



GWRRA CHAPTER WA-A SEATTLE, WA



Periodic News Letter
May 2019
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Through *the* Windshield:



Looking through the Windshield:

Hello chapter "A"

April has come and gone, and with May already here 1/3rd of 2019 has already passed us by. So come on out to our meeting this **Saturday the 25th** and see what's being planned for the rest of the riding season. **"Don't Miss The Fun"**

Our April meeting was a little light due everyone out traveling and enjoying the great weather.



The after meeting ride was out to Ken Harder's shop by Lake Tapp's to attend the Chapter "V" Maintenance Day!



A fun time was had and the ladies prepared a great Pizza lunch with all the trimmings.

Don't forget! This **Saturday May 25th** 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) – May 2019



Something from the road

Didn't do much riding last month but did go to Chapters B and Z. I won the 50/50 at Wa B and was one number away at Wa Z. That's how it usually goes with my ticket purchases. One win, then many close calls. Had great riding and great friends to ride with both times. Kinda Christmassy with equal parts green and red going to the breakfasts. Wish I could have went with Wa Z's ride but had a birthday party to go to. Hopefully we have some good rides this summer. Am looking forward to them. Come and burn some gas and wear out some tires with us. Your ACD, Todd



Todd McClain (ACD)

Chapter Treasurer – May 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.



Charlie Butters / Treasure

Membership Enhancement



Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Input – May 2019 –

It is said that,

You meet the nicest People on a Honda.

If you recall, it was a Honda sales slogan years ago. It was quite possibly the best advertising campaign Honda has ever used. But I digress.

The reason I thought of this old add campaign is the recent riding weather (the last week in April). On Thursday the 25th, the weather was perfect for a ride and there really was nothing better to do. I fired up the GL1500 and headed out of the garage and down the driveway with nowhere to go and all day to get there.

Pen was working late and I had an extended kitchen pass because of it. I headed south towards the Roy-Y and took the left fork. I had thought of going down the right fork through Roy, McKenna, and possibly stopping at Scotty B's in Tenino for lunch but I knew I would be there far too early for lunch. Taking the left fork towards Elbe and possibly as far south as Morton seemed like the right way to go.

Before I ever got to the twisties down south on Hwy 7, I noticed a motorcycle ahead of me about almost a mile. Being the inquisitive person I am, I hustled down the road to see if it was anyone I knew. It was a GL1800. It didn't look familiar until I got close enough to read the license plate - HARIBO - It was Harry. Evidently he had the same urge to ride that I had. We rode to Morton and turned right on Hwy 508. 508 intersects Hwy 12 and from there we hooked up with Jackson Hwy. Through Chehalis, Tenino, Rainier, skirted around Yelm, through Roy, and into Spanaway to complete the day.

Riding alone is peaceful and gives one time to ponder life's successes and failures and it gives you time to clear your head. But riding alone and then happening onto a friend with the same mindset is very full-filling. If you haven't taken the time to enjoy the ride lately, you really need to throw your leg over that motorcycle soon. Spring is here, summer is coming fast and fall is right around the corner. Come ride with us.

Our Chapter WA-A Gathering is the 25 of May. We will no doubt have a ride after the meeting. The weather forecast is for mostly sunny. Ride to the meeting and be ready to go for a short ride afterwards.

Then prepare for several rides for the spring/summer riding season.

Check our website <http://www.gwrra-waa.org/> and see what is in store.

Jun 2 - Spanaway Lions Annual Benefit Run

Jun 7~9 - Idaho District Old Tyme Mountain Man Rendezvous, Kamiah, ID KOA Campground.

Jun 8 - WA-D Duck Hunt, Montesano.

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

Awareness - May 2019



Vic Parr



Carl Maier



MOTORIST AWARENESS

Riding weather is approaching for many of us who have stored their machines for the winter. We know we have to make our machines fit to ride, but what about ourselves? We ask the driving public to be aware of us while we are joining them on the road. Now we have to ask ourselves if we, ourselves, are mentally and physically prepared to handle whatever obstacles that might task our skills.

May is motorcycle awareness month. Did you know that April was designated as “distracted driving” month, Law enforcement officials were making special efforts to recognize the distracted driver and issue citations.

So, what are we doing to help motorcycle awareness be successful? We do our part by riding our machines, wearing our colors, talking to non-riders, and giving safety presentations to organizations. Now we have other social activities coming up: rest areas, mall shows, support for bicycle venues, and parades. OK, what else? Well, letters have been written to the newspaper editors, motorcycle awareness opinions have been submitted to the Spokane Spokesman newspaper, public service announcements for radio stations, and several proclamations to city mayors have been submitted for their consideration. These have been approved and published.

The following is the submitted letter to the editor of several newspapers statewide.

April and May Driver Safe

Did you know that April is designated as “Distracted Driving Month”? This does not mean it is the only month that it is legal to be distracted while driving. It means we must recognize that so many things distract us from an activity-and driving is a major activity. The National highway Transportation Agency’s study shows that 66 percent of accidents are a result of the driver being distracted. Maybe a little more awareness of our fellow drivers on the streets and highways would help reduce this statistic.

We look at the month of May as being designated as “Motorcycle Awareness” month. Is this a coincidence that it follows April’s “Distracted Driving”? I think not. Please concentrate more on your driving and watch for motorcycles throughout the entire year.

Victor Parr WA District Motorcycle 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



**Carl Maier
Asst. District
MAP
Coordinator**



THE GWRRRA RIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Don Eide
Rider Educator

RIDER EDUCATION

RIDER EDUCATION CLASSES

CPR/FA 4/20 Terri and Dennis Black Chapters B and O. 19 students completed training.

Sunday 5/19 Terri and Dennis Black Chapter V Contact Terri Black at blackbrier@msn.com

ARC

Sunday 5/19 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

Saturday 6/8 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

Sunday 6/9 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 GWRRRA 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.

Thanks to "It's A Fine Line" for the following article.

As motorcycle riders we are at a higher risk of being involved in a collision due to many factors including driver error, road conditions, blind spots and lack of education, just to name a few. Contrary to popular belief, most motorcycle deaths are not caused by "the other guy." To stay safe and steer clear of these often-fatal situations, it is important to be aware of the most common problems you may encounter as a motorist so you can learn to avoid them:

1. **Left Turns.** The majority of motorcycle crashes that involve another vehicle occur when a left-hand turn is being made. This happens for a number of reasons, but primarily because the vehicle making the left turn doesn't see a motorcycle passing through or misjudges the distance between them and oncoming traffic.

2. **Speeding.** The faster you travel on a motorcycle, the less control you have and the higher the possibility of collision. When you speed you have less time to react and see safety threats around you, your breaking distance changes and it becomes harder for others to see you, lessening their reaction time.

3. **Lane Errors.** There are a few different types of lane errors that fall under this category, but they all have one thing in common: blind spots. Automobile drivers risk colliding with motorcyclists when either party forgets to signal their lane change or check their blind spot. *Lane splitting*, which reduces the amount of room between you and other vehicles on the road and leaves motorcycle riders less time to react to hazards, is another common maneuver that can result in a crash.

4. **Impaired Driving.** Alcohol is involved in fatal motorcycle crashes more frequently than any other type of vehicle collision. Driving under the influence weakens people's coordination and reaction time. Impaired riding threatens your safety and the safety of others around you.

5. **Road Conditions.** Road conditions play a huge role in motorcycle crashes. Whether it's loose gravel or a wet and slick roadway, taking on a curve or rounding a corner too fast, these conditions heighten your risk of losing control and injuring yourself in a collision.

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

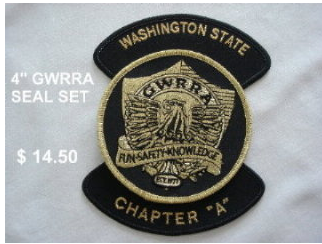
Ride Smart & Be Safe!

Don Eide

Washington District Educator

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Chapter Stores



The full stores inventory is on the Chapter Website:



Gary & JoAnn Beard
Stores Manager / Face Book Coordinator

Chapter Sunshine / Greeters



Hi, from Chris and Patty Johnson! We are back from Japan and we had a great time! We flew to Tokyo on April 24th and got there April 25th. Chris was upset because he only got a ½ birthday. Patty said we will just celebrate all week for your birthday! Okay? From Tokyo we boarded the ship Azamara Quest! We sailed all around Japan and stopped at 10 cities in Japan and we took a side trip to Busan, South Korea for one day. The weather was cool at the beginning but when we got off the cruise it was in the 70's and 80's. We saw the Sky Tower and a temple in Tokyo with a hired taxi driver! We looked for souvenir shops but all the souvenir shops had 90% food. We had one day at sea and the rest were in different ports. Chris saw on the map in one city there was a second hand shop! So we hired a taxi and he took us to the recycled shop like Goodwill. It was very clean and had everything priced. We did not buy anything. Chris was looking for toy tops in toy stores. He found several toy tops. On the ship, the food and the service were excellent. We met several people from England (UK), Australia, Denmark and USA. We went to a wonderful train museum. In Hiroshima, we went to an "A Bomb" Museum that was very dark but interesting. On May 12th, Mother's day we flew home but we got home on May 12th, Mother's Day. So, Patty got two days of Mother's day this year.



May Birthdays

21st – Charlie Butters
22nd – Gary Beard
30th – Todd McClain

June Birthdays

3rd – Terri Holt
10th – Pen Briesse

May Anniversaries

28th – Mike & Pen Briesse

June Anniversaries

2nd – Kevin & Jennifer Allen

Chris & Patty Johnson
Sunshine / Greeters



WA"A" Activities

Fri/Sat/Sun/Mon May 24th – 27th WA"L" 32nd Annual Desert Spring Fling

Sun – June 2nd – The 23rd Annual Benefit Run – Spanaway Lions Club

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") departing from Kent MacDonald's Restaurant 8320 S. 212th St. Kent 98032-1927 Kick Stands Up 0900.

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

Sat – July 7th – Packwood Chicken BBQ

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

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

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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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.

8320 South 212th St. Kent, WA 98032-1927



Motorcycles and / or Parts Buy / Sale

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

GWRRA Members Adds Free!

Selling ??

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



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"When do you drink water?"

"I've never been that sick."

Via LoveThisPic.com

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 @ 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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