



The GWTAWA Chapters Newsletter

OCTOBER 2026

*Welcome to our monthly GWTANewsletter
For All the Washington State Chapters*



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Cheers,
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GWTA-Washington State

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/399645480246073>

GWTA - Motorcycle Touring Association

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Not many rides these past few weeks so how about some Memes instead?

When you're working from home and there's an online meeting



my body functions at its highest level when I am eating fresh in-season produce



"My daily metabolism used to burn off a full pizza. Now it holds onto a saltine cracker like a family heirloom."

PHONE BOOTH
IN 1992



PHONE BOOTH
IN 2022



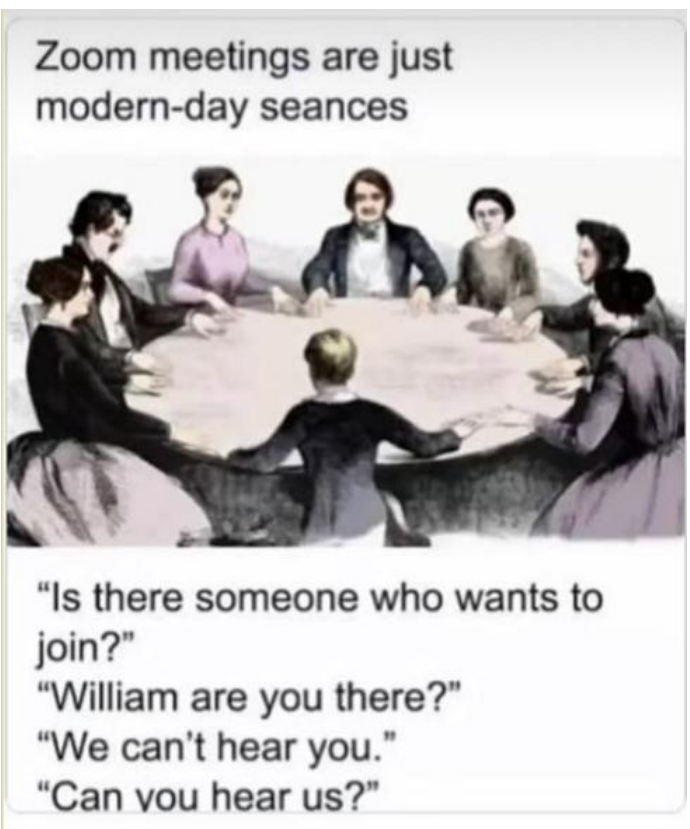
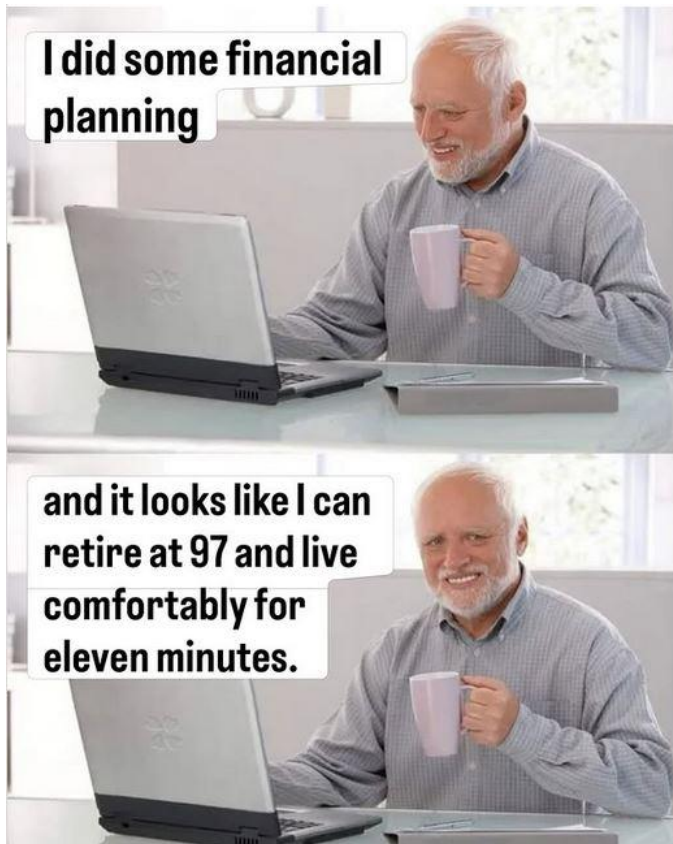


How many urinals are there?



Women: 4

Men: 2



Mike Brieser
WA-A Webmaster



Adding A Passenger

After 6 months of experience, you are still NOT ready



Passengers and new riders are a NO NO. But you know that, I'm sure. So, let's talk about the real issues. When you move from a smaller bike to a larger bike the learning curve essentially starts all over again. You will need to practice starts, stops, turns almost as if you had never ridden a bike before. However, moving from a larger bike to a smaller one takes about 1 minute of familiarity and you will have complete control of it (unless you make a radical move from a cruiser to a sport bike, for example.) But what I was reaching for here was the effect of added weight.

It is NOT true that adding weight to a bike increases stopping distance and time - it merely makes it more difficult to achieve the same stopping distance and time but because traction is increased proportionate to the added weight, you have the traction to handle more braking - so all you have to do is squeeze the brakes harder to get the same distance and time.

That is, adding a passenger changes the dynamics of the bike and a new rider barely has control of the dynamics that existed before adding that passenger.

So, I recommend at least SIX MONTHS of experience riding your bike before you allow a passenger to get onto it. But at that time, you will still NOT BE READY to handle the added weight!!!! You will need to practice with that added weight before you go out and test other limits.

Further, that FIRST passenger should NOT be your significant other or a child!!!! It should be an experienced rider. An experienced rider will completely understand ragged starts, less than smooth stops and some insecurity leaning the bike. He/she will NOT add problems by being distracting or other unsafe behavior behind you. Your significant other, on the other hand, will expect you to be in CONTROL of the bike and when you demonstrate sloppy starts/stops and leans you will undermine that confidence.

With a passenger you want to PRACTICE, PRACTICE - just like when you graduate to a new/larger bike. I cannot remember an inexperienced passenger who would have tolerated such practice sessions. So, get a friend and help each other out with that practice before you subject an uninformed person to your learning curve.

Finally, if your significant other is going to be a regular passenger, even if she never intends to drive a motorcycle, have her take the MSF class. Honest! A passenger is NOT totally dependent upon the rider for his/her safety. Should you need help (heart attack, for example) your passenger can take control of the bike from the pillion and get it off the road safely from the pillion!!! (If trained.)

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*(James R. Davis is a recognized expert witness
in the fields of Motorcycle Safety/Dynamics.)*

Shared by Bob Tift
GWTA WA Chapter C
GWTA Board Member



SNIPPETS

2027 GWTA WA State Campout at Squaw Rock Campground Sept 10-13.

Squaw Rock RV Resort and Campground

15070 WA-410, Naches, WA 98937

(509) 658-2800

<http://squawrockrvresortandcampground.com>

Be Sure to Leave a Voicemail And Be Sure to Mention "Goldwing" Campout

GWTA Gold Rush XXXIX July 12-15, 2027

Located at the Carlsen Valley Inn in North Minden Nevada.

The 2027 theme is "Prospector".

Registration Form available on GWTa.org.

<https://gwta.org/event/gold-rush/> click on the pdf.



Can't log in? Contact John Hunrath in Oregon. hunrath@comcast.net



WA Chapter A Dennis Murphy shares the September Meeting Ride.

At the last meeting we all decided on going to Carbonado to the saloon for maybe a little lunch. We were sorely disappointed when we got there as they were closed. What to do next.....hmmmm

I invited the riders to my house for ice cream. I had a lot of chocolate bars left over from the campout and lots of Tillamook ice cream too. It was fun to just sit on the deck tell stories and maybe even learn a little bit.

It was Joe L., Mike B, Mike P, Barry U. and Ron H.



Sunshine Committee



We love to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries.
And when asked,
we send out Get Well and Sympathy cards.
Cheers,
Jocelyn and Michael Piechowiak

OCTOBER 2026 CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

A:

7th Jocelyn Piechowiak

13th Lilyann Lear Urban

19th Barry Uhde

23rd Kenny Urban

24th Kevin Lowe

C:

2nd Howie Dickerman

6th Kinsley Cureton

13th Karen Madsen

19th Robin Peterson

Q:

5th Daniel Holdsworth

U:

Anniversaries:

A:

13th Kenny Urban
& Lilyann Lear

C:

4th Bob & Karen Tift

Q:

U:



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As everyone knows,
I ride the bike all year round.

I don't suppose that I have
ever put a motorcycle away

Dennis Murphy
WA Chapter A Technical Advisor

.....Even when I lived in Iowa, I rode. Although, sometimes. things happen and you have no control of it.

I was on my way home from Auburn in about 2008. I was going down Auburn Way s and stopped to talk to a guy about his car. We talked a little bit and he left. I got back onto the bike and turned the key and, nothing. No power to anything.

Thinking that the main fuse had blown, that was the first thing to check. It wasn't blown. I checked the rest of the fuses and anything I could think of and could not find out why everything had shut down.

Fortunately, I was a member of GWRRA and had many friends. I called one of them up and had a friend come with a trailer while I tried to find the source of the problem. He arrived; we loaded the Wing and went to Ken Harters' shop.

We figured out than when the key was turned, power was coming in but nothing was going out.

Time to take the ignition out.

The 1500's use break-a-way bolts. Meaning they are screwed in and torqued until the head breaks off. I guess it's for theft deterrent.

So, we drilled them out, took apart the ignition switch and found that the wire had broken from the solder holding it.

Time to resolder. We did this and started the bike back up.

Success! Or so I thought.

We got the bike put back together and I rode it about 1/4 mile. It dies again. Bummer!

I get it towed back to Ken's and we tear it apart again. After dismantling it a second time we find that the solder had failed. Time for a new switch.

We installed a new switch and I never had another issue with it. I found out that the 1800 does not use the break-a-way bolts and that they are much easier to uninstall and reinstall due to a different angle.

I watched a video on Facebook this week that showed a fully intact 15-amp fuse that looks perfectly normal. Although, when pushing up on the blade you could see that it definitely had a break.

Sometimes, things are not what they seem.

I had this issue with my heated gear plug coming from the battery. I wasn't getting power to the plug and checked the fuse with a continuity tester. It tested out fine. I reinstalled it and still no power.

I then installed a new fuse and it worked fine.

Something was wrong with the fuse but it seemed to be fine. I still don't know why it failed.

For this reason, I carry fuses and a multimeter with me on the bike. When I get home at night, it is very dark where I have to back up and put the bike into the shed. I kind of thought about lighting up my pathway just a little bit.

I installed a backup light powered by a switch on my right handlebar. The light itself is a LED strobe light that I have on steady burn instead of flashing. I took off the reflector on the back and installed it there. It works pretty good.

I also replaced the strobe lights that were on a base on either side of the license plate. They come on as a steady burn instead of flashing. They are an attention getter for sure.

--Dennis

Chapter WA The “Q” Crew

1st Saturday Breakfast 8am Meeting 9am. Please RSVP to CD

Sandstone Café & Quarry Bar, 273 Sussex Ave W, Tenino, WA 98589

Chapter Director (CD) Steve Henson (360) 489-5275

Chapter WA “C” Evergreen Wings

2nd Saturday Breakfast 9am Meeting 10am

Patty’s Eggnest, 6720 Evergreen Way, Everett, WA 98203

Chapter Director (CD) - Howie Dickerman (206) 571-3273

Assistant Chapter Director (ACD) - Mike Zmiarovich (360) 582-7259

Treasurer & Secretary - Bill Shepherd

Ride Coordinator – Walt de Fisser

50/50 Coordinator – Karen Tift

Safety Coordinator – Bob Tift

Chapter WA “U” Okanogan Valley Wings

3rd Saturday Breakfast 8am Meeting 9am...Please RSVP to CD for Location

Chapter Director (CD) Teri Mitschelen (509) 429-1751

Asst Chapter Director (ACD) Mel Caylor (509) 322-2546

Chapter WA “A” Seattle Wings

4th Saturday Breakfast 9am Meeting 10am

Rainbow Café 112 E. Main St., Auburn, WA 98002

Chapter Director (CD) - Jocelyn Piechowiak (206) 249-6310

Assistant Chapter Director (ACD) - Dianna Hemmi (253) 686-3309

Treasurer – Jerry Garman

Webmaster - Mike Brie

Mechanical/Technical Advisor - Dennis Murphy

Ride Coordinators – **OPEN**, a shared position with Mike Brie

Sunshine Committee - Jocelyn Piechowiak, Veronica Lowe

Stores – Joe Leon

50/50 Coordinator - Dianna Hemmi

WA Chapter A Seattle Wings 2026 Calendar of Events

Updates and Changes will be announced by email between newsletter publications.

Start	End	Event	Location
04/04/2026		Visit Chapter Q Breakfast 8am Meeting 9am	Kickstands Up: 7am McDonalds at SR512 and I5
04/11/2026		Visit Chapter C Breakfast 9am Meeting 10am	Kickstands Up: 8am Chevron, 84th and 212th in Kent
04/25/2026		Monthly: Breakfast 9am Meeting 10am	Rainbow Café, downtown Auburn WA
		After Meeting Ride	Puppy Ride, a hairy east King County Route
05/02/2026		Visit Chapter Q Breakfast 8am Meeting 9am	Kickstands Up: 7am McDonalds at SR512 and I5
05/09/2026		Visit Chapter C Breakfast 9am Meeting 10am	Kickstands Up: 8am Chevron, 84th and 212th in Kent
05/23/2026		Monthly: Breakfast 9am Meeting 10am	Rainbow Café, downtown Auburn WA
		After Meeting Ride	Mystery Ride by Michael Piechowiak
05/30/2026		Five Aces Ice Cream Ride	Snow Goose, Kickstands Up: 84th and 212th in Kent
06/06/2026		Visit Chapter Q Breakfast 8am Meeting 9am	Kickstands Up: 7am McDonalds at SR512 and I5
06/13/2026		Visit Chapter C Breakfast 9am Meeting 10am	Kickstands Up: 8am Chevron, 84th and 212th in Kent
06/20/2026		Extra Special Ride by Mike Briese	Details in Email sent out 06/19/2026
06/27/2026		Monthly: Breakfast 9am Meeting 10am	Rainbow Café, downtown Auburn WA
		After Meeting Ride	Cle Elum, Cottage Inn for Lunch
07/04/2026		Visit Chapter Q Breakfast 8am Meeting 9am	Kickstands Up: 7am McDonalds at SR512 and I5
07/11/2026		Visit Chapter C Breakfast 9am Meeting 10am	Patty's Eggnest, 6720 Evergreen Way, Everett
7/13/2026	07/16/2026	GWTA GOLD RUSH XXXVIII	DoubleTree by Hilton, Bay City Michigan
07/25/2026		Monthly: Breakfast 9am Meeting 10am	Rainbow Café, downtown Auburn WA
		After Meeting Ride	Steven's Canyon Rd
08/01/2026		Visit Chapter Q Breakfast 8am Meeting 9am	Kickstands Up: 7am McDonalds at SR512 and I5
08/08/2026		Visit Chapter C Breakfast 9am Meeting 10am	Kickstands Up: 8am Chevron, 84th and 212th in Kent
08/22/2026		Monthly: Breakfast 9am Meeting 10am	Rainbow Café, downtown Auburn WA
		After Meeting Ride	Chapter Q Bike Show in Morton 10am to 2pm
08/29/2026		Five Aces Ice Cream Ride	Details to Be Announced at Meeting
09/05/2026		Visit Chapter Q Breakfast 8am Meeting 9am	Kickstands Up: 7am McDonalds at SR512 and I5
09/10/2026	09/14/2026	GWTA State Campout at Squaw Rock Campgrounds	Naches, WA, RSVP Goldwing Group (509) 658-2800
09/12/2026		Visit Chapter C CANCELLED	
09/26/2026		Monthly: Breakfast 9am Meeting 10am	Rainbow Café, downtown Auburn WA
09/26/2026		After Meeting Ride	TBD
09/27/2026		Anacortes Oyster Run	Kickstands Up: 6am Chevron, 84th and 212th in Kent
10/03/2026		Visit Chapter Q Breakfast 8am Meeting 9am	Kickstands Up: 7am McDonalds at SR512 and I5
10/10/2026		Visit Chapter C Breakfast 9am Meeting 10am	Kickstands Up: 8am Chevron, 84th and 212th in Kent
10/24/2026		Monthly: Breakfast 9am Meeting 10am	Rainbow Café, downtown Auburn WA
		After Meeting Ride	Reverse Puppy Ride, a hairy east King County Route

10/31/2026		Five Aces Ice Cream Ride	Iscreamery, Gig Harbor. Kickstands Up 11am
11/07/2026		Visit Chapter Q Breakfast 8am Meeting 9am	Kickstands Up: 7am McDonalds at SR512 and I5
11/14/2026		Visit Chapter C Breakfast 9am Meeting 10am	Kickstands Up: 8am Chevron, 84th and 212th in Kent
11/28/2026		Monthly: Breakfast 9am Meeting 10am	Rainbow Café, downtown Auburn WA
		After Meeting Ride	TBD, weather permitting
12/05/2026		Visit Chapter Q Breakfast 8am Meeting 9am	Kickstands Up: 7am McDonalds at SR512 and I5
12/05/2026		Olympia Toy Run 10am to 1pm	Group Ride details to be announced
12/05/2026		Holiday Party 3pm	Bill Crain's house
12/12/2025		Visit Chapter C Breakfast 9am Meeting 10am	Kickstands Up: 8am Chevron, 84th and 212th in Kent
12/27/2025		No Monthly Meeting. Enjoy your Holidays.	
01/01/2027		New Year's Day Ride	Kickstands Up at Rainbow Café, Crain's Corner lunch

The Famous WA "A" 5 Aces Ride

"Chapter "A" has been enjoying Ice Cream since September 1980.

The Famous WA "A" 5 Aces Ride.....

At Chapter "A" we had **4 months** this year that had 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.

**OCTOBER 31ST SATURDAY ICE CREAM RIDE
GOING to ISCREAMERY IN GIG HARBOR, WA
Email forthcoming on the details.**



In 2027 there will be another 4 Fives Aces!!!

January 30th, May 29th, May 31st, October 30th

**DON'T FORGET TO CELEBRATE ON THESE DAYS
AS WELL!!!**

July 20th National Ice Cream Day

August 2nd National Ice Cream Sandwich Day

August 18th National Ice Cream Pie Day

August 19th National Soft Ice Cream Day

November 11th National Sundae Day

WA Chapter C Everett 2026 Calendar of Events

This Calendar was updated in June 2026 by Howie Dickerman.

Start	- End	. Event	Location
Sat Jun 20		~~3 Pass Blast w/Walt - CANCELLED~~	~~Hwy 2, 97, 90 - leave 9am from Monroe Chevron~~
Sat Jun 20		6:30 dinner at Jimmy's Pizza & Pasta in Stanwood	9819 WA-532 Stanwood, WA
Sat Jun 27		Visit Chapter A Mtg, Rainbow Café, Auburn	8am Mariner Park & Ride, 13132 4th Ave, Everett
Wed Jul 08		Wed 6:30 Dinner - Shawn O'Donnell's	122 128th St SE, Everett
Sat Jul 11		9am Breakfast Meeting	Patty's Eggnest, 6720 Evergreen Way, Everett
Sat Jul 11		After Meeting Ride to Winthrop with Howie	Plan is to visit Alky Angels campout at Pine Near RV
Sun Jul 12		STP - Bike Support near Longview Bridge w/Vonda	9am meet at Longview Bridge
Mon Jul 13 - Jul 16		Gold Rush - Bay City Michigan	Doubletree by Hilton, One Wenonah Park Place, Bay City
Thu Jul 23		Thurs Day Ride to Artist Point then ice cream w/Howie	9am meet at Smokey Point Rest Area
Sat Jul 25		Visit Chapter A Mtg, Rainbow Café, Auburn	8am Mariner Park & Ride, 13132 4th Ave, Everett
Sun Jul 26		Day Ride: Winthrop for lunch w/Howie	9am meet at Smokey Point Rest Area
Sun Aug 02		Packwood Fire Dept Fundraiser Beef BBQ	7:45am Mariner Park & Ride, 9am McDonalds Tacoma
Sat Aug 08		9am Breakfast Meeting	Patty's Eggnest, 6720 Evergreen Way, Everett
Sat Aug 08		After Meeting Ride for lunch in Acme w/Bob T	Acme WA
Tue Aug 11 - Aug 13		3 Day Ride to Canada (Whistler, Lillooet, etc.) w/Howie	details to be announced
Sat Aug 15		Ride to Desert Aire (Mike G)	9:00 am depart from Mariner Park & Ride
Thu Aug 20		Thurs Day Ride: Reverse 3 Pass Blast w/Howie	8am Mariner Park & Ride, 13132 4th Ave, Everett
Sat Aug 22		Visit Chapter A Mtg, Rainbow Café, Auburn	8am Mariner Park & Ride, 13132 4th Ave, Everett
Sat Aug 29		Chapter A Five Aces Ice Cream Ride	details to be announced
Fri Sep 11 - Sep 14		GWTA Squaw Rock Campout	Squaw Rock RV Resort & Campground, Naches WA
Sat Sep 12		~~9am Breakfast Meeting in September CANCELLED~~	~~Patty's Eggnest, 6720 Evergreen Way, Everett~~
Tue Sep 22		Tues 6:30 Dinner - Café Veloce	12514 120th Ave NE, Kirkland WA
Sat Sep 26		Visit Chapter A Mtg, Rainbow Café, Auburn	8am Mariner Park & Ride, 13132 4th Ave, Everett
Sun Sep 27		Oyster Run - Anacortes w/Bob	7am depart from Smokey Point Rest Area
Sat Oct 10		9am Breakfast Meeting	Patty's Eggnest, 6720 Evergreen Way, Everett
Sat Oct 10		After Meeting Ride to Leavenworth	details to be announced
Sat Oct 24		Visit Chapter A Mtg, Rainbow Café, Auburn	8am Mariner Park & Ride, 13132 4th Ave, Everett
Sat Oct 31		Chapter A Five Aces Ice Cream Ride	details to be announced
Sat Nov 14		9am Breakfast Meeting	Patty's Eggnest, 6720 Evergreen Way, Everett
Wed Nov 18		Wed 6:30pm Dinner - Grazie Ristorante Italiano	23207 Bothell Everett Hwy, Bothell
Sat Nov 28		Visit Chapter A Mtg, Rainbow Café, Auburn	8am Mariner Park & Ride, 13132 4th Ave, Everett
Sat Dec 12		9am Breakfast Meeting	Patty's Eggnest, 6720 Evergreen Way, Everett
Wed Dec 16		6pm Christmas Party at Village Taphouse & Grill	1204 3rd St, Marysville
Fri Jan 01		New Years Day Ride (weather permitting) w/Walt	details to be announced
Sun Jan 10		Planning Meeting followed by dinner at El Paraiso	2pm Everett Powersports (upstairs)

More events (rides, social events, etc.) will be added as the info becomes available
If you have an event to be added, please send the info to howiedickerman@outlook.com

EVERYTHING ON THIS CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



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