



Chapter E FAQ - Frequently Asked Questions



What is it like being a member of Chapter E?

Chapter E, the "Lake Washington Gold" chapter of the Washington State Gold Wing Touring Association, is a fun, busy, active, caring group of folks who love to get together for riding and celebrating our love of motorcycling. We have members from Seattle to Wenatchee, and we have folks who do everything, and others who enjoy their once-or-twice-a-year activities. We sponsor a photographic tour of the state, do highway clean-up, are active in "Ride for Kids", go camping, have ice cream socials and dinner suppers, do things with our families, participate in mall shows, put on bike shows, and many other projects during the year.

How does the GWTA organization work?

We are an entirely member-driven, volunteer organization. No one is paid to be an officer, but we do have a number of leadership positions. Our primary leader is the "CD" (Chapter Director). We also have a couple of ACD's (Assistant Chapter Directors), a Treasurer, as well as project leaders for several areas. We are also always looking for help!

Do I have to have a Gold Wing to be a member?

NO. GWTA (and our Chapter E) does not require members to have a Gold Wing. We have members with Suzuki's and Yamaha's, ST-1000's and Valkyries, and many other kinds of bikes. Doesn't matter what you ride, as long as you ride.

Do I have to wear official chapter clothing?

No, there is no requirement to wear 'official' chapter clothing. We do have a membership attendance contest every month, where we draw a name and, if the member is there and wearing chapter colors, they get some cash. (If the person isn't there, the amount is rolled over to the next month.) There is, however, a full assortment of attractive club clothing available in the chapter stores if you are interested. But, of course, it is not required.

What else does Chapter E do that might be of interest to me?

Chapter E is an active supporter of "Helping Hands", which provides financial assistance to members in time of need, as well as the annual "Ride for Kids" to support the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. We will also participate in the fund raising of other chapters and groups (usually because there is a good ride involved.)

Where is the web site? How to I get on the email group?

Our website is www.LakeWashingtonGold.com, and our yahogroup is gwta-wa-e.

What is the "Ride Card"?

The "Ride Card" is one of our chapter activities where you get the chance to win money for just participating on our many rides. Basically, the chapter selects a number of rides and events for the year, and, if you participate, you buy a ticket for a buck. At the annual Christmas Party, we pull one of the tickets, and distribute the money to the winner. (There is also a special drawing for folks who participate in a majority of the events.) The pot is often more than \$150, and participation in just one event could win it all.

What is "50/50"?

Our 50/50 is one of our fund-raising activities. At every monthly meeting, we sell 50/50 tickets, and the club splits the pot with the winning ticket holder. There are also a few other random gifts which members donate to the 50/50 drawing, making the drawing fun and exciting.