



Seattle Wings Chapter WA-A



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Chapter Director



Something from the Road !



It's been a year since GWRRA announced their closure.

If someone told me then that in a year we would be having two rides per week with good participation I would have told them to stop with the crazy talk.

Here we are..a stronger riding chapter than we've been in a long time. We had another challenge with the Golden Steer closing a week before our May meeting. Fortunately for us the Rainbow Cafe agreed to take us in. Good Service and Good food. Yet another..OMG maybe we are finished moment turning into this might turn out better than ever.

The Packwood Improvement Club has decided not to have its Chicken BBQ this year. The Packwood BBQ's have been an annual pilgrimage for Chapter A for many years..yet another 'opportunity' to try something new.

We have a busy July coming up.

We will continue with the Thursday rides. We will also have a ride (weather permitting) each weekend.

So far we have four weekend activities planned for July.

On the Saturday the 8th we will visit Chapter C, on Sunday the 16th we will be helping out with the STP bicycle event , on Saturday the 22nd we will have our meeting and on Saturday the 29th we will be having an Ice Cream Ride. I'm still working out what to do on Saturday the 1st ..I only found out I needed to make a new plan a few minutes ago.

Our June 24th meeting will be at the Rainbow Cafe. Eat at 8, meet at 9, ride at 10.

Hope to see you all there!!!

Harry Rossignol
CD
GWTA-WA Chapter A



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Change in Chapter “A” Meeting place

Chapter “A”’s long time Restaurant meeting place closed it’s doors unexpectedly! After a diligent search by our Chapter Director we now meet at the Rainbow Café 112 E. Main St. Auburn, WA. 98002

Don't forget! This **Saturday June 24th** is our **Chapter "A"** monthly meeting at the **Rainbow Cafe** Restaurant. Breakfast starting at **8:00am** with meeting following at **9:00am**.**Usually a ride after**.....

Hope to see you there!



112 E. Main St. Auburn, WA. 98002



(253) 833-1880



Rear entrance to Rainbow Café!



Lots of Parking in back of Rainbow Cafe

(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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Asst. Chapter Directors



Looking through the Windshield

I Missed the Fun

Somehow when I wrote last months article I forgot to add something about our great maintenance day workshop in April. I planned a large project to be done on that day. I wanted to add the Rivco trailer hitch to my 2023 DCT. I now own the Bushtec trailer previously owned by Dale Gray and Sam & Diane Martin. I need a way to pull it. I researched hitches for the new bike and chose the Rivco. The parts are well made and came with detailed instructions. Not to much disassembly was required. There is one OEM part that required removing a welded on nut. That was not too hard with a 4 inch cut off tool. I repainted the area with black paint. I only ran into one difficulty getting one of the bolts holding the upper support bar to the bike. The holes did not line up very easy. After getting all 4 support bars in place, the last piece bolted on with no problem. Now on to the wiring. It is a plug and play harness into the bikes wires for the lights. There are two other wires that go to the battery and the 5 wires that go to the trailer. I ran out of time to get the wiring completed, so I wrapped them up for a later project. Much to my dismay, after a good month or more of riding, I found out that my add on Goldstrike lights were not working. When you ride the bike, you seldom see any of the lights on the bike behind you. I had not been riding with a group so I had no one to tell me they were not working. I realized that when I plugged in the trailer harness, I did not complete the task of hooking to the battery. This somehow made that section of the harness dead and would not let power go to the Goldstrike lights. I removed the seat, unplugged the trailer harness, plugged in the Goldstrike back to the bike and everything works again. I love the workshop days we have at Don's place. We had a great group there with lots of work being done. The food was fantastic again but the time flies by too fast and it was time to clean up and go home. Many thanks to Don, Tina and the many volunteers who helped with preparing, food cooking, and clean up. Can't wait for the next one.

Harry has planned and executed a ton of rides all over the place. I have missed all of them. Darn it all!!! I enjoy seeing Dianna Hemmi's pictures posted and wish my bike was in the pictures. I am trying to finish my house project so I have some time to ride this summer. With the new bike, I still have not been able to get it out for good group ride. I had to leave it sit for two weeks not moving while I worked on the house. I am close to being done now but there is always something that could take priority over riding. I wish it wasn't so. Those darn priority's.

Well, with the closing of Golden Steer, having to change meeting places is quite a change. Chapter V used the Rainbow Café in Auburn for a while. It was a pretty good place with a separate room to meet. I will see you all at the upcoming meeting. I have attached a few pictures to show before, during and after of my house project.

See you all soon,

Jeff and Cindy



Looking vey nice Jeff!

Jeff & Cindy Duffield
Assistant Directors – ACD
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From the treasurer

Tried out a Travel Trailer

Ann and I decided to try out RV'ing so we rented a travel trailer on Outdoorsy for 5 days. We packed up all our stuff in totes and drove to Federal Way to pick it up. From there we drove up to Fort Flager State Park. We rented a class C RV in 2020, so we were familiar with some of the ins and outs such as getting hooked up and dumping the tanks. We took our dog Maci along with us this time. She's just a little 26 pound beagle, so didn't take up much room, but the trailer we rented did not have much room to be taken up either. It was a 17-foot Winnebago Hike and had maybe a little bit less space than the class C RV we rented. The bed was turned sideways so Ann had to crawl over me to get out. It was also not a true queen size --- just 72 inches long with maybe another inch of space on each end, so since I'm 6'2, that was not really quite enough to straighten out my legs without encroaching on Ann's space. There was very little counter space but we made due and also did some cooking on an outdoor grill that was included in the rental.

We explored the park quite a bit, walking through the sites where mortars, cannons and search lights had been installed. Fort Flager is one of the 3 forts that made up the Triangle of Fire which included Fort Casey and Fort Worden. They were built in the late 1800's and early 1900's to guard the entrance to Puget Sound against a naval invasion. See if you can guess how many shots they fired at foreign invaders (hint: guess low ... really low). Answer later in the article.

We also took a ride up to Port Townsend and strolled along the beach and through the town. I wanted to get some Dungeoness crab cakes there, but we had to settle for hot dogs from a hot dog stand due to lack of restaurants that welcomed beagles. Maci would not pass for an Emotional Support Animal because she spends a fair amount of time pissing me off.

I was curious to see how our 2020 Ford Ranger would handle the towing and it did just fine. We did have the less than enjoyable experience of trailer sway at one point. It was pretty windy on the way home and after passing a slow moving semi, a gust of wind started the trailer swaying. Fortunately I was able to suppress my panic and the swaying calmed down fairly quickly. There was an option to rent the trailer with an anti-sway hitch but the owner didn't feel it was necessary given how far we were going. Next time, we will make sure to use one.

All in all, it was a good first travel trailer experience. We do know that we want to have more space if we go again and/or decide to purchase our own, but a purchase won't come until after I retire, which is hopefully in January of 2025. Maci may not be happy about going again --- she didn't seem to care much for traveling long distances despite all the trouble I went to creating a nice level carpeted platform in the back seat so she should keep her footing and stick her head out the window more easily. Apparently dogs don't appreciate the efforts of their owners any more than kids appreciate the efforts of their parents. Whatever!

The number of shots fired was zero.



Chapter A is still the riding chapter.

We are pretty much doing two rides a week. It seems that every Thursday and Saturday there just has to be somewhere to get a burger, ice cream or a great piece of pie.

June 1st, Thursday, found us headed to North Bend to a brand new Ice Cream store; a place called Friends and Company. It opened May 25th. Nice clean little place next to a bicycle shop. Harry, John & Neena, Kenny and myself all found some tasty ice cream to polish off.

On June 3rd, Saturday, we trekked to Yakima. We hadn't been over I-90 for a long time so we took the quick route to Cle Elum where we exited for a quick butt break. From there we rode Hwy 97 to access Hwy 10 so we could ride into Ellensburg without having to do it over I-90. Hwy 10 is always a nice stretch of road.

Of course from Ellensburg we had to ride Hwy 821, also called Canyon road, along the river. By now you must have guessed that we were headed to Miner Burger for lunch. Lunch was great as usual. After lunch, we went through Naches and on to Hwy 410 over Chinook Pass and home. I forgot to mention who all was on the ride; Harry, Vic, John & Neena, Ron and Dianna and myself.

On June 8th, Paradise was on our list of rides not yet accomplished. Harry, Bill, Howie, John, Ron & Dianna, Kenny, Norm and myself had a small lunch and great day of riding. On the way back from Paradise, we stopped at a great little restaurant for some excellent berry pie. In fact, I am pretty sure that is the only pie they bake and it is excellent. The place is called Copper Creek Restaurant. This restaurant first opened in 1946 and is the oldest continuously operating restaurant in Washington State. After pie we headed home via Morton and then Centralia via Hwy 508 and Centralia Alpha Rd.

June 17th was the Longview Rotary Club Tour de Blast. Bicycle riders started at Toutle Lake High School and rode 66.4 miles round trip to the Coldwater Ridge Visitor Center and back. Our job was to ride up and down Spirit Lake Memorial Hwy between mile posts 29 and 45 from 8:30 am to about 3:00 pm watching for bicyclists in need of assistance. We only encountered a couple that needed help with flat tires. There were no problems with accidents or medical issues. About eight motorcyclists, including Harry and myself, traveled the route probably about eight times before calling it a day. At the end of the ride there was a spaghetti feed and ice cream sundaes for all participants including the motorcycle escorts. Fun day.

Mike Briese
WA-A Webmaster





Goldwing Preventative Maintenance

By Dennis Murphy

I was hoping to have some information on a new seat for my 2019 Tour DCT.

The seam in my seat it heated to seal and not stitched. It had started to come apart with no way to fix. After speaking with the owner at Vans upholstery in Enumclaw it was determined that he could recover my seat for between 2 and \$400.00.

Now considering that a new custom seat would probably run up to \$2000.00, this seems like a great deal.

The stock seat on this wing is super uncomfortable after a couple of hours. I had been looking at maybe a gel pad for it. After talking to Vans, I bought a gel pad that can be formed to my seat and still maintain the heating pad too.

He will take off the cover and heater pad, cut out some of the padding and insert gel pad. Put the heating pad back in and a new cover. Sounds awesome.

I am going to Iowa in July and will be gone for about 3 weeks. Seeing family and friends. I need a comfortable seat.....

I also just had my front tire replaced at 410 Motorsports.

The stock Bridgestones lasted about 16,000 miles. I had installed Dunlop E4's about 18,000 miles ago. The front is about half worn and the rear doesn't look like it's been used at all.

So I had the front tire replaced and balanced to perfection. But going down the road about 40 mph there is definitely a vibration. The same thing happened when I had the tires changed the last time. I had the tire rebalanced last time and it still had the vibration. So, we put in balancing beads. That took care of the vibration. I'm confident that the beads will get rid of the vibration this time too.

Must be something with the design of the front end on the newer Wings.



Dennis Murphy

Chapter Events & Rides - June 2023

The Chapter meeting for May on the 27th was well attended with 21 members and guests attending. We all enjoyed our new meeting place and some great conversation.....

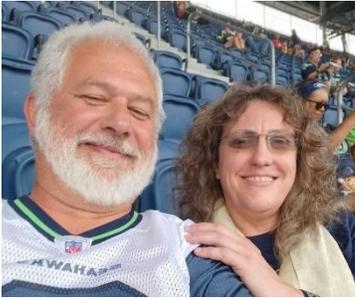


The after meeting ride was to help Todd celebrate his (Surprise) birthday party at their home on the lake west of Shelton. Another perfect 174 mile day in the saddle for me.



A very nice Surprise party for Todd

Chapter Sunshine / Greeters



June Birthdays

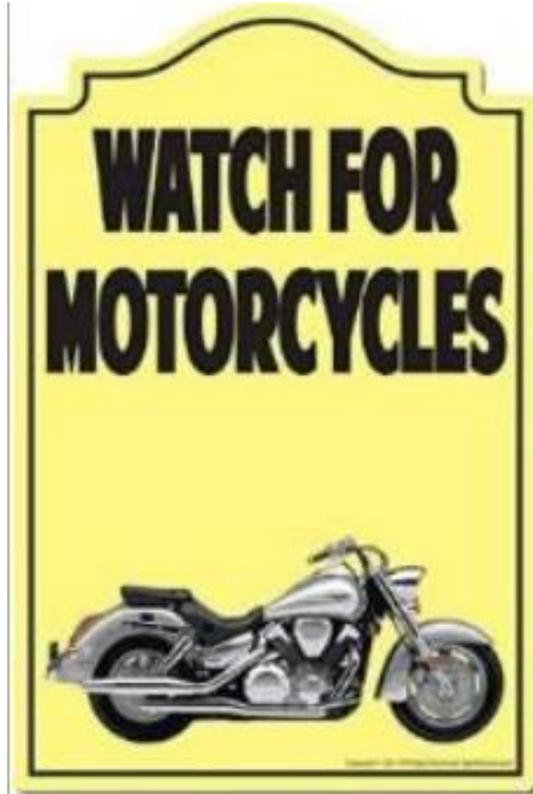
10th Pen Briesse
15th Jerry Garman
17th Linda Crain

June Anniversaries

2nd Keven & Jennifer Allen

Mike & Jocelyn Piechowiak
Sunshine / Greeters

Motorcycle Awareness



Note: With the arrival of Summer, don't forget there's still lots of Glare from Sun light, Wind and Tar Snakes on the road.

"Ride Safe"

Motorcycle Awareness June 2023

WA"A" Activities



5 Aces Ride

Upcoming events

- June 24th Chapter "A" Meeting
- July 17th – 20th GWTA Goldrush XXXV in Onalask, Wisconsin
- July 22nd Chapter "A" Meeting
- July 29th Chapter "A" 5 Aces Ride
- Aug 26th Chapter "A" Meeting
- Aug 26th – **GWTA Regional Meeting** hosted by Chapter "A"
"Special Guest is Judith Shaefer GWTA executive director"
- Sept 23rd Chapter "A" Meeting
- Sept 24th Anacortes Oyster Run
- Sept 30th Chapter "A" 5 Aces Ride

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.

gwta-waa.com

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

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 @ 8:00 AM Gathering @9:00 AM	Golden Steer Restaurant 23826 104th Ave SE Kent, WA 98031
WA-L (High Desert Riders)	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
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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 Dickerman (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	(Currently Inactive)
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	(Currently Inactive)
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	(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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