



GWRRA CHAPTER WA-A SEATTLE, WA



Periodic News Letter
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Chapter Director



Something from the road!

Hello chapter A

Well, here's another month gone by the wayside. Had a lot of things go on this month. Got married, had a GREAT ceremony with friends and family in attendance. Had the enviable opportunity to be at the lake for the rest of the lake residents competing to be the best fireworks show. I've seen towns that didn't have that massive of a display. Truly breathtaking. Was a real treat to watch with my new bride. Am trying to get my house ready to put on the market and move in with Meredith. Like a one-armed man in a paper hanging contest. So much to do. Not too much time for fun things. Try to get out on the bike but not as able to as I'd like. Hope everyone is doing well and will be able to come to our meeting this Saturday. Breakfast @ 8 and meeting @ 9. We'll burn gas and wear out some tires. Your CD, Todd



Don't forget! This **Saturday July 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) – July 2021



Looking through the Windshield:

Good afternoon everyone, what a change in weather! We went from setting records for rain this spring, to setting records for heat in June breaking the 100 degree mark for the first time in June. We normally get about 3 days with temps at 100 degrees or over each summer, normally in July or August. I'm guilty of wishing for a nice Summer this year (Thinking of the 70's & 80's) but 100 degrees and above is a little too hot riding for me.

We had a very nice turn out for our Monthly meeting on June 26th. With 23 members and guests enjoying the fun of being able to gather and socialise, catching up on what's been happening in the Goldwing world.



A very nice ride followed the Meeting.

*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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On July 4th there was a very special gathering to help celebrate the joining of two lives and family's with the Marriage of Todd Mclain and Meredith Doll! Chapter "A" now has a Mr & Mrs Chapter Director, Todd & Meredith Mclain.



Wishing happy roads ahead for Todd and Meredith!



Chapter Treasurer – July 2021



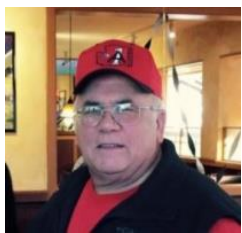
From the treasurer

Wedding ride

Ann and I took our first ride together in a couple years to Todd and Meredith's wedding. The weather was great except that it was a bit cooler out by Elma than we had expected. I ended up wearing my motorcycle jacket along with the shorts I wore under my riding gear, which was not so fashionable but the jacket kept me warm. My dad always said I was a fashion plate anyway, so I kept that heritage going. The wedding was great with a lot of people showing up, good food and great decorating. It was a very nice start for the new couple and a good time spent visiting with folks on a fun occasion.

On the way back, we took a route up through Union and then along the water up to Belfair. I'm sure we've ridden there before but I didn't remember what a popular area that is for vacationing, but the traffic was not too bad and we moved along at a nice pace to Belfair. From there we took the quick way home to be back in time to man the hoses for the fireworks that we knew would be going gangbusters by our house. There were plenty going off around us. Our area will be a "no fireworks" area starting next year, so people seemed to be trying to get a double dose in this year. Fortunately I don't think I heard sirens all night so in spite of the very dry conditions, there were very few fire incidents nearby.

Charlie Butters / Treasurer



Here it is July and things are loosening up. GWRRA Chapter's are having in-person meetings and scheduling rides.

June's meeting day was a scorcher. We had planned a ride to the coast for some cooler weather but everyone in Puget Sound seemed to have the same idea. With lots of vehicles on the roads and with temps in the high 90's and low 100's, it was just an uncomfortable day for a fun ride. But a few of us still headed out to Montesano and to Raymond and back. That turned out to be an acceptable traffic free route. (Speaking of high temps, it was 114°f at my house the day after the meeting).

During the ride I noticed the mileage had been exceeded for a recommended spark plug change. I changed the plugs the following Wednesday. After the plug change, I rode the bike and noticed a bit of a stumble on acceleration. Dang, had I gotten a bad plug? Hard to tell so I parked the bike. Went to the Honda shop and bought another set of plugs. At \$2.39 a plug, it is quicker and easier to just change them than to worry about trying to figure out which one, if any, was giving me grief.

After replacing the plugs, it still had the same stumble. CRAP! I scratched my head and tried to figure out what had occurred prior to the plug change. The last ride was to Montesano and Raymond. Kenny, Kevin and myself got gas at the Chevron next to the Dairy Queen in Raymond. At the end of the day the gas tank was a little less than half full so I just parked the bike in the garage. Maybe I got some slightly contaminated fuel in Raymond. With that in mind, I put eight ounces of Gumout in the tank and topped off the fuel.

That was 700 miles ago and the engine is running just fine. After my 600 mile trip to Spokane last weekend, the tires are in need of replacement. There is a 1200 mile trip coming up in a couple of weeks. With that in mind, I ordered a set of tires and put them on my spare wheels so they are ready to mount in a few days. Trouble is, the spare wheels do not have TPMS sensors in them. I really do not want to see the instrument panel TPMS warning light on for the next 10,000 miles. Well, I found a fix for that.

Last month I ordered a TPMS disabler from California Sidecar in Arrington, VA. It is plug and play and only cost \$35.00 plus shipping. It simply plugs in under the right side fairing pocket cover and no more warning light. Since I already use an aftermarket TPMS system, the Honda idiot light TPMS system is no longer needed.

A word to the wise here, when the wheel sensor batteries fail, which they will after about 8 years of use, Honda recommends replacing the sensor, not just the battery. The sensor's sell for \$189.05 retail. You can probably get them for about \$145 through online sources but that is still pretty spendy. I would recommend an aftermarket alternative to the Honda TPMS.

But then you will have that TPMS warning light to contend with right? Oh, Wait, California Sidecar sells a TPMS disabler. I would imagine other Trike manufacturers know of a way to disable that system too. If you have a 2009 or later Gold Wing with Honda OEM TPMS and are faced with shelling out \$300 in TPMS wheel sensors, you might think of a way to disable the system before the light comes on and ruins your day.

Motorcycle Awareness July 2021



I will start by saying summer has arrived, and the bikes are out!

I have seen all kinds of bikes, and riders, and other vehicles out on the road lately.

Along with the before mentioned groups, I have seen some stuff that really made me think "What can I do to make this safer!"

We have had way too many accidents between motorcycles and other vehicles lately, including one this week when a car crossed into the motorcyclist lane and hit him head on, he was killed instantly.

We also had one of our members hit by a car turning onto the street and hitting him. The bike was really damaged, and he was thrown about 20 feet. He was wearing the proper gear and is just sore.

My wife and I were traveling to the west side of the state a week ago and took a route that we have not been on, it was beautiful and, a great motorcycle road, but we were traveling in my pickup!

I was really looking out for the bikers on the road, as there were plenty, and most of them were traveling and having fun safely. There was one who really scared me, and I do not wish anyone to experience the following.

This biker came up behind me and was traveling in a way that made me really nervous. He was following right on my bumper, weaving back and forth, and there was no where to pull over. The road was narrow, with a lot of curves.

This biker must have thought he had an opening, because suddenly he started around me, and at the same time I saw a vehicle coming toward me. The biker was halfway around and was not able to slow down and get back in behind. So that only left me one option, and that was to hit the brakes.

He leaned over and squeezed between the oncoming vehicle, and my front bumper, in fact, I think his elbow skimmed over my hood. I will remember the fright I felt at that moment for a long time.

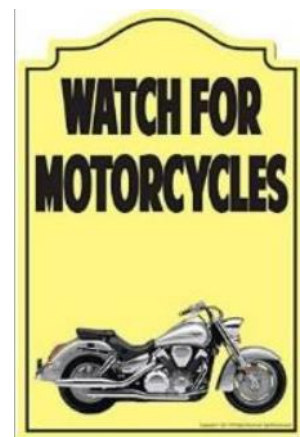
The Lesson learned in this experience is that it is the responsibility of both the motorist, and the bikers to look out for each other.

Remember what we have been trying to share with everyone.

"LOOK TWICE AND SAVE A LIFE"

Your Motorist Awareness Coordinator

Carl & Kaye Maier



RIDER EDUCATOR



From the desk of your District Educator

Hi All,

Last month I covered the need to do good service on our ride to make sure we have a fun and safe time out riding. This month I wish to bring up service we need to do on ourselves. We cannot just jump on a bike as we did in our younger days and not expect to not have any problems. Just like our bike if we do not take care of them, they start to break down. When is the last time you had a checkup? Just like the bike a good checkup will tell you what condition you are in and help you better know what you can do and cannot do. I know for myself I cannot ride all day and feel good the next morning. We must think about what we need to take on a ride like water, medication, support garment clothing for changing weather during a ride.

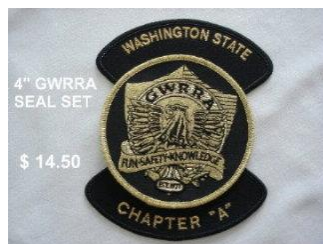
Like a bike check list make one for yourself to check yourself out before taking that ride. Have you taken any medication that will affect your motor skills, or do you need to take them to improve your motor skills? When is the last time you had your eyes examined? Part of keeping your system working well is what do you put into the tank to keep it running well. Are you eating right and not just putting in junk food?

This is far from a full check list, but I hope it will get you thinking about yourself. One last thing I ask is think about the ones you are riding with and remind them of their health is just as important. If you see they look to be having an issue talk to them as they may not see it.

Stay healthy and have a great ride.

Bob & Becky Minor, Washington District Educator

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Chapter Sunshine / Greeters



July Birthdays

27th Michael Piechowiak



July Anniversaries

4th Meredith & Todd McLain

Chris & Patty Johnson
Sunshine / Greeters

WA"A" Activities



The Chapter "A" 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

July 22nd - 24th Montana District Rally, Lewistown, MT

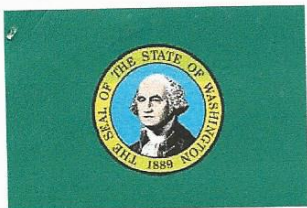
July 31st - Chapter "A" "5" Aces Ride

Aug 13th - 15th Idaho District Rally, KAMIAH, Idaho

Aug 21st – Chapter "O" Whale of a Picnic

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) _____

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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 WA-A	City /Mascot Seattle Apes	Chapter Director Todd McClain Phone (206) 241-3565 ACD: Don Hatley	Meeting Date/ Time 4th Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM Gathering @ 9:00 AM	Location 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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