



# GWRRA CHAPTER WA-A SEATTLE, WA



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## Through the Windshield:



Looking through the Windshield:

**Hello chapter "A"**

*What happened to our summer? Here it is October and it seems like June was yesterday. We need to find a way to speed up our fun and slow down the days. Not enough hours in a day to cram in all of our fun times. We've had another fantastic Summer to get out and enjoy our Goldwings. Some of us in Chapter "A" have been busy visiting other chapters, riding in scheduled rides and events. Taking trips to southern California, riding through Wisconsin, Michigan, Virginia, and on to Tennessee to attend Wing Ding.*

*The August 25<sup>th</sup> Chapter "A" meeting was a little light with everybody out enjoying summer vacations, but we had a nice meeting with visitors from Chapters "Q" and "V" a nice time was had by all.*



*Then on Thursday September 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter "A" visited the Chapter "V" meeting held at Trotters Restaurant in Auburn and witnessed the winning of their marble*

game. Over **\$600** went home with a happy member. It's always fun to be in the game.

(Sorry forgot to take pictures!)

Then on Saturday the **8<sup>th</sup>** always looking for more fun we were off to attend the Chapter "**Q**" meeting at the little park restaurant in Spanaway. It was forecasted to be a rainy morning but turned out to be a perfect riding day. And luck was with Chapter "**A**" this morning as Chapter "**A**" walked away with Chapter "**Q**"s version of the marble game and the 50/50. So sad it wasn't me! But we were all winners having a great breakfast with old and new friends who have the same love for our Goldwings.



Speaking of fun don't forget the **Chapter "Q" Halloween Dance on October 27<sup>th</sup>** at the Poodle Dog Restaurant in Fife. 6:00pm – 10:00pm. Always a lot of fun.....

On Thursday September **13<sup>th</sup>** Chapter "**A**" met for our monthly social at the Dairy Queen restaurant on 104<sup>th</sup> St. in Kent.



It was a very sizeable turn out considering at times the rain was coming down in buckets, A great time was had by all attending.....

Then at our Chapter "**A**" meeting on **September 22<sup>nd</sup>** we were visited by our **Asst District Director Jesse Valentine** and several Chapter "**Q**" members. Jesse

*talked about the upcoming District training session (Lead like you Ride) and chapter “Q” members invited chapter “A” members to their Halloween Dance at the Poodle Dog restaurant. A great time was had by all...*

**Don't forget!** Saturday **October 27<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**. **Usually a ride after.....**



23826 104th Ave SE, Kent, WA 98031.

*One of our members has chosen the monthly social for **November 8<sup>th</sup>** at the (**Burger Express Restaurant** 32805 Pacific Hwy S. Federal Way, 98003) (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!***

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

Don Hatley  
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**Assistant Director (ACD) – October 2018**



### *Something from the road.*

I got back from my little trip to Knoxville. Had a great time. The best part was not having a schedule. I knew when the Wingding was but other than that, I didn't have any restrictions. My "get out of town early" plan fell through right away. Didn't have to explain to anyone. Worked out great. Stopped to see relatives in Moses Lake, then got back to it. I-90 to Missoula first night. Good distance, not too much. Rode past Billings to I-94 where I turned N.E. Let me tell you, Montana is longer than it looks on the map. lol. The thing that was odd to me was when I got to the border of eastern Montana, was the sign I saw. It said North Dakota. For some reason I was expecting it to be for Minnesota. Don't know what I was thinking. Again, didn't have to explain it to anyone. Shook my head and kept riding. I saw some wildlife from my saddle but they all stayed in their lanes. Moose, eagles, deer and turkeys. After I made it through the U.P. of Michigan, I didn't see any more. One of my things I planned on doing was to ride across the mighty mac bridge into Michigan proper. Was pretty kool but kind of windy and grated. Pretty tall too. I stayed outside of Dearborn so I could go to the Henry Ford museum the next day. Very kool. Then onto Ohio turnpike and into Pennsylvania. Very beautiful. Hit West Virginia and stayed with my relatives. Hadn't seen them in 20 years. Great to see family. Then on to WD40. Got there and it seemed just like every other big rally I've been to. Not too exciting. Walked vendors, ate hotdogs, people watched. Looked for local rides and found no support. Local chapter was supposed to have some rides to go on, but booth was empty, so I found some rides myself. Had some chick fi lay, and was scared back to my room by some BIG black clouds but made plans to go to the "tail of the dragon" the next day. Headed out in the morning, after asking some other riders. Really nice. Lots of smiles per mile. Bought patches and stickers. Headed back to WD40 for closing. Didn't win the Goldwing or 50/50. Oh well. Rest of the story next month. Come out with us to burn some gas and wear out some tires. Your ACD Todd



*Todd McClain (ACD)*





*From the treasurer*

## **Trip to Johnston Ridge Observatory**

Ann and I both had a Friday off from work, so we took a trip down to Johnston Ridge Observatory on Mt. St. Helens. It was pretty cool in the morning, but by the time we pulled out at 9:30am, it had warmed up to where we really didn't need any heated gear. We decided to take the fast route on the way down via I5. Traffic going north looked very heavy but it was pretty light going south, so we made good time. We pulled off after getting past Olympia and removed a layer of clothing. The rest of the day was perfect riding weather for the most part — never hot and not cold at all.

Those of you that have ridden with me know that I occasionally get worried about how much gas is left in the tank. We filled up when we left, but as we got closer to Mt St Helens, I started thinking that maybe I should have topped it off after leaving I5. Unfortunately I didn't think of that until we had gone through Toledo and were on Spirit Lake Highway where there are no gas stations. So I watched as the gauge dropped down to around 1/4 tank and it seemed like every sign kept adding more miles to the Observatory. We had put on 150 miles when we pulled in. Since I had not yet pushed the limits of how far a tank can take me, I wasn't sure how far I was from a station and if I had enough left to get there. As it turned out, when we did get to a station on the way back, we had put on 208 miles and I could only get 4.6 gallons into the tank. We had gotten 45 MPG which I have never gotten on my previous Wings — maybe 40 on the 1500 but only on highway only travel.

The Observatory has updated their films. They now have 2 films each about 17 minutes long. One focuses on the ecology and how the vegetation and wildlife has come back since the eruption. The other film focuses on the geology of the eruption. Other attractions have also been updated, so if you haven't been for a while, it's worth a trip back. On the ride home, we took the back roads. After stopping for a late lunch in Toledo, we took Highway 12, to Highway 7, the up Alder Cutoff into Eatonville, then Meridian up to 512 and 167. We got home at about 7:30pm, so a long but great scenic drive.

**Charlie Butters / Treasure**



## **Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Input – October 2018 -**

### **Did Anyone Miss the Fun....**

All I can say is, if you didn't participate in any of the many events of this summer, you DID miss the fun. And worse than that is, we missed sharing it with you. Even though summer ends and fall begins this week, Sep 22, there are still a few weeks of good riding weather ahead. I am currently enjoying some great weather in southern California visiting family. I tried to make it south a couple of weeks ago but was stopped short due to the Delta Fire. The fire was raging about 86 miles south of the Oregon/California state line. That left but two choices, detour at Hwy 89 and ride a two-lane road for 112 miles with the displaced traffic that was supposed to be on the four lane highway or turn around and make the largest U-Turn ever. Not wanting to add two hours to my already planned 14-hour ride, I turned around and headed back home. I had to wait two weeks before trying again.

The Delta fire was a pretty nasty fire. Riding that area on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup>, I saw that the underbrush surrounding I-5 from about mile post 712 to 702 had been pretty much cremated. Lots of singed and burnt up trees. I saw an ongoing operation around mile post 708 or so. They had dead burnt trees stacked up and they were chipping/shredding them. Chips were flying about 20 feet as they left the chipper/shredder. Quite an operation. I have to say though that there were very few problems with lane closures the entire way. The fire fighters and all the California responders did a wonderful job. Unfortunately, I will miss this months Chapter A meeting as well as the Annual Oyster Run to Anacortes. I tried to make this visit work so that I would not miss anything at home, but it just didn't pan out. So, until we ride together again, stay safe and please try to enjoy what few weeks of summer we have left.

Mike Brieze

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

# Motorcycle Awareness – October 2018



This month I would like to share Cliff Simpson's "fun" facts that he had found on the internet. A scary part is the percentage of cellphone usage while driving.

Where do you fit in any of these statistics?

Vic

## Motorist Awareness – Crazy tech facts

By Cliff Simpson, Assistant Director, Motorist Awareness Program

Sometimes I think I get too serious about things like Distracted Driving and Technology Addi. This month here are some facts I found on the internet. Have some fun by sharing one or two with your friends and watch their reaction.

1. The average person checks a cellphone 110 times a day. (Seriously?)
2. 12% of adults use their phones in the shower. (Water resistant cases?)
3. 40% check their cellphones in the toilet. (Instead of reading *Reader's Digest*?)
4. 56% of users check their smartphones before sleep? (I do!)
5. 75% of users check their smartphones after sleep. (Yep!)
6. One in five people age 18-34 has used their smartphones during sex. (Huh?)
7. 61% sleep with phones turned on under a pillow or next to bed.
8. 50% feel uneasy when they leave phones at home. (Uh huh!)
9. 77% of parents and teens argue about cellphone usage. (Well duh!)
10. 50% of teens admit they are addicted to their phones.
11. 40% of users check their devices over the weekend. (That few?)
12. 26% of car crashes are caused by phone usage. (I think that's low.)
13. 44% check job related email while on vacation.
14. 75% of users admit to having texted while driving at least once.
15. 56% of parents check their devices while driving! (Setting the example for teens.)



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



## ***Ride Coordinator – October, 2018***

### **Anacortes Oyster Run**

It was a cool gray morning; very glad it was not raining. We were to meet at 212 Mcdonalds at 5:30 am helmets on ready to go with a full tank of gas. We had four bikes ready to head to the Oyster run. I lead, and Todd was my tail gunner. From Chapter V Cindy and Nina on their spiders. We headed out on 167 to 405 then north on I-5 to smoky point rest stop. Hoping to pick more riders to join us. We were happy to have a couple from Ohio John and Julie on a very nice looking white 2018 1800. Good choice on the color John! arriving in Anacortes right on time to get the perfect parking place across from our restaurant. Todd was the first one in to get us a table, we were all ready to eat. Full and happy it was time to do a little walking we met Charlie Butters Ch. A, it never gets old coming to the Oyster Run for us. Looking at all the bikes and venders and the people in general. Once we made to the end of the six blocks it was time to head back up the six blocks to go see the Cusack's perform. Once again, a great performance and a new T-shirt to buy. Heading back to our bikes it was time to head out of town. with bikes coming in at a constant flow, totally amazing. With everyone ready to ride we headed to the snow goose for ice cream. This is some place you need to stop at before a long ride home. With smiles on our faces and the weather holding to make a nice ride back home. It was a great day with a lot to see and good friends to see them with. We hope to see you on our next ride. As always keep the rubber side down. Bill Holt

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



# The Anacortes Oyster Run



*For those of you that have never attended the Oyster Run, this is one of the largest “**ONE**” day Motorcycle events on the west coast. Riders come from Canada, Montana, California, Oregon, Idaho etc. to communion with other motorcycle enthusiasts. Historically from **15,000** to **20,000** motorcycles of all brands turn out for this one day event. With Motorcycle Dealers, after market vendors, motorcycle stunt teams and just the fun of being there don’t miss it next year. Always the forth Sunday of September.*

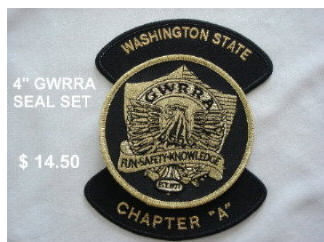
**--- Don’t Miss the Fun! ---**

# 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.**



4" GWRRA  
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\$ 14.50



\$3.00



\$11.00



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\$6.50 pr.



\$1.75

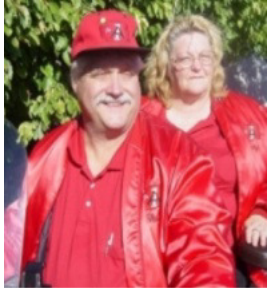
The full stores inventory is on the Chapter Website:



Gary & JoAnn Beard  
Stores Manager / Face Book Coordinator



# Chapter Sunshine / Greeters



## September Birthdays

6<sup>th</sup> Stephanie Greer  
15<sup>th</sup> Dick Jones  
26<sup>th</sup> Kevin Allen

## September Anniversaries

## October Birthdays

27<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Allen

## October Anniversaries

Chris & Patty Johnson  
Sunshine / Greeters



## WA"A" Activities

Sat – October 20<sup>th</sup> – Washington District training class (Buckley)  
Chapter "A" members attending will be reimbursed \$15.00 at the next Chapter "A" meeting. (Save your receipt!)

Sat – October 27<sup>th</sup> – Chapter "Q" Halloween Dance



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

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