

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 realizing that one third of the year has come and gone already. Since the first of the year we've been very busy

as a chapter attending various chapters meetings and events, district training, chapter socials, assisting with fund raisers, going on group rides and the list goes on. The moral of this story is time is flying by and we need to get out there and enjoy it. It looks like the nice weather is finally arriving so come on out and join in the chapter fun, the larger the turnout the more fun we'll have together.

After several very nice days in or close to the 80 degree mark Saturday turned out to be a rainy day for our April meeting, but 25 members turned out to enjoy good conversation and learn about upcoming events including members from Chapters "V", "Q", and "I".







One of our members has chosen the monthly social for May 10th at the Red Robin Restaurant 1002 Super Mall Way, Auburn, WA (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 dhatwaa@comcast.net

Assistant Director (ACD) – May 2018



Something from the road.

A Little Something from The Road:

Took my new Uni-go trailer for a drag a couple of weekends ago. Took my daughter-in-law[Christina] along and we headed south. Met up with Mike to gettogether with WA-Z, they were going to get some photos for Wing Washington. Riding south on I-5, we came upon Ray and another bike. Getting closer,I realized it was my ole '01. Was glad to see it back on the road where it belonged. Funny how, even after you sell a bike,you still think of it as yours. Now the new owner did a few modifications to it, like a different windshield and some other personalizations [I thought it was perfect before]. Oh well, somebody is still loving that bike. Was a perfect day and the trailer preformed flawlessly. We had about 400 mile day and fun was had by all. Come join the fun and make some memories with us. Burning gas and wearing out tires. Your ACD, Todd



Chapter Treasurer – May 2018



From the treasurer

----- Nothing from the treasurer this month ------

Charlie Butters / Treasure

Membership Enhancement



Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Input
– May 2018 -

Fun is where you make it....

Last month I was beating the drum about not missing the Fun. Well, for me, I've had a great month of socializing and riding. I'm hoping that all of you have been doing some of the same.

There has not been a lot of riding due to the weather but we did manage to get out a few times. On Mar 31st, we met up with Chapter Z at Ramblin Jack's Ribeye in Centralia for a really nice day of riding. Then again on April 22 we managed another ride with Chapter Z.

First thing this month, we spent a few hours helping out Chapter V with their Rest Stop fund raiser. Don and Bill and myself donated about 12 hours of time to doling out coffee, tea, hot chocolate and cookies to weary I-5 travelers. We also passed out crayons and Motorist Awareness coloring booklets to the kids. Hopefully it kept them occupied long enough for the parents to get some peace and quiet in the car.

Some of us visited with Chapter V at their gathering on the first Tuesday of the month. And some of us participated in our Chapter Social at Herfy's Burger in Federal Way on the second Thursday of the month.

I know these activities do not appeal to everyone. We could really use your input as to what you like to do so we can plan an activity or two to include as many of you as possible. Summer is rapidly approaching. We already have our registration in for the Chapter M Fun run that is happening on May 5th. In years past, we could expect to have five or ten riders from Chapter A participating.

Coming events:

May 11-13, Fri-Sun, WA-B Mall Show (Kitsap Mall - Silverdale)

May12-16, Sat-Wed, WA-V Rest Stop Fund Raiser, Federal Way

May 19, Sat, Visiting WA-E at Kenmore Lanes. Breakfast at 7:30am. Meeting at 8:00am.

May 25-28, Fri-Tue, WA-L Desert Spring Fling.

Jun 1-3, Fri-Sun, WA-R Camp Out

Jun 7-9, Thu-Sat, Oregon District Rally

Jun 9, Sat WA-D Duck Hunt Flyer

Jun 22-24, Fri-Sun, WA-R Blue Mountain Run

Jun 28-30, Thu-Sat, Wyoming District Rally

Jun 28-Jul 4, Thu-Wed, WA-B Fireworks Sales

See the Chapter WA-A Website for Flyers and Registration forms for the above events.

Mike Briese

WA-A Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Coordinator

Motorcycle Awareness - May 2018





MOTORIST AWARENESS



Article submitted by Carl Maier, WA-N MAP Coordinator/Asst. District MAP Coordinator

As the Motorist Awareness Coordinator, I am usually talking to the other people who are sharing the road with us, telling them about us who, are riding bikes and trikes, and how they can help us enjoy the ride. I also try to learn more about how they think about us and how they react, to what I am trying to convey to them about how to keep us safe, on the road.

The following is what I have heard from them while talking to them one on one, as a group, and even while talking to driving instructors. While talking to these people, even the driving instructors, I have learned both drivers, and riders, need to learn about what to do, and to watch for. Especially the small things that can become very serious to the both of us, because they can cause an accident. Like drivers who do not take the handicap hanger off the mirror, or the vehicle with the large sticker in the middle of the rear window, as these cause blind spots, and not giving us 4 seconds, while following us.

• Drivers aren't 'out to get you.' If one pulls out in front of you, most likely, they didn't see you and meant no harm. Responding with road rage doesn't help anyone. If it seems they are driving aggressively, give them more space and/or let them go ahead of you. • Do what you can to be seen. Bright

colors and reflective material on your bike, helmet, and jacket can really help you to stand out in traffic. That driver seeing your brightly colored gear may just give them the heads up they need to avoid a collision.

- Practice your skills. Maximum braking, swerving, and cornering are skills that you can never be too good at practice, practice, practice.
- Avoid alcohol when riding alcohol is one of the leading factors in motorcycle crashes and fatalities. It greatly reduces your ability to see other vehicles early enough to avoid them; not to mention your judgment, reaction time, coordination, and balance. Dress for success protect your arms, hands, legs, feet, eyes, and head. You are exposed to the wind, the sun, bugs, dust, and if there is a collision you are vulnerable to the roadway itself and other vehicles. Good riding gear can greatly minimize injury in the event of a mishap. We are all road users cars, trucks, buses, motorcycles, scooters, bicycles, and pedestrians. Let's practice sharing the road.

Your Motorist Awareness Coordinator Carl & Kaye Maier





Ride Coordinator – May 2018

After a very busy January, February and March, April has been fairly quiet due the very rainy weather......

Art is the only way to run away without leaving home.

ABC wife

After being married for thirty years, a wife asked her husband to describe her.

He looked at her for a while, then said,
"You're an alphabet wife A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K."

She asks ... "What the hell does that mean?"

He said,"Adorable, Beautiful, Cute, Delightful, Elegant, Foxy, Gorgeous, and Hot".

She smiled happily and said ...
"Oh, that's so lovely, but what about I, J, K?"

He said, "I'm Just Kidding!"

The swelling in his eye is going down.

Looking forward to some good rides in May

Chapter Stores



Nothing new for this month in Chapter "A" Stores.

















The full stores inventory is on the Chapter Website:



Chapter Sunshine / Greeters



April / May Birthdays



April Birthdays

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

May Birthdays

10th Ann Urban 10th Jill Maurice 21st Charlie Butters 22nd Gary Beard 30th Todd Mclain

April / May Anniversaries



April Anniversaries

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

May Anniversaries

28th Mike & Pen

Chris & Patty Johnson Sunshine / Greeters



WA"A" Activities

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

Sat - May 26th Chapter "A" monthly meeting

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.)
Tues August 28th - Sat Sept 1st WING DING Knoxville, Tennessee



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