



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? Boy does that sound familiar, here it is February already and the months are flying by! Our January meeting has come and gone and it was well attended. We welcomed members from Chapters "Q" and "V" and visitors from GWTA to talk about their Wing Washington ride with profits going to the **Ride for Kids**.



We enjoyed each others company as we talked about upcoming events and happenings for the new year. There is a lot of fun rides and events coming up this year and nobody wants to miss the fun ahead. So lets get our Wings serviced and ready for the road. And remember..... **"Don't Miss the Fun"**

There was no after meeting ride due everyone heading home to get ready for the Chapter "I" annual **Casino Night**. Then if that wasn't enough fun there was **Garage Night**, with projects to complete and a couple of new rides planned!



Some of the best ride ideas come up when we're working around the bikes!

Don't forget! This **Saturday February 23rd** 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
Chapter "A" Director
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Assistant Director (ACD) – February 2019



Something from the road.

Setting around the house, I've decided that I've already had ALL the snow I can handle. Just like the saying goes; Nobody HATES winter like motorcyclists. Used to be able to shovel snow for a lot longer. Must be bigger snow. At least I got all of my stay at home time done for the year. This summer I want to go on an adventure and forget about storm-a-gedon. Sounds funny but, when I could, I was kind of looking forward to going back to work. Gets tiring, hearing all of the doom sayers talk about the weather and the horrible things to come. All I could think about was the spring. Also tired of seeing my bike in the garage and praying I could get it on the road so I could "winterize" it. Anyway, hope to see you all on the road when we get a chance. We'll burn some gas and wear out some tires. Till next time, Your ACD....Todd.



Todd McClain (ACD)

Chapter Treasurer – February 2019



From the treasurer

Some of you have lived here long enough to see snow like the last 2 weeks, but not us. We thought we were back in Green Bay! The first storm kept Ann from getting to work for 2 days and I also worked from home for a day because my office building was without power. The second wave left us without power for about 8 hours, long enough for me to hook up the generator and keep the fridge, furnace and some lights going. I have a homemade switch box (designed by someone that knew what they were doing - pic attached) and a 3500 watt portable generator that does the trick. It really came in handy when we lost power for 28 hours last year.

We were landlocked for a couple of days, at least for driving. As shown in the photo from our front window, we have to go up a hill to get out of our neighborhood. Well, we could go down first, but then we'd have to come up farther. For the first day of snow, our Jeep could handle it, but on the second day, it got worse due to the depth and wetness. I caught a ride to work with someone by walking up to a nearby gas station, but Ann stayed home. Then she got a call from her chiropractor that they suddenly had an opening (imagine that) and could she come in at 10am. We have a camera on the house pointed out the driveway and I just happened to start watching as she was cleaning off the Jeep, wondering what the outcome might be. I saw her back out the driveway, then slowly slide down the hill out of view. Then my phone rang. I tried to coach her, but at that time it was just too slippery. We have chains for the Jeep but it was too late for that. So she parked it and the chiropractor had another opening! I was able to drive it back into the driveway when I got home, but it stayed there for the next 2 days as the snow piled up and no plows made a visit.

So that was fun. Other fun activity of late was a visit to the local quarry to get some kidney stones pulverized before they attempted to make an escape. Oh and Ann gave her notice at Lowes. Not sure if she will work again or not at this point. I don't think Lowes was ever fun, but it had definitely become less fun in recent months and she is anxious to spend

more time with our first grandson (latest photo attached - caption should be 'enough with the photos, where's my milk??').



Charlie Butters / Treasurer

Membership Enhancement



Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Input – February 2019 –

How do we build or maintain interest in our Chapter Activities?

With the weather today, it is tough to do much else except be blue while thinking of motorcycling.



We all know that folks will attend and participate in events that they enjoy most and conversely, will tend to avoid those that they don't particularly care for. It's only human nature and there's not much we can do about that. We've all done it.

So how do we keep you interested? By planning events that you bring to the group. We want to make you happy and to do that, we need your input on fun activities.

We all know that riding our motorcycles is one of our common likes. Couple that with ridding our motorcycles to a well liked venue will go a long way towards keeping a good percentage of you happy. This time of year it is all we can do to just ride to a Chapter Gathering. The weather is not all that co-operative. But whether we ride our bikes or drive our four wheelers, the social activity is always rewarding. Lets look forward in time a bit. Coming up in March is the Oregon Chapter I Blarney Run. It's primary aim is to ride and have fun with the side benefit of donating food to the Oregon City Methodist Church. That evening in Rochester, WA is the St Patrick's Day Celebration. This event is a get together of as many folks in the WA District as possible for a benefit dinner to help defray costs for our District Couple's trip to the Wing Ding Couple of the Year Competition this year.

There are several events coming up. To name a few here they are:

- Apr 6 - Multi-Chapter Meeting in Toppenish
- May 2~5 - WA-B Mall Show (Kitsap Mall - Silverdale)
- May 24~27 - WA-L Desert Spring
- Jun 2 - Spanaway Lions Club Poker Run
- Jun 8 - WA-D Duck Hunt
- Jun 13~16 - 2019 Oregon District Rally
- Jun 22 - Longview Rotary Club Tour de-Blast
- Jun 29 - Chapter WA-A Ice Cream Social Ride

If the above events are things you do not want to participate in, that is fine. But please, bring some new ideas to the table. We really REALLY need your suggestions. We would love to have all of you participating with us. We understand that it's impossible to please everyone in a large group, but the more folks we can satisfy, the better.

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

Motorcycle

Awareness – February 2019



Vic Parr



Carl Maier



Let me start with the statement of Happy New Year to All! Kaye and I wish all of you a great year, and a safe one. Out there on the road, doing what you love.

There are so many new things that come with the new year, some may be harder than others to get used to, like writing 2019 instead of 2018 on checks, and documents.

Other things may not be as new or hard, but need to be done again, or remembered to be done.

Things like planning trips for this year, what new things can we do to improve chapter participation, and what can we do to make it a safe year.

Let us start by looking ahead to getting back on the bike, and getting back on the road. First, we need to plan on taking it out of winter storage and DE winterizing it. This should be the with help of an instruction manual, as there are allot of things to look at and do. This may require the help of someone, to help you do some of these things. This will result in a safer ride for yourself and the people you ride with.

We also need to DE winterize ourselves by putting our minds back into the riding mode, and then some of us need to get our bodies ready also. This will a I also ask you, as a Motorist Awareness Coordinator, to start with your friends and neighbors, asking them, to start watching for us riders on the road. This is something that is very important for our safety, and their peace of mind, because they will help us survive and not cause them grief, because they caused one of us bodily harm.

I also ask you to start handing out the tri-folds, and stickers, to everyone, who will take them, this includes placing them in businesses who will display them, for distribution, this includes the coloring books and crayons, for the kids. If you do not have any of the before mentioned items please ask your motorist awareness coordinator, or chapter director, to get you these items

Again, I wish all who read this a Happy and safe New Year

Your Assistant Motorist Awareness Coordinator
Washington District
Carl Maier

YESTERDAY AND TOMMORROW

Hello fellow GWRRA member,

We say goodbye to 2018 and all the events that occurred. We were not able to completely stop all motorcycle accidents and near misses but, we cannot say we have not been doing our best in trying to get the motoring public's attention. Our members have been doing a lot to be visible in many ways. Events like mall shows, rest areas, parades, supporting community events, and more. Thank you to all the members who knowingly or otherwise made an impression on the public.

What will 2019 look like? Already our calendars are filling up with more events. Let's continue to make a positive impression on those drivers sharing the road. Maybe, just maybe, we can avoid at least one near miss or accident. Look for other ways to make those motorists aware – not just on the highways. We can't do it without you.

If you have an event that the Motorist Awareness Program can participate in, please contact me, my assistant, or your chapter MAP coordinator or Chapter Director. We have banners that can be displayed along with brochures, coloring booklets, etc. that can be supplied to the public.

Ride safe,

Vic Parr

WA District Motorist Awareness Coordinator

(253) 224-6420



Vic Parr
District MAP Coordinator



THE GWRRRA RIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Don Eide Rider Educator

The Gold Wing Road Riders Association has been teaching and promoting motorcycle safety since its founding on June 4, 1977. The earliest newsletters of the small group that met monthly at a local restaurant and coffee shop in Phoenix, Arizona featured guest speakers on safety topics. When the original charter for GWRRRA was established, the only motorcycle organization endorsed by GWRRRA was the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) for its efforts in making family motorcycling a safer, more enjoyable pastime. The first "Safety Director" for that group of GWRRRA Members (as listed in the April 1978 issue of "Wing News") was Gary Gardner. By December, Dave Van de Water had taken over as "Safety Information Officer." (Dave's contributions to GWRRRA's earliest history were many, including the development of the first GWRRRA logo by one of his company's graphic artists.) Since that time, dozens of Members have spent countless hours improving the program to help Members ride safer and with more skill and enjoyment. GWRRRA Rider Education, working with MSF and other motorcycle safety programs, continued its commitment to excellence in motorcycle safety. The acceptance of the Rider Education Program was dramatic. Participation jumped from 700 enrolled in 1987 to a high point of nearly 40,000 by the end of 1996. These figures have fluctuated since then.

Every GWRRRA District has an Educator to support the Rider education program and its many volunteers in their efforts. The Rider Education Program Handbook is used, as the guiding document toward achieving the safety goals of GWRRRA. Having acquired national recognition from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation as "Outstanding Motorcycle Organization" almost every year from 1990 through the present; the men and women who have given so freely of their time to the GWRRRA Rider Education Program can truly be proud of their part in building GWRRRA's unparalleled heritage in the world of motorcycle safety education.

The GWRRRA Rider Education "Levels" Program is intended to make our motorcycle environment safer by reducing injuries and fatalities by increasing motorcyclist skills and awareness through education and training. The Rider Education Levels Program does not propose to have all the answers. However, our close working relationship with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation® (MSF), as well as additional GWRRRA programs and studies, has provided a wealth of information for use in establishing a comprehensive Rider Education Levels Program. Through Commitment, Education and Application we can reduce our accident rate significantly.

Benefits of a fully implemented GWRRRA Rider Education Program include:

- Increased rider knowledge
- Increased rider safety skills
- 7 • Prevention of accidents
- Reduced injuries
- Reduced fatalities
- Improved general public image of motorcyclists
- Enhanced motorcycle safety through Motorist Awareness public presentations

Our motorcycle community has already realized many positive benefits from GWRRRA Rider Education and the benefits of the Levels Program. Through the efforts of the Rider Education Officers and participation of the Membership, we continue to strive to reach our goal of establishing the safest motorcycle environment possible.

Any Washington GWRRRA 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 Assistant Educator

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Ride Coordinator – February, 2019

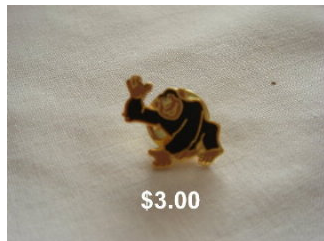
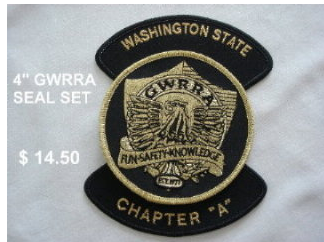
Haven't been out on the bike since our January meeting due the record amount of Snow and Ice (for February) covering all or part of Western Washington.

*Chapter "A" hasn't scheduled any rides this month, due to "**JACK-FROST**" hitting us hard! Our chapter meeting is this Saturday the 23rd which has fallen on the same day as Maxine Alexander's Celebration of Life Service. Garry Alexander has invited all GWRRA to attend in chapter colors. After our meeting If you would like to attend, we'll be traveling over to her Celebration of Life. We would love to see you there. I am sure you have the information but here it is just in case. Starting at 12 noon at the Christian Hills Fellowship Church. 23711 Entwistle rd. East.*

Come on either 2 wheels or 4. As always keep the rubber side down.....

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

Chapter Stores



The full stores inventory is on the Chapter Website:



Gary & JoAnn Beard
Stores Manager / Face Book Coordinator

Chapter Sunshine / Greeters



February Birthdays

February Anniversaries

March Birthdays

2nd – Patty Johnson
2nd – Don Hatley
20th – Joanne Beard
26th – Joe Ennaro

March Anniversaries

9th – Dick & Gisela Jones
29th – Bill & Terri Holt

Chris & Patty Johnson
Sunshine / Greeters



WA"A" Activities

Sat – February 23rd – Chapter "A" Monthly Meeting
Sat – February 23rd – Maxine Alexanders Memorial Service
Sat – March 16th – Wash. Dist. "COY" St. Patrick's dance
Sat – March 16th – Chapter OR-"I" Blarney Ride
Sat – April 6th – Multi – Chapter Meeting – Toppenish
Fri/Sat May 3rd & 4th – Chapter "B" Mall Show
Fri/Sat/Sun/Mon May 24th – 27th WA"L" 32nd Annual Desert Spring Fling
Sat - June 8th – Chapter "D" Annual Duck Hunt
Thu/Fri/Sat June 13th – 15th Oregon District Rally (Turner, OR)
Sat – June 29th – Ice Cream Run (Sponsored by Chapter "A")
Sat – July 6th – Chapter "A" Burgers @ Miners ride
Sat – July 7th – Packwood Chicken BBQ
Thu/Fri/Sat - July 18th -19th Washington District Rally
Sat – August 10th – Chapter "Z" Chicken Run
August 27 – 31 Wing Ding 4

Flyers for the above events can be found on the Chapter "A" website.

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When: *June 29, 2019 - 9:00 am.*

Where: *Meet at Kent McDonald's*

Destination: *It's a Mystery.*

How long of a Ride? *About 5 hours round trip.*

Sponsored by Chapter WA-A ~ The Ice Cream is on us.

Here is your chance to go out for a ride and have someone else pay for the ice cream. All you have to do is show up at the Kent McDonald's Restaurant, have a full tank of gas and be ready to ride at 9:00 am in the morning. We are headed out for a day of riding with desert as our destination.



This ride is sponsored by a GWRRA Chapter and is open to GWRRA Members and guests.



Motorcycles and / or Parts Buy / Sale

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

GWRRA Members Adds Free

Selling??

WANTED / To Buy



WASHINGTON CHAPTER GATHERINGS

Chapter WA-A	City /Mascot Seattle Apes	Chapter Director Don Hatley Phone (253)941-5674	Meeting Date/ Time 4th Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM Gathering @ 9:00 AM	Location 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 @ 8:00 AM Gathering @ 8:30 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 @ 9:00 AM Gathering @ 10:00 AM	Red Lion 2525 North 20th Ave Pasco, WA 99301
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 @ 9:00 AM Gathering @ 10:00 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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