



GWRRA CHAPTER WA-A SEATTLE, WA



Periodic News Letter
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Chapter Director



Something from the road!

Hello chapter A

Well, looks like we might be able to FINALLY be allowed to have a breakfast meeting. Our undercover investigators have revealed that Golden Steer will be allowed to have up to 24 people at a time in the meeting room. It's a start. Am planning to get as "back to normal" as we can. Can't wait for April 24th. We'll start our meeting at 8am and go for a ride after. Am praying for the weather to cooperate with a sunny day. Can't wait to see you all. Come with us and burn some gas and wear-out some tires. Your CD, Todd



Don't forget! Saturday **April 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.....**

---- *"Yes a Breakfast Meeting" ----* With the **King County Covid-19** restrictions in Phase (3) three, the Golden Steer can now hold a group up to (24 people) in our meeting room. **Hope to see you there!**



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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 McLain
Chapter "**A**" Director
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Assistant Director (ACD) – April 2021



Looking through the Windshield:

Good afternoon everyone. As I sit here working on the April newsletter with the rain coming down outside, after a picture perfect riding day yesterday, I'm thinking there is a light at the end of the COVID-19 tunnel. I have been able to join in on two very nice rides in the month of March. Both rides were set up by Harry Rossignol our sister Chapter "V" ride coordinator. The first ride was on March 13th departing from the Denny's Restaurant in Auburn using secondary roads winding through Black Diamond, Hobart, Issaquah, Snoqualmie valley, Duvall, Goldbar and on to our half way stop on US 2 at ZEKE'S road side restaurant for a delicious hamburger and fries.



After some good conversation at Zeke's, we started our second half of the ride back through Goldbar down through Duvall (Noting that the Pickle Time was open) past Snoqualmie falls, then onto SR18 then off to the Black Diamond/Issaquah road ultimately ending at the Maple Valley Dairy Queen at four 4 corners.



A fitting ending to a 175 mile ride (for me door to door) on what turned out to be a very nice riding day with Sun breaking out and 57 degree's. What more could we ask for in March!

Then on March 27th Harry setup another ride in an attempt to cross over Snoqualmie pass for a piece of pie at the Liberty Café on Blewett pass. (Our first ride over the pass for the year) Only to find out they are closed the month of March. So a change was made to Cle Elum. Keeping in mind the Weather forecast on the pass was Snow on Friday night and Snow 8" to 12" inches forecasted for Sunday, but Saturday was forecasted for a clear weather window? With pass temps between 37 to 44.



Denny's - Auburn



Cottage Cafe - Cle Elum

*So Saturday morning I was up and off to meet everybody in my heated cold weather gear (Thanks to Mr. Girbing) When I arrived at Denny's restaurant in Auburn I found three (3) hardy soles waiting for more arrivals. But alas kickstands up time came and just the three of us were off (Charlie had come to have breakfast and see us off) so Harry, Mike and myself headed out. The weather was overcast and dry until just east of North Bend where the Sun started to come out and the road was clear and dry over the pass and the rest of the day. Weather warmed up to 57 degrees and it was a beautiful day to ride around the secondary roads from Cle Elum, Thorp, SR 10 up to Hwy 097 and back into Cle Elum for Lunch. Those of us that took the chance for a good riding day (205 miles door to door for me) we were rewarded with a **Picture Perfect** day of riding in the Sun with temps up to 57 degrees on both sides of the cascades. Thanks Harry for setting up a great day of Social Distancing.*



Lunch at Cottage Cafe

So ride when you can and stay safe....

*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 41st year in 2021

Don Hatley
Chapter "A" ACD
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Chapter Treasurer – April 2021



From the treasurer

Not much riding going on mostly due to home projects, primarily having to get a side fence put up after the wind storm in January knocked it down. It was an old fence, but a contributing factor to weakening the fence was the fact that the neighbor's yard had "grown" higher since the fence was first built. By the time it blew down, the bottom of the fence on his side had anywhere from 6 inches to 2 feet of collected soil, leaves, pine needles, etc. I think that a previous owner had actually used one part of the fence as the side of a mulch pile. As a result, the fence had morphed into a fence / retaining wall over the years. A cedar fence is not a good retaining wall, so needless to say, over time that rotted out the bottom of many of the fence boards as well as the posts. The neighbor and I got quotes but we decided to just do it ourselves. He and a friend did the work on the fence and in the process moved it about a foot or so into his yard so that the fence posts would sit on top of the soil that had built up. That move then required me to build a retaining wall to keep that soil where it was and not just collapse into my yard. Where there once was just an old fence, there is now a new fence and a retaining wall that will hopefully hold up for a number of years.

Maybe next month there will be some riding to write about.

Before and after of the fence / retaining wall project.



Charlie Butters / Treasurer



Things are starting to look good. WA State is now in Phase 3 and the weather is getting better all the time.

On March 27th, the fourth Saturday of the month, Don, Harry and myself went over Snoqualmie Pass and had lunch at the Cottage Cafe in Cle Elum. The original plan was to go to Liberty Cafe for lunch and pie but that didn't work out so well. They were scheduled to be closed all of March and re-open on April 1st.

We really didn't know what to expect for road conditions over the pass since it had snowed earlier in the week. We were a bit apprehensive, or at least I was, but we really needed a ride to the other side. It had been months since the last outing. I fretted over the weather. I recalled coming home from a Chapter WA-N Brown Bag Auction in April one year and had to ride through the snow. I even had to stop and wipe snow from my windshield so I could see. It was not a pleasant trip home that Sunday. I had to wipe those thoughts from my mind but it was not easy.

Well, today we got lucky. It was the best day of the weekend. It was a beautiful sunny day. Over the pass, temperatures were in the low 40's, the road was bare and dry. On the east side of the pass, the temperature was 60 degrees. Not a cloud in the sky.

Initially we thought that we were just going to head over, get some pie, and head back. We had no idea what the weather was going to be so we planned for a short day. As luck would have it, the weather was fantastic. So, Harry had a great idea. He knows that particular area very well and he had planned a little ride up and around Thorp on the Upper Peoh Rd, Lower Peoh Rd and Thorp Hwy and return via Jackson Hwy (Hwy 10). It was a great ride with no traffic to speak of and we arrived at Cottage Cafe at about 12:30 pm in time for lunch.

We had a leisure lunch and enjoyed the camaraderie. The trip home was as nice, if not nicer than the trip over to Cle Elum.

Eight days later, on Monday April 5th, I took a ride to Liberty Cafe for some pie. They are now open every day of the week except Wednesday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. In the past, they were closed on weekends and that made it tough to get over there with our weekend riders. Now, it should be a cinch to get there. Soon we will plan a ride over.



Motorcycle Awareness April 2021



To All Who Love To Ride

Well, the Sun is out, and the Snow is gone in the valleys, and I am seeing more and more motorcycles on the road.

I have really started to talk to riders whenever I can catch them in the parking lots, or Gas stations. I have had a number of good conversations and have been able to hand out Trifolds, other literature, and bumper stickers. I will ask you, all who can, to do this also. This type of activity really helps people look out for us and help us survive the ride. It also could mean more members for our chapters. If you need, or want trifolds and stickers, please contact me.

I have also noticed a few who I believe are just starting to ride, doing things that stand the hair on the back of my neck on end. One of these did not even have a helmet on and was weaving back and forth. I believe he was just wanted to take a ride, and just went for it, at least that is what I hope.

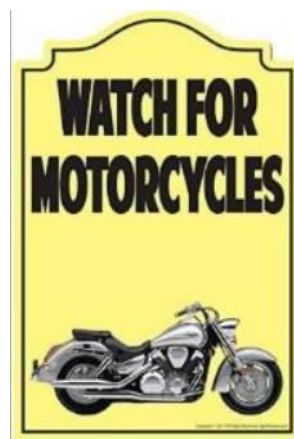
We want to give the nonriders a good impression of those of us who do ride, not the one that I just told you I saw.

The weather is good in most places, but it does not take long to get into some bad weather or roads, so be careful and ready for adverse conditions even on relatively short rides.

I wish for all to have a great year of safe riding, great fun, and great adventures, all the while being as safe as we can while still in this COVID situation.

Your Motorist Awareness Coordinator

Carl & Kaye Maier



RIDER EDUCATOR

Robert & Helen Liddell

Robert has stepped down from this position due to his wife's health and his requirements at work. Thank you Bob for your support & help with GWRRA, we wish you the best and many prayers go out to your wife. We hope to see you down the road.

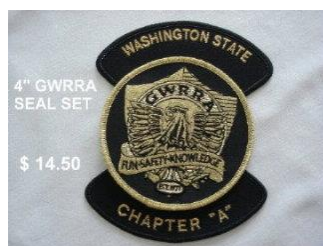
This position is now available. If you are interested please contact Ken.

Ken & Tami Smith

Phone: (360)440-6357



Chapter Stores



The full stores inventory is on the Chapter Website:



Gary & JoAnn Beard
Stores Manager / Face Book Coordinator

Chapter Sunshine / Greeters



April Birthdays

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



April Anniversaries

19th Joe & Susan Ennaro
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 McClain,
Chapter “A” Director*

Upcoming events

March 15th – **Sept 30th** GWRRA Washington District 2021
Washington Counties Tour

May 28th – 31st 34th Annual Chapter “L” Spring Fling

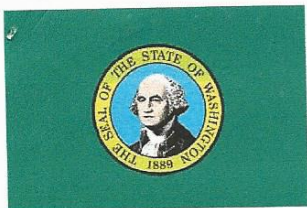
May 29th - Chapter “A” “5” Aces Ride

June 29th – July 3rd Wing Ding 42

July 15th – 17th Washington District Rally -- (**Cancelled**)

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

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GWRRA Washington District 2021 Washington Counties Tour



In lieu of the 2021 Washington District Rally, the Washington District Team is offering you a chance to do what we all enjoy doing; riding throughout the State of Washington. This tour can be done on 2 wheels, 3 wheels, or 4 wheels (or horseback, if you want!!). You will be visiting a listed town (see page 2) in each of the 39 counties. Visit a business in each of the listed town and obtain a receipt. Submit the original receipts (1 per county/town) per person and a one-time \$10 registration fee per person to be eligible for cash prizes (and other prizes if we get great participation). We plan on using the cash we would normally give out at the rally for the Grand Prizes (\$750 this year). Therefore, we will have multiple cash prizes for the tour; \$300 for 1st place, \$200 for 2nd place, \$100 for 3rd place, \$50 for 4th, 5th, and 6th places. We will issue a ticket for each receipt submitted.

Chapter O also has an ongoing ride called the 5-Corner Ride (did you know there are 5 corners in Washington State!!). You can participate in that ride at the same time. See Chapter O's website for information.

You have the opportunity to earn extra tickets as well. For every 10 different counties/towns you submit a receipt for, you will earn an extra ticket. If you complete all 39 counties, you will earn two extra tickets. 10 different counties/towns = 11 tickets, 20 different counties/towns = 22 tickets, 30 different counties/towns = 33 tickets, all 39 different counties/towns = 44 tickets.

If you obtain receipts from the towns in the 5 corners of Washington (don't forget about Chapter O's 5-Corner Ride), you will earn an extra ticket.

We also have 9 bonus towns (that are not in Washington) in our neighboring States and Province (3 in Idaho, 3 in Oregon, and 3 in British Columbia). You can earn an extra ticket for each receipt from each of these towns.

If you complete the whole tour and the bonus towns, you can earn 54 tickets toward the prizes. If you finish the entire tour by August 1st, you can earn 6 extra tickets. Total of 60 tickets.

The Tour starts March 15th and ends September 30th. All receipts must be received by Mike White no later than 10 October. We will have the drawings sometime in October. If there is a workshop in October, will be drawn there. If not, will draw via Zoom Call. Need not be present to win.

Rider _____ GWRRA # _____ Chapter _____
Co-rider _____ GWRRA # _____ Chapter _____
Street _____ City _____ State/Province _____ Zip _____
Telephone _____ Email _____
Registration: \$10 per person Amount Enclosed: _____ Check _____ Cash _____
Number of Receipts (Rider) _____ Number of Receipts (Co-Rider) _____

Mail to:
Mike White – GWRRA WA DISTRICT TREASURER
115 North Arney Rd Space 62
Woodburn, OR. 97071



Motorcycles and / or Parts Buy / Sale

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

GWRRA Members Adds Free!

Selling ??

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Chapter WA "A" Officers and Staff

Todd Mclain – 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 – 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:	4 th 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	Jesse and Eva Valentine Phone: (360) 888-0546	2nd Saturday Breakfast @ 8:30 AM	Ramblin Jacks Ribeye 1336 Rush Rd Chehalis, WA 98532 Ext 72

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