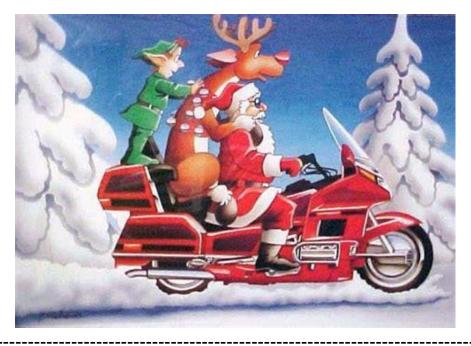


Seattle Wings Chapter WA-A



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Have you checked out the **Chapter "A" Website lately**? Our Webmaster works on it almost daily, Check it out!

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AND SOOOOO much more!

Chapter WA "A" Officers and Staff

Chapter Director (CD)- Harry Rossignol

Assistant Chapter Director (ACD) - Jeff & Cindy Duffield

Webmaster - Mike Briese

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Newsletter Editor – Jocelyn Piechowiak

Phone Tree - Bill Holt

Facebook Coordinator – Jocelyn Piechowiak

Sunshine Committee – Michael and Jocelyn Piechowiak

The Chapter has several positions open and are looking for members who would love to fill them!

Ride Coordinator

Activity Coordinator (monthly)

Chapter Historian

Ways & Means Coordinator-Conducts 50/50 drawings, etc

---So Step forward, "volunteer" and join in the fun!

Greetings from our Chapter Directors



Harry & Claudia Rossignol

Firstly, I would like to thank Bill and Linda Crain for once again hosting our Christmas Party. Secondly, Merry Christmas.

Up shortly we will have another **5** Aces Ice Cream Ride on the 30th of December. Time of place of departure to be decided.(The length of the ride will be determined by weather and most Ice Cream shops don't open until at least noon).

Our **New Years Day Ride** will depart from Rainbow Cafe in Auburn at 10 AM and head over to Krain Korner for lunch (arriving noonish).

We have had one of the more active riding years we have had in a long time. It wasn't long ago that we were struggling with getting good attendance on weekly rides, never mind twice weekly rides. We've had good attendance all year long. Hopefully this will continue.

We are planning three standard rides per month until the weather improves.

The **1st Saturday of the month** departing at 7AM from the McDonalds at the corner of SR 512 and I-5 going to the **Chapter Q** meeting at the Centerville Cafe in Centralia. After ride TBD. The **2nd Saturday of the month** departing at 7AM from the Chevron Station at the corner of 84th Ave S and S 212th St in Kent going to the **Chapter C** meeting at the Evergreen Lanes in Everett. After meeting ride TBD

The 4th Saturday of the month departing after our meeting at the Rainbow Cafe in Auburn.

Major events next year that are planned so far -

May 24th - 27th The EWMA Blue Mountain Rendevous in Milton Freewater, OR.

June 10th to 20th Edelweiss Best of Southern France Tour.

July 14th STP Bridge Support

July 15th to 18th GWTA Gold Rush - Bowling Green KY.

July 15th to 22nd Seven Day Canadian Rockies ride.

July 16th to August 6th Twenty One Day Alaska Ride.

August 2nd to 4th Three Day ride.

September 6 to 9th GWTA State campout at the Squaw Rock RV resort on Friday. I'm still hoping to find a volunteer to arrange an every other month Dinner Social. Hopefully we will be seeing all of you soon!!!

Harry and Claudia Rossignol

Directors - GWTA - WA Chapter A/Seattle Wings

Asst. Chapter Directors



Jeff & Cindy Duffield Jeffmd2@comcast.net

New Part

On December 7th, Cindy went in for her knee replacement surgery. As many of you know, she has been suffering from a bad right knee for some time. Unable to ride her Spyder due to the main and only brake is on the right foot. She could not even ride with me in comfort due to the difficulty in getting on and off the bike. She had to wait for a long time to get a surgery date. When the date came, she was feeling good and the day went well. She came through the surgery just fine and started her recovery. There is lots of pain meds and physical therapy. I could not assist her with all her needs during this time so Patty Alfonso, our Neighbor and Manuel's Sister is providing her 24-7 care as she get's through all the healing and recovery. I have to stay in another bedroom due to our different sleep times. I go to bed early and get up early for my Boeing job. It is working out pretty well. I also had a week-long work trip to Ohio this month. We are hoping this fix is the ticket for getting her back on the Spyder and active in going on rides and other activities this coming year.

December 12th marked a date 11 years ago when I lost my 1990 Honda Pacific Coast. It was my second street legal motorcycle that I purchased in 2008. Kind of a baby Gold Wing at 800cc and lots of plastic. I loved the look of them and figured it would be a good step up to get my riding skills ready for a real Gold Wing. It was a fun and easy to ride bike. Over the 4 years I had it, I put on around 36,000 miles. That day 11 years ago, I was riding to work in Everett at 4:00am in pouring rain. Lots of standing water on 405, and at 70 mph changing lanes, one of the wheel track rut puddles was too much for my rear wheel to keep traction. I went down hard on the right side. The picture at the bottom of the article shows the condition of the bike as it lay at the towing yard. It was hit by two trucks that did not see it laying in the middle of 405. Not much plastic left on it. I was not hurt but not bad, could have been worse if there were cars following me. I had several thick layers on and slid on the wet road. What did I learn with all of this? When riding in the rain, keep your speed down, pick a lane and stay in it, avoid standing water, ride center track when possible. Wear all your gear all the time. Cover the skin you want to keep. You never know when or what will cause you to go down. Be prepared for it. The Christmas party was fun, lots of good food, fun gifts and good fellowship with our members. Now we have the new years day ride coming up if the weather holds out. Also, this next year has a lot of fun things planned.

Have a great Christmas and we will see you soon.

Jeff & Cindy





2023 Toys for Tots Annual Motorcycle Run, Olympia, WA.



Inspite of the rain, the turn out at the Toys for Tots motorcycle run in Olympia, WA was as big and successful as ever. Dianna bought her usual T shirt but some how lost it. Someone got a free shirt.

So fun to see all the toys going to the Salvation Army. It shows BIKERS have a kind heart.

Merry Christmas n Happy New Year! Ron n Dianna Hemmi



Webmaster

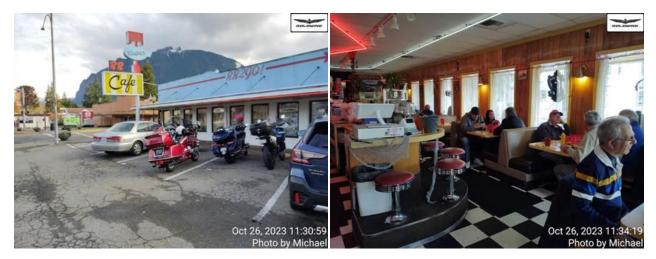


Mike Briese

Our October meeting was pretty well attended. Our Christmas Party in December was not as popular as the meeting though. But even in November and December when the weather was not so great, we were still able to ride and visit.

Oct 26th found us on the last Thursday ride of 2023 to Twede's Cafe in North Bend. Quaint little place but in my opinion it does not live up to the hype generated by the 1990's Twin Peak's television series. The supposed "Damn Fine Cup of Coffee" was just OK. However, the ride was great. Howie and another rider from WA-C joined us for a chilly day of riding starting at the Rainbow Cafe where the coffee and service is better than Twede's Cafe.





The Oct 28th meeting brought 20 of us out of our shells for breakfast and some information sharing. We talked about the upcoming Christmas Party at Bill's Man Cave.



On Nov 4th the weather was very wet and fairly windy but it was time to visit with the Q-Crew in Centralia. Harry and I met at the Lakewood McDonalds's Restaurant Parking Lot at about 7:00 am for the ride south. The frog choking rain and abundant road spray got so bad on the highway that we had to stop at a gas station in Tumwater to clear windshields face shields and glasses of moisture and road film. It was pretty hard to see through all that inclement weather and early morning darkness.

By the time we got to Centralia, we were pretty well soaked. Kenny U. was there at the restaurant (he opted for the four wheeler over the two wheeler) to meet us and he commented that we looked like sponges. Of course he and the two Q-Crew members were bone dry.



The Christmas Party was not as well attended as previous years but those that were there had a great meal and lots of fun and netted some pretty nice Christmas Gifts.

Special thanks to Bill and Linda Crain for providing the venue and setting this all up, cooking the meal, making homemade pie and Ice Cream. You guys are the best and very much appreciated.



Dec 9th, Harry and I met at the Chevron Station in Kent at 7:00 am for the short ride to Everett to visit and have breakfast with Chapter C. Once again, a chilly rainy day but it was not unexpected. This time of year it seems like if you want to ride, prepare for the cold and wet. We were and it turned out to be a pretty good ride.



Mike Briese WA-A Webmaster



Chapter "A" Stores:



Come see Joe at the meetings! He might just have that perfect sticker, patch, shirt or hat for you.

Joe Leon

Chapter Treasurer



Charlie and Ann Butters

Goldwing Preventative Maintenance





Dennis Murphy

Hello fellow Wingnuts!

I wasn't at the Christmas party because I was sick. Just didn't feel well. Took Monday off after that and just ended up with a runny nose for a while. Now I'm back to somewhat normal.

I know an awful lot about Gold Wings. The only years that I never owned were the 1980-1983 GL1100's.

I've owned 1978 GI1000 1987 GL1200 2 1500's 1993 and 1995 1 2008 GL1800 (for 3 whole weeks) 2012, 2014, and 2015 1 2019 DCT Tour And also numerous bikes in between.

Here's my point, so knowing a lot about the Gold Wings I still don't know everything that there is to know about them. That's why I have manuals for most of them and belong to a chapter with good friends that probably know more than me. Thanks to Mike Breise for the use of his expertise and his garage.

With everyone that I work with on the bikes, sometimes it's nice to just stand back and watch how someone else does a particular job. Sometimes I'm relying on someone's expertise and then just watching how they do a particular job. That's how I learn. Not because I don't know how to do something but maybe there is a better way that I just never thought of. Same results, different journey.

Here are some tips that I've learned by watching and not doing.

JIS (Japanese Industrial Screwdrivers) have been around for years and until 4 or 5 years ago, I never heard of them. They are a Phillip's head but with a different point. Case in point, the little screws that are on all Gold Wing at the accessory terminals. Positive and negative. The screws are difficult to loosen. If you try to tighten before loosening, sometimes that's enough to get them loose. If the point on the screwdriver tries to cam out or not stay in the screw, you will probably strip out the head. That's where the JIS screwdrivers come in handy. All of the Gold Wings are JIS. Most won't be stripped out using a Phillip's head but those on the accessory terminal will, very easily.

When taking off the screws on each side of the fairing, mark them with a fine point marker. Top to bottom, 1.2.3.4. Helps to get them where they should go back in.

If you are tearing down for an air filter or something like that, take some pictures as you go and get someone to help you as you work on it. Doesn't take as long and if there is something that's missed, better to have two sets of eyes. Much more fun also!

Check your tires! Enough said.

Looking forward to the meeting, Ice cream run on the 31'st and of course the ride on January 1'st 2024...Dennis

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

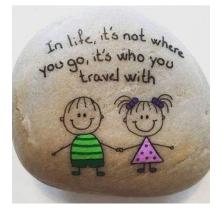
Ride Safe & Don't miss the Fun"



Sunshine Committee



Jocelyn and Michael Piechowiak



2023 has been full of adventures for Mike and I. We love taking roadtrips in our 2018 Tesla S. We started the year by spending a week in Newport OR with friends and exploring the Oregon coast with all its beauty. February/March had us snowbirding in Las Vegas and the Phoenix area seeing friends and relatives for a couple of weeks.

We began our 2nd annual spring roadtrip in our Tesla on May 4th. Started with a few days in Leavenworth, a few more days wine tasting in Pendleton/Walla Walla then headed out of the Great Northwest to begin our counterclockwise trip. Our goal the first week was getting to the 1st of 2 Annual Bourbon and Golf in Lexington KY but had time to enjoy the tour of Samuel Clemens hometown in Hannibal MO. Onwards to my sister in SC and then north to my father's house in MD where we would stay while we visited all our families and friends in the MD/VA/DC/DE/PA area. In late June after Mike attended the 2nd Annual Bourbon Golf in Louisville KY, we headed to OH, WI and MN to visit more relatives and friends. We visited the tourist trap in Fargo ND and the Theodore Roosevelt National Park near Billings MT. We got home about July 10th with over 9,000 new miles on our EV. We enjoyed attending the 100th Anniversary of the Ellensburg Rodeo with friends. Winemaking season starts in the fall so we have to stay near home. So we went RVing near Ocean Shores for 2 weeks with our BFF and his dog. It rained hard and was windy but a good time was had anyway. We explored the cities on the coast by Tesla and had coffee in Ocean Shores daily.

We *flew down* to Mazatlan for 2 weeks surrounding the Thanksgiving holiday. That's right. No Tesla. Now we are home for the Holidays. Enjoy yours!

P.S. We still manage to go on a few GOLDWING rides whenever we can.

DECEMBER Celebrations:



09th Jerry Garman

27th Sharon Murphy



27th Sam & Diane Martin

28th Barry & Mrs. Uhde

Join Us on the 4th Saturday of Every Month for our monthly meeting.

Mark Your Calendar..... December 23rd

Breakfast starting at 9:00am with meeting following at 10:00am.

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

Weather Permitting Rides after the meeting. *Hope to see you there!*







Front Entrance to Rainbow Cafe Rear entrance to Rainbow Cafe There is limited parking in the front but plenty of parking in the back.

The Famous WA"A" 5 Aces Ride



DECEMBER 30th!.....TBD.

At Chapter **"A"** We've noticed that 4 months each year have an additional 5th Saturday. Everybody loves getting an extra Saturday, of course. We at Chapter "A" honor those extra Saturdays with an "**Ice Cream Ride".** Come ride with us, on these 5th Saturdays of the month and **we will buy you a cone**. The destinations are unknown unless you have a suggestion.



WA"A" Activities

"Chapter "A" is enjoying its 43rd year of Fun"

Upcoming events

Be sure to check our website gwta-waa.com for details on the big events in 2024.

December 2023

- Dec 2th Saturday Chapter WA-A Christmas Party at Bill Crain's Man Cave.
- Dec 23rd Saturday. Monthly GWTA-WA-A Breakfast Chapter Meeting.
- Dec 30th Saturday. 5 Aces Ride for Ice Cream...Details forthcoming later.

January 2024

We will have a New Years ride...details forthcoming.

• Jan 27th Saturday. Monthly GWTA-WA-A Breakfast Chapter Meeting.

Febuary 2024

• Feb 24th Saturday. Monthly GWTA-WA-A Breakfast Chapter Meeting.

July 2024

- Jul 14~15 Seattle to Portland (STP). Volunteers needed.
- Jul 15~18 GOLD RUSH XXXVI: July 15-18, 2024, Bowling Green, KY 42103.

September 2024

• Sep 6~9 GWTA Washington District's week after Labor Day Campout at Squaw Rock Resort.

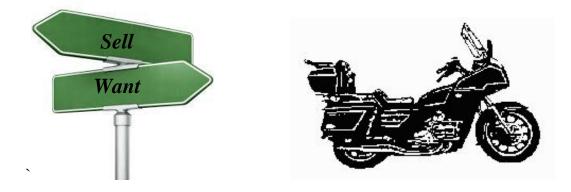
WASHINGTON CHAPTER GATHERINGS

| <u>GWTA Chapter</u> | <u>Group Name</u> | Chapter Director | Meeting Date/ Time | <u>Location</u> |
|--|----------------------------|--|--|---|
| WA-A | 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-C | Evergreen Wings | Howie Dickerman (206)571-3273 ACD: Mike Zmiarovich | 2 nd 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 | 2 nd Staurday Breakfast @ 8:00AM Meeting @ 9:00AM | (Currently Inactive) |
| WA-Q | The Q Crew | Steve Henson (360)489-5275 | 1 st Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00AM Meeting @ 9:00AM | Centerville Café 111 N. Tower Ave. Centralia, WA 98532 |
| WA-U | Okanogan Valley Wings | Teri Mitschelen (509)429-1751 ACD: Mel Caylor (509)322-2546 | 3rd Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00AM Meeting @ 9:00AM | Status Unknown |
| GWRRA Chapter | <u>Group Name</u> | Chapter Director | Meeting Date/ Time | <u>Location</u> |
| 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 | Call or email Don for details - foxfour22@gmail.com | |
| WA-R (Independent) | Walla Walla Road Runner | Pat & Von Webb Phone (509) 438-3906 ACD: | 1st Saturday Breakfast @ 9:00AM Gathering @ 10:00 AM (Winter Hours) | Clarette's Restaurant 15 S Touchet St. Walla Walla, WA 99362 |

This list is subject to change except for Chapter A and C. Please contact the Chapter you wish to visit before going.

GWTA WA-C Evergreen Wings 2024 Calendar

Mon Jan 01 New Years Day Ride details are TBD and weather dependent (Walt) Sat Jan 13 8am Breakfast Meeting Evergreen Lanes, 5111 Claremont Way, Everett Sat Jan 13 Chapter C Bowling (details are TBD by Walt) Evergreen Lanes, 5111 Claremont Way, Everett Sat Jan 27 Visit Chapter A Mtg, Rainbow Café, Auburn 8am Mariner Park & Ride, 13132 4th Ave, Everett Sat Feb 10 8am Breakfast Meeting Evergreen Lanes, 5111 Claremont Way, Everett Sat Feb 10 Chapter C goes to a movie location and movie are TBD by Bill Tue Feb 20 6:30 Dinner at Café Veloce 12514 120th Ave NE, Kirkland Sat Feb 24 Visit Chapter A Mtg, Rainbow Café, Auburn 8am Mariner Park & Ride, 13132 4th Ave, Everett Sun Feb 25 2pm Game Night then dinner at El Paraiso Everett Elks Lodge, 2802 Hoyt Ave., Everett Sat Mar 09 8am Breakfast Meeting Evergreen Lanes, 5111 Claremont Way, Everett Sat Mar 09 gun range visit & lunch at La Palmera with Bob Northwest Armory, 11714 Airport Rd, Everett Sat Mar 23 Visit Chapter A Mtg, Rainbow Café, Auburn 8am Mariner Park & Ride, 13132 4th Ave, Everett Sat Mar 30 Chapter A Ice Cream Ride details TBD Sat Apr 13 8am Breakfast Meeting and Ride Evergreen Lanes, 5111 Claremont Way, Everett Sat Apr 13 Ride to Tulip Festival Kiwanis Salmon BBQ w/Howie Hillcrest Park Lodge, 1717 S 13th St, Mount Vernon Tue Apr 23 6:30 Dinner at Razzals Bar & Grill 9327 4th St NE, Lake Stevens WA Sat Apr 27 Visit Chapter A Mtg, Rainbow Café, Auburn 8am Mariner Park & Ride, 13132 4th Ave, Everett Sat May 11 8am Breakfast Meeting Evergreen Lanes, 5111 Claremont Way, Everett Sat May 11 After meeting ride Chuckanut Drive w/Eddie lunch in Bellingham - details TBD Sat May 18 Day ride to La Conner & Calico Cupboard w/Howie 9am depart from Evergreen Lanes Fri May 24 May 27 EWMA Blue Mountain Rendezvous Junior Show Grounds, Hwy 11, Milton-Frewater, OR Sat May 25 Visit Chapter A Mtg, Rainbow Café, Auburn 8am Mariner Park & Ride, 13132 4th Ave, Everett Sat Jun 01 Ride to Green compound in Desert Aire details are TBD Sat Jun 08 8am Breakfast Meeting Evergreen Lanes, 5111 Claremont Way, Everett Sat Jun 08 Ride to Deception Falls w/Bob A (falls are located near Stevens Pass) Mon Jun 10 Jun 20 Edelweiss Best of Southern France Tour Nice, France Sat Jun 22 Visit Chapter A Mtg, Rainbow Café, Auburn 8am Mariner Park & Ride, 13132 4th Ave, Everett Tue Jun 25 6:30 Dinner at Grazie Ristorante 23207 Bothell Everett Hwy, Bothell Sat Jun 29 Chapter A Ice Cream Ride details TBD Sat Jul 06 Day ride to Neah Bay w/Mike Z 7:30 Meet at Edmonds Ferry dock Sat Jul 13 8am Breakfast Meeting Evergreen Lanes, 5111 Claremont Way, Everett Sat Jul 13 Ride to Winthrop for lunch w/Justin leave from breakfast meeting Sun Jul 14 STP - Seattle to Portland Bicycle Ride Portland Bridge (Coordinate with Jeff from Chapter A) Mon Jul 15 Jul 18 GWTA Gold Rush - Bowling Green KY https://gwta.org/event/gold-rush/ Mon Jul 15 Jul 22 One week ride to Canadian Rockies (Jasper) 9am depart from Smokey Point Rest Area Tue Jul 23 6:30 Dinner at Big Lake Bar & Grill 18247 WA-9, Mt Vernon Sat Jul 27 Visit Chapter A Mtg, Rainbow Café, Auburn 8am Mariner Park & Ride, 13132 4th Ave, Everett Fri Aug 02 Aug 04 Three day Men's Ride to BC (Whistler, Hope) 9am depart from Smokey Point Rest Area Sat Aug 10 8am Breakfast Meeting Evergreen Lanes, 5111 Claremont Way, Everett Sat Aug 10 Three Pass Blast (Hwy 2, 97, 90) w/Walt leave from breakfast meeting Sat Aug 17 Ride to Artist Point (Mt Baker Hwy) w/Walt 9am depart from Smokey Point Rest Area Tue Aug 20 6:30 Dinner at Emory's on Silver Lake 11830 19th Ave SE, Everett Sat Aug 24 Aug 25 Overnight Ride to Government Camp, OR 9am depart from Mariner Park & Ride Sat Aug 24 Visit Chapter A Mtg, Rainbow Café, Auburn 8am Mariner Park & Ride, 13132 4th Ave, Everett Sat Aug 31 Chapter A Ice Cream Ride details TBD Fri Sep 06 Sep 09 GWTA Campout weekend Squaw Rock RV Resort & Campground, Naches WA Sat Sep 14 8am Breakfast Meeting Evergreen Lanes, 5111 Claremont Way, Everett Sat Sep 14 Ride to Leavenworth w/Justin leave from breakfast meeting Sun Sep 22 Oyster Run Anacortes WA Sat Sep 28 Visit Chapter A Mtg. Rainbow Café, Auburn 8am Mariner Park & Ride, 13132 4th Ave, Everett Sat Oct 12 8am Breakfast Meeting Evergreen Lanes, 5111 Claremont Way, Everett Sat Oct 12 Ride to Windy Ridge w/DJ (near Mt St Helens) Tue Oct 22 6:30 Dinner at McMenamin's Bothell 18607 Bothell Way NE, Bothell Sat Oct 26 Visit Chapter A Mtg, Rainbow Café, Auburn 8am Mariner Park & Ride, 13132 4th Ave, Everett Sat Nov 09 8am Breakfast Meeting Evergreen Lanes, 5111 Claremont Way, Everett Sun Nov 17 2pm Planning Meeting then go out to eat Everett Powersports - upstairs meeting room Sat Nov 23 Visit Chapter A Mtg, Rainbow Café, Auburn 8am Mariner Park & Ride, 13132 4th Ave, Everett Sat Nov 30 Chapter A Ice Cream Ride details TBD Sat Dec 14 8am Breakfast Meeting Evergreen Lanes, 5111 Claremont Way, Everett Sun Dec 15 6pm Christmas Party at Village Taphouse & Grill 1204 3rd St, Marysville



Motorcycles and / or Parts Buy / Sell / Donate Ads will be listed for three (3) months or until transaction completion! For GWRRA and GWTA Members Ads Free!

Got something to buy, sell, or trade? Got something on your wish list? Got something you wish to donate or give away?

I have several pieces of women's riding gear needing good homes. Jackets and pants of women LARGE SIZE 12 TO 16? HAPPY HOLIDAYS until we meet again!

Joe and Sue Ennaro ennaroj@aol.com

Thanks for Reading our Newletters!

Got an Article or Buy/Sell/Give Ad?

Be sure to submit by the 20th of the month to be included in that month's newsletter.

Send your comments, questions, and submittals to Newsletter Editor Jocelyn Piechowiak. jocelynpiechowiak@hotmail.com Call or Text 206-249-6310 if needed.

THE END.