



Seattle Wings Chapter WA-A



Periodic News Letter
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Chapter Director



Something from the Road !

It's been a busy summer.

We got 'the check' for STP. Chapter A's cut was \$553. Our bank balance is now comfortably above the \$1,000 minimum to avoid monthly service fees. I'd like to thank Jeff Duffield, Mike Briesse, Mike Bryant, Mike Piechowiak and Jon and Neena Shaeffer for their participation! Even without the check it's always worthwhile to help others achieve a meaningful goal in their life.

On the 26th of August we will be joined by our state and regional directors, Steve and Ralphine Andrus, our national webmaster John Hunrath, and our national executive director Judith Shaefer.

Legendary long distance rider John Doughty will be speaking about his 100K mile Iron Butt ride and reportedly someone from Everett Power Sports will be speaking about Gold Wings. We expect there will also be a number of visitors from nearby GWTA chapters. This is a 'colors' event. Chapter A wears Red.

On September 1st - 4th we will be enjoying the GWTA Washington Annual Camp Out at Squaw Rock Campground outside of Naches. This will be our first year at this location. In addition to the Naches River the campground has a pool and on-site restaurant. We've got rides planned, raffles planned (one involving a ½ gallon of Firewater ball) and other festivities. There may still a couple of RV sites available for anyone who hasn't quite decided to come yet.

We continue to ride twice weekly, it is fun for me that it is not always the same people coming along. If you've got an idea of a fun place to go let us know!!!

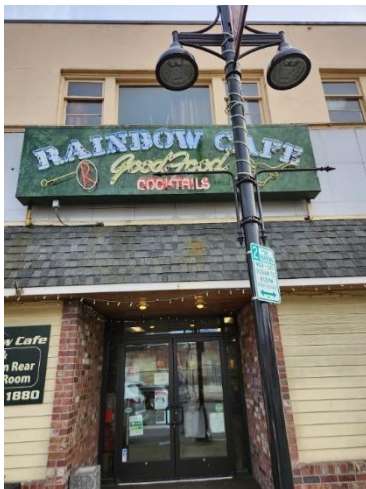
Ride Safe and See You Soon!!!

Harry Rossignol
Chapter Director
GWTA Washington Chapter A/Seattle Wings.



Don't forget! This **Saturday August 26th** is our Chapter "A" monthly meeting at the **Rainbow Cafe** Restaurant. **Breakfast starting at 9:00am** with meeting following at **10:00am**.Usually a ride after.....

Hope to see you there!



112 E. Main St. Auburn, WA. 98002
(253) 833-1880



Rear entrance to Rainbow Cafe

(Have you checked out the **Chapter "A" Website lately?** Our Webmaster works on it almost daily, Check it out). gwta-waa.com ***Come on out and join in!***

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

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Asst. Chapter Directors



Looking through the Windshield

Trailer Time

3 weeks ago, I was able to make a multi day trip pulling my trailer. The event was my 45th class reunion in Ferndale. Cindy did not join me on this one so I was going solo. I left Friday morning to make the 2+ hour ride up to Whatcom County. I did not have a lot of stuff, but I did take a cooler and a clothing bag. The trailer was overkill but a good chance to try it out. It is a bushtec that I got from Sam and Diane a while back. The trailer pulls real nice with hardly any change in ride feel. I made a rest stop at Smokey Point and another stop at Lifestyles Honda in Mt Vernon. I wanted to check in with Lifestyles where I bought the bike 5 months ago. They had quite a few used goldwings on their floor for sale. The last leg of the ride went well and I made my way to Birch Bay where I was staying at the WorldMark Condo. I found that pulling the trailer was pretty effortless and that backing up at times was easy to do. I did notice a good size drop in MPG. It was 38 MPG for the most part during the trip. My new DCT gets around 48 to 50 when doing easy backroad and freeway riding not pulling the trailer.

On Saturday morning I unhooked the trailer to take a ride. Since I am from that area, I knew the ride to make for the day was to go up Mt Baker Hwy to the Ski Area and Artists Point. It is a fantastic ride of 60+ miles each way. The last 10 or so miles is a little bumpy. I was able to test the DCT on the twisty hairpin turn filled road to the top. It was real nice to not have to worry about shifting or clutch or friction points. I was able to just manage the throttle and go with the flow of the curves. At the top, I made several stops to take pictures of the bike and scenery. Since owning the bike I did not have any good pictures of the bike yet. I was able to get a few good ones. The sad part was that the Mt Shuksan was covered in clouds that day. I really wanted to get that perfect picture lake picture of the mountain and the bike. No such luck. The ride down was equally fun and uneventful.



I made the ride back home on Sunday making it home in time for our Granddaughters 3rd birthday party. The following weekend My oldest Daughter Jennifer had a baby Girl. Cindy and I made a drive down to Portland to see her on that Sunday. Now We are up to 5 Grandkids.

Work and other commitments keep me away from Chapter rides for now. Just today, Friday the 18th, I got a text from Joe Diambri. He said he got something new. I went over to his house just in time to see the delivery truck arrive. Out of the back of the trailer, a light blue 2022 Can Am Spyder F3 emerged. Joe is now a spyder rider. I hope it is better for him than the Goldwing trike. He might be able to join us for rides now.

See you soon at the BIG August Meeting

Jeff & Cindy Duffield
Assistant Directors – ACD
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Joe receiving his new 2022 Can Am Spyder F3



Looking forward to seeing Joe on Chapter Rides

Chapter Treasurer

August 2023



From the treasurer

All quiet in the Treasury this month.



Charlie Butters /Treasure



We continue to have fun in the sun riding our Washington State roads.

Believe it or not, it seems like we have been involved in more group riding as a GWTA chapter than we ever did as GWRRA Chapter A. Back then we would ride as a group maybe once a week on Saturdays. During those rides we would attempt to get some interest in riding the next day, Sunday, but there was usually some reluctance. Yes, we would have mid week Ice Cream Socials but they were usually solo rides to a meeting spot for a sweet treat and then everyone would go their separate ways.

This season as a GWTA chapter, we are riding two days a week, Thursdays and Saturdays and we are pretty much leaving Sundays for other leisure activities unless a ride is on the horizon, such as the Anacortes Oyster Run next month.

To give you an idea of what we are doing mileage wise, I have put over 9,000 miles on my bikes since the beginning of 2023 and I did no riding for the first three months of the year.

On our meeting day in July, we did about 125 miles out to the end of the Carbon River Rd and back.



July 27th found us trekking 126 miles out to Linda's Fish and Chips in South Bend.



The following Saturday was one of those left out Saturdays, the fifth Saturday of the month when we do the 5 Aces Ride. We started the ride at the McDonald's parking lot adjacent to I-5 and Hwy 512 in Tacoma. The route was only about 81 miles to the Maple Valley DQ. It was also Harry's Birthday that day. Claudia bought an Ice Cream Cake at the Maple Valley Dairy Queen and it was more than enough to satiate us all. It turned out that the cake was still frozen solid when it was picked up. It made it a real challenge to cut it into individual pieces. In retrospect, storing it in a refrigerator overnight would have been beneficial. But Claudia prevailed and cut it up for everyone to enjoy.



On August 3rd, a few riders rode to the Copper Creek Restaurant for some of the best berry pie you have ever tasted. I'm sorry I missed that one but Todd, Meredith and myself were on the Buzzard Butt Buster ride supporting Pope's Kid's Place. Four days of riding and three nights on the road. 80 folks registered and participated. It was a really good weekend.

Sunday was the last day of the Buzzard Butt Buster so we beat feet to Packwood to join with the folks that headed there for the Fireman's Annual Beef Barbecue. We found a few old friends and lot of great food. If you didn't make it, you missed a good spread of barbecue and fixings.



Of course, that is not the last ride of the month. In fact, it is just the beginning of the month. The ride out to Packwood is only about 170 miles round trip. There are more rides to come. The second mid week of the month was on the horizon.

Quilcene was on our radar. On August 10th, we headed to QuilBilly's restaurant. About 130 miles one way and always a great set of roads to travel. By the way, QuilBilly's serves one

of the best Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato sandwiches I've ever sunk my teeth into. We have been there no less than three times in the past two months. If you can get away on a week day, you really should consider riding with us the next time we head out to the peninsula.



Saturday the 12th was our day to visit with Chapter C in Everett. Walt had promised a great ride after the meeting and he did not disappoint. Harry, Bill, Kenny and myself had a wonderful breakfast at the Evergreen Lanes in Everett before the ride. Walt took us through Snohomish, Monroe, over Steven's Pass and points east to Leavenworth and over Blewett Pass and eventually to Liberty for some Pie and Ice Cream. It was the Three Pass Blast so Snoqualmie was the next pass to blast over. Well over 350 miles of ridding for the day. We had a total of eleven Gold Wings, all two wheelers. It was a great day of riding.



Thursday the 17th was to be a blast from the past. We met at the Rainbow Cafe to start our day. The plan was to ride for about two hours to our destination in Issaquah. The restaurant we were to have lunch at didn't open until 11:00 am and we really didn't want to be too early.

It can be a tough job to find enough suitable, curvy asphalt to occupy two hours of time between Auburn and Issaquah. But rest assured, Harry found a way to use up the two hours that he planned on.

I was riding as tail end Charlie and as we were headed down the Issaquah-Hobart Rd, toward Issaquah, I thought we were going to be early but Harry threw in a left turn and headed down May Valley Rd through Newcastle and up through Bellevue and back to Issaquah. We arrived at the XXX Root Beer Drive-in at 10:59 am. Just in time for lunch. Including the trip home, I think it was a total of 150 miles for the day.



At the Rainbow Cafe above and at the XXX Root Beer Drive-in below.



On Saturday the 19th, we are headed out to Yakima for a Miner Burger. I hope you are riding along with us. It is always an enjoyable leisure day of riding.

Mike Briese
WA-A Webmaster





Goldwing Preventative Maintenance

By Dennis Murphy

I spent a couple of weeks in Iowa in July. What an awesome time.

I was going to take the bike there but about a week before, I changed my mind and drove the car. I was supposed to get my seat recovered and have a gel pad installed into it. But, the guy that was going to do it was super busy and couldn't fit it in. The stock seat just isn't comfortable. Especially for a long ride.

I spent a day in Reno with a friends wife. Dennis passed away in 2021 from pancreatic cancer. I went to see his grave and to get some stuff of his.

Dennis was a retired motor officer with Seattle. He retired in 2015 and moved to Fallon, Nevada. They bought a 5 acre ranch. Life was good until the cancer took him away. He passed away on his birthday at 61 years of age.

On to Iowa:

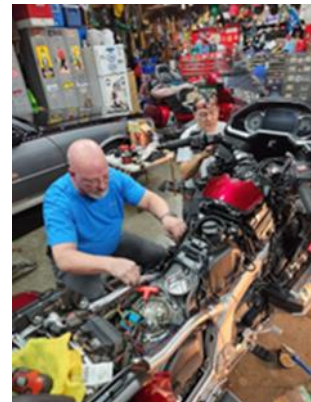
I spent a couple of weeks at a friends house in Marion, Iowa where I was raised.

It was awesome. I saw friends and family. I also saw a lot of graves of family and friends. I had a lot of tenderloin sandwiches and sweet corn. Did some fishing at a lake on a pontoon.

The whole time that I was gone, I really didn't miss the bike at all. Probably because I ride just about every day of the year.

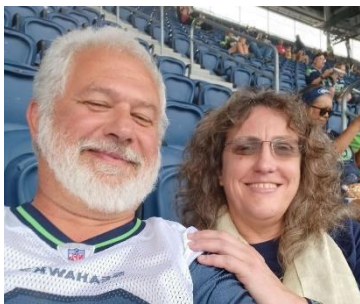
I'm looking at selling the Wing and buying a 2012 to 2017. I really like some of the features of the 2019 DCT but another deciding factor for not taking the Wing to Iowa is really the lack of storage. My helmet fits into the trunk on this bike but only if I put it on it's side. Can't put two helmets in it. The saddlebags will hold a little bit but it was a challenge to try and figure out what to take and what needs to stay at home. I figured that I would be bringing home some more stuff than when I left with. Another factor. I just never loved the entire package compared to the 2012 and 2014.

So, that's where it stands. I'm not sure what is going to happen but we'll see.



Dennis Murphy

Chapter Sunshine / Greeters



August Birthdays

5th Claudia Rossignol
17th Susan Edwards



August Anniversaries

3rd Gary & Joanne Beard
8th Charlie & Ann Butters
14th Chris & Patty Johnson

Mike & Jocelyn Piechowiak
Sunshine / Greeters

WA"A" Activities



5 Aces Ride

Upcoming events

Aug 26th Chapter "A" Meeting

Aug 26th – **GWTA Regional Meeting** hosted by Chapter "A"

"Special Guest is Judith Shaefer GWTA executive director"

Sept 23rd Chapter "A" Meeting

Sept 24th Anacortes Oyster Run

Sept 30th Chapter "A" 5 Aces Ride

WA"A" Activities the 5 Aces Ride

Hello All GWTA 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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"Chapter "A" is enjoying its 43rd year of Fun"

Motorcycle Safety



Always perform a visual safety check before starting your Ride.

Perform a T-Clock

Motorcycle Safety Checklist

T-CLOCK stands for:

- * Tires & wheel
- * Controls
- * Lights & electrics
- * Oil & fluids
- * Chassis
- * Kickstand

Ride Safe & “Don’t miss the Fun”

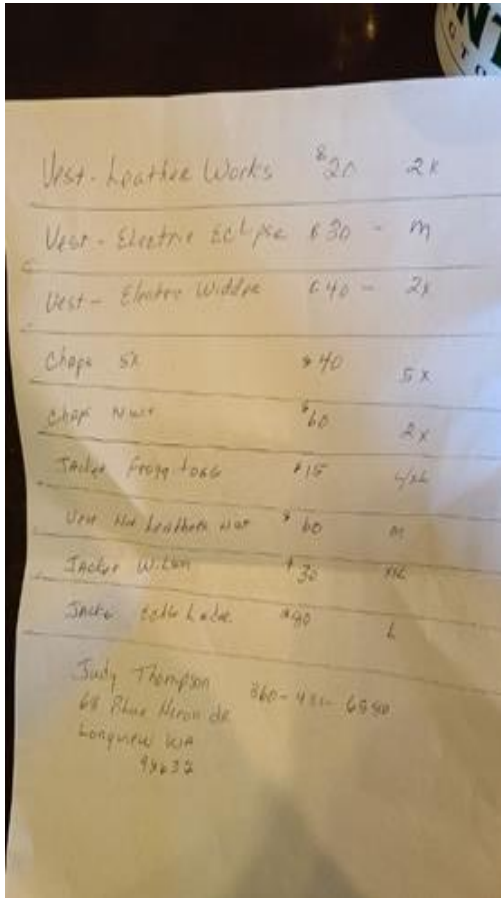


Motorcycles and / or Parts Buy / Sale

Adds will be listed for three (3) months or until sold!

GWRRA Members Adds Free!

Selling ??



WANTED / To Buy



Judy Thompson has Jerrys Wing for sale and the above list
Of riding gear....360 – 431 - 6580



Chapter WA”A” Officers and Staff

Harry Rossignol – Chapter Director (CD)

Jeff & Cindy Duffield – Assistant Chapter Director (ACD)

Charlie Butters – Treasurer

Mike Briese – Webmaster

Dennis Murphy – Technical Coordinator (Goldwing Maintenance Information)

Don Hatley – Newsletter Editor

Phone Tree – Bill Holt

Open – Face Book Coordinator

Jocelyn Piechowiak – Greeters, and Sunshine Person

The Chapter has several positions open and is looking for members with great ideas to fill them!

-Open – Face Book Coordinator

-Open – Ride Coordinator

-Open – Newsletter Editor

-Open – Activity Coordinator (Monthly Activities)

-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 (GWTA)	Seattle Apes	Harry Rossignol Phone (425)351-9481 ACD: Jeff Duffield	4th Saturday Breakfast @ 9:00 AM Gathering @ 10:00 AM	Rainbow Cafe Restaurant 112 E. Main St. Auburn, WA 98002
WA-L (High Desert Riders) (Independent)	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 (Independent)	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-R (Independent)	Walla Walla Road Runner	Pat & Von Webb Phone (509)522-2320 ACD:	1st Saturday Breakfast @ 9:00AM Gathering @ 10:00 AM (Winter Hours)	Clarette's Restaurant 15 S Touchet St. Walla Walla, WA 99362
GWTA				
WA-B	Stilly Valley Wings Arlington	Joseph & Jonney Finley Phone: (360)202-1862 ACD: Rob Lebar (425)315-5605	3rd Saturday Breakfast @ 8:30 AM Meeting @ 9:30 AM	Denny's Restaurant 2202 State Route 530 NE Arlington, WA 98223
WA-C	Evergreen Wings	Howie Dickerman (206)571-3273 ACD: Mike Zmiarovich	2nd Saturday Breakfast @ 08:00AM Meeting @ 09:00AM	Evergreen Lanes 5111 Claremont Way Everett, WA 98203
WA-F	Fun & Friendship Riders	Gary & Vonda Brest (206)852-2625 ACD: Lisa Alberts (253) 350-4594	2nd Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00AM Meeting @ 9:00AM	(Currently Inactive)
WA-G	Lilac City Riders	Terry & Peggy Burus (509)922-2454 ACD: Trish Stevens (509)714-7848	1st Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00AM Meeting @ 8:30AM	Golden Corral 7117 North Division Spokane, WA 99208
WA-I	Island Wings	Garry & Connie Mollerstuen (360)929-2483 ACD: Kevin & Veronica Lowe (360) 632-8811	3rd Sunday Breakfast @ 9:00AM Meeting Following	(Currently Inactive)
WA-Q	The Q Crew	Mike & Marion Freels (360)273-4884 ACD: Steve Henson (360)748-3242	1st Saturday Breakfast @ 8:30AM Meeting @ 9:00AM	(Currently Inactive)
WA-U	Okanogan Valley Wings	Teri Mitschelen (509)429-1751 ACD: Mel Caylor (509)322-2546	3rd Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00AM Meeting @ 9:00AM	Cariboo Inn Restaurant 233 Queen St. Okanogan, WA. 98840

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