

**January 6<sup>th</sup> 2009**

**Chapter A, Seattle**  
**The cAPErs**

Well, personally I couldn't be happier that 2008 is in the round file. Didn't start off too awfully bad but the year slumped lower than a snakes belly in a tire rut. Already, 2009 is starting off better, bright blue skies, crisp dry air, smooth roads to ride and sunn.....wait...Jeff, wake up you're dreaming again. Sorry folks gotta go and clean the gutters. Let's get positive! Gas prices are lower, all the gear everyplace seems like it is on sale, the yearly ride calendar is as packed as it has ever been and this is as bad as the weather will be for another 9months...let's celebrate!!

**LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Snow.. ice..more snow.. little rain, then freezing. What more can I say!  
AGAIN**

**The annual New Years ride was again a real success. Gathering at 10am at RMC or actually the theatre next door offering some cover from the moisture, the group of NYD partiers departed about 10:20. The route headed south...somewhere... as this writer was held up at the first traffic light with Patty and Chris. It ended when over 30 APEs and guests populated the Dennys at Issaquah. Early arrivals were made by auto and later arrivals of about 9 rain defying Wing riders followed about 60 minutes later. APEs and guests enjoyed a morning of eating and socializing, another year rung in right. Thanks to all who joined.**

**Last Saturday, Yvonne and I, Kenny Urban and Dave Doll traveled (via cage) to the Chapter B monthly gathering. Installation of the new CD was the order of the day under witness of close to 90 from around the district. Mike Hudnell and about 5 other District officials were there, Mike administering the honors. This monthly gathering lasted over 3 hours. It was time for lunch by the hour of departure, close to noon.**

## FUTURE HAPPENINGS

**SOCIAL LOCATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY  
ARE FURNISHED BY THE URBANS...THANKS**

**\*\*I am also mixing in the chapters that are installing new CD's**

**Wednesday, APE social, January 7<sup>th</sup> Famous Daves BBQ at Southcenter  
(across from the old vacant Levitz Furniture..this place makes yummy  
BBQ.**

**\*\*Jan 10-Saturday-Chapter Z new CD installation**

**\*\*Jan 11-Sunday-Chapter D new CD installation**

**January 14<sup>th</sup> – IHOP in Renton 610 Rainier (behind KFC Chicken)**

**This will be the 2009 APE PLANNING PARTY.**

**We will combine this weeks social with the 2009 riding season calendar.**

**If the calendar you picked up at the November Gathering of the APES  
wasn't jammed full enough for you, please join us on Wed the 14<sup>th</sup> of  
January to do some ADDITIONAL RIDE and EVENT PLANNING.**

**Come prepared with some fun ride suggestions. We want your input!!**

**(Same time..5:30 or so...location to be announced) Bring your calendars.**

**Kenny said that there will be plenty of room and the IHOP knows that  
we are holding a meeting in the room.**

**I suggest you bring your favorite calendar with you to this meeting.**

**The Mystery Ride Duty Roster will be completed at this meeting...  
Please put some thought into which task you would like to perform and  
how you would like to contribute to OUR main event of the year.**

**\*\*Jan 17- Saturday- Chapter Z meeting**

**\*\*Jan 18-Sunday-Chapter I new CD installation**

**\*\*Jan 18-Sunday-Chapter N new CD installation**

**January 21 – ZOOPA at Southcenter for Tom C.**

**\*\*Jan 24-Saturday-Chapter O new CD installation**

**January 28<sup>th</sup> – IKEA for more meatballs..ya sure..ya betcha**

**THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR VOLUNTEERING TO MAKE SCRUMPTIOUS CHOICES ON YOUR GIVEN MONTH.**

**NOTE : Kenny will be at the E meeting on Sat am in Everett**

**Kenny will be at the Z meeting on Sat 17<sup>th</sup> evening meeting Centralia**

**Ken will be at the D installation on the 18<sup>th</sup> in Aberdeen**

**Get ahold of him if you are going to these meetings.**

**Mystery Ride: JULY 11<sup>th</sup> is the Mystery**

**Ride Event. The following MR functions will need to be covered by the entire APE group. Please volunteer for a post so that we don't have to "volunteer" you: (this is a ChAPEter event...everyone needs to pitch in and help out if it's going to be successful).**

**Prize Coordinator; someone to help organize the gathering of prizes, goodies, gift certs, grand prize, set up "hunting grounds", monitor the prize intake etc etc.**

**Advertising Coordinator; someone in charge of a group of people for the purpose of canvassing local business, MC related businesses, area GWRRA chapters, GWTA chapters, MC related groups, sport shops, handing out flyers, bulletins, generally spreading the word of our Mystery Ride 2009 to maximize participation. Etc etc.**

**Check point leads; responsible for managing your checkpoint crew, assuring safety, hosting games, being a cheerleader etc etc.**

**Registration and Check-in posts:** we need people to organize the smooth flow of participants both at registration and check-in. Someone who can take care of the many details of moving (hopefully) masses of people through the lines quickly and efficiently with a friendly smile.

**Silent Auction lead:** someone who can work with the prize coordinator to receive prizes, produce our auction sheets and administer the efficient execution of the silent auction at the closing ceremony.. The silent auction is our single largest contributor of funds for this event.

**The MYSTERY RIDE** activities will need to begin NOW...starting with the gathering and accumulation donations and prizes. We are asking each of you to think about the geographical area around where you live and where you work. Approach your employer, (Boeing employees may be exempt from this) if they are willing to make a donation or contribution towards this event. Please start now, so that we are not in “panic mode” directly before the event.

I have had a few early volunteers for the above tasks. I will be speaking with you individually about your participation in the MR. I would like to get all jobs filled by the end of the year.

**Finally, if anyone at any time is unclear about the activities, events, meetings, parties, gatherings...the times, locations, dates, details...simply just e-mail me and I will gladly clarify for you.**

DO YOUR TCLOCS BEFORE EVERY RIDE

Stay warm, watch the paint, avoid the snow, ice, gravel, potholes (the size of small farm animals).

Roll On!

Jeff and Yvonne

