



GWRRA CHAPTER WA-A SEATTLE, WA



Periodic News Letter
September 2021
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Chapter Director



Something from the road!



Another month in the books. Not too much riding done but at least we made it to some chapter meetings. Made it to chapter Z and I. Always good to see friends. Took home the 50/50 from WA I's meeting so I bought a pie from Shari's where they had their meeting. Pie is good! Everybody had something else to do after the WA Z meeting ,so Meredith and I just wondered home after. Took some new roads and had to go to Home Depot, so we stopped there on the way. Have to watch what you buy when you're on the bike. There are some rides planned this coming week so check out our web-site. Most of the info you'll need is there. Our meeting is on the 25th so come out and have some fun with us. We'll be burning some gas and wearing out some tires. Let's have fun. Your CD,Todd



Don't forget! This **Saturday September 25th** 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) – September 2021



Looking through the Windshield:

Not a lot of activity by yours truly this month, But was able along with Mike Briesse Chapter A MEC to attend Chapter "V"'s meeting on September 2nd and witness the swearing in of Jeff & Cindy Duffield as the new Chapter "V" Directors.



*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 – September 2021



From the treasurer

Alaska vacation

For our vacation this year, Ann and I made a trip to Anchorage to see our daughter Leslie's family. Her son Tristen is still our only grandchild. He's 2 years old and constantly talking, playing and beckoning someone to join in with him or watch him. We also took some time to take in some sights. We went down to Seward on the Kenai Peninsula and had planned on taking an 8-hour cruise boat tour down the Kenai Peninsula, but the weather did not cooperate. When we arrived, they were warning everyone that that once out of the protected area of the bay, the seas were rough and there was a good chance for folks to get seasick in the 10-12 foot waves. We had just taken some Dramamine, but having been seasick in the past, I was not at all interested in taking the chance of spending 6 or 7 hours being miserable. So we cancelled and got a refund.

We then looked around for other things to do and decided to see if we could get on a helicopter tour of the area. We drove to the airport and fortunately they had one spot left for a tour that day, so we signed up. We had a few hours to kill, so we took a drive up to see the nearby Exit Glacier and hiked up about a mile for a view. The weather started to turn and we thought we might lose out on the helicopter tour too, but they called and said we could actually go out an hour earlier. The tour turned out to be quite a treat. The pilot flew us over the mountainous peninsula where we spotted a bear and her cubs, a couple moose taking a rest in the marshy areas and some goats on the mountainside. We also got a closeup look at one of the glaciers. It was well worth the ride, and also nice and smooth so no upset stomachs.

Our daughter called us later that day to give us a heads up that Tristen seemed to have caught a bad cold --- not uncommon for him since he goes to daycare. On the way home the next day we drove to Whittier, which is a town that is only reachable through the longest dual purpose tunnel in the world. It's 2.5 miles long and can handle one way traffic for cars as well as train traffic. There's not much to the town, but it is a mecca for fishing and also for tours of the bays off of Prince William Sound. One of the tours has a "no seasickness" guarantee, so we will probably check that out the next time we visit but we didn't have time to fit that in this trip.

When we got back to our daughter's, Tristen's cold had gotten worse. They ended up taking him to the ER and Tristen ended up in the hospital for the next 4 nights with RSV (**Respiratory syncytial virus**) and pneumonia in one lung. It was a little scary at first, but they did get things under control and then it became a waiting game for the RSV to calm down so that he could stop coughing so much and get his oxygen levels up. He was able to come home on the morning that we were to leave. I got to give him a hug just before I left for the airport. Ann decided to stay on for another week to spend more time with Tristen and help Leslie and her husband catch up on some sleep.

So the vacation was a bit of a mixed bag but it turned out well in the end.

A few photos from the trip. In one of the glacier photos, you can see a couple kayakers which give some scale of how large the icebergs were.



Charlie Butters / Treasurer



September 2021

41 years ago On Sunday, September 21, 1980, the initial meeting of the first GWRRA Chapter of Washington, Chapter A was formed. Mr. and Mrs. Dale L. Berlin were the Chapter Directors. At that time, the illustrious Chapter A was located in Auburn, WA. I've read that at that first meeting, it was anticipated that 25 members and prospective members would be present. How many members were there? I cannot say since I was not there. What I can tell you is we have had a great run. 41 years of riding, laughing and socializing and it is still happening today, albeit with fewer members. At one point I believe we had over 150 members in Chapter A. On September 21st of 2021, we are down to about 30 members.

However, we are still having fun rides and socializing. Since last month, we've enjoyed a few rides and events. The Saturday before our meeting in August, we participated in the WA-O Whale of a Picnic where Chapter WA-A had the lion's share of motorcycles and we took the lion's share of the prizes. We won all but the first place cash prize. We had to let WA-O win something.

On the first Thursday of September, we visited with WA-V at their gathering in the Kent Denny's. We were witness to the swearing in of the new Chapter Directors, Jeff and Cindy Duffield. Congratulations guys and thanks for stepping up.

The following Saturday we rode with WA-V to Zeke's Drive-in in Gold Bar for a tasty lunch. The Saturday after that, September 11th, we visited with WA-Z at their gathering at Ramblin' Jacks Ribeye in Chehalis for breakfast. The ride to and from the restaurant was about 170 miles. It made for a nice day or riding.

This past Saturday we visited WA-O at their Chapter Gathering. I made sure to thank them for the Whale of a Picnic and all the prizes they let us have. While I was there, I found out that they are planning a ride to Hurricane Ridge for the 26th of September. I'll let you know when and where they will be starting the ride.

Also, on Tuesday the 21st there is a ride with WA-X that originates from Spiffy's Restaurant parking lot in Chehalis. Of course the restaurant is closed but the parking lot is still there. The final destination is Spiffy's parking lot in Chehalis, by way of Naches Chevron, Chinook Pass, Packwood and Morton. Should be a fun day of riding in 70° temperatures.

This coming Saturday is our gathering at the Golden Steer in Kent. Breakfast is at 8:00 am, gathering is at 9:00 am as usual. I'm pretty sure there will be a ride after the meeting. The weather looks to be dry and warm.

Mike Briese

WA-A Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Coordinator



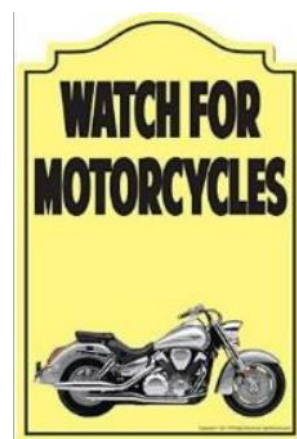
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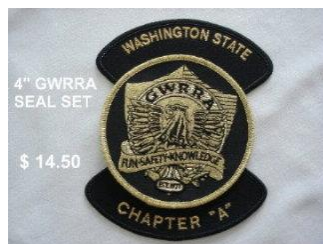
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Rider Education

Motorcycle Awareness September 2021

Chapter Stores



The full stores inventory is on the Chapter Website:



Gary & JoAnn Beard
Stores Manager / Face Book Coordinator

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September Birthdays

6th	Stephanie Greer
15 th	Dick Jones
26 th	Kevin Allen



September Anniversaries

Chris & Patty Johnson
Sunshine / Greeters

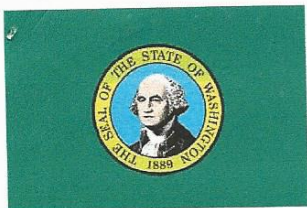
WA”A” Activities



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:
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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 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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