



GWRRA CHAPTER WA-A SEATTLE, WA



Periodic News Letter
May 2020

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Something from the road.



Something from the road!

Hello chapter A

*Well we had at least one good day last week. Friday was the day and Mike had been watching the weatherman's report. Helmet-time arrived and we were off. Kent to I 90 and we headed East. Weather was overcast but that didn't slow us down at all. Wind in the face is always the way I want to spend my days. Onward toward Ellensburg, then took a right towards the canyon road. Next thing I noticed, we were pulling into my favorite burger joint in Yakima. After filling up we headed towards White pass. Hwy 12 was as beautiful as ever. In fact, I don't think I have ever seen it that green. Probably just the time of the year. A little detour included a trip around Rimrock Lake. Back onto Hwy 12 and headed toward Packwood. Passing Hwy 123, we could see that road was closed and headed toward Morton. Up Hwy 7 and toward the barn. Was GREAT to get out on the bike and into the wind. Had a great time and hope to get back to normal soon. Come out with us and burn gas and wear out some tires. **Your CD, Todd***



Lots of social spacing at Miners!



Don't forget! This **Saturday May 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.....**

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



23826 104th Ave SE, Kent, WA 98031.

(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) – May 2020



Looking through the Windshield:

With the outbreak of the COVID-19 all meetings and events have been canceled since around March 15th. So the plan is to still have some rides to help with the Cabin Fever of staying home all the time! While following the government guidelines of always maintaining a distance of (6') feet from everyone around you as possible. With that in mind Four hardy riders, from Chapter "A" and Chapter "V" meetup on March 21st for a ride to the Ocean and back, Harry, Vic, Dennis and Mike headed out on a 240 mile ride on a beautiful Sunny day with Picnic lunches in hand and a requirement of Six (6') separation at lunch for a very enjoyable day

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 spirit 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 – May 2020



From the treasurer

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

I left off last month having purchased Black Beauty from Bill and I rode that for about a year until one day, Bill contacted me about a GL1500 that was for sale. Jim Jeffries had decided to let go of his Barbados Blue 1992 GL1500. So I went over to take a look. The bike was in great shape and the price was very good so it was an easy decision to make the leap forward another 15 years. So in November 2013 I made the upgrade to a 1500. Having had a GL1200 for several years, I had learned that the parts were getting harder and harder to come by, so although Black Beauty was a beauty, I was glad to move up to a 1500 and have much easier access to replacement parts. The additional power was also noticeable and although it was a bigger bike, it wasn't any more difficult to handle. It was also more comfortable for Ann.

In 2017, I turned 60. I was still riding the 1500 and had only been on a GL1800 once. That was back in 2012 or 2013 when we were still riding the 87 Black Beauty GL1200 and we were on a ride with the group up around Mt Rainier. At some point on that ride, the bike developed a bad steering problem — I could no longer hold the front wheel straight forward, only a bit to the right or left. Apparently the steering bearing had developed a bump or groove that prevented me from going straight ahead. If you've never experienced that, it was not at all fun and extremely tiring. I had to constantly be steering just to go straight and my arms eventually became extremely tired. It was not a good situation coming down off of Mt Rainier. So Bill followed us on the ride home. Once we got to 167, Bill pulled over and switched bikes with me so that he could see what was going on. So we got on his 1800 and with the first twist of the wrist I thought I was on a jet! I hadn't forgotten that feeling and now that I was 60, I decided I wanted to move up to an 1800 before I got any older. Finances had improved enough that Ann was ok with it (I won't say thrilled, but at least ok).

So I started looking and ended up purchasing the bike I own now, a 2002 GL1800. So far it has been a pretty good bike. Because of a coolant leak that cropped up and also just some occasional coolant aroma, I have had the gas tank out and just recently took the fairing off (didn't find any leaks but I earned my GL1800 Fairing Removal and Re-install Badge). No

other issues so far and hopefully it will take us on a longer overnight trip this year, but we'll see what happens with the lovely virus situation.

Along the way to the GL1800 I have learned plenty from the guys in the chapter about Gold Wing maintenance. I won't say I could fix anything by any means, but with a little help from my friends — actually a LOT of help from my friends — none of my Wings has ever been to a service shop while I have owned them. I think one of their favorite episodes of helping me was when we met at Don's garage and the plan was to install a trailer hitch that Todd was gifting me — only to remove the rear splash guard and find that there already was a hitch on the bike! They still mention that from time to time.

Since you've all seen all colors of GL1800's, here's a shot of mine with the fairing removed...



Charlie Butters / Treasure

Membership Enhancement



Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Input – May 2020 –

Social Distancing, what is it?

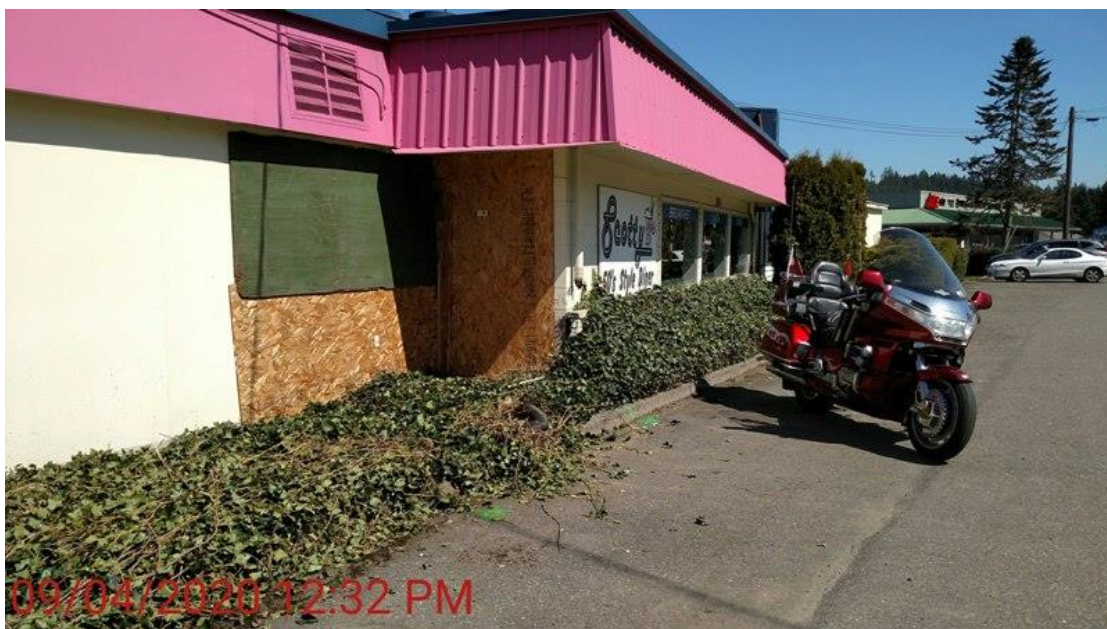
With the Covid-19 pandemic, there has been lots of buzzwords and phrases used and the most prevalent seems to be Social Distancing. What is it and how can you practice it? It is said that you need to keep six feet between you and anyone else. Except for those that you live with, it is not too hard to do. Follow the recommendations below and you should be golden:

- Avoid crowded spaces = Ride Motorcycles
- Do not use public transportation = Ride Motorcycles
- Well ventilated spaces are virus free = Ride Motorcycles
- Protect your nose and mouth - Ride Motorcycles
- Recommended use of gloves - Ride Motorcycles

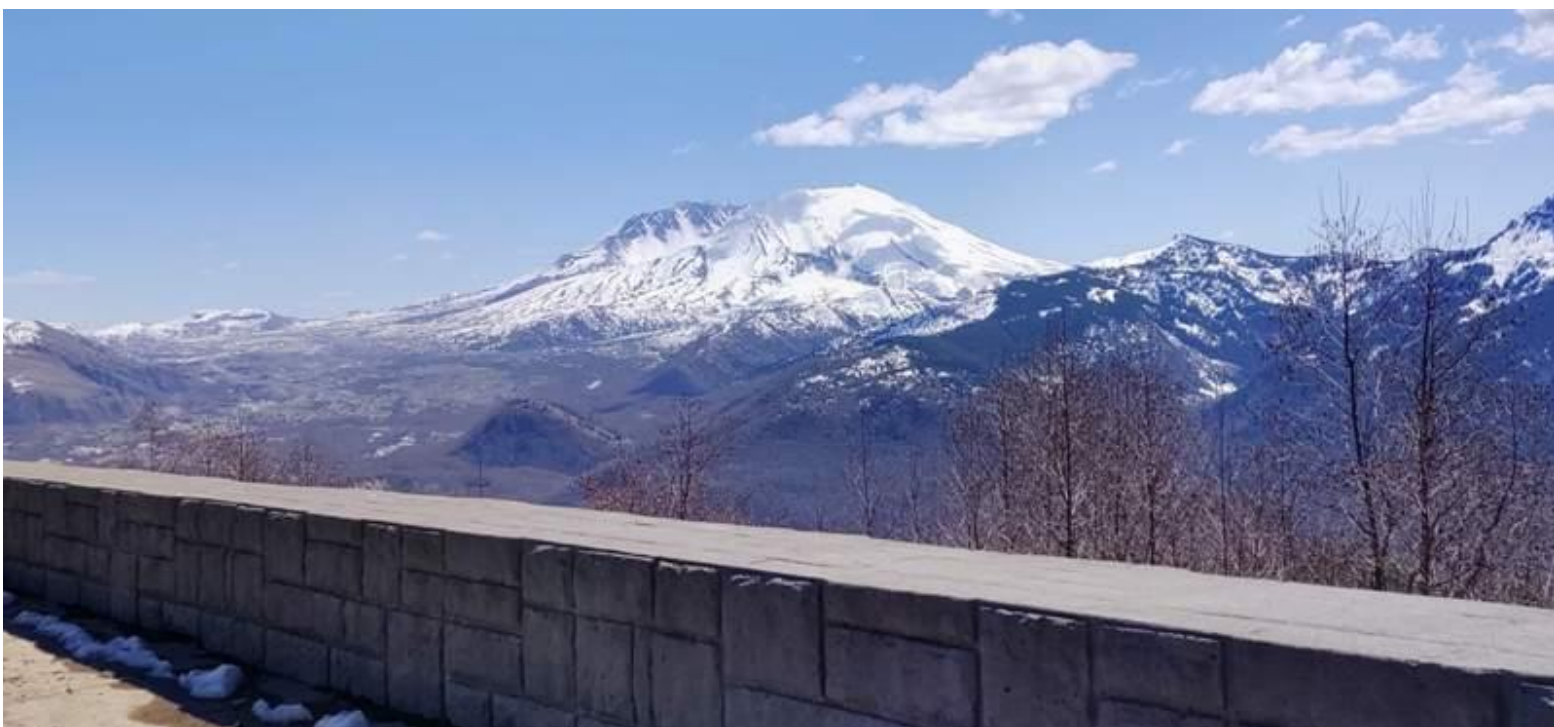
I have been trying to keep the faith with these guidelines. When it is not necessary for me to stay at home, I've been riding my motorcycles. On Wednesday the 8th, I awakened by bright sunlight shining in my window. I knew it was an omen that I just had to go for a ride. Mt Rainier was calling. Except, the park was closed. On the way back home I had to stop and get a picture of that beautiful mountain, and my new Wing too.



On Thursday I awoke to a story on the TV that said a car had slammed into one of our favorite diners in Tenino, Scotty B's. I had to go out and take a look for myself. Minor damage at best.



Since I had visited one of the local landmarks, I figured it was fitting to attempt to see another. On Sunday the 12th, Easter Sunday, I rode up towards Johnston Ridge Observatory to see if Mt St Helens was behaving.



Turns out, the road to the observatory was closed. That was no surprise and I already suspected as much. I didn't really want to walk up to the observatory anyway. I just wanted to ride. The mountain was beautiful and docile.

With the Governor's order's of "Stay Hone, Stay Healthy" all state parks and tourist attractions are closed. And that makes for an excellent opportunity to achieve social distancing for a motorcyclist. Since all the tourist attractions are closed, that means the roads are very lightly traveled. I saw lots of motorcycles these last two weeks and very few four wheelers.

Since it has been a rider's paradise on the roads and the weather has been VERY co-operative, I figured a ride to Yakima via Canyon Rd. with a return via White Pass to be an excellent ride for Thursday the 16th. I stopped at the new Los Hernandez store on Nob Hill Rd for a couple dozen tamales.



Perfect weather, temperature, and road conditions. The only thing missing is you guys. I really miss group riding.

With Mothers Day coming and another month passing by, with Cabin Fever and that itch to get together for another great ride, our trusty **MEC** planned out another fun group ride. So the word was spread far and wide lets get together for another 10:00 ride. So on May 9th members gathered from Chapter's "A" ,"I" ,"Q" and "V" 20 in total with 17 rides.



The weather turned out perfect for the ride up the peninsula, over the Hood Canel bridge and south on US 101 along the waters of the canal, through the little hamlets along the way. It was a beautiful sunny day with a high of 86 degree's and little white fluffy clouds in a bright blue sky. A great day for a Motorcycle ride.



Then there was a nice stop along the way for our packed lunch's (social distancing 6 feet away) and a little gasoline for those thirsty steeds. All in all a fantastic day out in the saddle.....

Thanks Mike for putting together a great ride!

2020 Desert Spring Fling... If you plan on attending, reserve your space NOW.

The May 2020 GWRRR WA-L Spring Fling will be held at the Columbia Sun RV Resort in Kennewick rather than at the fairgrounds as we did for so many years. We understand that it is more expensive at the RV park, but we have no other options. Be patient with our changes and please plan to come and join us in our new endeavors.



Basic Information:

Columbia Sun RV Resort: <https://www.columbiasunrvresort.com/>
Address: 103907 Wiser Pkwy, Kennewick, WA 99338
Phone: (509) 420-4880
Point of Contact: Minerva (our coordinator) Be sure to mention you are part of the GWRRR group.
Cost: 1 RV (cost depends on size of RV)
1 tent is \$49 + Tax (minus your Good Sam, AARP, etc. discount if applicable).
Add a Tent Trailer for \$15. Should be able to get 3 Tent Trailers to a spot. Some have electricity and some without. Some spots may hold 4 tent trailers.
Note: Be sure to use your discounts (Good Sam, AAA, AARP, etc.)

Register as a group or individually. If you register as a group, it is easier for them to have one person make the reservation for the entire group. Pay for the first night to hold each spot. You can settle up with your group at the end of the weekend. We currently have 15 spots reserved and are working on getting that raised to 20. We must reserve as many spots as we can before January since the park is filling up already and we don't want to be spread out here and there.

Minerva at the resort knows the spaces she saved for us...We may need more so we need to get what she has now, or they could be rented to outsiders... You can go look at the map on the web. You don't get what you want but she will group chapters together as best she can.

Some foods are provided, most are on your own. We do have a Grannies over by Columbia Center Mall, McDonald's and such up and down the CC Blvd. There are many other places around there also...just ask. Those suggested by the Park can be expensive. Famous Dave's has closed as has Old Country Buffet. Country Gentleman has good food also.

Everyone has to check into the Park at the office. You will be escorted to your lot.....I don't know yet if we will set up Spring Fling Registration near the Park Office or closer to our campsites.

Questions? Call Joyce at 509-531-9939.



Washington District Rally "BACK TO OUR FUTURE" 40TH BIRTHDAY July 16, 17, 18 2020



Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 4907 Landes Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368

Registration Fees (in US Dollars)	
Postmarked on or before July 1, 2020	
GWRRR Member	\$25.00 X = \$
Life Member	\$15.00 X = \$
Non-Member	\$30.00 X = \$

Postmarked after before July 1, 2020	
GWRRR Member	\$30.00 X = \$
Life Member	\$20.00 X = \$
Non-Member	\$35.00 X = \$
Day Pass	\$15.00 X = \$

Grand Prize \$700 & \$300 + MORE!!	
(Must be present to win)	
Price per ticket	\$1.00 X = \$

Pre-Registration 50-50 Drawing	
(Must be present to win)	
Price per ticket	\$1.00 X = \$

Friday Breakfast Hosted by Two Sisters Catering	
Biscuits and Gravy, Eggs, Fresh Fruit	
Price per ticket	\$6.00 X = \$

Saturday Breakfast Hosted by Two Sisters Catering	
All You Can Eat Waffles, Ham, Fresh Fruit	
Price per ticket	\$6.00 X = \$

Saturday Dinner Hosted by (God Bless Food) Catering	
Roast Chicken and Pork, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, Salad Roll	
Price per ticket	\$17.00 X = \$

Camping, RV's, Tent, & Tent Trailers	
(Thursday, Friday, Saturday)	
Price per night	\$15.00 X = \$

There are some areas that have 20amp Power & Water

IF YOU NEED WANT 30AMP OR 50AMP POWER YOU WILL HAVE TO STAY IN THE FAIRGROUNDS RV PARK AND MAKE RESERVATIONS THERE! THE FAIRGROUNDS OFFICE (360-385-1013)

Total Amount Enclosed =
Make check to: GWRRR Washington District

Mail to:
Mike White - GWRRR TREASURER
PO BOX 151
Allyn, WA 98324-0151

For those RV'ers that would like full hook up (30 or 50 amp power, water and septic) there are several sites available at the fairgrounds, located a short distance from our rally campground. Call the Fairgrounds direct, at 360-385-1013, to make your own reservations.

Host Hotel (1st Floor pet friendly) (100% Non-Smoking)
Thursday Rates, \$189 1st Floor / \$119 2nd Floor / \$129 3rd Floor
Friday & Saturday Rates, \$139 1st Floor / \$149 2nd Floor / \$159 3rd Floor

Harborside Inn: 800-942-5960 - www.harborside-inn.com

\$700 & \$300 Grand Prizes! - Lots More!!

Thursday Night Dessert Social - Games - Bike Show - Light Parade & Light Show
- Brown Bag Auction - Silent Auction - "Scenic Rides" by Chapter A
Disaster Preparedness Seminars
Saturday Night Birthday Cake & Ice Cream

Friday and Saturday Breakfasts Hosted by Two Sisters Catering from Oregon.
Thursday and Friday Dinner on your own throughout the City of Port Townsend.
Saturday Dinner Hosted by God Bless Food (GBF) Catering from Port Townsend

Former Washington District Directors who attend and fill out a registration, will get a free registration and a free Saturday Night Dinner.

Former Region I Directors who attend and fill out a registration, will get a free registration and a free Saturday Night Dinner.

Current Chapter Directors who attend and fill out a registration, will get a free Saturday Night Dinner.

For more information contact:

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Phone: (360) 698-9546 E-mail: jvalb59@gmail.com

Mike White, Washington District Rally Coordinator/Treasurer
Phone: (360) 340-2588 E-mail: mikew@wavecable.com

Rider: _____ GWRRR# _____ Chapter _____
Co-rider: _____ GWRRR# _____ Chapter _____
Street: _____ City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip: _____

I/we agree to conform and comply with all rules and regulations governing this event and its location and properties. I/we also agree to hold harmless GWRRR, its affiliates, vendors, properties and all participants of this event, for any liabilities due to any injury or loss due to my participation and involvement in the event.

Rider Signature: _____
Co-Rider Signature: _____

"CANCELED"

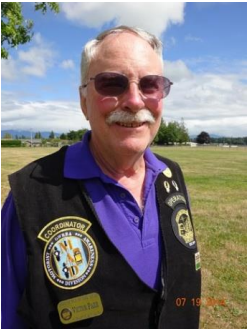
As of this writing, the Desert Spring Fling is still a GO. But, a decision will be made by the WA-L Chapter Director sometime around the 4th of May as to whether it is a GO or not. It all depends on the order of the Washington State Governor to "Stay Home, Stay Healthy". The stay home order may be extended. We will stay tuned for further developments.

The WA District Rally is still a GO as well. If there are any changes to that, we will hear from the WA District Director.

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy. Practice your Social Distancing.

Mike Briesse
WA-A Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Coordinator

Motorcycle



Vic Parr

Awareness - May 2020



Carl Maier



SOMETHING MORE TO THINK ABOUT

Let's look at a couple of pictures and see if you can guess what they are related to:



Got a clue yet? If not, how about a couple more pictures:



Still at a loss? Ok, let's look at the major clues with some more pictures:



Maybe those last two did it. Yup – if you guessed distractions while driving you hit the nail on the head. We might think that the picture of the dude on the phone has the highest percentage of occurrences, but no – actually the lady daydreaming has the phone user beat.

You might say “why are you talking to us about this, we already know all about it”? My answer is “do we?”. How often do we do at least one of the topics above? I'll admit that I am guilty. I admonish myself when I miss a turn at an intersection because my mind was off somewhere else. Do I use my cell phone while driving? Only when it is hands free. There are so many other distractions out there. Let's try not to find or use them.

April was national Distracted Driving month. That did not mean that it was the only month we could drive while distracted and not get a ticket or worse yet – have an accident. It is a time when media has attempted to make us more aware of our responsibilities while behind the wheel.

Now, the month of May is designated as Motorcycle Awareness month. Hopefully the lessons of not being distracted will carry over into May and throughout the rest of the year. Traffic may be greatly reduced due to the COVID-19 malady, but I still see many motorcycles on the streets. Can we be secure in our feelings that the other driver is paying attention? I hope so.

How safe is motorcycle riding during the COVID-19 pandemic? See the included article that was posted in the [2 STROKE CHRONICAL](#).

Be safe, sane, and healthy,

Vic Washington District Motorist Awareness Program Coordinator





Don Eide
Rider Educator

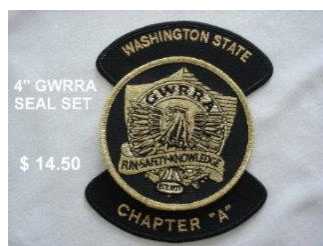
THE GWRRA RIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM



*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



May Birthdays

21st Charlie Butters
22nd Gary Beard
30th Todd Mclean

May Anniversaries

28th Mike & Pen Brieze

June Birthdays

3rd Terri Holt
10th Pen Brieze

June Anniversaries

2nd Kevin & Jennifer Allen

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

May 22 & 23 – Chapter “L” Desert Spring Fling ----**CANCELED**----

May 30th – Chapter “A” the **5 Aces Ride**

June 13th – Tour de Blast

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 “O” Whale of a picnic

Aug 23rd – Ride for Kids

Dec 6th – Olympia Toy Run

Dec 6th – Puyallup lighted Santa Parade

Flyers for the above events can be found on the Chapter “A” website.

gwrra-waa.org



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

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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