



GWRRA CHAPTER WA-A SEATTLE, WA



Periodic News Letter
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Chapter Director



Something from the road!



What happened? How did we get to be GWRRA Chapter Directors?



Well..way back in 2009 Claudia and I thought taking some weekend scooter trips might be fun, so we bought a SilverWing and became S'Wingers.



As frequently happens with S'Winging, things got out of control and we ended up in Houlton, Maine in the Summer of 2012.



So in the Spring of 2013 we decided to give up S'winging and become Wingers.

After about a week of getting familiar with our new GoldWing, we decided to take a little trip 'around the block'.



We ended up at Bryce Canyon, Utah where we met our first GWRRA members. They convinced Claudia to join GWRRA.

We dithered for quite some time on actually showing up to any meetings. Eventually a very insistent guy name Gary Alexander called Claudia and convinced her that we should come to a meeting at a buffet restaurant in Federal Way.



It wasn't long after that we officially joined Chapter 'V' where I was 'volunteered' to become the ~~eat-herder~~ Ride Coordinator.

We enjoyed quite a few joint rides with sister Chapter 'A'. Eventually another very insistent guy named Kenneth Smith was telling us that we didn't even need to be a members of Chapter 'A' to be the Chapter 'A' directors.

Who knew that taking a ride on a Silverwing to Houlton, Maine and 90,000 mile and 37 states later we would end up becoming the Directors of the GWRRA Seattle, Washington Chapter?

As we start the year 2022 we look forward as the adventure continues and hope that leading our GWRRA family is as rewarding to all of our Chapter members as it is to us.



Don't forget! Saturday **January 22nd** 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.



23826 104th Ave SE, Kent, WA 98031.

(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-----

Harry Rossignol
Chapter "**A**" Director
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Assistant Director (ACD) – January 2022



Looking through the Windshield:

Boy what happened to 2021? As I sit here working on the January Newsletter I can hardly believe its 2022 already! Just goes to prove the older you get the faster the days shoot by, and how important it is to take advantage of every riding day, enjoying wind in your face and riding with friends. Chapter "A" members enjoyed numerous rides and Chapter visitations in 2021 and I'm deffinatly looking forward to more rides and fun in the coming year.

At our November meeting we had 24 members and guests present to whitness Ken Smith (Our Washington District Director) swear in the new Chapter "A" Directors Harry and Claudia Rossignol.



Looking forward to many great rides and events with Harry at the helm....





And Ken presented Todd with a certificate of appreciation for his tenor as Chapter “A” Director leading the chapter through the Covid -19 year with great rides and socializing.....

*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 42nd year in 2022

Don Hatley
Chapter “A” ACD
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Chapter Treasurer – January 2022



From the treasurer

Watching the cars go bye-bye

The snow provided some entertainment for us. We live on a hill, and when we get snow like the recent snowfall, we can't get up out of our neighborhood without chains and 4WD. This time it also proved to be a big problem for a number of vehicles. We live just below a break in our hill where the slope increases quite a bit, and any car that dared to go past that break found it impossible to get out without help from a larger, heavier vehicle. First it was a lawn care van. No idea why the guy was out drumming up business in a snow storm. He had no way to know if someone's lawn was immaculate or a mess, let alone if they had a lawn at all. He actually got stuck just above the break in the hill, but apparently thought if he went farther down the hill, he could get a running start and make it out. Wrong. After a few days of snow and no plows, there was a collection of 7 or 8 vehicles on our hill including Mr. Lawn Care's van, a Stanley Steamer van and an Amazon van. The Amazon guys had it the worst. They couldn't just leave the van there with the packages of course since it would have been easy pickins for tweakers and thieves, so they had to carry all the packages from the van up the hill for 3 blocks to another van. It took them several trips. They tried to use a dolly to carry multiple packages, but dollies don't work so great in 8 inches of snow.

The snow and cold also made walking our dog more of a challenge. Fortunately, I brought my big Sorel boots with me when we moved here from Wisconsin. Those kept my feet plenty warm and since Ann does not have similar boots and also because it became very slippery, I ended up with all the dog walking responsibilities. This is the second winter with our dog, and last year I swore I was going to figure out a way to be warmer this year. I solved that by purchasing a 12v rechargeable Gerbings battery. It has 3 settings for warmth and it works great. I attempted to use it with the dual controller and add the gloves, but it seems the voltage was not quite what it needed to be and the controller kept shutting down, so I just had to put up with cold hands until the temps made it back into the upper 30's.

The one thing that I really would have liked to have from my Wisconsin days was my snowblower. I would be the envy of the neighborhood!

Charlie Butters / Treasure



Happy 2022

One dark Wednesday night in December I was headed home from Don's house when my phone rang through my Kennedy Cell-Set accessory I have on my 2017 GL1800. It was the wife calling. Of course I had my radio playing through my headsets so I needed to divert the music to the external speakers so it would not interfere with our conversation.

I looked down at the radio control panel on the left side of the fairing and I couldn't clearly see which button to depress. I was the upper left button but the light was out in the upper left quadrant of the panel and it threw me off. I knew which button it was but it perturbed me that the light was already out after only 22,000 miles.

I was under the mistaken impression that Honda had moved into the 21st century and had started using LED bulbs in the controls. Sad to say, they have not. Those little Tungsten "grain of wheat" bulbs don't last near long enough.

The OEM bulbs retail for \$8.91 and six are required. No sense replacing just one bulb because the others undoubtedly will go dark soon. That would set a guy back over \$50 for a set of six.

The 12 volt LED equivalent (NEO4) sell for \$2.75 from Super Bright LED's but I was not sure if they would fit the circuit board holes properly. So, I gambled that bare LED bulbs made for use in 12 volt applications would either fit the bulb holder bases or possibly just the socket holes in the circuit board. I ordered both blue and white bare LED bulbs in 50 count packages. The 12 volt naked LED bulbs sell for about \$.26 each from Amazon. That set me back a whole \$26.14. The completed job using the naked LED's cost all of \$1.56. And now I have spare White and Blue 12 volt LED's for other projects.

Slight bending of the leads was necessary to mate with the holes in the base of the bulb holders. Also, shaving of the plastic LED base circumference was necessary for the LED to fit in the bulb base snugly.



Slightly bent leads to match the bulb base.



OEM bulb on the left, LED bulb on the right.



After repair and reassembly.

The only other thing I needed to be sure of was to insert the LED bulb assembly so the polarity was correct between the circuit board and the bulb. I think the entire job only took about two hours.

Mike Briese

WA-A Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Coordinator



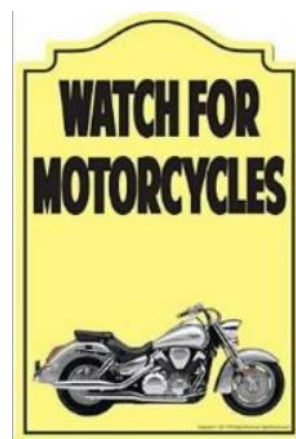
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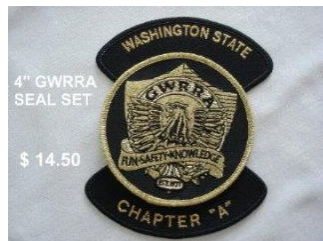
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Rider Education

Motorcycle Awareness January 2022

Chapter Stores



The full stores inventory is on the Chapter Website:



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Chapter Sunshine / Greeters



January	Birthdays
1 st	Bill Holt
9 th	Mike Briece
15 th	Ann Butters
16 th	Gisela Jones

January	Anniversaries
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Chris & Patty Johnson
Sunshine / Greeters

WA”A” Activities



5 Aces Ride

Upcoming events

January 29th – Chapter “A” 5 Aces Ride {[Weather Permitting](#)}

April 23rd – Chapters “A” & “V” Maintenance Day

April 30th – Chapter “A” 5 Aces Ride

June 28th-July 2nd [Wing Ding 43 @ Shreveport, Louisiana](#)

July 14th-16th [Washington District Rally](#) @ Cashmere, WA.

July 30th – Chapter “A” 5 Aces Ride

October 29th – Chapter “A” 5 Aces Ride

WA”A” Activities the 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!

Harry Rossignol, Chapter “A” Director

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!

GWRRA Members Adds Free!

For Sale

WANTED / To Buy





Chapter WA "A" Officers and Staff

Harry Rossignol – Chapter Director (CD)

Don Hatley – Assistant Chapter Director (ACD)

Don & Tina Hatley – Newsletter Editors

Charlie Butters – Treasurer

Mike Briese – Membership Enhancement Coordinator (MEC)

Mike Briese - Webmaster

Don Hatley – Stores Manager

Bill Holt – Phone Tree Coordinator

Open – 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 Harry Rossignol Phone (425)351-9481 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	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	Jeff & Cindy Duffield Phone: (253) 293-0744	1st Sunday Breakfast @ 9:00 AM Meeting @ 10:00 AM	Golden Steer Restaurant 23826 104 th Ave SE Kent, WA 98031
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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