



GWRRA CHAPTER WA-A SEATTLE, WA



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Chapter Director



Something from the road!



Hello chapter A

Well we had some HEAT last weekend. Wasn't as bad as we did in the great heat wave of 2021 but it was hot. We were on a benefit run in Oregon and did get the temp gauge to register 3 didgets. 107 was the most I got to see. Kool collars and water were defiantly on the agenda. We were able to keep moving tho, so it wasn't too bad. Traffic was good until the ride home. I-5 let all those cars drive with us and wouldn't you know it, they don't know how to play with others. We did listen to Google and was able to suggest a good alternative route for us. Kept us in sight of I-5 and we rode around all of that back-up. Funny thing happened at McKinsey Pass, we talked to a group of 20 somethings who were hiking from Mexico to Canada. They were complaining about how much it was going to cost for an Uber driver to come pick them up. Maybe I missed something? Does that even count if you get a ride? Funny. Well we did cover about 1300 miles last weekend. Come with us and burn some gas and wear-out some tires. See you on the 28th. Your CD, Todd



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

---- ***"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) – August 2021



Looking through the Windshield:

There was a very nice turnout for the July meeting at the Golden Steer with 21 Chapter “A” members and guests attending.



Lots of good conversation was enjoyed by all including upcoming events and rides.



A very nice ride followed the meeting....

Then on August 5th several of us attended the Chapter “V” meeting at their new meeting place (Denny’s Restaurant in Kent 1246 Central Ave N 98032).



There's never too much Fun!

*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 – August 2021



From the treasurer

Helmet strap D-rings vs other options

I recently watched a video on the Youtube channel FortNine entitled "Why Motorcycle Helmets Use this Ancient Buckle." After I bought my first helmet about 15 years ago, I was standing at the checkout counter and saw a quick release snap adapter — the type that disconnects by squeezing the sides of the snap. It looked much easier and quicker to use than the D-ring that came with my helmet, so I picked one up and have used one ever since — until I watched this video. In the video, Ryan, the host of the channel and his sidekick put together a very simple device to test a few of the quick release connectors on the market along side the good old-fashioned D-ring connector. Since the straps on a helmet are designed to withstand 900 pounds of stress before snapping, a connector should not break until sometime after 900 pounds of stress — otherwise the strength of the connector has compromised the strength of the strap. If the connector breaks at 500 pounds, you will have lost nearly half of the protection provided by the strap. If the snap holds well enough that the strap breaks BEFORE the snap, then the snap has not compromised the strength of the strap.

If you watch the video, it is obviously not a highly scientific method of testing. The test device consists of a modified scissors jack and a torque wrench. But they are still able to get a pretty good estimate of the pounds of force that each snap (and the strap) can withstand. The ideal is that the strap breaks before the snap. But only the D-rings pass the test. All the snaps fail the test and break before the snap, some much earlier than others.

A side release buckle (like I had been using) snapped at 5.82 Nm / 329 pounds — so severely compromising the strength of the strap.

A micrometrical ratchet buckle snapped at 9.81 Nm / 555 pounds. Better, but still bad.

A Fidlock buckle snapped at 13.49 Nm / 763 pounds. Getting close, but still less than 900 pounds.

The D-ring did not fail — the strap broke at 15.91 Nm

So before my next ride, I removed my side release buckle and went back to the D-ring. Maybe I'm just easily persuaded, but their test convinced me that the D-ring connector sold with every helmet is really the best insurance for making sure your helmet stays on your head.

Charlie Butters / Treasurer



August and the outside air temperatures are finally under control.

By the time you read this, we will have finished the Buzzard Butt Buster Ride and the WA-O Whale of a Picnic. It was the 35th year for the Buzzard Butt Buster and a 30th Birthday celebration for WA-O.

The Buzzard Butt Buster began in 1987 by Dick and JoAnn Buzzard. The Buzzard's Butt Buster is an annual motorcycle ride. The event is held each year around the middle of August with various destinations each year.

It is a charitable benefit for Pope's Kid's Place. Pope's Kid's Place exists to provide support for families with the challenges they face in caring for their medically complex child or young adult. The types of support they provide include respite care, long-term or transitional care, and residential care.

The ride format is very informal with riders riding in small groups or by themselves. This is a three/four day motel to motel event with sightseeing along the way. The event kicks off each year on Thursday evening with registration, check-in and an informal gathering. Day two is generally about a 300 mile ride to a known destination. There are no set routes, each rider or group of riders set up their own routes. A rider does not even need to ride a route. All one needs to do is be at the evening's motel for the evening to check in. After that, you are on your own.

Upon arrival participants are free to kick tires, jump in the pool or just enjoy the company of fellow riders. Day three is much like day two heading to a different destination, however the evening of day three we hold a banquet and celebration of the year's ride.

Day four is your safe return home. The event is put together by a group of volunteers and as such has no responsibility for the participants in the event. It is a wonderful way to ride, unwind and enjoy a few days of camaraderie and help a worthy cause.

I need to thank Mindy G. of WA-Z. She has known Dr. Pope and the ride organizers since she was very young and she is the reason some of us have the pleasure of riding in this event. Mindy did something special this year. She rides a 2006 GL1800 and has a 1995 GL1500. The GL1500 is for sale on consignment at a local motorcycle dealer. She has donated the proceeds from the sale of her GL1500 to Pope's Kids' Place. Kudos Mindy.

The WA-O Whale of a Picnic was on the 21st and it supported the local Food Bank. Ken Smith and the guys did a great job and went out of their way to get this thing set up and running. They provided an EXCELLENT lunch with all the trimmings. This year they did things a little differently. In years past, pre-registration was required to participate and have lunch. This year, on-site registration was instituted. That made it handy for the procrastinators and anyone that didn't know the ride was even happening until just before the event.

As it turned out, eight motorcycles with ten riders from WA-A, WA-I, WA-Q and WA-V rode up to Gorst from Tacoma to participate. Joe L., Mike B. and Kevin A. of WA-A; Kenny U., Ron and Dianna H. and Richard of WA-I; Chuck and Nancy C. of WA-Q; and Harry R. of WA-V were there.

A total of eleven motorcycles were at the event, and eight of them were ours. Joe won a set of tires. Kevin won the 50/50. Mike won the Outdoor 2 Burner Propane Cook Table and a NAPA Bucket of car cleaning supplies. The ride was a little over 60 miles long and there were no U-Turns.

Mike Briese

WA-A Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Coordinator

Those that turned out for the WA-O Picnic of the 21st enjoyed great weather, a very nice ride, great food and a lot of Whale fun.



Lots of great prizes and socializing was enjoyed by all!



Thanks Chapter "O" for another fun event



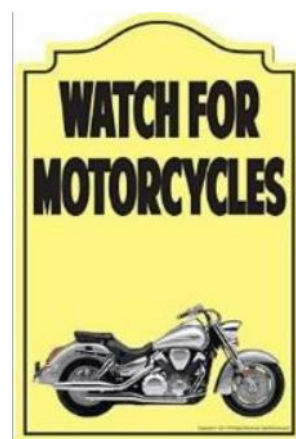
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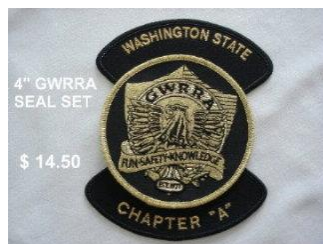
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Rider Education

Motorcycle Awareness August 2021

Chapter Stores



The full stores inventory is on the Chapter Website:



Gary & JoAnn Beard
Stores Manager / Face Book Coordinator

Chapter Sunshine / Greeters



August Birthdays

- 3rd Les Greer
- 17th Susan Edwards

August Anniversaries

- 3rd Gary & Joanne Beard
- 8th Charlie & Ann Butters
- 14th Chris & Patty Johnson “50th”
- 21st Les & Stephanie Greer

Chris & Patty Johnson
Sunshine / Greeters

On August 14th two of Chapter "A"s long time members (Over "30" years) 1991 – 2021 celebrated their **"50th"** Wedding Anniversary.



Chris & Patty Johnson



Happy Anniversary from all of us in Chapter "A"

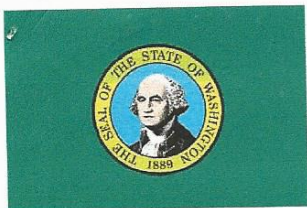


WA”A” Activities

Upcoming events

Oct **30st** - Chapter “A” “5” Aces Ride

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!

For Sale

2012 Triumph Bonneville T-100
Bought January 2013
7,400 miles (\$1,500 in "Triumph"
Accessories) new value \$12,000.
Absolutely in like new condition
\$5,000. Dhatwaa@comcast.net



WANTED / To Buy





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 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-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	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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