





Periodic News Letter June 2019 www.gwrra-waa.org



# Through the Windshield:



Looking through the Windshield:

Hello chapter "A"

Good evening Chapter "A", as I sit here working on the News Letter I can hardly believe that when you read this we'll be about a week out from the Chapter Ice Cream run on the 29<sup>th</sup> and one half (50%) of the year will almost be over! Seems like yesterday morning I was 16, What happened? Just goes to prove we have to take advantage of each and every day. So I hope your out there riding your Wings at every opportunity.

We had a nice turnout for the May meeting with lots of discussion of the upcoming rides and events and ones we completed in the last month.



And some good food! Yum, Yum.



Mike lead some of us on a very nice after meeting ride to the south using secondary roads with loops towards Elbe and through the scenic country side ending up at Dairy Queen in Spanaway. Another very nice day in the saddle.



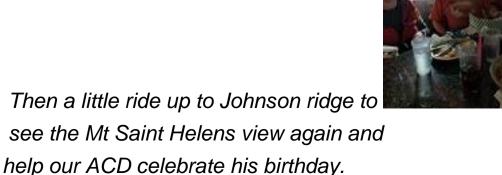


Then on June 2<sup>nd</sup> we were off again meeting up for the **L**ions **C**lub **B**enefit run leaving from the Bowling Alley in Spanaway. My luck at poker played out with a pour hand at the finial (So no winning for me!) but we all won with a beautiful day in the Sun of riding, and for a worthy cause.









After all this fun riding it was time for a little preventative maintenance on Garage Night for me, so the guys pitched in.





It was time to install that

new pair of Elite 4's I've had sitting in the back shop and flush out the Clutch and Brake fluids. That done I'm ready for the next ride..........

**Don't forget!** This **S**aturday **June 22nd** is our **C**hapter **"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 dhatwaa@comcast.net

### **Assistant Director (ACD) – June 2019**



Something from the road

Well there I was, last week, talking to Bill Holt on the phone and he was asking me if I planned on going to "The Duck Hunt" that chapter D puts on every year. I said "Sure, But that's not 'til June. Little did I know, it was already here. Struck me as strange that it had snuck up on me so stealthy. We met at our usual spot for heading south and was overjoyed to see who was in our group to head out there. Myself, Charlie, Mike, Bill, Harry and Claudia, Ron and Dianna, Sam. We were led by Mike and as always, did a great job. When we got their we found Ray Abitz and he joined our group. Had some great roads and great weather for a great day. The only thing that could make it better was for me to win the grand prize, so I did. I also bought some grab bags for their charity and I got 4 DQ gift cards. So next time we're at DQ, I'm buying. 'Til then, come with us and burn some gas and wear out some tires. Your ACD, Todd



## **Chapter Treasurer – June 2019**



From the treasurer

Ann and I spent last week in Wisconsin to attend our son's graduation from nursing school in Milwaukee. He can now become an RN once he passes the certification. While we were there, we went to the Harley-Davidson museum. Wasn't sure what to expect but it was definitely worth it. The company has been around since 1903, started from a garage (of course) that was quite a bit smaller than Don's garage — just 10 x 15. They originally started out with what were basically motorized bicycles with a 7 cubic inch motor and pedals. Originally they sold kits, and by 1905, they were making complete motorcycles. When World War I began, the military needed motorcycles and purchased about 20,000 from HD. By 1920 they were the largest motorcycle manufacturer in the world. The museum has around 450 motorcycles on display. Ann and I checked out the headsets they offer to listen to recordings as you walk around the displays. Pretty interesting stuff. There's a short film that runs continually talking about the financial and quality struggles in the 80's. And of course more of that is happening now, but the history of the company is pretty interesting and the museum is well worth checking out if you happen to be in the area.

The photo is of the bike known as "Serial Number 1." It does have a serial number 1 stamp on it somewhere, but the parts don't all match what is known about the first bike. It does seem to be the oldest and most well preserved specimen.



## **Membership Enhancement**



# Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Input – June 2019 –

# A Great Beginning to Summer

The day of the meeting in May was a bit of a downer for weather but it was not bad enough to prevent us from riding, well, some of us anyway.

Don and myself from WA-A and Steve & Shari Cotes and Harry Rossignol from WA-V had a nice little 90 mile ride down almost to Elbe and into Spanaway where we stopped for some ice cream. It was rain free until we stopped at the DQ. Then it started to sprinkle a bit. All and all a good day.

The following Monday, Memorial Day, I rode solo to proof the route for the Chapter A Ice Cream Social. It was a really good day for a ride. It was mostly sunny and all 186 miles of secondary roads were in great shape and believe it or not, there was no traffic to delay the progress of the ride. Really kind of odd considering the holiday and all.

I sent out a few emails asking if anyone was up for a ride. Harry was open on Thursday. Don was too. Todd and Jerri were planning a ride to Mt. St. Helen's so we all kind of hitched our wagon to Todd's idea and headed to Mt. St. Helen's. Not knowing if NF-99 to Windy Ridge was open yet, we opted for WA 505 and WA-504 to Johnston Ridge. Of course we took as many secondary roads as possible to get there and back. It was kind of a long day of riding but the time passed quickly. We did a total of 270 miles in more or less a traffic free ride thanks to the secondary roads selected. It was Jerri's first time to see our volcano.

On Friday morning, I awoke to find my "Pie Low Level Light" was on. It's kind of like a low fuel light on your bike and it really needs to be extinguished. I just had to ride to Liberty Cafe for some berry pie a la mode. Two hours later the low level condition was satisfied. From Liberty, I headed south to Yakima via Canyon Rd (Hwy 821) and then over Chinook Pass and home. The traffic was great all day until I approached Buckley. From there I should have been home by 4:30 pm but the traffic everywhere was snarled. I didn't get home until 6:00 pm. A crappy end to an otherwise great day of riding.

On Saturday the 1st, I had breakfast at the Airport diner and visited with Chapter WA-B. It was kind of an overcast day and no one was up for a ride so I took the long way home south on Hwy 3 to Hwy 101 and I'5 home. The next day would be a good day of riding so it was all good.

On Sunday, Bill, Don and myself showed bright and early to the Paradise Bowl for the Spanaway Lions Club Benefit Ride. It was about 130 miles of relaxing secondary road pleasure. No bad weather, no bad roads; just enjoyable riding. Sorry you all missed it.

On the 8th was the WA-D Duck Hunt. Once again it was a great ride. Erv and crew outdid their selves. Excellent roads and believe it or not, after Thursday and Friday's weather, the days weather on this Saturday was perfect. No rain. No fog. And not too much sun. The downer was that there just was a low rider turnout.



In years gone by, this cafeteria at the Beacon School in Montesano was always near capacity. Today, it was almost empty. I do not know if it was due to fear of inclement weather or just lack of enthusiasm on the part of local GWRRA chapters. Whatever the reason, I hope things pick up.

By the way, Todd McLain won first place with a score of 341 points. Congrats Todd.

#### Don't forget to Check our website <a href="http://www.gwrra-waa.org/">http://www.gwrra-waa.org/</a> and see what is in store.

We have the upcoming Chapter WA-A Ice Cream Social ride on June 29th where the chapter picks up the tab of the ice cream and there is a nice ride to go along with it. See my write-up above about proofing the route.

We also have the trip to Miner Burger in Yakima on the 6th of July. The following day the ride to Packwood for the annual chicken feed and so much more. Check it out.

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.

Aug 4 - Packwood Annual Beef BBQ.

Aug 10 - WA-Z Chicken Run.

Aug 17 - WA-O Whale of a Picnic.

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

Mike Briese WA-A Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Coordinator

# Motorcycle



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# Awareness - June 2019





Carl Maier



As the weather warms, hundreds of thousands of motorcyclists will hit the streets, ready to shake off the winter blues and cruise. Each May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is partnering with **[GWRRA]** to remind all motorists to *Share the Road* to help keep motorcyclists safe. With thousands of deaths each year, motorcyclists are significantly overrepresented in traffic crashes and fatalities. In fact, per vehicle mile traveled, motorcyclists are about 27 times more likely than passenger vehicle occupants to die in a motor vehicle crash, and 5 times more likely to be injured. It is essential that vehicle drivers pay complete attention on the roads: Even the smallest momentary lapse in a vehicle driver's awareness can result in the death of an unseen motorcyclist.

While on the roads, motorists may encounter motorcyclist behaviors that seem out of synch with standard vehicle use. NHTSA and GWRRA want to make sure all motorists *Get Up to Speed on Motorcycles*, and has designed this campaign to address the issues drivers experience when encountering motorcycles on the road. *Get Up to Speed on Motorcycles* brings drivers up to speed on common motorcyclist riding behaviors, and highlights simple things drivers can do to increase the safety of their two-wheeled friends who have very little protection in the event of a multi-vehicle crash. The goal of this material is to create safer roads and save lives, and is available for states and other road safety advocates at this link:

https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/motorcycle-safety/motorist-awareness-motorcycles. 12 key way we can reduce traffic fatalities and keep our roads safe is for drivers to understand motorcycle safety challenges such as size and visibility, and riding practices like downshifting and weaving to be able to anticipate and respond to motorcyclists' behavior. Motorcycles are among the smallest and most vulnerable vehicles on the road, putting riders at greater risk of death and serious injury in a crash. In fact, research and state-level data consistently identifies motorists as being at-fault in more than half of all multi-vehicle motorcycle-involved collisions.

• Because vehicle drivers control a much larger machine, it is imperative that they keep close watch for motorcyclists who may be riding nearby. Drivers may follow these tips to prevent a fatal crash with a motorcycle:

- Though a motorcycle is a small vehicle, its operator still has the same rights of the road as any other motorist. Allow the motorcycle the full width of a lane at all times.
- Always use a turn signal when changing lanes or merging with traffic.
- If you see a motorcycle with a signal on, be careful: motorcycle signals are often non-canceling and the motorcyclist could have forgotten to turn it off. Always ensure that the motorcycle is turning before proceeding.
- Check all mirrors and blind spots for motorcycles before changing lanes or merging with traffic, especially at intersections.
- Always allow more follow distance—three to four seconds—when behind a motorcycle. This gives them more time to maneuver or stop in an emergency.
- Never drive distracted or impaired.

Thank You Carl and Kaye Maier

WA District Assistant Motorist Awareness Coordinator Gold Wing Road Riders Association

#### **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:

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



Carl Maier Asst. District MAP Coordinator



Don Eide Rider Educator



# RIDER EDUCATION

THE GWRRA RIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM

#### ARC

Saturday 5/18 Chapter L "Spring Fling" Kennewick WA Contact Don Eide at eide02@yahoo.com Saturday 6/1 Chapters B & O ARC Kitsap Mall Silverdale 8:30 AM Class 1PM Range Sunday 6/9 Chapters B & O ARCR Kitsap Mall Silverdale 8:30 AM Range.

Contact Robert Liddell at rkliddell@earthlink.net

#### TRC

Sunday 6/2 Chapters B & O TRC Kitsap Mall Silverdale 8:30 AM Class 1PM Range Saturday 6/8 Chapters B & O TRC Kitsap Mall Silverdale 8:30 AM Class 1PM Range (If needed). Contact Robert Liddell at rkliddell@earthlink.net

**CRS** Chapter Directors please collect Names and GWRRA Numbers of Members Desiring to take or update the Co Rider Seminar Contact Don Eide at eide02@yahoo.com I will arrange classes as needed.

Bob Berry the former "GWRRA Director- Rider Courses" presented this seminar several years ago for Region, District and Chapter Educators. Read the article and pay attention to the importance of the number two bike.

#### 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.

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.

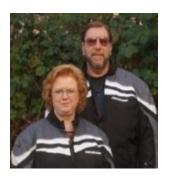
Any GWRRA member can call or e-mail me directly with any questions/concerns with your safety education needs and levels information.

### Ride Smart & Be Safe!

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# **Chapter Stores**



















The full stores inventory is on the Chapter Website:



# **Chapter Sunshine / Greeters**





**June Birthdays** 3<sup>rd</sup> – Terri Holt 10<sup>th</sup>- Pen Briese

**June Anniversaries** 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kevin & Jennifer Allen

**July Birthdays** 

**July Anniversaries** 

Chris & Patty Johnson Sunshine / Greeters



# **WA"A" Activities**

Sat – June 29<sup>th</sup> – Ice Cream Run (<u>Sponsored by Chapter "A</u>") departing from Kent MacDonald's Restaurant 8320 S. 212<sup>th</sup> St. Kent 98032-1927 <u>Kick Stands Up 0900.</u>

**Sat – July 6<sup>th</sup> – Chapter "A" Burgers @ Miners ride** departing from Enumclaw Macdonald's Restaurant. 110 Roosevelt Ave. E. Enumclaw 98022. <u>Kick Stands Up 0900</u>.

Sat - July 7th - Packwood Chicken BBQ

Sat - July 13th - Chapter "Q" "Ride-A-Bout"

Thu/Fri/Sat - July 18th - 20th Washington District Rally

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.
gwrra-waa.org



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!

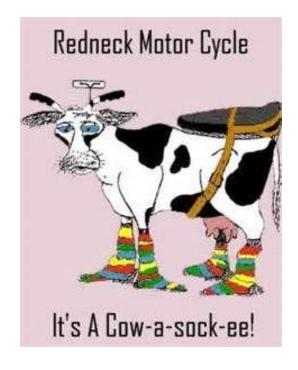
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### Selling ??

GL 1800 Rear Wheel Assy. (Very nice shape) \$100.00 e-mail dhatwaa@comcast.net



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 @ 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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