



GWRRA CHAPTER WA-A SEATTLE, WA



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Through the Windshield:



Looking through the Windshield:

Hello chapter "A"

Where has our year gone? Here we are in **November** with Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years right around the corner. With our Sunny days becoming a faint memory and rainy, overcast and cloudy days ahead. I know that many of us are fair weather riders and hopefully you were able to take advantage of the fantastic summer we have enjoyed getting out and riding your bikes at every opportunity. For those of us that do not like to put our beautiful machines away for the winter have faith there will be plenty of opportunities we can still take advantage of, so get out your cold riding gear, check out your heated liners, gloves, rain gear, etc. and get ready to enjoy the beauty of fall, winter, and spring ahead.

Chapter "A" has had a very busy summer and **October** has been no different. With visitations to Chapters "**V**", "**Q**", and "**I**" and the Washington District training day in Buckley we've been getting up at 0 dark 30 on a regular basis.



Chapter "V"



Chapter "Q"



Chapter "I"

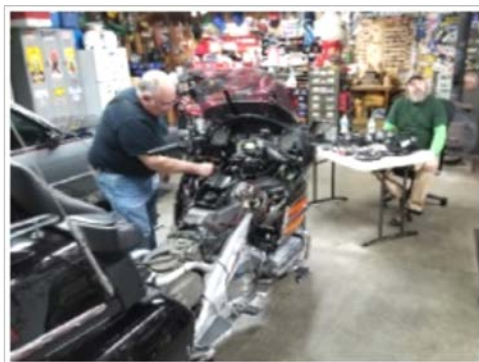
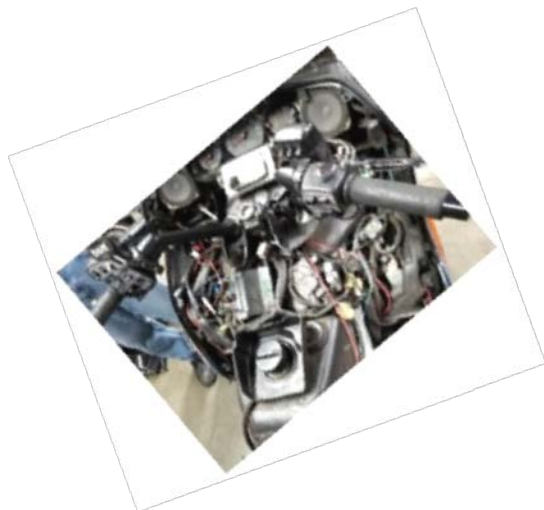
*The Washington District Training (**Lead like you Ride**).*



A very good turnout for a very informative and fun day of learning in a group setting. Lots of interaction and information was learned that can be used in everyone's Chapter and daily lives.....

***Thankyou to Mike Briggs** for officiating and directing the whole day of learning.*

Then as if we weren't having enough fun there was some Garage Nights!





We've had great fun attending various functions and meetings.....

Don't forget! Saturday November 24th 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 **December 13th** at the (Apogee Restaurant in Fairwood 14125 SE 171st Way Renton, 98058) (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). gwrra-waa.org

Come on out and join in!

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

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



Something from the road.

Our hero, when last we met, was at mid-point of his travels. Heading back from Knoxville, I headed for the "American Pickers" store in Nashville. Thought I'd pick up a few things and sight-see a little. Got there about an hour before they opened and wondered around. Was pretty kool. I was kinda shocked when the line started forming. Guess I didn't expect that. Was neat and I went on down the road. Started looking for smaller roads as I didn't want to do the superslab all the way home. Nice pleasant riding was had for the rest of the day. Then I took the road for granted and it bit me in the ass. I went into a corner and then into a ditch. The Goldwing doesn't have the off-road capabilities you'd think it does. Was pretty un-eventful except for me hitting my forehead on the edge of the windshield and needing 9 stiches. Checked the bike and noted some plastic that needed to be replaced but it ran fine and preformed as before. I must have looked a sight with my new facial upgrades. Stiches and my new black-eyes. Had a very nice couple, outside Peublo, offer to buy me a breakfast, after I stopped at McDonalds for coffee. Didn't know if I should be upset or not. Other than that, my ride home was relaxing and mind clearing. Like they say, You never see a motorcycle parked in a shrinks office. I got parts ordered and installed. A scar that will fade with time, and memories to file in my story bank for old age. Hopefully I'll be able to recall them later. lol. Come with us and burn some gas and wear out some tires. Til next time. Your ACD, Todd



Todd McClain (ACD)

Chapter Treasurer – November 2018



From the treasurer

Selling a motorcycle is fun

I put my GL1500 up for sale back in May. Used to be that Craigslist was the only selling site out there, but now there is Facebook and apps like Letgo and OfferUp. I had it listed on all 4 of these. I put many details into the ad, but of course got more than a few people asking questions that were answered in the ad, like how many miles does it have (a photo of the odometer was in the ad), how does it run (described already in the ad as very good) what condition is it in (10 photos and plenty of description) and many asking if the price was negotiable (I normally said I would consider reasonable offers, but never got one). A few humorous exchanges...

CUSTOMER: Is the price negotiable?

ME: Do have something in mind?

Customer: not really. I just old my 50cc out of the blue and I'm just starting looking. How big is the engine.

Me: This is a big jump from 50cc. It's a 1500 cc, 900 pounds of bike.

Customer: that's too much. Thanks anyway.

another...

CUSTOMER: would you be able to take a few payments and maybe some bartered services?

ME: Sorry but no.

the best one...

CUSTOMER: hi there!!! i am newly homeless and my job relies upon me being able to drive myself to different communities every 1/4 to 1/2 an hour. I'm out of money, out of places to stay, and it's starting to rain. Does the car start, run and drive in forward and revers?? does the car have current tabs??? are you the owner of the vehicle and do you have the title?? would he be willing to trade for the 14k gold necklace with VS rated deamon in the clasp, for sale TODAY at Nordstroms for 2600

ME: it's a motorcycle. And no I will not trade for a necklace. Go away.

One guy emailed me from Florida...

CUSTOMER: I am very interested in the Goldwing that you are selling. My wife and I will arrive in Seattle on Friday and we want to buy a Goldwing to start our bike tour of the US ending in Key West. I have a Florida driving license with a motorcycle endorsement. If you could answer the following questions this will give me a better idea of the condition of the bike....

He then asked if I would take a cashier's check, which is a common scam. I told him that he sounded like a scammer and didn't hear from him via email. But funny thing, he did actually show up a week later. I gave him the full run-down on the bike. He said he had lost his license and did not have any money, but asked me to take him on a ride, so we rode around for probably 30 minutes. I spent probably 2 hours with him, bless his heart. Never heard from him again.

I finally sold it to a younger fellow from Port Orchard in October. He was an experienced biker and looked it over very well. He actually found something that didn't work, at least at first. He pushed the emergency flasher button, which of course got stuck in the on position as it hadn't been touched for at least 5 years. Some electrical spray and numerous button push's later, I got it to turn off. After many questions and a thorough inspection, he took it for a test ride, then said he'd take it. So there's a new Gold Winger in Port Orchard.

Charlie Butters / Treasure

Membership Enhancement



**Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Input
– November 2018 -**

Summer is gone but Fall is here and it is not as gloomy and bleak as you may think.

Part of the fun of being in an association such as the GWRRA is the plethora of chapters to associate with. Within those chapters is the seemingly endless number of people to chat with and ride with. Associating with others means you have so many different people to share your hobby with. Yes, motorcycling can be called a hobby even if a motorcycle is your primary means of transportation.

You have so many different people to enjoy a meal with. So many to compare notes with about your motorcycles. So many to get advice from and pointers on how to install or how much to pay for that next bit of bling you want to install on your ride. Who to buy parts from, who has the best price, how reliable your parts source is and which one has the best customer service.

District and Chapter rides are not as plentiful this time of year but the camaraderie at the chapter meetings is still in full swing. There are still a few rides that are happening, you just have to go visit a local chapter to get the low down on when and where.

Only a month ago on the 15th of September, we were on a ride with Chapter WA-Z. It was the Chicken Run. A very enjoyable ride led by members of that Chapter. No one had to read directions or decide where the next turn was. All you had to do was follow the leader. In our case, our group was led by Mindy Greenwood and she did a great job. I have to tell you, from my perspective it was a very relaxing day. The price of lunch at Mrs. Beesley's in Toledo, WA was taken care of as well. The registration fee, which was only \$20 for the rider and \$15 for a co-rider, paid for the ride entry fee *and* the meal.

Then, on the 6th of October, Harry of Chapter WA-V led us on a ride. What a wonderful day for a ride. No rain, comfortable temps and great people. Harry, Gary Andrew, Vic and Sharon Parr, John Doughty, and I met at the McDonald's restaurant in Maple Valley for a leisure 10:00 am start. Most of us were there early enough to have a cup of coffee and a biscuit before helmet time.

It was approximately 80 miles of some pretty nice twisties up to Zeke's Drive Inn in Gold Bar on Hwy 2. That was not the end of the ride however. Harry had planned for a nice 70 mile return to Maple Valley that took us through more twisties that we had not yet seen. The finishing touch was when Harry led us into the Dairy Queen in Maple Valley. The perfect end to a most enjoyable day.

You really need to get out on your bike or trike and visit other chapters. Talk it up and see who is going where and what the next ride is going to be.

This next big event is not a ride but don't forget the Chapter WA-I Casino Night on January 26. It is a lot of fun and the silent auction is full of nice items. The live auction is something to see as well. I've seen sets of motorcycle tires sold for a bid of twenty six million Bull Bucks. See our website for the flyer.

Mike Briesse

WA-A Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Coordinator

Motorcycle

Awareness – November 2018



Vic Parr



Carl Maier



For all of you that know me, you have probably heard what I am about to place in print. That is how today's technology in the new cars are causing today's drivers to become more distracted, instead of helping them become safer and better drivers.

The very features that are supposed to make driving easier and safer have actually led to more accidents on the road. In 2015 distracted driving was the cause of 3,477 deaths with an additional 391,000 injured in car crashes, and today's cars have even more of these distractions. Also, today's drivers are coming even more addicted to these features.

We all have heard, or we know, that driving while on the phone or texting is a very serious distraction, and it is against the law in a number of states. These activities could include putting directions into your GPS, talking on your phone through Bluetooth, or scrolling through social media on your infotainment center.

Hands-free innovation has enabled our phones and cars to sync up, no fussing with cords, no punching in phone numbers, and no texting. Both hands are on the wheel and your eyes are on the road. Simple, right? Not so fast. A recent study asked participants questions while driving (replicating real-life mobile conversations) and found that, even with their eyes zeroed in on a hazard, they failed to recognize them.

Today's mesmerizing dashboards draw you in with their sleek, futuristic feel. Manufacturers have even made icons and letters bigger so they're easy to read. But according to a report from AAA, drivers who tested 30 of the 2017 model year vehicles all took their eyes off the road and hands off the wheel while using these infotainment systems.

So please set the radio to your favorite station, or music source, set the GPS, and all the other settings you need to do with the new touch screen dash console, before you begin to drive.

I have heard it said many times, "I can multitask!"

I tell people, who say this, that the human body can do many things, but only one thing at a time. Try typing something, and reading something different at the same time. You will see, even 2 things, that are simple but different, become impossible to do.

Taking your eyes, off the road, while traveling 60 MPH, for 3 seconds, you have traveled the length of a football field. There could be a number of things within that distance, cars, trucks, animals, people, road hazards, etc., even a motorcyclist. That you have not seen, due to a distraction.

Please talk to people about the need to take care of all of the distractions, before they start to drive, to keep all of us safe.

Carl Maier
Washington District
Assistant Motorist Awareness Coordinator



Vic Parr
District MAP Coordinator



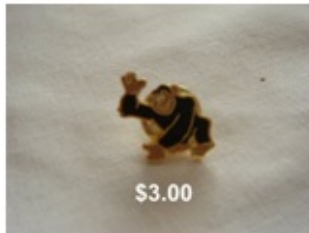
Ride Coordinator – November, 2018

After the meeting Ride

There were only 2 of us that wanted to go on the after –meeting ride. We headed out towards the narrows bridge to Purdy then to Allen and onto Shelton. From Shelton we headed towards Olympia then onto Tacoma. That was our splitting off point to head for home. It was a nice ride! thank you Mike. Hope to see all of you on our next ride. As always keep the rubber side down.

Bill Holt

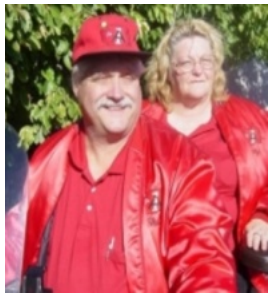
***Bill Holt / Ride Coordinator
Phone Tree Coordinator***



A photograph of a table covered with a red cloth, displaying various items including food, drinks, and merchandise. A large red jacket with a gold emblem is draped over a chair to the left. The setting appears to be indoors, possibly a room with large windows.

Gary & JoAnn Beard
Stores Manager / Face Book Coordinator

Chapter Sunshine / Greeters



October Birthdays

27th Jennifer Allen



October Anniversaries

November Birthdays

November Anniversaries

Chris & Patty Johnson
Sunshine / Greeters



WA"A" Activities

Thu – November 22nd – Thanksgiving Day

Tue – December 25th – Christmas Day

Tue – January 1st – Chapter "A" New Year's Day Ride

Sat – January 26th – Chapter "I" **Casino Night** (2019)



Motorcycles and / or Parts Buy / Sale

Adds will be listed for three (3) months or until sold!

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myself is
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to write that down,
I'll remember it."



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