

Greg & Janet Beeck

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Well...if you couldn't make the Saturday Chapter A Monthly Gathering...you missed a good one ! I went through the past 3 years of log books and we set a record attendance. There were a total of 62 at the Full Throttle. Included were several former Chapter A Chapter Directors, many District Officers and District Staff, 8 Washington Chapters were represented with the visitor traveling furthest, Terry Morris from Milton Freewater OR. Now "Former" Chapter Director Tim Bowman called the meeting to order in his familiar fashion and welcomed visiting chapters, distinguished visitors and officiating dignitaries. Mike (aka Chuck) Hudnell, the District Director took the mic, acknowledged Tim for his service to the club, then proceeded to install yours truly as Chapter Director. After a short acceptance speech, introductions of the existing Chapter Officers and Chapter Staff were made...followed by the announcement of NEW Chapter Officers and Chapter Staff (more on all that later).

Past rides were recapped, upcoming events were highlighted and several drawings were held...50/50 going to a lucky winner of \$113 to a District Staff member. A truly great event that lasted for almost 2 hours.

The Full Throttle Cafe had changed things up a little on the buffet line and everyone I spoke with was pleased with the new steaming hot entrees...if anything, they had a challenge keeping up with the extra large group of Wingers...but it was a marked improvement.

Future events:

Jan 30, Wed social at IKEA..if your mind has been lingering over lingonberries or if you have been lusting over lutefisk...this is your place.

Feb 2, Riders Education Buckley 8am the doors open with classes beginning at 8:30. Google the address as 23711 Enthwistle in Buckley at the Rainier Hills Christian Fellowship. The road onto which you turn...from Hwy 410 is 234th Ave E. Mark your mileage from the first light at the top of the Bonney Lake hill above Sumner. 234th Ave E is approx 3 miles EAST of this main light. You will be taking a right turn off of Hwy 410 onto 234th Ave E..then an immediate left onto Enthwistle. If you are coming from Enumclaw, you will pass through the little town of Buckley approx 3 1/2 miles to 234th Ave E and take a left...then take a left on Enthwistle. We will have 26 APES at this event, all dressed in their best Saturday RED. We look forward to seeing you all there !

Feb 21st and Feb 23...this is the 2 part ROAD CAPTAINS CLASS presented by our Chapter Educator Greg Beeck. This 2 part series is a must for those new to riding in groups...as well as a great "tune up" for those more experienced. You really owe it to yourself and the people you ride with to attend this series. Feb 21 is a Thursday evening 6:30 at my house in Maple Valley and will probably last for a couple of hours. Feb 23 will be held as practical

application in a ride after the Feb 23rd Chapter A Gathering..putting the "rubber to the road" and applying what we learned at the previous class. It will be FUN, it will be EDUCATIONAL..and it is being done to promote the SAFETY of us all. PLEASE E-MAIL ME WITH YOUR INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS IMPORTANT CHAPTER SAFETY FUNCTION.

March 14 - 16 is Chapter E Surf Watch and Moped Poker Run in Ocean Shores. In the past, this has been a heavily participated event by Chapter A and this year it looks like they are kicking it up a notch. go to www.gwrra-wae.org for flyer information.

March 22 is Chapter WA-Z Oldies Dance in Tacoma. Buffet dinner and Dancing and Oldies fun. Visit the Chapter Z website for details.

*When you DO have an opportunity to safely get out on the roads...please send me your brief ride recaps so that I can share with the group.

*Be cautious...with the recent "white stuff", the road crews have dumped a few hundred truckloads of sand on the roads...oooooh sooooo slick !!

Finally in keeping with this evenings National broadcast from the big white house...I offer:

Chapter A State of the ChAPEter Address:

My fellow APES:

Yvonne and I have finally stepped into the ample shoes left by Angela and Tim Bowman as your Chapter Directors. First and foremost, I believe that kudos go to Tim and Angela for leaving their post in terrific shape...both in the financial sense and in the positive way we all feel about our chapter family. Terrific job Tim and Angela ! We all appreciate the time, all the effort, and the dedication you gave so graciously to the Chapter. We all sincerely hope that you both stay close to the group and offer your proven leadership skills to enhance our Chapter experience. Again from all of us...thank you Angela and Tim. !!

Tim and Angelas' departure will ultimately bring some changes. As Chapter Director, there are a few rules and regulations that need to be followed, and with Tim guidance, I am certain to master them within a couple of years. Being a VOLUNTEER organization however, GWRRA allows each Chapter and each officer within the Chapter to develop their own style of leadership...and this is where you may see some subtle changes. Our membership motto is **FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE**, and I intend to measure each decision that I, the officers, and the staff makes with that creed at the forefront of each decision.

As for the Officers and Staff:

Tom Chillquist has agreed to continue to grace us with his knowledge and skills as Chapter Treasurer. Tom has proven himself to be a precise "keeper of the books" and I am extremely happy to have him at this post again. It is Toms careful watch on our account

coffers, that will allow us to continue to offer our fellow Apes, the benefits that we all have the OPPORTUNITY to enjoy. It is my hope and desire that we all take advantage of the many benefits presented from time to time..such as Chapter funded admission to several KNOWLEDGE and SAFETY based programs throughout the year. We are fortunate to be able to fund these types of programs to willing participants. The information gathered and the skills developed as riders and co-riders, will pay huge dividends at street level, not only for individual riders and co-riders, but also for the multi-bike groups with which we all enjoy riding....Safety is priority #1 for all of us. Thanks again Tom and welcome back.

Stephanie and Les Greer, likewise have made the decision to retain their post as Assistant Chapter Directors. I will depend heavily upon Steph and Les to offer their proven guidance, direction, and long history with Chapter A..especially when it comes to the "activity" portion of our many gatherings and functions. Both Les and Steph have keen organizational skills and a knack for inspiring infectious FUN at each event of which they are involved. They truly have a tight grip on the reigns of one our big 3 (**FUN**, Safety, and Knowledge). Yvonne and I look forward to working with you both on future events.

Denise and Mike Blangy have agreed to join the staff as Assistant Chapter Directors and were sworn in at Saturdays monthly gathering. They have been avid participants at practically all of our Chapter functions. They are always eager to lend a helpful hand and their dedication to making everyone in the group feel included and comfortable is a key element to our Chapters friendly reputation. In their new role, they will be a valuable asset to the staff and to the entire Chapter A group...thanks De and Mike, we appreciate your help.

Greg Beeck has also elected to remain our Chapter Educator. Another of the Big # (Fun, **SAFETY and KNOWLEDGE**), Greg has years of learned and practical motorcycle experience from which we CAN all glean valuable information. Greg has the knowledge base, and the presentation skills to make all of us better riders and co-riders...whether it is riding alone or with a group. Greg will surely be playing a more prominent role in our monthly meetings.

Greg Beeck has also taken on the challenge and role as our new WEBMASTER taking over the excellent work that

Bill Olson has done for the Chapter. Thanks so much for all your help Bill.. Greg will be re-vamping, reviewing and keeping our website accessible, user friendly, and vibrant. Gregs role as webmaster is vastly important to the Chapter. Our website is the window to the World to what we are all about, and a snapshot into the fun we have had on past events, the fun we are currently having and the great times we are preparing to have. Consider that when someone new to Winging is looking to join up with a group...they are comparing our websites...in search of finding an amicable match for joining up. We are proud of our heritage and Greg is going to help us share our pride with everyone to see. Thanks again Greg.

As you know, the esteemed Don Hatley has finally decided to hang up his shingle as Chapter Stores Manager. Don did a terrific job in keeping us supplied and displayed for all

to see and purchase. This position requires attention to detail and the dedication to bring the STORE to the monthly meetings. I am extremely pleased that Gary and JoAnn Beard have volunteered to fill the position of Chapter Stores. Gary has had some experience in this role and they will be excellent in keeping all of us outfitted...Thanks Gary and JoAnn Beard we appreciate you volunteering for the Chapter.

Also retiring from their post is Merle and Bob..you couldn't have asked for a friendlier couple to man the greeting table, but they have decided to pass this important Chapter role on...you both did a great job...now sit back and relax and enjoy the party...Patty and Chris Johnson have volunteered to fill the position of Chapter Greeters. Chris said "sure I'll do it"..."I think it is the only post I have not held". Well Chris and Patty, we are happy to have you at the greeters table...after you complete this position, you can start the "tour of duty" all over again. Thanks to Chris and Patty.

Finally but not in the least...I would like to announce the position of Sunshine Lady formerly held by De Blangy..will be assumed by my better half...Yvonne. De did a terrific job in keeping up on the birthdays, anniversaries and other life events of the Chapter and we thank you for your contribution. Thanks for your past help De and thanks to Yvonne for stepping up into this role.

In closing, I want to thank all of you for selecting Chapter WA-A as your home Chapter. Your membership, your attendance, and your participation is NOT taken for granted. Thank You ! AS Chapter "Director" I envision myself, merely as the individual who guides the bike Without the fuel, the motorcycle will not start. With a map, GPS, or clear idea of my route, I will be lost. And without the inspiration to roll-on the accelerator, I wont' move forward one single inch. You...the participants of Chapter WA-A, are my fuel, your are my map, and you are my inspiration...together, with your help..WE will move towards our common goal of Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge.

Roll On !!

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