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Chapter A, Seattle

The cAPErs

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE:

The end of June...1/2 of our year is already gone, 179 days shopping days left before Christmas....that's the bad news!

The good news is, RIDING SEASON IS IN FULL SWING. Judging by the flurry of MC riding activity last weekend, you can (almost) tuck the Gerbs away for a few months, break out the mesh and evap gear, swab or spray the sunscreen, mount up and ROLL ON!

Last Wednesdays social was well attended at the XXX in Issaquah. Outdoor seating, at the picnic tables under the shade trees was where the action was. It was very nice to see Paul and Gina, it's been a long time since they have joined the group. The usual talk about the bikes of course, tech info, trip sharing, new gear mounted or new gear wanted. Information was dispersed about the District Rally as well as our own MYSTERY CAMPOUT (more later on this). Yvonne was the ticket holder of this socials prize, the portable picnic basket, which was filled with some beverage receptacles (which Tim B.) added last week. Yvonne donated the basket back for next drawing and we also will make an addition to the bounty basket for the lucky winner. "Ranks" (Gary Paul) was the lucky winner of the 50/50 in this evenings drawing. Congratulations "Ranks", enough moola to fill the empty tank on his Wing. After the social, I led a group of 6 on a really nice, and very rural trip up and over the Issaquah hills through the Fall City backroads, through Carnations fragrant farmlands, up and over the hills and dales, across the Snoqualmie Valley past the vintage railroad cars of Snoqualmie and back to I-90. Nice little evening route.

Next

June 28th was our Monthly Gathering of the APEs. Close to 40 gathered for breakfast at the Full Throttle Café in RMC Renton. Not a bad turnout considering the beautiful riding day of which many were already taking advantage. We had a very nice showing from our friends at Chapter I. A contingent of 6 folks from the Chapter to the South and they walked away with not only the “stuffed” picnic basket but also they (being the largest visiting chapter) were the recipients of the Chapter F “travel mascot bear”. Thanks to Doug, Val, Rich, Bruce, Jeri and Mike for making the trip. After the social, many of Chapter I were going to take the Kingston ferry and to a trip around the Oly Penninsula. Winner of a very nice tire pressure gauge was Ric Pradel, and Jo Ann Beard walked away with the **\$58** 50/50 money. You’re all winners for showing up at our monthly meeting, but congrats to those that walked away with more than just a full belly.

NOTE: The Full Throttle Café will have to raise the price of breakfast buffet \$2, beginning with the July Monthly meeting.

Also today, Kenny U. had left at 4am to usher a group to the Lawman 2008 starting on the Oregon coast. Ken, Ranks, Grubbs and a couple more headed over and I hope to have a ride report from them soon with the salty details.

Tim Bowman was doing his own Oly Penninsula ride but I think it was related to dual sport riding.

I purposely kept the meeting short because I know (most everyone) was anxious to experience the heat of the day.

Next

After the monthly meeting, I led a group of 6 to Mt. St Helens, through the backroads past Elbe, and up to the vista near ol' chop top. Chris and Patty along with Boxcar peeled off just short of our mountain goal due to the heat of the day. By the time we got back to our familiar stomping ground (Renton area) we had logged about 350miles. A long, hot, BEAUTIFUL day. It was nice to *purposefully* drench our clothing with water for a change...we all remember WingDing last year and how hot it was...no complaints!

FUTURE EVENTS: (MARK YOUR CALENDAR PLEASE)

SOCIALS:

WEDNESDAY JULY 2nd we are going to change things up a little bit. Rather than GATHER, EAT, AND RIDE....**WE ARE GOING TO GATHER, *RIDE THEN EAT***. Helmet time is at RMC at 6:30pm. You can either have your dinner BEFORE 6:30 or you can pack a sack meal, grab a sub sandwich and some drinks and snacks..**WE ARE GOING TO RIDE TO THE CARONADO ENTRANCE TO MOUNT RAINIER PARK OUTSIDE OF ENUMCLAW AND HAVE DINNER BESIDE THE RIVER**. *Ride first, then eat dinner*...then return before dark. JOIN THE FUN...if you are in your car...STILL MEET US AT 6:30 at RMC and you can follow us in the car...**EVERYONE IS INVITED**.
Please fill your tank before you show up at 6:30

next

July 17th 18th and 19th is the WASHINGTON STATE DISTRICT RALLY IN LYNDEN WASHINGTON. Now 17 days 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 get your squirt guns out. If you did not register for this Rally, do yourself a favor and pre-register...you don't want to waste your time standing in long lines on a hot day waiting to register. . Go the the **GWRRRA-WA** website and print out the form and mail in your payment.**

“Family Reunion” t-shirts **ARE DONE !** I do have them. I did **NOT** pass them out at monthly meeting because I knew that Chapter I was going to be there. I did not want anyone from Chapter I to see them. It is, after all, a contest. I will have the t-shirts with me at every social this month. If you cannot make the socials, e-mail me and I will try to make arrangements to get the t-shirts to you or someplace convenient for you to pick up. I will also bring the remainder of them to the Rally on Friday the 18th.

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NEW INFO FOR DISTRICT RALLY: All the Washington Chapters have been assigned GRUB detail, some will bring desserts, some will bring snacks, some will bring fruit and veggies, Chapters ABCDE will be responsible for bring salads. Tossed, mac, potato, cole slaw, whatever. I would like to have about 4 volunteers who could stop at a local store or Costco and pick up salads. UPDATED INFORMATION. De Blangy volunteered to be our Salad Goddess. Through her very hard work and dedication to the cause, she has already orchestrated, arranged and has accomplished this task. Thank you all for contributing your time and effort to supply salad grub for the rally. Remember to keep your receipts for reimbursement. Remember, salads only, no plates, napkins or utensils are needed...we just need the food!

July 26th Chapter A Monthly Gathering ...Same APE time...same APE place...make sure your bags are packed and your Wing is fueled, because directly after the (brief) meeting we are leaving for (see below

I HOPE YOU ARE NOT COLORBLIND....THIS HAS BEEN A TECHNICOLOR cAPErs...BE THE FIRST TO CORRECTLY RESPOND WITH THE CORRECT NUMBER OF COLORS USED IN THE TYPE WITHIN THIS DOCUMENT ... AND THE NEXT TIME WE MEET, YOU WILL RECEIVE A BRAND NEW 2009 GOLD WING MOTORCYCLE.....OH OH...I AM SORRY, DID I SAY A 2009 GOLD WING MOTORCYCLE.... Scratch that ..I MEANT TO SAY THAT I WOULD BUY YOU AN ICE CREAM TREAT. PAST WINNERS, JANET BEECK AND DAVE DE-SIGA...NEITHER OF WHOM HAVE CLAIMED THEIR PRIZE.

Saturday July 26th and Sunday July 27th. I CERTAINLY HOPE YOU HAVE ALL SET THESE 2 DAYS ASIDE TO HAVE SOME FUN. MYSTERY CAMPOUT IS AMOST HERE. Tim finally slipped some information about the location. He said that is was definitely within the Washington State borders...probably! So there you go, it really sounds like fun! Plan your weekend to spend it with your APE family just a few weeks away.

Next

Tim did say that PETS are OK if they are on a leash and are “picked up after”. Kids are also welcomed as usual..no leashes needed. The only real NO NO is....NO alcohol is permitted on the premises. APEs. We worked our tails off last year to fund this event...THIS IS *YOUR* EVENT, IT IS *YOUR* PARTY. PLEASE JOIN US FOR A GREAT TIME, GREAT FOOD AND MORE... If you haven’t done it already, please contact Tim Bowman and let him know how many are going to be attending and having a blast...he needs to make sure there is plenty of FREE FOOD!

August 2nd is the F and G Fun run

Aug 9th is tentatively the Chapter A “Run to Tatoosh”

Aug 16th is the Chapter O Picnic in Gorst

Aug 23rd is the Monthly Chapter A Gathering...featuring **Lois Anne and Neil from sunny AZ. You got a memo earlier from Neil with the tentative times.. we will tighten up the ride plans as the date gets closer. Neil is bringing his Wing so wipe your calendars and gather behind **“Ol Yeller”**.**

August 28th is the Idaho District Rally. I sent one of Kennys memos on his plans...leaving on the 28th, and returning on the 2nd of September. Please contact Kenny directly for additional information.

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Some other APEs have expressed an interest on going over. Watch for updates on this event.

DO YOUR TCLOCS BEFORE EVERY RIDE

Stay cool, ride safe

MAKE SURE YOU CONSUME PLENTY OF WATER ON HOT DAYS, WEAR YOUR LAYERS IN THE COOL MORNING HOURS THEN STRIP AS LEGALLY NEEDED, APPLY SUNSCREEN (but be aware that some sunscreens can vaporize and cause severe and instant eye pain).

Roll On!

Jeff and Yvonne

See ya at RMC at 6:30 this Wednesday...be ready to ride.