



## Seattle Wings Chapter WA-A



Periodic News Letter  
April 2023  
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## Chapter Director



*Something from the Road !*



April Showers bring something or other...

I had a great ride with the Chapter C guys to the Kiwanis Salmon BBQ on the 8th. Howie plotted a good route with plenty of twisties and backroads scenery. The Salmon was excellent as well. The weather was 'intermittant' drizzle but it was a worthwhile day. They have some excellent riding north of Everett.



Coming up this weekend the 22<sup>nd</sup> we have our meeting starting at 8 (summer hours) followed by Maintenance Day at Don Hatley's. This will involve food so bring a side or dessert and if you haven't already RSVP to Claudia at [dia9533@hotmail.com](mailto:dia9533@hotmail.com).

On the 29<sup>th</sup> we will be having another of our world famous Ice Cream Rides. Departure will be at 10:00 AM from the McDonalds at the corner of I-5 and SR-512.

Despite the demise of GWRRA the Blue Mountain Rendevous/Spring Fling lives on in Eastern Washington on Memorial Day Weekend the 26-29<sup>th</sup> of May.

If you haven't reserved your spot for the GWTA Labor Day weekend campout at Squaw Rock sooner would be better then later. Cabins are limited and once the campground opens reservations to the general public spaces are bound to go fast.

It's great that we can bracket the summer with camping events on both Memorial and Labor days.

In absolutely new news (you heard it here first) we (Chapter A) will be hosting the GWTA regional meeting on August 26<sup>th</sup> with special guest our GWTA executive director Judith Shaefer. This will be taking place at the Golden Steer. Just in case some of you may have forgotten our Chapter Color is Red.

Good riding and see you all soon!!!

Harry Rossignol – CD – GWTA – WA -A



**Don't forget!** This **Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup>** is our **Chapter "A"** monthly meeting at the Golden Steer Restaurant. Breakfast starting at **8:00am** with meeting following at **9:00am**. .....**Usually a ride after.....**

***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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## Asst. Chapter Directors



### *Looking through the Windshield*

#### **What do I think?**

It has been 1 month and 800 miles riding my new 2023 DCT. There is one word that describes this bike the best and that word is EFFORTLESS. Here is a list of the things about this new bike that I love and that make riding it effortless. No more fumbling in your pockets looking for the key after you have put all your gear on. Turn the knob and hit the start button. It starts instantly without endless cranking till it fires (something I dealt with on my 1500). Connecting your helmet headset through Bluetooth only takes seconds so no more hooking up the cord to the bike. Putting the bike into drive is only one button. Twisting the throttle gets you moving without any thought or effort of proper clutch engagement and feathering. Getting up to speed is just a matter of smoothly rolling on the throttle and hanging on as the bike smoothly goes through the gears. In Tour mode, the bike gets to fourth and fifth gear a little too fast for my liking but the bike seems to like it. If you watch the tach, it tries to stay right at or just above 2000 rpms at each gear. Launching on an onramp to the freeway is so easy to get up to speed and being able to watch traffic to merge in, not having to think about shifting. The turn signal switch is so easy to find and operate. Other thumb controlled buttons on the handlebars are easy and in good locations. The walking mode for both forward and reverse is fantastic when you need it. The handling is great, so smooth and nimble. The weight of the bike being lower helps it to feel sporty and fun. The windshield being able to go up and down on the fly to your needs is a great advantage. Currently I ride 95% of the time with the windshield all the way down, I get plenty of protection and my visibility is great. I have the F4 custom wide tinted shield and I love it. The brakes are effortless, the amount of pressure needed to slow the bike is minimal. The comfort features are fantastic also. Heated seat and grips feel great with my heated gear keeping me toasty warm during my morning commute. So far the seat has been fine so not sure if I will ever change it.

**Is there things that I don't like?** Yes a few things but could be just a matter of time and getting used to the way the DCT works. Slowing down, the bike downshifts and makes the slowing jerky. The throttle has a lash between all the way off and when power is applied. This gap or lash is needed due to the lack of clutch feathering. It can be real touchy if you are not careful. The cruise control on my bike does not work. I am hoping it is something the dealer can fix when I have the time to take it to them. The paint clear coat on bike is extremely soft and will scratch just by touching it or letting something touch it. It could be just that the black shows everything but it is pretty commonly known that the clear coat over the past many years on the bikes is soft. I put the cover on the bike when I was at work during the rain. The wind blowing it caused scuffing on every part that the cover touched. I will not be putting a cover on the bike anymore in with the wind blowing. So far the biggest part I don't like is not being able to ride it more. With work and more work, I can't get on and just ride. Looking forward to more good weather and chapter rides coming. It is going to be a good spring and summer. See you all soon at the maintenance workshop day, Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Jeff & Cindy Duffield**  
**Assistant Directors – ACD**  
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**Chapter Treasurer**

**April 2023**



*From the treasurer*

-----All Quiet in the Treasury this month-----

**Charlie Butters /Treasure**



# Chapter A Maintenance Day is coming this Saturday.

A couple of excerpts from WA District newsletters.

## A BODY IN MOTION

There are enough laws written to fill a million courthouses. “Don’t do this. Don’t ride there. Don’t do that.” But there are certain laws that a good rider knows should never be violated. The laws are: Friction, Momentum, Centrifugal Force, and Gravity. A rider won't get a ticket for breaking these laws, but violate any one of them and they could find themselves in a ditch.

Friction, or traction, is the one that keeps you stuck to the road. The first step in maintaining traction is a good set of tires with **proper** inflation. If the pressure is too low or high, the tire will start to lose traction. A bike with poor traction will start to go sideways in a curve, take longer to stop, and tend to swerve (skid) during a hard braking maneuver. Sounds like some kind of a carnival ride, doesn't it?

When you approach a curve, is your speed low enough coming in? How far can you see into the curve? Is there gravel on the road or a stopped car just around the bend? Is there some dope coming toward you, passing or hanging over the yellow line? Does the curve get tighter half way? Is it an older road that is not banked or worse yet, banked the wrong way? Hit your brakes in there, and it's a distraction and hello centrifugal force!

If you need to brake hard in a curve, you need to brake through it in a straight line as learned in the Rider Course. If you must brake hard, and your rear wheel locks up, **LEAVE THEM LOCKED** and steer in the direction of the skid! If you release a skidding rear tire, you will create a severe change of balance as the rear tire immediately moves back in line with the front tire which will cause a sudden loss of control, and a high-side crash. This will flip you off the motorcycle, and wherever you land, your motorcycle will land there a moment later.

When on slippery roads, anything that changes the smooth flow of your forward momentum can cause the motorcycle to head off in a direction you did not intend. Easy acceleration and smooth steering are necessary here. Braking is negative acceleration, and acceleration is the square of your velocity. If you double your speed, you'll need almost four times the distance to stop. Triple your speed and you'll need almost **NINE TIMES** the braking distance.

Following distance is like money; you can never have too much, but if you have a little less than you need, you're in trouble.

Isaac Newton said it first, “Gravity Sucks!”• Respect the laws of Physics, and you will go a long way toward keeping the shiny side up.

(Article submitted by Bruce McMahill in 2008)

## Measuring Success

At age 4 . . . success is . . .not peeing in your pants.

At age 12 . . . success is . . .having friends.

At age 16 . . . success is . . .having a drivers license.

At age 20 . . . success is . . .having sex.

At age 35 . . . success is . . .having money.

At age 50 . . . success is . . .having money.

At age 65 . . . success is . . .having sex.

At age 75 . . . success is . . .having a drivers license.

At age 85 . . . success is . . .having friends.

At age 90 . . . success is . . .not peeing in your pants.

**Mike Briese**

**WA-A Webmaster**





## Goldwing Preventative Maintenance

By Dennis Murphy



*“Relax, your time isn’t up. I just wanted you to fix my motorcycle. It’s making a strange sound.”*

I've done a lot of oil changes on my 2019 Gold Wing DCT Tour.

First time, it's a little scary.

I believe I was with Mike Briese then, in his garage.

The DCT has 3 drain plugs, 3 crush washers, 1 spin on oil filter and 1 cartridge style oil filter for the transmission and an o-ring for the transmission filter. And 4.9 quarts for the DCT model and 3.9 for the six speed.

I just get it all at the Honda dealer in Spanaway on Pacific Ave. The parts are cheaper and all Honda. Total about \$70.00.

After each oil change I get the engine hot and do the clutch initialization. it makes the bike shift smoother.



Dennis Murphy

# Editor - April 2023



## Notes from the Editor

*Our March Chapter meeting was well attended with 21 members and Guests.*



*Take the time to attend other Chapter meetings and functions! You won't regret it....."Don't miss the Fun"*

**Note:** *Don't forget to bring any parts or special accessories with you to install on Maintenance Day*

**Don Hatley**  
**Editor**  
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## Chapter Sunshine / Greeters



### April Birthdays

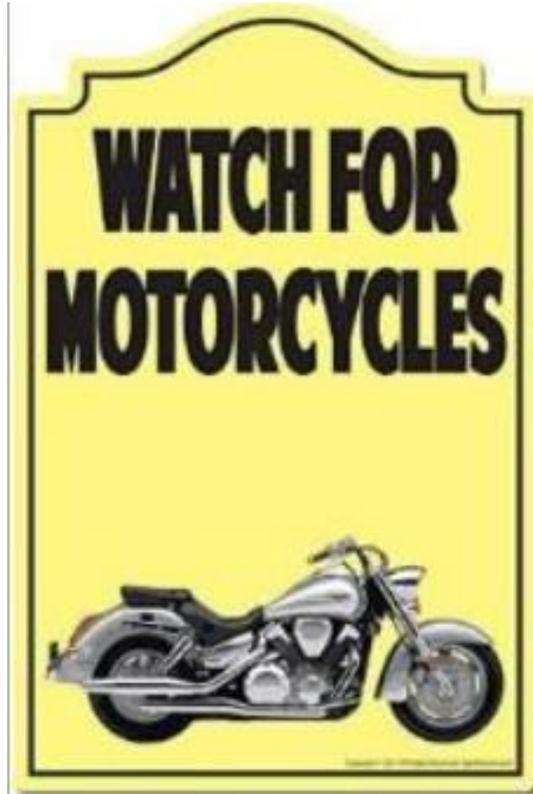
13<sup>th</sup> Joe Diambri  
17<sup>th</sup> Tina Hatley  
19<sup>th</sup> Sue Ennarro  
25<sup>th</sup> Chris Johnson

### April Anniversaries

19<sup>th</sup> Joe & Susan Ennarro  
30<sup>th</sup> Don & Tina Hatley

Mike & Jocelyn Piechowiak  
Sunshine / Greeters

# Motorcycle Awareness



***Note: With the arrival of Spring, don't forget there's still lots of wind, Rain,(Snow in the hills) wet leaves and tar snakes on the road!***

***"Ride Safe"***

***Motorcycle Awareness April 2023***

## WA"A" Activities



## **5 Aces Ride**

### **Upcoming events**

April 22<sup>nd</sup> – After chapter Meeting – **Chapter "A" Maintenance Day**

April 29<sup>th</sup> – 5 Aces Ride

May 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Blue Mountain Rendezvous Milton-Freewater, Ore.

July 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Seattle to Portland Bicycle Ride (escort event)

July 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> GWTA Goldrush XXXV in Onalask, Wisconsin

Aug 26<sup>th</sup> – **GWTA Regional Meeting** hosted by Chapter "A"

"Special Guest is Judith Shaefer GWTA executive director"

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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# Motorcycle Safety



Always perform a visual safety check before starting your Ride.

## Perform a T-Clock

### Motorcycle Safety Checklist

T-CLOCK stands for:

- \* Tires & wheel
- \* Controls
- \* Lights & electrics
- \* Oil & fluids
- \* Chassis
- \* Kickstand

**Ride Safe & ..... “Don’t miss the Fun”**



## **Chapter WA”A” Officers and Staff**

**Harry Rossignol – Chapter Director (CD)**

**Jeff & Cindy Duffield – Assistant Chapter Director (ACD)**

**Charlie Butters – Treasurer**

**Mike Briese – Webmaster**

**Dennis Murphy – Technical Coordinator (Goldwing Maintenance Information)**

**Don Hatley – Newsletter Editor**

**Phone Tree – Bill Holt**

**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 – Face Book Coordinator**

**-Open – Ride Coordinator**

**-Open – Newsletter Editor**

**-Open – Activity Coordinator (Monthly Activities)**

**-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: Jeff Duffield	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-L (Independent)	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 (Independent)	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 (Independent)	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
<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	(Currently Inactive)
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	(Currently Inactive)
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	(Currently Inactive)
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

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