



Seattle Wings Chapter WA-A



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Chapter Director



Something from the Road !

First off, I'd like to thank Joe Leon and Jocelyn Piechowiak for standing up and taking over much needed Chapter Staff positions. Jocelyn will be our new Newsletter Editor as well as taking on the new position of Facebook Coordinator(she will remain as Sunshine Coordinator). Joe will be our new Stores Manager.

I'd like to thank Don Hatley for his decades of tireless service to the chapter in various positions including multiple stints as Chapter Director. Don has now managed to become what every Chapter Director aspires to become, "Just A Member". Congratulations Don!!

We visited Chapter Q in Centralia on October 7th . We had people from all over attending. Walt (Chapter C) came from Monroe which was the farthest from the North, Lisa and Craig A (Chapter F) came from Morton which was the farthest from the East, Todd and Meredith M (Chapter A) came from Star Lake near Elma which was the farthest from the West and David (former GWRRA Chapter X) came from Vancouver which was the farthest from the South. Multiple members from the former GWRRA Chapter Z (Centralia) also joined us. At the start the restaurant seated us in the meeting room, as more people arrived they brought more chairs, then they added a table and then gave up and basically let us take over their entire restaurant. The after meeting ride started out with 15 bikes. A fantastic day!!!

Next years campout at Squaw Rock RV resort is looking great. I count we have at least 6 couples and 3 individuals going from Chapter A alone. The event will be from September 6th

to the 9th (check-in Friday the 6th and depart Monday the 9th) . If you need a cabin, there are only 11 and 4 have been booked as of 10/10. Contact Squaw Rock RV resort directly (509)-658-2800 to make a reservation. Tell them you are with the GWTA Group.

The Christmas Party is scheduled December 2nd @ 3 PM. Hosted by Bill & Linda Crain in Bill's Super Deluxe Man Cave, 5703 103rd St E, Puyallup, WA 98373. We will have a Christmas Present Grab Bag with a spending limit of \$25.00. The Chapter will provide the Ham and Shrimp. Please RSVP to Claudia Rossignol via email dia9533@hotmail.com or 253-431-3287 along with the side/salad/dessert you will be bringing.

We are looking for a parking lot big enough for an Advanced Rider training. We have a volunteer(Bob from Chapter C) with 15 years experience as a MSF trainer to run the training. If you know of a place that will allow us to use their parking lot please contact me.

Ride Safe and Often!!

Harry Rossignol
Chapter Director
Seattle Wings/ GWTA-WA Chapter A



Don't forget! This **Saturday October 28th** 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 ***Come on out and join in!***

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

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Chapter "A" Director
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Asst. Chapter Directors



Looking through the Windshield

Cold and Wet

The fall weather is here, colder and wetter than we have seen in a while. The heated gear plus heated seat and grips keep me toasty warm while riding. The bike is not staying clean buy any means. Today, Saturday the 21st, Harry and I rode up to Everett to a meeting for Chapter Directors. There are 5 active GWTA chapters in the State. We talked about upcoming activities the remainder of this year and into next year. Looks like there is a few Chapter Christmas party's coming. Next year is the STP Bridge escort duty in July and Camping at Squaw Rock in September.

We have Halloween decorations up now and pretty soon we will be planning Thanksgiving. Boy has this 2023 gone by fast. Our Seattle Wings Chapter has had lots of rides and fun activities this year. My new bike is over 5000 miles now, could have been more if I had the time to go on the rides. That is the good thing about our Chapter, the rides are there if you want them. We welcome anyone who wants to join us for the fun.

Jeff & Cindy

Jeff & Cindy Duffield
Assistant Directors – ACD
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Chapter Treasurer

October 2023



From the treasurer

All quiet in the Treasury this month.



Charlie Butters /Treasure



Even as summer gets consumed by Fall, we are still riding.

The September meeting was well attended but it wasn't standing room only like it was the previous month when both District and National folks came for a visit. However, there were a few milestone announcements made at this meeting.

Don H., who has been managing the Chapter Store and chapter Newsletter passed the torches for both endeavors. As of close of business at the September meeting, Joe L. is now the store's manager and within the next 30 days or so, Jocelyn P. will be our new chapter newsletter editor. Thank you so much guys for stepping up to the challenge.



The day after the meeting, Sep 24th, we had an early meet up (6:00 am) for a ride to Anacortes for the 40th Annual Oyster Run. It was a small group most likely due to the threat of rain. However, rain never happened. So Harry R., Ron H., and myself met up with Bob of WA-C at the north bound I-5 Smokey Point rest area and headed to Anacortes for breakfast.

We parked directly across from the Calico Cupboard Restaurant as usual. Kenny U. was already there and went in and secured us a table.

Of course, after breakfast and then seeing all we wanted to see in Anacortes, including radically modified bikes, we just had to go to Snow Goose Produce for some ice cream.





By the following Thursday we needed a dose of motorcycle therapy. We met up at the McDonald's restaurant in Lakewood for breakfast to prepare for a ride to the peninsula.



Prior to Quill Billy's, we made a bit of a rest stop where yours truly promptly fell over and broke a right mirror housing and got a bit of a bruised ego.



After everyone rallied around and picked me and the bike up, we continued to Quilcene for a great lunch.



After lunch, we headed towards home on Hwy 101 only to be stopped in traffic shortly after leaving Quilcene. Someone said that there was a logging truck that lost its load further south on the highway. It was close to 3:00 pm and I had no desire to spend the evening on Hwy 101. So, I turned around and headed back to Quilcene to go over the Hood Canal Bridge. I wasn't sure if others would follow. But a few minutes later, I heard Bill on the radio. It turned out that shortly after I made the retreat back towards the bridge, the blockage on 101 was cleared and the rest of the group continued south on the highway.

The following Saturday, a whole bunch of us met up at the McDonald's in Lakewood again to trek down to Centralia for breakfast with chapter Q. We lined N. Tower Ave in Centralia with motorcycles.



We did a pretty good job of filling the restaurant too. There were a total of 22 of us eager to have breakfast.



I would be remiss to not mention that Kenny U. and Lillyann were married at the Northwest Harley Davidson Motorcycle store in Lacey, WA on October 13th. Chapter A was there to celebrate the new union.



At the reception at the Poodle Dog in Fife, the happy couple with family and friends.



Joanne B, Sue E., Joe E. Gary B. and Ron H. Dianna H. was somewhere stuck in traffic when the pic was taken.



The next morning, we had an early morning show of 7:00 am in Kent for the ride to Everett for a visit with Chapter C at the Evergreen Lanes. It was a bit of a rainy day but not too objectionable. Harry R., Jerry G., Joe L. and myself rode north to breakfast. There were quite a few bikes in the parking lot.



Walt led us on a very excellent route. As usual, we were on roads that we had never seen before for the most part. I do remember one area that was familiar but after one turn by Walt and we were in unfamiliar territory once again. I'm not sure where the group ended up because we had gotten on I-90 for a short stint and got separated. There were six or so bikes in front of me that exited the freeway and Joe L. and I were not in position to make the exit. We continued south to I-405 and headed home. It was a really good day of riding with very little rain and the traffic was pretty light. I'm Looking forward to visiting them again in November.

One thing I did notice this past weekend, I missed the heated hand grips that I have been enjoying on my GL1800. I've made it a goal to find some heated grips for my GL1500 that will work with my OEM grips. I've found some that are hand grip wraps that are powered by 5 volts and are kept in place by lacing much like a steering wheel wrap. A second type that are also powered by 5 volts are fabric that wraps around the grip and are held in place with Velcro®. A third set are made of fabric like we have in our Gerbing's heated gear. They are 12 volt powered and are held in place with shrinkable tubing. Two of them have variable heat settings from 104° to 150° and one of them is a set heat setting of 131° to 149°. All three are in the \$18 to \$22 range. My intention is to check all three out and see which one set I like the best. I'll let you know next month.

Mike Briese
WA-A Webmaster





Goldwing Preventative Maintenance

By Dennis Murphy

After many years of using Nolan helmets and their N-Com bluetooth systems, it appears that I can't find any new helmets from Nolan. Troy Lee Designs is now the exclusive importer for Nolan helmets. Cima International was for years. They were located just outside of Chicago and very helpful with any questions that I had. We'll see how this goes. There isn't a whole lot on their website as of now.

NOLANGROUP AND TROY LEE DESIGNS: AN EXCLUSIVE STRATEGIC AGREEMENT FOR THE USA MARKET

Nolangroup and Troy Lee Designs announce an exclusive strategic agreement for the distribution of Nolangroup's helmets in the USA market.

The Italian motorcycle helmet manufacturer Nolangroup - with its brands Nolan, X-lite and N-Com – and Troy Lee Designs, the Californian well-established brand in motocross, mountain biking and BMX universe, are pleased to announce an exclusive strategic agreement for the distribution of Nolangroup helmets and communication systems in the USA market, starting from January 1st, 2023.

The deal focuses on the distribution, the promotion and the customer service of Nolan and X-lite helmets and N-Com communication systems, by Troy Lee Designs.

This operation is in line with Nolangroup's strategic plan, that foresees a significant growth in the coming years, thanks to the worldwide recognized quality and the complete range of its helmets - that are produced in Italy for over 50 years, but also thanks to the innovative and challenging synergies developed within the 2Ride Group.

Within this framework an authoritative and qualified partner like Troy Lee Designs, able to convey the full potential of the Italian helmet producer, will strengthen Nolan's brand presence and service utilizing the TLD sales network in the United States, reaching a wide and qualified group of dealerships. Nolangroup has been manufacturing and distributing motorcycle helmets in Italy since 1972.

The Nolan brand designed a high-quality Lexan™ polycarbonate shell as well as premium carbon fiber helmets with X-lite brand. The company never compromises on safety, and complies with all current standards.

Troy Lee Designs, created by Troy Lee in 1981, is a globally recognized lifestyle brand beloved by all cycling and motorcycle enthusiasts.

The brand offers top-of-the-range specialist equipment, designed for cycle sports and motorcycling. Combining an exclusive artistic approach and technical innovation, Troy Lee Design allows its customers to exceed their limits in complete safety. Nolangroup and Troy Lee Designs together with Shark, Segura, Bering, Cairn Sport and CASCO, are part of 2Ride Group, the world leader in the protective equipment market for extreme sports (motorcycles, bikes, ski and outdoor pursuits). Enrico Pellegrino, GM of Nolangroup affirms "we are excited to combine our significant expertise in working together, this agreement will aim to strengthen the presence and convey the full potential of Nolangroup's brands in the United States in a qualified way and according to our ambitious plans. The support of an authoritative and prestigious partner like Troy Lee Designs is highly strategic and inspiring to achieve the high goals we have set ourselves".

Troy Lee, founder of Troy Lee Designs says "I am stoked to be partnering and joining forces with Nolan as their North America distributor. It is a dream come true to be able to work with Moto GP and road race riders at all levels and expand my involvement into the street market. The quality of Nolan products and working with their teams has been inspiring and we have big plans to share with the world".



Dennis Murphy

Chapter Sunshine / Greeters



October Birthdays

7th Jocelyn Piechowiak
23rd Kenny Urban
27th Jennifer Allen



October Anniversaries

11th Jeff & Cindy Duffield

Mike & Jocelyn Piechowiak
Sunshine / Greeters

Chapter “A” Staffing Changes:

At the September Chapter meeting Don announced that after many years of being in charge of the chapter stores he would like to step down.

Joe Leon graciously volunteered to run stores for the Chapter.



This will be the last issue of the Chapter “**A**” Newsletter sent out to the members with myself as the editor! Starting with the November issue **Jocelyn Piechowiak** will be your new editor, I look forward to new ideas and improvements she might have.



WA"A" Activities



5 Aces Ride

Upcoming events

December 2nd – Chapter Christmas Party @ 3pm
Hosted by Bill & Linda Crain

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





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	3 rd 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	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 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	1 st 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	3 rd Sunday Breakfast @ 9:00AM Meeting Following	(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	Cariboo Inn Restaurant 233 Queen St. Okanogan, WA. 98840

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