



Our Mascot

Seattle Wings Chapter WA-A

Periodic News Letter
January 2024



May All Your Rides be safe and scenic,
filled with blue skies, winding roads and
plenty of friends. Happy 2024!

<https://www.dangerousroads.org/europe/switzerland/75-saint-gotthard-pass-switzerland.html>

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!

Greetings from our Chapter Directors



Harry & Claudia Rossignol

Welcome to 2024!!!!

We ended our riding season on December 30th with a 5 Aces Ice Cream Ride. The chapter paid and managed to get a 10% discount at Dairy Queen. The scattered showers ended up being lighter then expected. The weather for our New Years Day ride ended up being better then expected as well although it was admittedly a chilly start.

We have a full calender for 2024.

We have two camping events to bracket 'summer', the EWMA Blue Mountain Rendevous in Milton Freewater Oregon on Memorial Day Weekend and the GWTA Washington Campout in Naches the weekend after Labor Day!! In June Howie has a trip to Southern France. In July we've got two long rides, Howie's group is going to take a 7 day ride through the Canadian Rockies and yours truly will be leading a 21 day ride to Fairbanks and back. I'm sure a couple of 3 day rides will be in the mix as well. I'm still working on the planning for Spring Maintenance Day. We are still trying to get a training day going as well. This is all in addition to a goal of having a day ride every Saturday and again mid-week once the weather improves a bit.

We still need to find a parking lot for our training day. It would nice if we could just use an abandoned lot but we need to formally have the lot owners permission. Generally the lot owner will require an insurance certificate and we can provide that.

We also need a social director. When V and A merged we kind of lost an occasional evening out together for dinner. Many of us miss that and we need a volunteer to pick a restaurant and make a reservation as frequently as monthly or maybe every other month.

Our next meeting is the 27th of January at the Rainbow Cafe. Eat at 9:00, meet at 10:00 and weather permitting ride at 11:00.

Hope to see you all there!!!

Harry and Claudia Rossignol

Asst. Chapter Directors



Jeff & Cindy Duffield
Jeffmd2@comcast.net

Chapter “A” Stores:



Joe Leon

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

Chapter Treasurer



Charlie and Ann Butters

Webmaster



It appears that January brings the worst riding weather of all the months. It is tough to stay on the road when the temps are down below freezing.

We did manage a Five Aces Ride on December 30th, two days before the New Year's Day ride but there was not as much participation as in years past. The weather was rainy much like it has been on every other New Year's Day ride and the temperatures were down in the low 40's but it was not cold or wet enough to stop everyone. Harry R., Dennis M., Ron H. and Mike B. did a 70 mile ride from the Rainbow Cafe in Auburn to the Maple Valley Dairy Queen. Thank you Chapter A for providing the Ice Cream.



Dec 30, 2023 11:47:07
Photo by Michael



Dec 30, 2023 11:48:04
Photo by Michael

The New Years Day ride was also on the chilly side but at least it was not pouring down rain. Before the ride Harry R., Dennis M., Ron H., Jeff D. and Mike B. enjoyed a light breakfast at the Rainbow Cafe. Joe L. arrived in time to accompany us on the ride to Krain Corner. The ride was about 66 miles in length and took about two hours to complete. A perfect ride length and duration for the first ride of the year. We left Rainbow Cafe at 10:00 am and arrived at Krain Corner for lunch at noon.



Jan 1, 2024 09:57:18
Auburn
Photo by MichaelB



Jan 1, 2024 10:03:31
Photo by MichaelB

Joining us at Krain Corner was Dianna H., Claudia R., and Charlie and Ann B.



Jan 6th was a cold day for sure. Harry and I joined up at the McDonald's restaurant in Lakewood at 7:00 am for the fifty mile ride to the Centerville Cafe in Centralia to visit with Chapter Q. Breakfast was at 8:00. From what Lisa said, it was actually snowing in Milton where Lisa and Dan of Chapter F came from this morning. Our district director Vonda B. joined us too. So nice to see all those smiling faces.



**Mike Briese
WA-A Webmaster**

Goldwing Preventative Maintenance



Dennis Murphy

Greetings Fellow Wingnuts!

Another driver at work told me that I have problems with my joints because I ride the motorcycle every day. I told him that I don't get cold until I get off of the bike. It made me think of all the times that I was freezing my butt off riding in the winter in Iowa. No heated clothing. Just a snowmobile suit and mittens. If it didn't get too icy, I'd go through town and get behind a bus to keep warm. If it was icy, I would get on the highway and drive around the city. I grew up in Cedar Rapids. There were no easy winters. But I obviously really enjoy riding.

I have a vibration in the bike. Roughly 30 to 50 mph is when I feel it the most. Nothing over 50. I took off the weights and added balancing beads. I thought that was going to make a big difference. I was wrong. I still have the same issue. I need to make sure that the front tire isn't bent and throw a new tire on it. Basically, just check out the front end.

Not sure about who needs to hear this but Eagle Leather has Gerbing has heated insoles that are regularly \$99.00 on sale for the paltry sum of \$30.00. Awesome deal.... Dennis



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”



Sunshine Committee



Jocelyn and Michael Piechowiak

*You can never go on too many rides
or show too much kindness.*

This year Mike and I are checking off more items on our bucket list. On our 3rd annual Tesla spring road trip we will include the infamous Route 66 as we visit friends and relatives all across this beautiful country we call home. Last year's counterclockwise road trip was about 9,000 miles in 65 days.

In July we will ride our 1989 Goldwing with its 1996 engine from Seattle WA to Fairbanks AK with the Rossignols and our BFF Randy with his support vehicle.

Hugs.

Jocelyn "Sunshine" Piechowiak

JANUARY Celebrations:



Birthdays:

1st Bill Holt

9th Michael Bries

15th Ann Butters

Anniversaries:

None on record.

Hey "A". We would love to shout out your special days! Contact Jocelyn.

Chapter WA “A” Officers and Staff

Chapter Director (CD)- Harry Rossignol

Assistant Chapter Director (ACD) - Jeff & Cindy Duffield

Webmaster - Mike Brieze

Technical Coordinator (GW Maint Info) - Dennis Murphy

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) aka Social Coordinator.

Booking a place to gather once a month or so for the group. Coordinate with Officers to promote gatherings.

Chapter Historian

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

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



WA“A” Activities

“Chapter “A” has been enjoying FUN since the early 1980s.

Upcoming events

Be sure to check our website <https://www.gwta-waa.com> for details on the big events in 2024.

January 2024

January 1st New Years Ride.

1st Saturday – Visit Chapter Q in Centralia, WA.

2nd Saturday – Visit Chapter C in Everett, WA. Ride Up was cancelled due to weather.

3rd Saturday. Jan 27th. Monthly GWTA-WA-A Breakfast Chapter Meeting.

Febuary 2024

1st Saturday – Visit Chapter Q in Centralia, WA.

2nd Saturday – Visit Chapter Chapter C in Everett, WA.

3rd Saturday. Feb 24th Monthly GWTA-WA-A Breakfast Chapter Meeting.

March 2024

1st Saturday – Visit Chapter Q in Centralia, WA.

2nd Saturday – Visit Chapter C in Everett, WA.

3rd Saturday. March 23rd. Monthly GWTA-WA-A Breakfast Chapter Meeting.

4th Saturday. March 30th. 5 Aces Ride for ICE CREAM!!

April 2024

1st Saturday – Visit Chapter Q in Centralia, WA.

2nd Saturday – Visit Chapter Chapter C in Everett, WA.

3rd Saturday. April 27th Monthly GWTA-WA-A Breakfast Chapter Meeting.

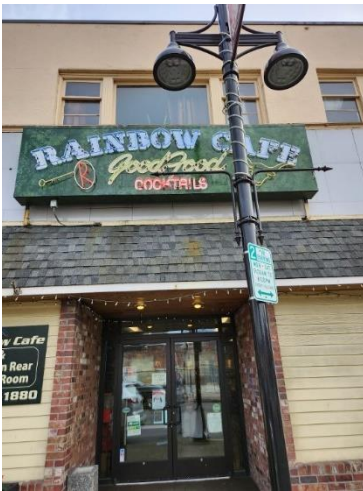
Join Us on the 4th Saturday of Every Month for our monthly meeting.

Next Meetings are January 27th and February 24th
Breakfast starting at **9:00am** with meeting following at **10:00am**.

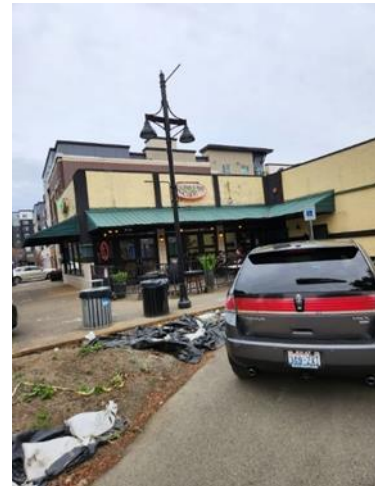
Rainbow Cafe Restaurant.

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



March 30th ,2024!.....Details forthcoming.

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.

Gold Wing Touring Association 2024 Calendar of Events

*Destination Friendship
Established 1987
"All Bikes Welcome"*

Be sure to check websites:
<https://www.gwta-waa.com> or <https://www.gwta.org> for details on the events.

May 2024

- ☐ May 24 - 27 EWMA Blue Mountain Rendevous in Milton Freewater Oregon

June 2024

- ☐ June 10th - 20th Edelweiss Best of Southern France Tour. Contact Howie of Chapter C.

July 2024

WA Chapter C is going to take a 7 day ride through the Canadian Rockies. Contact Howie if interested.

- ☐ Jul 15~18 - **GOLD RUSH XXXVI: July 15-18, 2024, Bowling Green, KY 42103.**
Sign Up at <https://gwta.org/event/gold-rush/>

September 2024

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

VISITING OUR WA CHAPTERS:

Chapter Q in Centralia, The Q Crew

Join the monthly breakfast and meeting at **Centerville Café, 111 N. Tower Ave, Centralia, WA 98531, (360) 736-5159** Meet at the McDonald's on South Tacoma Way and Hwy 512 for a 7:00 am kick stands up. 8:00 am Eat - 9:00 am Meet (Changes on occasion, please call Chapter Director Steve Henson to verify).

Chapter C in Everett, Evergreen Wings

Join the monthly breakfast and meeting. Meet at the Kent Chevron across from the McDonald's Restaurant on 84th and 212th Streets in Kent, WA. 7:00 am departure for an 8:00 am breakfast, 9:00 am meeting at the **Evergreen Lanes, 5111 Claremont Way, Everett, Washington.** A ride normally follows the meeting.

Chapter N in Spokane, Wingnuts

They have a new schedule! No monthly meetings but they have a Social every 2nd Tuesday, November 2023 to April 2024. Call Don & Hope Sundahl for details 509-993-5501

GWTA WA-C Evergreen Wings 2024 Calendar

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-Freewater, 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

WASHINGTON CHAPTER GATHERINGS

<u>GWTA Chapter</u>	<u>Group Name</u>	<u>Chapter Director</u>	<u>Meeting Date/ Time</u>	<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 Saturday 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
<u>GWRRRA Chapter</u>	<u>Group Name</u>	<u>Chapter Director</u>	<u>Meeting Date/ Time</u>	<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	2 nd Tuesday Social 6pm November to April. Location TBD	TBD – Call ahead. Spokane, WA
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.

Find out what is going on in other GWTA chapters' neck of the woods:

[GWTA - Motorcycle Touring Association](https://www.facebook.com/groups/51175813698)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/51175813698> currently 2.2K following.



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 Newsletters!

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.