



GWRRA CHAPTER WA-A SEATTLE, WA



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Something from the road.



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Hello chapter A

*Looks like another year has rolled around. It all started with a group of bikers getting together for a ride. Our sister chapter from Auburn had someone in mind to plan a route for our year to start out on. Thank you Harry and Chapter V. We met at Denny's and had a very nice ride to Kraine Korner. Great food and fellowship. That's really what it's all about. Our next adventure will start **with Chapter A's meeting** and ending at the **Casino Nite with Chapter I's fundraiser at Camp Murrey**. Pray for good weather. Come with us and burn some gas and wear out some tires. Your CD, Todd*



Don't forget! This **Saturday January 25th** 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
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Assistant Director (ACD) – January 2020



Looking through the Windshield:

For three days after Christmas and all the holiday celebrations we had a small but nice turnout for the December Chapter meeting at the Golden Steer. With members at large Bill Crain & Norm Wiest (Chapter “Q”), Harry & Claudia, Vic Parr (State motorcycle awareness coordinator) from chapter “V” attending, we all enjoy the return to normality after the excitement of the Christmas holidays.



Then Vic talked about motorcycle awareness and the districts Scavenger hunt for 2020.



Vic reminded us to be sure and have a paper with our individual registration number for the Scavenger hunt in our pictures taken at the POI.

And there is always more fun getting out for the annual **New Years day ride!**



Twelve Goldwings showed up to start off the New Year with a very nice ride setup by Harry, and even though the forecast had been gloomy we had a great ride through overcast skys and only ran into a little rain by Mud Mountain Dam. **Great Job Harry!**



Lunch was scheduled at Krain's Korner Restaurant for 12:00 noon and Harry had the group there by five (5) minutes after.



We had a total of twenty (20) members from Chapters "V" & "A" present to celebrate the start of the New Year.

Chapter "A" will be in its 40th year in 2020

Let's plan some fun celebrations

Till next month your **interim** ACD

Don Hatley
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Chapter Treasurer – January 2020



From the treasurer

How'd I get here? (on a GL1800 in the GWRRA)

I didn't start riding a motorcycle until 2006, when I was 49. I had always wanted to, but couldn't afford it and once we started having kids, I didn't think I should add the risk. So I waited for 2 of the 3 kids to be out of the house before bringing it up with Ann. She actually liked the idea and said she would learn too! So I signed up for the Wisconsin version of the motorcycle training class.

I have to admit, I wondered if I could learn to use my 2 hands and 2 feet for 4 different things while navigating traffic, but I made it through the class which meant I didn't have to pass a road test --- I could just go get the endorsement added to my license. But now I "needed" a motorcycle!

I started watching eBay and Craigslist for a motorcycle. I wanted one that would be able to handle a passenger, so something about 500cc's. And of course I still didn't have a lot of money, so I was trying to find something for under \$1000. Eventually I figured out that was a little low for what I was looking for unless I bought an imperfect bike. Eventually I found a Yamaha Maxim 650 for \$900 that was running great but the front brake was frozen. I had done some work on Volkswagen Beetle brakes (about 25 years earlier) so I figured I could deal with that. However I had to drive a little ways to get the bike. I lived in DePere, Wisconsin and the bike was in Bay City, Michigan, 440 miles away. Fortunately, I had a 4x8 trailer that could handle the weight. I added some brackets to the floor to tie down the bike and took a weekend to drive over and pick it up. After getting it home, I was able to get the brake caliper off, but couldn't get the piston out myself. A local bike shop took care of that for me and the bike was ready to ride.

I think I rode for about a year before Ann was willing to sit on the back. I added a backrest and we took a couple short rides. Then someone invited us to go on a color ride in the fall. We rode on the bike for at least 4 or 5 hours that day. When we got off, we both agreed that our butts could not take that kind of beating. Something more suitable for 2 riders was needed. That's when I started another search for a good bike for 2. I don't recall how I ended up deciding to get a Gold Wing, but that's what I started looking for, and eventually one came up on Craigslist that was in good shape. It was a 1987 GL1200. I contacted the seller and setup a time to go see it.

To be continued in the next newsletter....

Charlie Butters / Treasure

Membership Enhancement



Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Input – January 2020 –

Motorcycle Truths

There's cold, and then there's cold on a motorcycle. Cold on a motorcycle is like being beaten with cold hammers while being kicked with cold boots, a bone bruising cold. The wind's big hands squeeze the heat out of my body and whisk it away; caught in a cold October rain, the drops don't even feel like water. They feel like shards of bone fallen from the skies of Hell to pock my face. I expect to arrive with my cheeks and forehead streaked with blood, but that's just an illusion, just the misery of nerves not designed for highway speeds.

Despite this, it's hard to give up my motorcycle in the fall and I rush to get it on the road again in the spring; lapses of sanity like this are common among motorcyclists. When you let a motorcycle into your life you're changed forever.

The letters "MC" are stamped on your driver's license right next to your sex and weight as if "motorcycle" was just another of your physical characteristics, or maybe a mental condition. But when warm weather finally does come around all those cold snaps and rainstorms are paid in full because a summer is worth any price.

A motorcycle is not just a two-wheeled car; the difference between driving a car and climbing onto a motorcycle is the difference between watching TV and actually living your life. We spend all our time sealed in boxes and cars are just the rolling boxes that shuffle us from home-box to work-box to store-box and back, the whole time, entombed in stale air, temperature regulated, sound insulated, and smelling of carpets.

On a motorcycle I know I'm alive. When I ride, even the familiar seems strange and glorious. The air has weight and substance as I push through it and its touch is as intimate as water to a swimmer. I feel the cool wells of air that pool under trees and the warm spokes of sun that fall through them. I can see everything in a sweeping 360 degrees, up, down and around, wider than Pana-Vision and IMAX and unrestricted by ceiling, roof or dashboard.

Sometimes I even hear music. It's like hearing phantom telephones in the shower or false doorbells when vacuuming; the pattern-loving brain, seeking signals in the noise, raises acoustic ghosts out of the wind's roar. But on a motorcycle I hear whole songs: rock 'n roll, dark orchestras, women's voices, all hidden in the air and released by speed.

At 30 miles per hour and up, smells become uncannily vivid. All the individual tree-smells and flower-smells and grass-smells flit by like chemical notes in a great plant symphony. Sometimes the smells evoke memories so strongly that it's as though the past hangs invisible in the air around me, wanting only the most casual of rumbling time machines to unlock it.

A ride on a summer afternoon can border on the rapturous. The sheer volume and variety of stimuli is like a bath for my nervous system, an electrical massage for my brain, a systems check for my soul. It tears smiles out of me: a minute ago I was dour, depressed, apathetic, numb, but now, on two wheels, big, ragged, windy smiles flap against the side of my face, billowing out of me like air from a decompressing plane. Transportation is only a secondary function.

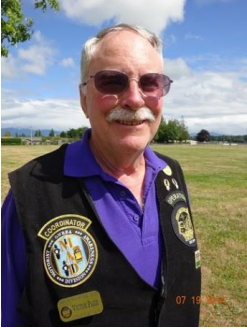
A motorcycle is a joy machine. It's a machine of wonders, a metal bird, a motorized prosthetic. It's light and dark and shiny and dirty and warm and cold lapping over each other; it's a conduit of grace, it's a catalyst for bonding the gritty and the holy. I still think of myself as a motorcycle amateur, but by now I've had a double handful of bikes over dozens of years and slept under my share of bridges. I wouldn't trade one second of either the good times or the misery. Learning to ride is one of the best things I've done.

Cars lie to us and tell us we're safe, powerful, and in control. The air-conditioning fans murmur empty assurances and whisper, "Sleep, sleep." Motorcycles tell us a more useful truth: we are small and exposed, and probably moving too fast for our own good, but that's no reason not to enjoy every minute of the ride. **Author unknown**

Mike Briese WA-A Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Coordinator

Motorcycle

Awareness - January 2020



Vic Parr



Carl Maier



MOTORIST AWARENESS

IMPRESSIONS



Recently I have had the pleasure of taking a vacation down to Mazatlan, Mexico. I did not have my motorcycle and most of my travels were done in a taxi. Although I have had some challenging experiences with the driving methods of the taxi driver, I was amazed at some of their comments regarding the motorcycle riders around them. Specifically, when the riders cut between the traffic and do the "lane splitting" driving. They also frown on the rider allowing the co-rider to ride without a helmet. I do not know what the helmet laws are in that location, but I have seen most riders wearing them. At least that driver was aware of motorcyclists and tried to drive defensively.

I mention this event because we have to be aware of our own actions and the impressions we leave with the motoring public. We ask them to be aware of us as motorcyclists, but are we doing our part too? Although the riding season has limited our opportunities to take our beast out on the roads there are other ways we can make the public aware of us as motorcyclists. Activities include distributing Motorist Awareness brochures and coloring booklets, chat with people about motorcycles, wear our colors while going to socials or meetings, or giving short presentations to a group of people.

Thanks for doing that little action that puts a safety thought in that other person's mind.

Happy New Year.

Vic

Carl and Kaye Maier

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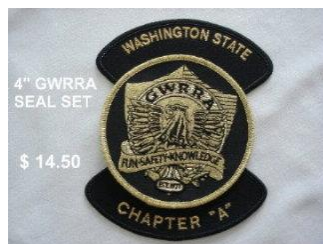
THE GWRRA RIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM



*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



December Birthdays

17th Mike Miller

January Birthdays

- 1st Bill Holt
- 9th Mike Briesse
- 15th Ann Butters
- 16th Gisela Jones

December Anniversaries

January 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 Mclain,
Chapter "A" Director

Upcoming events

Sat - January 25 – Chapter “I” Casino Night



This Saturday Night at Camp Murray! Don't miss the fun!

Doors open at 4:00pm

July 16th – 19th Washington District Convention (Reunion)

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!

Selling ??

WANTED / To Buy

You never
appreciate what
you have till it's
gone.
Toilet paper is a
good example.



Chapter WA "A" Officers and Staff

Todd Mclain – 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 WA-A	City /Mascot Seattle Apes	Chapter Director Todd McClain Phone (206) 241-3565	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-B	Bremerton Bees	Bob & Helen Liddell Phone: (360)649-9658	1st Saturday Breakfast @ 9:00 AM Gathering @ 10:00 AM	All Star Lanes & Casino 10710 Silverdale Way NW. Silverdale, WA 98383
WA-D ----Closed Down---	Aberdeen Duck			
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 ----Closed Down---	Lynden Hound Dog			
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-MClosed Down....	Yakama Mountain Lion			
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	3rd Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM Gathering @ 9:00 AM	Everybody's Restaurant 4215 SE Mile Hill DR Port Orchard, WA 98366
WA-P ----Closed Down---	Longview Panda			
WA-Q ----Closed Down---	Puyallup Koala			
WA-R	Walla Walla Road Runner	Pat & Von Webb Phone (509)522-2320	1st Saturday Breakfast @ 9:00 AM Gathering @ 10:00 AM	Clarette's Restaurant 15 S Touchet 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 ACD: Dave Van Nice	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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