

GOLDWING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

WASHINGTON CHAPTER A SEATTLE

Maintenance Day Email #1

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Garry Alexander, Assistant District Director and acting WA-A Chapter Director until a new Chapter Director can be found. He has talked to Ken Harter (WA-V) who has agreed to host the WA-A 2016 Maintenance Day on Saturday, May 21st. The exact time that it will start isn't yet known but it will be sometime after 9:00 am. Ken has a large shop and has a couple lifts. Dennis Murphy (Chapter WA-V) will also be there if someone has any technical questions.

This is great news since we hadn't been able to find anyone from WA-A that could host this years Maintenance Day. And we want to thank Ken and Dennis and especially Garry for arranging this.

The chapter will be supplying hotdogs and hamburgers and sodas.

You will need to supply ALL fluids and lubricants and grease and ... well think of it as going camping. Ken is supplying the location, the lifts, and the bathroom facilities. You should bring everything you need for what you will be doing on your motorcycle including what you will need to clean up afterwards and we should all pitch in and leave it better than when we arrived.

What else do we need from you? We need to know if you are planning on being at Maintenance Day. It would also help if you know if you are bringing anyone and approximately how many hot dogs and/or hamburgers and sodas you think you will be consuming. We aren't counting. We just want to make sure that we have enough food and sodas for everyone without having too much. So please let us know how many people (including you) will be coming. Thank you. Just reply to this email and I will forward it on to Garry and Ken and Dennis so they know what to expect.

If you have any questions please let us know. If you think you will need help, please let us know that and let us know anything and everything you plan on doing on your Wing or other motorcycle. At this point Garry will have to let me know if Ken or Dennis or someone else has a wheel balancer and tools to remove and install tires on wheels if that is what you want/need to do.

Which reminds me. Check your tires. If you are close to see the top of Lincoln's head when inserting a penny into the tread on the part of your tire with the most wear, it would be a really great way to start the summer by getting those tires changed now. Whether we'll have the ability to change tires or not I'll find out and let you know.

If we won't have the tools/equipment for changing tires then it would be a very good idea for you to contact whoever normally does this for you, a friend or a dealership or whoever and get a reservation yesterday.

If you want your tires to last as long as possible. Make sure that you check your air pressure often. They say to do it every trip. I would love to see a series of pictures of anyone that actually does this every time they ride if they ride often.

Also, and I have no stock in any company that sells these. But there are very reputable people that say that using balancing beads in your tires instead of lead weights makes your tires last longer. 1) Lead weights sometimes come off and you may not notice but your tire will. 2) If the balance beads come out of your tire you have a much bigger problem. 3) Don't be cheap on these. Buy stainless steel balance beads because they don't disintegrate like ceramic ones do. Or at least that is what I've read.

If you buy the good beads you can transfer them from one set of tires to another so you don't have to buy a new set each time. It is a very good idea to look at them and make sure they are still in good condition though.

Thank you Garry and Ken and Dennis.

Don't forget to email me with the total number of people you expect to be coming with you as long as they also won't be emailing us. So only count them if you don't expect them to email also.

I started to write a book but I'm so long winded that my computer ran out of letters before I was done and I had to buy a new computer. Not really. It's just a joke at my own expense.

Bill Olson
Chief bottle washer and email sender. :)

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Social Media Manager:	JoAnn Beard
Newsletter:	Open
Stores:	Gary & JoAnn Beard
Good Will Ambassador:	Open
Webmaster:	Open - Experience HTML and CSS?
Chapter Couple:	Open
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Let's have fun Together!