

Cinco de Mayo, 2008
Chapter A, Seattle

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LAST 2WEEKs AT A GLANCE: APRIL SOCIALS

April 23 Fat Burger in Issaquah...from what I hear, a rather small gathering compared to our more recent socials, the manager of Fat Burger never called me to report any food fights or missing napkin holders so I imagine all was yummy.

April 26 April Monthly Gathering of the APES. A decent crowd of 28 with visitors from Chapters Q, F, C and E. Lucky Janet Beeck won the 50/50 as we were quick to dispense of business in order to warm our tires on an excellent route planned by our own Urban Legend. The Hood Canal was beautiful and we shared the road with literally 100's of motorcycles on this warm and wonderful day. Our chain of 10 bikes logged a tank full of miles. Thanks Kenny for a good trip.

April 30 Popeyes Fried Chicken ...another smaller gathering I heard Tom assisted all of the APE diners with 1/2 price coupons, which I am sure was all appreciated by everyone...leaves more \$\$\$ for ice cream.

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May 4 THE UN-GOVERNORS RUN- formerly the weekend of Bremerton Chapters Governors Run. The Urban Legend, again, made a good choice. The group of 8 Winging APES met at RMC early and hit the 7:30 ferry to Bremerton, had a great breakfast with the Bremerton Chapter, won some goodies (including the traveling Bear from Chapter F) presented to Chapter A for being the largest visiting group. Immediately after a long breakfast meeting, we headed out over the Hood Canal bridge, across the valley to Port Townsend. We literally drove directly onto the waiting PT/Keystone ferry. Once off boarded, we headed North up the island, through Oak Harbor, for Deception Pass where we stopped for some photo ops. Then on to lunch at the Hwy 20 intersection. After lunch, we took a trip through the (spent) tulip fields where we marveled at the sight of 17 red and yellow tulips---evidently a week too late. Most went south from there, over the back roads to Marine View drive, a couple went the more direct route to I5 home. 52f most of the day. The warmest part was at hour 11 when it finally go to 62f...all in all a fantastic day. A day incorporating the fresh smell of salt air and also the freshly groomed dirt (tulip) fields...we will call this ride "Surf and Turf" ...another good one Kenny. Thanks for the route.

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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FORWARD PLANNING EVENTS

May 10th Chapter F Tacoma, One Crazy Ride..nothing fancy here, just some serious MC riding....me likey. You all go the earlier memo. You have a choice. Either gas your lawnmower or gas your Wing. HELMET TIME 7:30 AT S.B. SCALES IN FEDERAL WAY.

May 15 – 17th Victoria Days in Ephrata.

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

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

NEW ENTRY June 14th and 15th. Oregon District Rally in Prineville. Dry weather (usually), warm riding (probably) and great and numerous back roads for this one.

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.

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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. 10 1/2 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. This will be an excellent opportunity for Chapter A to show their true (and crazy) personality and still be able to roam the rally. I would like to have 6 volunteers for this activity...WE CAN GO APE ON THIS ONE !! Let me know by return e-mail if you want to go a little APE with me.

Saturday July 26th and Sunday July 27th. OK, put on your thinking caps...what is hairy, has no tail, rides aimlessly for long periods of time on 2 tires, then joins in ritualistic celebration with others of its own species...and it happens only once every approximately 1,052, 640 minutes ???...can you solve the *Mystery ?* OK thanks to all that guessed and you are all correct. This is the weekend for the *Mystery Campout*. We worked for 2 years be able to get away for a fabulous fun and funded overnighiter. **MARK IT DOWN...THIS IS THE WEEKEND AFTER DISTCT RALLY.**

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T-SHIRTS. Orders are coming in fast and furious for t-shirts. As of this writing, 40 have been ordered. There are a handful of APES that

have not placed their order with me. **Cut off for ordering will be Wednesday of this week...the 7th.** If you have not placed your order, please do so now. I will need:

Size of each t-shirt

Do you want a pocket or not

What name(s) do you want on your shirt (if any)

Qtys of each.

I will be e-mailing each of you with the amount you owe. When you get your “cyber-invoice” please mail a check to me to the following address:

Jeff Harvey

22615 SE 263rd Pl

Maple Valley WA 98038

Please understand that I will be footing bill for the entire enchilada until I get paid back...that’s over \$800...so I would appreciate a quick pay-back. Thanks in advance.

(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