



GWRRA CHAPTER WA-A SEATTLE, WA



Periodic News Letter
July 2019
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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 Chapter News Letter our June meeting has come and gone, the Chapter "A" Ice Cream run has come and gone, the ride to a Miner Burger has come and gone, the Ride-About-has come and gone, and half of the year is over. The beautiful days of Summer have arrived! So if you haven't been out there riding your Wing now is the time!

We had a good group at our June meeting with lots of fun conversation about what's instore for the rest of the riding season.



Mike talked about our after meeting ride and the upcoming Ice Cream run on the 29th.

On the 29th we were up early and headed down to the MacDonald's restaurant on 212th in Kent already tasting the Ice Cream at the Snow Goose. We had a good mix of 2 wheels, three wheels and one 4 wheeler.



And everyone enjoyed the Ice Cream at the Snow Goose! The ride was approximately 180 miles round trip up to Fir Island and back to the Dairy Queen in Covington with "0" miles on the I-5! Great job laying out the route by our MEC.

Then on Saturday the 6th of July we were Helmets on at 0900 from the MacDonald's restaurant in Enumclaw for the ride to a Miner Burger in Yakima.



And everyone like's a Miner Burger.....

Then on the **13th** of July was the **Chapter “Q” Ride-About** . The ride was 103 miles in length. There were three Grand Prizes and Three Poker run Prizes. Grand Prize tickets were sold for \$1 each and the winners were selected by random ticket drawing. Poker Run Prizes were awarded by Poker Run scores. The top three scores took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

The three Grand Prizes were
a set of Bridgestone Tires for a GL1800.

A 2XL Leather Jacket,
A Large Leather Jacket

The three Poker Run prizes were

1st Place \$100

2nd Place \$50

3rd Place \$25

The 50/50 was \$73

And Chapter **“A”** had an incredible day, winning the 1st and 2nd Grand Prize, the first, and second Poker Run prize and finished it off by winning the 50/50. And everyone had a great day riding on a beautiful day! Thanks Chapter **“Q”** and **Eagle Leather** for putting on and sponsoring the ride.

Chapter “A” don't miss another day of fun! Summer is here and there's lots of fun ahead. Come on out and join in.....

“Don't Miss the Fun”

If you didn't attend the **Washington District Rally in Cashmere** you missed a great time. Your district staff puts a lot of work into providing a great Rally for your enjoyment, so let's show our appreciation in future events by attending with our fellow Goldwinger's, and supporting those working on the events.....



Don't forget! This **Saturday July 27th** 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.

(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) – July 2019



Something from the road

Went to Wa Q fun run last Saturday. Arrived a little early so I got gas and did a little riding around. Saw a few more bikes out and about. Got back to Eagle Leather for the start and familiar faces started to arrive. Gathered out forces and hit the road. Was a very nice route out over the narrows bridge to Purdy cut. Along the water is always great for scenery when on a ride. Rode through Shelton to the casino collecting receipts along the way. Made our way back to Eagle Leather in a round-about way where chapter A set about winning almost everything. From our Chapter Director, ACD, Web Master, and our ride Master all winning the top prizes. That's how you do it! Get a great ride in with good friends then take home prizes. Had a great time with good weather. Come out with us and help burn gas and wear out tires. Your ACD, Todd



Todd McClain (ACD)

Chapter Treasurer – July 2019



From the treasurer

Dogs are fun

STILL working on my bathroom. It should be done before the next newsletter. In the meantime, we have temporarily adopted our daughter's beagle, Maci. She and her husband had our first grandchild back in December and now her husband will be deployed soon for 6 or 7 months. Since taking care of a baby is already a lot of work by yourself, we offered to take care of Maci while our daughter is on her own.

We used to have a dog, but she was pretty mellow. She would chase a rabbit but when the rabbit ran away, that was it. Rabbit gone, back to sleeping and eating. With Maci, that is not the case. If she see's a bunny, it's like she just drank 3 Grande espressos. She goes absolutely crazy and she does not calm down for hours or for the rest of the day, whichever is longer. If she sees the bunny while outside in our backyard or on a walk, she searches for bunnies all the way home. And then she MUST get back outside and continue the search for the rest of the day. If she lies down at all, it's only until Ann or I get up, and then she follows us literally everywhere, doing all she can to telepathically communicate that we MUST get back outside ASAP in order to track down the escaped bunny. She's about 6 years old and seemed pretty mellow when we saw her at our daughter's house, but since joining us, it's like she's a 2 year old puppy. Not as disruptive to life as a baby, but plenty disruptive.

She saw a bunny yesterday and was completely wound up, but I had to get some drywall sanding done and Ann had to go the the grocery store. When she returned from the grocery store, Maci managed to escape out the front door and immediately ran to track down the rabbit that she saw in the front yard 2 hours ago. It's not good when Maci escapes. Given the time, she is known to dig 2 foot deep holes under fences. Leslie had to track her down in actual canyon near her home in San Diego once --- it took her 3 or 4 hours. So when Maci escapes outside, there is no time to lose. I heard the commotion from the bathroom as she snuck out when Ann came in the door. I immediately jumped off my ladder, pulled off my dust mask, grabbed the leash and ran outside. Fortunately we got her corralled quickly, dragged her back inside and put her in her dog crate. I went back to continue my sanding, but I could not find the sanding sponge that I had been using. We searched everywhere we could in the house, but I hadn't gone far, it wasn't in the yard and we simply could not find it. I was 10 minutes from being done with sanding and now this crazy dog had interrupted getting this annoying task done! After much frustration, I finally gave up looking for it and I assumed I would just need to buy a new one. So I got out of my dusty work clothes and went off to do something else. An hour later, after we let the dog out of her crate, there was the sponge in the back of the crate. I must have somehow thrown it in there in the frantic dash to catch the dog. Or the dog is evil and knew that it could further aggravate me by taking this yellow spongey thing into her crate. I'm inclined to believe the latter.

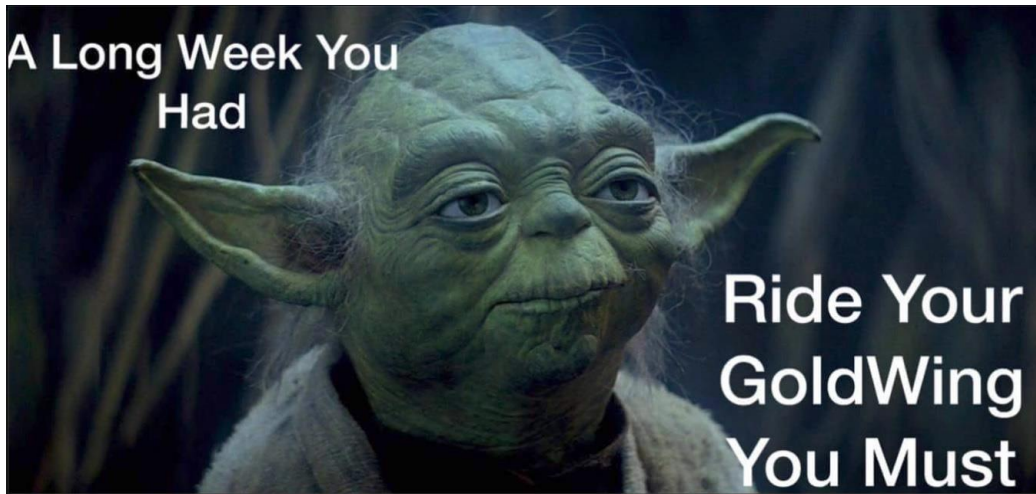
Charlie Butters / Treasure

Membership Enhancement



Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Input – July 2019 –

Yes, we did some Group Riding this month.



That is exactly how I feel most of the time. Ride my Gold Wing I must. So, with that said, I have done lots of riding and have had little time to write.

Here is what we did:

Jun 29 - Chapter WA-A Ice Cream Social Ride - Chapter "A" Is buying the Ice Cream.

Jul 6 - WA-A Ride to Miner's Burger in Yakima.

Jul 7 - Packwood Annual Chicken BBQ.

Jul 13 - WA-Q Ride-A-Bout.

Jul 18~20 - Washington District Rally, Cashmere, WA.

And here is what everyone can do in the near future:

Jul 25 ~ 28 - GWRRA North West Coast District "Wings in The Cariboo" Rally

Aug 4 - Packwood Annual Beef BBQ.

Aug 10 - WA-Z Chicken Run.

Aug 17 - WA-O Whale of a Picnic.

Aug 16 ~ 18 - GWRRA 4 Corners Multi-District Rally

Aug 27~31 - Wing Ding - Nashville, TN.

Sep 7 - WA District Bowling Tournament, Silverdale Lanes, Silverdale, WA

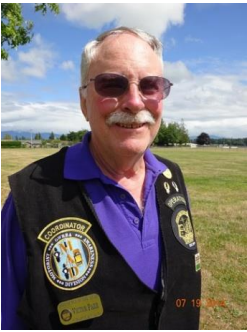
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Mike Briese

WA-A Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Coordinator

Motorcycle

Awareness – July 2019



Vic Parr



Carl Maier



MOTORIST AWARENESS ACTIVITIES

Well gang, we have been doing a fantastic job of presenting ourselves to the public. Awareness is the means for a safer ride when we share the road. April was designated as “Distracted Driving” month and May as “Motorcycle Awareness” month. Kinda married to each other I think.

We had a lot of activity in May with chapter rides, visits, presentations, mall shows, parades and literature distribution. Starting early in June we provided community support for the Special Olympics bicycle event at JBLM (Joint Base Lewis McChord). Although we did not have any Motorist Awareness tables or banners set up, we did ride our trusty steeds around the race course along with the athletes.

Carl Maier Assistant Motorist Awareness Coordinator

Vic Parr Motorist Awareness Coordinator

Next, we were invited to provide communications support for the St. Jude Rock-N-Roll Marathon in Seattle. Again, we rode our bikes along the streets with the athletes providing communications with the officials when an emergency situation needed attention.

Neither of these events were meant for us to take the attention away from the participants themselves. But, subconsciously the impression of motorcycles on the road is entered in the minds of the viewers. One can only hope that they look for us as we share the roads.

On June 22nd members of GWRRR provided safety patrols for the bicycle riders participating in the Tour de Blast riding up Mt St. Helens. A communications network provided communications between our riders, emergency personnel and the organizers, with both CB and HAM operations. Assistance ranged from stopping and just checking on bicycle riders, making minor repairs, first aid calls and calling for a ride or the maintenance truck.

The bicycle riders were very appreciative of our participation and many of them stopped by to thank us. Many of the motorcycle riders enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to next year along with the Rotary Club of Longview, which has asked us to be ready to come back next year.

For a more detailed report on this event, connect to your GroupWorks and look for a Post within the GWRRA MAP section (<https://app.groupworks.com/#/groups/3447/posts>).

Towards the end of June we had the Meet and Greet activity in the Eastern part of our state. This involved being invited to a function, held by Allsport Motorsports. This will include a barbeque, bike show, Membership Enhancement booth, and a Motorist Awareness booth.

This invitation was brought about by one of our members asking the people at Allsport if they would be willing to hand out some brochures, for our chapter. They then invited us to participate in their function.

This is a great example of what happens when you interact with people, in any manner, at any place, in any time. This may be at a gas station, rest area, campsite, or waiting for the ferry, like what is shown here.

This young man was not only excited to be able to look at, and talk to us about our bikes, but was really thankful to be given a coloring book, and be asked to tell his parents whenever he saw a bike on the road. His mom stepped in and told him that was his job, while riding in the car, from then on.

There were other occasions on this trip that Trifolds, and coloring books were handed out, and all were received with thank you's, but the coloring books were received with excitement from the kids, and great Thank You's from the parents.

Really looking forward to this function at Allsports, because we will have our Chapter Banner up, along with the Motorist Awareness Banner, tables set up with GWRRA Membership material, and Motorist Awareness Trifolds, stickers, coloring books and other material.

This will be attended to by members of GWRRA dressed in our colors, and interacting with people who are enjoying the showing of new motor sport equipment, bike show, and barbecue.

This is going to be a great day for everyone involved.

Articles provided by Vic Parr – DMAC Carl Maier – ADMAC Rose Hibbs – WA-P CD

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://gwrwa-wa.org/quilt/> and photos of the finished quilt can be viewed at <http://gwrwa-wa.org/quilt/album/>.

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

Vic Parr Carl Maier (253) 224-6420 (509) 844-3865 parrv@msn.com camaier@cybermesa.com

Thank You

Carl and Kaye Maier

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MAP Coordinator**



Don Eide
Rider Educator

THE GWRRA RIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM



RIDER EDUCATION

Are Your Chapter Rides in a Group...Or a Gaggle?

You've seen plenty of both - the nice tight staggered formation of five or so Wings, each one a second behind the offset bike moving as a unit - or, a string of seemingly unrelated motorcycles who all coincidentally happen to be going in the same direction.

Before you decide one is correct and the other not, recognize that each style is a matter of choice. But if your Chapter chooses to ride as a group, or a team, there are some things to keep in mind, things that will first, promote safety, second, enhance the enjoyment of the ride, and third...look cool.

The GWRRA Team Riding Manual is full of tips and tactics for successful team riding. Every Chapter should have at least one copy. If not, see your District Educator. Another excellent resource is the Road Captain Course available through your Educator or as a download from the GWRRA Web site.

A point that each of these manuals make that is not always put into practice, is the role of the leader and the tail gunner, or drag. In fact, the Team Riding Manual calls the lead bike, "Team Point" and the last bike in line the "Team Captain." As the titles suggest, the rider up front is not the leader. The lead bike and the drag bike share leadership responsibilities equally. They are both responsible for the safety of the group, and each has specific responsibilities relative to their positions in the group. Read the manual for the details.

The first question every Chapter must ask is, "which way do we want to ride?" Exerting influence on members to ride as a team, or a group, or a gaggle, if they would rather make another choice, does not make for a happy riding experience. Some Chapters divide their flights by style of riding. Those decisions are best made among Chapter members.

If the decision is to ride as a team, then every member of the team has a job. That job is consideration for the group as a whole. But safety is always first. Remember to "ride your own ride." If your style does not match that of the group, simply notify the trail bike that you are dropping behind, and follow the group at your own pace.

Consideration for the group as a whole begins before we mount the bikes. Some simple decisions like, comfortable speeds, road conditions, pit stops, photo ops, etc. begin in the parking lot before the ride. The job of the lead or Team Point in this discussion is to LISTEN. There may be one or two vocal members of a group who try to make decisions for the rest. Listen to all group members. Read body language and facial expressions to be sure the group is in agreement. Once you're on the road, use all of the tools available to you like CB's, hand signals, your own mental alertness, spacing between groups, bike-to-bike spacing, and proper placement of Trikes, bikes with trailers or with no CB radio.

Question for tail gunners -- In the manuals, the illustration of riders coming to a stop at a traffic light or stop sign shows the tail gunner (Team Captain) in the left track, right up against the bike in front. Suggestion: why not hang back a bit and move to the center of the lane to create space between the group and the traffic to the rear? That way you will have protected the group from being rear-ended while giving yourself room to maneuver just in case. When you are sure the traffic to the rear is stopping, gently move to the left, returning to the original formation.

The role of the Team Point and Team Captain is critical. But there is another rider who is critical to the integrity of the group. That is the number two bike.

Reason # 1. Visibility

The Team Point has the basic responsibility for speed, direction, etc. As a result, he/she is often scanning for landmarks, road signs, turn-offs, etc. The second bike in line in the right track has the best forward visibility and can spot potential problems early. A second set of eyes never hurts.

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Reason # 2. The worm.

How many times have you been stuck in traffic on a wide-open interstate for no apparent reason? It's what traffic engineers call "the worm." It's just a function of the dynamics of traffic flow. Even in a group of five bikes, we can experience the worm. If the number two rider daydreams for a second or two (never happens, right?), falls behind the point rider and accelerates to catch up, he/she creates the worm. Now the other bikes in the group must do the same, and pretty soon we have a gaggle, not a group.

The Team Point can create similar difficulties by accelerating too quickly after a stop, or on to a controlled access highway, or even just allowing his/her speed to increase too much going down the back side of a long hill if the remaining riders have not yet reached the crest.

Successful group riding takes special skill and lots of practice. Chapters that do it well are impressive as they maneuver smoothly through traffic or on the open road. And cool as they may look, they are also taking maximum advantage of the safety issues afforded to an alert team.

Any 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

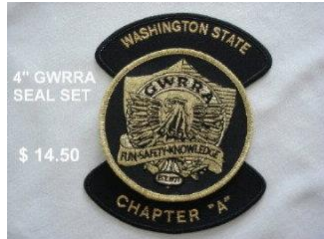
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August Anniversaries

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8th Charlie & Ann Butters
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WA"A" Activities

Sun – August 4th – Annual Packwood Beef BBQ

Sat – August 10th – Chapter "Z" Chicken Run

Sat – August 17th – Chapter "O" Whale of a Picnic

August 27 – 31 Wing Ding

Sat – September 21st – Chapter "P" End of the Season Ride

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