



# GWRRA CHAPTER WA-A SEATTLE, WA



Periodic News Letter  
May 2022  
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**Chapter Director**



*Something from the road!*



Fourteen days, 4002 miles, two up on a Goldwing. Just Because!!



*We look forward to hearing more about your trip! Enjoy.....*



**Don't forget!** Saturday **May 28th** 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!**



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

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

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Chapter "A" Director  
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## Assistant Director (ACD) – May 2022



### Looking through the Windshield:

Well hello everyone, here we are in May already and Boy did April shoot by fast. With the weather person not helping, we've been wetter than normal with below normal temps for the hole month of April. There was two or three days you could slip in a ride to somewhere, and I hope you were able to do so. I've been rideless for the month of April due to preparing the Shop for the planned Chapters "A" & "V" Maintenance Day on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and the Weather person really came thru for us with clear skys for the 23<sup>rd</sup>. A very nice turnout arrived to perform maintenance on their Wings, and enjoy great conversation in the shop and at the BBQ, silent auction, and games in the yard. I've included a few pictures here, but check out our Web Site where our Web Master has included a very nice layout of the happenings of the day.....[www.gwrra-waa.org](http://www.gwrra-waa.org).



*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 in 2022**

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## Chapter Treasurer – May 2022



*From the treasurer*

Still not much riding so no news there but we did make it up to Anchorage to see our new grandson Aksel. Delivery went almost as planned (C-section) but apparently the anesthesia was not as effective as it should have been so that was not good. But our daughter is healing up more quickly than with her first delivery. The latest report is that the parents are tired all the time, but their 3-year-old son is not. When we were there, he was non-stop as usual except when eating or sleeping. They'll make it like many of us did.



**Charlie Butters / Treasure**



## MAY 2022 – MAINTENANCE DAY

Our well attended April gathering this past month was the prelude to our combined WA-A & WA-V Maintenance Day in Don's garage. Eleven of us on our bikes trekked over to Don's Garage for the festivities.

Activities included headset intercom troubleshooting and diagnosis for Bill C. Fork removal, disassembly for seals, bushings, and fluid replacement and then reassembly and installation for Jeff's GL1800. Special shout out to Gary B. Thanks to him, Jeff had the necessary parts to complete the job on his GL1800. After the forks were reinstalled, final drive fluid was replaced. It was about seven hours of work which Jeff did pretty much un-assisted. Good job Jeff.

Dennis M. and Mike B. installed some balancing beads in Dennis's 2018 GL1800's tires. Dennis said he had been experiencing a less than smooth ride since installing new tires and wanted to see if the balancing beads would help. On the ride home that evening, he realized that the balancing beads had done their job. The ride was noticeably much smoother.

Ron H. had a big task ahead of him on his newly acquired 2012 GL1800. His plan was to replace the fork stem bearings with tapered bearings. this required a lot of disassembly. He has the singular distinction of longest duration work performed during one of our maintenance days since 2014.

Ron completed the work on his bike in about twelve hours counting a lunch break. And, there were only three screws left over when finished.

In Ron's defense, back in 2014 Mike Blangy tackled fork rebuilding on his 2004 GL1800. Unfortunately, he didn't have all the necessary parts or tools to do the job so there was a trip or two to the local Honda shop for supplies which extended the project more than expected. That task was completed somewhere around 11:30 pm that evening.

Lunch consisted of delicious gourmet burgers, chicken shish kabob skewers and all-American hot dogs. Plenty of delicious salads and desserts were supplied by the riders and co-riders of WA-A and WA-V. So much food was available that we couldn't eat it all. Much of it had to be taken home by our members for further enjoyment.

How was all this paid for you ask? Well, the ladies had a special surprise. They orchestrated a 50/50 and they put together a few baskets of donated goodies for a silent auction. The bidding was intense and unfortunately, I did not get any pictures of the goodie baskets but believe me, they were well worth the money they brought in.

The funds from the 50/50 and the silent auction was more than enough to fund the day of food, fun and skinned knuckles.









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Here you see Mike Blangy with a helper working on his forks in March of 2014. If I remember correctly, the fork rebuild was done without removing the forks from the bike. Many lessons were learned that day.



**Mike Briese**  
**WA-A Webmaster/Membership Enhancement Coo**





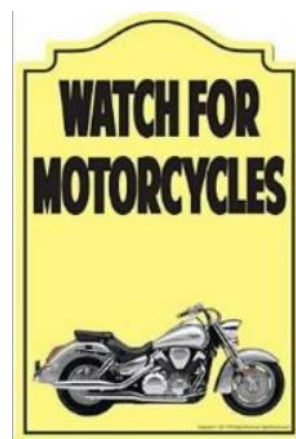
## **Rider Education –**

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and other interesting

information is available with Washington District and National activities in the Washington District Newsletter @

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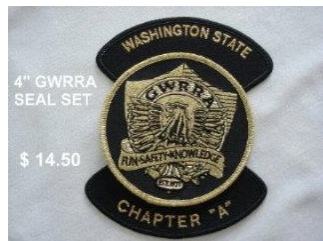


***Rider Education***

***Motorcycle Awareness May 2022***



# Chapter Stores



The full stores inventory is on the Chapter Website:



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## Chapter Sunshine / Greeters



### May Birthdays

21<sup>st</sup> Charlie Butters  
22<sup>nd</sup> Gary Beard  
30<sup>th</sup> Todd Mclain

### May Anniversaries

28<sup>th</sup> Mike & Pen Briece

Chris & Patty Johnson  
Sunshine / Greeters



## WA"A" Activities



### **5 Aces Ride**

## ***Upcoming events***

May 21<sup>st</sup> WA"N" Lunch Meeting (1:00pm) Country Inn Restaurant East Wenatchee  
(10:00am departure @ McDonald's Restaurant North Bend)

June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Chapters "R" & "L" Blue Mountain Rendevous

June 28<sup>th</sup>-July 2<sup>nd</sup> [Wing Ding 43 @ Shreveport, Louisiana](#)

July 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> [Washington District Rally](#) @ Cashmere, WA.

July 30<sup>th</sup> – Chapter "A" 5 Aces Ride

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**

### **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 Brieese – Membership Enhancement Coordinator (MEC)**

**Mike Brieese - 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)**

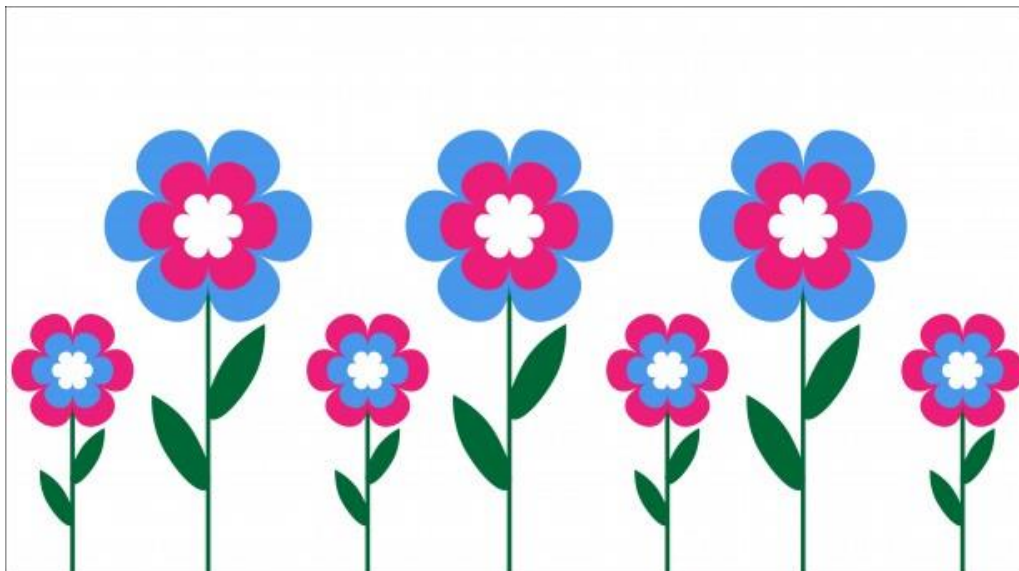
**-Open – Chapter Historian**

**-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	City /Mascot	Chapter Director	Meeting Date/ Time	Location
WA-A	Seattle Apes	Harry Rossignol Phone: (425)351-9481 ACD: Don Hatley	4th Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM Gathering @ 9:00 AM	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	Ray Abitz Phone: (360)790-2832 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	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 @ 9:00 AM Gathering @ 10:30AM	Golden Corral Buffet 7717 N Division St Spokane, WA 99208 Everybody's
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	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 <b>Chestnut St.</b> WallaWalla, WA 99362
WA-V	Auburn Frog	Jeff & Cindy Duffield Phone: (253) 293-0744 ACD: Joe & Patti Diambri	1st Sunday Breakfast @ 9:00 AM Meeting @ 10:00 AM	Golden Steer Restaurant 23826 104th Ave SE Kent, WA 98031
WA-X	Vancouver Phoenix	David Van Nice Phone: (360) 891-6889 ACD: Mike & Vickie Miller	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	Jesse & Eva Valentine (360) 888-0546	2nd Saturday Breakfast @ 8:30 AM	Ramblin Jacks Ribeye 1336 Rush Rd Chehalis, WA 98532 Ext 72





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