



# GWRRA CHAPTER WA-A SEATTLE, WA



Periodic News Letter  
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## Through the Windshield:



Looking through the Windshield:

**Hello chapter "A"**

*Its hard to believe our summer is going so quick. We're coming up on September and it seams like yesterday was June. I hope you've been out there riding and enjoying this great weather. We set a record this week for the most days above 90 degrees, and with all the smoke from fires all around the state we need to take advantage of the days with clean air.*

*The Chapter has been very busy this summer out riding, visiting, and just having fun! (See the MEC's article) So get out, go for a ride, visit another chapter and enjoy old friends, take a solo ride or with a group before the days of summer slip away.....*

**Don't forget!** This Saturday **August 25<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.....**



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One of our members has chosen the monthly social for **September 13<sup>th</sup>** at the (**Will be selected at the August meeting**) (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**-----

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## **Assistant Director (ACD) – September 2018**



***Something from the road.***

*Not much to write this week. I'm going on a "ride about". Heading up to Wisconsin and Minnesota Then down across Mackinaw bridge into Michigan and on to West Virginia to see some relatives. Then I plan on stopping by WingDing and seeing if there is anything I can't live without. Then I'll wonder back and enjoy the ride. See you in a couple weeks. I'll be out burning gas and wearing out tires. Your ACD, Todd*



*Todd McClain (ACD)*

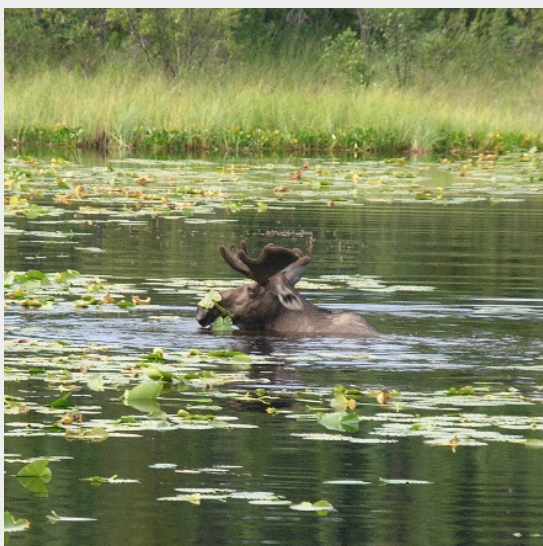
# Chapter Treasurer – September 2018



## From the treasurer

In July, Ann and I took our first trip to Alaska. It was a short trip — just 6 days — for the wedding of her niece in Fairbanks. As luck would have it, we arrived in the middle of a heat wave. During the day of our arrival, it was over 90. Fortunately we didn't get in until midnight when it had cooled down to about 75. We had no trouble finding our AirBnB, but it was the top floor of a house and it was definitely over 90 when we walked through the door. They have even less A/C in Fairbanks than here, so we just had a fan to work with, but we cranked it up and managed to get the temperature down to where we could fall asleep.

The next day, we drove down to Denali National Park, about 2 1/2 hours from Fairbanks. We took one of the free buses in and took a hike, then rode back out. We would have liked to take the 12 hour tour into the park, but we didn't have time, so that will be something for our next trip up. Due to the heat, we didn't see much wildlife, but we did see a moose grazing by the side of the road on the way in.



The next day, we took a tour up to the Arctic Circle, which is about 100 miles north of Fairbanks. That tour took 12 hours due to stops and also the road conditions. The driver said the road conditions are actually better in the winter because all the potholes are filled with ice. The road follows the Alaska Pipeline, so we got to see that amazing feat of engineering, built in just 3 years. Much of it is elevated above ground to avoid melting the permafrost. The oil flows through the pipe at about 120 degrees, so the pipe is heated and insulated along all 800 miles. We saw many people on bicycles making the trip up to Prudhoe Bay (which is another 450 miles north of the Arctic Circle), as well as people walking, riding motorcycles and driving cars or trucks. It's doable on a Gold Wing, and we did see shiny Harleys and Indians making the trip, but I think I would opt for a Honda Africa Twin or something along those lines for that trip — it's a dirt road for probably the last 520 miles. The weather was again quite warm — it was 85 when we got to the official Arctic Circle stop. And the only large beast we saw was a bull moose on last stop on the way back.

It's 7 hours to get from Fairbanks to Anchorage, so we didn't get down to the southern coast. Hoping to do that on our next trip. Ann has a brother in Skagway and he has grown children living in Wasilla near Anchorage, Valdez as well as his daughter in Fairbanks. They were all at the wedding but we hope to pass through their towns sometime in the future, preferably on the Wing, but we shall see...



# Membership Enhancement



## Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Input – September 2018 -

### There are not many weeks of summer left this year

Here it is the end of August and I bet most of you are still "thinking" of going on a summer ride. The time to stop thinking and start doing is now. There have been many organized rides since the beginning of summer. I guess the start of summer was in June but GWRRA started its summer with the WA-M Fun run in Toppenish. Unfortunately, there were not enough registrants so the event was cancelled. That was quite disappointing. The cancellation of any event due to a lack of participation is always a disappointment. At the end of May was the WA-L Desert Spring Fling in Kennewick. Then the WA-R Blue Mountain Rendezvous kicked off the month of June. Also there was the Spanaway Lion's Club ride originating and ending at South Bound Honda; then the Oregon District Rally in Turner, OR; and WA-D Duck Hunt in Montesano.

In July there was a non-GWRRA ride to Packwood for a BBQ Chicken feed that supported the community of Packwood. Who it supported was not all that important to a bunch of hungry motorcyclists. We were mostly interested in the ride out and back on a beautiful summer day with the very affordable sustenance in the middle of the ride. The end of July brought the WA District Rally to Cashmere, WA. A few of us in Chapter WA-A rode to Liberty that Saturday morning for breakfast and then headed east to the Rally for a few hours visit. Then, back west over the mountains. Another wonderful Summer day of riding and camaraderie.

Then August arrived. There was once again the opportunity for a ride to Packwood for BBQ. This time it is Beef BBQ with the proceeds going to the Packwood Fire Department. The following Saturday was the be the WA-Q Ride About Poker Run, Camp out and fishing derby. Unfortunately, due to a lack of registrants, that too was cancelled. What a Pity.

The third Saturday of August was the WA-O Whale of a Picnic. As usual, Pre-Registration was required for Grand Prizes, BAR-B-QUE, Dessert & Drinks at Jarstad Park in Gorst. I was not pre-registered so I could not attend though I did ride past the park on a ride with Chapter WA-I.

The next big event is Wing Ding 40 in Knoxville, TN. And you know what, Summer is just about at an end. But there are still events happening.

On September 15th, there is the WA-Z Chicken Run. It is a led ride so there are no instructions to read, just follow the motorcycle in front of you. There is no lunch to buy because it is provided in the registration fee. Registration also buys the registrant an opportunity to win prizes. The start and end of the ride will be in Centralia. Powersports Northwest is sponsoring the event. This is the first time Powersports has stepped forward to help out. Let's show up in force to thank them for their support.

The last scheduled ride of September is the Oyster Run to Anacortes. All the above ride information has been and will continue to be available on the WA-A website at <http://www.gwrra-waa.org/>.

Stop thinking about going for a ride and just do it! You can rest assured that there will continue to be opportunities available to ride, you just have to take advantage of them. With any luck, October will be a mild weather month again this year. We have been pretty lucky the last couple of years.

**Mike Briese**

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

## Motorcycle



## Awareness – September 2018



The Washington District Rally has just finished and our chapters were very busy making the public aware that we, as motorcyclists, are out there on the roads. Our major activities included: WA-O managed the bike show/judging on the main street of Cashmere, WA. Although the number of participant entries had diminished from previous years, there were many entries that gave the public a view of what to look for on the highways. They encouraged the public to vote for their choice of motorcycles in many classes and also a “best of show” parade through Cashmere and caught the public’s attention with horns honking and colored lights that adorned their bikes.

This rally topped off all the other activities that our members have been doing to get the public’s attention. They see us wearing our colors at chapter meetings and taking rides individually or as a group. I’m sure that the group rides get more attention. We visited some social functions and talk about motorcycles and present them with some reading material and even a coloring booklet for the youngsters.



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



## ***Ride Coordinator – September 2018***

### **Ride to the Packwood Beef BBQ at the Fire station**

The weather was on our side this Sunday morning. We had a meeting place at the Safeway Parking lot in Enumclaw. With helmets on ready to go at 10 am. We were 5 bikes strong, Todd, Mike and I chapter A. Harry, Claudia and Vick from Chapter V. We headed out to Mud Mountain Dam to visit the Facilities. Then we were all ready to go. Heading out to Hwy. 410 to Hwy. 123 then to Hwy. 12 on to Packwood. Arriving at the Fire Station we found parking for all of us. We were happy that the line moved quickly. The food was great, a good portion of meat with corn on the cob and Potato salad, green beans rolls and butter and CAKE! along with plenty of coffee, tea, juice. Always plenty and great tasting. Before heading home, we took some time to look at the other bikes that came for the BBQ. After kicking some tires, it was time to head for home.

Leaving the fire station, we got on Hwy 12 towards Morton. Then we turned on to Hwy 7 to Elbe to Eatonville. We turned right into Orting, Harry and Claudia had invited us to see where their new home is going to be. The foundation was coming along nicely. Heading for home and going our separate ways it was a good day all around. We had a good ride with good food and good Friends with the weather on our side. Hope to see you on our next ride. **As always keep the rubber side down.**

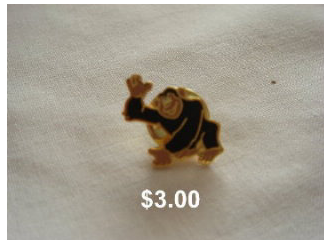
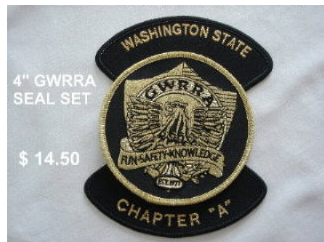
***Bill Holt / Ride Coordinator  
Phone Tree Coordinator***

# 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.**



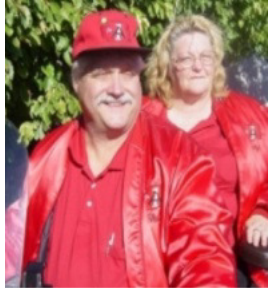
The full stores inventory is on the Chapter Website:



Gary Beard/Stores Manager



# Chapter Sunshine / Greeters



## August Birthdays

3<sup>rd</sup> Les Greer  
17<sup>th</sup> Susan Edwards

## September Birthdays

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

## August Anniversaries

3<sup>rd</sup> Gary & Joanne Beard  
8<sup>th</sup> Charlie & Ann Butters  
14<sup>th</sup> Chris & Patty Johnson  
21<sup>st</sup> Les & Stephanie Greer

## September Anniversaries

Chris & Patty Johnson  
Sunshine / Greeters





## WA"A" Activities

Tues - August 28<sup>th</sup> - Sat Sept 1<sup>st</sup> **WING DING** Knoxville, Tennessee  
Sat – September 15<sup>th</sup> the Chapter “Z” Chicken Run  
Sun – September 16<sup>th</sup> Puget Sound Ride for Kids (Remlinger Farms)  
Sun – September 23<sup>rd</sup> Anacortes Oyster Run (Non GWRRA)



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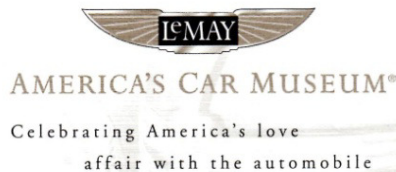


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