



## Seattle Wings Chapter WA-A



Periodic News Letter  
November / December 2022  
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### Chapter Director



*Something from the Road !*



I spent most of October in Antalya, Turkey doing the 4 letter thing W-O-R-K rather than riding motorcycle. Antalya is a nice seaside city on the Mediterranean Sea. Except not being able to eat bacon it was quite European. The Hotel had 4 Olympic size swimming pools and a pier from which one could either sunbathe while enjoying one of those nice drinks with a straw in it or going swimming/ scuba diving in the Mediterranean. The Med was quite warm, the outdoor pools for warm for the first 2 weeks of my stay but as we got to the end of October the cool nights were cooling the pool water. The dollar to Turkish exchange rate went from 5 lira to the dollar to 19 lira to the dollar in the last 3 years so dollars go a long, long way in Turkey. A Deluxe Cheesburger, Fries and Beer in the Hotel cost \$12. Except for the W-O-R-K part Antalya is a worth while vacation destination. I took two co-workers out to dinner for \$40.

In SeattleWings Motorcycle Club news we finally have our 'own' bank account and all the fancy stuff like Federal Tax ID's and Articles of Incorporation. For those that enjoy detail we are officially a 501(c)7 Tax Exempt Organization. Yippee!!! GWRRA District sent each chapter a Cheque for \$250 and each Chapter Director a Cheque for \$100. I'll be donating the \$100 check back to the chapter. I've gotten some Seattle Wings Antenna flags from Flag People, Mike Briese has gotten us new patches and sewn together some new GWTA Chapter A Antenna Pennants and Don managed to get us hats. So we are pretty close to having all the 'bling' necessary to be 'Seattle Wings'.

Sadly the only group riding I did in the last month was to Ray Abitz's Celebration of Life. As expected the VFW hall in Lacey was packed full with Ray's friends. It's never a good day to say goodbye to a friend. Ray was an exceptional friend to many.

Bill Crain has graciously volunteered his man cave for our Christmas Party for the 17<sup>th</sup> of December. I've been told he has also managed to source a ham. Claudia is still shopping for the shrimp ring and keeping track of the RSVP's and the side dishes people will be bringing. We will be having a ' gift exchange for those that wish to participate with a dollar limit of \$25 for those that wish to participate.

I hope you all have a Happy Thanksgiving and can make it to our next meeting!!

Harry  
Chapter Director  
Seattle Wings MC/GWTA Chapter A



**Don't forget!** This **Saturday November 26<sup>th</sup>** is our Chapter "A" monthly meeting at the Golden Steer Restaurant. Breakfast starting at **9:00am** with meeting following at **10:00**. New winter hours (October – March).....**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!**



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). [gwta-waa.com](http://gwta-waa.com)  
**Come on out and join in!**

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

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Chapter "A" Director  
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## Assistant Director (ACD) – November 2022



### Looking through the Windshield:

*As I sit here working on the November Newsletter I can't help but reminisce about how quickly our Summer has ended with one day at 82 degrees and the next day raining and in the 50's. We've had a fantastic Summer of riding weather and for those of us that don't winterize our Goldwings and look for cool weather (spur of the moment) riding days through the Winter if you haven't already now is the time to get your heated, and rain gear ready and on the Bike.*

*Since the October issue Chapter "A" has continued to get out and enjoy riding and Visitations. On October 8<sup>th</sup> several of us gathered at the Kent McDonald's Restaurant for a Helmets on at 7:00am departure for the ride up to Everett to attend GWTA's Chapter "C" meeting*



*A very fun and friendly meeting was enjoyed with a lot of great conversation lead by their Chapter Director Howie Dickerman.*

*Then it was gathering outside for the after meeting ride!*



*Then Howie led a very nice ride taking the back roads from the Bowling Alley, accross the Valley up through Snohomish taking SR 9 up through Lake McMurry, Big Lake, Sedro Woolley, accross Skagit Valley to the Chuckanut drive and up to South Bellingham ending up in Fairhaven for Ice Cream at the Edaleen Dairy store....*



*A great selection for Ice Cream stopping at the Edaleen Dairy,  
Thanks Howie....*

*Then on October 22<sup>nd</sup> it was time for our monthly Chapter “A” meeting at the Golden Steer Restaurant (**New Winter hours 9:00am Breakfast & 10:00 meeting**).*



*Twenty One hungry members and guests turned out to enjoy a very good breakfast and lots of great conversation. (And the 50/50 was won by **Bill Crain**)*



*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**

**Don Hatley**  
**Chapter “A” ACD**  
[dhatwaa@comcast.net](mailto:dhatwaa@comcast.net)

## Chapter Treasurer – November 2022



*From the treasurer*

### **Tesla + darkness + motorcycles = bad news**

Since I began riding, I have had a personal rule to never ride at night in the rain. I will ride at night if the roads are dry. I will ride in the rain during the day, but I don't mix the two. I have had to do it occasionally but I try to avoid it. Based on some recent articles I have read, I'm going to have to revise my rule to not ride at night when it's raining or when there are Teslas on the road. That second one is obviously going to be tough to avoid without just avoiding night riding altogether, especially now that there are quite a few Teslas on the road. Here's why...

I have now read of 5 accidents involving Teslas rear ending motorcycles while the car was in autonomous or "auto-pilot" mode. All five of these occurred at night. Apparently the cameras on the Tesla seem to think that the rear lights on a motorcycle are the lights of something further in the distance, probably because they are so close together, or because there is just one light. So the car just keeps driving down the road at the same speed until it suddenly hits the motorcycle. Most if not all of these accidents have resulted in the biker being killed. I didn't hear about this happening until the last year and there seems to be a reason for that.

Apparently Tesla originally used radar on their vehicles in combination with cameras to determine what was up ahead. The problem was that occasionally the radar and the cameras would disagree. In that situation, the car would respond based on which input detected the most danger. But occasionally that would result in the car braking to avoid something that wasn't actually there. To solve this problem, the Tesla engineers recently (April 27 2021)

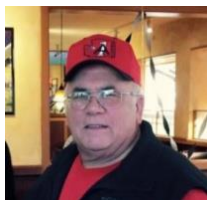
decided to just stop putting radar on the Tesla Model 3 and Model Y, and according to a friend that owns a Tesla, they disabled the radar on the models built prior to that date. Without the radar, they now have just the one input from the cameras, therefore no problem with a disagreement between the cameras and the radar. Easy fix, eh? Sort of like when you disagree with your neighbor about the location of a new fence between your yards. If the neighbor disagrees, just get rid of the neighbor and voila, no disagreement!

Unfortunately the cameras on the car may not be so good at determining that when they "see" the rear light(s) on a motorcycle, they aren't the lights of a car or truck that is far away but they are a motorcycle that's smack dab in front of the car!

Now of course, drivers are not supposed to just put the car in auto-pilot mode and then read a book / put on makeup / check their email / catch a nap, etc. The driver is supposed to continue to pay attention so that they can respond when they detect a situation that the car seems to be missing. Tesla even says this and so they also say they are not at fault when the car fails to correctly interpret what it "sees" — the driver is at fault. But then Tesla still uses the term "auto-pilot" to describe the autonomous driving mode. So unless the driver understands that it's not really an auto-pilot system and they still need to be responsible and alert while the car is in auto-pilot mode, they won't be paying attention to watch for dangerous situations, like when the car does not realize it is about to rear-end a motorcycle. Germany has actually banned the term "auto-pilot" as false advertising and it is clearly very misleading. Even if Tesla calls it something else, we know that drivers will still use the assisted driving mode as though it doesn't require human input and they won't pay attention in the way that they should.

How can you avoid this problem? There is no way that I know of to avoid it right now outside of not riding at night at all. So if you do ride at night, be alert for a fast approaching Tesla in your rear view mirror! They're easy to spot — they're the cars that don't make any noise aside from the tires on the highway. ㄟ(ˉ\_ˉ)ㄟ

**Charlie Butters /Treasurer**



## Maintaining Web Sites

I was recently preparing for a daily update on our chapter's website and happened upon a bit of a roadblock. In the process of doing updates, I look at the page that everyone can see by entering our website address, <https://www.gwta-waa.com/>. I look at the page and check to see what information is out of date or needs to be removed. Then I click on the links to make sure they are all still viable. If you have been to the site in the last month or two you know that there are links to GWTA National in Illinois, GWTA Washington District, and various Washington local websites, WA-B, WA-C, WA-F, WA-I, WA-I, WA-Q and WA-U.

Well, I checked all the links and they were all broken links except the stand alone link for WA-C The Blue Crew in Everett. All the district sites except the Blue Crew in Everett are hosted by the District website. So, since the Everett site was good, I could only assume that the District web hosting was at fault. I set out to notify everyone I could think of in the District and at National to see if there was something they could do to get communications back up.

Unfortunately, no one really knew that the site were down or what had happened to them. There was a bit of a delay between the time I started to make contact and I got the first reply. No one I had contacted even knew that there was a problem until I brought up the subject. It took about five days before everyone had weighed in.

I've had the job of maintaining the Chapter WA-A site for a little over a decade. Keeping the site up to date and correct has been interesting and a bit tedious at the times. I fail a lot but it is usually because I do not properly proof read the pages or I just plain forget to go back and check the page after it has been posted on the web. Checking your work is always a good way to make sure you prevent embarrassment.

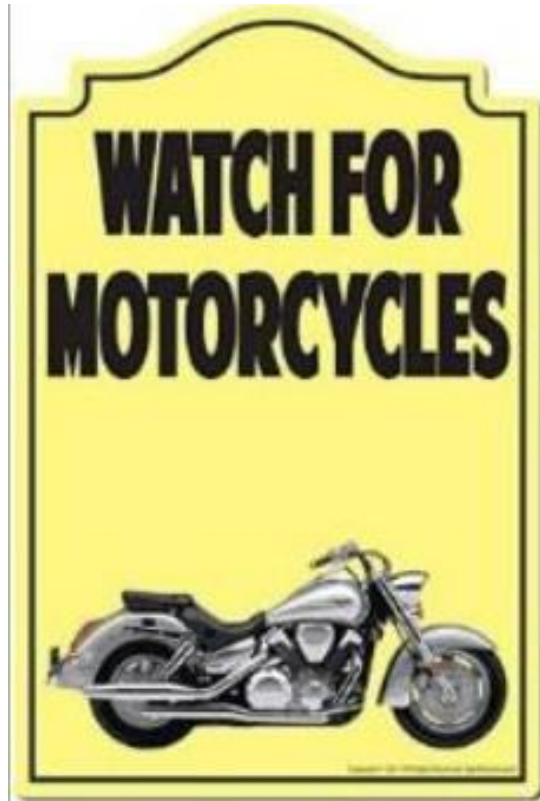
The sites were all back up and operational on the 16th, seven days after it was discovered that they were broken but as of the 17th they are once again not working properly. I have no idea what the issue is but it appears to center around the main hosting site; <https://www.gwta-wa.org/>. Hopefully they will get it ironed out.

Luckily <https://www.gwta-waa.com/> is not tethered to the above sites. We are a standalone platform and hosted by a company called GoDaddy. They have always done an excellent job for us. I will do my best to make sure our site is always available to you. I try to keep it up to date by searching for the most current information available on the internet or from sources within the association. If at any time you see an error or an omission on the web pages, please let me know and I will do what is necessary to make it right.

**Mike Briesse**  
**WA-A Webmaster**



# Motorcycle Awareness.



***Note:*** *With the arrival of the fall rains and winds comes more wet leaves and tar snakes on the road!      “ Ride Safe”*

***(And Tesla’s at Night!)***

***Motorcycle Awareness November 2022***

## Chapter Sunshine / Greeters



### November Birthdays

26<sup>th</sup> Dianna Hemmi

### December Birthdays

9<sup>th</sup> Mina Garman

17<sup>th</sup> Mike Miller

27<sup>th</sup> Sharon Miller

### November Anniversaries

3<sup>rd</sup> Bill & Linda Crain

### December Anniversaries

Mike & Jocelyn Piechowiak  
Sunshine / Greeters

## WA"A" Activities



### ***5 Aces Ride***

## ***Upcoming events***

December 31st – 5 Aces Ride (**Canceled due New Years Eve**)  
(Next 5 Aces Ride April 29<sup>th</sup> 2023)

### WA"A" Activities the 5 Aces Ride

#### **Hello All GWTA 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



Brand New GL1800 Wheel. Non-Coated.  
Never had a tire on it or been mounted to  
a final drive. **\$125.00**



Powder Coated GL1800 Wheel.  
**\$150.00**

Email Mike Briesse @ [briesse@earthlink.net](mailto:briesse@earthlink.net)

### 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 - Webmaster**

**Bill Holt – Phone Tree Coordinator**

**Open – Face Book Coordinator**

**Jocelyn Piechowiak – 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	City /Mascot	Chapter Director	Meeting Date/ Time	Location
WA-A (GWTA)	Seattle Apes	Harry Rossignol Phone: (425)351-9481 ACD: Don Hatley	4th Saturday Breakfast @ 9:00 AM Gathering @ 10:00 AM <b>Winter Hours (O-M)</b>	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	ACD: Ron Wolf wolfdn10@comcast.net	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-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-X	Vancouver Phoenix	David Van Nice Phone: (360) 891-6889	4th 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 Phone: (360) 888-0546	2nd Saturday Breakfast @ 8:30 AM	Ramblin Jacks Ribeye 1336 Rush Rd Chehalis, WA 98532 Ext 72
<b>GWTA</b>				
WA-B	Stilly Valley Wings Arlington	Joseph & Jonney Finley Phone: (360)202-1862 ACD: Rob Lebar (425)315-5605	3rd Saturday Breakfast @ 8:30 AM Meeting @ 9:30 AM	Denny's Restaurant 2202 State Route 530 NE Arlington, WA 98223
WA-C	Evergreen Wings	Howie Dickerson (206)571-3273 ACD: Mike Zmiarovich	2nd Saturday Breakfast @ 08:00AM Meeting @ 09:00AM	Evergreen Lanes 5111 Claremont Way Everett, WA 98203
WA-F	Fun & Friendship Riders	Gary & Vonda Brest (206)852-2625 ACD: Lisa Alberts (253) 350-4594	2nd Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00AM Meeting @ 9:00AM	Trotters 825 Harvery Rd Auburn, WA 98002
WA-G	Lilac City Riders	Terry & Peggy Burus (509)922-2454 ACD: Trish Stevens (509)714-7848	1st Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00AM Meeting @ 8:30AM	Golden Corral 7117 North Division Spokane, WA 99208
WA-I	Island Wings	Garry & Connie Mollerstuen (360)929-2483 ACD: Kevin & Veronica Lowe (360) 632-8811	3rd Sunday Breakfast @ 9:00AM Meeting Following	The Corner Restaurant 7601 WA-20 Anacortes, WA 98221
WA-Q	The Q Crew	Mike & Marion Freels (360)273-4884 ACD: Steve Henson (360)748-3242	1st Saturday Breakfast @ 8:30AM Meeting @ 9:00AM	Certerville Café 111 N. Tower Ave. Centralia, WA 98532
WA-U	Okanogan Valley Wings	Teri Mitschelen (509)429-1751 ACD: Mel Caylor (509)322-2546	3rd Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00AM Meeting @ 9:00AM	Cariboo Inn Restaurant 233 Queen St. Okanogan, WA. 98840

# SEATTLE WINGS CHAPTER WA-A



November 6, 2022

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## *Happy Holidays Chapter "A"*

*Anyone up for some Holiday fun? Chapter "A" hasn't had a Christmas Party since before the Covid-19 hit back in 2018. Well this is the year to get things going back to normal. Save the day, mark your Calendar and set [December 17](#) aside for the 2022 Chapter "A" Christmas Party*

*To be held at Bill & Linda Crains ( in Bill's very nice man cave) Starting at 3:00pm. @ 5703 103<sup>rd</sup> Street E, Puyallup, WA 98373.*

*It will be a potluck style meal with Chapter "A" providing the Spiral Ham, Shrimp Ring, and Potato salad. Other side dishes could be – Appetizers, Variety of Salads, Deserts, Bake Beans. Ect.*

*Please **RSVP** to Claudia Rossignol email [dia9533@hotmail.com](mailto:dia9533@hotmail.com) or 253-431-3287 To confirm attending and what you'll bring.*

*There will be a Christmas Gift Exchange for those that wish to participate with a spending limit of \$25.00.*



*Claudia & Harry Rossignol  
Chapter "A" Directors  
[harrywr2@comcast.net](mailto:harrywr2@comcast.net)*

***No December meeting due it's falling on Christmas eve!***



***The officers and staff of Chapter "A" would like to wish everyone a very Happy and Merry Christmas...***



***With lots of happy riding in 2023.....***

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