

GWRRA CHAPTER WA-A SEATTLE, WA

Goldwing Red Riders Association



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Chapter Director



Something from the road!

We had a very enjoyable picnic at the Martins on September 11th, I'd like to thank the Martins for being fantastic hosts and especially thank Sam for the really delicious smoked/barbequed ribs. Attendees included Sam and Diane M, Jeff and Cindy D, Don and Tina H, Ron and Diana H, Mike and Jocelyn P, JD M, Harry and Claudia R, Dennis M, Patti and Gale, Joe D. Notably missing were Todd M, Bill H and Mike B who felt compelled to ride to Wyoming for reasons unknown (Rumor was that you could buy gas in Wyoming for \$3.79).

On September 17th Don H, Mike B, Bill H, Joe L and myself went to the GWTA State planning meeting in Cle Elum. The lunch was good and they were warm and welcoming. Of note was the report of GWTA-WA Fundraising via a visit to the Seattle to Portland Bicycle race. Enough was made to completely fund next years district rally and district activities as well as contribute \$1,500 to be split between the 4 chapters that sent riders.

Upcoming events scheduled as of today are the Garry Alexander's celebration of life on the 24th. We will be departing after the meeting. On the 25th we will be departing the Kent McDonalds for the Oyster run. We will be breakfasting at the Calico Cupboard in Anacortes. Not to be forgotten October is a Five Aces month. We will be having an Ice Cream Ride on the 29th, departure place and time TBD.

We need a volunteer to organize bi-monthly socials. Tuesday or Thursday nights work for me.
Hope to see you all at the meeting on the 24th.

Harry Rossignol
CD Chapter A



Don't forget! Saturday **September 24th** 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!



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) – September 2022



Looking through the Windshield:

Good morning everyone I sure hope your out enjoying all this beautiful riding weather! The oportunities are many as Chapter "A" has been out and about during the month of August Visiting the last Chapter "V" meeting, Riding the three days in the Butt Buster with visits to Yakima Valley, Mount Vernon, the Skagit Valley, and on to Omak for the finally. Then there was the Chapter "O" Whale of a picnic ride and BBQ.

Six bikes and Seven riders gathered at the SR512 McDonalds heading to the Whale of a picnic ride.



*There was a very nice turnout showing appreciation for all the fun rides Chapter "O" has provided over the years. **Thankyou Chapter "O"**.*



While at the Whale of a picnic our Washington District Director presented Chapter “A”’s Director Harry Rossignol with his Master Rider Education Patch.



A very fun day, but very sad to see Chapter “O” closing down....



*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 – September 2022



From the treasurer

Along with the friends and fun that we have had over the years in Chapter A, there is another benefit that I hope will somehow still be available. That is the Gold Book. We only had occasion to rely on it twice but it was a trip saver for us. I may have told this story before, but as we bid farewell to GWRRA, I'll share once more.

Back in 2008, Ann and I took our first road trip together on my first Gold Wing, which was an 87 GL1200 Interstate. I had joined GWRRA in April of 2008. I'm not sure if I had even been to a meeting but I did have the Gold Book with me as we travelled from Green Bay, Wisconsin to Niagara Falls. We went up over the Upper Peninsula and then went into Canada by the Soo Locks. From there we travelled south, took a ferry at one point and made our way to Niagara Falls in 3 days. At some point while we were in Niagara Falls, we were riding along in town and sitting at a stop light when suddenly the bike went dead. I panicked a bit but eventually it restarted. Then it did it again a few block later. So at that point we pulled over and started trying to find someplace we could ride it to to have it looked at. At this point in my Gold Wing life, I new very little about my bike. I think I may have done brake pads and fluid, probably changed the oil and coolant, but that was about it. I had no idea what might be wrong.

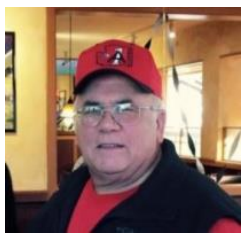
We found a shop that would look at it but the guy at the shop was not familiar with Gold Wings. He thought maybe it was the ignition, so he did some disassembly futzing with it, but no luck in finding a short. He eventually had to close up shop, so we put the bike outside his shop. It was at that point that I decided to look in the Gold Book. It took a few calls but I found someone in the area that said they could come by. Not only did they come by but probably 6 or 7 other guys came along. They put the ignition back together and then found the problem was with the doggone fuse. I don't remember the details, but they got us back on the road while we watched and held flashlights. That was trip save number 1.

On our way home, we stopped at my cousin's house in Michigan and stayed overnight. When I went to start the bike the next morning, there was nothing. No click, nothing. Unsure if I was having a stator problem or just a dead battery, I again picked up the Gold Book and made a couple calls. Pretty soon 2 guys came by, helped determine what it was just the battery and took me to go get a new one. A simple fix, but as I said, I was a novice at repair at that time. Trip save number 2.

I've taken one or two long trips since then. I didn't need use the Gold Book on those but I did call Mike Briesse once when I used the reverse on my GL1500 somewhere in Utah and it wouldn't release. Mike did his best to help me figure it out over the phone and gave me tips on where to look. I eventually found that it was just jammed due to a linkage that had swiveled it's way out of position.

So if the Gold Book is not resurrected in some way, there's still the collective knowledge of Mike/Don/Bill/Harry et al. And I can hang on to the last Gold Book, as I suppose it will be good for a while. But I'm sure others found the Gold Book to be a trip saver on their trips so hopefully it will be around in some fashion in the future.

Charlie Butters / Treasure



Well, I missed the Whale of a Picnic and the WA-V Lunch in September but had a lot of fun on a ride to Wyoming.

The Buzzard Butt Buster (BBB) was a pretty good ride this year. Todd, Meredith and myself started in Rochester and found our way to Biggs Junction for lunch with Mindy G, Todd and Lisa M, and Pat and Ruth A. From there we rode to Yakima to check in at the hotel chosen by the BBB crew for their kick off point motel.

The next day we headed to Mt. Vernon for stop #2. Next and final stop was in Omak at the Twelve Tribes Resort Casino. The ride always seems to culminate at a casino. The room prices are affordable and the banquets are done well. Hopefully they will do it again next year and perhaps we can get a few new people interested. For info about the Buzzard Butt Buster, see last month's newsletter.

With the BBB finished on the 21st of August and more days of enjoyable riding left in the summer, Todd and I set out to dream up something else. Bill had not been on a long ride with us in a couple of years and we knew he needed to get out and stretch his legs. The logical thing to do was a ride to Cody, WY to visit Bill's son and daughter-in-law Jimmy and Crystal.

The planning stage was short. The Labor Day Holiday was upon us and we really did not want to ride with the last holiday of the summer vacationers so the start date would be September 8th.

We met and left from North Bend at 9:00 am for Cody, WY. We had anticipated there would be a few very warm days of riding so we packed our cool collars in our ice chests with some ice and a few bottles of water. By the way, the McDonald's and Burger King lobbies are still closed. Drive-Thru only.

We wanted to be in Cody by Friday afternoon so we planned for a I-90 ride most of the way. The traffic was light and the weather was a little warm but livable. 70, 75, and 80 mph posted speed limits aided in our rapid arrival in at our first stopover, Missoula. We hadn't made reservations there because we were not even sure that it would be our first overnight stop. Rooms were at a premium it seemed. Close to \$300 at the Comfort Inn in Missoula, if they had any rooms but they didn't. After a little discussion we headed down the road a few miles and found a Days Inn with suitable accommodations.

The next morning it was a little brisk. It was about 50° at 6:00 am. Breakfast was at the Missoula IHOP and was tasty, filling and reasonably priced. Just over \$23 for the three of us. Leaving the IHOP, we figured it might stay a bit cool so we donned our Gerbing's liners thinking we would probably have to take them off in an hour or so. Boy were we wrong. Instead of getting warmer, it got colder. Down to 39° for quite a stretch between Missoula and Whitehall, about 150, miles where we were finally able to warm up a bit. Next stop was Laurel and then Cody. We spent the next few days visiting and doing some work on Jimmy's 2003 GL1800.

Monday morning it was time to say goodbye and head west. This time we made reservations in Missoula to make sure we had a place to stay. The plan was to head to Lolo and ride the pass to Kamiah for lunch at the Hub Restaurant, Bar and Bowling Alley. It rained on us from Lolo to Kamiah. Sadly, the Hub has closed their doors forever. Since the Hub was closed, we had lunch at the local market/gas station and headed west to Lewiston, Vantage and the Puget Sound.

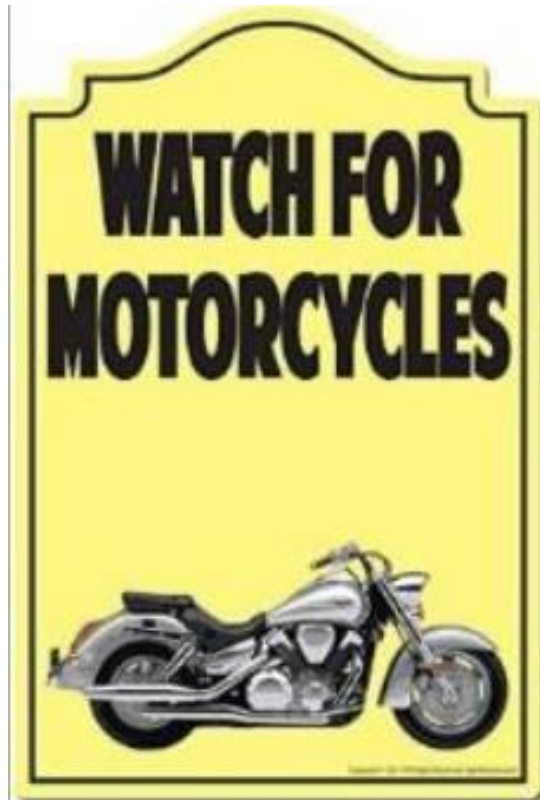
We parted ways with Todd shortly after Vantage so he could take a slightly different route. We would be getting into Puget Sound around rush hour and he really didn't want to fight the 'go-home' traffic on the last leg home.

All in all, it was a great trip and we got a lot accomplished at Jimmy and Crystal's place. Looking forward to maybe doing it again next year.

Mike Briesse

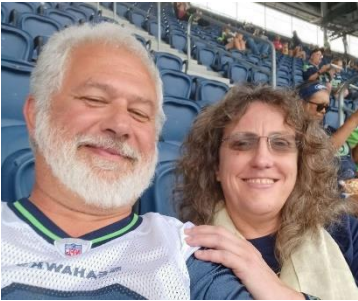
WA-A Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Coordinator

Motorcycle Awareness.



Motorcycle Awareness September 2022

Chapter Sunshine / Greeters



September Birthdays

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



September Anniversaries

- 4th Harry & Claudia Rossignol

Mike & Jocelyn Piechowiak
Sunshine / Greeters

WA"A" Activities



5 Aces Ride

Upcoming events

October 24th – Garry Alexander *Celebration of Life* (Ride after meeting to Shelton)

October 25th – Anacortes Oyster Run

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.
gwr-ra-waa.org



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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 Briese at briese@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 Brieese – Membership Enhancement Coordinator (MEC)

Mike Brieese - 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 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	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

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