

May 26th, 2008
Chapter A, Seattle

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LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE:

May 21st THE third social of the month, again at the XXX in Issaquah. Usually the back room at this rock-and-roll venue is reserved for the APEs but this night, it was taken over by 30 award seeking 10 year old soccer players. We secured a large round table in the center of the room and went about our APE business. 12 showed for the evening. Tom had his laptop with him so he provided us with a very nice photo presentation of the recent Victoria Days. I also had many photo but on SD card instead of Toms “ala Spielberg” rendition. Bremerton’s Chapter B “BEE” made a final appearance for photo op’s prior to being returned to his rightful guardians (from across the pond in Bremerton) at the upcoming Saturday Gathering (more on this later).

May 24th MAY CHAPTER A MONTHLY GATHERING:

I was curious to find how many APEs would care to rise early on Saturday morning and make their way through the jungle to RMC for the monthly Chapter A Gathering. I arrived a little early and found Andy “Hooters” Haugen already there. Shortly thereafter, other APEs started showing up... a flurry of BEEs from Chapter B in Bremerton made their way into the parking lot, I believe about 8 bikes. By the time the meeting got started, there was a restaurant full of APEs, BEEs, and some visiting guests...a packed house.

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Announcements were made regarding the donation station at the sign in counter for Baby Ayn, and also regarding the men and women who currently serve our country and those who have served, and those who have paid the ultimate price so that we enjoy our freedom.

Birthday and anniversary announcements were made, a visitor from Australia, Mr. Gordon Nielson showed up and spoke a few minutes about his MC affiliations in the “down under”, then passed a few token pins around to the local “blokes”.

Dave Di Siga won the **APE free breakfast, three other lucky winners walked away with goodies and Mr. Greg Beeck won the 50/50 of a cool \$100. Great win Greg, please check the fine print on the bills...they are legal tender only for items made of CHROME.**

Stephanie Greer made an announcement regarding the sign up sheet for the District Rally 50/50 duties. If you have not volunteered your time for this CRAZIEST of duties...please do so. We need to fill many 2 hour time slots. It will give you the opportunity to mix it up with your fellow GoldWingers, and it is a wonderful spotlight for Chapter A participants to show their fun, outgoing personalities. We DO NEED VOLUNTEERS.

After the Monthly Gathering was finished, our Urban Legend took 10 ready and willing Wings on a “farmland tour”. Down MV hwy to Black Diamond, E to Cumberland, S to Mud Mountain Dam for photos, W then N through Enumclaw, down the Green Valley, N through Maple Valley and back..a very scenic and not-to-smelly route..great job Kenny.

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FUTURE EVENTS: (MARK YOUR CALENDAR PLEASE)

SOCIALS:

The last May social will be again at the XXX. Weather permitting, there will be a short after social ride planned.

Keep an eye out for an announcement for the June Social locations. I have been keeping track of attendance numbers at the socials and have found the following: Jan, Feb, Mar, and April, the attendance at the Wed socials have averaged 18 to 30 (and the majority of the locations have been further *south*). As soon as we moved to XXX in May (further *north*), the attendance diminished to an average of 8-12. I may move a few of Junes APE Socials to the Renton/Tukwilla area to see if we can accommodate a few more people. Watch for the schedule.

June 7th The DUCK HUNT out of Montesano Chapter D, see flyer attached.

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. 7 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 8 ½ weeks?

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!

1 more social at the XXX this next wed the 28th of MAY. Look for an announcement for Junes social locations.

Please sign up for the 50/50 sales for District...e-mail me your best times...(or you may be assigned what is left over).

Stay cool, ride safe
Roll On!
Jeff and Yvonne

Be the first to e-mail me back with the correct number of references to APE or APEs and win a free ice cream dessert at the next social.