



GWRRA CHAPTER WA-A SEATTLE, WA



Periodic News Letter
March / April 2020
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Something from the road.



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Hello chapter A

With all the focus on the virus. Our prayers go out to the people who are effected by this thing. Keep safe and watch out for each other. Our meetings are being put on the "don't do list", we are going to resort to riding and staying at least 6' apart. Maybe even a more safe following distance. Last week we made it to the Wa "I" meeting and hope we can get back to visitations again. Of course we took home the 50/50 prize(by we I mean Mike). Congrats. Then he earned his money by leading a little ride. Thanx Mike. Hope we can keep up our outings. Come with us while we burn gas and wear out tires. Your CD, Todd



Don't forget! This **Saturday March 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.....**

-----Canceled Due the COVID-19 Outbreak-----



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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 McClain
Chapter "A" Director
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Assistant Director (ACD) – March / April 2020



Looking through the Windshield:

We had a very nice turnout for the February 22th Chapter meeting at the Golden Steer, with 25 members and visitors attending. Lots of great conversation about the upcoming years meetings and events was enjoyed by everyone.



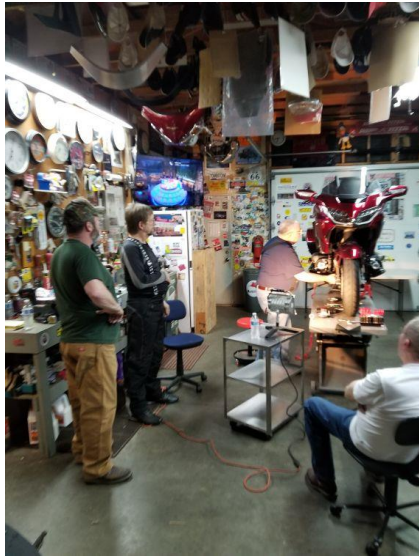
*Well here it is **March** already and **February** has come and gone, and with it our first Chapter “A” 5 Ace’s ride! Your ACD was up early looking forward for the chance to get out on the bike and see some fresh country side. The weather forcast was a little gloomy but Seven hardy souls arrived to enjoy a great day of riding. Our MEC had laid out a very nice ride with a few roads I hadn’t been on for several years. The ride was a little over 92 miles in length and 3 hours long. And the lord blessed us with overcast skys (temps 43 to 46 degrees and no rain except for a short lived light sprinkle around Issaquah. The Sun broke out around 1:00 for a beautiful afternoon on our arrival at the Auburn Supermall for Chapter “A” provided **Ice Cream** at the **Dairy Queen** in the Mall.*



Nothing beats a great day in the saddle with Ice Cream waiting at the end!

Always time for more fun on Garage Night!

Kenny had been wanting to install some driving lights on his new DCT Goldwing so he came over on our weekly Garage Nite to enjoy a warm shop and the lift. It was our first new model in the shop so we got a good look at it on the lift.



*After several requests from members asking if we could have another **Maintenance Day**, both Chapters “V” and “A” thought it would be great if we combined out two sister chapters into one fun filled Maintenance Day! So get your lists ready for **Saturday April 25th in Dad’s Garage in Federal Way**. (**Note – This will be a full day of fun in the shop and barbeqing hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimming on the deck!**) So we’re sure to have enough food for everyone please rsvp by April 20th with your respective CD or ACD or direct to me at dhatwaa@comcast.net*

.....Canceled Due The COVID-19 Outbreak.....

*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

Don Hatley
Chapter “A” ACD
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Chapter Treasurer – March / April 2020



From the treasurer

How'd I get here? (on a GL1800 in the GWRRA) - Part 3

Last month left off with me getting outsourced from my job in Green Bay. It was sad news to be leaving folks we'd known and worked with for 17 years, but since our youngest daughter was just about to finish high school, it was good timing for such an event. I started applying for jobs. I had an interview with none other than Harley-Davidson, but that didn't work out (the employee discount would probably have impacted my motorcycle future). My manager at my Green Bay job then got contacted by a friend that was working for Costco's home office. Long story short, he took a position as a manager and then hired me. After living our entire lives in the midwest, Ann and I and our daughter moved out to the PNW in the fall of 2010.

At some point in 2011, Ann and I made a visit to the Chapter A meeting at the Triple X in Issaquah. I don't recall how I found out about it. I had attended a GWRRA chapter meeting in Green Bay and had joined GWRRA, so I think I just did a search for local chapters and found the GWRRA Chapter A website. It was probably in June, because the first email I have related to Chapter A is from Mike Briese on June 15th, 2011 (apparently I don't clean up my "sent" emails very often). I remember that Sam Grubbs sat and talked to us quite a while on that visit. I'm pretty sure Bill Holt, Mike, Don and Todd were there along with some others. We probably lost some money in a 50-50 that day, but we came back and have been with the chapter ever since.

I'll be honest. The first couple years of riding with the club were not always fun for me. Everyone was very friendly and welcoming, but I was constantly nervous on the rides. Everyone says to ride your own ride, but I still knew in the back of my mind that everyone I was riding with had many more years of riding experience than I did. I had only been riding for a few years while some of these folks would tell stories about riding before they had a license to drive, or going 120 MPH on a race track, or of the many rides and trips they'd taken together

over the years. I actually almost stopped going on rides, but eventually I was able to settle down, loosen up the gorilla grip and enjoy it.

We joined the group for a few rides that year and the next. Then one day in July 2012, Bill and Terri asked us to meet them on a ride out to Issaquah. We met them in a park and when we got there, Bill had this gorgeous black 1987 Gold Wing Aspencade. I think Terri called in Black Beauty and the photo shows that the name was well deserved. He invited us to take a ride on it. We told them we didn't have the money for a new bike, but they were pretty insistent. We took a ride and of course it was a definite step up in every way. Ended up that they made us a deal we couldn't refuse and we had a new ride, along with several boxes of parts from another GL1200 that Bill had stumbled on after the owner had disassembled it. I sold my old GL1200 to a fellow from Everett who had never ridden a wing before. I sold many of the parts on eBay. I also even put the Poor Boy alternator modification on the Aspencade. That is still the prettiest Gold Wing I've owned, but I didn't own it for very long.

More next month...



Charlie Butters / Treasure

Membership Enhancement



Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Input – March / April 2020 –

Spring has Sprung in 2020

The first Five Aces Ride of 2020 has come and gone. On February 29th, we had seven motorcycles and seven riders. Mike B, Bill H, Harry R, Dennis M, Mike P, Todd M, and Don H covered 95 miles of very slightly damp roads and virtually no rain. Though the weather prognosticators predicted doom and gloom, it did not come to pass. Thunderstorms, heavy rain and hail were predicted but we beat all odds. It actually got sunny by the time we were eating that free ice cream at the Dairy Queen in the Outlet Collections Mall in Auburn at the end of the day.

Our trek took us from Denny's Restaurant in Auburn into Boney Lake, Buckley, Black Diamond, Enumclaw, Ravensdale, Hobart, Issaquah, Renton, Kent and back into Auburn where we savored the sweet treats offered by Dairy Queen and paid for by Chapter A. It was a chilly day of between 45 and 55 degrees for most of the day but it was dry for the most part. Heated jacket liners, gloves, hand grips and seats were very much appreciated on the ride.

The next Five Aces Ride is scheduled for **May 30th**.

There were several events that were coming but they were **cancelled** for reasons beyond our control.

Oregon Chapter I Blarney Run, March 14th in Oregon City, Oregon.

WA-E Surf Watch in Ocean Shores, March 20th and 21st.

POPE's Kid's Place Fundraiser sponsored by WA-Z. March 28th.

All Washington State GWRRA gatherings for March have been cancelled as well. Some chapters have cancelled their gatherings for April too. You need to check our website before you make a decision to travel to an event to make sure it is still going to take place.

The following events may still be taking place. We will make sure the Chapter WA-A Website is updated as more information is received.

In May, is **Victoria Days Hosted by GWRRA BC-D**, In Beautiful Salmon Arm, BC May 15th – 18th. For a full run down on the events of this four day weekend event, please log into the GWRRA WA-A website and take a look at the registration and accompanying material. Here is the link: [GWRRA BC-D Victoria Days Motorcycle Rally](#).

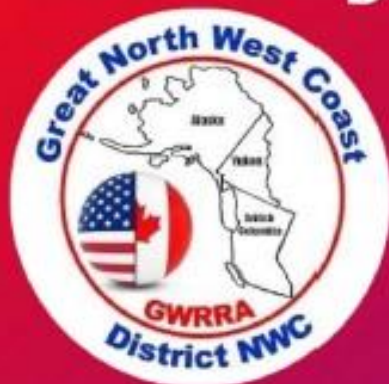
At the end of May is the **WA-L 2020 Desert Spring Fling**. If you plan on attending, reserve your space NOW. The Spring Fling will be held at the Columbia Sun RV Resort in Kennewick. We currently have 15 spots reserved and are working on getting that raised to 20. The flyer states that we must reserve as many spots as we can before **January** since the park is filling up already and we don't want to be spread out here and there. It is obviously past January but you need to call as soon as possible to reserve your spot. Please see the link on our web site: [WA-L Spring Fling Flyer/Registration](#). **All the information you may need for any of the above events is available on our website.**

All of these events are GWRRA events and the sponsors and organizers would really like to have your support. In order to keep our association alive, we need to support one another.

With all of these events, PLEASE pre-register and do it early. It is very beneficial to the organizers so they have advance notice of how many people to prepare for.

Mike Briesse
WA-A Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Coordinator

Gold Wing Road Rider's Association



Chapter BC-G "Kamloops" Presents



Victoria Days 2020 Salmon Arm Motorcycle Rally

MAY 15th – 18th, 2020
(Our 29th Year)

Friday: Registration

Saturday

**Breakfast: Prepared and sold by BC-G
Garage Sale
Destination Rides**

Sunday

**Fun Run to benefit the
Make - A - Wish Foundation**

ALL MOTORCYCLES WELCOME:

- * TOURING * SPORT-TOURING ***
- * SPORT * STANDARD * CRUISERS ***
- * ENDURO * DUAL-SPORT * SCOOTERS ***

**For more info and registration:
<http://gwr-ra-bc.org> or
contact kandkelliott@shaw.ca
250-374-2583**

**Registration Table Open Friday
at the Salmon Arm Elk's Hall &
RV Park, 3690 30th St N.E.
Salmon Arm, BC**



2020 Desert Spring Fling... If you plan on attending, reserve your space NOW.

The May 2020 GWRRA WA-L Spring Fling will be held at the Columbia Sun RV Resort in Kennewick rather than at the fairgrounds as we did for so many years. We understand that it is more expensive at the RV park, but we have no other options. Be patient with our changes and please plan to come and join us in our new endeavors.



Basic Information:

Columbia Sun RV Resort: <https://www.columbiasunrvresort.com/>

Address: 103907 Wiser Pkwy, Kennewick, WA 99338

Phone: (509) 420-4880

Point of Contact: Minerva (our coordinator) **Be sure to mention you are part of the GWRRA group.**

Cost: 1 RV (cost depends on size of RV)

1 tent is \$49 + Tax (minus your Good Sam, AARP, etc. discount if applicable).

Add a Tent Trailer for \$15. Should be able to get 3 Tent Trailers to a spot. Some have electricity and some without. Some spots may hold 4 tent trailers.

Note: Be sure to use your discounts (Good Sam, AAA, AARP, etc.)

Register as a group or individually. If you register as a group, it is easier for them to have one person make the reservation for the entire group. Pay for the first night to hold each spot. You can settle up with your group at the end of the weekend. We currently have 15 spots reserved and are working on getting that raised to 20. We must reserve as many spots as we can before January since the park is filling up already and we don't want to be spread out here and there.

Minerva at the resort knows the spaces she saved for us...We may need more so we need to get what she has now, or they could be rented to outsiders... You can go look at the map on the web. You don't get what you want but she will group chapters together as best she can.

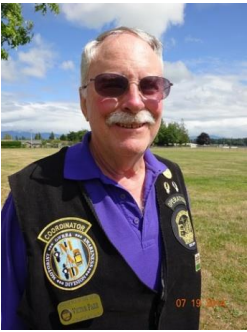
Some foods are provided, most are on your own. We do have a Grannies over by Columbia Center Mall, McDonald's and such up and down the CC Blvd. There are many other places around there also...just ask. Those suggested by the Park can be expensive. Famous Dave's has closed as has Old Country Buffett. Country Gentleman has good food also.

Everyone has to check into the Park at the office. You will be escorted to your lot.....I don't know yet if we will set up Spring Fling Registration near the Park Office or closer to our campsites.

Questions? Call Joyce at 509-531-9939.

Motorcycle

Awareness - March 2020



Vic Parr



Carl Maier



WHOW What is this?

Looking outside it is very bright, no snow, or rain, the temperature is climbing, mind is thinking of going for a ride!

Yes, I think it is that time of the year we all call spring has arrived! Which triggers in a rider's mind the desire to dust off the bike, put on ATGATT (All The Gear All The Time), throw our leg over the saddle and take that first ride of the season. As a fellow rider and a friend, I have a favor to ask you, before you do this. That is to be extra careful, for the first month not only to brush up on your riding skills, but also be extra vigilant of the other motorist on the road, as they are not used to looking for motorcyclist on the road as of late.

I have seen some Die-Hards riding before the snow was completely off the ground, and it surprised me! What did it do to a driver who normally is not looking for us on the road, especially when that rider appears out of nowhere, because they were riding in the NO Zone?

This also is a great time of the year to sort of start an advertising campaign, for us who do ride. It is not hard to do, in fact it can be sort of fun. Just talk to people who are admiring your ride, handing literature (tri-folds), bumper stickers, and especially coloring books to the kids.

It also is a great time of the year for bike shows at Shopping Centers, Auto and Bike Dealers, Public Parks, Rest Areas, or where ever you can put on one of these functions.

What we really need to do is let the general public know. That is, we are just like them, just trying to enjoy this great place we call our world.

Thank You

Carl and Kaye Maier

Washington District Asst. Motorist Awareness Program Coordinator





Don Eide
Rider Educator

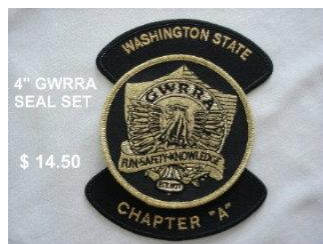
THE GWRRA RIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM



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

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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



March Birthdays

2nd Patty Johnson
2nd Don Hatley
20th Joanne Beard
26th Joe Ennaró

March Anniversaries

9th Dick & Gisela Jones
29th Bill & Terri Holt

April Birthdays

17th Tina Hatley
19th Sue Ennaró
25th Chris Johnson

April Anniversaries

19th Joe & Susan Ennaró
30th Don & Tina Hatley

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 Mclain,
Chapter “A” Director

Upcoming events

April 25th – Chapters “**A**” & “**V**” Combined Maintenance Day

May 2nd & 3rd – Chapter “**B**” Mall Show

May 22 & 23 – Chapter “**L**” Desert Spring Fling

May 30th – Chapter “**A**” the **5 Aces Ride**

June 13th – Tour de Blast

June 30th – GWRRA Wing Ding 42 – Springfield MO

July 1st – 4th – GWRRA Wing Ding42 – Springfield MO

July 16th – 19th **Washington District Convention (Reunion)**

Aug ???? - Chapter “**Z**” Chicken Run

Aug 15th – Chapter “**O**” Whale of a picnic

Aug 23rd – Ride for Kids

Dec 6th – Olympia Toy Run

Dec 6th – Puyallup lighted Santa Parade

Flyers for the above events can be found on the Chapter “A” website.

gwr-ra-waa.org



Motorcycles and / or Parts Buy / Sale

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

GWRRA Members Adds Free!

Selling ??

WANTED / To Buy

The brain is the
most outstanding
organ. It works for
24 hours, 365 days,
right from your
birth until you fall
in love.



Chapter WA "A" Officers and Staff

Todd Mclain – Chapter Director (CD)

Don Hatley – Assistant Chapter Director (ACD)

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	City /Mascot Seattle Apes	Chapter Director Todd McClain Phone (206) 241-3565	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 @ 9:00 AM Gathering @ 10:00 AM	All Star Lanes & Casino 10710 Silverdale Way NW. Silverdale, WA 98383
WA-D ----Closed Down---	Aberdeen Duck			
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 ----Closed Down--- -	Lynden Hound Dog			
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-MClosed Down....	Yakama Mountain Lion			
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-P ----Closed Down--- -	Longview Panda			
WA-Q ----Closed Down--- -	Puyallup Koala			
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	Michael & Vickie Miller Phone: (360)666-2569 ACD: Dave Van Nice	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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