



GWRRA CHAPTER WA-A SEATTLE, WA



Periodic News Letter
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Something from the road.



Something from the road!

Hello chapter A

Well here we are. Longing to get together and also wanting for this not to become the new normal. I want the normal to be the normal again. We've been able to do some riding to keep our sanity. Well at least some things are still allowed. Not sure when we'll be able to have a meeting where we can all sit in a room together and enjoy each other's company. Soon hopefully. Was able to go on a fund-raising run last weekend. Went through Oregon, Idaho, and back home after. Great riding and great company. A little slice of normal. 1200 miles and about the same amount of smiles. Great to get away and recharge somewhat. I know we are scheduled to have a meeting this Saturday, but you know we will when we are allowed to. Until then, try to make as many outings as you can and keep each other safe. We will try to keep you posted about our rides. Let's burn some gas and wear out some tires.

Your CD, Todd



Don't forget! This **Saturday August 22nd** 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.....**

---- **CANCELED DUE COVID-19** and the restrictions in **King County the Golden Steer cannot hold a group our size in our meeting room.** Hopefully they'll be able when King County enters Phase (4) four.



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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-----

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Assistant Director (ACD) – August 2020



Looking through the Windshield:

Well here we are in August already! Boy this year is really going by quickly and with the Covid-19 and all the other things that come up during Summer we need to make an extra effort to get out and enjoy some fantastic riding before it's gone. The Weather man is working with us and turning out some fantastic riding days, so let's get our Goldwing's on the road and enjoy them as Fall is just 30 days away...

We weren't able to have our monthly meeting in July due the Covid-19 and King County restrictions for inside seating at the Golden Steer so instead our director had layed out a very nice ride leaving at 10:00am in search of some great Ice Cream....



With the weather turning out perfect with blue sky's and temps in the high 70's the ride up using back roads through Redmond, Woodenville, Snohomish, Arlington, Lake Mcmurray down through Conway crossing the South Fork of the Skagit River on to Fir Island and Ice Cream at the Snow Goose.



A beautiful ride on a beautiful day.



Hard to beat Ice Cream at the Snow Goose! Wished you were here.....



The point is we don't have to give up the enjoyment of getting out on our Goldwings we just have to use reasonable precautions. Watch for upcoming information on the spur of the moment rides! We'll try to keep everyone informed by e-mail or text!

*Take the time to attend other Chapter meetings and functions! You won't regret it.....**Don't miss the Fun.***

Chapter "A" is in its 40th year in 2020

Let's plan some fun celebrations

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Chapter Treasurer – August 2020



From the treasurer

-----All Quiet in the Treasury-----

Charlie Butters / Treasure



Did you ever wish you had just one more up-shift in your transmission?

I had a Henry Park modified drive installed on my 2017 Gold Wing. I really like the idea of the taller gearing to give more miles for less engine RPM. But, the drive I had installed seemed to have a leak. So, I called Henry and he offered to send me a replacement.

I received the replacement on Wednesday at 12:30. I checked out the drive and it appeared to be in great condition. I installed it and had the bike ready to go by 2:00 pm. I packaged up the leaky one and started out for the UPS store to send it back. That is when I realized that the drive he had sent me had a mechanical issue that I did not see on first inspection. I obviously didn't know what to look for before I installed it. The drive was making a terrible noise while coasting. Click this link to go to You tube to hear it: **Noise heard while riding** - https://youtu.be/1Q8FoQc_aiA. You will probably have to copy and paste the links to your browser to see the You Tube video/Audio.



I called Henry and told him that this one was not going to work. I let him hear the noise it was making while I had it parked on the center stand. He agreed that it was not good. **Noisy Drive While on the Center Stand and in 2nd Gear** - <https://youtu.be/IaMI2K1Dfrc>. He said that he would send me another one.

I took it off the bike and before installing the OEM drive, I compared the two drives. I noticed that the modified drive pinion gear to ring gear lash felt loose compared to the OEM drive. That may be where the noise is being generated. After taking out Henry's drive and reinstalling my OEM drive I had made a decision. I really do not want to go through this again. I sent Henry a text and asked him to not send me a replacement but to send me the core drive I had sent him and I would then return his modified drive. Then, I would like a refund on the modified drive. I said that I had just lost confidence. After two bad ones in a row I am happy to just use the OEM drive. Besides, I didn't tell Henry but one of my riding partners here local to me bought one of Henry's drives and it appears to be leaking as well.

He sent me a text and said that he had my core in a box in the warehouse and he would have his warehouse manager look for it and send it back to me as soon as they located it.

This drive modification is REALLY a great idea. And, in retrospect it may be possible that the drive fluid level is more sensitive in the modified drive than it is in the OEM drive due to remanufactured gearing. It is entirely possible that I slightly over filled the drive and fluid bubbled up and overflowed into the drive housing and out the bottom housing drain. If you look at a final drive you will see the housing drain. That is there in case the inner seals fail and a leak occurs. It allows the fluid to drain out the bottom of the drive rather than get sprayed onto the brake assembly. Nice design.

Anyway, I have not completely made up my mind what I will do in the future. I like the re-gear drive and am still open to making the change. Henry has yet to send me the refund so perhaps he is hoping that I will change my mind about a modified drive. The saga continues.

Mike Briese

WA-A Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Coordinator

T-CLOCS

Motorcycle safety check-list

F=front - R=rear

T - Tires and wheels

Tires	Condition	Tread depth, wear, weathering, evenly seated, bulges, embedded objects - F+R
	Air Pressure	Check when cold - adjust to load - F+R
Wheels	Spokes	Bent, broken, missing, tension, check at top of wheel: (sound) Ring is OK -- Thud means loose spoke - F+R
	Cast	Cracks, dents - F+R
	Rims	Out of round/true + 5mm. Spin wheel. against stationary pointer - F+R
	Bearings	Grab top and bottom of tire and flex. - No freeplay (click)between hub and axle. No growl when spinning. - F+R
	Seals	Cracked, cut or torn, excessive grease on outside, reddish brown around outside. - F+R
Brakes	Function	Each brake alone keeps the bike from rolling. - F+R

C - Controls

Levers and pedal	Condition	Broken, bent, cracked, mounts tight, ball ends on handlebar levers, proper adjustment
	Pivots	Lubricated
Cables	Condition	Fraying, kinks, lubrication: ends and interior
	Routing	No interference or pulling at steering head, suspension, no sharp angles, wire supports in place.
Hoses	Condition	Cuts, cracks, leaks, bulges, chafing, deterioration
	Routing	No interference or pulling at the steering head, suspension, no sharp angles, hose supports in place
Throttle	Operation	Moves freely, snaps closed, no revving when handlebars are turned

L - Lights

Battery	Condition	Terminals clean and tight, electrolyte level, held down securely
	Vent Tube	Not kinked, routed properly, not plugged
Headlamp	Condition	Cracks, reflector, mounting and adjuster system
	Aim	Height and right/left
	Operation	High beam/ Low Beam operation
Tail Lamp/ Brake Lamp	Condition	Cracks, clean and tight
	Operation	Activates upon front brake/ rear brake application
Turn Signals	Operation	Flashes correctly F - left - F- Right - R - Left - R - Right
Mirrors	Condition	Cracks, clean, tight mounts and swivel joints
	Aim	Adjust when seated on bike
Lenses &	Condition	Cracked, broken, securely mounted, excessive condensation

Lenses & Reflectors	Condition	Cracked, broken, securely mounted, excessive condensation
Wiring	Condition	Fraying, Chafing, Insulation
	Routing	Pinched, no interference or pulling at steering head or suspension, wire looms and ties in place, connectors tight and clean

O- Oil

Levels	Engine oil	Check warm on center stand, dipstick or sight glass
	Hyphoid gear oil, shaft drive	Transmission, rear drive, shaft
	Hydraulic fluid	Brakes, clutch, reservoir, sight glass
	Coolant	Reservoir and/or coolant recovery tank - check only when cool
	Fuel	Tank or gauge
Leaks	Engine oil	Gaskets, housings, seals
	Hyphoid gear oil, Shaft drive	Gaskets, seals, breathers
	Hydraulic Fluid	Hoses, master cylinders, calipers
	Coolant	Radiator, hoses, tanks, fittings, pipes
	Fuel	Lines, fuel valves, carbs

Chassis

Frame	Condition	Cracks at gussets, accessory mounts, look for paint lifting
	Steering Head Bearings	No detent or tight spots through full travel, raise front wheel, check for play by pulling / pushing forks
	Swingarm bushings/bearings	Raise rear wheel, check for play by pushing and pulling swing arm
Suspension	Front forks	Smooth travel, equal air pressure/damping, anti-dive settings. Left + Right
	Rear Shock(s)	Smooth travel, equal pre-load/air pressure/damping settings, linkage moves freely and is lubricated. Left + Right
Chain or Belt	Tension	Check at tightest point
	Lube	Side Plates when hot. Note: Do not lubricate belts.
	Sprockets	Teeth not hooked, securely mounted
Fasteners	Threaded	Tight, missing bolts, nuts
	Clips	Broken, missing
	Cotter Pins	Broken, missing

S - Stands

Center stand	Condition	Cracks, bent
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Motorcycle

Awareness – August 2020



Let me start out by saying the District of Washington will miss the leadership of Vic Parr a great deal. I for one will, and hope that I can carry on what he has started.

Kaye and I have just returned from a road trip and let me say it was nice to spend some time just looking at the sites in this great country of ours. It was also a learning experience that taught me a few more things about Motorist Awareness in different parts of country.

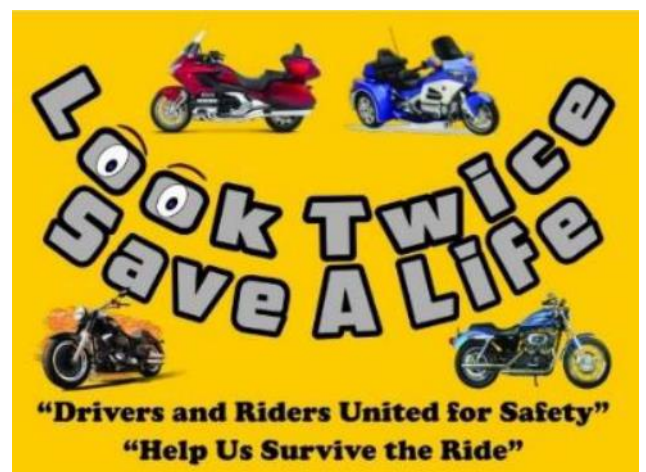
In Washington bikers are required to wear helmets and a lot of them also wear riding gear that is seen easily. This helps the other drivers on the road see us.

Other states, like Arizona, and New Mexico, to mention a couple, do not have this requirement and boy does this make a difference for the rest of us on the road.

Not only are they not wearing the helmets, that we look for, they seem to not wear other clothing that will bring attention to themselves. So that makes the rest of us, that share to road, really have to expand the way we look for bikers in other parts of this country.

As I have said I was really caught off guard by how hard it was to see some of the motorcycles, and their riders, because of the lack of visual clothing, and helmets. It also had to do by the way some of them rode. This included riding in the No Zone, splitting lanes, and weaving through traffic. This was not only in the large cities, but also on the back roads, and freeways. I tell you all this to bring forward some information that will help all of us expand our ideals on motorist awareness, and also help break some habits that we can get into, thinking we are seeing all of the people like us, who ride. We all do not fit into one group, but we all must be seen.

Thank You Carl and Kaye Maier



-----TECHNOLOGY AND AWARENESS-----

The other day I had an appointment with my cardiologist. As she was giving me the latest status regarding my pacemaker, I was thinking about how modern technology has improved our lives. I'm not considering just pacemakers, defibrillators, etc., but the advancements made on our vehicles. We think safety chrome, lights, and colors are a plus, but they have been with us for a while. Now, consider the safety features on the newer cars, trucks, buses, etc. We now have surround warnings and automatic braking. Are we getting too close to the vehicle in front either by them braking or our speeding up? We get an alarm or automatic speed reduction. Are we getting too close to an object next to us (another car or motorcycle)? Another warning buzzer goes off and maybe the car automatically drifts away from the "intruder".

I think these safety items are great. But if we or someone else is driving one of these safety wonders, will we become complacent and depend on them so much that we forget it is our own responsibility to watch out for any dangers around us.

Vic Parr WA-V Motorist Awareness Affiliate



Vic Parr
Former Motorist
Awareness
Coordinator

----- RIDER EDUCATOR -----



Friends-Fun-Safety-Knowledge. The 4 things that are the center of GWRRA. Friends and Fun are self-explanatory, but what about Safety and Knowledge? Where does this activity come in? “The Levels Program” The Levels Program has 4 Levels. Level I, “Safety by Commitment”. This level represents the Commitment of the Rider and Co-rider to practice and encourage safe Motorcycle operation whenever they operate their motorcycle. Level II, “Safety by Education”. This Level is also referred to as Tour Rider or Tour Co-Rider. It represents the Commitment to be safer Motorcycle riders by taking part of approved Motorcycle riding courses or seminars at regular intervals. Other requirements are necessary to achieve Level II. Level III, “Safety by Preparedness” This Level represents the commitment of the Riders to be prepared in the event of an accident to give aid and Possibly Save Lives. This is achieved by becoming knowledgeable in First Aid or CPR through training and carrying a First Aid kit on their Motorcycle at all times. As in Level II, other requirements are necessary to achieve Level III. Level IV is the Cream of the Crop. “Master Tour Rider/Co-Rider”. This Level represents the Highest level of commitment to safe riding and preparedness. Demonstrated history of Safe Miles, continuing education and current certification in both First Aid and CPR. There are a few of us who are Master Tour Riders and the newest Ambassador to the Levels Program is JOHN SCRIVNER of Chapter “O” Master tour number 10713. His patch and recognition at the Chapter “X” Swearing in of the new Chapter Director in Chehalis, WA. June 28, 2020. Congratulations to JOHN SCRIVNER for a job well done and many more years of safe riding to come.

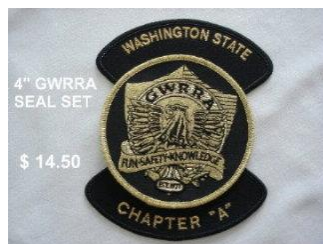
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July Birthdays

27th Michael Piechowiak

July Anniversaries

Aug Birthdays

3rd Les Greer
17th Susan Edwards

Aug Anniversaries

3rd Gary & Joanne Beard
8th Charlie & Ann Butters
14th Chris & Patty Johnson
21st Les & Stephanie Greer

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*

Upcoming events

Aug 29th - Chapter “**A**” **5 Aces Ride**

Aug 29th – Chapter “**O**” Whale of a picnic -----Canceled-----

Aug 23rd – Ride for Kids

Oct 31th - Chapter “**A**” **5 Aces Ride**

Dec 6th – Olympia Toy Run

Dec 6th – Puyallup lighted Santa Parade

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!

GWRRRA Members Adds Free!

Selling ??

For Sale

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WANTED / To Buy

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Mike Briesse – briesse@earthlink.net



Chapter WA”A” Officers and Staff

Todd Mclain – Chapter Director (CD)

Don Hatley – Assistant Chapter Director (ACD)

Don Hatley – Newsletter Editor

Charlie Butters – Treasurer

Mike Brieese – Membership Enhancement Coordinator (MEC)

Mike Brieese - Webmaster

Gary Beard – Stores Manager

Bill Holt – Phone Tree Coordinator

Joann Beard – Face Book Coordinator

Chris & Patty Johnson – Greeters, and Sunshine Person

The Chapter has several positions open and is looking for members with great ideas to fill them!

-Open – Assistant Chapter Director (ACD)

-Open – Chapter Educator (CE) (Appointed by District Educator)

-Open – Ride Coordinator

-Open – Newsletter Editor

-Open – Activity Coordinator (Monthly Activities)

-Open – Technical Coordinator (Goldwing Maintenance Information)

-Open – Chapter Historian

-Open – Ways & Means Coordinator – Conducts 50/50 drawings, door prize etc.

----- So step forward, “volunteer” to have more fun and have your ideas enjoyed by everyone! -----

WASHINGTON CHAPTER GATHERINGS

Chapter	City /Mascot	Chapter Director	Meeting Date/ Time	Location
WA-A	Seattle Apes	Todd McLain Phone (206) 241-3565 ACD: Don Hatley	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 @ 9:00 AM Gathering @ 10:00 AM	All Star Lanes & Casino 10710 Silverdale Way NW. Silverdale, WA 98383
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-I	Olympia Cow	Ray Abitz Phone: (360)790-2832 ACD: Ron Wolf	3rd Sunday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM Gathering @ 8:30 AM	VFW On Martin Way 2902 Martin Way E. Olympia, WA 98506
WA-L	Kennewick Looney Tunes	Joyce LoParco Phone: (509)531-9939	2nd Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM Gathering @ 9:00 AM	Sterling's Restaurant 2500 Queens gate Drive Richland, WA 99352
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 ACD: Jack Davies	3rd Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM Gathering @ 9:00 AM	Everybody's Restaurant 4215 SE Mile Hill DR Port Orchard, WA 98366
WA-R	Walla Walla Road Runner	Pat & Von Webb Phone (509)522-2320 ACD:	1st Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM Gathering @ 9:00 AM	Clarette's Restaurant 15 S Touchet 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	David Van Nice Phone: ACD:	4th Tuesday Dinner @ 5:30 PM Gathering @ 6:00 PM	Benny's Rod & Custom Pizza 4219 N.E. St Johns Rd. Vancouver, WA 98661
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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