



# GWRRA CHAPTER WA-A SEATTLE, WA



Periodic News Letter  
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## Chapter Director



*Something from the road!*



## Hello chapter A

Well here we are again. Closing in on the end of another month. Still unsure of when we'll be able to gather again. The weather has begun its intrusion into our ride planning. We did do a Miner's burger run a couple of Fridays ago. Was a great ride and a learning experience for me. With my new bluetooth headset, I found a need for another gadget on my bike. I needed a power bank. Half way to Yakima, we stopped at Indian John Hill rest area. When we left, I found that my headset didn't come back on. Good thing that our resident gadget guy had a power bank with him and we charged it up while we were eating. After it came on just like it's supposed to. We headed back on 12. 410 was closed at Greenwater, so we took Skate Creek at Packwood. Had a great ride. Definitely need to do that more. Come with us and burn some gas and wear out some tires. Your CD, Todd



**Don't forget!** This **Saturday October 24th** 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](http://gwrra-waa.org) **Come on out and join in!**

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

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## Assistant Director (ACD) – October 2020



### Looking through the Windshield:

*As I sit here working on the October news letter with the Covid-19, smoke from the fires in California, Oregon and Washington making breathing difficult for many, no Chapter Meeting and very few rides and the October rain and winds upon us, I can't help from thinking what happened to Summer! It went by like a blurrrrrr. Hopefully you were able to get out on your Wing for some social distancing rides this Summer.*

*I was able to get out on several rides including last week when I received a call from our Chapter Director touching base and asking if I had a hankering for a "Miner Burger"? Getting rid of a case of cabin fever sounded great to me so the next morning I met up with Todd and Mike (on a very foggy morning) to head for Union Gap and a miner burger. Up hwy 18 to I-90 and east bound we left the fog behind just east of North Bend and enjoyed a beautiful day on to Ellensburg, down Canyon Rd to Yakima and lunch at "Miner Burger".*



*After lunch we headed west on SR410 to US 2 (**SR410 was closed at Green Water**) to White Pass and on to Morton. After a stop in Morton we took Skate Creek to Elby, on to Tacoma and home. 5 hours & 46 minutes in the saddle, 320 miles door to door another great day on the Wing for me.....*



**An item of Note** – I stopped by the old Hinshaws Honda store on West Valley Rd in Auburn the other day and they have opened up again under new ownership. **Nash Powersports** (253)678-4185 [NASHPpowersportsAuburn.com](mailto:NASHPpowersportsAuburn.com)



*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 – October 2020



### *From the treasurer*

#### RV Vacation

After having 2 trips cancelled due to COVID this summer and both of us losing our moms this year (neither to COVID), Ann and I decided we should try and get something positive out of 2020 and take a vacation. To keep it safe and avoid hotels and restaurants as much as possible, we decided to rent an RV. So I went out [Outdoorsy.com](https://www.outdoorsy.com) and found a 22 foot Winnebago that was available and booked it.

Neither of us had ever used an RV before, so the training provided on pickup was very helpful — using the generator, dumping the waste water, plugging in at RV sites, etc. I was a little concerned about doing it all, especially the dumping, but it all went well. The RV was a 2006, so not everything was perfect, but there were no real issues. The sleeping spaces were not quite large enough for 2 adults, so I took the bed over the cab and Ann took the bed created with the dual purpose dining area. Our dog, Maci, came along and she used a space on the couch.

We picked it up in Dupont on a rainy Friday. After the training and paperwork, we headed back north to I-90 and then east over the pass. We finally got out of the rain in Cle Elum and made our way to Potholes State Park where we spent the first night. The RV sites were pretty much all booked, but it was still a nice setting. Maci stayed awake the whole way there, and actually never slept whenever we were traveling. We think she's not a big fan of the RV experience, but she did OK and she loved it once we got out for walks to explore previously unknown territory.

The next day, we headed farther east and stopped at Palouse Falls State Park. The road in was gravel and washboard, so we had to take it nice and slow. Fortunately we got there early and there was very little traffic. There was also no place to turn around a 22 foot RV, so we slowly made our way down the 2 mile road. I've been to a few falls including Multnomah Falls and Niagara Falls (we took a trip there from Green Bay on a GL1200 back in 2008) and Palouse Falls is the one of the best we've seen. It's probably at least as tall as Multnomah but it is below you when you view it instead of above you, and you can clearly see the pool below it. Well worth the trip.

We then headed toward our campsite in Palouse, which we discovered is not near Palouse Falls --- it's on the eastern edge of Washington. But it was a nice drive viewing the rolling hills and fields and the RV site was clean and quiet. The next day we headed toward Wawawai County Park on the Snake River. We took a short hike there and then drove down along the river. Neither of us had seen the Snake River before and the views were impressive. Although I had reserved another night in Palouse, we decided to start moving west as it looked like the weather was clearing on the west coast.

We spent the next night in Louis and Clark Trail State Park, which is not to be confused with Louis and Clark State Park. The latter has RV sites with full hookups, the former does not. Unfortunately we were confused and since we got to the wrong park late, we had to "rough it" and utilize the generator. But that's another plus about an RV — going without hookups for a day or so is not a problem as long as you have water. We had to shut off the generator at 10pm and it got a bit chilly overnight, but we had brought along good sleeping bags so we kept warm.

The next day we continued east and stopped overnight at Paradise Point State Park just off of I-5. This park was Maci's favorite stop — some rabbits made regular visits to our site and the one next to us. Maci is a beagle and they were bred to hunt rabbits, so she goes a kind of crazy when she picks up their scent. We had to break out the bark collar to keep her from disturbing the neighbors too much. We took a few walks and a short hike to the small beach down by the East Fork Lewis River.

On Tuesday, we headed toward Ocean City State Park near Ocean Shores. Along the way we stopped at Rainbow Falls State Park and viewed the falls there. They're not huge like Palouse Falls, but still very scenic. At Ocean City, we had to go without hookups for the first night again, then the second night we moved in to a full hookup site. That was one nice thing about using an RV --- just unplug and drive to the next stop without much packing up other than to make sure nothing would fall off a counter on the way. While we were there, we drove out to the beach and toured around the area. We also took a long hike along the beach. Occasionally Maci would grab a crab leg thinking it would be something good to eat, but she quickly changed her mind, so apparently she'll eat a lot of junk she but not rotten crab legs, so she has a little more sense than we thought.

Although the forecast for the coast was for sunshine both days we were there, we never saw any --- it stayed cloudy and misty. Next time we'll visit in August. After 2 days, we headed for home so we could do some cleanup of the RV before returning it. Ann vacuumed up all the dog hair and cleaned up the inside while I worked on the bugs and dirt on the outside. That took a few hours. When we returned it, we discovered that although the Outdoorsy guidelines state that you should return the vehicle as it was when you rented it, we found out that our "landlords" had not expected that, so they were happy not to have to cleanup the bugs and dog hair and did not charge us the \$150 dog cleanup fee.

The RV experience was nice. No packing and unpacking for hotels or numerous restaurant stops. The bathroom is right there when you're traveling, and the maintenance was not a big deal. Also I now understand why there are propane filling stations all over. The big drawback is having to drive the RV even for short sight seeing trips. We might do it again, but we think we might like a trailer more so that we can park the trailer and go exploring in the tow vehicle.



**Charlie Butters / Treasure**



## The riding season is about over for the fair weather riders.

Those of you that do not have the need or urge to ride in the cold and rain of the northwest need to start thinking about winterizing your motorcycles.

There are all kinds of recommendations on how to winterize the motorcycle. Did you know that the in the Honda Owner's Manual there is a page or two devoted to this subject? It says, "If you won't be riding for an extended period, such as during the winter, thoroughly inspect your motorcycle and correct any problem before storing it. That way, needed repairs won't be forgotten and it will be easier to get your motorcycle running again. For more information about storage, refer to the *Honda Motorcycle Winter Storage Guide* available from your Honda dealer (USA only)."

Truthfully, I never knew there was a section in the Owner's Manual that addressed this subject and I certainly didn't know that there was a *Honda Motorcycle Winter Storage Guide* but there is. That Portable Document Format (PDF) document is four pages long so I will not include it here but I have put a copy of it on the [Chapter WA-A website](http://www.gwrra-waa.org/pdf/winter-storage-guide-EN.pdf), for you to view or download. It can be found at: <http://www.gwrra-waa.org/pdf/winter-storage-guide-EN.pdf>.

The reason that I have no real-time experience with winterizing a motorcycle is because I have always lived in an area where riding was pretty much a twelve month a year activity, at least for me.

I do know that if you do not ride the bike that you need to stabilize the fuel and you also need to keep the battery charged using a battery maintainer, also called a float charger.

To stabilize the fuel you need to follow the directions included with the stabilizer you select, Sta-Bil by Gold Eagle is a popular brand and it works very well. I discovered in July of 2007 that not stabilizing the fuel could be costly. Several years earlier, like about 30, I discovered that not keeping your battery properly maintained could cost you the price of a battery. That was on a 1982 Yamaha Virago I owned with a full fairing and sound system. That sound system had an LED clock and it drained the battery in about two months of inactivity.

In 2005 I purchased a low mileage 1998 GL1500 to replace a 1999 GL1500 that had over 160K miles on it. I rode the 1998 for a year or two and didn't even touch the 1999. I also neglected to stabilize the fuel. The engine ran great above 2000 RPM or so but below that, it lurched and stumbled. The fuel had gummed up the idle circuits and the carburetor was in need of a rebuild. That ended up costing about \$1100.

To keep your battery up to snuff, the Deltran Battery Tender Jr. is very popular and at under \$30 it is priced to meet just about everyone's budget.

In the recent past, I have had very little need to use the fuel stabilizer except in chain saws and generators, but I do use the Battery Tender float chargers frequently. My GMC truck doesn't see much use during the spring, summer and fall and the lawn tractor gets little use when the grass is not growing so the Battery Tender's are in use pretty much full time. I also keep the motorcycles plugged in while parked in the garage.

So if you are a frequent rider you no doubt will not need to winterize your ride and the Sta-Bil is probably not on your shopping list but a battery maintainer should be. It is a good bet that you will have some type of battery operated piece of equipment that will benefit from having the battery kept topped up.





## Motorcycle Awareness – October 2020



What with COVID-19, fires, smoke, and nowhere to go to get away from it all, where did the summer go! But there are a lot of good days left for a ride, to get your mind clear.

While you are enjoying this ride to clear your mind of all the other stuff. Remember to be safe and visible to the other people on the road, who also may have other things on their mind, besides looking out for you. While on this ride the way to be visible is not only riding as to be seen, but talking to people who may come up to you at rest stops, drive in's, or even at gas stations, and talk to you about the bike, are even ask you how much fun is it riding a great looking motorcycle. This is a great way to have people look out for more of us on the road, wishing they could or would have taken up such a great way to travel, or just enjoy this great world of ours.

It is also a great thing to carry some of the tri-folds in your trunk, or saddle bags, to hand out to people, who you think may like to read them, and then hand them out to other people they may know who would like them also.

During this time when visibility was not good, I saw a few bikes on the road that took me by surprise, as they were riding in the no-zone, no bright riding apparel, and weaving in and out of traffic. This is coming from a rider who is always looking for other riders on the road. What about other drivers who don't ride? Do you think they would even see riders like I mentioned in times of limited visibility?

Allot of our activities have been canceled this year, but I hope this next year is going to be a great one. Try to think of activities that will bring us, who ride and share the road, to the attention of those who do not ride. This may be bike shows, even ask if we can set them up at car shows, mall shows or other places that are inviting to the public. Riding in groups more often, or anything that will make us more visible, or any other way to bring attention to us who do ride.



Carl & Kaye Maier  
Your Motorist Awareness Director



October 2020

## ----- RIDER EDUCATOR -----



Where did the Year Go? Not many chapters had gatherings. But good thing is many chapters had rides, “Ice Cream” at the rest period of the ride. Some had Brown Bag Lunch’s. (I like Ice Cream). Then there are Chapters who “Think outside the BOX”. One of those Chapter’s is Chapter “N” Spokane, WA. Aug 15th Lori Ann and Rob had their gathering in Lori Ann’s back yard. Social Distant and Fun was had by everyone. Breakfast was served for a \$5.00 donation, and a ride was planned for afterwards. I heard the ride was about 220 miles. The weather was fabulous. Helen and I went by car to honor another Master Tour Rider. Kay Meier received her patch from Carl Meier (her husband) and myself. She was pleasantly surprised. While at the gathering, I talked about the Levels Program and sign up 3 new members to the Program and received updated info for other members. Many are eligible for higher levels and even MASTER TOUR RIDERS. Looking forward to returning to deliver these Awards. First Aid and CPR classes are needed and ARC and TRC classes. I will be working on that for the members on the EAST SIDE of Our State.





**For Rider Education Forms click on any of the following:**

**Vehicle Inspection Sheet**

**Levels Program Application**

**Levels Program Retirement Application**

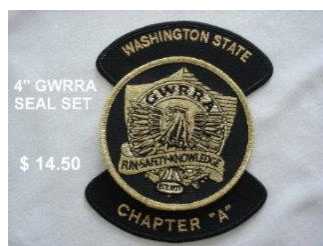
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## Chapter Stores



The full stores inventory is on the Chapter Website:



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## Chapter Sunshine / Greeters



### TRAIN ADVENTURE

On September 20, 2020, Chris and Patty boarded the Starlight train to Sacramento, California. We had a roomette sleeper that was not big enough for us! Patty slept on the top bunk but got stuck and almost fell off! When we got to Sacramento, Patty asked for a bigger room! The only thing they had was a family room on the Zephyr train! But Patty said she thought the engineer was drunk because we had a bumpy ride for two nights!

We found out that the room we had was the worst room in the train. So, when we got to Chicago, we had to stay the night in Chicago. Patty got another room called a bedroom. That was the one we really liked. It had a sink, a toilet/shower room and it was very comfortable on the Empire Builder to Seattle because the Empire Builder only goes every other day. We had planned to stay two days in Williston, ND because we were visiting Patty's niece and her family but Dawn, her niece, got exposed to the virus and was put on quarantine! So we just went on thru to Seattle.

When you have a sleeper on the train, your food is FREE! Well, every meal was like a TV dinner! The breakfast was okay but not much choice! Lunch and dinner was the same menu. You got a small salad, a roll with butter, main dish and dessert! But the menu was the same for the 3 trains we were on for the six day trip.

We decided if we were going to go on a train trip it would be not when there was a virus and we would chose to have a bedroom unit which we feel was the most comfortable!

We wished we would have taken more pictures to share with you!

By Chris and Patty Johnson



### **Sept Birthdays**

6<sup>th</sup> Stephanie Greer  
15<sup>th</sup> Dick Jones  
27<sup>th</sup> Kevin Allen

### **Sept Anniversaries**

### **Oct Birthdays**

27<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Allen

### **Oct 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 **5<sup>th</sup>** 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 **5<sup>th</sup>** 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***



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

**Dec 6<sup>th</sup>** – Olympia Toy Run

**Dec 6<sup>th</sup>** – Puyallup lighted Santa Parade

*Flyers for the above events can be found on the Chapter “A” website.*  
[gwrra-waa.org](http://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  
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**WANTED / To Buy**



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

\$225.00

Light Gray tint.



Mike Brieese – [brieese@earthlink.net](mailto:brieese@earthlink.net)





## ***Chapter WA "A" Officers and Staff***

**Todd McClain – 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**

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*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 McClain 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:	4 <sup>th</sup> 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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