

August 12th, 2008
Chapter A, Seattle

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LAST 2 WEEKS AT A GLANCE:

Aug 6th Social at this night was held at RMCs Full Throttle Café. We started scant but by the end of the evening we were adding tables scrounging chairs and committing fire code violations..Yippiieeee. Tonites group totaled 18 APEs and the nights 50/50 bounty of \$32.50 (picked by visitor /nurse / sister of Ranks) went to DeDe Grubbs. Congrats DeDe, I bet you're glad you showed tonite. A perfect evening for an after social ride, so we hopped on the Wings...well, all except for Stecklers cruiser, and I led the group of 5 (Jeff and Yvonne, Todd, Dave Steckler, Tom, Mike Briese) up Sunset Road, over the Renton Iss. Road to May Vly road, up and over Newcastle, and down the Cougar Mountain Road, past the Zoo. Then back the May Valley up Union and down towards the MV Hwy again with a side trip on Jones Road. About 1 ½ hour of great roads and greater company...If you have never taken the Cougar Mountain Road, you need to check it out. Caution!!! Twisties ahead.

Aug. 9th. Sunday, we decided to head East and spend the morning and early afternoon in sunny Roslyn / Cle Elum. We assembled on Sunday AM at 8:30 and headed north on 405 then grabbed the 90 slab to our first turn-off..Denny Creek. We took the scenic old road (via an impromptu trip around a quiet and damp campground) to the Alpentel Ski area. Hopped under 90 and stopped at the Beards mountain cabin just east of the Summit. We all parked along side the rural road and took the short trail to a very cute ski cabin tucked very cozily amongst the Nobles and Firs. I now have a better understanding why we don't

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See the Beards as often as we would like, during the winter (ski) season..it was really nice. Everything at the cabin looked in order ..especially the plumbing, so we mounted back up and again headed east on 90. Next stop was the exit at Easton. My trusty GPS routed me down a really cool road through Easton and into the back side of Roslyn...did I say TRUSTY..well maybe not. About a mile into our “back door” route the road ended. I can only hope this route will happen in the future. When it does I can say I was the first to explore it. Needless to say, J-Turn was in order and we hit 90 again eastbound to the most western Cle Elum exit. About 5 miles from the exit was the entrance to Suncadia. A really cool, upscale housing/resort/golf facility deep in the Ponderosa Pines. The APEs explored most of the rural roads, cruised the Resort and the Activity/sports center then made our way to our destination, Roslyn. We buzzed the city then decided to park and walk the very lively Sunday Market. Booths chucked full of bright and shiny fruits and vegetables, home made crafts, original local art, and FOOD. Some of us couldn't resist a vendor of fresh tamales and some even spent some earning on locally made confections. A very friendly, cute and busy market and well worth the stop. We walked the main road for a few minutes, window shopping and discovered an ICE CREAM shop, right in the middle of town. HHmmmm , nice ride, great back roads, eastern WA weather and ICE CREAM...sounds like another Sunday ride to me.

We mounted back up and headed to Cle Elum for lunch. The Pradles and the Beards couldn't get past the idea of Miners for lunch so they opted to travel further SE to Yakima. Jimmy and Crystal, Todd and Rosa and Yvonne and myself stopped at the crazy busy Cottage Café. After a 15 minute wait, we got our booth/ ordered/feasted on the good grub..some had breakfast, some had lunch but all had their fill. With full bellies, we mounted back up, hit the Chevron for fuel and joined the

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Nutballs on 90 westbound. A fairly uneventful trip back to the wet-side except for a sudden panic stop around Easton, probably a phantom Bigfoot sighting. The cars and truck were peeling to the left and dodging to the right, but everyone made it through unscathed. It was a very nice trip to a fun area. We should probably do some more riding over in that area soon.

No other ride reports sent in.

Come join us for our next APE adventure and create some memories.

FUTURE EVENTS

August 13th Social will be at RMCs Full Throttle Café. 5:30-6pm

AFTER THE SOCIAL WILL BE A STAFF / OFFICERS MEETING. All APEs are invited to join in on this BUSINESS MEETING. If you wish to join us, you are more than welcome. Bring your solutions...we will be listening. Topics: treasurers report, future rides/events, future socials, 2009 event schedule, Mystery Ride brainstorming, phone tree, incoming CD suggestions...what else?

Aug 23rd is the Monthly Chapter A Gathering...featuring Lois Anne and Neil from sunny AZ. Neil is planning on leading the APEs on "Ol Yeller" to Hood Canal...his plan is to circumnav the canal counterclockwise then back through Union and back home. Lets get a big band of APEs together for this beautiful ride..I know Lois Ann and Neil would like to see a dozen APEs in his rear view mirror.

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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Dinner at the top of a mountain

Longest ride on a gondola (in the US)

Ken is leaving Early on Aug 28th

There will be a scheduled ride on the 31st over there

There will be another ride on Sept 1 over there

Ken is returning on Tuesday...call Kenny U and hook up.

August 29th is the Chapter B..."Be at the Ocean" go their website for further details.

Sept. 13th is the Chapter X Fundraiser...these guys are having difficulty raising funds to keep the chapter afloat..if we could get a contingent of APEs together to make this event, it would be good to show them our support.

September 13th is the Chapter L Bowling Challenge in Ea WA Check their website for further details and registration.

Sept. 14th is the Chapter Z Chicken Run. Check their website for further details and registration.

Sept. 19-20 is the Chapter P Oyster Feed, please check their website for details and registration.

SEPTEMBER 28TH IS THE ANACORTES OYSTER RUN. LETS GET A BIG GROUP ORGANIZED TO ATTEND THIS FUN EVENT.

October 25th is Chapter Q Halloween Dance, check the website for details and registration forms.

There are still dozens of rides and events in the remainder of the riding year...keep up the momentum.

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