



GWRRA CHAPTER WA-A SEATTLE, WA



Periodic News Letter
November 2021
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Chapter Director



Something from the road!



Well we've arrived at a new juncture in our journey. I've started a new path in my life with the addition of my wife- Meredith. With us living in Elma, makes it difficult to continue to be the CD for chapter A. When I accepted this role, it was to keep the long line of people who have held this position going. I really couldn't have had ANY success at it without the rest of the chapter helping. This thing is something that we all want and I am so glad we have someone else who's stepping forward to keep this thing moving forward. Come on out for breakfast after Thanksgiving, Saturday the 27th. We'll be swearing-in the new CD. Come say hi and welcome them into their new post. Thanx for all your support for me and please continue with the new CD's. Your CD, Todd



Don't forget! This **Saturday November 27th** 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!**

(Note) in King County proof of Vaccination or Covid-19 test is now required for restaurants.



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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
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Assistant Director (ACD) – November 2021



Looking through the Windshield:

Even though the weather man provided us with a cool, rainy, windy day for our October meeting their was a very nice turnout with 24 members attending. Including visitors from Chapters "V", "I" and WA District enjoying great conversation and socializing.



Our District Director came to assist the Chapter in finding a replacement for our Chapter "A" Director (Todd McClain) who is stepping down due to moving out of the area.



On November 30th the Weather Gods provided us with a Picture Perfect day of blue sky and a high of 57 degrees for the Chapter's "5" Aces Ride.



Eleven bikes and 13 members from Chapters "A", "V", and "I" turned out to enjoy the beautiful fall collors and a perfect ride accrossed the Narrows bridge then up to Bremerton, west to Union, around Hood Canal and on to our stop for Ice Cream.



Special Event at our November 27th Meeting!

Ken & Tami Smith our Washington District Director's will be attending our meeting to install our new Chapter "A" Director's

And many thanks to Todd & Meredith Mclain our present Chapter "A" Directors stepping down after several years of leading us on many rides,miles and adventures.

*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 – November 2021



From the treasurer

It was great to join the group on the ride around the Hood Canal and parts nearby. The weather was pretty much perfect but it was a little cool, so to get ready for the trip, I went to find my Gerbing gloves and controller. Unfortunately, they did not seem to be where I expected them to be so a search ensued for probably about 90 minutes checking every possible location and box in the garage and the house before I finally texted Mike about my predicament. Since it was still pretty cool that morning, I wasn't too anxious to see if my hands could make it until the temps warmed up. Fortunately Mike offered to loan me one of his spare controllers so I made it from Renton to Federal Way and then was comfy for the rest of the day. Thanks Mike!

Then of course, the next day I resumed the search and started all over, looking in places that I knew I had searched at least twice before. I reached for one of the storage tubs for my gear, which happen to be clear storage tubs, and before even pulling it off the shelf, I saw a cable that looked suspiciously like a Gerbing's cable. Sure enough, the gloves and controller were right where I had thought they should be but somehow I managed to look right past them at least twice! Oh well, I didn't need that hair I pulled out anyway.

This past week, Ann has been babysitting for our nearly 3-year-old grandson Tristen. Our daughter Leslie dropped him off while she went to San Diego for work for 4 days. Like most kids his age, he is non-stop. He never stops talking and never stops playing unless you put a Paw Patrol cartoon on the TV. My job won't allow vacation days in November and most of December, so Ann was on her own all day and I thought for sure that Tristen would run her ragged, but she did fine and had a lot of fun with Tristen. She did some crafts with him but mostly he likes to play with his trucks and cars, concocting continuous imaginary "mergency" situations. He has a sibling on the way, due in April. He has no idea what that means of course, but it will be interesting to see how he does with his new brother or sister (it's currently unknown which it will be).

Charlie Butters / Treasurer



November: We started November right -With a 5 Aces Ride for Free Ice Cream for all members.

As it turned out, our gathering day in October was not the best weather day. Consequently, no ride was planed and as far as I know, no one that was at the meeting went for a ride.

We had to wait for an entire week before the weather was good enough for a ride. The entire next Saturday and Sunday, October 30th and 31st, were clear, crisp and sunny. Imagine five days of rain not incorporating Saturday and Sunday in the northwest. It was a spectacular weekend.

The ride was planned to start at the McDonald's restaurant in Lakewood on South Tacoma Way. On Wednesday and Thursday prior to the ride, I rode there to make sure that the dining area was indeed open. I had a McDonald's breakfast and was relatively certain they would be in operation on Saturday.

I arrived early on Saturday, about 9:00 am. for breakfast and found the door locked. Drat. An employee came out and asked if I was picking up an order. Nope. I was there to eat-in. "Oh sorry, we are short staffed and the dining room is closed." We had not even started the ride and it was already going downhill.

But I digress. The ride is now in the bag and the ice cream was excellent. We trekked to Peninsula Foods in Quilcene (Thanks for the suggestion Kenny U.) and bought ice cream for 13 members, Mike B, Dennis M, Don H, Ron & Dianna H, Bill C, Bill H, Joe L, Todd and Meredith M, Kevin A, Charlie B and Harry R.



The day after the 5 Aces Ride, I took a short jaunt to the east side of Hood Canal. I wanted to ride Dewatto Rd. It had been a long time since I had traveled that road and it is really a nice ride.

If you recall, it is west of Belfair and then winds north and east kind of along the Dewatto River. It will take you through Seabeck, Holly and then back towards Bremerton. It's a nice two lane road with very little traffic on any given day. It makes for a really nice day ride. There was one problem with it though.

With the heavy rains of the weeks prior and the traditionally light traffic, the road was covered with a brown muck of soggy leaves and other vegetation near the mouth of the Dewatto River. At first I thought that it would be okay but it got worse as I rode. The road is lined with lots and lots of trees and various growths of vegetation. In most locations I could hardly make out the road surface let alone see any painted lines. All that slick, wet goo made me worry. So, I had to turn around and head back the way I came.

I only got about 120 miles of riding in that day. I was bummed that I did not get to ride the entire ride but it was a good ride anyway. I endured another 6 or 7 days of rain only to be rewarded with a beautiful clear day on Monday, November 8th.

Monday at about 9:00 am, Kenny U. gave me a call and asked if I wanted to go for a ride to lunch. Sounded like a great time to get out of the house. His favorite ride is up to Manchester Bay and ride along the sound after taking the first exit after the Narrows bridge. We had a good lunch at a little pub in Manchester and then headed back. The return trip was back along the same route. It all looks different when you reverse the direction of travel. A short 110 miles or so but it really helps to clear the cobwebs out of the mind.

And, just last weekend, November 20th, we visited WA-E at the Kenmore Lanes. And as usual, we had the lion's share of the motorcycles. In fact, we had the only motorcycles at the gathering.



All the motorcycles in the parking lot belonged to WA-A and WA-V. A total of six riders and six bikes, Don H, Bill H., Mike B, Harry R., Jeff and Cindy D. And, to top it off, Jeff D. won the 50/50. It pays to visit.



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Photo by Michael



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After the meeting, Harry led us on a really nice 100 mile ride. From Kenmore we took SR 522 to US 2 to Monroe. Then south on SR 203 to Duvall, Carnation, Fall City, Snoqualmie and into Maple Valley. Stopping for an ice cream would have been a good idea but the only way to do that was through the drive through. Not easy when you are on a motorcycle. But it was a nice thought and a beautiful day.

On Sunday, Pen and I visited with WA-I at the Shari's Restaurant in Olympia. It is so nice to have an excellent breakfast with such a group of wonderful people.



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Here is a good deal for you. GWRRA membership is dwindling. In an effort to boost membership, GWRRA is offering to add a few months to your membership if you will renew for two years. They will add an additional four months.

And if you renew for three years, they will add six months to your membership. This is an excellent opportunity but you need to jump on it soon. This opportunity will expire as of December 31st, 2021.



The advertisement features a red header with the GWRRA logo and the text "GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION". Below this is a photograph of three people in motorcycle gear taking a photo with a smartphone in front of a lake and mountains. A white text box is overlaid on the photo. The background of the lower half is yellow with faint motorcycle silhouettes. Two starburst graphics highlight the renewal offers. At the bottom, a grey section contains contact information and a large "RENEW WITH GWRRA TODAY!" call to action with a deadline.

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Mike Briesse
WA-A Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Coordinator



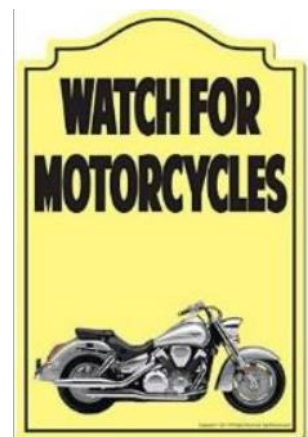
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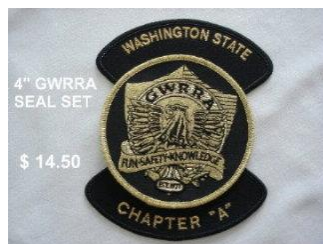
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Rider Education

Motorcycle Awareness September 2021

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November Birthdays



November Anniversaries

--- No Birthdays or Anniversaries in November---

December Birthdays

17th Mike Miller

December Anniversaries

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WA”A” Activities



Upcoming events

Flyers for the above events can be found on the Chapter “A” website.
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Motorcycles and / or Parts Buy / Sale

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

GWRRRA Members Adds Free!

For Sale

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 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	Gary Dumas Phone: (509) 551-6133 ACD: Tom Denny (509) 582-8779	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	Don & Hope Sundahl Phone: (509)993-5501	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 @ 9:00AM Gathering @ 10:00 AM (Winter Hours)	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: (360) 891-6889	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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Note – There will not be a Chapter “A” December Meeting due it falls on Christmas Day (12-25-21). Hope everyone has a Very Merry Christmas.

