





Periodic News Letter
July 2020
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Something from the road.



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Hello chapter A

Hello from these crazy times. I think we've been doing pretty well at social distancing and still riding. I think we're like Palliden, "Have mask, will travel. Looks like we can ride together but not sit together. REALLY miss the hugs. Had a milestone moment the other day. I had told my granddaughter that she wouldn't be allowed to ride on my bike until she was able to reach the foot rests. Well the other day she announced that she was ready. Sure enough, she was now tall enough to do just that. We took a trip to get a helmet and jacket. I took it home and installed a headset and we were set. After some instruction, we were off. Small ride across the valley and on to Black Diamond, then to Wally's for a burger. Took side roads for most of the trip. Beautiful day, great ride. That's how you get them hooked for a lifetime. Hope all is well. Come with us to burn some gas and wear out some tires. Your CD, Todd



Don't forget! This **S**aturday **July 25th** 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**......

---- Unfortunately DUE COVID-19 and the restrictions in King County the Golden Steer cannot hold a group our size in our meeting room, don't despair we'll meet in the Golden Steers parking lot for a helmets on ride at 10:00 am. Either pack a lunch or we'll look for a spot to buy a lunch with a spot for a gathering with social distancing. The weather is looking great (blue sky's and lots of Sun). Hope to see you there.....



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-----Don't miss the fun-----

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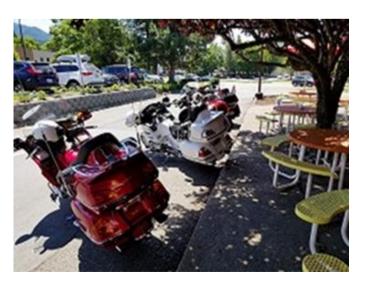
Assistant Director (ACD) – July 2020



Looking through the Windshield:

As I sit here thinking about our Chapter News letter and what to write about I'm hoping everyone has been able to stay safe and still get out on their Wings for some social distancing! The weather has been pretty great during the week but for the last two months (Seven weekends) we've been practicing what comes after two days of rain in Seattle? Monday morning. Several events sponsored by the district chapters have been pourly attended due weather conditions and the restrictions of the Covid-19. But there is good weather coming and a lot of fun rides ahead!

On Friday the 26th of June several Chapter "A" members decided to ride out and support Jose at the XXX in Issaaquah. It's hard to turn down an opportunity to enjoy a 49 Woody Cheese burger & fries......







What would a trip to the XXX be without a RootBeer......

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 regreat it.............Don't miss the Fun.

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

Let's plan some fun celebrations

Don Hatley Chapter "A" ACD dhatwaa@comcast.net

Chapter Treasurer – July 2020



From the treasurer

Our daughter finally had her wedding

Our daughter Julie is now married to Nathan. It wasn't easy. Last year, they scheduled for June 13th. They planned to have about 80 people attend. Nathan has lived his whole life in Kirkland and many of his relatives live nearby. Our family is dispersed as far away as Florida and Alaska, but about 20 or so planned on attending.

They reserved a park in Seattle and a venue for the reception. They sent out the invites, ordered things like napkins with the date on them. Julie planned to make centerpieces for the tables made of various empty bottles and visited Goodwill to pick up some of them. She and her friends also emptied quite a few to contribute. Julie worked to get all the labels off the bottles using various methods on the internet, none of which worked as well as advertised, so she did a lot of scrubbing to clean them up.

Her sister Leslie was to be the maid of honor but Julie also had a good friend from Green Bay coming in to stand up with her. We reserved 3 AirBnB's near the reception for our friends and family.

Then of course came COVID-19. Slowly it became clear that June 13th and 80 people wasn't going to happen. So we started making cancellations. Most were willing to refund, some were not, but we moved on. The new date was July 18th and the new venue for the wedding was a smaller park with just immediate family attending --- about 18 people, down to just the maid of honor and best man in the wedding party with the reception at Nathan's parents. But eventually, that too became undoable. So they didn't change the date, but they moved the wedding to an AirBnB in Index in Snohomish County, hoping that county would be in Phase 3 by that time.

Well, Snohomish didn't get to phase 3, but the wedding went on. And it turned out great. They were married next to the North Fork of the Skyhomish. It was a sunny clear day. The reception was held in the woods around the AirBnB on picnic tables decorated with flowers in the bottles that had been collected. One of Julie's friends decorated the area with beatiful flowers everywhere. Nathan's parents brought in the food for the reception as well as a great breakfast for the next morning. We just have the photos that we took right now. One of the bride and groom and one of my family are attached.

So in spite of the lousy times we are in, it was a wonderful wedding.





Charlie Butters / Treasure



Is your local motorcycle maintainer doing a good job for you? Do you regularly inspect your bike?

Though our bikes do not need a lot of unscheduled repair work thanks to Honda's excellent reliability, there are some mileage specific preventive maintenance tasks that have to be done. Following the Honda Service Manual; Brake pad and rotor inspections every 4000 miles; Oil changes every 8,000 miles; Brake and clutch fluid changes every 12,000 miles; Air filter changes every 12,000 miles; Coolant changes every 24,000 miles; Spark plug replacement every 16,000 miles. And tire replacements usually about every 16,000 miles or so.

I'd like to believe that everyone that works on our bikes is doing a great job. When you take your bike to a Honda dealer, you expect them to be Honda Factory trained and real sticklers for attention to detail. Well, it is good to have expectations but you have to admit, not everyone is up to your expectations. Mistakes do happen.

Too often I hear of tasks done with much less professionalism than we have come to expect for the price of labor now days. A friend of ours was saying he was on a ride with a recent acquaintance who had recently purchased a used motorcycle from a dealer. The dealer had replaced the tires for him prior to his picking it up. While they were riding, the fellow with the newly acquired motorcycle radioed to his buddy that when he used the front brakes, there was a strange noise from up front and odd feel to the handlebars. Our friend, who is quite an accomplished wrench, took a look and he didn't have to look too closely. He noticed immediately that one of the bolts that holds the left front caliper in place was missing. On closer inspection he found that the other caliper bolt was loose. He instructed the rider to not touch the front brakes and they headed for the nearest hardware store for a temporary fix to make the ride safe.

For those that may be unfamiliar with front wheel removal, one of the brake calipers needs to be removed to allow removal of the wheel and tire assembly. After reinstallation of the wheel and tire and any other components fasteners need to be installed and torqued to the proper value. This was obviously not done by the Honda mechanic that did the work.

Another case of a mechanic missed step is when one of our members took his bike in for fork service. After the service he paid his fees, which were pretty high, and rode the bike home. Once home, he discovered that the tops of the forks were protruding further from the upper clamp then he remembered seeing them. He called the dealer. They drove out to his place pulling a trailer to pick up the bike and take it back to the shop. The mechanic had failed to properly fasten and torque the clamp bolts.

These types of things happen all the time. People make mistakes and when the mistakes go unnoticed, either damage to the motorcycle or injury to the rider and or passenger can be the outcome. Not everyone is a mechanic but anyone that owns and rides a motorcycle needs to know more about it than they do their four wheeled substitute. That is why the Motorcycle Safety Foundation reminds all riders to do their T-CLOCS Inspection. T for Tires and Wheels. C for Controls. L for Lights. O for Oil. C for Chassis. And S for Stands.

T-CLOCS Motorcycle safety check-list

F=front - R=rear							
T - Tires and w	vheels						
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					
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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 tie 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		Check at tightest point			
	Tension	Check at tightest point			
	Tension Lube	Check at tightest point Side Plates when hot. Note: Do not lubricate belts.			
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Motorcycle



Vic Parr

Awareness - July 2020





Carl Maier



I wish to thank all the GWRRA members who have participated, even unknowingly, in making the Motorist Awareness Program a large success not only in our Washington district, but wherever they have been. Our efforts, no matter how small, have brought more awareness to those around us of the need to watch out for motorcyclists, bicyclists, and even pedestrians. June 30, 2020 will be my last day as the Washington District Motorist Awareness Program Coordinator. Your support and participation have made our District very successful in Motorist Awareness and in that respect made me look good as a coordinator. Thank you again.

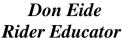
The district will now have a new MAP coordinator with Carl Maier stepping into the position. I ask that you continue with your support. I have watched Carl's activities not only in the Motorist Awareness Program, but also his dedication to GWRRA. Some background about Carl as shared by his wife, Kaye and I quote: "As I visited with him, I was surprised to learn he was not one to hold very many positions. That has never been very important to him personally, but GWRRA itself, the organization is very important to Carl. It seems he was very instrumental in starting new chapters in areas where he lived, and always seemed to find rider's anxious to join. Chapter L in Tri-Cities and Chapter A in Los Alamos New Mexico are two chapters he helped start. He was asked to be CD but his work schedule at the lab prevented it. His biggest contribution is seemed was organizing rides for functions: Honor guard at veterans Funerals. He was very faithful to that effort. Children's Hospitals, giving rides to kids with terminal illnesses. To this day when he speaks of some of the kids he gets teary. His own grandson, Gabe, had a seizure in the bathtub at 4 years old that left him a quadriplegic and has been the last 4 years. He used to visit Spokane Shriner's Hospital where Gabe is often a patient and visit with so many other kids. Except for Covid-19 Carl would be giving all those who could ride, rides. It's not unusal for me to get into the car, thinking Carl was right behind me, only to look around and see him handing out brochures, bunper stickers setting up meeting with those who want to learn more about MAP. He loves what he's doing. He and Vic made a wonderful team, and wonderful buddies. We will miss Vic every day." Unquote. Carl lives in the Spokane, WA area and shares some of his time with the Idaho and Oregon chapters. So, when you see Carl introduce yourself and let him know that he has your support on this new adventure. I know he will make a great MAP coordinator.

Vic Parr Former WA District MAPC











THE GWRRA RIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM

The **Rider Education article** and lots of great information can be found on the **Washington District Website @ gwrra-wa.org**

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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 when ever 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.

Robert & Helen Liddell

WA-B Chapter Director

WA- District Rider Educator

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Chapter Stores



















The full stores inventory is on the Chapter Website:



Chapter Sunshine / Greeters





June Birthdays

3rd Terri Holt 10th Pen Briese June Anniversaries

2nd Keven & Jennifer Allen

July Birthdays

July 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 <u>lonely Saturdays</u> 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 <u>we will buy you a cone</u>. The destinations are going to be forthcoming. We are not really sure. Did I mention that there will be <u>ice cream and riding</u> involved. More to follow!

Todd Mclain, Chapter "A" Director

Upcoming events

July 25th – Chapter "A" Ride

Aug ???? - Chapter "Z" Chicken Run

Aug 29th - Chapter "A" 5 Aces Ride

Aug 29th - Chapter "O" Whale of a picnic

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. gwrra-waa.org



Motorcycles and / or Parts Buy / Sale Adds will be listed for three (3) months or until sold!

GWRRA Members Adds Free!

Selling ??

For Sale

2000 GL1500 (The last year of the 1500) Color Red. For complete discription and pricing. Contact Bill Olson at olsonbw@mac.com.

WANTED / To Buy

FIRST TIME IN HISTORY WE CAN SAVE THE HUMAN RACE BY LAYING IN FRONT OF THE T.V. AND DOING NOTHING **LETS NOT SCREW THIS UP**

FOR SALE - 14" Madstad Windshield for 2001-2017 GL1800. \$225.00

Light Gray tint.



Mike Briese - briese@earthlink.net



Chapter WA"A" Officers and Staff

Todd McIain – Chapter Director (CD)

Don Hatley – Assistant Chapter Director (ACD)

Don Hatley – Newsletter Editor

Charlie Butters - Treasurer

Mike Briese – Membership Enhancement Coordinator (MEC)

Mike Briese - 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 WA-A WA-B	City /Mascot Seattle Apes Bremerton Bees	Chapter Director Todd Mclain Phone (206) 241-3565 ACD: Don Hatley Bob & Helen Liddell Phone: (360)649-9658	Meeting Date/ Time 4th Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM Gathering @ 9:00 AM 1st Saturday Breakfast @ 9:00 AM Gathering @ 10:00 AM	Location Golden Steer Restaurant 23826 104th Ave SE Kent, WA 98031 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 WA-O	Spokane Wing Nuts Port Orchard Orca	Lori Ann & Lewis Robertson Phone: (509)251-4443 Ken & Tami Smith Phone: (360)440-6357 ACD: Jack Davies	3rd Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM Gathering @ 8:30 AM 3rd Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM Gathering @ 9:00 AM	Golden Corral Buffet 7717 N Division St Spokane, WA 99208 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
WA-V	Auburn Frog	Joe & Patti Diambri Phone: (253)630-8463	1st Thursday Dinner @ 6:00 PM	99362 Trotter's Family Restaurant 825 Harvey
WA-X	Vancouver Phoenix	David Van Nice Phone: ACD:	Meeting @ 7:00 PM 4 th Tuesday Dinner @ 5:30 PM Gathering @ 6:00 PM	Rd Auburn, WA 98002 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

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