

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Chapter A, Seattle

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## LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE:

May 7<sup>th</sup> **THE FIRST XXX SOCIAL OF THE YEAR !** A bakers dozen of socializing **APES** showed for the first XXX social of 2008. Box Car won a mini juke box and donated it to Gary Paul's grandkid, a pair of stainless coffee mugs were won by the Coes and Lucky Dog Bowman walked with the \$30 from the evenings 50/50. An after social spin was planned, but the weather, which began rather benign, turned a bit dark and cool by the end of the evening. Maybe it was the FREE ice cream cones that chilled the innards..no ride was enjoyed, except back to our separate habitats. 5 Wings in the lot.

May 10<sup>th</sup> **ONE CRAZY RIDE.** Saturday, a huge group of APES met up at the SB Fed. Way scales at 7:30...12 total and headed off (in two groups) to Crazy Larrys for sign in and sugar loafs. The Pruntys joined us in Tacoma and again, a bakers dozen headed off in a direct route to Westport (see Tims earlier e-mail for all the details). Tim did a great job in keeping us on the road for the full day. 3pm was last bike in, and we showed up almost exactly at 3pm. According to my GPS, I logged 293 for the day, our total time for the day was 7 hours and 59 minutes, actual time in the saddle was 5 hours and 1 minute and our average MPH was a brisk 50 mph (stops not included). Sure we had a little moisture early in the morning around Westport, but it burned off as we left the coast and turned out to be a picture perfect day for  
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**Winging.** As Tim mentioned, we switched off leading/dragging throughout the day. On the last segment, I was the drag for group #2 and it was really fun to see 12 GoldWings ahead of you snaking around the corner a 1/4 mile away in the distance. For that reason alone, I highly recommend taking your turn as tail gunner for a group ride. Great route Tim and thanks from all. Oh yeah, by the way, I almost forget to congratulate Lucky Dog Bowman for buying the winning ticket for a new set of Metzlers for his Wing at the ending ceremony.

### **FUTURE EVENTS: (MARK YOUR CALENDAR PLEASE)**

**MAY SOCIALS....**As discussed at the April Monthly Gathering, May begins our summer series out of the old standby the **XXX ROOT BEER** in **ISSAQUAH**. Please mark all **WEDNESDAYS** in **MAY** for this location. Official time is 6pm but recently **APES** have been hanging around as early as 5:30. I am being optimistic on the weather outlooks for **ALL** future Wednesdays of the riding season and would anticipate welcoming roads for Wednesday evening **After Social Spins**. So if you are riding, check your air, pump your gas, we might be off for an....

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**May 16, 17 and 18<sup>th</sup> VICTORIA DAYS, EPHRATA**

For the last time, a gathering at Ephrata for the last Victoria Days event. This is not a formal GWRRA event, but nonetheless, it should be a great and fun send off for the old Chapter S and Ronnies crew. Tim is planning a helmet time of 2:30 or 3pm on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Several **APES** were planning on joining Tims group...contact him directly if you plan to be at the XXX in Issaquah. I am planning on going, but at this writing, I am not sure if I can make the early departure..but maybe I can swing a 5pm departure from the same location. If there is interest in a later departure, like 5pm...contact me by return e-mail. It will be an excellent time, please join us if you can. There are plenty of camp spots and plenty of nearby hotels to choose from....and it NEVER rains in Eastern Washington (well almost never).

**Memorial Day Weekend Chapter L Spring Fling , Benton County Fairgrounds E. WA**

**May 24<sup>th</sup> MAY CHAPTER A MONTHLY GATHERING... NOTICE  
MAY STARTS 8AM MEETING TIME**

**June 7<sup>th</sup> The DUCK HUNT out of Montesano**

**NEW ENTRY June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.** Oregon District Rally in Prineville. Dry weather (usually), warm riding (probably) and great and numerous back roads for this one. I am tentatively planning on attending this one, please let me know by return e-mail if you are also planning on doing this event.

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**June 28<sup>th</sup> (Sat) and June 29<sup>th</sup> (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 28<sup>th</sup> and returning on the 29<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> is the WASHINGTON STATE DISTRICT RALLY IN LYNDEN WASHINGTON. Please make your hotel reservations now, or make your camping plans now. 9 ½ weeks to go. 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. **Chapter A APES** have been selected to be in charge of selling 50/50 tickets for the Washington State Rally (probably because we are **WILD AND CRAZY**). This will be an excellent opportunity for Chapter A to show their true (and crazy) personality and still be able to roam the rally. Stephanie Greer has graciously accepted the role as coordinator for the 50/50 event and sign up sheets. Gather your crazy hats and weird get-ups..get your noise makers and squirt guns out. If you did not register for this Rally, you **NOW** have to pay a few dollars more....if you do not sign up prior to June..you will again have to pay a few dollars more...please pre-register to save \$\$\$.**

**“Family Reunion” t-shirts HAVE BEEN ORDERED ! Thanks to those of you who have already send me their payments. If you have NOT send me your payment, tomorrow is a good day to do so. I have e-mailed everyone the \$ amount that they owe. If you have lost it, if you have deleted my message, if you don't remember what you owe me, don't be bashful...ask me, and I will gladly tell you again.**

**Saturday July 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup>. OK, NOW...what event is happening in 10 1/2 weeks?**

**It is 2 years in the making?**

**It is our ONE and ONLY Chapter BASH that happens only 5 times within a decade?**

**It features FREE food?**

**You guessed it !! The Mystery Campout is coming on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> of July...that is the weekend AFTER the District Rally.**

**After our July Chapter A Gathering, we will be mounting up and heading off for our MYSTERY location. Do you want to know where it is this year ????????**

**Well do ya ?**

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**Then mark you calendars to join us....on your bike, in your car, we don't care...just join us....it's the only way you are going to find out!**

**(Remember Mays meeting we will start gathering an hour earlier...so get your rest) 8am Gathering time.**

**Wed. Socials for the month of May start back at the XXX in Issaquah.**

Stay dry, ride safe

Roll On!

Jeff and Yvonne