



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 of not being allowed to gather together to enjoy our passion for riding. Of course we've had some little rides now and again. Not as much as I had planned for at the beginning of the year. Did go on a nice little ride lead by our old friend, Kenny Urban. Back roads to Vader to a little "mom and pop" diner. Little Crane was the name, Tugg, Mike, Kenny and I had a nice little putt there along with good conversation and good food. Thanx Kenny. With the lockdown followed by killer hornets and death-defying smoke. Now I'm waiting for the Four Horseman of the Apocalypse to come riding out of the west. Well at least they'll be riding. LOL. Hope all is well. Come with us and let's burn some gas and wear out some tires. Your CD, Todd



Don't forget! This **Saturday September 26th** 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) – September 2020



Looking through the Windshield:

All Quiet with the ACD this month!

*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
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Chapter Treasurer – September 2020



From the treasurer

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

Charlie Butters / Treasure



Would you like to document your rides with video but are on a budget? Have you priced the Gopro Hero Camera? Yikes!

I have always thought I would like to make a video record of some of my rides. I have tried a few smaller, inexpensive cameras mounted on the bike. I have not wanted to drop a bunch of cash into a camera system because I just didn't know if I wanted to devote the time and energy to record and then edit the footage.

I have been disappointed with the few cameras I have tried. Several years ago I bought a video cam and mounted it to the handlebar control pod using a RAM mount. The mount worked pretty slick. The cam recorded like it should but the controls were finicky. I had it on the bike one year on a summer trip with Don, Al and Tom. I remember having to stop to turn the camera on to start recording. We were in the Arches National Park and I wanted to do some recording as we rode. I couldn't wait to get to the motel that night so I could review the footage on the Laptop. What a disappointment. The video was so jumpy and jittery that it was hardly worth looking at. I took the mounts off and never tried that again.

Mounting various accessories on the handlebar is really not a bad idea. It worked fine for my cup holder but it turned out to be an utter failure with the video cam. Just about every road imperfection was amplified by the front wheel and forks and transmitted to the camera. None of the cameras I have tried had any form of Electronic Image Stabilization (EIS). EIS is a costly feature it seems.

Recently I bought a cam and windshield mount from a guy on the GL1800 Riders Board. It's a nice little inexpensive set up but the camera fell short of my expectations. It too did not have EIS plus it was no longer manufactured and the company had gone out of business. I decided I needed something else and the Gopro Hero seemed like the way to go but at \$400 it just seemed too expensive.

I had thought of a Innovv K2 Dual Camera system like Todd has but that system is also in the \$400 range. It is quite versatile though. It has a forward and aft recording camera and the cams are permanently mounted and records in a loop so the memory card will never stop the cam because it is full. That system is still on my radar but not in my budget.

Enter the AKSO EK7000 Pro. Amazon sells these little Gopro knockoffs for under \$70. The cam is easily mounted with the Yoda mount I bought from that guy on the GL1800 Riders Board. The cam takes very good quality video. Here it is in its waterproof case. And below that you see it in its skeleton frame. The cam comes with a large quantity of accessories.

I have modified the waterproof case to accept a charging cord. The internal battery will supposedly allow operation for about 90 minutes before it needs to be replaced or charged. But the 64 gigabyte micro SD card I am using can hold at least six hours of video at 1080p 60 fps recording. They do send you two batteries but I prefer to use an external power source. That way I do not have to reset the date and time when a battery change is made.

AKASO also has a little cheaper version that does not have the EIS. It sells for \$49.99 through Amazon. It is a model EK7000. It comes with all the same accessories but it just does not have the EIS.

If you have ever given any thought to making video recordings while on your Gold Wing, you really should look into the AKASO line of video cameras. I also highly recommend the camera and GPS mounts made by Roger Sailors of Magnolia, Texas. He goes by the screen name of Yoda on the GL1800 Riders Board. He markets his creations on the Inventors Hobby Shop Forum.



Motorcycle Awareness – September 2020



The weather is warm, the days are long, and we are sort of put on hold for anything that has to do with being around other people, without social distancing. So that leaves riding our motorcycles as much as possible to keep us from going stir crazy.

As I am doing the above activity, I have noticed something that is one of my pet peeves, and that is blind spots. This pandemic has made it more available to those who share the road with us, who don't think about blind spots, and how many of us they don't see, because blind spots are invisible to them.

The new blind spot is the face mask they take off and hang on the rearview mirror, when they get into their vehicle, sometimes with their handicap sign. This action really makes it dangerous not only to us who ride motorcycles, but it can hide cars, and even trucks, that are sharing the road with them, behind the items hanging in front of their vision of the road.

I have talked to people who I have seen with things (blind spots) hanging on their mirrors, and explained to them what a blind spot really is, by showing them even a small item, like a pencil will hide a full-blown Goldwing at a very short distance, 288 feet. This really surprises a lot of people because they have never thought of it before. Just think how close that motorcycle, or a car or a person, is when they no longer see it or them, behind the mask that is to protect them. I find this very scary.

We have had some incredibly beautiful rides this summer already, and I am looking forward to some more. I love getting on my bike and traveling through the back roads in this great country of ours. It is also great to have a group ride, as we are seen much more, by the reactions of the people waving at us.

I hate it that the rallies, and shows have been canceled, but that does not mean we cannot hand out trifolds to the people who share the road with us, or the coloring books to the kids. These activities do help those who don't ride share with road better with those of us who do.

While this weather stays here in the great Pacific Northwest let's all share the one activity that is very socially acceptable, and will save us from feeling quarantined, and that is ride safe, and enjoy the great outdoors, while staying well.



Carl & Kaye Maier
Your Motorist Awareness Director

September 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

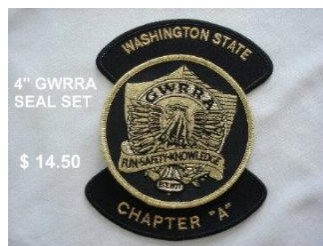
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Aug Anniversaries
3rd Gary & Joanne Beard
8th Charlie & Ann Butters
14th Chris & Patty Johnson
21st Les & Stephanie Greer

Sept Birthdays
6th Stephanie Greer
15th Dick Jones
27th Kevin Allen

Sept Anniversaries

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

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!

GWRRRA 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



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

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Mike Brieese – 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

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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