



# GWRRA CHAPTER WA-A SEATTLE, WA



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## Chapter Director



*Something from the road!*



### Claudia and Harry's Big 2022 Trip – Part 1

Claudia and I had a big trip the last week of April and most of May. The short story is 8957 miles across 24 states in 35 days. I can't imagine how John Doughty managed to do 100,000 miles in a year.

We had planned to leave during the first dry weather opening big enough to get over the Rockies after Maintenance Day. When I got up on the Sunday morning it appeared the first opening in the 10 day forecast was Sunday. Claudia did an amazing job of packing and buttoning up the house for an extended absence in a single day. We managed to hit the road by 3 and reach Sunnyside by sundown. When we left the hotel the next morning it was raining in Yakima. It was clear we were going to have to spend a day or two on the Interstate in order to stay ahead of the wet weather.

After a night in Twin Falls our next destination was Moab. The traffic on I-15 through Salt Lake City was worse than I-5 through Seattle during rush hour. From Moab we headed to Santa Fe, NM for our first 2 night stop. We stayed at the Lodge @ Santa Fe which overlooks the city and had an onsite restaurant which of course was 'closed for Covid'. In any case Claudia had a great time seeing all the 'art stuff' in Santa Fe while I enjoyed the supposedly 'heated' pool.



**The Lodge at Santa Fe**

Well rested we set off to conquer the 'breezy ride' from Santa Fe to Amarillo, TX via US 285 then I-40. We crossed Texas on US 287 from Amarillo to Beaumont with a stop in Waxahachie. The interchanges in Fort Worth were massive. From there we took LA-82 (Gulf Beach Highway) and US-90 to New Orleans. It amazes me how much gorgeous beach was completely deserted.



*Illustration 1: Gulf Beach Highway*

We spent two nights in the French Quarter in New Orleans. The 'new reality' of restaurants only being open 40 hours per week (generally Tuesday thru Saturday) was apparent. In any case on our second night we got to experience some proper Cajun cooking along with trying alligator for the first time (it tastes just like chicken).

Well rested we set off again on our 'Coastal Tour' and headed to Fort Walton Beach, FL on US 90/98. We traveled through Biloxi Mississippi, Mobile Alabama and Pensacola Florida with a notable detour on FL-399 to the Gulf Islands National Seashore. The water temp and waves at Fort Walton Beach were just perfect.



Fort Walton Beach

From Ft Walton we continued on US 98 to Chiefland where we rested for the night, from Chiefland we took US 19/41 to Naples Florida via St Petersburg. This portion of our trip can only be described as the worlds longest strip mall. From Naples we went across US 41 through the everglades the US 1 to Key West with a stop in Homestead for a short day and some pool time.

When I was planning our last day outbound to Key West I was a bit concerned about being on what appeared to be a 100 mile long bridge with weather reports of scattered thunderstorms. The reality is that most of the ride from Key Largo to Key West is via sandbars(some big enough for a small town and services) with the exception of the Seven Mile Bridge.



Seven Mile Bridge

Then finally, after 14 days and 4002 miles we were as far from home as we could be and still be in the continental US. WooHoo WooHoo...Ohh wait..We have to drive home.



Southern Most Point





**Don't forget!** **Saturday June 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](http://gwrra-waa.org) ***Come on out and join in!***

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

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## Assistant Director (ACD) – June 2022



### Looking through the Windshield:

*Well as I sit here working on the June Newsletter we are finally in the official riding season. That old saying as you get older the days go by faster is really true! It seems like yesterday it was getting dark at 4:00 and now its after 9:00pm. In about 18 days we'll have the most daylight in a given day when Summer officially hits. What I'm rattling on about is we better get out and ride our Wiings before Summer is gone...*

*I wasn't able to make the Chapter "N" ride to East Wanatchee but as luck can fall I received a call from our famous Web Master the next morning and made the ride for a piece of pie and ice cream at the Liberty Café on hwy 97 the day after....*



*It was a picture perfect day for the ride with hardly a cloud in the sky and temps in the 70's. Almost exactly 200 miles for the day and the Pie was perfect as usual...*



*Our May meeting day fell on the Memorial Day Holiday weekend, with 15 members and guests that stayed in town for the holiday, it was a very enjoyable meeting with lots of great conversation*



*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  
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## **Chapter Treasurer – June 2022**



*From the treasurer*

**All Quiet in the Treasury this Month**

**Charlie Butters / Treasure**





June 2022

## Fair weather riders just can't get a break.

May 21<sup>st</sup>, the ride to East Wenatchee – Nine of us left North Bend at 10:30 am, Mike B., Jeff D., Bill C., Ron and Dianna H, Ray A., Bill M., Carl P, Kevin L. It looked like a good day for a ride, overcast and not cold or wet. We made it to Cle Elum for the planned 30-minute rest stop. Sunny weather but the weather seemed to be turning. Bill M. suggested we put on rain gear but it didn't really look like rain, until we were 10 miles down the road and the rain clouds were building. We stopped and geared up in time to run through rain, wind, and hail over Blewett Pass and beyond. It rained all the way to East Wenatchee and continued to rain during lunch. After lunch it was raining and it rained on us all the way over Snoqualmie Pass.

The Chapter WA-N Chapter Lunch meeting in East Wenatchee, which was scheduled late enough in the day to accommodate riders coming from all over the state, seemed like a great idea two months ago however today it didn't feel like such a great idea.

The purpose of the ride was mostly to get the District Traveling Trophy back into circulation. The secondary reason was getting together to enjoy the camaraderie of membership. The Traveling Trophy Rules are simple and are listed on the District Website.

There were eight chapters represented at the gathering, WA-A, WA-I, WA-L, WA-N, WA-R, WA-V, WA-X and WA-Z. The only chapter that had enough people to capture the trophy was not in contention. That was WA-N and they were hosting the event. I think they had about 12 members there. The next largest grouping consisted of three chapters with four members each, WA-I, WA-L, and WA-X.

Since the rules state: "To get the trophy, your chapter must have 6 members in attendance, in chapter colors to be able to retrieve and take it to your home chapter." Concessions had to be made. The consensus was to select from the largest chapter that had a member with the most seniority. Of the three chapters it was WA-X with a member that had been active since 1987, Larry Hibbs.

Unless the District Staff re-vamps the Traveling Trophy rules, I think WA-X will be keeping that trophy for a very long time. GWRRA membership is at an all time low.

Since the WA-L Spring Fling over the Memorial Day Weekend was canceled, the next scheduled event was the WA-R / WA-L Blue Mountain Rendezvous in Milton Freewater, OR the first weekend of June.

It was a camping event, and it gave me the opportunity to put my Roll-A-Home pop-up tent trailer back on the road again. I had been looking forward to this with the previously canceled Spring Fling. I had also wanted to participate in the Washington-Oregon District Rally in Cashmere, WA, but that has been canceled as well. Bummer!

I had everything ready to roll on Thursday night and as luck would have it, rain was predicted for the weekend of June 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>. Being the proud owner of my newly acquired 2022 water wings, earned on the ride to East Wenatchee, it was no big deal.

The weather prognosticators were not wrong about the rain. There was a smattering of it on the way over Snoqualmie but it was soon gone. By the time I rolled into Union Gap for fuel and a couple of tamales for lunch from Los Hernandez Tamales, it was sunny and clear. It looked like smooth sailing into Milton Freewater. I was not completely wrong; it was relatively dry up until Tri-Cities.

By the time I got into Walla Walla County, the 65% humidity became 65% precipitation. About 20 miles out of Milton Freewater, it became 100% driving rain. Luckily, the rain turned into a drizzle as I pulled into the campground. I was able to set up camp before it started to rain again. That Roll-A-Home is quick and easy to get set up.



Friday night was relatively rain free. A little drizzle now and again, kind of like it is on the wet side of the state. Saturday morning it was raining off and on after breakfast, just enough to prevent us from going for a pleasure ride. It wasn't until after lunch, about 1:00 pm, that the sun came out. It was time to ride.

Herb Powers of WA-L, Terry Powers of WA-L, Jeff DuffieWA-V and myself set out on a short ride. Herb, who is a very capable leader, was on his white 2018 GL1800. He took us through the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Emigrant Springs State Park, over the summit of the Blue Mountains, over OR 244 to US 395, to OR 74 to Pendleton, to OR 11 back to Milton Freewater. About 200 miles of beautiful scenery and a gorgeous afternoon. We were back in time for dinner at 6:00 pm. It had all the ear-markings of a great day followed by a peaceful night.



It was a quiet night until about 1:30 am when the rain was back with a vengeance. Luckily my Roll-A-Home tent was treated with Star Brite water proofing, so the rain stayed outside. Being camped under a tree turned out to be not the best idea. Large rain drops falling from the tree onto the tent made it sound like it was a hail storm. The rain continued for the next three hours.

I was VERY thankful that the rain had stopped before I got up and broke camp about 6:30 am. Breakfast was at 8:00 am and I was all packed and ready to go. I was rolling by 8:35 am.

There is one consequence that I had not thought of concerning the recent rain and the path out of camp. The exit to the road was grass and rutted tire tracks. Now with all the rain, it was soft rutted grass and sod. Pulling that heavy 450 pound camp trailer through the soft grass and sod was a challenge. The bike fishtailed, the rear wheel spun, mud flew and my hands and arms worked back and forth as bike powered out of the ruts.



Finally, on a hard surface, and it was not raining, hoorah. All the way to Union Gap and it was a beautiful day. I could see rain clouds in the path ahead but every time I thought they were a threat, the road took a bend in the opposite direction. It looked like the ride was going to be a good one for a change.

But wait, there is still 150 miles to go. Anything can happen. I figured Indian John Hill rest area would be a good place to stop and put on a coat and some rain pants. Before I could get there though, I could see a pretty good squall ahead so I exited at Elk Heights Rd, about 5 miles short of the rest stop, to put on some rain gear.



Just past Ellensburg it started to hail but luckily it only lasted about a minute and a half. But, as I went through Cle Elum it started to rain pretty steady and didn't let up until I got to Kent. The problem is, the traffic slowed to about 20 mph. Initially I thought that it was just Sunday go home traffic. But it turned out that there was a military convoy of about 15 vehicles that was slowing things down. It was a slow, wet, slog until I got over the pass.

Damn, I'm really looking forward to some sunny weather.

**Mike Bries**

**WA-A Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Coordinator**



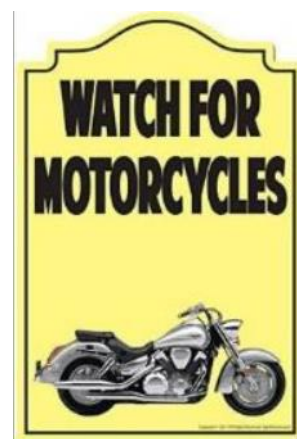
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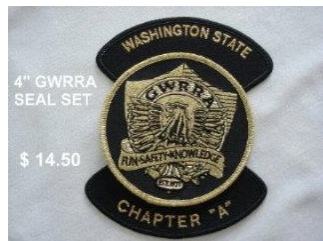


***Rider Education***

***Motorcycle Awareness June 2022***



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The full stores inventory is on the Chapter Website:



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## Chapter Sunshine / Greeters



### June Birthdays

3rd Terri Holt  
10th Pen Briesse

### June Anniversaries

2nd Kevin & Jennifer Allen

Chris & Patty Johnson  
Sunshine / Greeters

## WA"A" Activities



### **5 Aces Ride**

## ***Upcoming events***

June 28<sup>th</sup>-July 2<sup>nd</sup> Wing Ding 43 @ Shreveport, Louisiana

July 03 - Packwood Annual Chicken BBQ - All indications are that it is a GO! for 2022.

July 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Washington District Rally @ Cashmere, WA. (CANCELED)

July 30<sup>th</sup> – Chapter "A" 5 Aces Ride

Aug 07 - Annual Packwood Chicken BBQ - All indications are that it is a GO! for 2022.

Aug 20 - WA-O Whale of a Picnic - No Flyer Yet (Tentative)

August 26 ~ 28 - Arizona / Colorado / New Mexico / Utah (Multi District) 4 Corners Rally;  
Sky Ute Casino Resort, Ignacio, Colorado.

October 29<sup>th</sup> – 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 Hatley – Newsletter Editor**

**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**

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*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: John Scrivner	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)438-3906 ACD: None	1st Saturday Breakfast @ 9:00AM Gathering @ 10:00 AM (Winter Hours)	Shari's Restaurant 814 Chestnut St. Walla Walla, WA 99362
WA-V	Auburn Frog	Jeff & Cindy Duffield Phone: (253) 293-0744 ACD: Joe Diambri	1st Sunday Breakfast @ 9:00 AM Meeting @ 10:00 AM	Golden Steer Restaurant 23826 104 <sup>th</sup> Ave SE Kent, WA 98031
WA-X	Vancouver Phoenix	David Van Nice Phone: (360) 891-6889 ACD: Mike & Vickie Miller	4 <sup>th</sup> 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	Jesse & Eva Valentine (360) 888-0546	2nd Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM	Ramblin Jacks Ribeye 1336 Rush Rd Chehalis, WA 98532 Ext 72

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