



GWRRA CHAPTER WA-A SEATTLE, WA



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Chapter Director



Something from the road!



Hello chapter A

Well, here it is. Another month and we still can't have a meal together. This thing is starting to make me think it has something against us enjoying life. With Thanksgiving coming up, I hope all of you will get to enjoy your family as you see fit. At this time of the year, the weather doesn't cooperate very well. If you see an opportunity for some wind therapy, you might want to jump at the chance. Haven't heard of any gatherings upcoming, with our source of motivations (weather and eating) lacking, we might have to be more creative. Don't be bashful with your ideas. Speak up. Would love to hear from you. Be safe out there. One day we'll be able get back to what we do.. Burn gas and wear out tires. Until then, Your CD Todd



Don't forget! Saturday **November 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 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) – November 2020



Looking through the Windshield:

As I sit here working on the November news letter with the Covid-19 looking like its going to be with us for a long time possibly (some experts are saying) through 2021 our chances for another meeting inside enjoying breakfast with friends looks far off. So its just more important to take advantage of the opportunities to get out on our Wings and ride with friends! Some of us did just that with the Chapter "5" Aces ride on Saturday October 31st "Halloween".



The weather turned out to be picture perfect with blue skys and tempertures reflective of a beautiful day in October. We had kick stands up at the 212th McDonalds restaurant in Kent and headed South on secondary roads working our way through Kent, Federal Way, Tacoma's Ruston Way onto SR 16, over the narrows bridge and North towards Bremerton and Hood Canel.



We rode Along Hood Canel and then north on US 101 where we ran into a little bit of fog while enjoying the georgous waterfront views, and north to our destination at Triton Cove State Park



Our planned stop to the north for Ice Cream had to be changed due the Sno Goose was closed due the season so we indulged in Ice Cream bars from the cooler at each stop along the way. Our return route was south along US 101 thru Shelton to Olympia and north on I-5 to home all in all a great day in the saddle. 215 miles door to door for me

*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

Don Hatley
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Chapter Treasurer – November 2020



From the treasurer



More adventures in remodeling

Now it's the kitchen. We've been putting new laminate flooring in the house, but stopped when we got to the kitchen because we had ordered new cabinets back in late July. Those arrived on September 12th, but various delays put the install on hold until a few weeks ago. Got a few upper cabinets in, but then got to where I had to do some work over the stove because we were switching from an exhaust fan to an over-the-stove microwave. We couldn't use the 15-amp shared circuit that the fan was on for the microwave as it needed to be 20-amp, not shared and also an outlet inside the cabinet above the microwave instead of direct wired. That required pulling and routing a new circuit from the breaker box, crawling around in the attic, laying across rafters, disconnecting / reconfiguring the exhaust duct, etc. It would have been easier if I was 10 years younger and I managed to get it done but it took way way longer than anticipated (of course). Also had to patch a large hole in the drywall left by the previous owner when they wired the exhaust fan. Always something!

Next was tackling the lower cabinets which means out with the kitchen sink / garbage disposal / water filter system / dishwasher. That also took way longer to rip apart than expected. We then got started on the flooring. It's easy to put in but still takes time. This would all go faster if I didn't have a regular job! We got halfway across the kitchen and then I needed to figure out how to move the fridge on / off the new floor without damaging it. I discovered that there is a tool called an Air Lifter (and other names) that has been around for a long time apparently. It can turn a refrigerator into a hovercraft! And fortunately it was available for rent at R&R Rentals in Renton. If you need to move a fridge or other large object, this is the ticket! Didn't even have to empty the fridge. It floated just above the floor and was easily moved to allow putting in the flooring under the fridge and then moving it back.

Just got that done yesterday, so that's where we're at now. With any luck, I'll get the kitchen sink back in this weekend.

Some photos of what it looked like before starting and progress up to today....





Charlie Butters / Treasure



If you have ever pulled a trailer, you can identify with this for sure.

This is a reprint from the June 2005 Chapter A Newsletter. It was written by Dave Otten, the Chapter Director at the time.

I would like to share an experience with you that I had on my way home from a camping trip at Victoria Days. It deals with trailering and comes to me the hard way. It is my hope that you can use my experience and subsequent knowledge to make your trips safer.

Introduction

There has been an ever increasing number of accidents involving Motorcycles and trailers. Our Chapter has had two in the recent past. Both involved pulling Kwik Kamp trailers. During the Victoria Days weekend another incident involving two Kwik Kamp trailers occurred. Two of the three incidents happened on I-90, and the trailers had wig-wagged or swung from side to side in a violent manor until it pulled the traction off the rear tire and flipped on its top with negative consequences to the riders/co-riders.

I am writing this at 4:30 in the morning while I still have the facts vividly implanted in my memory. We left Ephrata, WA with a group of 5 bikes (two pulling Kwik Kamp trailers) at approximately 4:30pm. The weather was sunny and the temp was around 70 degrees. The wind was light to medium out of the southwest. Our 12 mile ride to the freeway (I-90) was uneventful.

We ran the freeway to Vantage holding our speed to 65 / 70 MPH. The wind now was medium and gusty. The 3 bikes without trailers and the two with arrived without incident. At Vantage, the 3 single bikes and riders departed the freeway to travel the side roads to Ellensburg / Easton. The other bike and I with our trailers stayed on I-90 heading west towards home.

As we pulled the Vantage hill we noticed the wind picking up to a steady medium with heavy gusts. Our trailers were loaded correctly and pulled without incident. At this point I would like to mention my experience factor. I have approximately 130,000 miles on the Gold Wing 1500 I was using at the time. Of that 130,000 miles, somewhere near 100,000 miles was ridden pulling a trailer. I have pulled trailers through wind, rain, mud, dust, hail, and, yes, even snow.

My partner, although relatively new to pulling trailers, had the ultimate trailering experience by going down on I-90 while pulling a Kwik Kamp trailer. He totaled the 1500, but managed to repair the trailer. This all happened less than a year ago. His attention to conditions and equipment is 110%.

As we came down the Vantage Hill going in to Ellensburg the wind remained medium to heavy and gusty. We came up on a semi with a single trailer; and as we began to overtake him, we moved to the left lane using the left side of our lane. Overtaking the trailer was a little windy but normal considering the wind.

We started to pass the tractor cab when we hit the head winds which were very turbulent. This is when things went wrong, **VERY WRONG**. The trailer went from dead behind to 30 degree swings. The back end of the bike commenced to swing. Things were out of control and something bad was soon to happen.

Somehow I managed to get it under control, and found that the semi truck had moved ahead of me, which means I am no longer in his head winds. I had previously passed other semi-trailers

without incident going through that head wind; and although I could feel it was a safe and doable maneuver, why now was it not?. The only thing different was the crosswinds. I eyeballed my trailer and all appeared in order.

So here is where professionalism and stupidity blends together. I had to find out what caused this to happen, and what had I done to get things back in control. Keeping everything the same, I headed around the next semi truck and trailer only this time very carefully. (Remember this situation only happens with heavy side winds coming at a 90 degree to the direction of travel). Moving up to the cab was the same (a little bumpy but doable). When I got to the tractor cab, head winds resumed and the trailer started to swing. It only takes a short time to achieve a 30 degree swing, and at that point the trailer continues to increase the arc. I am convinced that it will soon pull the traction off the rear tire resulting in a overturned trailer and a downed bike and negative consequences to the rider/co-rider.

Corrective Actions

1. It is possible to blast through the head winds produced off of the semi-truck cab, but once the trailer has begun to swing this is not an option.
2. Never dump the throttle! This had a tendency to cause the trailer and bike to fold in a jack knife condition.
3. Best solution: easing off on the throttle (sort of like feathering the throttle) keeps the bike and trailer in control.

The swing decreased as I backed away from the head wind coming from the cab of the semi. I should mention that this is not a natural act and a degree of seat squeezing will be required to pull this off. I have to comment here on the professionalism of the truck driver that was coming up behind me. He saw what was happening and backed was off giving the two of us ample room to get behind and travel at a slower pace.

We got off at the next exit (Canyon Road) and pulled in to a gas station to check out our bikes and trailers which proved to be in order. We stayed on back roads to Easton and got back on I-90. There was far less wind and we maintained 70 MPH all the way home with the trailers following as they should.

As they say, "This is my story and I am sticking to it." If this helps you out of a tight situation sometime, it was worth the effort to write it. Keep safe and remember Don't Miss the Fun.

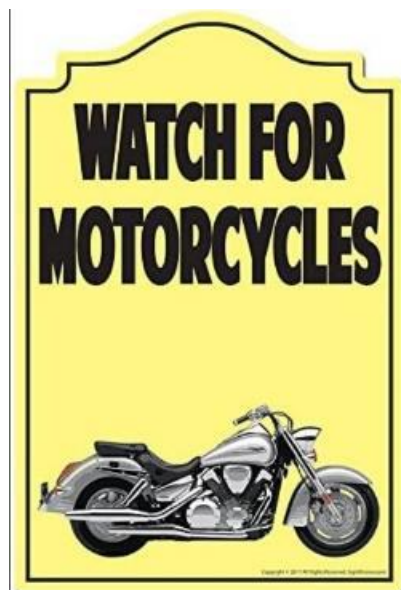
David and Rhonda Otten, Chapter Directors

Unfortunately, the Washington District Victoria Days camp outs went away when Chapter WA-S folded. It was always a fun event for both the campers and those that opted to stay in the motels. We would, several times a year, cross over the mountains to participate in eastern Washington events. I for one really miss those days of riding back and forth over the mountains.

Mike Briese

WA-A Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Coordinator

Motorcycle Awareness – November 2020



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November 2020

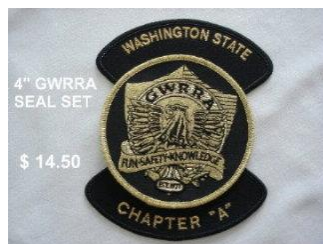
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WA“A” Activities



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

Dec 6th – Olympia Toy Run ---Canceled---

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 ??

WANTED / To Buy



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Chapter WA "A" Officers and Staff

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Don Hatley – Assistant Chapter Director (ACD)

Don Hatley – Newsletter Editor

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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	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:	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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Wishing everyone a Happy and Safe New Year 2021



