



## Seattle Wings Chapter WA-A



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## Chapter Director



*Something from the Road !*



We adjusted our meeting time to 9 AM due to a scheduling conflict at the Rainbow Cafe.

We've had another month of fine weather. Thursday rides continue to be popular and we've had a ride on every weekend. Some have been long like Neah Bay and some not so long. One of the really great things about visiting Chapter C is the ride home. We probably should have a social if someone will volunteer to arrange it.

I finally pulled the trigger on a new bike (bicycle). It's a Dutch made Gazelle Ultimate with a 250 watt (1/3 hp) mid drive motor capable of 55 ft/lb of torque with a redline of 120 RPM. For comparison our Goldwings churn out 130 ft/lb of torque. For a transmission it's got the Enviola continuous variable hub. It's a class 1 bike which means pedal assist (no throttle, pedaling required) with a max assisted speed of 20 MPH. The advantage of a Class 1 e-bike is they are legal on the sidewalk. Not getting flattened is one of my life goals. It's got a 625 W/hr battery which is enough to get me from Orting to Tukwilla and back (64 miles) on 1/2 of a charge. A full charge costs me 8 cents. The 55 ft/lb of torque came in real handy on my recent trip from Orting to the Tacoma Dome. The same big hill that the Seattle to Portland bicycle riders complain about in Puyallup was in my way to get from Orting to the Tacoma Dome.

Coming up we've got the 5 Aces ride on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July. We are still trying to confirm the Packwood BBQ on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August. On the 12<sup>th</sup> of August we will visit Chapter C and after they will have a 3 pass blast ride (Stevens, Blewett, Snoqualmie). On the 26<sup>th</sup> of August Judith Shaefer, the GWTA executive director will be visiting us along with lots of folks from neighboring chapters.



**Don't forget!** This **Saturday July 22<sup>nd</sup>** 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 Rear entrance to Rainbow Cafe  
(253) 833-1880

(Have you checked out the **Chapter "A" Website** lately? Our Webmaster works on it almost daily, Check it out). [gwta-waa.com](http://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*

## Stretching Her Legs

On June 22<sup>nd</sup> I was finally able to go on a Thursday ride with the group. I took the day off work so I could devote a full day to ride and go somewhere other than work. The miles on the bike are still low, under 2000. This ride was going over the pass to the Liberty Café. The first part of the ride went well from Auburn to Tiger Mt Summit on Hwy 18. That's where we ran into our first traffic slow down due to road construction. After that opened up we were sailing up to the pass on I-90. We did make a stop in Cle-Elum for gas and porto-potti fill up. To my delight, my bike only took 2 gallons to fill it. After that stop we took off on some back roads that were very nice, for a long way to get to Hwy 97 and on to Liberty for lunch and pie. All good and filled up, we headed back. Going over the pass and heading down the hill was uneventful until we got close to Hwy 18 exit. It was backed up bad due to the construction on 18. We stayed on I-90 down towards Issaquah. Bummer day when we found another spot where the road was cut down to one lane for more road work. Over 3 miles of less than walking speed. The heat made it more miserable. My bike temp stayed good. If I was on the 2003, it would have overheated as that bike tended to do that often. Finally, we got off I-90 and travelled back roads to Renton and onto 167 and south to home. The results of the Bike on this ride, Butt extremely sore, bike MPG really good till the walking speed slow down. The DCT in those slowdowns is very nice. 240 miles for me.

I got a second chance to get an all-day ride in on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July going down to Longview for the STP bridge escort duty. An early start meeting and departing the 512 McD's at 6 am. A nice ride south on I-5 with one rest stop. We got to the bridge at around 7:45 am to meet up with the others and get the low down on the work for the day. Bicyclists were already going over the bridge in small numbers. Our job was to control the large numbers of bikes wanting to cross. We held them back till there where 100 or more bikers. We then stopped the cars to allow the bikes to use the entire road. Our Wings and Spyders, one or two at a time would follow the bikes, blocking cars from running the bikes over. At the other side we would loop around and go back to the start. It all went well and we learned how to run this event. Next year, our Chapter will most likely be in charge of the bridge and take over from the crew that has been doing it for the past several years. They do pay us for doing it, so it is worth the time and trouble. The ride back had to be on back roads due to I-5 being a parking lot most of the way. The roads we came back on were much more fun than I-5. I did not keep track of the total miles but I am now over 2600 miles on the bike. I got to use the bikes Apple Car Play on the way back, I had WAZE GPS going along with my music. It works good. Now it is time for our monthly meeting at the Rainbow. Hope we get the back room this time. See you there.





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### *From the treasurer*

#### **No fun with fireworks**

Sorry, still no Gold Wing related content from me, just a story about a bad time with fireworks. Around our neighborhood, the home-grown fireworks were worse than ever and they had a totally unexpected effect on our dog, Maci. She's a little beagle and like most dogs, fireworks are bad news. We got some meds from the vet to give her and got her going on those at noon on the 4th. Then we went off to see the new Indiana Jones movie, so we were out for about 4 hours. I gave her another booster dose of meds at 8pm then we waited for the terrifying evening to begin. In spite of fireworks being completely outlawed in our area this year for the first time, they kept up until 3:30am and were louder and more frequent than they have ever been.

The next day, Maci did not seem to be bouncing back. In fact she basically stayed sluggish for the next 4 days and was eating next to nothing. I thought maybe I had given her too much of the medication, but then Sunday morning, she coughed up a tennis ball size lump of what turned out to be carpeting --- part of a little throw rug we have by the front door. We had noticed that the rug was torn up on one edge, but we didn't know for sure when it happened and neither of us ever considered that Maci had eaten it as she has never eaten carpet or anything like that before. Now we knew why she didn't seem well --- she probably ate it while we were at the movie or overnight on the 4th and had been carrying carpet in her gut for 4 or 5 days!

She perked up that day and ate a little bit of her dog food. We then took her on a long walk and she seemed to be doing just fine, but the next day (Monday) she was back to being sluggish and not hungry. So we called the vet and took her in. They figured that the amount of carpet that Maci had coughed up did not seem to be all of what was missing from the carpet. They took xrays and said they'd call the next day. The next morning, Maci coughed up another lump of carpet just as big as the first one! So now she had had carpet in her stomach for at least 6 days! The vet called later to tell us that xrays didnt pick up anything but the only real way to know if she was ok was if she started acting normal and eating and digesting normally --- or to cut her open. She advised we wait and see.

Although Maci was still mostly out of it on Tuesday, fortunately on Wednesday all systems were back to normal and she was her old self again, eating her food, bugging us to go on walks, sitting in the window and barking at passers by. What we learned during this is that as some other dog owners know, dogs like to eat grass when their stomach is upset or they get anxious, but apparently if they can't find actual grass, they can mistake carpet for grass and start wolfing it down. So now we know. Next year, we will have to be sure to stay home and keep a close eye on our floor coverings!





**Yes, we are still riding and the weather has been GREAT!!!**

Not too hot and certainly not even close to cold in the early mornings. Before our last meeting on the 22nd of June, we trekked out to The Liberty Cafe for some Pie. Harry & Claudia Rossignol, Bill Holt, Norm Wiest, Ron & Dianna Hemmi, Jeff Duffield, Mike Briesse and Kenny Urban were up for the ride. We left from the Denny's in Auburn shortly after at 9:00 am, stopped briefly at the Safeway in Cle Elum for fuel and a comfort break and then took the 'Upper Peoh Point' side trip. This was a bit of an eventful trip. The traffic was horrendous on the leg back from North Bend west to the Seattle/Tacoma area. It took about three times as long to get back home than it should have. During that LONG hot leg of stop and go traffic, on I-90 with a pretty good camber, one of our riders couldn't quite get his footing and took a tumble. The rider, passenger and the machine are all okay but it was no doubt a little embarrassing.





At our meeting and breakfast in June we had 20 members attending. A bit of a scheduling snafu had us displaced from the Banquet room at the Rainbow Inn but we managed. After breakfast we did a short ride to a dead end road, the Carbon River Road to be exact. We managed to burn some gas and put some wear on a few sets of tires. The culmination of the ride was a visit to the Dairy Queen in Maple Valley for some discussion about the next mid week ride and some much needed sweet treats. Bill Holt, Joe Leon, Ray Cooper, Harry Rossignol, Dennis Murphy, Bill Holt and Mike Brieese had a good day of riding.





Our mid Week Ride to Raymond to the C&C Classic Diner, formerly Slater's Diner. was on June 29. The ride was lead by Harry & Claudia Rossignol with Norm Wiest, Kenny Urban, Bill Holt, John & Neena, Ron Hemmi and Mike Briesse all in tow.



Our July 6th mid week ride took us to QuilBilly's in Quilcene for lunch. Leading the ride were Harry & Claudia Rossignol with Mike Briesse, Bill Holt, Norm Wiest and John in trail.





On July 8th, we met at 7:00 am. Our starting point for the WA-C Everett chapter visit and ride was the Chevron station across from the McDonald's restaurant on 212th St. & 84th St. in Kent. For some reason, it is difficult to get anyone to commit to a 7:00 am start time. I'm not sure why. The ride to Everett is pleasant this time of year and breakfast at the Evergreen Lanes is always done well. And the big plus are the rides afterwards the meetings. We get to see areas of Washington that we don't normally see down here south of Seattle. On this Saturday, we went to the Heritage Flight Museum in Burlington. What a neat place. The museum was founded by the family of Apollo 8 astronaut William Anders in 1996 and was originally located at Bellingham International Airport. The museum moved to Skagit Regional Airport in 2013. Harry and Mike had a great day of riding. Wish more of you could have enjoyed it with us.



Visiting Evergreen Wings



At the Heritage Flight Museum



Used in Korea and Vietnam, The heavily armed A1 Sky Raider "The Proud American".

And just last Thursday on July 13, Harry Rossignol, Norm Wiest, Todd & Meredith, John and Mike Briese rode up to Sunrise. We all met at the Rainbow Cafe in Auburn, And then at the Safeway near the Rainbow, Everett Wing riders Howie, Bob T., DJ and Bob A. joined us for the ride.



On July 16th, Harry Rossignol, Mike Briesse, John and Neena, Jeff Duffield, Mike Bryant and Mike Piechowiak met up at 6:00 am to trek to the Lewis and Clark Bridge in Longview. From 8:00 am to 2:00 pm we escorted lots and lots of bicycle riders across the Lewis and Clark Bridge. I do not know how many riders there were but the rider sign up limit was 8000. I think I personally went across the bridge, north to south, a eight times. The escort distance was 2.3 miles. We escorted up to 200 bicycle riders at a time from Washington to Oregon. Once safely across, the two escort motorcycles would return to the staging point for a total of 4.6 miles and then set up for the next run. We rode tandem in staggered formation behind the group of bicyclists. We were finished before 2:00 pm and headed back north. We avoided the Sunday traffic by exiting I-5 at exit 57 and then using Jackson Highway. We then avoided the Yelm traffic by turning right onto Centre St. S. in Rainier and reconnecting with Hwy 702 just east of Yelm.



Lined up before 8:00 am.



Escort Rider Briefing.





Waiting our turn to escort.



Waiting their turn to cross the bridge.



Waiting for traffic to be stopped.



And there they go!

Mike Briesse  
WA-A Webmaster

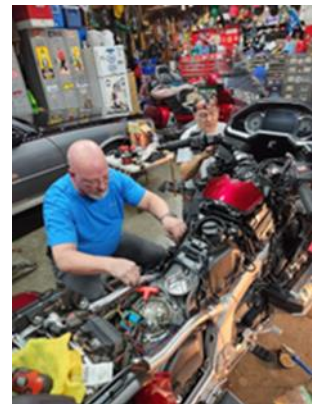




## **Goldwing Preventative Maintenance**

**By Dennis Murphy**

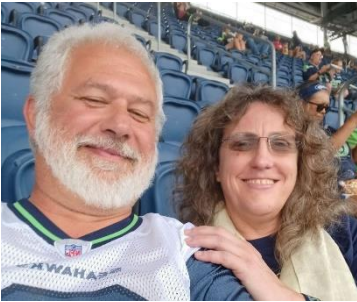
**I'm Off Burning Gas and Wearing out tires,  
See you next month**



Dennis Murphy



## Chapter Sunshine / Greeters



### July Birthdays

25<sup>th</sup> Dennis Murphy



### July Anniversaries

Mike & Jocelyn Piechowiak  
Sunshine / Greeters

## WA"A" Activities



### **5 Aces Ride**

### ***Upcoming events***

- July 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> GWTA Goldrush XXXV in Onalask, Wisconsin
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> Chapter "A" Meeting
- July 29<sup>th</sup> Chapter "A" 5 Aces Ride
- Aug 26<sup>th</sup> Chapter "A" Meeting
- Aug 26<sup>th</sup> – **GWTA Regional Meeting** hosted by Chapter "A"  
"Special Guest is Judith Shaefer GWTA executive director"
- Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> Chapter "A" Meeting
- Sept 24<sup>th</sup> Anacortes Oyster Run
- Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 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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# 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”**

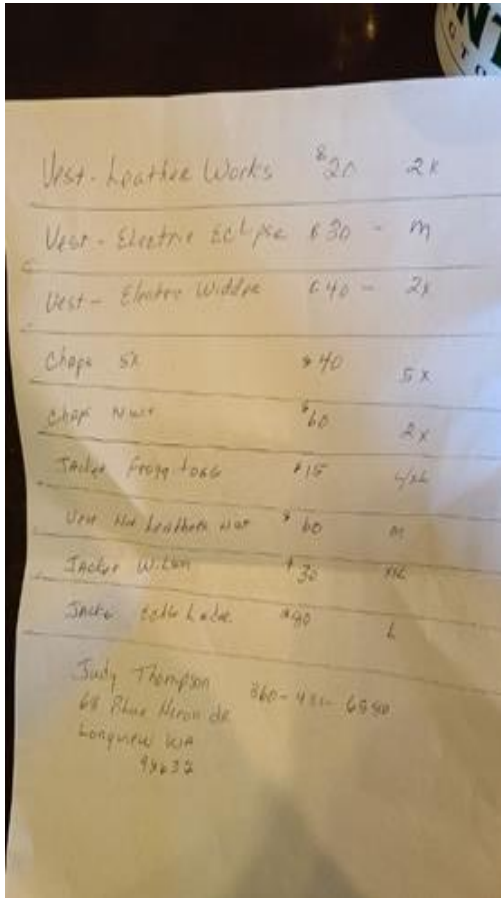


## Motorcycles and / or Parts ..... Buy / Sale .....

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**

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*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 WA-A (GWTA)	City /Mascot Seattle Apes	Chapter Director Harry Rossignol Phone (425)351-9481 ACD: Jeff Duffield	Meeting Date/ Time 4th Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM Gathering @9:00 AM	Location Rainbow Cafe 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
<b>GWTA</b>				
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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