



GWRRA CHAPTER WA-A SEATTLE, WA



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Chapter Director



Something from the road!

Hello chapter A

I am looking at the weeks in a whole new way. I have retired. Had to ask what day it was yesterday. Without a dedicated routine each morning, it makes it hard to distinguish between the days. I know, first retirement problems. I will endeavor to cope with it. Haven't been on the bike too much. Am in the process of moving in with my fiancée, Meredith Doll (we are having a ceremony on the 4th of July). Have projects to complete at the lake to prepare. Am putting my house up for sale. I've bought land at the lake also and it'll keep me busy. Am looking forward to our meeting on the 26th. Always good to see friends. Breakfast at 8 and meeting at 9. We'll find someplace to go to burn gas and wear out some tires. Come join the fun. It'll be glorious. Your CD, Todd



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

---- **"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**-----

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Assistant Director (ACD) – June 2021



Looking through the Windshield:

Good afternoon everyone. As I sit here working on the June newsletter with the rain coming down outside, 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. Then on April 17th



another great ride with Chapter "V" & Chapter "A" again setup by Harry Rossignol leaving the Auburn Denny's Restarant heading over Snoqualmie Pass to Cle elum then taking secondary roads through throp staying South of I-90 To Ellensburg and down Canyon Road to Yakima and on to Union Gap for lunch at Minors for one of their famous Burgers & Fries.



After a very nice lunch with stomachs full we were off, heading west towards Hwy 2 over White Pass (Shinock pass was still closed) with a planned rest stop in Packwood.



Then on to Morton, Elby, Tacoma and Home. All in all a great day of Social Distancing in the Saddle!

Then on April 24th Chapter "A" had our first breakfast meeting in over 14 months due the Covid-19 pandemic



It was great to see everybody and enjoy all the interactions and conversations.

*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
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Chapter Treasurer – June 2021



From the treasurer

Confession

My eyes have been wandering. I am being tempted by a younger, slimmer model. Maybe it's the pandemic. Too much time away from my current model. Pre-pandemic, we would 'get together' a few times a week, but that has faded and now I covet another. I didn't mean for it to happen, it just did (isn't that what they always say?). I can't even recall the first time I saw her. But now every chance I get, I look for more images online. Maybe it's because she's practically naked, or I should probably say a practically naked bike.

She is the exact opposite of what I have ridden for years. The Royal Enfield Int650. Yes, she has less power --- a LOT less. But I can see all the parts, and she weighs a LOT less. Just a parallel twin engine. Yes, made in India, but it and its sister model the Continental GT were revamped in 2018 and have garnered very good reviews and reliability ratings. And you can buy 4 or 5 of these for the price of a new Gold Wing. Plus, there are many opportunities for customizing, and that customizing doesn't require you to first remove the fairing, the saddlebags, the fenders, the seat ... ok maybe the seat. But not much at all.

I did actually go to the dealer in downtown Seattle and sit on one. I think they had gotten a mix of 8 or 10 of the two models in just a few days before and just one of the Int650 version was still available, so they seem to be popular. I didn't get to ride one, but I did put it up on the center stand. Due to my years of conditioning with the Gold Wing, I almost launched it through the window.

The problem is I don't have room for 2 bikes, and despite the temptation, when I jump on my Gold Wing, I still love to ride it. But I sure am tempted to try something younger, slimmer, naked-er..



Charlie Butters / Treasurer



I was excited - We were ready for our first sit down meeting April 24th.

It was now time for us to start having gatherings again. We were actually going to have a group gathering, have a meal and then discuss GWRRA events, both past, present and yet to happen and then go for a ride.

I had been out to the Golden Steer several times in the weeks leading up to the day of our first gathering of 2021. I had breakfast at the Golden Steer in March and talked with one of our waitresses to let her know that we were waiting for things to open back up so we could come back and patronize them. She was anticipating getting her first Covid shot sometime in late March.

Then they scared us. The Golden Steer closed for remodeling. Arrgghh! It looked like our first meeting of 2021 was not going to happen. It looked bleak. Todd and I tried calling, visiting and checking online but could not find anything that would give us a clue as to when they would re-open.

Finally at the end of the second week in April, I called and got an answer. Yes, they were planning a Grand Re-Opening the third weekend of April. Just seven days before our gathering. What a relief. The gathering went off without a hitch and we had twelve GWRRA members in attendance. Looks like we were off to a good start for 2021.

So, May rolls around and on Tuesday the 18th I get a text that Don has encountered a speed bump on his highway of life and will not be able to publish a newsletter and oh, by the way, he is not going to make it to the meeting this coming Saturday either. Darn. As I was thinking how it just would not be a Chapter WA-A gathering without Don, I get a text from Todd. He says he has to be out of town on Saturday and won't be able to come to the meeting either.

Now what. No Chapter director and no Assistant Chapter Director. Should we cancel yet another gathering? We have worked so hard to get things rolling again? Nope, let's just keep on keeping on. I can pick up some 50/50 tickets and everyone can have breakfast and it will just all work out.

Saturday morning rolls around and we are ready to go. Pen is in the car with the engine idling. I check the tire pressure on the GL1800. Hmm.. the FOBO is reporting that the rear tire is about three PSI low. No problem. I grab the air hose and air chuck with the pressure gauge on it, get on the floor, roll the tire around for a visual check and... yup, you guessed it. Screw in the center of the tread.

Oh well, I happen to have a back up. The GL1500 is ready to go. Tire pressures are close enough according to the FOBO. The front tire could use a PSI or two but it should be fine. One thing though, the routes I have planned for the after meeting ride are on the GPS on the GL1800. Luckily the GPS instruments are the same and will mount and fit on either bike. Problem solved (I think). I didn't realize until later that the audio connector for the GL1800 is different than the audio connector for the GL1500. It has a pretty good speaker though and I could still hear the turn by turn directions while riding.

We make it to Kent. I stop at the gas station to fill up the tank and then head to the Golden Steer. We have ten folks for breakfast. Breakfast was good.

At the end of the gathering my phone is sounding an alarm. At first I did not know what it meant but it turned out that I had low pressure on my front tire of the GL1500. It was at 36 psi and 39 psi is the set point. I should have looked closer at the pressures before I left home. No worries, I carry a small pump with me in the saddlebag. I aired up the tire before we left the parking lot. I was in a hurry and didn't check the pressure. I put in too much. A couple of miles down the road my phone was alarming again because the pressure was now over 45 psi. A quick stop and a little PPF TTT... and a pressure check and it was all good. We had a nice little 100 mile ride.

That afternoon at home, I initially pulled the screw out of the GL1800 tire and plugged it. But, I had second thoughts. I was scheduled to ride to Tri Cities pulling a camping trailer the next weekend. I decided to pull the wheel, remove the tire and patch it properly. That only took about an hour and a half or so.

Moral of the story, "The best laid schemes o' mice an' men. Gang aft a-gley". Or to translate, the best laid plans of mice and men can still go wrong. No matter how well you plan, there is no guarantee of success.

Motorcycle Awareness June 2021



To All Who Love To Ride

The weather warmed up, and now the wind has been blowing for the last week! This is typical of the east side.

I have seen more bikes on the road, which is good, but also there has been a number of accidents involving motorcycles, some involving deaths, which I hate to see!

Some of these accidents were caused by the motorcyclist themselves, by the way they were riding, and some were caused by other vehicles making left hand turns. In both cases these accidents could have been averted, just by being aware of each other on the road.

We in Spokane had an PSA placed on the reader boards over the major highways, which read "LOOK TWICE AND SAVE A LIFE, MOTORCYCLES ARE EVERYWHERE". This was seen by a lot of people, and I have had good reports from neighbors, who thought it was a great message.

I have noticed many motorcycles on the road because I am looking for them. I believe it is all who rides responsibility to make yourself seen, and ride as to make a good impression for other drivers. Then they will look for us, who do ride even more.

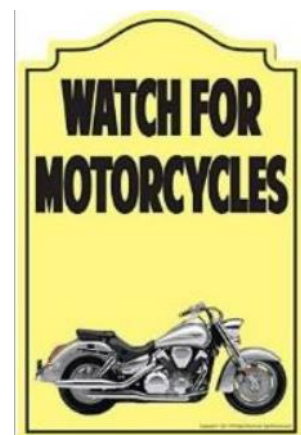
If you ride by speeding, weaving in and out of traffic, tailgating, riding in the no-zone, the other drivers on the road will not be as likely to be looking for you.

It also is the time of the year to go to rallies, and get together, where you also can make good impressions on other drivers, and a good time to hand out information, that will help them watch for us.

Let yourself be open to others, wherever you are. This will make a good impression on others so they will look at us, with more of a favor. This is a great way for us to have them become more aware of us.

Your Motorist Awareness Coordinator

Carl & Kaye Maier



RIDER EDUCATOR

Welcome back Bob & Becky!



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.

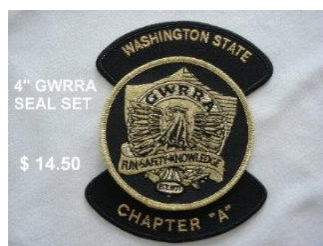
Like a bike check list make one for yourself to check yourself out before taking that ride. Have you taken any medication that will affect your motor skills, or do you need to take them to improve your motor skills? When is the last time you had your eyes examined? Part of keeping your system working 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

Chapter Stores



The full stores inventory is on the Chapter Website:



Gary & JoAnn Beard
Stores Manager / Face Book Coordinator

Chapter Sunshine / Greeters



June Birthdays

3rd Terri Holt
10th Pen Briesa



June Anniversaries

2nd Kevin & Jennifer Allen

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

June 29th – July 3rd Wing Ding 42

July 10th - Chapter "L" Install new CD's Gary & Dianna Domas

July 17th – Chapter "N" Install new CD's Don & Hope Sundahl

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

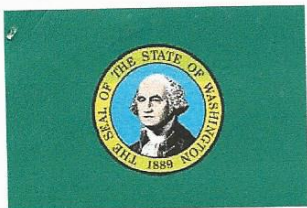
July 22nd - 24th Montana District Rally, Lewistown, MT

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) _____

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 ??

WANTED / To Buy





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 Brieese – Membership Enhancement Coordinator (MEC)

Mike Brieese - 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	CLOSED		
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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