

Seattle Wings Chapter WA-A



Periodic News Letter JULY 2024





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



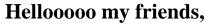
https://www.gwta-waa.com

<u>Calendar Newsletters & Emails</u>
<u>Local Chapter Meeting Places Photos Staff Forms</u>
Goldwing Technical Service Bulletins - 1988 through 2012.

AND SOOOOO much more!

Greetings from the Chapter Director







So Happy to be back!!

My husband Mike and I are on our last trip before the summer ends. At this time we are with friends riding our Goldwings among the beautiful cities and sights in British Columbia and Alaska.

Our Itinerary:

British Columbia: Chilliwack, Williams Lake, Chetwynd, Fort Nelson, Watson Lake, Haines Junction,

Alaska: Tok, Fairbanks, Denali Park, Anchorage, Rest Day in Anchorage, Homer, Palmer, Tokthen to BC cities listed in reverse order, ending in Seattle.

Thanks to those of you volunteered your time for the STP on behalf of GWTA. Also I would like to thank those of you who volunteer their time and provide motorcycle support for local charities. Maybe we can attract potential new friends.

Meanwhile there is still room

GWTA WA district "After Labor Day CampOut" Sept 6th to 9th. Please be sure to mention that you are with a Goldwing Chapter and your Chapter Director name. Squaw Rock 509-658-2800.

I will not be at the July monthly meeting.

Cheers,

Jocelyn Piechowiak

GWTA WA A Chapter Director
jocelynpiechowiak@hotmail.com



Our 1989 Goldwing 1500. 132,000 miles so far

Chapter WA "A" Officers and Staff

Chapter Director (CD) – Jocelyn Piechowiak

Assistant Chapter Director (ACD) - Currently an OPEN position at time of press.

Webmaster - Mike Briese

Technical Coordinator (GW Maint Info) - Dennis Murphy

Newsletter Editor – Jocelyn Piechowiak

Phone Tree - Bill Holt

Facebook Coordinator – Jocelyn Piechowiak

Sunshine Committee – Jocelyn Piechowiak

50/50 Coordinator – Dianna Hemmi

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

Ride Coordinator(s)

Activity/Social Coordinator

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

Chapter Historian

Education Coordinator

---So "volunteer" and join in the fun!

Gold Wing Touring Association

GWTA State Director Vonda Brest 206-854-9341

ez2beme23@aol.com

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GWTA Office

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Email: exec.director@gwta.org Hours: Mon - Fri 10am - 4pm CST

Website: gwta.org

Chapter Treasurer



Charlie and Ann Butters



Future Ride Coordinator(s)

Chapter "A" Stores:



Joe Leon

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

50/50 Drawing



Dianna Hemmi



Thankfully, summer is in full swing. I Hope you are doing some riding.

On the day of our June meeting there was a slight scheduling conflict. The Tour de Blast in Toutle was happening and that kept some of us from attending the Chapter A meeting. Those participating were, Mike Briese, Doug Clark, Joe Diambri & his lady friend, Rose Hibbs, Bruce Hibbs, Kevin Lowe, Mike Miller, Vic Parr, Harry Rossignol and David Van Nice.

We spent the day riding east and west on SR 504 between Toutle Lake High School and Coldwater Ridge Visitor Center, about 66 miles round trip, keeping an eye out for bicyclists in distress. There were a few with mechanical difficulties but no medical issues or accidents. A good day of riding for them and us. At the end of the day there was a spaghetti feed for participants and escorts, complete with tossed salad, garlic bread and ice cream sundaes for desert.

Two weeks later, I was on my way to Corona, CA to visit family. It was a good two day ride down and two day ride back. However, the week prior was a bit hectic getting Gold Wing ready t go.

I had planned on mounting new tires that week and heading south the next. I had a bit of a problem with that due to wheel/tire balance issues. I typically use balance beads inside the tires rather than conventional wheel weights stuck to the wheels. Beads have always been reliable but for some reason, this time I had an issue. As long as the beads continue to free float inside the tire, the tires should remain balanced for the life of the tread. It has worked so well for me in the past that I noticed it even eliminated the cupping or shingling of the tread as the tires got nearer the end of their tread life. Unfortunately I didn't figure out what caused the balancing problem until after the 2500 mile ride to southern California and back.

When I returned home, I removed the wheels and dismounted the tires expecting to find the beads stuck in one place inside the tire. Nope. They were free floating. I removed the beads and remounted the tires. Static balancing revealed that the rear tire only needed a quarter ounce of weight to balance it. The front tire required only one ounce. These Bridgestone's were well made.

General rule of thumb for the beads is to install two ounces of beads per tire and you should be good to go. Not this time I guess. Since the wheel and tire assemblies were already nearly balanced without adding any weight, the balance beads actually caused an imbalance condition. Every time the bike would stop the beads would settle to the bottom of the tire, as they should. Each new rotation of the wheel and tire would give the feel of tires being out of balance until the beads would re-distribute themselves to achieve balance once again.

I guess balance beads are not always the answer to simple tire balancing. In the future, I think I will check the balance of the wheel and tire assemblies before installing any balance beads. If more than an ounce of weight is necessary to balance the assembly, then beads will work out very well.

anything under that and it will be necessary to use standard wheel weights, or maybe fewer beads.

I do like the fact that the tires remain balanced throughout their life regardless of the wear on the tread. Cupping and Shingling of the tread is not a good thing to happen to the tread on the tires. By the way, the tires I used this time were Bridgestone Excedra G709-130/70HR18 Front, G704-180/60HR16 Rear.

Mike Briese WA-A Webmaster

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

Next Meetings are July 27th and August 24th, 2024.

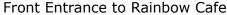
Breakfast starting at 9:00am with meeting following at 10:00am.

Rainbow Cafe Restaurant.

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

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









Rear entrance to Rainbow Cafe

The Famous WA"A" 5 Aces Ride.....August 31st ,2024!

At Chapter "A" we've noticed that 4 months each year have an additional 5th Saturday.

We at Chapter "A" honor those extra Saturdays with an "Ice Cream Ride" aka The Famous WA "A" 5 Aces Ride. The Chapter is buying!!

Suggestions for destinations are welcome.



Goldwing Preventative Maintenance



Just a few notes about the seat that I wrote about last month. The seat was bought from a guy in Arkansas. Not knowing how much it was going to be, I told him that for the \$200.00 cost of the seat then it would still be much cheaper than buying a new one for \$1500.00.

The shipping costs were \$247.00. Seat cost was \$200.00. Still less than one third the cost of a new seat. I'm pretty happy about that!

The old seat that was taken off of my bike still has the wiring intact but not a heating element. Right now it's in a box in my shed. Not sure what I'm going to do with it at this point.

My shoulder is getting much better. Although the Valkyrie is still much harder to ride than the Wing. The handlebars are much wider. My left arm just doesn't want to go out that far.

I took a trip to Alabama this past week to say goodbye to a very good friend. Mark Gallop was with Chapter F and Y in the early years. I lived with him in the late 1990's at an apartment in Auburn.

Mark retired in 2022 from his business, Doors West in Auburn. He moved to Luverne, Alabama and built a nice house with a huge shop and a pool.

He found out he had COPD about 9 months ago and passed away on Fathers day. It's been a trying time for me as I really idolized him. He was awesome. Just a good man. His obituary can be found at: greenhillsfuneralhome.net

Ride safe everyone. Dennis Murphy

Please remember to do your **T-CLOCS** inspection before you ride too.

The **T** is for Tires and Wheels.

The **C** is for Controls.

The **L** is for Lights and Electrics.

The **O** is for Oil and Other Fluids.

The **C** is for Chassis.

The **S** is for Stands, center and side



June 29, 2024 5 Aces Ice Cream Run. Destination Quilicine WA.

The ride north along Hood Canal was beautiful n perfect temp. We had 6 bikes 7 people. We enjoyed the special huckleberry ice cream. The Quilly restaraunt across the street called us for lunch. I thanked the sweet waitress for allowing me to bring my pooch into the AC. The ride continued north across the Hood Canal bridge. The east side riders took the Kingston ferry home. The others went south home. What a wonderful day.





Submitted by Dianna Hemmi.

Sunshine Committee



A shout out to Dianna Hemmi for being Miss Sunshine during our absence!!!

Hugs to All!

Jocelyn and Michael Piechowiak



Guess who spent time in Canada recently.....

Howie Dickerson GWTA WA C CD and friends explored the Canadian Rockies for a week.

I, Jocelyn Piechowiak GWTA WA A CD and friends are on a 3 week adventure to BC and AK. My story and pictures will be in the July issue. AND.....

GWTA WA Kevin Lowe and GW WA Garry Mollerstuen went to up to Osoyoos Canada and back down through Omak visited a couple of ghost towns. It was a 2.5 ride!



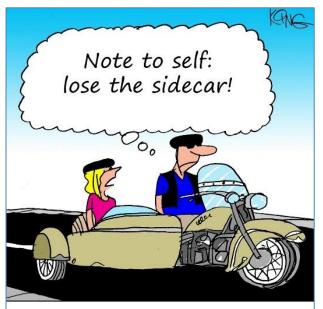
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"What do you mean you were having so much fun riding with your buddies you lost track of time? You were supposed to be home over a year ago!



"You were going too slow, then you were going too fast. You hit every pothole and you're making the turns too wide. And another thing..."



WA"A" Activities

"Chapter "A" has been enjoying FUN since September 1980.

Upcoming events

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

July 2024

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

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

4th Saturday. July 27th. Monthly GWTA-WA-A Breakfast Chapter Meeting.

August 2024

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

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

4th Saturday. August 24th. Monthly GWTA-WA-A Breakfast Chapter Meeting.

5th Saturday – August 31st. 5 Aces Ice Cream Ride. Details TBD

September 2024

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

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

4th Saturday. September 28th. Monthly GWTA-WA-A Breakfast Chapter Meeting.

October 2024

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

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

4th Saturday. October 26th. Monthly GWTA-WA-A Breakfast Chapter Meeting.

November 2024

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

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

4th Saturday. November 23rd. Monthly GWTA-WA-A Breakfast Chapter Meeting.

5th Saturday – November 30th. 5 Aces Ice Cream Ride. Details TBD

GWTA WA Chapter "A" Seattle Wings

Newsletter and Phone Tree Information Request

The following request is for the purpose of gathering current information on the Chapter "A" roster. It will assist in the accuracy and correct mailing of the Chapter Newsletter to our members and followers. It will also assist us in the timely communication of impromptu rides and any changes in planned rides or events via the Chapter "A" Phone Tree and/or email.

NAME	
Significant Other (optional)	
Former GWRRA State and Chapter? Circle Yes or N	o . If yes, State Chapter
GWTA Member and Status: Circle Yes or No . If yo	es, StateNumber
CONTACT INFORMATION:	
NOTE: The Following will be only used for Phone Tre	e/Administrative only.
Home Address:	
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	
SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:	
Would you like to receive?	
1. Birthday Cards and be noted at the monthly me	eeting/in the newsletter during your birthday month?
If yes, Month/Date	
Significant other (optional) Name	Month/Date
2. Anniversary Cards and be noted at the monthly	meeting/in the newsletter during your anniversary
month? If yes, Month/Date/(and Year?)	
3. We send out Get Well and Sympathy Cards. Is	this okay?

Please return this form in person or by email to either the CD or any board member. *Thank You* for Joining us in our Destination of Friendship.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER GATHERINGS

GWTA Chapter	Group Name	Chapter Director	Meeting Date/ Time	Location
WA-A	Seattle Wings Mascot: Ape	Jocelyn Piechowiak Phone (206) 249-6310 ACD: Open Position	4th Saturday Breakfast @ 9:00 AM Meeting @10:00 AM	Rainbow Cafe 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	1st Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00AM Meeting @ 9:00AM	Centerville Café 111 N. Tower Ave. Centralia, WA 98532 Call to Confirm Location
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
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GWRRA Chapter	Group Name	Chapter Director	Meeting Date/ Time	Location
GWRRA Chapter WA-L (High Desert Riders) (Independent)	Group Name Kennewick Looney Tunes		Meeting Date/ Time 2nd Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM Gathering @ 9:00 AM	Location Sterling's Restaurant 2500 Queens gate Drive Richland, WA 99352
WA-L (High Desert	Kennewick	Chapter Director Gary Dumas Phone: (509) 551-6133 ACD: Tom Denny	2nd Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM	Sterling's Restaurant 2500 Queens gate Drive
WA-L (High Desert Riders) (Independent)	Kennewick Looney Tunes Spokane	Chapter Director Gary Dumas Phone: (509) 551-6133 ACD: Tom Denny (509) 582-8779 Don & Hope Sundahl	2nd Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM Gathering @ 9:00 AM 2nd Tuesday Social 6pm November to April.	Sterling's Restaurant 2500 Queens gate Drive Richland, WA 99352 TBD – Call ahead.
WA-L (High Desert Riders) (Independent) WA-N (Independent)	Kennewick Looney Tunes Spokane Wing Nuts Kalama Walla Walla Road Runner	Chapter Director Gary Dumas Phone: (509) 551-6133 ACD: Tom Denny (509) 582-8779 Don & Hope Sundahl Phone: (509)993-5501 Rose & Bruce Hibbs Rose (360)609-4648	2nd Saturday Breakfast @ 8:00 AM Gathering @ 9:00 AM 2nd Tuesday Social 6pm November to April. Location TBD 3rd Wednesday Social at 11am. Weather permitting	Sterling's Restaurant 2500 Queens gate Drive Richland, WA 99352 TBD – Call ahead. Spokane, WA Columbian Inn Rest. 698 N Frontage Road Kalama, WA 98625

This list is subject to change.

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 currently 2.2K following.

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.

July 2024
☐ Jul 14 STP - Seattle to Portland Bicycle Ride Portland Bridge.
Thank You Volunteers! Contact State Director Vonda Brest. 206-854-9341 ez2beme23@aol.com
□ Jul 15~18 - GOLD RUSH XXXVI was in Bowling Green, KY Gold Rush of 2024 is in Billings, MT. Sign Up at https://gwta.org/event/gold-rush/ .
August 2024
September 2024 □ Sep 6~9 GWTA Washington District's week after Labor Day Campout at Squaw Rock Resort. https://squawrockrvresortandcampground.com/ Be sure to let them know you are part of our group.
☐ Sep 22 Annual Oyster Run in Anacortes, WA

VISITING OUR GWTA CHAPTERS:

Chapter Q in Centralia, The Q Crew

Monthly breakfast meeting at <u>Centerville Café, 111 N. Tower Ave, Centralia, WA 98531</u>, (360) 736-5159. We 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

Monthly breakfast meeting at Evergreen Lanes, 5111 Claremont Way, Everett, Washington.

We 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 Eat, 9:00 am Meet. A ride normally follows the meeting. Yearly Calendar can be found in this newsletter for other activities.

Opportunities to Volunteer your time as an individual. These events are NOT sponsored by or affiliated with GWTA.

August 8th to 10th. 38th Annual Buzzard Butt Buster (not a GWTA event but very popular) www.buzzardbuttbuster.com Run by Missy Buzzard in Shelton WA 360-432-9374

September 7th to 8th. Bike MS fundraiser at Deception Pass in Mt. Vernon, WA. Needs motorcycle riders. Contact Amulya Param, Volunteer Engagement Specialist, National MS Society amulya.param@nmss.org

GWTA WA-C Evergreen Wings 2024 Calendar

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

EVERYTHING ON THIS CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.....

questions/comments/changes...contact howiedickerman@outlook.com



GOLDWING TREASURES

Buy / Sell / Donate Motorcycles and/or Parts

Ads will be listed for six (6) 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?

FOR SALE:



Hello former GWRRA members

Bruce Smith here. 858-336-1300.

At 75 yo, my riding sunset has arrived. I am a former CA F member (San Diego), now living near you in Gig Harbor.

I wish to sell my '09 Gold Wing / Audio-Comfort-Nav, ABS. Garaged, 46K easy miles, good tread, and maintained w shop receipts. Although not ridden in 2 yrs, it's a good machine with a few bells.

Auto Trader suggests \$10K and 9K. KBB suggests \$11K. Ten K sounds about right. Nice PacNorwest weather now and adventure awaits!

Kindly pass the word.

FOR SALE

2017 Slingshot 5 speed with less than 3,000 miles. Located in Washington State. Call for Pricing.





Contact Mike White at 360-340-2588 or Bijou White at 360-620-1536 or email at babyblue370@gmail.com.

FOR SALE:

Two sets of Saddle Bags for 2001 - 2010 Goldwings One Black and One Dark Red.

They are from "New" Wings that were triked at a Honda Dealer. Asking \$100 each.



Don Hatley dhatwaa@comcast.net

DID YOU KNOW?

Chapter "A" became officially operational in September 1980 (This is our 44th year).



The Chapter CD Lee Adams was known around the area as the Ape man due to he had so many Apes attached to his bike. They almost covered the bike. I, Don Hatley, was ACD at the time and took over as CD when Lee was transferred to Texas by Boeing. It only made sense that the Ape would continue to be our mascot.

--Don Hatley, original member

Thanks for Reading our Newletters!

Got an Article, Story, Funny or Buy/Sell/Give Ad?

Be sure to submit by midnight of 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.

THE END.