



## Seattle Wings Chapter WA-A



Periodic News Letter  
May 2023  
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### Chapter Director



*Something from the Road !*

What a month!

Most importantly I would like to thank Tina and Don Hatley for hosting Maintenance Day. It's a big effort most years, in the middle of a home renovation it was a herculean effort. Thanks Tina and Don. Maintenance Day was a big success with more participants than I have fingers and toes. We also need to thank Claudia and Cindy for their work making sure we all got fed!!

In addition to maintenance day we had six rides last month with one more being planned. A ride for Pie to Liberty Cafe, Ice Cream Ride around the 507/508/7 loop, ride to Long Beach, Chapter C Visitation, ride to Ocean Shores and another ride with Chapter C. They all had good participation. We are meeting new people and getting reacquainted with some folks we haven't seen in a while!

So far we have 3 weekend rides planned for the next month. We are watching the status of Cayuse and Chinook passes before planning more. We plan on continuing with mid-week rides as long as we have good weather and good participation.

We will have an after-meeting ride on the 27<sup>th</sup>. On June 10<sup>th</sup> we will visit Chapter C and go on their ride. On the 17<sup>th</sup> some of us will be going to participate as escorts in the Tour De Blast at Mt St. Helens, for those not participating Chapter C will be riding to the other side of Mt St Helens (windy Ridge) – they will be happy to arrange a meeting place and time south of Seattle if anyone wishes to participate. We will endeavor to plan more rides. We've been too busy riding to plan as far ahead as we would like!

GWTA Washingtons main fundraising event(they share the wealth with participating Chapters) is providing escorts for the Seattle to Portland bicycle ride. Most of this is centered on helping bicyclists getting safely over the bridge in Astoria. This year our assistance is needed for just Sunday, July 16th .Jeff and I have already volunteered but as GWTA's Washingtons largest chapter we should probably contribute more than 2 riders. It's a great day out with friends if you can spare a Sunday. We also need a volunteer to co-ordinate next years GWTA participation in STP.

I hope to see you all at the meeting and more importantly on the rides!!!

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 last Sunday unexpectedly! After a diligent search by our Chapter Director we will now meet at the Rainbow Café 112 E. Main St. Auburn, WA. 98002*

**Don't forget!** This **Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup>** 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](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*

### Not Much Riding

It's a real bummer when you have a new bike and can't get out on it to enjoy it. I am still stuck with just riding to work and back. Now 2 months + in and 1480 miles I am still getting used to it and the new feel of it. I had to park it for a week while I did work on my house. No time to even wash it. I know with good weather here and lots of rides planned, I just need to complete all my house work so I can ride. I have seen stories recently of accidents on new Goldwings. Cruiseman was even hit as a Semi Truck backed into him. Left turning cars into oncoming bikes seems to be a familiar tune. One guy had this happen with 25,000 dollars damage, ouch. I also saw pictures posted of a person in a hospital bed all banged up from an accident. We all want to try our best to ride safe. Sometimes it is out of our control. Just a reminder to always be vigilant, ride in control, keep your distance, and be cautious at intersections.

Update on Cindy, her knee is shot and is in terrible pain most of the time, With the right knee being bad, that is her braking foot on the Spyder. She can't ride right now. Nearest opportunity for surgery is October. I might be going on the Labor Day Campout trip by myself.

See you all soon.  
Jeff & Cindy

**Jeff & Cindy Duffield**  
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*From the treasurer*

Maintenance day was well attended and many of us enjoyed Don's well equipped accommodations along with great food and conversation. All I did was an oil change but there were other more ambitious efforts including Jeff who was adding a trailer hitch to his new Gold Wing. I had to leave before he finished, but I assume he was ultimately successful.

I've only been on a few rides to work and back since then. My employer is requiring just 5 days a month in the office and lately my in-office Wednesdays have had decent weather. No big trips on the bike planned at the moment but Ann and I are going to try out pulling a travel trailer next month with our 2020 Ranger and see how that goes. We've talked about getting a trailer so we are trying out a rental first for a few days. Then in July it's back to Alaska for a trip to Soldotna on the Kenai Peninsula for some fishing with the family and grandkids.

The only other news of note is that Aaron Rodgers is now with the Jets, so it would seem that the heydays of the Pack may be over. I guess they've been over for a while, since they haven't been to the Super Bowl since the year that we moved from Green Bay to the PNW (2010) and have failed in the NFC championship four times since then. Hopefully no newsletter readers are taking it too hard.

**Charlie Butters /Treasurer**



## Chapter A is still the riding chapter.

Just in case you hadn't noticed Chapter A is doing plenty of riding. On April 27th, Harry R., Ron H., Mike P., Bill H., John & Nina, Howie D. and myself did a Pie run to Liberty Cafe. After Pie, Howie headed back to Everett via Hwy 2. He let us know that he would see us in a couple of days for the 5 Aces Ride. John had some issues with his Spyder and he kind of had to limp home. He believed that it was fuel pump problems. We got him home and he delivered the Spyder to the dealer at his earliest opportunity.

So, two days later on the 29th, we had the 5 Aces Ride for ice cream at Brenda's Country Market in Onalaska. We had plenty of participants. Harry & Claudia R., Mike & Jocelyn P., Ron and Dianna H., Dennis M., plus two of his friends, Barry U. and Jerry, Don H., Bill H., Howie D., John & Nina (on her Spyder), Joe L., Kenny U. and myself. John's Spyder was in the shop.

On the May 3rd mid-week ride, Harry R. and I rode to Zeke's in Gold Bar for a chili dog and some fries. There was a bit of a glitch in our plan though. Zeke's has some new hours and they are no longer open on Tuesday's and Wednesday's. We had to ride back into Sultan to the Alpen Drive Inn for a burger and some fries. It was a wonderful day for a ride though. Warm and sunny and the traffic was light until we got back closer to Auburn. We made it back just in time to get caught in rush hour traffic.

On the May 11th mid-week ride, Harry R., Ron and Dianna H., John and Nina and myself rode to Long Beach for some ice cream at Scooper's. It was a pretty long day of riding but everyone loved the ride and weather. The good news is John was back on his Spyder that gave him so much trouble back on the 27th of April. As I had said, John initially thought the fuel pump was the issue. Since the bike is still under warranty, John took the bike to the shop. The shop diagnosed the problem and found that it was actually the fuel filter that was causing the issue. The filter was replaced and John was back on his Spyder riding with us to Long Beach and back with no issues.

On May 13th, Harry R., Dennis M., and myself visited Chapter WA-C in Everett for Breakfast. They had a nice ride planned after breakfast but I was unable to ride along. Mother's Day activities had me all tied up for the day. Dennis M. and I rode back down south and parted ways in Sumner.

On the May 18th mid-week ride, Harry R., Ron and Dianna H, Ted W, and myself rode out towards Ocean Shores for lunch at The Lighthouse. On the way, we joined up with Mike Z and Scott of GWTA WA-C at a Chevron gas station just off of Hwy 101 in Shelton. We were only there for less than 20 minutes when we were asked to leave by the station owner. Long story. You'll need to ask Harry about it. Two hours later we arrived at The Lighthouse in Ocean shores. I was surprised to see Vic Parr waiting for us. We had a great visit in the warm sun and a good lunch of fish and chips. After lunch Ted W, Mike Z and Scott left us to find their own way home. The rest of us headed to Lytle Seafoods in Hoquiam where Dianna H. wanted to pick up something. Vic P., didn't stop and continued on to his destination. The remainder of us, Harry, Ron & Dianna, Barry and myself finished the ride somewhere around 5:00 pm. Excellent day for a ride.

On May 20th the plan is to meet with Chapter WA-C in Everett at the Everett Lanes and then ride to the Calico Cupboard in Anacortes for lunch. It should be another good day of riding.

Mike Briese  
Webmaster





## **Goldwing Preventative Maintenance**

**By Dennis Murphy**

### **What a month. Lots of riding and good times. It's fun to see everyone**

I don't know how to check the valves on this 2019. They are supposed to be checked at 24,000 miles but life gets in the way. So at 32,000 I finally get it into Southbound. They had it for a week and checked the valves, changed the brake fluid and installed new front brake pads.

The fluid was old as this was the first time it had been changed. The pads had about 16,000 miles on them and the valves did not need anything.

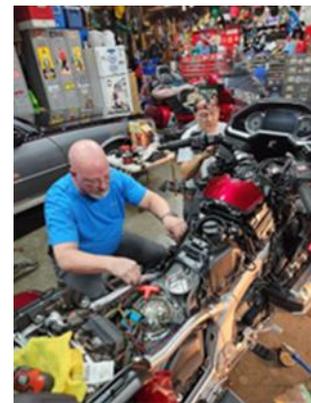
Front brake pads have a short life on this bike. About 16,000 miles.

The stock Bridgestones had about 16,000 also. I went with Dunlop E4's and they really have very little wear on them for having 16,000 miles. I'm planning on taking a 3 week trip to the midwest in July so I will get them changed even though they would probably make it all the way back. I'm just not going to take that chance.

The rear brake pads were changed at about 17,000 miles and not that they really needed to be changed. I see very little wear if any on them.

Since it's the DCT model, there is a parking brake on the rear disk as well as the rear braking system. That is super easy to adjust and has had to be just a couple of times. I very rarely use it.

So, 33,000 miles on the bike now and it really needs nothing but a new seat. The stitching is coming apart under my butt. Everyone complains about this seat. It's not very comfortable for more than a couple of hours. But for now, I guess it will do.



Dennis Murphy

# Editor - May 2023



## Notes from the Editor

*Our April 22nd Chapter meeting was well attended with 24 members and Guests enjoying fun conversation, a good meal and hearing about upcoming events and rides with our Chapter Director. The after meeting ride was heading over to Dad's Garage for the Chapter "A" Maintenance Day and "BBQ",*



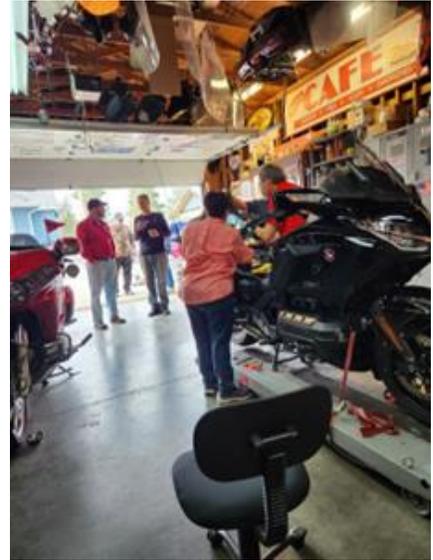
*All kinds of preventative maintenance was completed....*



*The Girls enjoying the moment...*



*Ron worked on steering head bearings..*



*Bill acted as Shop Foreman*



*Jeff installed a new trailer hitch on his new 2023 Wing.*



*Charlie changing oil in the side shop!*



*All in All a really fun day in the Shop.....*



*And what's Maintenance Day without the "BBQ"*



*Looks Tasty!*



*Smells good ladies! Yum Yum*



*And some good Girl talk along the way!*



*And some great Conversation over Lunch!*



*What a great way to complete a really fun day.....*

*Then on Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> Harry called a spur of the moment ride to the Liberty Café for a piece of Pie! So nine members, (hungry for some Liberty Café pie) showed up at the Kent McDonald's with Kickstands up at 10:00am for the beautiful ride over Snoqualmie pass thru CleElum and on to Liberty. The Weather was in the 70's, a perfect day for a ride.....*



*And as usual the ladies did not disappoint us*



*Yum....Yum.... We take ours alamode and once again the Pie was fantastic!*

*Guess what came two days later???*

*You Gussed it the Chapter A “5” Aces Ride! April 29<sup>th</sup> is the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month and time for a ride to free Ice Cream!*



*Sixteen members and guests turned out for the 10:00am departure from the SR512 & South Tacoma Way McDonald's on a Northwest picture perfect riding day that hit 80 degrees and was a georgous day for a ride...*



*The Ice Cream stop was at “Brenda’s” on the way to Morton*



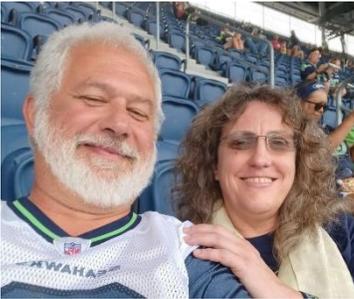
*All fifteen of us standing in the shade at the Elma reststop.....*

*We had one more stop at the Dairy Queen in Spanaway ( My Wing just won't pass up a Dairy Queen) All in All a Super day of riding..... 177 miles door to door for me.*

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

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



### May Birthdays

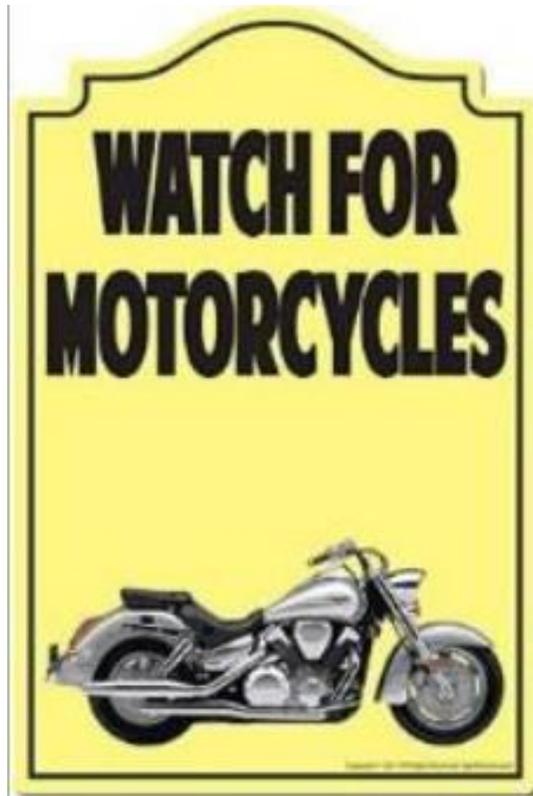
14<sup>th</sup> JD Miller  
21<sup>st</sup> Charlie Butters  
22<sup>nd</sup> Gary Beard  
26<sup>th</sup> Bill Crain  
29<sup>th</sup> Ron Hemmi  
30<sup>th</sup> Todd Mclain

### May Anniversaries

28<sup>th</sup> Mike & Pen Briese

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 May 2023***

## WA "A" Activities



### **5 Aces Ride**

### ***Upcoming events***

- May 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Blue Mountain Rendezvous Milton-Freewater, Ore.
- May 27<sup>th</sup> Chapter "A" Meeting
- June 24<sup>th</sup> Chapter "A" Meeting
- July 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> GWTA Goldrush XXXV in Onalask, Wisconsin
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> Chapter "A" Meeting
- July 29<sup>th</sup> Chapter "A" 5 Aces Ride
- Aug 26<sup>th</sup> Chapter "A" Meeting
- Aug 26<sup>th</sup> – **GWTA Regional Meeting** hosted by Chapter "A"  
"Special Guest is Judith Shaefer GWTA executive director"
- Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> Chapter "A" Meeting
- Sept 24<sup>th</sup> Anacortes Oyster Run
- Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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”**



## Motorcycles and / or Parts ..... Buy / Sale .....

Adds will be listed for three (3) months or until sold!

**GWRRA Members Adds Free!**

Selling ??

**WANTED / To Buy**





## **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 @ 8:00 AM Gathering @ 9:00 AM	Rainbow Cafe 112 E Main St Auburn, WA 98002
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 Dr. 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 Dickerman (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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