thank you to Jesse Valentine for six years as Director of WA-Z. We had breakfast at Ramblin' Jacks Rib Eye in Chehalis. There were 21 of us for breakfast. Following breakfast there were 15 that were rider's or co-riders and there were a total of 13 bikes. Riding mileage for the day was over 300 miles.

Just this past Saturday, three of us rode down to Oregon City to participate in the OR-I Blarney Ride. It was a canned food drive to benefit H O P E — Helping Other People Eat. Entry fee was \$5 and as many cans of food as you could donate. Trinity CMA donated 13 pounds; WA-P donated 34 pounds; WA-A donated 40 pounds; WA-X donated 78 pounds; OR-I donated 656 pounds and OR-G donated 943 pounds for a grand total of 1,764 pounds of canned food. The people at the Oregon City Methodist Church were extremely happy to receive the donations for H O P E.

What I am trying to say is, come on out and enjoy some fun with us. Have a meal, go for a ride, win a 50/50 or a marble game. Don't Miss the Fun.

Mike Briesse

WA-A Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Coordinator

Motorcycle Awareness – March 2018



MOTORIST AWARENESS Distracted Drivers



Underestimated sources of distraction James Bond can drive at full speed while making phone calls, navigating, firing at his rivals, or performing dangerous overtaking maneuvers while avoiding a hostile hail of bullets. Of course, that's all just pretense: 007 is sitting in his car in front of a green screen, or his car is being moved by another vehicle. The average driver greatly underestimates his or her own ability when it comes to multitasking. Research has shown that completing several activities at once while driving always leads to more driving errors. Be it an attempt to swat an insect, getting into a panic about a wasp or spider, calming the barking dog, helping the children in the back seat, or animated discussions with passengers – all of these distract the driver's attention from the road. Behavioral dynamics in your own car play a far greater role than is often realized. When the dog barks or the child cries, glances in the rearview mirror are focused on them rather than on traffic. Studies have shown that driving with babies and younger children in the car leads to a lot of eye contact with kids. While these are often mere glances in the rear-view mirror, significantly more time is spent looking away from the road. Distracting activities are often carried out when waiting at red traffic lights – with the driver's best intention of not compromising road safety. However, inner-city intersections are a spot where traffic conditions change extremely rapidly. Cyclists, in particular, are often not spotted. While waiting at the light, the driver types a number into the cellphone, updates the navigator, or lights a cigarette. The light then changes to green more quickly than expected, and the driver moves forward before even properly looking at the road. The cigarette is still smoked to the end, the text message is completed. Another lesson: distraction increases the risk of accidents in precisely those places where the driver considers them to be most harmless. "According to current research, distracting activities at the wheel take up one fifth of driving time. One in ten road traffic accidents is caused primarily by driver distraction. In order to avoid accidents, the experts of the AZT recommend: keep your eyes on the road, your hands on the wheel and your mind should focus on the task of driving." Dr. Christoph Lauterwasser, CEO of the Allianz Center for Technology (AZT) Also, you might want to be interested in what activities our chapters performed to make the public aware that we, as motorcyclists, are present and hope they "share the road". They are included in the following report. Many events are coming up in the future (rest areas, training seminars, mall shows, etc) where we can make ourselves visible. Wearing our chapter colors at these events really make us stand out and proud. Please let your District Motorist Awareness Coordinator know about your event so some display material can be available.



Vic Parr
District MAP Coordinator



Ride Coordinator – March 2018

Visitation to Chapter X
Vancouver, Washington

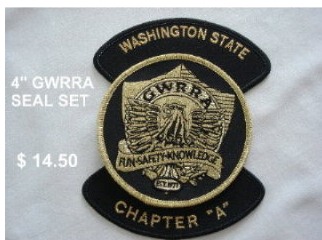
We met at 512 McDonalds at 7:45 am helmets on ready to go. A chapter V ride, we had Harry in the lead. The weather report was for a clear but cool day. We represented 3 chapters just in our group, V, Q & A. 8 bikes and 9 riders strong. Harry, Joe, Jeff & Emanuel chapter V, Bill from chapter Q and Mike, Todd, Don and I. The temperature was a steady 37 most of the way. Arriving at the Golden Corral at about 9:10 to a very busy restaurant. The meeting room was full, with a few chapters represented. Along with V Q & A, Oregon I, chapter P. After a good breakfast it was time for the meeting to start. There were a few rides and functions to choose and join in on this summer. Once the business of the meeting was done, it was time for the prizes and 50/50. Todd won some chocolate that he gave to Bijou. Don the birthday boy won the 50/50. Well done Don! On a clear sunny day, it was too nice to go home the fast way. So back roads it is. We ended our ride at the Maple Valley Dairy Queen for a little ice cream. After our goodbyes it was time to head our separate ways. A 340-mile day with good friends Thank You Chapter V for the invite and Harry for leading the way. 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



March / April Birthdays



March Birthdays

2nd Patty Johnson
2nd Don Hatley
20th Joanne Beard
26th Joe Ennaro

April Birthdays

17th Tina Hatley
19th Sue Ennaro
25th Chris Johnson

March / April Anniversaries



March Anniversaries

9th Dick & Giseal Jones
29th Bill & Terri Holt
30th Ken & Ann Urban

April Anniversaries

19th Joe & Susan Ennaro
30th Don & Tina Hatley

Chris & Patty Johnson
Sunshine / Greeters



WA "A" Activities

Sat – Wed – Mar 31 – Apr 4th WA-“V” Fed Way Rest Stop (Fund Raiser)
Sat – April 7th WA-**M** Multi-Chapter Gathering
Sun – April 23rd WA-**V** Maintenance Day @ Harter’s
Sun – April 29th WA-**N** Brown Bag Auction
Sat – May 5th WA-**M** Fun Run
Fri – Sun May 11 – May 13th WA-**B** Mall Show – Silverdale
Sat – Wed May 12 – 16th WA-“V” Fed Way Rest Stop (Fund Raiser)
Fri – Tue May 25 – May 28th WA-**L** Desert Spring Fling
Fri – Sun June 1 – 3 WA-**R** Blue Mountain Rendezvous
Sat – June 9th WA-**D** Annual Duck Hunt
Thur – Sat June 7th – 9th Oregon District Rally
Sun – July 1st Annual **Packwood Chicken BBQ**
Thur – Sat July 19th – 21st **Washington District Rally**
Thur – Sat July 26 – 28th Montana District Rally (Missoula KOA.)



Motorcycles and / or Parts Buy / Sale

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