



GWRRA CHAPTER WA-A SEATTLE, WA



Periodic News Letter
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Something from the road.



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Had a need to go on a long ride. Bill needed a trailer delivered to Cody, Wy. I didn't have anything planned for the Labor day weekend. So I wired the trailer to my bike and hit the road. Just doing the I-90 boogie east. It was overcast so I didn't have to worry about getting too hot. Was very comfortable for riding. Did hit a little rain outside of Spokane, but I'm watertight. They had firetrucks at most overpasses, with flags and lights. Wasn't really sure what they were doing. I mean it was Labor day, not Memorial day or Veterans day. Oh well. Onward. Was kinda rainy through Idaho and into the Rockies. Really enjoyed the roads into the first part of Montana. Their speed limit there is listed as 80mph. You know that most people were going just a little bit more than that. Even pulling that trailer, the Goldwing didn't even breathe hard. She just kept going. Great open roads. After some stops for gas and ice cream, one U-turn, after I was leaving Butte, I think, I was going up the wrong interstate with 4 mile to the turn around. Had a REALLY good view of the Lady of the Rockies. I think that's her name. A HUGE statue of Mary up on the hillside. Was cool. Got ahold of Bill's son Jimmy, he and Crystal were in Billings buying an RV. I decided that I would meet them there and hand off the trailer. Getting fuel for me and the bike was enough to keep me going down the road. Was great to see them again and we stayed in their new camp trailer. After catching up a bit it was sleepy time. Woke up in the morning and went to breakfast. Said goodbye to them and hit the road again. Really wanted to ride Lolo Pass so I turned off at highway 12 and headed south. Was kinda in my own little world for awhile until 2 crotch-rockets went around me. I was content to follow them and did so for about 10 miles when they pulled into a gas station and turned around. I guess they just ride that little portion of the road. I had a great time on the rest of the pass. Really good curves. Hwy 12 does have some great curves even after you're out of the pass. I headed northwest toward Lewiston and Coalfax. Across the Palouse. Was beautiful riding through there. However, riding west, into the sun, was kinda difficult. Got on 26 headed towards Vantage then made a detour to Moses Lake to see family. No-one was home so I

headed towards my house. Got home around midnight and put the kickstand down for the night. 1850 miles in 2 days. Insanity put off for another day. All the trips aren't like that. Sometimes you just need the open road. Come with us and burn some gas and wear out some tires. Pretty soon it'll be winter. Your CD, Todd



Don't forget! This **Saturday September 28th** 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-----

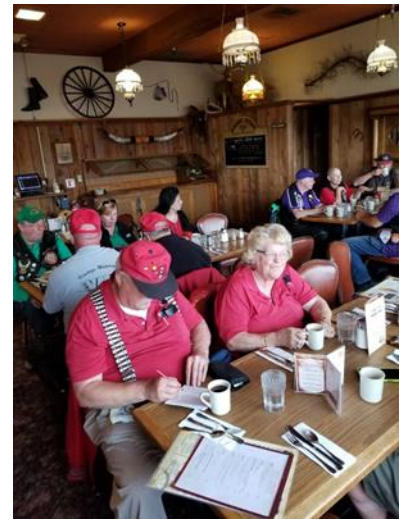
Todd McLain
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Assistant Director (ACD) – September 2019



Looking through the Windshield:

We had a very nice turnout for the August chapter meeting. With members from Chapter's "A", Chapter "V", and a visit from our District Director Jesse Valentine. Jesse was there for the installation of **Todd McInain** as your new Chapter "A" Director. I will remain as your "interim" ACD until someone steps forward to enjoy and fill the position.



And there was the swearing in ceremony



Don Hatley
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Chapter Treasurer – September 2019



From the treasurer

Still no motorcycle tales. Just a bit of traveling by cage. My sister and her husband came to visit and we spent a couple days on the southern end of Whidbey Island at a nice B&B. Went to a Farmers Market in Freeland, had dinner at Prima Bistro in Langley (pricey but good), visited Greenbank Farm, the Spoiled Dog winery and Whidbey Island Distillery. All of them were interesting places to visit.

Ann and I also made our first trip to the State Fair. We took in the Draft Horse show, walked through the livestock barns, watched a couple kids attempt Muttin Bustin (they both made it for 6 seconds). Of course we had some scones and an also an Earthquake Burger. Watched the hypnotist show (bizarre and hard to believe it's not staged). We were on our way out when we ran into Chris and Patti Johnson. Chris clued us into the Hobby area, so we walked through there too. Maybe when the grandson gets older we'll visit the rides.

Charlie Butters / Treasure

Membership Enhancement



Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Input – September 2019 –

There are a few good days left but you will have to take them as they come. The rain is falling as I write this.

I suppose by the time you read this, three fourths of the month has come and gone. It is September, school is back in session and the trees are starting to drop their leaves. And the rain is not only helping them to fall but are helping them to carpet the lawns and roads in a beautiful array of colors. Autumn is a colorful time of year and a great time of year for a 'colors' ride. Get out there and enjoy the last good days of riding. Enjoy the leaves but be warned, when they get between your tires and the road, they are more than just a beautiful nature-created colored-carpet, they are 'dangerous road slime'.

This weekend, Sep 21st and 22nd, we will have ridden to Chapter WA-P's end of summer ride down in Longview and then up to Anacortes for the Oyster Run. Last weekend, we visited with Chapter WA-Q at the Golden Corral in Puyallup. Next month, and the months to follow, they will be at the Paradise Lanes in Tacoma for their gatherings. Don't forget the WA-Q Halloween Dance, dinner and desert auction on September 26th at the Poodle Dog Restaurant in Fife. It is always a fun time.

We also visited with Chapter WA-I at Hawk's Prairie in Tumwater. There was an interesting and lengthy meeting after breakfast. A lot was discussed including the upcoming Casino Night in January. The flyer should be on our website as soon as the powers that be send me a copy. If history is any indication, the event will take place on the same day as our January gathering. And it will be located at the Camp Murray Armory from 4:00 pm until about 10:00 pm. Not sure yet what the dinner menu will be but rest assured, there will be plenty of yummy deserts to choose from. The following is a list of the coming events:

Sep 28 - WA-A (Seattle) Meeting - Eat @ 8:00 am
Sep 28 - WA-O (Port Orchard) Meeting - Eat @ 8:00 am
Oct 03 - WA-V (Auburn) Meeting - Eat @ 6:00 pm
Oct 05 - WA-R (Walla-Walla) - Eat @ 9:00 am
Oct 05 - WA-X (Vancouver) Meeting - Eat @ 8:00 am
Oct 05 - WA-M (Yakima) Meeting - Eat @ 8:00 am
Oct 08 - WA-H (Lynden) Meeting - Eat @ 6:00 pm
Oct 12 - WA-B (Bremerton) Meeting - Eat @ 9:00 am **New Time and Location**
Oct 12 - WA-L (Kennewick) Meeting - Eat @ 9:00 am **New Location**
Oct 12 - WA-Q (Puyallup) Meeting - Eat @ 8:00 am **New Location**
Oct 12 - WA-Z (Centralia) NO Meeting
Oct 12 - OR-I (Oregon City) Meeting - Eat @ 8:00 am
Oct 13 - WA-D (Aberdeen) Meeting - Eat @ 8:30 am
Oct 19 - WA-E (Bellevue) Meeting - Eat @ 7:30 am
Oct 19 - WA-N (Spokane) Meeting - Eat @ 8:00 am
Oct 19 - WA-P (Longview) Meeting - Eat @ 9:00 am
Oct 20 - WA-I (Olympia) Meeting - Eat @ 7:30
Oct 26 - WA-A (Seattle) Meeting - Eat @ 8:00 am
Oct 26 - WA-O (Port Orchard) Meeting - Eat @ 8:00 am
Oct 26 - WA-Q Halloween Dance, Poodle Dog Restaurant, Fife, WA

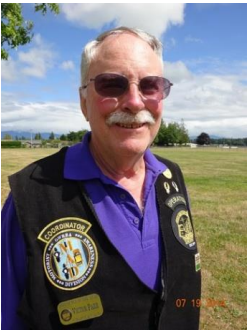
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Mike Briese

WA-A Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Coordinator

Motorcycle

Awareness – September 2019



Vic Parr



Carl Maier



The vast majority of vehicles on the road are not motorcycles. They're cars and vans and trucks. It's quite possible that as a driver you rarely think about motorcycles.

This is a problem.

"When motorcycles and other vehicles collide, it is usually the other driver who violates the motorcyclist's right of way", according to an issue statement from NHTSA. "There is a continuing need to help other motorists 'think' motorcycles and to educate motorcyclists to be aware of this problem."

Why do drivers often violate motorcyclists' right of way? Motorcycles are relatively small and drivers don't see them. Drivers don't anticipate motorcycles' movements. The driver's view of the motorcyclist is obstructed, often by the vehicle's blind spots or other vehicles.

How do we, as motorcyclist, help other drivers not violate our right of way? We wear bright jackets, and helmets, lights on our motorcycle, flags, and any other ways of being noticed. There are times when we need to swerve to avoid road hazards. It is also true that we need to ride responsibly! I have seen some motorcyclist who cut in and out of traffic, speed, and not use their signals, and in general are a hazard to everyone on the road. We always need to be aware of the NO-ZONE, and not ride in it. Remember the rule, if you cannot see the driver of the vehicle, in front of you, in their mirror. They cannot see you. We as motorcyclist need to make an effort to educate others that we are out there, and we want to be safe and share the road with them. We can do this by making ourselves more visible by wearing our colors, and being friendly, and handing out safety materials and talking to them.

Participation in public bike shows, is a great way to invite the general public to become a participant in our passion for the ride.

Be safe and share the ride

Carl and Kaye Maier WA District

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
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MAP Coordinator**



THE GWRRA RIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM



Don Eide
Rider Educator

Well, here we are a month after District Rally and enjoying the summer. Riding 2 UP on our bikes or in a car. Watching the scenery go by. Enjoying the ride. And I didn't forget those who ride solo. We have a lot of responsibility riding with us either on the bike or around us. How many people do you ride for? All the cars around us, how about the rider with us! For the cars around us, do you try to predict what the drivers around you are going to do? Are you always looking for a WAY OUT? I have found out after driving a Big Truck for some 20 years that I can almost predict what a driver is going to do. Have you found this to be true when you are riding? It could save your life someday, so try to develop this 6th sense.

What about the CO-Rider with you? What responsibility does she {or he} have? Have you, as the Master and Commander of your world {on the bike at least}, trained your Co rider? This month's Wing World has a great article about "Riding the Back Seat LIKE A PRO" by Steve Lake on page 36. You would think by the Headline that the article is for the passenger. Read the story and you will quickly see it is an instruction lesson for you the RIDER. Yes, there are items in the story directly related to the co-rider but most is for You, the rider.

Have you ever explained how to mount and dismount the bike safely to your co-rider's ability? There are 12 first ride details a rider should do listed in the article. Ranging from what to do when cornering, proper and safe riding gear, and hand signals. Does the co-rider know that their EYES are part of the safety of the ride? 4 eyes are better than 2 when watching for hazards. The article has really helped me in instructing Helen {My Co Rider} on her ability to have a safe and fun ride when we are together. The whole idea of having the Big Machines is to ride in the most beautiful area, fresh air, wind in your face, leaning in those corners (you can still lean on 3 wheels), enjoying the company of fellow riders or on your own. And come back home in one piece to do it again. Remember the 4 items GWRRA stands for, Friends, Fun, Safety, and Knowledge.

Ride On My Friends!! Robert and Helen Liddell

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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



September Birthdays

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

September Anniversaries

October Birthdays

27th Jennifer Allen

October Anniversaries

Chris & Patty Johnson
Sunshine / Greeters

WA"A" Activities



New the 5 Aces Ride



Hello All GWRRA members and Chapters,

At Chapter “**A**” We’ve noticed that there are some lonely Saturdays out there. Outcasts, if you will. Four months each year have an additional **5th Saturday** with no chapter meetings or scheduled events. No guidance, and more importantly, “**No Ice Cream**”. Well here at Chapter “**A**” we want to do something about it! Come ride with us, on these **5th Saturdays** of the month and **we will buy you a cone**. The destinations are going to be forthcoming. We are not really sure. Did I mention that there will be ice cream and riding involved. More to follow!

Todd McClain,
Chapter “A” Director

Flyers for the above events can be found on the Chapter “A” website.
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Motorcycles and / or Parts Buy / Sale

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

GWRRA Members Adds Free!

WANTED / To Buy

Selling ??



Bought "New" 2017

Goldwing, now I have to sell my 2003 ABS Gold Wing. It is a wonderful wing with 117,400 fun miles on it. And its beautiful inside and out. **It is listed on Craig's List at:**

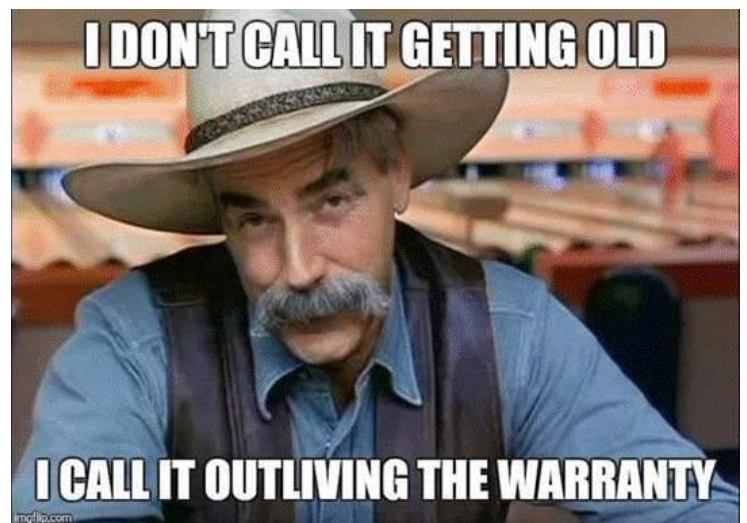
<https://seattle.craigslist.org/tac/mcy/d/tacoma-2003-honda-gl1800-abs-model-gold/6965531264.html>

It is advertised on Cycle Trader at:

<https://www.cycletrader.com/listing/2003-Honda-GOLD-WING-1800ABS-5009283716>

I have it listed at \$5800. If interested, let's talk.

Mike Briesie briesie@earthlink.net



WASHINGTON CHAPTER GATHERINGS

Chapter	City /Mascot	Chapter Director	Meeting Date/ Time	Location
WA-A	Seattle Apes	Todd McClain Phone: (206) 241-3565	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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