



## Seattle Wings Chapter WA-A



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### Chapter Director



*Something from the Road !*



We will miss Mina's smile.

We had a busy month. We had 2 rides per week again in August.

We hosted our regional/national leadership at our August meeting. People talk about 'standing room only' events but we had one!!!!

John Doughty spoke about his 100K ride as well as benefits of an inflatable safety jacket (surviving what would have probably been a fatal accident). It was good to meet our regional and national leadership. It's always better when you know the 'person' behind the email address. Our leadership talked about coming out of the 'shrink to survive' phase of GWTWA's lifecycle with the first step being a new website and it would appear that we may have a new national director for rider safety. I'll have more on that after the State meeting in October. If anyone knows of a parking lot preferably 100' x 400' unobstructed that we could use for rider training that would be great.

The camping weekend at Squaw Rock was excellent!! Claudia and I, the Duffield's, the Hemmi's, the Crain's as well as Joe D and Mike B attended from Chapter A. Getting to know people from other chapters, going for rides, sitting next to the river, swimming in the pool as well as overeating with good friends made for a great weekend. Claudia and I have already booked our cabin for next year. Next year's event will be September 6-9<sup>th</sup>

. The campground is taking reservations now. The cabin's and river's edge campsites will go fast.



**Don't forget!** This **Saturday September 23rd** 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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Chapter "A" Director  
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## Asst. Chapter Directors



### *Looking through the Windshield*

#### **Campout Fun Times**

Cindy and I were able to attend the Labor Day weekend campout over near Naches. Located at the Squaw Rock RV resort off of Hwy 410. It took several days to get our 30-foot toy hauler trailer ready for its first outing of the year. The plan was to leave Friday morning to head over the mountains. We finished loading everything up Thursday night. Since Joe D. has his new Spyder, we offered to load it and take it over for him. Glad we did, it gave us a chance to try hauling two bikes and gave him the bike to ride for the weekend. We took I-90 and I-82 to Yakima. We had no desire to pull the big trailer over Chinook pass and Hwy 410. The trip went smooth and we arrived at the RV park in plenty of time to get unloaded and parked in our spot. Our Chapter had a good showing and 4 of us were all in a row, Joe, Ron and Dianna, Us and Mike B. in RV's/Trailers. Harry and Claudia were in a cabin. The location was great, right next to the river with spots that were good size. We had good rides, tried out several eating spots, good weather other than some high wind conditions at times. A word of advice, do not go on a ride up to Chinook pass without warm gear on. It gets cold up there even this time of year. Thanks to Joe who had extra jackets on hand to loan to us. Since the event turned out to be a success, we are booked for next year the weekend after Labor Day weekend. There will be lots of sites and cabins available so no excuse not to attend.

Time is flying by this year and we are just a couple months shy of poor riding weather to deal with. Our Chapter has had plenty of riding activities which is great. My work commitments have kept me away from most of them including the ones coming up soon. Bummer for me but I have lots of work I need to finish. My new bike is getting close to 5000 miles and doing good. I sure love it, it is so fun to ride. I wish it was easier to keep clean or I had more time to keep it clean. I still have dust and bugs on it from the camping trip. Until next time, keep the shiny side up and keep riding.

Jeff & Cindy







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*From the treasurer*

**All quiet in the Treasury this month.**



**Charlie Butters /Treasure**



**From what I hear, we are running out of sunshiny days. Make sure you ride as much as your behind can stand. Colder temps will be here soon.**

Over the past several weeks we've been having a pretty good time on our bikes. The week before our chapter's meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August, we rode over to Yakima for a Miner Burger. Harry and Claudia, Mike and Jocelyn, Bill H. and I had a nice ride over Hwy 12 to Yakima and then back over Hwy 410 to get back to the other side of the mountain. If you were not able to ride along, I'm sorry you guys missed it.



After the extended get-together the following Saturday at the Rainbow Café,



we rode out to Krain Corner for lunch. It was a short ride but was really needed to clear our heads. Bill H., Joe D., Joe L., Don H. and I had a nice leisurely ride. Joe L. had to continue to a previous engagement. Because of that, there were just four of us for lunch. It was a nice break from the meeting.

The next day, August 20<sup>th</sup>, Dennis Murphy and I took a ride out to Elma. You no doubt remember that he was looking for a replacement for his 2019 Gold Wing. There was nothing wrong with the 2019 Gold Wing, he was just not as happy with it as he thought he was going to be. Anyway, in Elma was a beautiful 2015 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition.

He rode the bike and wanted to buy it but he had to sell his 2019 first. No money exchanged hands, but I was pretty sure that 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition was about to become Dennis's new bike. Fast forward to September 10<sup>th</sup> and it is now the property of Dennis Murphy. I'm sure he will talk about it in this month's newsletter article.





Then there is the GWTA Labor Day campout in Naches. September 1<sup>st</sup> was the beginning of a four-day campout at the Squaw Rock Resort in Naches. I think just about everyone found their own way there and back again. Some arrived a day early and still others left the day after Labor Day. No matter, it was a fun event. Howie had several rides planned and pulled them off without a hitch.



I got home the afternoon of the 4<sup>th</sup>. I was lucky, there was very light traffic on the roads. I was home by noon. So, after the camp out it was time to get ready for a new adventure. Todd, Bill and I were at Don's house the evening of the 6<sup>th</sup>, and I informed them that I planned to go to southern California to visit family on Friday. Well.... Bill has family in SoCal too. He wanted to tag along but his tires were close to the end of their life.



As luck would have it, I had a set of new tires already mounted on GL1800 wheels ready to be installed on my GL1800. Since my plan was to ride my GL1500, the GL1800 wheels and tires were available for Bill to use. He just needed to be at my place Thursday morning so we could remove his wheels and tires and install mine. He got there at around 7:30 am and the wheels and tires were installed and ready to ride by 8:30 am.

The next morning, Friday, we met at McDonald's for breakfast and headed south from there. By Saturday afternoon, Bill was in Kern County with Family and three hours later I was in Riverside County with my family. And that is where I am as this is being written. Bill and I should both be home by the beginning of the week.

**Mike Briese**  
**WA-A Webmaster**







## Goldwing Preventative Maintenance

By Dennis Murphy

I hope everyone has been taking care of yourselves because someone else that you don't even realize, wants you to be happy and healthy.

With that being said, I just wanted everyone to know that I really appreciate this friendship that develops between us.

So, I sold the 19 Wing and bought the 2015.

Mike B., the former GWRRA C/D of chapter Y Mike Walenceus and I went to Elma to check out this 2015.

I took it out for a ride and really thought that it would be a good buy.

So, fast forward a couple of weeks and I went back to Elma to exchange some funds and get the keys. After the transaction was done I hopped on the bike, turned the key and it just turned over and over and over. It wouldn't start.

Fortunately, Larry, the seller has a car trailer. We towed it to South Sound Honda and dropped it off.

It wasn't promising as they are really booked up but, he was hoping to get to it by the following Saturday.

The Saturday that it was dropped off, I got a call from them and was informed that there was a bunch of codes to get rid of and one that wouldn't go away. It was the crank sensor. He said the top shelter was going to have to be removed and it was going to be a minimum of \$450.00 to try and fix. Naturally, I said go ahead. Can't ride it if it won't start.

I got a call from them on Tuesday and received some very good news. The plug for the crank sensor had come unplugged. He plugged it back in and the bike started right up.

He doesn't know how or why it had gotten unplugged.

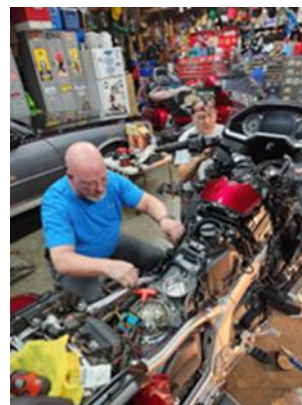
Very weird.

Picked up the bike and have put a tank of fuel through it, It runs great.

The TPMS light goes off and on at will. I'm not worried about it at this point. It might be a battery issue, I don't know.....

While at the dealership, I asked Evan, the service writer, About a port to plug a computer into on Wings. He said, under the seat there is such a plug much like an OBD for a car. He has a laptop with specialized programs for reading such codes. I have never seen this plug. Maybe I have but didn't really know what I was looking at.

The 19 was an awesome bike with all of the technology on board but after 3 years, I just wanted to go back to a 2012-2017 style. For me, I think that I have made a good choice. The guy that bought my 2019, loves it! He was coming off of an Africa Twin DCT. Dennis



Dennis Murphy

## Chapter Sunshine / Greeters



### September Birthdays

15<sup>th</sup> Dick Jones  
26<sup>th</sup> Kevin Allen



### September Anniversaries

4<sup>th</sup> Harry & Claudia Rossignol

Mike & Jocelyn Piechowiak  
Sunshine / Greeters



## The August Chapter / Regional Meeting was a great success.

With over 50 members attending from Chapters around the state we heard the latest National and Regional information from **GWTA Executive director Judith Shaefer** and **Region A & B directors Steve & Ralphine Andrus**. (GWTA is alive and well) The National Webmaster discussed the new Web Site.



Judith giving update on GWTA



John Hunrath updating Regional & National News



A great time was had by all attending learning new information and enjoying old and new friendships!



## WA"A" Activities



### **5 Aces Ride**

### ***Upcoming events***

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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**"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”**

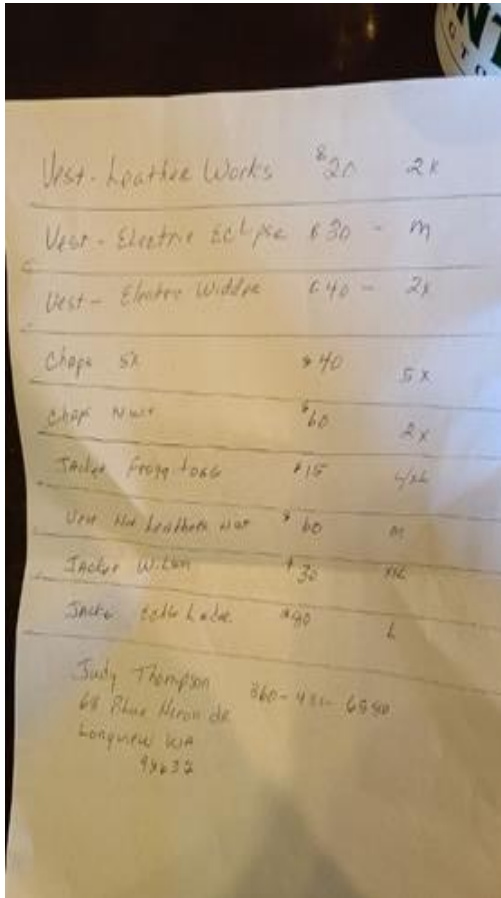


## Motorcycles and / or Parts ..... Buy / Sale .....

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**

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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	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
<b>GWTA</b>				
WA-B	Stilly Valley Wings Arlington	Joseph & Jonney Finley Phone: (360)202-1862 ACD: Rob Lebar (425)315-5605	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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	1 <sup>st</sup> 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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