



GWRRA CHAPTER WA-A SEATTLE, WA



Periodic News Letter
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Through *the* Windshield:



Looking through the Windshield:

Hello chapter "A"

Good evening Chapter "A", as I sit here working on the August Chapter News Letter I can hardly believe that Seven (7) Months of this year is already over! Seems like yesterday was January 1st and we were looking forward to spring arriving. I hope your out there taking advantage of this great riding weather. We had a very nice turnout at our July Chapter meeting on the 27th, and welcomed several new Wing riders at the meeting.



Everyone enjoyed some fun conversation discussing our previous rides this summer and looking forward to the ones coming up. After the meeting our MEC led some of us on a very nice ride on secondary roads heading for Windy Ridge but around Morton ran into rainy weather and not being able to see the Mountain decided on a shorter ride of about 140 miles. All in all a good day in the saddle.

Some of us from Chapter "A" road out to the Chapter "V" social at Nikki's Restaurant in Covington on Thursday the 25th (two days before our meeting) you can never get enough riding in! Always fun to sit down with fellow Winger's, enjoy a good meal and talk about fun experiences riding our Wings.



As a side note: Your Chapter Director has decided that after 30 plus years in Chapter "A" with 15 of those years in one leadership position or another and reaching the ripe old age that I am it's time to step aside and let someone younger with some new ideas and dedication to the Chapter take over the director position. With that said I'll be stepping down at the August Chapter "A" meeting and new leadership will be installed. So come on out to the August meeting and see who your new volunteer Director is! Show your support and **"Don't Miss the Fun"**.

Don't forget! This **Saturday August 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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(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
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Assistant Director (ACD) – August 2019



Something from the road

Lead a ride to Packwood last weekend. Ventured over there to indulge in a little BBQ. Met at 512 McDonalds and had a great ride through the pass. Tried to stay off the highways as much as possible, but sometimes it's a means to an end. Up 410 through Bonney Lake onto Buckley. We did get a little curvy roads at the Mud Mtn dam road where we stopped for a little respite. Someone there had a model A fuel truck that he made into a BBQ. Guess he was catering a lunch there for a roadster rally. We got a good stretch of the legs and were ready to get back on the road. Through Greenwater and into the park. We veered off at 123 to head to Hwy 12 and on into Packwood. Had our fill of BBQ then left for Morton. Quite a few motorcycles on the road and saw a rider with a furry helmet. Looked like a skunk skin on his head. Had some cool drinks then headed for the barn. Was a great day and made some memories. Come with us when you can and help us make some new memories. We get to burn some gas and wear out some tires. Always fun. Your ACD, Todd



Todd McClain (ACD)

Chapter Treasurer – August 2019



From the treasurer

I have no motorcycle tales because my weekends have continued to be consumed by work on our bathroom remodel but it is FINALLY done and ready for our guests this week. Not without challenges. I spent most of a Saturday fixing a BIG mistake on my tub that took me about 6 hours to work around. I went to put the handle on the shutoff valve for the tub and the valve was mounted too deep into the wall --- the handle did not reach. It needed to be moved forward about 3/4 of an inch. Of course with the tile installed, there was no access from the front anymore. I ended up having to pull out our stove, remove the side of the cabinet next to the stove so that I could cut open the wall under the kitchen counter and get access to the valve, then saw/squirm/wiggle/yell to get it moved forward. Then of course I had to put the wall and the cupboard back together. Thankfully I have no more bathrooms to remodel, at least not in this house. Here's a pic of the finished product.



Charlie Butters / Treasure

Membership Enhancement



Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Input – August 2019 –

Summer is just about coming to a close. I hope you have gotten out on the road.

Just last week I took a little trip to Riverside, California. An excellent ride down to Springfield, OR and then Hwy 58 through into Klamath Falls. Then down Hwy 395 to Reno, NV. I highly recommend that route instead of the I-5 all the way down. From Reno down through the eastern side of California to southern California. This route takes a bit longer than the I-5 corridor but the scenery is worth the extra time.

By the time you read this, I will have ridden the four day 35th Annual Buzzard Butt Buster ride with Todd M, Mindy, Larry, Pat & Ruth and Jesse & Eva and others from WA-Z. The ride takes us to Redmond, OR; Pendelton, OR; and then to Coeur D'Alene, ID for the banquet at the Coeur D'Alene Casino. Evidently this ride has been happening annually for the past 30 plus years and we had never heard of it. It is a unique ride. There are no routes, just three destinations and it is up to the riders to find their own way to the Casino in Coeur D'Alene.

The day after the ride, I will head south again and return with a new GL1800. It's time to get new tires so I figured I'd get new wheels and a brand new machine to go along with them. No, not a 2018 or newer, but a 2017. I found four RED ones with 2 miles on the odometers. Two in Scottsdale, AZ and two in Huntington Beach, CA. Huntington Beach had the best price and location.

Because of these rides, I've missed out on the annual Packwood Bar-B-Que Beef ride, but I should be able to make the other rides this summer. Here is a list of what is coming up:

- Aug 24 - WA-A (Seattle) Meeting - Eat @ 8:00 am
- Aug 24 - WA-O (Port Orchard) Meeting - Eat @ 8:00 am
- Aug 27~31 - Wing Ding - Nashville, TN

September

- Sep 7 - WA District Bowling Tournament, Silverdale Lanes, Silverdale, WA
- Sep 15 - Puget Sound Ride For Kids
- Sep 21 - WA-P End of Season Ride
- Sep 22 - Anacortes Oyster Run 6:30am helmet time, Kent McDonald's, 8320 S 212th St, Kent. Intermediate stop at North Bound Smokey Point Rest Stop at approximately 7:30 am.

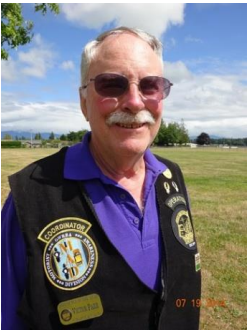
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Mike Briesse

WA-A Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Coordinator

Motorcycle

Awareness - August 2019



Vic Parr



Carl Maier



ARTICLE TAKEN FROM DOUG CLARK'S FACEBOOK POSTING

Passing on some information about biker safety: I'm a Biker, so please understand a few things..... The two-car lengths I leave between the car in front of me isn't for you to cut me off! Contrary to popular belief, I cannot stop my bike on a dime! I speed up when in your blind spot, not to race, but so you can see me. When in the left lane, I ride in the right track (close to the yellow line) and usually 5-10 kph over the speed limit. This way I only have to worry about people on my right side, and I have somewhere to go when you decide to crowd into my lane! Please put your phone down and stop texting, because the life you save may be mine or yours. Remember to share the road. When making a lane change, please use the little devices on your vehicle known as MIRRORS! I recommend utilizing them and the neck the good Lord gave you instead of just taking position in the very lane I possess. Some of us ride with high-beams on at all times, this is so you can see me day or night! So please watch out for this Biker and all my Brothers and Sisters during this riding season. We will all be better off, and I will be alive! If you're my biker friend and agree, please feel free to copy and paste! Might as well get the word out!!!

MOTORIST AWARENESS ACTIVITIES

Our Washington District Rally took place in Cashmere, WA starting July 18th. Many members started arriving either riding their bikes/trikes or having them transported in various ways. On July 19th we had a light parade through the town and finished with a light judging contest in the campgrounds. Then the next day we parked our bikes/trikes in a reserved area of main street in front of the many shops. Even with a roped off area there was one individual in a car who decided to try to drive through. Maybe that driver wanted to get a closer view of our machines, but that could have been done by parking and taking a stroll. Many people did make a short stop as they drove by so they could view our fine steeds. We encouraged many visitors and local people to join in our bike judging and ended up with about 150 completed forms. The Motorist Awareness team was busy distributing brochures, coloring booklets to youngsters and chatting with people about motorcycles and sharing the road.

Vic Parr

WA District

Motorist Awareness Coordinator

SPECIAL NOTICE:

A beautiful 80"x80" custom made quilt commemorating Wing Dings #1 through #40 was created to be raffled off to support the Motorist Awareness Program. More details on how you can possibly own this quilt can be seen at <http://gwrra-wa.org/quilt/> and photos of the finished quilt can be viewed at <http://gwrra-wa.org/quilt/album/>.

Raffle tickets are \$2.00 each or 6 for \$10.00. They can be purchased from either:

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Thank You

Carl and Kaye Maier

WA District Assistant Motorist Awareness Coordinator Gold Wing Road Riders Association

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**Carl Maier Asst. District
MAP Coordinator**



Don Eide
Rider Educator

THE GWRRA RIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM



Wing Ding 41 is almost here.

I know that several GWRRA Chapters and other individuals are planning to ride to Nashville this year in groups plus several group rides are scheduled throughout Washington District for the rest of the riding season.

This a perfect time to cover the basic techniques and of team riding and the suggested conduct for a team ride. The following information can also be found in the GWRRA Rider Education Program Team Riding Manual.

Team Riding - consists of a number of riders who have agreed to structured rules regarding formation, conduct, consideration and cooperation while riding together. There is a reliance on each other and concerted effort to support the other members of the team. Members of the team realize that their individual actions while riding have an effect on the other team members.

Responsibilities –Lead, and Drag Team Captains

Lead

- Sets the tone for the ride by making certain that the ride gets started on time and is organized
 - Sets the speed of the ride ensuring that the team members are riding at a comfortable pace.
- Maintains communication with Team members, the Drag and other Leads.
- Communicates any changes in riding speed and is responsible for making certain that the ride stops and food breaks are on time.
- Listens to the needs of the team members as the ride is conducted.

Drag

- Responsible for the general conduct of the ride by keeping the Lead and members informed.
- Responsible for securing lane positions on multi-lane roads or highways, allowing the team to execute a safe lane change.
- Responsible to drop off and assist any team members that have a problem. Both the Lead and the Drag should have operating CB's to communicate.
- Keeps the Lead informed of traffic conditions such as getting the team through a busy intersection or informing the Lead that the team has successfully passed a vehicle on a two-lane road.

Team Members are the members riding behind the Lead and in front of the Drag. They are responsible for:

- Riding their “own” ride. Only the individual rider can determine certain actions and make decisions that affect their riding.
- Making certain they have the ride information and route planning.
- Maintaining the correct, minimum spacing during the ride.
- Following the direction of the Lead.
- Minimizing CB traffic, allowing the Lead and Drag to communicate as necessary.
- Communicating to the Lead any issues that arise including the need for an immediate break, trouble with a bike, changes in physical condition, etc.

Ride Conduct

- The ride begins from the time the Lead requests Team Members to mount up, until the day is complete. Teams are built around an understanding of what to expect and what is expected of the members. In order to accomplish this there are several “Rules of the Road” that have been established.
- Teams should be comprised of no more than 7 bikes. This is optimal for dealing with traffic especially, when other road users need to pass the team or access an exit lane.
- Teams should be spaced apart on the road by at least 200 yards on the highway (400 yards is better). This establishes a following distance of no less than 7 seconds between the Lead and the preceding Drag.
- Members within a team maintain a 2 second following distance to the bike immediately ahead and a 1 second separation to the bike staggered in the opposite track.
- When entering traffic (from a parking lot, merging into flowing traffic, etc.), team members will enter the flow as the safe opportunity arises. Drags are NOT to block traffic for purposes of allowing the team to enter the flow.
- When passing traffic or changing lanes on a multi-lane road the Lead communicates to the Drag that a lane change is necessary. The Drag moves to the other lane at the first safe opportunity, securing the lane from traffic, and notifies the Lead that the lane has been secured. The Lead then communicates to the team to change lanes
- When passing traffic on a two lane road, the team will pass the vehicle one at a time.
- When stopping at Stop signs or traffic lights, the team members will compress into a tight-staggered formation.
- When entering a parking area, the Lead will attempt to secure an area large enough to accommodate the team. This is not always possible and Team Members will then be signaled to locate an individual parking space.
- If inclement weather approaches, the Lead should exit the roadway as soon as it is safe and practical. Do not stop under overpasses, especially if visibility is limited. This leaves the team extremely vulnerable.

Any Washington GWRRA member can call or e-mail me directly with any questions/concerns with your safety education needs and levels information.

Ride Smart & Be Safe!

Don Eide

Washington District Educator

Rider Course Instructor RCI-702

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A photograph showing a table covered with a red cloth, cluttered with various items. On the left, a person's arm in a red sleeve is visible. The table holds several bottles of different sizes and colors, some in a blue plastic container. There are also white bags, one of which has a large black and gold emblem with the text "WASHINGTON STATE" and "EST. 1907". A large white bag with a pink and white patterned design is prominent in the foreground. The background shows a window with a view of a snowy outdoor area.

Gary & JoAnn Beard
Stores Manager / Face Book Coordinator

Chapter Sunshine / Greeters



August Birthdays

3rd Les Greer
17th Susan Edwards

August Anniversaries

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

September Birthdays

6th Stephanie Greer
15th Dick Jones
26th Kevin Allen

September Anniversaries

Chris & Patty Johnson
Sunshine / Greeters

WA"A" Activities



August 27 – 31 *Wing Ding*

Sat - Sept 7 – WA District Bowling tournament, Silverdale Lanes

Sun - Sep 15 – Puget Sound Ride For Kids

Sat – Sept 21st – Chapter “P” **End of the Season Ride**

Sun - Sept 22 – Anacortes Oyster Run 6:30am helmet time, Kent McDonalds
8320 S 212th St, Kent

Flyers for the above events can be found on the Chapter “A” website.
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Adds will be listed for three (3) months or until sold!

GWRRA Members Adds Free!

Selling ??

WANTED / To Buy



WASHINGTON CHAPTER GATHERINGS

Chapter	City /Mascot	Chapter Director	Meeting Date/ Time	Location
WA-A	Seattle Apes	Don Hatley Phone: (253)941-5674	4th Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM Gathering @ 9:00 AM	Golden Steer Restaurant 23826 104th Ave SE Kent, WA 98031
WA-B	Bremerton Bees	Bob & Helen Liddell Phone: (360)649-9658	1st Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM Gathering @ 9:00 AM	Bremerton Airport Diner 8830 State Highway 3 Bremerton, WA 98312
WA-D	Aberdeen Duck	Kerry & Greg Bash Phone: (360)581-5543	2nd Sunday Breakfast @ 8:30 AM	Duffy's Restaurant 1605 Simpson Ave Aberdeen, WA 98520
WA-E	Bellevue Eagles	Ron & Lana Peck Phone: (425)908-7321	3rd Saturday Breakfast @ 9:30 AM Gathering @ 10:00 AM	Kenmore Lanes 7638 NE Bothell Way Kenmore, WA 98028
WA-H	Lynden Hound Dog	Garry & Judy Calman Phone: (360)739-5888	2nd Tuesday Dinner @ 6:00 PM Gathering @ 7:00 PM	Fairway Family Restaurant 1726 Front Street Lynden, WA 98264
WA-I	Olympia Cow	Ron & Dianna Hemmi Phone: (253)686-7029	3rd Sunday Breakfast @ 7:30 AM Gathering @ 8:00 AM	Hawks Prairie Restaurant 8306 Quinault Drive NE Lacey, WA 98516
WA-L	Kennewick Looney Tunes	Joyce LoParco Phone: (509)531-9939	2nd Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM Gathering @ 9:00 AM	Canyon Lakes Club House Café 3700 W Canyon Lakes Drive, Kennewick, WA 99336
WA-M	Yakama Mountain Lion	Sherre Holden Phone: (509)305-1278	1st Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM Gathering @ 9:00 AM	Branding Iron Restaurant 61311 Hwy 97 Toppenish, WA 98948
WA-N	Spokane Wing Nuts	Lori Ann & Lewis Robertson Phone: (509)251-4443	3rd Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM Gathering @ 8:30 AM	Golden Corral Buffet 7717 N Division St Spokane, WA 99208
WA-O	Port Orchard Orca	Ken & Tami Smith Phone: (360)440-6357	4th Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM Gathering @ 8:30 AM	Bremerton Airport Diner 8830 State Highway 3 Bremerton, WA 98312
WA-P	Longview Panda	Rose & Bruce Hibbs Phone: (360)571-5732	3rd Saturday Breakfast @ 9:00 AM Gathering @ 10:00 AM	Olde Creekside Café 1323 Commerce Ave Longview, WA 98632 (360) 423-7225
WA-Q	Puyallup Koala	Rusty & Nancy Boyatt Phone: (253)312-0851	2nd Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM Gathering @ 8:30 AM	Little Park Restaurant 17106 Pacific Ave S Spanaway, WA 98387
WA-R	Walla Walla Road Runner	Pat & Von Webb Phone (509)522-2320	1st Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM Gathering @ 9:00 AM	Smith's Family Restaurant 1425 W Pine St Walla Walla, WA 99362
WA-V	Auburn Frog	Joe & Patti Diambri Phone: (253)630-8463	1st Thursday Dinner @ 6:00 PM Meeting @ 7:00 PM	Trotter's Family Restaurant 825 Harvey Rd Auburn, WA 98002
WA-X	Vancouver Phoenix	Michael & Vickie Miller Phone: (360)666-2569	1st Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM Gathering @ 9:00 AM	Golden Corral 11801 NE Fourth Plain Blvd Vancouver, WA 98682
WA-Z	Centralia Chickens	Patrick & Ruth Allison Phone: (360)266-8418	2nd Saturday Breakfast @ 8:30 AM	Ramblin Jacks Ribeye 1336 Rush Rd Chehalis, WA 98532 Ext 72

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