



GWRRA CHAPTER WA-A SEATTLE, WA



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Something from the road.



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Hello chapter A. Hope all is well. We had some pretty rainy days recently. Not too good for enjoying our bikes. We did have a good day to ride but a bad reason to get together. A few of us rode to Barb Smith's memorial service in Monroe. Great to see the turn out. Haven't seen some of the people for a long time. Just like any family, memorials and weddings are the only times we get to see some people. We always say we should change that, but it's the way it stays. Anyways, it was a great turn out. Boy did she have a lot of pictures. lol. I'm really glad she got to go on a bucket-list tour. Went to Chapter Q's meeting. Got a chance to pull out the winning marble. Failed at the drawing. Got a stupid orange ball. Got to see some friends. Hopefully the weather will let us burn some gas and wear out some tires soon. See you at our meeting. Your CD, Todd



Don't forget! This **Saturday November 23rd** 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.....**



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(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-----

Todd McLain
Chapter "A" Director
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Assistant Director (ACD) – November 2019



Looking through the Windshield:

There was another very nice turnout at the October Chapter meeting at the Golden Steer. With new and old members sharing stories of rides and events we have all enjoyed. With visitors from Chapter “V” and our State motorcycle awareness coordinator Vic Parr.



*Vic was there to share and give credit to all the chapters in the state for helping him as the **GWRRA National** home office awarded him **Motorist Awareness Coordinator of the year** at this year's **Wing Ding ceremonies**.*



Congratulations Vic!

Chapter “A” will be in its 40th year in 2020
Let's plan some fun celebrations

Till next month your **interim** ACD

Don Hatley
Chapter “A” ACD
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Chapter Treasurer – November 2019



From the treasurer

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

Charlie Butters / Treasure

Membership Enhancement



Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Input – November 2019 –

As I am sure you all know, I am not much of a motivator and I am terrible when it comes to writing motivational articles. I am more of a nuts and bolts kind of person. If it is mechanical or electrical and it has a malfunction, I can usually fix it. But when it comes to people and trying to motivate them, I am a dismal failure. A couple of months ago I read an article by our District Membership Enhancement Coordinator (MEC) and it says a lot. It is something that we all need to think about. Why you may ask? Because we are on the verge of losing four district chapters by the end of this calendar year. We will lose them if no one steps up to the plate and takes a swing at leadership.

Edited and partially reprinted, here is an article by Kaye Maier. Please read it and think of the principle person in the story as yourself.

I was a member of a wonderful GWRRA Chapter. Our Chapter Director was a wonderful person and his wife was a great lady. Together they would hold meetings, organize rides, fund raisers, dinner socials, core meetings, and visitations to other chapters. And other chapters would come visit us at to our meetings.

They would make sure we knew about all the GWRRA Events each year and all year long. They would do membership drives (although I'm not sure why, I don't think anyone new ever joined). He and his wife would make sure we had maintenance days and bike shows. They were never late to any function. I wish I could say I wasn't late, but it only happened a couple times and besides when I did get to the meeting, they were visiting with so many other people they didn't even realize I was late. They were great leaders of our chapter, and the membership was so happy to have them lead.

I would sit there at those meetings and events and watch them work. I really was impressed at how hard they worked for our chapter. Yeah, they would ask for volunteers, but why should I work that hard and push myself when I knew they would continue to get it done.

You can imagine my surprise when one day, out of the blue mind you, they said they were resigning and our chapter would fold. WHAT! How could that be I asked myself! Why we always had so much fun together. We'd come together and eat, drink coffee, go for ice cream and have incredible rides. How could they leave all that? I could still call my pal's and go for a ride and eat or have coffee, but it is so different now.

How do I get that back? I love being in GWRRA ... at least I think I do. Well, I know I do. I love the towing insurance for the bike. I love reading the Wing World every month even though I can never seem to find that little Wingy Guy. I loved wearing the colors and the vest because it said I was part of a great tradition. I'm sure I did my part for the group, didn't I? I paid dues every year,

they only reminded me once or twice. I bought some cookies and cupcakes for the bake sale. That helped didn't it? What more does anyone want?

We all know they do not pay these positions. However, for just a moment pretend that these are paid positions.

Ask yourself, "if these were paid positions, would I apply?"

Chapter Director \$10,000. Yr.

Assistant Chapter Director \$7,500.00 Yr.

Membership Enhancement Coordinator \$6,500.00 Yr.

Treasurer \$6,000.00 Yr.

Newsletter Editor/Webmaster \$6,500.00 Yr.

Motorist Awareness Program \$6,500. Yr.

Now we all know they do not pay these positions. Now, think of your own Chapter. How much would your CD be making right now? Are there even six different individuals in these positions? Does one person in your Chapter do 1, 2 or more of these jobs? What do you do? Do you have a position? Maybe you have in the past and right now you're tired and willing to let someone else do it for a while.

That's ok. But, are you there in a supportive capacity or helping in other ways? If you are, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! We need you; the chapter needs your experience.

Your title may change but the experience you've gained is helpful to the Chapter and to GWRRA. Let your CD know you're ready to take action, organize a fundraiser or talk to whoever does maintenance day and offer to help.

Maybe you never thought your Chapter needed your participation as much as they do. You're not only a number on the membership roster, you're an integral part of the overall plan. Your ideas and your energy make a difference to everyone.

If you identify yourself at all in the example above, then you know what to do. Don't look back with regret knowing you could have helped keep the Chapter alive and thus contribute to your fellow GWRRA Members.

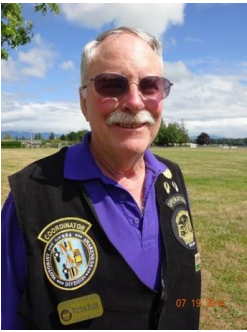
Respectfully Submitted by Kaye and Carl Maier WA Assistant District Directors-East Side (509) 448-5235

Mike Briesse

WA-A Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Coordinator

Motorcycle

Awareness - November 2019



Vic Parr



Carl Maier



INFORMATION SHARING



How many times have you noticed this display at an event and just walked past it? I believe the majority of us will do that exact action. If we stopped for just a moment, we would notice there is a lot of material that is associated with Motorist Awareness. Not only for that driving public, but also for the “experienced” rider.

Did it occur to you that you could take several of the brochures with you and share them with someone else? Or, even, leave one or two at a place of business? Maybe a doctor or dentist office.

How about picking up one of those coloring booklets, take it home with you and make some copies that you could share with some youngsters while explaining to their parents that we have a “safety” program going on where we want drivers to be aware of motorcyclists or even bicyclists on the streets or roads. What about pedestrians?

There are so many ways to educate the public. **We just have to select at least one and put it into action.**

Vic Parr WA District Motorist Awareness Coordinator (253) 224-6420 parrv@msn.co

The following document is associated with an award presented to the Motorist Awareness Coordinator of the Year. A great honor which I share with the members of the Washington District since without them all the efforts spent toward Motorist Awareness would be worthless.

Motorist Awareness Program Coordinator of the Year Vic Parr

We are Mike and Barri Critzman, Directors of the **Motorist Awareness Program**.

Motorist Awareness Coordinators work tirelessly to educate the public at large to be safer drivers, and particularly to drive safely around motorcycles. This year's recipient of the Motorist Awareness Program Coordinator of the Year Award contributed to the Motorist Awareness Program even before it was a program. Those of you who were members in 2014 may remember the two Motorist Awareness Division seminars, "Share the Road", and "Think Motorcycles". Our award winner co-authored both of these seminars. He is recognized by his community as a local Motorist Awareness expert. He has taught Motorist Awareness in schools for years, and the local newspapers solicit articles from him. Although all our coordinators are passionate about Motorist Awareness, this coordinator stands out. Mike and I are thrilled to present this year's Motorist Awareness Program Coordinator of the Year Award to Vic Parr, who represents the state of Washington as the District Motorist Awareness Program Coordinator. Accepting his award are Ronald and Dianna Hemmi, the Chapter Directors of Washington Chapter I, Vic Parr's home chapter.

Carl and Kaye Maier

WA District Assistant Motorist Awareness Coordinator Gold Wing Road Riders Association

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**Carl Maier Asst. District
MAP Coordinator**



*Don Eide
Rider Educator*

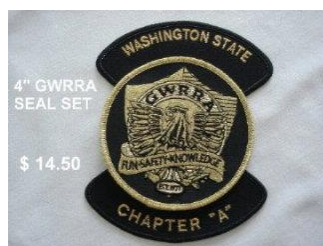
THE GWRRA RIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM



*The **Rider Education** article and lots of great information can be found on the **Washington District Website @ gwrro-wa.org***

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Chapter Stores



The full stores inventory is on the Chapter Website:



Gary & JoAnn Beard
Stores Manager / Face Book Coordinator

Chapter Sunshine / Greeters



November Birthdays

December Birthdays

17th Mike Miller



November Anniversaries

December Anniversaries

Chris & Patty Johnson
Sunshine / Greeters

WA"A" Activities



New 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!*

*Todd McClain,
Chapter "A" Director*

Upcoming events



Thursday Nov 28th

*Hoping everyone has a fantastic **Thanksgiving Holiday!***

Sun - Dec 1st – Olympia toy Run

Sun - Dec 1st – Puyallup Lighted Santa Parade

Sat - January 25 – Chapter “I” Casino Night

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!

WANTED / To Buy

Selling ??



Bought "New" 2017 Goldwing, now I have to sell my 2003 ABS Gold Wing. It is a wonderful wing with 117,400 fun miles on it. And its beautiful inside and out. **It is listed on**

<http://www.gwrra-waa.org/for sale.html>

I have it listed at \$5800. If interested, let's talk.

Mike Brieser brieser@earthlink.net





Chapter WA "A" Officers and Staff

Todd McClain – Chapter Director (CD)

Don Hatley – Assistant Chapter Director (ACD)

Charlie Butters – Treasurer

Mike Briese – Membership Enhancement Coordinator (MEC)

Mike Briese - Webmaster

Gary Beard – Stores Manager

Bill Holt – Phone Tree Coordinator

Joann Beard – Face Book Coordinator

Chris & Patty Johnson – 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 – Chapter Educator (CE) (Appointed by District Educator)

-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	Seattle Apes	Todd McClain Phone: (206) 241-3565	4th Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM Gathering @ 9:00 AM	Golden Steer Restaurant 23826 104th Ave SE Kent, WA 98031
WA-B	Bremerton Bees	Bob & Helen Liddell Phone: (360)649-9658	1st Saturday Breakfast @ 9:00 AM Gathering @ 10:00 AM	Denny's Restaurant 5004 Kitsap Way Bremerton, WA 98312
WA-D	Aberdeen Duck	Kerry & Greg Bash Phone: (360)581-5543	2nd Sunday Breakfast @ 8:30 AM	Duffy's Restaurant 1605 Simpson Ave Aberdeen, WA 98520
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-H	Lynden Hound Dog	Garry & Judy Calman Phone: (360)739-5888	2nd Tuesday Dinner @ 6:00 PM Gathering @ 7:00 PM	Fairway Family Restaurant 1726 Front Street Lynden, WA 98264
WA-I	Olympia Cow	Ron & Dianna Hemmi Phone: (253)686-7029	3rd Sunday Breakfast @ 7:30 AM Gathering @ 8:00 AM	Hawks Prairie Restaurant 8306 Quinault Drive NE Lacey, WA 98516
WA-L	Kennewick Looney Tunes	Joyce LoParco Phone: (509)531-9939	2nd Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM Gathering @ 9:00 AM	Sterling's Restaurant 2500 Queens gate Drive Richland, WA 99352
WA-M	Yakama Mountain Lion	Sherre Holden Phone: (509)305-1278	1st Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM Gathering @ 9:00 AM	Branding Iron Restaurant 61311 Hwy 97 Toppenish, WA 98948
WA-N	Spokane Wing Nuts	Lori Ann & Lewis Robertson Phone: (509)251-4443	3rd Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM Gathering @ 8:30 AM	Golden Corral Buffet 7717 N Division St Spokane, WA 99208
WA-O	Port Orchard Orca	Ken & Tami Smith Phone: (360)440-6357	4th Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM Gathering @ 8:30 AM	Bremerton Airport Diner 8830 State Highway 3 Bremerton, WA 98312
WA-P	Longview Panda	Rose & Bruce Hibbs Phone: (360)571-5732	3rd Saturday Breakfast @ 9:00 AM Gathering @ 10:00 AM	Olde Creekside Café 1323 Commerce Ave Longview, WA 98632 (360) 423-7225
WA-Q	Puyallup Koala	Rusty & Nancy Boyatt Phone: (253)312-0851	2nd Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM Gathering @ 8:30 AM	Paradise Bowling Center 12505 Pacific Ave. S. Tacoma, WA 98444
WA-R	Walla Walla Road Runner	Pat & Von Webb Phone (509)522-2320	1st Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM Gathering @ 9:00 AM	Smith's Family Restaurant 1425 W Pine St Walla Walla, WA 99362
WA-V	Auburn Frog	Joe & Patti Diambri Phone: (253)630-8463	1st Thursday Dinner @ 6:00 PM Meeting @ 7:00 PM	Trotter's Family Restaurant 825 Harvey Rd Auburn, WA 98002
WA-X	Vancouver Phoenix	Michael & Vickie Miller Phone: (360)666-2569	1st Saturday 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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