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Gold Wing Road Riders Association WA—A Chapter

News from the Jungle Vine

Chapter A:

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Coming Events

- **Next chapter Meeting**
on Saturday **11/25/06**
- **Saturday 12/9/06—**
Montesano Light Pa-
rade—4pm
- **Saturday 12/16/06—**
Chapter A Holiday
Party—Chris & Patty
Johnson's—1pm til ??
- **Monday, 1/1/07—New**
Year's Day Ride—
Starting from RMC @
10am

It only seems like yesterday when Roy McKenzie, our then District Director, appointed me to be your Chapter Director following in the steps of Dave Otten, Mike Briese, Don Hatley, Chris Johnson, and many others. It's been a fun year of riding and other activities. It's been my pleasure to serve you by being the cheerleader for our group of APES. Given that we are a group located in the intensely urban greater Seattle area with all of its varied activities, we continue to have a whole lot of fun and log many miles on our Gold Wings.

Thanks to everyone for all of the positive comments on the frequency of communication. One of my personal goals was to communicate frequently about the chapter activities and the "Tim's Tuesday Emails" are a major part of that equation. We've seen a shift in the types of activities that you as the chapter want to participate in to more pure riding events. And have we ever been riding!

We recently held our 2007 Calendar Planning meeting at Ben & Chanze's home and we've set our calendar for 2007. We'll send it out shortly. One of the big changes is that we'll be meeting at the XXX for our summer Wednesday socials on the first and third Wednesday's and then ride to some new locations on the other Wednesdays.

2007 looks like it will present some unique riding opportunities headlined with WING DING 2007 being held in Billings, Montana from July 4-7. If you've not secured your hotel/motel/camping NOW is the time to do it. We also have our bi-annual MYSTERY RIDE on Sunday, August 5; the Washington District Rally in Okanogan July 19-22; and the Region / Oregon District Rally in Roseburg, OR on June 7-10. There's also the very popular Victoria Days May 17-21, the Anacortes Oyster Run on September 23, and much, much more. I am planning to lead a ride & camping/motel trip to the Idaho District Rally in Salmon, ID over the Labor Day weekend. There's a great route there which would get most of us on some new roads like ID-3,

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OR-3, WA 129, US93, FS39 in Oregon, and some surprise roads that Neil & I found last summer. LOLO Pass (US12) and Joseph, OR would also probably fit in the route. We also need to take a ride around the Olympic Peninsula that we missed doing in 2006 (at least most of us!).

Many of the newer riders to our group have not taken an Experienced Rider Course (ERC) or GWRRA's Advanced Rider Course (ARC). I URGE you to consider taking one or more of these classes to improve your riding abilities. Some will say, "I've been riding for years and I just don't need it." EVERYONE can learn something new, and I still would urge you to take the class and IMPROVE your riding skills. We can all use a little coaching. I'd like to set up an ERC class for just Chapter A for the spring of 2006, but I need a show of hands as to who would take the class (offered in Tacoma or Olympia). If you are a member of the Honda Riders Club, they will re-imburse you for up to \$75 of the cost of this class. GWRRA will also offer their very inexpensive and excellent ARC during the spring and at the various rallies. If you take either course, turn in a copy of the receipt and the Chapter will re-imburse you \$20 for taking either course. It's our indication to you that we take riding safely seriously.

One of the more fun type of events that you have encouraged us to continue are our maintenance days. Last year we did a Wing Maintenance Day at Don Hatley's garage and more recently an Electrical Maintenance Day at Merle Swanson's garage. We'll definitely continue these events and probably have additional opportunities for you to participate in them. There are a couple of keys to the success of these events: first is a good location & mentors and we've been blessed with that. Second is a willingness of the participants to learn while doing the maintenance. Everyone who has participated would have to agree that they received WAY MORE than the cost of their GWRRA membership in the value received at these maintenance days. Plus, we end up having a pretty nice party at them!

Just ahead of us is our annual Holiday Extravaganza. See page 5 for details and page 6 for a sign up form.

So what does this all mean? The GWRRA motto of "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge" will continue to guide us. We'll be friends having fun in activities related to riding our Gold Wings safely and with an appropriate amount of knowledge to do so. Consider what your part in having fun with us can be.

Come make some new memories with us.

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Your Chapter Staff

- ACD's—Les & Stephanie Greer,
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 - Newsletter Editor—OPEN (Could you help??)
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 - Couple of Year—De & Mike Blangy
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HEAR YE, HEAR YE

Come One, Come All to the Chapter A Holiday Extravaganza

- Date and Time:* December 16, 2006 1:00 until whenever
- Place:* 33403 33rd Place S., Federal Way, WA
253-833-4479 (Chris and Patty Johnson's Home)
- What to Bring:* Your Holiday spirit and cheer, your gift or gifts (one per person or child), your choice of treat, either Hors d'oeuvres, main course or dessert
- Chapter to Provide:* The main course meat/poultry.
- Dress:* Casual with holiday spirit in mind

Feeling the need to visit with old friends, new friends and just want to eat, visit and have fun? This is the place! Look forward to seeing you!

Holiday Gift Exchange Rules and Regulations:

- 1. Everyone must bring a gift. If you have children, one gift per child, that way there is something for everyone. Tasteful and spend no more than \$10. Remember, children will be present. Who knows, Santa may drop in! Have to wait and see!*
- 2. Draw a number from the container. You will either pick a gift from under the tree, or maybe have some fun and exchange your gift for someone else's! If you choose a gift from another, please remember the gift can only be exchanged three (3) times, then it stays with owner number three!*
- 3. Person who is lucky enough to draw #1 will be able to make one last trip at the end of the drawing to see if he or she would care to exchange. Remember this is fun! Keep a light hearted spirit in mind and in your hearts!*

2006 Holiday Extravaganza/Gift Exchange

December 16

Chris and Patty Johnson's Home

33403 33rd Place S.

Federal Way, WA 98001

253-833-4479

Hors d'oeuvres 1:00- 3:00 p.m.

Main Course 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Desserts/Gifts 5:00 - whenever

Come one, come all. This is a progressive dinner, with specific times for specific foods. Please enter your name in the appropriate square and indicate what you will be bringing, then return document to me at stephig1@comcast.net or feel free to contact me at home, 253-661-1639.

Wednesday Night Socials

6:00pm until ??

Our Winter Socials continue to be held at a different restaurant each week. Merle Swanson and Bob Price have picked the following restaurants for December. We'll continue to meet at 6pm at the following locations:

12/6/06

Hongs Garden

64 Rainier Avenue South
Renton, WA
425-228-6332

12/13/06

12/13/06

Trotters

825 Harvey Road NE
Auburn, WA
253-833-2323

12/20/06

Galliano's Cucina

14021 Interurban S.
Tukwila, WA
206-849-3356

12/27/06

Dairy Queen

17824 108th SE (Across
from Fred Meyer)
Renton, WA
425-228-2139

Chapter D Festival of Lights

Saturday, December 9, @ 4pm, the little town of Montesano is holding their annual Festival of Lights. Several of us are heading down there to watch this large display. There's a potluck at the Beacon School afterwards.

Keeping Current with the Fun

Chapter A does all sorts of interesting rides and events. These are captured in picture form and our schedule is shown and kept up to date on our official website. It can be reached at:

www.gwrra-waa.org

Other GWRRA Chapter Gatherings:

The easiest way to keep up with locations of other GWRRA Chapter gatherings is to view the Washington District website (http://www.gwr-ra-wa.org/wa_gatherings.htm). If you are on our email list and we are planning to visit one of these or another chapter, you'll receive notice via email to come join us. A few of the closer chapters are (be sure to confirm the times & locations before heading out):

1st Thu 6:00 PM
WA-V
Auburn
Eagles of Auburn
702 M St SE
Auburn, WA 98002

1st Fri 7:00 PM
WA-Q
Puyallup
O'Farrell's' Family Restaurant
1100 N Meridian
Puyallup, WA 98371

1st Sun 9:00 AM
WA-B
Bremerton
Bremerton Eagles
6th St & Washington Ave
Bremerton, WA 98337

2nd Sat 8:00 AM
WA-C
Everett
Petosa's Restaurant
3121 Broadway
Everett, WA 98201

2nd Friday, 6:30pm
Krain Corner Restaurant
39929 264th SE
Enumclaw, WA 98022

3rd Sat 9:00 AM
WA-E
Bellevue
Denny's Restaurant
[22833 Bothell Everett Highway Bothell, WA](#)



3rd Sat 8:30 AM
WA-G
Gig Harbor
Cottesmore Life Center
2909 14th Ave NW
Gig Harbor, WA 98335

3rd Sun 9:00 AM
WA-I
Olympia
JJ North's Grand Buffet
[2915 Harriison Ave NW Ste 255 Olympia, WA 98502](#) 360-943-9344

4th Sat 8:00 AM
WA-O
Port Orchard
Airport Dinner
8803 State Highway 3 SW
Port Orchard, WA 98367

4th Sun 8:00 AM
WA-F
Tacoma
IHOP
[7445 So. Hosmer Tacoma, WA 98408 \(253\)474-5320](#)

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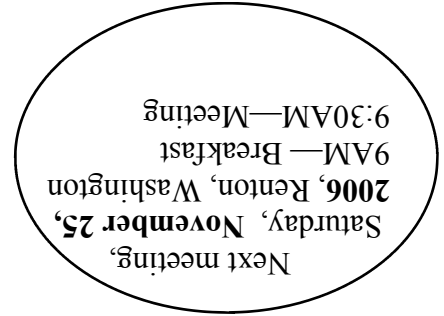
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NEWSLETTER EDITOR WANTED

Chapter A needs a person who likes to write and compose material into a newsletter. Would you be able to help??

If you would be willing to help, contact me (Tim Bowman) @ 206-244-2442.



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NEW CHAPTER A RIDER EDUCATORS

Come to our 11/25/06 Chapter Gathering and participate in Greg & Janet Beeck being installed as our Chapter Educator.

NEW YEAR'S DAY RIDE

Come join us for the first ride of the year. We'll start from RMC in Renton at 10am and ride somewhere for lunch. It won't be a long ride, but it will be a ride. If the weather is inclement, we'll be in our cages.

Come join us for a good time.