



GWRRA CHAPTER WA-A SEATTLE, WA



Periodic News Letter
June 2020

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Something from the road.



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Hello chapter A

Well, here we are. Trying to get back to normal. All I wanna do is ride on the weekends and see my friends. Hopefully we'll get there sooner rather than later. Chapter X is getting a new CD. They're gonna have a breakfast meeting on June 28th. It'll be at Spiffy's on HWY 12 and I-5. They say at 0800 so we'll have a meet up at 512 McDonalds with helmet time probably 0630. We'll get a confirmation before then. Have had a few rides, nothing like others were able to do. Stupid work keeps getting in the way. The weatherman keeps setting up the showers to come in during the weekends. Not sure who's idea that is. Hope all is well. Come with us and burn some gas and wear out some tires. Your CD , Todd



Don't forget! This **Saturday June 27th** 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.....**

---- **CANCELED DUE COVID-19** ----



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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) – June 2020



Looking through the Windshield:

Well here we are in the middle of June with three months of staying home behind us in the Covid-19 with no real signs of let-up in the immediate future. I haven't been able to get out on my Wing much this last month and I must have been showing signs of cabin fever so my Wife decided I needed a project to work on! She saw this add on tv (you know the one State Farm had with this nice lady in her back yard talking on the phone to her agent asking if her "on fire She-Shed was covered) and decided she needed a She-Shed to tinker on her projects to. Well she was right it has keep me busy and staying home out of trouble.



Still not done, always something else to tinker with.....

There is still some riding going on and Scheduled events in the future that as of this time have not been canceled. If you would like to get together with two or more riders for some short or long rides let your Chapter Officers know and they'll keep you informed about any rides that come up! With good weather coming up shortly (Summer starts on the 20th of this month) there could be impromptu rides starting up at any time.....



The point is we don't have to give up the enjoyment of getting out on our Goldwings we just have to use reasonable precautions. Watch for upcoming information on the spur of the moment rides! We'll try to keep everyone informed by e-mail or text!

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

Chapter "A" is in its 40th year in 2020

Let's plan some fun celebrations

Don Hatley
Chapter "A" ACD
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Chapter Treasurer – June 2020



From the treasurer

All quiet in the Treasury this month!

Charlie Butters / Treasure

Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Input

– June 2020 –

Did you ever wish you had just one more up-shift in your transmission?



When the sixth generation Gold Wing was introduced for 2018, there were lots of happy prospective owners due to the addition of a six speed manual transmission and a seven speed 'automatic' transmission. That is all well and good for the new purchaser but what about us with the fifth generation wing, the 2001 through 2017 models? I've always felt that just one more gear would keep the engine from working so hard, make it all better, smoother, quieter, give the engine even more

longevity. But, I guess we are stuck with the same old engine speed of 3100 at 70 MPH and 3600 at 80 MPH... Or are we?

A few years ago, on the, a user asked *"Has anyone tried or found a higher gear ratio for the final drive on a GL1500A - 1998?"*. That kind of sparked a need in a guy in Gardena, California named Henry Park. In Henry's words *"The first gear ratio on my GL1800 is too low, like a semi truck, and the engine revs about 3000 rpm at 70 mph and feels like it's in 4th gear. There is a 38% increase in ratio from the first to 2nd gear. I have been doing some research and learned that changing the final drive gear ratio would be a better solution to reducing rpm at high speed."*

Henry has been in the Automotive & Off Road Ring & Pinion Business for over 20 years. He's already established and he knows his business. He has the know how to get things built per customers needs/requests. He also runs a very successful US Military Heavy equipment parts business.

He has been working on this Modified Drive for just over 4 years now. He's taken the time to make a proven Drive. By testing it himself on his own bike, and with the help of a few other Beta testers the drive has been 100% successful.

The OEM Honda final drive with a ring gear of 33 teeth and a pinion of 12 teeth has a gear ration of 2.75:1. The modified drive with ring gear of 32 teeth and a pinion of 14 teeth has a gear ratio of 2.286 to 1.



Externally, the modified drive is identical to the OEM drive. Internally is where the changes were made. The bore for the pinion shaft and bearing needed to be increased to fit the larger 14T pinion gear. I believe the ring gear diameter stays the same but the number of teeth changed. The following will give you an idea of what this gear change does to the RPM and speed of the 5th Generation Gold Wing.

2001-2017 GL1800 MPH/RPM's
Transmission in 5th Gear

OEM DRIVE

60 MPH = 2650 RPM
70 MPH = 3100 RPM
80 MPH = 3600 RPM
90 MPH = 4000 RPM

2001-2017 GL1800 MPH/RPM's
Transmission in 5th Gear

MODIFIED DRIVE

60 MPH = 2250 RPM
70 MPH = 2600 RPM
80 MPH = 2900 RPM
90 MPH = 3300 RPM

Do you want to know more about this drive? Check out these web pages on the [Goldwing Owners Board](#), [Final drive gear ratio](#). Read more here on [The GL Forum 1](#) and here [The GL Forum 2](#).

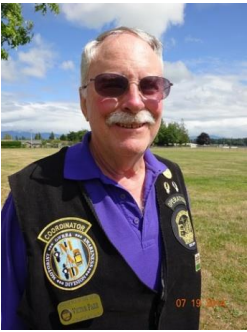
Of course, the speedometer will need correction if this drive is installed? If the speedometer is left uncorrected with this particular modified drive on your swing arm, your speedometer will read almost 10 MPH slow. The easy way to fix that is with a [12oclockLabs Speedometer Corrector](#). The speedometer corrector is plug and play and only requires some minor calibration after installation.

Mike Briese

WA-A Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Coordinator

Motorcycle

Awareness – June 2020



Vic Parr



Carl Maier



Wow! No more snow or cold wind, and spring is almost over! Must be the time to get the bike out and go for some rides!

But wait, there are no meetings to plan these rides, if you wish to go with a group. I guess the only thing left to do is to reach out and make some phone calls hoping someone else has cabin fever also and takes up the offer for a ride with you. Otherwise you can always have fun riding alone also.

This is what GWRRR is good at, and that is members reaching out touching other members for doing all sorts of things. That may not be for fun at times, but for help of some sort, but we are always there for each other.

Now there are more bikes on the road, please watch for them, and give them the courtesy we would like to have when we are out on the bike. Also watch them to see if they are following the rules that make a good rider. Things like lane positioning, use of turn signals and no riding in the no zone, and no tailgating!

By doing the above you are also practicing self-defense for riders, and following the Motorist Awareness practices, that make for a good rider, and driver.

Have a good and safe month, and let's see if this thing that has kept us locked up for the past months, lets up so we can ride, have fun, and practice our motorist awareness. **Thank You Carl and Kaye Maier**





*Don Eide
Rider Educator*

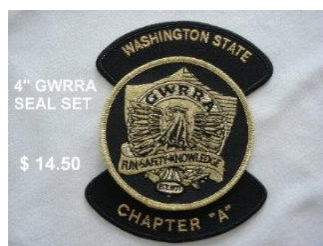
THE GWRRA RIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM



*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



June Birthdays

3rd Terri Holt
10th Pen Briesse

June Anniversaries

2nd Keven & Jennifer Allen

July Birthdays

July 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

June 30th – GWRRA Wing Ding 42 – Springfield MO ---**CANCELED**---

July 1st – 4th – GWRRA Wing Ding42 – Springfield MO ---**CANCELED**---

July 16th – 19th **Washington District Convention (Reunion)-** -**CANCELED**--

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Aug ???? - Chapter “Z” Chicken Run

Aug 29th - Chapter “A” 5 Aces Ride

Aug 29th – Chapter “O” Whale of a picnic

Aug 23rd – Ride for Kids

Oct 31th - Chapter “A” 5 Aces Ride

Dec 6th – Olympia Toy Run

Dec 6th – Puyallup lighted Santa Parade

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 ??

For Sale

2000 GL1500 (The last year of the 1500)
Color Red. For complete discription and
pricing. Contact Bill Olson at
olsonbw@mac.com.

WANTED / To Buy



FOR SALE - 14" Madstad Windshield for 2001-2017 GL1800.
\$225.00
Light Gray tint.



Mike Briesse – briesse@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	All Star Lanes & Casino 10710 Silverdale Way NW. Silverdale, WA 98383
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-I	Olympia Cow	Ray Abitz Phone: (360)790-2832 ACD: Ron Wolf	3rd Sunday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM Gathering @ 8:30 AM	VFW On Martin Way 2902 Martin Way E. Olympia, WA 98506
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-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 ACD: Jack Davies	3rd Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM Gathering @ 9:00 AM	Everybody's Restaurant 4215 SE Mile Hill DR Port Orchard, WA 98366
WA-R	Walla Walla Road Runner	Pat & Von Webb Phone (509)522-2320 ACD:	1st Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM Gathering @ 9:00 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	4th Tuesday 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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