



GWRRA CHAPTER WA-A SEATTLE, WA



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Chapter Director



Something from the road!



First of all, we are all very saddened by the loss of one our most favorite people I've ever met, Teri Holt. She had one of the biggest hearts of anyone I've ever known. She had jumped through all of the hoops that the medical field put in her path. So much hard work by her and her husband, Bill. Wish I could come up with something that is meaningful. I'm lost. Please join us for our meeting this Saturday. Not sure about the weather but at least we will have a good breakfast. Your CD, Todd



Don't forget! This **Saturday October 23th** 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). gwr-ra-waa.org **Come on out and join in!**

-----Don't miss the fun-----

Todd McLain
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Assistant Director (ACD) – October 2021



Looking through the Windshield:

We had a picture perfect day for our meeting on the 25th of September with temps in the 70's and not a cloud in the sky. With everybody out to enjoy the last weekend of September with visitors from Chapter "V" and Chapter "A" members there were 13 members present!



A lot of good conversation was had over a very nice breakfast!



With a good breakfast under our belts we headed out for a beautiful after meeting ride up through Enumclaw to SR410 up to the rest stop on Naches pass, then back to SR23, around the back side of Mt. Rainier to US12 and on to Packwood for the next rest stop below. After Packwood on to Morton turning north Picking up SR7 through Elby, Tacoma and home. Almost exactly 202 miles for me door to door. Another great day in the saddle.



There's never enough fun so some of us visited the Chapter "V" October 7th 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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Chapter Treasurer – October 2021



From the treasurer

All quiet in the Treasury this month

Charlie Butters / Treasurer



October 2021

October: I hope you did some riding.

It's been a good few weeks for riding. On Sep 21st, we rode with WA-X. Todd and I met up with David Van Nice, Larry Hibbs and Mike Miller of Chapter X. We met in the parking lot for the now closed Spiffy's restaurant. The plan was to go for a leisure ride to Naches through Packwood and over White Pass. After Naches the plan was to head back west to a convenient place to eat our packed lunches. I think Tipsoo Comfort Station on Chinook Pass was the destination but I am not 100% sure. The problem was, I neglected to tell Todd that the plan was to pack a lunch and eat at a rest stop.

As we pulled into the gas station in Naches, and realizing that Todd had no lunch and Miner burger was only about 15 minutes away, I keyed the radio and said, "Todd, did you say Miner Burger?". He gave a big thumbs up. I let Larry Hibbs and the group know that we were headed to Yakima. We had a great lunch. After lunch, we continued with Larry's route through Naches, over Chinook and Cayuse and through Morton where we took a butt break. Afterwards, Todd continued down Hwy 12 to I-5 and home to Elma and I was off to home in Spanaway. What a great day of riding.

There was a great ride after the September meeting. From the Golden Steer eight of us trekked through Kent, Maple Valley, Enumclaw, and Greenwater to Chinook Pass for a much needed break. Then over Cayuse Pass into Packwood for a short break. In Packwood we encountered a longtime previous member, Chuck Babcock on his Black 2006 GL1800 with a side car. It was great to see him again. Hopefully we will get to see him again soon.

After Packwood, we continued to Morton and then up Hwy 7. At 304th St E, Harry and Dennis peeled off and headed home. In Spanaway I left the group and Jerry, Joe, Todd and Meredith and Don continued north to their respective destinations. It was a perfect day for a ride. Weather and traffic could not have been better.

The following Saturday, October 2nd, was a beautiful day for a ride. But, since no one had initiated a ride, I figured I'd go it alone. From the house, I went south on Hwy 7 to Mt. Rainier Park. I hadn't been through the park all year and I'd been wanting to ride Steven's Canyon Rd. before it was closed due to snow. It was more or less a fall colors ride that we had enjoyed numerous times over the years. I was kind of sad reminiscing about all the times we as a chapter had ridden this route and today I was doing it alone. At the exit of the park on Hwy 123, I turned left and rode up Cayuse Pass again for the second time in a week. It's just as pretty going north as it is going south. I continued north and west on Hwy 410 through Greenwater and Enumclaw. Not wanting to do the Saturday slow crawl through Buckley in heavy traffic on Hwy 410, I went north to Auburn and took I-18 to Hwy 167 to head south to Spanaway.

Don and Tina H. and myself visited with WA-V at their gathering for dinner at the Kent Denny's restaurant. Jeff and Cindy D., the new Chapter Directors were at the helm. Joe and Patti D., Steve and Shari C, Harry and Claudia R., and Dennis M. of WA-V were there. Also visiting were Ron and Dianna H. of WA-I. Those of us that rode our bikes to the gathering were treated with a clear crisp evening ride home after dinner. As we rode home, I listened to the Seahawks lose their third game in a row. So disappointing.

On Saturday the 9th, it was time to visit chapter WA-Z. It was a small gathering at Ramblin' Jacks Ribeye for breakfast at 9:00 am. Jesse V., the CD for WA-Z, was there to welcome the visitors. The assistant directors, Larry and Julia B. along with the treasurer (whose name escapes me) as well as Mike Miller, Suzie Hutchinson and Jerry Thompson were there. Visiting were Harry and Claudia R, Ray Cooper and myself. Visiting seems to be the way to go if riding and socializing is the goal. You may start out a solo rider but there is always someone just down the road that is looking to follow you or lead you to the next destination.

On Saturday the 16th, I rode to Chapter WA-O in port Orchard. Surprisingly, Harry R. of WA-V arrived just before I did. I can't say that I was too terribly surprised, Harry is a great lover of the ride. It was a fair day for riding too. A little overcast with comfortable temperatures. As far as I could tell, we were the only visitors to the WA-O gathering. All the others were WA-O participants. I think there was one other motorcycle in the parking lot. Pretty much everyone else came in a four wheeler of some kind. We had a really good breakfast and the socializing was especially pleasant.

The Chapter Director, Ken Smith, let us know that WA-O planned a visit to WA-A on the 23rd of this month at the Golden Steer in Kent.

Their primary incentive for the visit, from what I heard, is to discuss the coming need for a Chapter Director for WA-A. As you all should already know, Todd will be stepping aside soon. I am not sure what his planned date is but I think Ken will be doing his best to ask Todd to extend his tenure, at least for a couple of months. I'm sure Ken's incentive is to have Todd continue on to at least the end of the calendar year. That would be the time when chapter and district financials are scheduled to be submitted.

I have a suspicion that there will be a suggestion to combine chapter WA-A with another chapter. It would seem logical to me to do that if there is no one ready to step into the leadership role of Chapter Director.

The following day, the 17th, Pen and I drove to Olympia to the WA-I gathering. Harry and Claudia R. of WA-V pulled into the parking lot just behind us. The weather was okay for a ride but it was threatening to be less than pleasant. Consequently, we both arrived in four wheelers about fifteen minutes early. We were greeted at the door of Shari's by Dottie (Yarnell) LaRonge whom we had not seen for over a year. Inside were several WA-I participants, CD Ray, Ron and Dianna H., Ron and Marsha W. to name a few. CD Ray touched on several items of interest for the coming months. Dinner Socials, Christmas Party at the VFW, and the possibility of holding a Casino Night in 2022 was addressed. I think the jury is still out on every event as of this writing.



New Year's Day 2013

Mike Briese
WA-A Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Coordinator



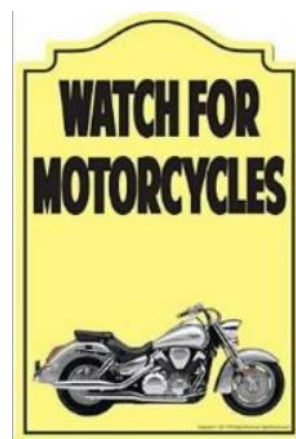
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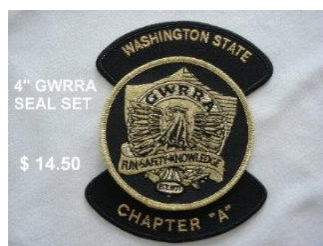
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Rider Education

Motorcycle Awareness September 2021

Chapter Stores



The full stores inventory is on the Chapter Website:



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October Birthdays

27th Jennifer Allen



October 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) ACD: Tom Denny	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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