



Seattle Wings Chapter WA-A



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Chapter Director



Something from the Road !



Welcome to Gold Wing Touring Association Washington District Chapter A.
Also known as Seattle Wings Motorcycle Club.

I talked previously about what made Chapter A such a great club.

What GWTA brings us is a few new sister chapters in Washington State.
Most important in our decision was how active the GWTA Everett chapter was.

We wanted sister chapters with enough active riders that we could have not only a more active day trip ride schedule, but a more active multi-day ride schedule. We also wanted to be able to offer our members a State Rally and an opportunity to do group rides to a National Rally.

We need to start planning the group ride to the GWTA Goldrush XXXV rally in Onalaska, WI July 17th to 20th . Do we take 3, 4 or 5 days to get there? US Routes or Interstate? Enquiring minds want to know.

Claudia and I are also in the initial planning stages for a 21 Day Alaska tour. 7 days to Fairbanks, 7 Days of seeing the sites then 7 days home.

On another note...we need someone to volunteer to be the Dinner Social Director. We are thinking maybe a dinner social every two or three months.

I hope you all have a great month of riding while I get to experience Turkish life at it's finest.

I almost forgot...October is a 5 aces month..whose up for free Ice Cream?

Harry Rossignol
GWTA Chapter A/Seattle Wings CD



Don't forget! This **Saturday October 22nd** 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
Come on out and join in!

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

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



Looking through the Windshield:

Good afternoon everyone, boy what a summer we have had! With heat on some days almost too hot to go out and enjoy a ride. Sure hope you were able to get lots of great riding adventures in this Summer. Autumn has arrived with days back in the Sixties and Seventies and perfect for our Autumn rides. On September 11th we were able to enjoy the Chapter "V" picnic at the Martins home on Lake Tapps. Another very fun BBQ.

Then on Saturday September 17th several of us from Chapter "A" met at the Kent McDonalds and headed to Cle Elum to attend the GWTA state planning meeting to test the waters on possibly moving to GWTA by the end of the year.



It was a very good meeting with everyone at the meeting very friendly and welcoming us.

Then on Saturday September 24th we had a very nice turnout for our September Chapter "A" meeting.



*A lot of great discussion was had concerning the future direction for Chapter "A" and the best fit appeared to be our sister association GWTA.
The lucky winners for the 50/50 was Bill & Linda Crain.*

The after meeting ride was scheduled to attend our past State Director Garry Alexanders memorial service's in Shelton.



*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 – October 2022



From the treasurer

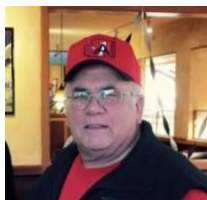
A ride I hope to take someday

Walking the dog 2 to 4 times a day allows a lot of time for listening to Youtube videos. Although I don't seem to get enough time to take the long trips I would like to take, I still listen to videos about motorcycle trips, packing, places to go and motorcycle camping. As a result, Youtube would drop videos on those subjects into my feed and at some point, one of the videos was about riding the Dalton Highway to Prudhoe Bay. The road was built in 1974 to facilitate the building of the Alaskan Pipeline, so it's primary purpose is for trucks and due to the neverending permafrost north of Fairbanks, the road almost entirely unpaved. So it's not a road for a Gold Wing. Lighter dual purpose bikes like the V-Strom 650, Versys 650, KLR 650 and other off-road capable bikes are usually used. Enough power to carry the necessary gear, but not too heavy to pick up when necessary. And also something reasonably comfortable for the ride on the way to the Dalton. (I did see a video about a couple guys making the trip on Honda Cub 125s --- I would want a little more horsepower than that.)

After watching several videos about it, it's become a trip that I hope to take someday, but it will probably have to wait for retirement in a couple years. Just getting from Seattle to Fairbanks where the highway starts would take a week or more. It's then 250 miles to Coldfoot, where there is a campground. Since the trip would be in July, it should be warm and daylight all day, so camping is not bad for a night. However that is the last stop for gas, so you need enough gas either in your tank or that plus another gallon or two carried along to make it the rest of way. The last 250 miles is also where the weather can be very unpredictable as you go over Atigun Pass and the Continental Divide. Once you make it to Prudhoe Bay, there are a couple motels, which is good because there are polar bears around so camping is not really an option.

You can't ride all the way to the Beaufort Sea because that area is restricted. However you can pay for a bus ride through the restricted area to spend a few minutes on the "beach." The challenge of getting there and getting to see places along the way that most people (even most world travelers) don't get to see is the draw for me. I do have a friend that has said he would also like to make the trip, but it will be at least 2 years and retirement before I can attempt it. Maybe it will happen, maybe it won't. Maybe I'll buy a V-Strom 650 and find that I have been too spoiled by the Gold Wing to make such a long trip on a bike 1/3 the size. Time will tell.

Charlie Butters /Treasure



GWRRA is gone. GWTA is our new home.

Well folks, it looks like we are now officially part of GWTA. Harry R., Don H., Bill H., Joe L. and myself attended the GWTA Washington State planning meeting on the 17th of September in Cle Elum. It was there that the paperwork was signed and it was officially requested we be considered for membership in GWTA as their newest chapter. That request was approved by the district director. We are now GWTA Chapter WA-A. Our colors are still Red and Black. New hats and patches are being made and shipped as I type this.

The hats and patches will look pretty much the same except the old lettering will be replaced by GWTA. I also think Harry has ordered some antenna flags from the Flag Man but I am not sure.

On the 24th of September, we held our first meeting as GWTA WA-A. We had a total of 20 folks join us for breakfast and socializing. The ride after the meeting was to Shelton, WA for Garry Alexander's Celebration of life. There was an excellent turn out of over 80 folks there from across the state to honor Garry.

On the 1st of October, Harry and I trekked down to Vancouver, WA to visit with chapter WA-X. It was a small turn out of only about six people but the socializing, like the breakfast, was good.

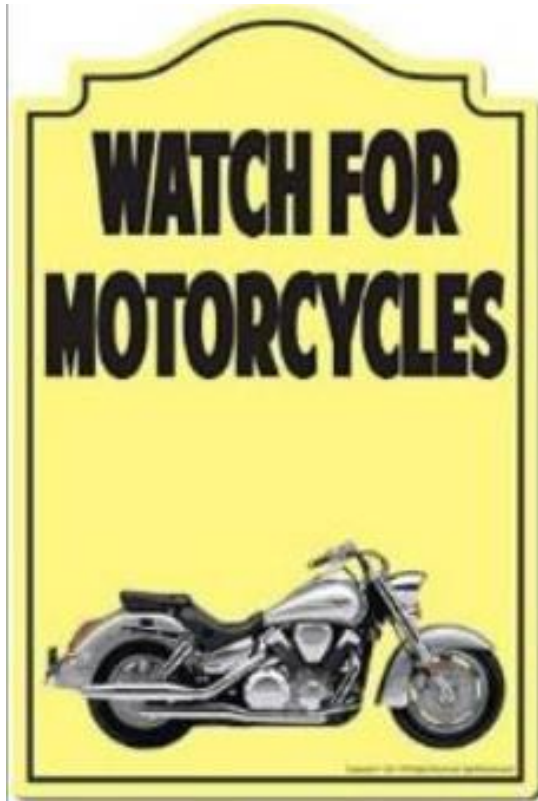
The following weekend, Don H., Bill H., Carl P., Kevin L. and myself rode north to Everett to visit with GWTA WA-C. There was about a dozen bikes in the parking lot and well over 25 people at breakfast. Chapter C always seems to have a good gathering. After the meeting, Howie led us up to Fairhaven on some really great back roads including Chuckanut Drive. In Fairhaven there is a great little ice cream place. The portions are huge and the prices are very reasonable. The name of the place is Edaleen Ice Cream. Some of the best we have had in a while. What a great day of riding.

A little about our website. If you have not noticed yet, we now have a new website with a new address. It is now WWW.GWTA-WAA.COM. If you go to the old web site, there is a link that you can click to go to the new one. It has an all new look. I've re-written every page to some degree. I hope you find it informative and complete. If there is anything you think that should be added, please let me know. At the bottom of the home page there are email links to the chapter director and to the webmaster. Feel free to use those links for any info you need to pass on. Thanks.

Mike Briesse
WA-A Webmaster



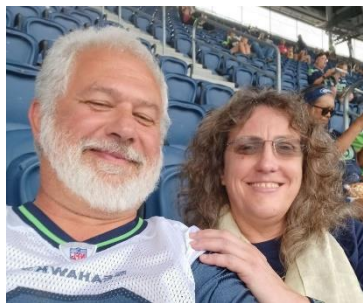
Motorcycle Awareness.



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

Motorcycle Awareness October 2022

Chapter Sunshine / Greeters



October Birthdays

23rd Kenny Urban
27th Jennifer Allen
7th Jocelyn Piechowiak



October Anniversaries

11th Jeff & Cindy Duffield

Mike & Jocelyn Piechowiak
Sunshine / Greeters

WA"A" Activities



5 Aces Ride

Upcoming events

October 22nd - Chapter "A" Meeting

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



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 Brieze @ brieze@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 Brieze – Membership Enhancement Coordinator (MEC)

Mike Brieze - Webmaster

Bill Holt – Phone Tree Coordinator

Open – Face Book Coordinator

Jocelyn Piechowiak – 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 (GWTA)	Seattle Apes	Harry Rossignol Phone: (425)351-9481 ACD: Don Hatley	4th Saturday Breakfast @ 9:00 AM Gathering @ 10:00 AM Winter Hours (O-M)	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	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	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
GWTA				
WA-B	Stilly Valley Wings Arlington	Joseph & Jonney Finley Phone: (360)202-1862 ACD: Rob Lebar (425)315-5605	3 rd 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	2 nd 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	2 nd 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	1 st 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	3 rd 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	1 st Saturday Breakfast @ 8:30AM Meeting @ 9:00AM	Cerverville Café 111 N. Tower Ave. Centralia, WA 98532
WA-U	Okanogan Valley Wings	Teri Mitschelen (509)429-1751 ACD: Mel Caylor (509)322-2546	3 rd Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00AM Meeting @ 9:00AM	Cariboo Inn Restaurant 233 Queen St. Okanogan, WA. 98840

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