

May 19th, 2008
Chapter A, Seattle

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LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE:

First and most importantly, we all pass our thoughts and prayers to Todd and Rosa and their entire family for the loss of their grandson Ayden last weekend. There are no words to adequately express our sorrow, we can only hope that you call upon any of us in your time of grief. We are always here for you.

May 14th THE SECOND XXX SOCIAL OF THE YEAR ! A modest group of socializing **APES** on Wednesday, but a huge “round-table” of lively conversation and tummy filling. Mostly the conversation revolved around the upcoming weekend and discussing departure times and anticipation of routing options for Saturdays ride. Thanks for coming out and we hope to see y’all for this Wednesdays Ice Cream Social...same **APE** time same **APE** place. If you did not make Victoria Days this will be the place to catch up on all of the goings on. We may even have a special video recap.

May 16th thru May 18th VICTORIA DAYS , EPHRATA.

There were 2 departure times on Friday, one earlier around 2:30pm led by Tim and a later departure at 5pm led by me. I believe that Tims group had 3 or 4 bikes and my departure included Yvonne and myself and Dave and Meredith Doll. The 5pm departure group drove directly to the Oasis Campground in Ephrata and arrived about 7:50pm. We

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encountered very light traffic over the pass. Weather was very pleasant by the time we left and at one point going eastbound the Westside of the pass the temperature dropped 10 degrees in 2 miles..very exciting.

Hitting the Ellensburg area, we anticipated the 80f temperature to tail off a bit but in stayed in the early 80's until we reached our final destination for the evening. After a short visit in Ephrata, the Dolls and the Harveys departed for the short ride to the shores of Soap Lake for dinner and then to our respective hotels.

After breakfast in Ephrata, we joined the rest of the camping **APES** for a pre-ride meeting at the Oasis. Two groups headed off... Mike B's group towards Grand Coulee and Tims group to Wenatchee, Cashmere, Lake Chelan with numerous breathtaking scenic stops. An absolute fantastic route for our 7 Wings (see Tims earlier more complete recap). We finished off the evening with the Chapter S closure and awards...then partook on camp-pies and smores. Can you say "sugar high at 11pm"? On Sunday, after breakfast and a brief route meeting, I led a group of 6 back thru Wenatchee (after a JUT), through Leavenworth, to Sultan for a scrumptious lunch, over the Ben Howard then south through Carnation, Duvall, a brief stop at the Snoqualmie Falls for a photo then to home...640mi for the weekend. Average daytime temperature was between 85 and 95f..sweaty and fantastic.

FUTURE EVENTS: (MARK YOUR CALENDAR PLEASE)

MAY SOCIALS....As discussed at the April Monthly Gathering, May begins our summer series out of the old standby the **XXX ROOT BEER** in **ISSAQUAH**. Please mark all **WEDNESDAYS** in **MAY** for this location. Official time is 6pm but recently **APES** have been hanging around as early as 5:30. I am being optimistic on the weather outlooks for **ALL** future Wednesdays of the riding season and would anticipate

welcoming roads for Wednesday evening **After Social Spins**. So if you are riding, check your air, pump your gas, we might be off for an....

Memorial Day Weekend Chapter L Spring Fling , Benton County Fairgrounds E. WA

May 24th **MAY CHAPTER A MONTHLY GATHERING... NOTICE**
MAY STARTS 8AM MEETING TIME

May 24th NEW ENTRY Our own urban legend Kenny Urban has 2 routes planned for the **AFTER GATHERING RIDE** this Saturday (which will occur after the meeting). Gas is too expensive to waste on the lawnmower, the garden will survive without you for 1 day, campgrounds and lakes are too crowded..Join up with our Urban Legend and take a nice ride. More details to come.

June 7th The **DUCK HUNT** out of Montesano

NEW ENTRY June 14th and 15th. Oregon District Rally in Prineville. Dry weather (usually), warm riding (probably) and great and numerous back roads for this one. I am tentatively planning on attending this one, please let me know by **return e-mail if you are also planning on doing this event.**

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June 28th (Sat) and June 29th (Sun) The LAWMAN 2008.

Kenny is planning on doing this event. Heading over to Lincoln City..smell the fresh salt air, dine on fresh seafood, hear the bells and whistles of your winning jackpot. Ken is heading out EARLY on the 28th and returning on the 29th via some really cool and scenic byways. He will talk more about this in the future, but since you have your calendars out...mark this one down. More info to come from Kenny.

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. 8 1/2 weeks to go. 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. **Chapter A APES** have been selected to be in charge of selling 50/50 tickets for the Washington State Rally (probably because we are WILD AND CRAZY). This will be an excellent opportunity for Chapter A to show their true (and crazy) personality and still be able to roam the rally. Stephanie Greer has graciously accepted the role as coordinator for the 50/50 event and sign up sheets. Gather your crazy hats and weird get-ups..get your noise makers and squirt guns out. If you did not register for this Rally, you NOW have to pay a few dollars more....if you do not sign up prior to June..you will again have to pay a few dollars more...please pre-register to save \$\$\$.**

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“Family Reunion” t-shirts HAVE BEEN ORDERED ! Thanks to those of you who have already send me their payments. If you have NOT send me your payment, **tomorrow is a good day 😊 to do so. I have e-mailed everyone the \$ amount that they owe. If you have lost it, if you have deleted my message, if you don’t remember what you owe me, don’t be bashful...ask me, and I will gladly tell you again.**

Saturday July 26th and Sunday July 27th. OK, NOW...what event is happening in 9 1/2 weeks? (not the movie)

It is 2 years in the making?

It is our ONE and ONLY Chapter BASH that happens only 5 times within a decade?

It features FREE food?

You guessed it !! The Mystery Campout is coming on Saturday the 26th of July...that is the weekend AFTER the District Rally.

After our July Chapter A Gathering, we will be mounting up and heading off for our MYSTERY location. Do you want to know where it is this year ????????

Well do ya ?

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Then mark you calendars to join us....on your bike, in your car, we don't care...just join us....it's the only way you are going to find out!

(Remember Mays meeting we will start gathering an hour earlier...so get your rest) 8am Gathering time.

Wed. Socials for the month of May start back at the XXX in Issaquah.

Stay dry, ride safe

Roll On!

Jeff and Yvonne

