

# GWRRA CHAPTER WA-A SEATTLE, WA



**Chapter Director**

Periodic News Letter  
August 2022  
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*Something from the road!*



**Changes. Pretty much no one likes them much.**

In case you haven't heard the GWRRA National Offices closed on July 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be someone returning calls from the answering machine until September 30<sup>th</sup>. 'Pro rated' membership dues will be refunded.

**Now for the good news -**

Chapter A is the most active Goldwing centered motorcycle club in Washington. Our riding season starts on January 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on the 1st Saturday in December.. We have multiple members who have been to Blaine, Washington or Madawaska, Maine or Key West, Florida or San Ysidro, California and all the places in between. If your bike is broke someone in the Chapter probably knows how to fix it. We have a website that gets updated regularly and a newsletter that goes out frequently. We do our best to remember your birthday and anniversary even if you sometimes forget! Then of course there is the friendships.

None of that is going to change, as a motorcycle club we will continue.

Happy Riding!!



Harry Rossignol

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

----- **"Yes a Breakfast Meeting"** ----- With the **King County Covid-19** restrictions in Phase (3) three, the Golden Steer can now hold a group up to (24 people) in our meeting room.

***Hope to see you there!***



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](http://gwrra-waa.org) ***Come on out and join in!***

-----**Don't miss the fun**-----

Harry Rossignol  
Chapter "A" Director  
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## Assistant Director (ACD) – August 2022



### Looking through the Windshield:

*Good Afternoon Chapter “A” – As I sit here working on the August newsletter with the Temperature at 94 degrees in the shade on my deck “Riding season has definitely arrived”! We had a very nice turnout at our July meeting with 19 members and guests in attendance.*



*Harry led lots of great conversation as we discussed the future direction of our group. Over the next five (5) months the members will decide how we continue having fun without GWRRA National.*



*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 42nd year**

**Don Hatley**  
**Chapter “A” ACD**  
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**On Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup> 2022, Twenty Two members and guests attended the last official meeting of the Goldwing Road Riders Association Washington Chapter "V" @ the Golden Steer Restaurant in Kent. With the International headquarters of the GWRRA in Phoenix, AZ shutting down and closing its doors for good it brings to end the many years of fun and shared friendships we have all enjoyed belonging to the GWRRA.**



**JD & Carol Miller the Chapter "V" Original Chapter Directors were in attendance, along with past Director Joe Diambri and of course Jeff & Cindy Duffield Current Chapter "V" Directors who officiated the last meeting.....**



**But the fun dosen't have to end here! The group as a hole feels that Chapter's "V" & "A" should merge together as Chapter "A" until the end of the 2022 year and start 2023 with a Group Name, direction and who we might or might not associate with as we continue the fun and friendships.....**



# August and the outside air temperatures are finally under control.

By the time you read this, we will have finished the Buzzard Butt Buster Ride and the WA-O Whale of a Picnic has come and gone. It was the 36th year for the Buzzard Butt Buster and a 31st Birthday celebration for WA-O.

The Buzzard Butt Buster began in 1987 by Dick and JoAnn Buzzard. The Buzzard's Butt Buster is an annual motorcycle ride. The event is held each year around the middle of August with various destinations each year.

It is a charitable benefit for Pope's Kid's Place. Pope's Kid's Place exists to provide support for families with the challenges they face in caring for their medically complex child or young adult. The types of support they provide include respite care, long-term or transitional care, and residential care.

The ride format is very informal with riders riding in small groups or by themselves. This is a three/four day motel to motel event with sightseeing along the way. The event kicks off each year on a Thursday evening with registration, check-in and an informal gathering. Day two is generally about a 300 mile ride to a known destination. There are no set routes, each rider or group of riders set up their own routes. A rider does not even need to ride a route. All one needs to do is be at the evening's motel for the evening to check in. After that, you are on your own.

Upon arrival participants are free to kick tires, jump in the pool or just enjoy the company of fellow riders. Day three is much like day two heading to a different destination, however the evening of day three we hold a banquet and celebration of the year's ride.

Day four is your safe return home. The event is put together by a group of volunteers and as such has no responsibility for the participants in the event. It is a wonderful way to ride, unwind and enjoy a few days of camaraderie and help a worthy cause.

I need to thank Mindy G. of WA-Z. She has known Dr. Pope and the ride organizers since she was very young and she is the reason some of us have the pleasure of riding in this event. Mindy did something special last year. She rides a 2006 GL1800 and had a 1995 GL1500. The GL1500 was sold on consignment at a local motorcycle dealer. She donated the proceeds from the sale of her GL1500 to Pope's Kids' Place. Kudos Mindy.

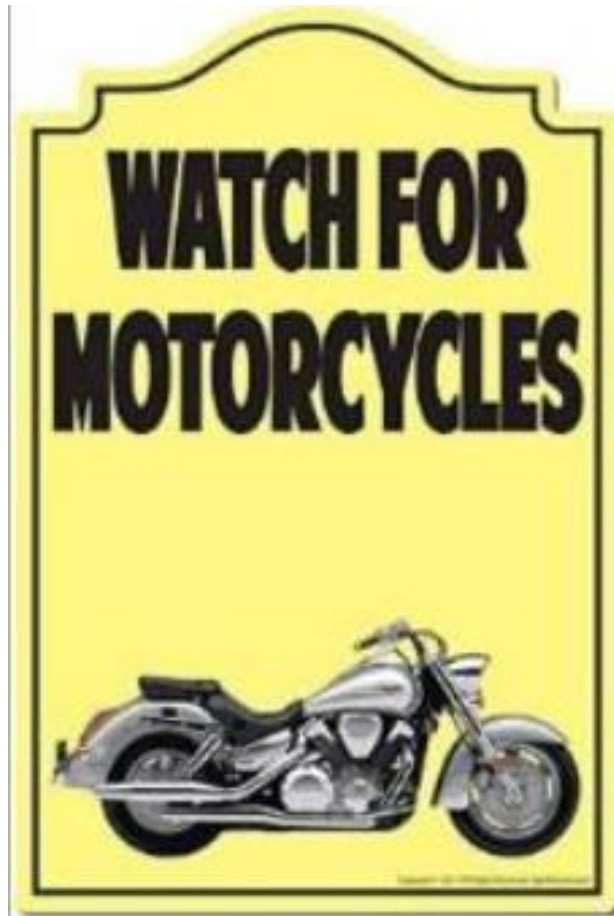
The WA-O Whale of a Picnic was on the 20th and it supported the local Food Bank. Ken Smith and the guys usually do a great job and go out of their way to get this thing set up and running. They provide an EXCELLENT lunch with all the trimmings. This year they did things a little differently. The event was free to all comers as long as you registered in advance.

Last year, eight motorcycles with ten riders from WA-A, WA-I, WA-Q and WA-V rode up to Gorst from Tacoma to participate. Joe L., Mike B. and Kevin A. of WA-A; Kenny U., Ron and Dianna H. and Richard of WA-I; Chuck and Nancy C. of WA-Q; and Harry R. of WA-V were there.

A total of eleven motorcycles were at the event then, and eight of them were ours. Joe won a set of tires. Kevin won the 50/50. Mike won the Outdoor 2 Burner Propane Cook Table and a NAPA Bucket of car cleaning supplies. The ride was a little over 60 miles long and there were no U-Turns. Hopefully it was as well attended this year as it was last year.

Mike Briese  
WA-A Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Coordinator

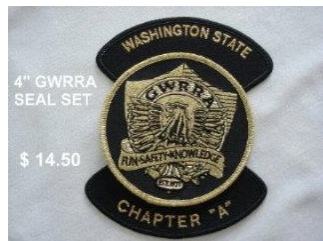
# **Motorcycle Awareness.**



***Motorcycle Awareness August 2022***



# Chapter Stores



The full stores inventory is on the Chapter Website:



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# Chapter Sunshine / Greeters



**August Birthdays**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Les Greer
- 5<sup>th</sup> Claudia Rossignol
- 17<sup>th</sup> Susan Edwards

**August Anniversaries**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Gary & Joanne Beard
- 8<sup>th</sup> Charlie & Ann Butters
- 14<sup>th</sup> Chris & Patty Johnson
- 21<sup>st</sup> Les & Stephanie Greer

Mike & Jocelyn Piechowiak  
Sunshine / Greeters



## WA"A" Activities



### **5 Aces Ride**

## ***Upcoming events***

Sept 25<sup>th</sup> – Anacortes Oyster Run

October 29<sup>th</sup> – Chapter "A" 5 Aces Ride

WA"A" Activities 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!

Harry Rossignol, Chapter "A" Director

*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!**

### For Sale



Brand New GL1800 Wheel. Non-Coated.  
Never had a tire on it or been mounted to  
a final drive. **\$125.00**



Powder Coated GL1800 Wheel.  
**\$150.00**

Email Mike Briese @ [briese@earthlink.net](mailto:briese@earthlink.net)

### WANTED / To Buy





## ***Chapter WA "A" Officers and Staff***

**Harry Rossignol – Chapter Director (CD)**

**Don Hatley – Assistant Chapter Director (ACD)**

**Don Hatley – Newsletter Editor**

**Charlie Butters – Treasurer**

**Mike Briese – Membership Enhancement Coordinator (MEC)**

**Mike Briese - Webmaster**

**Don Hatley – Stores Manager**

**Bill Holt – Phone Tree Coordinator**

**Open – Face Book Coordinator**

**Chris & Patty Johnson – 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 – Assistant Chapter Director (ACD)**

**-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 Harry Rossignol Phone (425)351-9481 ACD: Don Hatley	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-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	ACD: Ron Wolf	3rd Sunday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM Gathering @ 8:30 AM	O'Blarney's Irish Pub 4411 Martin Way E Olympia, WA 98516
WA-L	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 Drive Richland, WA 99352
WA-N	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-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)438-3906 ACD: <b>None</b>	1st Saturday Breakfast @ 9:00AM Gathering @ 10:00 AM (Winter Hours)	<b>Shari's</b> Restaurant 814 Chestnut St. Walla Walla, WA 99362
WA-X	Vancouver Phoenix	David Van Nice Phone: (360) 891-6889	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday Dinner @ 5:30 PM Gathering @ 6:00 PM	Peachtree Restaurant 6600 NE Hwy 99 Vancouver, WA 98662
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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