

Chapter A E-Mail
January 25, 2010

I am working on the news letter that will be out, hopefully, later this week. There will be more information about the Saturday's Gathering.

Big turnout for Saturday's Gathering. New Assistant Chapter Directors, Don & Tina Hatley and Mike & Pen Briese. New Treasurer Stephanie Greer.

Casino Night was well attended. There were at least 20 Apes. 50/50 was around \$400. We were able to get to nice items for the Mystery Ride.

Upcoming Events:

January 27 – Chapter A's Wednesday Social: Benson Dairy Queen, 17824 108th Ave SE, Renton Wa. Across from Fred Meyer

February 4 – Chapter A visitation to Chapter V's gathering.
Performance Grill, 1525 A Street NE in Auburn, dinner: 6:00 pm meeting: 7:00 pm

February 13 – Chapter D bowling challenge

February 20 - Rider Ed Workshop. This is a very worthwhile activity. The Chapter will reimburse your registration fee and lunch is included. The registrations can be found on the District website and I will have some at the meeting Saturday. Get them in early for a head count.

February 26 thru 28 – Chapter P's Mall Show

Ride Report:

Saturday's after-gathering ride flirted with an anxious group of Apes with a "chance of clearing". A larger than expected group of 9 bikes, full to the brim of the mornings breakfast fare hit the road, a slight mist across our shields. With the Urban Legend in the lead and Hooters at the tail we headed across the soggy valley up the west side then north on Marine View Dr. With Olsen, Briese, the Coopers, Holt, ST, Grubbs, and me in the rockin chair, we chased the "chance of clearing" through the scenic ultra back roads of Browns Point, Normandy Park and DesMoines..Hugging the waters of Puget Sound. I am pretty familiar with that area but we splashed over many roads that were foreign to me. Undaunted by our quest for the "chance of clearing" we leaned to the port side and headed north, making way thru Burien and White Center to Alki where we took a photo-op at the overlook above Alki and snapped photos of our damp wings with beautiful Seattle in the backdrop. Upon re-mount, we headed over the wet W.Seattle viaduct, hit the super slab north to I-90 then east to the drizzly Poverty Rock (Mercer Island). A glimmer of sunlight dancing across the whitecaps of south Lake Washington turned our wheels south on the Island in our chase for the "chance of clearing". Kenny was spot- on when he promised 117 turns in 17

minutes. Manhole covers and crosswalk paint were our only minor obstacles, otherwise we made the counterclockwise trip. At the tip of trip 5 decided to hit the adjacent I-90...4 others decided to turn around and ride the twisting, turning, winding, knarly 2 lane road clockwise towards our starting point. Once to the metro area of Mercer Island, Kenny and 2 others decided to stop and get a bite to eat and I headed home. A very, very nice casual trip and the "chance of clearing" were realized...1 block from my home...all promises kept today. Thanks Ken for putting the ride together.

Jeff Harvey

Sam & Doreen