

March 25th 2008
Chapter A, Seattle

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Dang !!! Sorry I missed this last weekends annual Maintenance Day held at Dons Garage and Diner on Saturday after the Monthly Gathering...and Oh yeah...Dang !!! So sorry I had to pass the microphone to De and Mike for the Monthly Gathering. But after all, witnessing my last kid graduate WWU took precedence. I hope y'all will understand. Anyway...I didn't hear about anyone gagging on a sausage link at breakfast so I trust it went well in the Blangys capable hands.

I heard from Tim and he exclaimed that the Maint. Day was a rousing success with over (his count) 45 showing up. From what Tim reports, everything from A-Z..no strike that- from B to W were taken care of (brakes to wiring) and everything in between. I heard no reports of anyone gagging on a hot dog either, so I trust the food was its own usual spectacular event...if there are two things that APEs love they are..working on the Wing and sharing grub together. Please send any photos or reports on either weekend event to Greg Beeck for publishing on the Chapter A website.

This last weekend and so far this week are already testing our patience for hitting the road. I the next several weeks, riding opportunities and events will be ramping up. Aprils sunset times are reaching 7:45pm to 8:20pm. Probably time to start thinking about some short Wednesday "after social" rides.

This weeks social choice is:

**March 26th Skippers, 901 SW 148th St Burien
I love seafood.....when I “see food” I love to eat
it....(Tom, yes they will have plenty of coleslaw for you !)**

The month of March has proven to show us a plethora of fun, unique, tasty and well attended venues...courtesy of your March pickers De and Mike Blangy. Share some good food, lively conversation and make some memories with us on this last Blangy pick of the month.

Aprils agenda for appetite ardent APES will be forthcoming.

FUTURE EVENTS: (MARK YOUR CALENDAR PLEASE)

FORWARD PLANNING EVENTS:

April 4thKenny Urban has planned 3 possible routes for his overnight “Joint Chapter visitation R, L, and M...he will depart on Friday April 4th am, run his excellent route, and stay at the Red Barn in Prosser, then attend the Saturday Joint breakfast meeting...returning to Seattle Saturday afternoon. Please contact Kenny Urban if you intend on joining him...sounds like miles and miles of fun. Kenny hope your wing is feeling better.....the one attached to your shoulder that is....! Kenny said that he has 8 participants for this event going with him...still room to join the convoy of Wings but better check hotel reservations first..the Barn Inn at Prosser. Let Kenny know if you are planning on riding along. There may be a group leaving EARLY Saturday am...in time to attend breakfast then heading right back...It would be a long ride...but great roads. Let me know if there is interest in doing the “Long and Early” on the 5th of April.

RESCHEDULE...in case you didn't hear the news, the Chapter L Bowling challenge...that was to be held on April 5th...postponed again....is now scheduled for September 13 in Pasco...check out the Chapter L website for details.

April 12th Everett Chapter C..Annual Spring Fun Run. Starting point will be Gervasi's Motorsports on 3809 Broadway in Everett. Usually a great ride ride and fun time. See Chapter C flyer.

April 17th NEW ENTRY...Tims School of GPS. This course is described as a "all you needed to know about GPS, MC friendly units, facts, features, bells, whistles and how to effectively utilize them. Setting routes, backtracking, way points, interfacing with computer mapping programs etc. etc. 2 full hours and worth 4 times the price of admission..FREE !! This will be held from 7pm to 9pm at Tims church. I have a list already of about a dozen APES that will be attending and the list is growing...If you have not yet sent me your intentions to attend..please do so. Location to be issued in a later writing.

April 26th ...April Chapter A Gathering... Same APE time Same APE place..April will be the last month for sleeping in...Mays gathering starts at 8am.

May 3rd and 4th Chapter M Fun Run and BBQ..now who doesn't like BBQ. See the Chapter M website for details on this event.

May 10th Chapter F Tacoma, One Crazy Ride..nothing fancy here, just some serious MC riding....me like.

May 15 – 17th Victoria Days in Ephrata.

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June 28th (Sat) and June 29th (Sun) The LAWMAN 2008.

Kenny is planning on doing this event. Heading over to Lincoln City..smell the fresh salt air, dine on fresh seafood, hear the bells and whistles of your winning jackpot. Ken is heading out EARLY on the 28th and returning on the 29th via some really cool and scenic byways. He will talk more about this in the future, but since you have your calendars out...mark this one down. More info to come from Kenny.

July 17th 18th and 19th is the WASHINGTON STATE DISTRICT RALLY IN LYNDEN WASHINGTON. Please make your hotel reservations now, or make your camping plans now. We have already slaughtered 2 months of this year...time goes by fast, especially when we are ramping up our motorcycling activities..plan ahead so we have a great APE presence at the rally. Remember, Chapter A holds the honor of being the largest Chapter gathering at Wing Ding 07...and that was a thousand miles away...let's gear up for this one.

Speaking of the District Rally. On the T-Shirt issue....Mike Briese has submitted a great rendition of the "Generation of Goldwings" that might prove to be a fun design. Dave DeSiga also Rosa McLain have stepped up and offered some suggestions...Vince has offered the name of a screen printer that may be able to give us a good deal on shirts (around \$8...including printing and shirt). We are still gathering suggestions for designs.

Please get me your suggestions.

Stay dry, ride safe

Roll On!

Jeff and Yvonne

