

March 4th 2008
Chapter A, Seattle

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Our famous, or infamous or whatever you call it, weather is getting on my nerves (BTW (which means “by the way in textmessagery).... I call the weather *CRUDDY*). I hope someone out there logged some miles on their Wing. I have one trip report to attach...be sure to check it out when you’re finished.

We did travel (via cage) over a new route to my daughters house in Redmond OR. We usually roll through Yakima, (yes we did stop at Miners), down 97 over the bridge at Biggs Jct. straight over the prairie into Redmond. We discovered this weekend, that the bridge over the Columbia at Biggs Jct. is closed until further notice and we were detoured about 20mi west on WA14 to The Dalles. This was a great opportunity to take OR197 south through Maupin and ended up at the junction just a few miles outside of Madras OR....and we are glad we did. It only waylaid our trip about 40 min., but the dramatic and rugged scenery of the high desert mixed with the beauty of the Tygh Valley...100 year old working farms sparsely peppered across the rolling hills and....to top it all off....over the approx 80 mile run (between Madras and The Dalles) we encountered only about 30 cars...and TONS OF TWISTIES ! Uphill, downhill, sweeping and tight. The road was in fantastic condition...it was a little gusty, but the only obstacles we dodged were some tumbleweeds in search of some low hanging barbed wire. We tentatively have the Oregon District Rally on our “want to do” list...which is being held in Prineville (20mi east of Redmond OR) on June 13,14,15...if we do. This will surely be on our route. However, if you are planning a trip to the remote (east) side of Oregon..it would be best to talk with Kenny U. first, as he has some recent 1st hand (*no pun intended Ken*) knowledge of the roads.

Our newest of the Chapter A's ACD's...De and Mike Blangy have selected the monthly gastronomic gathering sites for March...as follows:

- March 5th, Billy McHales 241 SW 7th, Renton (Wal Mart shopping center lot)
*Mark this nite BYOB (Bring Your Own BIB)***
- March 12th Galliano's 14201 Interurban Ave S, Tukwilla
Momma Mia...thosea are some aspicya meataballs !!**
- March 19th Longhorn BBQ, 25415 104th Ave SE Kent (Kent East Hill)
The dang ribs here are fingerlikken GREAT !**
- March 26th Skippers, 901 SW 148th St Burien
I love seafood.....when I "see food" I love to eat it....(Tom, yes they will have plenty of coleslaw for you !)**

.....I am still waiting.... Some of you have not marked the dates on your calendar....OK good ! You know good and well, if you e-mail me, wanting me to remind you where the locations are...I will surely mess up the dates (-: Share some good food, lively conversation and make some memories with us.

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FUTURE EVENTS: (KEEP YOUR CALENDAR OUT) see above ^
March 8 First Aid/CPR class will be postponed until fall due to lack of interest. *Everybody....please stay safe and healthy until we can take this course in the fall !*

March 8 and 9, Chapter D Mall Show at the Southshore Mall in Aberdeen

March 15, the 3rd and final GWTA GreenFreeze run dinner Hinshaws 9am

March 15th and 16 is the Chapter E Surf Watch in Ocean Shores.

March 22nd is the Chapter A Gathering. Same APE time..Same APE place.

(we will be switching in MAY to 8am)

March 22nd is MAINTAINENCE DAY AT DON HATLEYS GARAGE

Address to “Dons Garage and Repair”

29902 20th Ave So.

Federal Way...that’s in Washington

Remember to bring the correct fluids that you are changing out and make sure you have containers to carry the old fluids back with you. Also plan to bring a side-dish to accompany the hot dogs and hamburgers. A sign up sheet will be circulated at the next couple of socials..now’s the time to show off your epicurean expertise. Don informed me that minor electrical needs may also be solved at this event. Please bring all the necessary and correct parts, tape, connectors etc.

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March 22 is also the Chapter Z Oldies Dance at the Poodle Dog in Fife. Rock and bop until the poodles fall off your skirts. They ask that you RSVP if you plan to attend. Check out the Chapter Z website for details.

FORWARD PLANNING EVENTS:

April 4thKenny Urban has planned 3 possible routes for his overnight "Joint Chapter visitation R, L, and M...he will depart on Friday April 4th am, run his excellent route, and stay at the Red Barn in Prosser, then attend the Saturday Joint breakfast meeting...returning to Seattle Saturday afternoon. Please contact Kenny Urban if you intend on joining him...sounds like miles and miles of fun. Kenny hope your wing is feeling better.....the one attached to your shoulder that is....!

July 17th 18th and 19th is the WASHINGTON STATE DISTRICT RALLY IN LYNDEN WASHINGTON. Please make your hotel reservations now, or make your camping plans now. We have already slaughtered 2 months of this year...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.

Speaking of the District Rally. On the T-Shirt issue....Dave DeSiga also Rosa McLain have stepped up and offered some suggestions...Vince has offered the name of a screen printer that may be able to give us a good deal on shirts (around \$8...including printing and shirt). We are still gathering suggestions for designs. Please get me your suggestions.

ToDo's no this is not Dorothys Dog on Wizard of Oz.. these are things that you need to take care of.....

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***Make your Washington District Rally reservations. Pre-register for the rally...lets have a Ape style turn out !!**

***Provide feedback on the "T-shirt" issue**

***Send me brief ride reports..inspire others to ride.**

***Ride safely**

See you Wednesday at Billy McHales

Roll On !

Jeff and Yvonne