

**APE**tober 7th, 2008

Chapter A, Seattle

## The **cAPE**rs

Getting out a few times this week, I witnessed 4 sure signs of Autumn..slipped a bit on leaves while rounding a corner, daily temperatures alternating between 70f one day and 40f the next, clear as a bell one minute and torrential rainfall the next, big orange gourds all over the place.

**RELAX , TAKE YOUR TIME, PROTECT YOURSELF AT ALL TIMES, *ENJOY THE RIDE.***

Thanks to all who have submitted their "**Profile of an APE**". I have about 8 so far. I need to hear from the rest of you....share your story. I will send out another blank profile sheet for those of you who may have "mistakenly" deleted my original mailing.

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## **LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Last Wednesday social was at the Apogee Bar and Café in the Fairwood area. The food was excellent and ample. I had the broasted ½ chicken and jo jo's and I will certainly be back for more. 5 Wings showed up to an area all taped off. We thought we were the guests of honor but it seemed they were just roping it off to do parking lot maintenance. We parked there anyway and departed just before the jack-hammers fired up. Great food, better conversation, Kevin Allen showed up and his son made a quick appearance as well. This pick was right-on target...please include yourself to the next social. This Wednesday at "Plum Delicious" the old "Coilery" atop Sunset in Renton. The Grubbs have already attested to the quality of food.**

**Last Saturday, Ken led a group including Ben, Mike B, and Ductape to the Bremerton chapter breakfast meeting. After which the route included Seabeck, and Belfair.. no weather report for the day but the weather never is a determining factor for that bunch anyway. Thanks for the report Ken.**

## **FUTURE HAPPENINGS**

### **SOCIAL LOCATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER ARE FURNISHED BY CHANZE AND BENNY BETCH**

**Mark your calendars for these YUMMY choices:**

**Oct 8: Plum Delicious 3212 NE Sunset Blvd Renton.**

**Oct 15: Longhorn BBQ- Auburn 635 C St. (beside Hwy 18)**

**Oct 22: Jimmy Mac Renton 225 SW 7<sup>th</sup> (by WalMart)**

**Oct. 25 Chapter Q Halloween Party at the Poodle Dog**

**October 25<sup>th</sup>, The Gathering of the APEs will start at 9am.....that's 9am...no excuse NOT to make our meeting now. Come join us !!**  
(there will be a guest host at the microphone this morning)

**Oct 29: Lemon Leaf 101 SW 41<sup>st</sup> Renton**

**Nov 1: Leadership meeting in Buckley..we have 3 couples attending so far...lets gather a few more and help us represent the Chapter..please let me know.**

**\*December 13<sup>th</sup>...MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER/POI LUCK AND PARTY EXTRAVAGANZA AT CHRIS AND PATTYS LAKESIDE HOME..PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND JOIN THE FUN.**

**SOCIAL LOCATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER WILL BE FURNISHED BY GARY AND JOANNE BEARD**  
**To be announced.**

**SOCIAL LOCATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER WILL BE FURNISHED BY LES AND STEPHANIE GREER**  
**To be announced.**

**SOCIAL LOCATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY WILL BE FURNISHED BY KENNY AND ANN URBAN**  
**To be announced.**

**THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR VOLUNTEERING TO MAKE SCRUMPTIOUS CHOICES ON YOUR GIVEN MONTH.**

**Mystery Ride:** JULY 11<sup>th</sup> is the Mystery Ride Event. The following MR functions will need to be covered by the entire APE group. Please volunteer for a post so that we don't have to "volunteer" you: (this is a ChAPEter event...everyone needs to pitch in and help out if it's going to be successful).

**Prize Coordinator;** someone to help organize the gathering of prizes, goodies, gift certs, grand prize, set up "hunting grounds", monitor the prize intake etc etc.

**Advertising Coordinator;** someone in charge of a group of people for the purpose of canvassing local business, MC related businesses, area GWRRA chapters, GWTA chapters, MC related groups, sport shops, handing out flyers, bulletins, generally spreading the word of our Mystery Ride 2009 to maximize participation. Etc etc.

**Check point leads;** responsible for managing your checkpoint crew, assuring safety, hosting games, being a cheerleader etc etc.

**Registration and Check-in posts;** we need people to organize the smooth flow of participants both at registration and check-in. Someone who can take care of the many details of moving (hopefully) masses of people through the lines quickly and efficiently with a friendly smile.

**Silent Auction lead;** someone who can work with the prize coordinator to receive prizes, produce our auction sheets and administer the efficient execution of the silent auction at the closing ceremony.. The silent auction is our single largest contributor of funds for this event.

**The MYSTERY RIDE** activities will need to begin NOW...starting with the gathering and accumulation donations and prizes. We are asking each of you to think about the geographical area around where you live and where you work. Approach your employer, (Boeing employees may be exempt from this) if they are willing to make a donation or contribution towards this event. Please start now, so that we are not in "panic mode" directly before the event.

I have had a few early volunteers for the above tasks. I will be speaking with you individually about your participation in the MR. I would like to get all jobs filled by the end of the year.

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Thanks to Stephanie Greer for last weeks contribution.

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*I would like to start a new feature of the cAPEs. In future publications, cAPEs will feature an APE family member. We know you love ice cream and have a passion for our sport...after all you own a Gold Wing. Dig deeper and tell us more about the person behind the windshield, under the armour, and filling your boots. I will be sending you a "Profile of an APE" form to fill out and return. We look forward to learning more about you.*

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**PROFILE OF AN APE**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Dave Steckler \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL AREA WHERE YOU LIVE ? \_\_\_\_\_ Bellevue,  
Somerset Neighborhood \_\_\_\_\_

HOW LONG THERE? \_\_\_\_\_ 25 + years \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE DID YOU GROW UP? \_\_\_\_\_ In the San Fernando Valley, So.  
Cal, a suburb of LA

FAMILY DETAILS YOU CARE TO SHARE ?, i.e. kids/where area they live, grandkids/quantity/ages\_\_\_\_\_2 grown kids, Matt and Shanon. One grandson Findley, 17mos. Wife Karen married to for 35 years. Eveyone is local to Seattle\_\_\_\_\_

WHERE DO/DID YOU WORK...WHAT DO/DID YOU DO ?

\_\_\_\_\_I am currently self-employed and training to be a professional stock trader. I had been in Information Technology for the past 25 years. \_

SPECIAL HOBBIES, SKILLS OR INTERESTS ? (other than riding your Wing)? \_Riding my Victory Vegas, reading, studying stock market and related areas, my dog Marli, my wife Karen, flying model airplanes, golfing (just started). Travel

FAVORITE MEAL?\_\_\_\_\_Pizza, Chicken Parmesean, Steak\_\_\_\_\_

FAVORITE SATURDAY RIDE ON YOUR WING?

\_\_\_\_\_over to eastern washington\_\_\_\_\_or just around here sometimes.\_\_\_\_\_

FAVORITE WEEKEND TRIP ON YOUR WING? \_\_\_\_\_same as above

YOUR FAVORITE AFTER MARKET ITEM ON YOUR WING, AND WHY?

\_\_Satellite Radio, GPS, Gerbings

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER OF

GWRRA?\_\_\_\_\_5 years\_\_\_\_\_

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A PARTICIPANT OF  
CHAPTER A? \_\_\_5 years\_\_\_\_\_

WHAT OTHER CHAPTERS HAVE YOU BEEN AN ACTIVE  
MEMBER OF?

\_\_\_\_\_NA\_\_\_\_\_

WHAT IS YOUR BEST GOLDWING MEMORY, AND WHY?  
\_\_\_\_\_Great road trips with Chapter A, Tim and Angela B, Neil,  
Mike B. Tom, Dave and Rhonda.

Oregon with Neil, Todd and Rosa about 5 years ago. Great trip and  
fun people.

My around the country trip this year. Solo for 4500 miles and then  
4700 miles with my wife on the return trip. Priceless!

We meet every Wednesday....when we can. We try to make all of the Chapter A monthly meetings...but we usually sit at the same table....and mostly we visit with the same familiar acquaintances. When we participate in a group ride, only at the lunch break do we take a few moments to visit with our fellow Wingers.....it's no wonder that no one really knows *who we really are as individuals*. You may not have realized it....but ***we are a family***. We share an exciting, healthy and wonderful common interest that brings us together week after week, month after month, and for some....year after year. Please share with us, a few personal details of who ***you*** are. **You** are a unique individual and we want to learn more about **you**. Your profile will be compiled and shared in a future "cAPers" issue.

DO YOUR TCLOCS BEFORE EVERY RIDE

Stay cool, ride safe

Roll On!

Jeff and Yvonne

Also, please let me know if you will be attending the  
Leadership Meeting in Buckley on November 1<sup>st</sup> ...

**FREE LUNCH**

Mark your calendars for the Chapter A Christmas party on Dec 13<sup>th</sup>. Sat.