

April 8, 2008
Chapter A, Seattle

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Awesome, exciting, adventuresome and rewarding....no I'm not recapping your latest trip to the casino...I am speaking about 4 (that I know of) recent events which are all indicators of the great season ahead.

***Awesome-** Last Wed. Social at the IHOP at Supermall was just that. 29 APES showed for portions of soups, salads, scrambles, spareribs, sandwiches and socializing. The socializing tasted the best. Two separate choruses of APEy birthday were belted. The first honoring Steve (Tug) Tuggles, and once more to Jim Coe who claims that the song was originally written for him. BD cake was enjoyed after the main meal. Afterward with the sun still bright but sinking fast, I lead a small group including Gary F, Gary B, Tug on a fun little trip up and down, over and across the Kent/Milton West Hill, through Sumner, and back up through Algona...about an hour and just in time for sunset.

***Exciting-** Tim Bowman reported that the Chapter Q Dinner and Auction at the Poodle Dog was a "smashing" success. Spaghetti Dinner was enjoyed by the Greers, Johnsons, Rosenows, and Bowmans, followed by Tim "lucky dog" Bowman winning the \$95 50/50. Tim reports that many APES walked away with worthwhile goodies and all having a wonderful time. Also mentioned to Tim by the Chapter Director of Q was a very nice compliment that APES are always welcome to events because they bring a special excitement and spirit.

***Adventuresome-** A formal ride report yet to hit this reporters desk, but the Urban Legend lead a convoy of road warriors to the Multi-Chapter Meeting in Prosser on Friday. Braving the faucet most all of Friday,

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Riding from drizzle, to rain, to snowflakes, to SNOW covered roads. One biker (very gingerly and without mentionable damage to self or steed) went down while in first gear. The group doubled back just in time for the sun to warm the back of their helmets. After doing a little hour u-turn...(do they call that a K-UT ?) they eventually make it to the Barn in Prosser (12 hour day) for the meeting the next morning. Hopefully I will get some more juicy info this week from any of the attendees (hint).

***Rewarding**- as announced, last Sunday, Crazy Larrys in Tacoma was the Spring Open House. Opening at 10, lunch at NOON and the presentation to Mike Stevenson (Duct Tape) of his donated Gold Wing Motorcycle. The day was off and on light showers and the crowd was huge..I didn't count but guessing for the day probably easily 200. The food was good, salads were great...and it was very rewarding to see a guy genuinely touched by the kind of friends and strangers...but mostly by the BIKER community. Despite the cool weather...everyone went home a little warmer.

Aprils Socials

April 9 Taco Time Restaurant 6- 14th St NE in Auburn...just East of Hwy 167 off of 15th NE (across from the big AM/PM) ..I just know Jim Coe is going to love the Mexi Fries.

WEATHER PERMITTING...THERE WILL BE A SHORT "AFTER SOCIAL RIDE" FORECAST CALLING FOR RAIN...SO IT WILL PROBABLY BE SUNNY !

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**April 17th YES THIS IS A THURSDAY.. will be held at ZOOPAS across the street to the South from SouthCenter Mall
The T.Bowman school of GPS will be held immediately after at his church located at 14742 MacAdam Road South in Tukwilla..begining at 7pm sharp...hope you can find it.**

April 23 Fat Burger in Issaquah...north (under I-90) in the Home Depot parking lot.

April 30 Popeyes Fried Chicken 34960 Enchanted Parkway (in the NW corner of the Costco parking lot in Fed Way (end of Hwy 18).

As I had mentioned before..the plan is (if the weather cooperates) to take a few short rides after bolting down some grub...hence the fast food theme this month. So, with that said..if the weather looks good plan on joining us for a little exercise after feasting on pancakes, burritos, salads with all the fixins, burgers with chili/cheese fries and spicy fried chicken

FUTURE EVENTS: (MARK YOUR CALENDAR PLEASE)

FORWARD PLANNING EVENTS

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. **Give me a shout if you intend to participate in this event.**

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NEW ENTRY

April 13th Sunday, Kenny is busy on Saturday, but if he can get a group will head down to the Aberdeen Chapter D Breakfast meeting...if interested, contact Kenny Urban and plan on departing the SB Federal Way scales at 7am SHARP for the trip.

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 is noted above under April 17th Restaurant Zoopas. Please do not bring teacher apples...however chrome is always accepted.

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.

One more time please

Finally, T-Shirts. At the last Social, we made the final decision on the graphics and location of the graphics. Now I need orders from everyone How many do you want....and what size do you want them to be.

So Far I have orders for:

McLain, Briese, Greer, Hatley, Harvey, Johnson, Haugen, Holt, Allen...I know there a lot more that will want t-shirts. I cannot get a firm price on t-shirts and printing until I have a total amount needed...you know...one of those “quantity discount” things . Info please.

Stay dry, ride safe

Roll On!

Jeff and Yvonne