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So many events have taken place since the last newsletter it is hard to know where to begin, but we hope everyone has enjoyed the riding season as much as we have so far. Leslie and I left for Alaska in early June, but we hear that the folks who attended the Vedder River campout (and Chapter meeting) had the usual weather... a little rain and some sunshine over the weekend. The chapter meeting had a special treat as Ivan and Pat (Former Chapter Directors BC-A) hosted the meeting. Thank you Ivan and Pat!

The trip to Alaska and the Region J Rally in Whitehorse, Yukon was absolutely amazing and I would recommend everyone make a trek north at some time. I would like to say thank-you to the Yukon Chapter for doing an incredible job hosting the rally. One of the many highlights included, the Midnight Sun "Bun" Run, about 100km ride to the middle of nowhere (great ride) where there is a lonely gas station and restaurant—Braeburn Lodge. Inside they had the BIGGEST Cinnamon buns I have ever seen in my life. These buns filled a dinner plate and were at least 4" tall. All I could eat was 1/3 of the outside layer at the restaurant, so I brought the rest back to the motel in Whitehorse. The next day Leslie, Bernie, Mairi and I tried to finish the rest to no avail ... unbelievable! To all the folks in the Vancouver area ... the Yukon Chapter has set the mark pretty high, so we have our work cut out for us when we host the **2009 Region J Rally in Maple Ridge (July 31—Aug 3)**. A challenge I'm sure we will succeed at, but where are we going to find Cinnamon buns that big?

I could go on and on about the trip and the rally but space is limited. I hope you enjoy the pictorial of the trip Leslie put together, I'm sure it will look better in the colour PDF version available on the web site.

Hopefully someone who managed to get to Wing Ding in Greenville, will be able to regale us with their stories and adventures. I'm sure a fun time was had and I'm looking forward to hearing more.

The BC-K bug run was held on Saturday the 12th. While Leslie and I were unable to attend the ride I did get to see everyone from BC-A/D at the start of the ride. The weather was fantastic and the ride was a success from what I have been told. Then on Sunday, a number of Vancouver and Surrey members visited the Victoria Chapter and had a great ride; an amazing two days. Does that mean summer is finally here?

One final note, I can't think of a better group to travel with (GWRRA members). When bad things happen and sometimes they do, the support is amazing... making our travels all that much more enjoyable.

Ride safe, John & Leslie

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2008 Current Events/Announcements

Remember Tuesday Night's we are still meeting for coffee and a gab session. More details on page 7. Come out and join us!

July-	20	BC-A Breakfast Meeting
	18-22	Washington District Rally
		Let's have a good showing for The Wash. Rally!!
August-	06	BC-D Dinner Meeting
	16	BC-A Backyard BBQ
	17	BC-A Breakfast Meeting
		(Meeting Starts at 8:30 A.M.)
	17	Gastown Show N Shine
	19	BC-C Meeting
	24	BC-A Duffy Lake Loop
	29-Sep 01	BC-D Gold Run

see page 11 for more details ...

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Backyard BBQ	Open for a HOST Home?	
Duffy Lake Loop Ride	Committee	
Prog. Dinner	Committee	
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This list is just for our use to inform members of Rides and Events.

Thank you! John and Leslie Wait

EDITORS NOTE:

If you find a mistake in this publication, please realize that I have included it on purpose. We attempt to publish something for everyone and some people are always looking for mistakes.

Thank You, Your Editor



Nuggets from the North

Reflecting on the GWRRA Rally in Whitehorse – June 2008

1. What a great day for a trip to Haines, Alaska!



- 2 ...and a wonderful ferry to travel on.



3. Vancouver and Surrey Gold Wing members having our first succulent dinner in the dining room.



4. Some days were like this...



5. Many days were like this...



6. ...but our dear husbands brightened our days by buying us gold. Yes, we're just dripping in gold now! (ya right!)



7. We visited the North Pole...



8. Mairi went fishing...Wow Mairi!



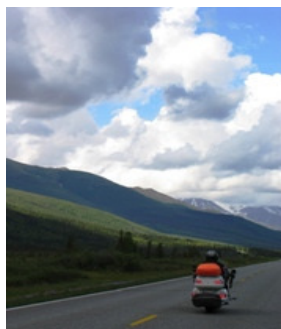
9. ...and we saw moose; one which was too close for comfort!



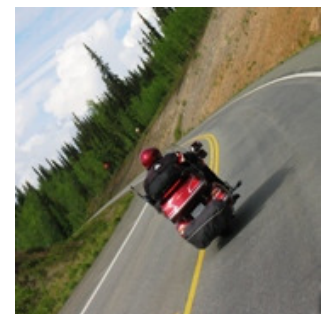
- 10 Some checked that we were heading in the right direction...



- 11 ... some didn't care. They just wanted to "get out on the highway"



11. and some were just "born to be wild!" Glen!



What we learned in Alaska...



We learned that the men in Whitehorse suffer from cabin fever. Poor fellows!



It's good to ride with friends when the road wins!



Vans come in 'very handy' when traveling on long trips!



Friends can be found everywhere!



But Watch out for those GWRRA Educators. They call 'parking lot practices' every where they go. But on 17 km of gravel?



Finally, we should be thankful for each and every day— as our lives can be taken or destroyed before we know what happened. This is what the residents of Valdez learned when the Tsunami wiped out the first town site.

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES, EVERYONE. John & Leslie Wait

The June/08 50/50 at our Chapter Meeting was won by Marty Ahad (\$27.50) His daughter won the childrens draw and received a small bucket of JuJubes. The June/08 Membership Draw was not held at The Campout which is where the meeting was for this June. Congratulations!! Newsletter Articles please.

There are some 50/50 & Membership Draw articles still owed. Please send Articles in to The Editor. Thanks

We are still in need of members to help sell advertising space in our newsletter. Please let us know if you wish to help or you could give our Newsletter Editors number or E-Mail address to any contacts.

Moving On.....

At approximately 5pm on Friday the 6th of June Pat and I rolled our “new” travel trailer into the group campsite at Vedder Campground – we were ready for the annual Campout!

Imagine our surprise when we found that we were the only ones there! At first we thought that we had the dates mixed up (we are retired you know!), and then we thought that maybe it had been moved to a new location? After sitting there for a while trying to decide what to do we were delighted to see Bruce and Sandra McMahill arrive on their blue GL1800 with trailer in tow – they didn’t recognize our “new” rig and almost didn’t stop! Shortly after that Marty Ahad pulled in with his motorhome and kids – guess we were in the right spot after all!

When Pat Pearce pulled in we all relaxed and cheered up somewhat. Pat was a bit frazzled because she had all the grandchildren with her and none of their parents! How do you do it Pat? Her two daughters and their spouses arrived in time to put up their tents and put the kids to bed (I think I saw Pat having a well-deserved beer!)

Poor Pat! She worked so hard to organize this event and so few showed! Several regulars failed to show, it seems that some of the regulars have sold their bikes and RV’s, and others had family commitments. We did congregate around the campfire and swapped stories about “the good old days” etc.. The kids had a good time roasting marshmallows, hotdogs etc... On Saturday night we had a sing-along around the fire and traded jokes until it was time to hit the sack. Let’s just say that the weather was –well, the usual (something of everything!).

Sunday morning saw us up early preparing breakfast for the expected crowd – three bikes showed up! With the Region J Rally in Whitehorse so close in time, many were already on their way or doing the final preparations for departure. We had the smallest, briefest meeting that I have ever presided over! Because of the dwindling attendance it was decided not to book for next year.

BIRTHDAYS

July	04th	Thomas Maki
	06th	Pat Armstrong
	06th	Patrick Frampton
	07th	David Hawrish
	09th	Hailey Stanley
	12th	Joan Maki
	17th	Henry Bahn
August	03rd	John Wait
	11th	Chris Maki
	18th	Ian McAlpine
	18th	Rick McIver
	19th	Jessica Stanley

ANNIVERSARIES

July	06th	Donn & Wanda Champion
	26th	Dan & Valerie Fortin
	26th	Kelly & Amanda Irvine
August	06th	Gary & Marlene Robins
	10th	Gloria & Ron Maki
	20th	Chris & Joan Maki
	22nd	Gilbert & Julie Brennenstuhl

Pat Pearce deserves a rest and a big thanks for all the work that she has done over the years – she has been the driving force behind the campout for quite a few years now – thanks Pat. It has been suggested that in a few years we might try to put together a Campout Reunion if there is enough interest and some real commitment.

My wife (Pat A.) and I have been members of BC-A since 1996 and have noticed a steadily declining level of commitment on the part of the members. When we first joined BC-A people would commit themselves to the various events by pre-registering and pre-paying the fees. This made it much easier for the organizers to make plans as to how much food, drink and space would be needed. Having committed themselves the members would show up rain or shine – now it’s too easy to back out at the last moment. Sign-up sheets are a step in the right direction, but pre-registration is a definite bonus for major events such as rallies.

Chapters evolve as members come and go, and change can be a good thing. There are few of the “old guard” left and the “new blood” is stepping up to take over the reins. Please remember that the executive and event organizers are made up entirely of volunteers who give willingly of their time and energy – make it easier for them by making firm commitments when they organize events. Pat and I have changing commitments in our lives now that we have both retired, but we expect to be around the chapter as much as possible. I’m loving my 1979 GL1000. I have just received my collector plate, and I have just purchased a J&M CB/ Intercom set for it (no more hand-held mikes for me!). Look for “Old Blue” at the various rides and CB me a “Howdy” when you do.

Cheers, Ivan and Pat Armstrong.

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Hope to see you there.

Island Ride -- Sunday July 13

By: Kathy Drozdik

Dan asked me to write something about the ride to Vancouver Island to visit the Victoria Chapter last Sunday. He caught me at a weak moment after the Victoria Chapter meeting breakfast at Tino's restaurant, we'd had a great riding day and visit so far, so I said yes.

Ed and I were up early and left home shortly after 5 o'clock to meet at the Tsawwassen ferry terminal for 6:15 for the 7:00 ferry. I've put up a Picasa web album [see below] with some of the photos I took during the day, the first is of Peter who arrived just ahead of us, you can tell by the sun it was early. Did I say we left early?

There was a good turnout, considering the early start, with nine bikes in all, but only two with a co-rider. We had a good ride over to the Island, (the ferry was more than half empty), and an easy ride into Victoria to Tino's for the BC-V meeting, Peter knew the way. Ed and I enjoyed meeting up again with several people in the Victoria chapter we know from the Progressive Ride a few years ago who we keep running into at Wing Ding and events such as the regional rally just finished in Whitehorse Breakfast at Tino's Restaurant was very good and at two for one, quite reasonable. Those back home who slept in really missed something.

After the meeting the Victoria Chapter lead two groups on a very scenic ride on narrow curvy roads around the Saanich Peninsula. I saw parts of the countryside I'd never seen before. We stopped for a group photo then headed north up the Island, along the ocean by Mill Bay, to a Tim Horton's for Iced Capps, and after to Chemainus for Ice-cream, then along more back roads to Yellow Point then two group leaders remaining led us directly to the Departure Bay ferry terminal. What a great ride.

picasaweb.google.com/kathrynd/IslandRide

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A Question for all of us:

I had someone ask me, what sort of experiences some of us have encountered that would help the less weathered riders. You know, like glancing in advance at the road where you will stop and put down your foot to ensure that it's fairly level and not a big dip.

Nothing worse than putting down your foot and not finding the road or finding sand. If they new what to watch for, we might be able to help prevent some nasty things from happening to some riders. So I thought I would ask any of our members to e-mail some of their own answers to this question and I'll put them in The Golden Nuggets Newsletter.

Thanks Dan Fortin
N/L Editor



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And there is more. While we were waiting for the ferry home Dan started talking with some visitors from NZ, including an 82 year old woman who was curious about the teddy bear on the back of his bike. This ended with Dan asking the woman if she'd like to have a ride on a motorcycle and offering to take her on his bike for a ride from the ferry terminal to Vancouver. She said yes! And he did. I added those photos to the Island ride photo album too.



**Please remember to
ride safe!**

**The number of motorcycles on the
road has increased and
unfortunately so has the number
of motorcycle accidents. I cringe
every time I hear a report on the
radio.**

**Ride Your Own Ride!
ALWAYS!**

B.C. CHAPTER MEETINGS

- 3rd Sunday BC-A Vancouver**
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Please Plan On Joining Us:

The North Cascade Ride

On Sunday, June 29th, we were supposed to have a Princeton Loop ride, but that turned into a North Cascade Loop Ride. All but one (me) met at the Chevron on the south side of the truck crossing, including 1 bike from the Victoria area. There were 9 or 10 bikes that left at 7:00 am. I cannot say for sure since I left home at 6:00 am for the Huntington crossing to be in Sedro Wooley for about 7:45. Little did I know that on the way, Dan decided to take the Chuckanut Drive to Burlington and missed the Hwy. #20 intersection necessitating a U-turn. I do not know this for sure as I was not there, but that is what I was told. While waiting for the group to arrive, I had a coffee at one of those roadside coffee shacks and relaxed.

The group finally arrived at about 7:30 with Dan in the lead, I snuck into the #2 position and we headed east on Hwy. #20 and the North Cascades. The plan was to stop in Concrete for breakfast, but the first few places we slowed down for on the highway seemed closed. We turned off the highway into the metropolis of Concrete and ended up at the Cajun Bar and Grill on the main street. This was somewhat unusual, but it ended up that they had a breakfast buffet on and it was really good, including coffee and juice and was only \$9.95. And the service was fantastic!

After a hearty meal we set off up the west side of the Cascades with Joe leading, and stopped at the lookout at Thunder Point overlooking Ross Lake and Diablo Dam for a photo shoot. We also tried to go to another lookout to which I had never been, but it was closed. Joe said the view from there is fantastic. I'll have to try it again some time. We then continued over the Washington Pass and down into the town of Winthrop. By this time, it was starting to get really hot! Sooo, it was time for ice cream and to walk around Winthrop a bit, but not too long as we still had a long day ahead of us.

After a quick gas stop in Twisp, it was forward in 40-42°C temperatures to Okanagan and Omak and north on Hwy #97 through the parched dessert of the Okanagan valley and by the orchards that line the river. By the time we got to Tonasket, we were in great need of a break to get some refreshing drinks and cool off "some"! It was then off to the other side (west) of the river to follow a twisting local road (the kind we all love!) by Spectacle Lake and Palmer Lake and through the *major* centres of Loomis and Nighthawk to the Nighthawk border crossing. I had never taken this route before and it is quite beautiful in it's own way. I will be back! The border crossing at Nighthawk is not more than a shack and there are no lineups, except the one we created.

After we were "checked out", it was on to Hwy. #3 and through the fruit orchards in the Similkameen Valley and to Keremeos for "lupper" (it was 4:00 pm) at the Ranch Restaurant. It was **air conditioned!!!!** After a nice meal, we kind of broke up into two groups as Joe wanted to get a basket, or maybe a bushel, of fresh cherries while some wanted to get on to Princeton for gas. So far the ride had been pretty relaxed, though hot! Between Hedley and Princeton, we caught a bit of rain (not as much as most of us wanted) from what appeared to be this lonely but dark cloud. It lasted nowhere near long enough!

After refueling in Princeton, it was decided to break up into a slow and a fast group. Mike Dodd took the lead and I the tail of the "slow" group and headed off to Hope with a plan to stop one last time at the "Dub" for something to refresh us before heading home. We arrived apparently not long after the fast group as they were still in line, so I am not sure which was which. Anyway, from there, most took Hwy #1, but I and 2 other bikes took #7 for a more relaxed ride. I stopped one last time in Silverdale to get some less expensive gas and we were getting eaten alive by misquitos. The other two left me off in Pitt Meadows and I got home just before 10:00 pm.

It was a long, hot day and I lost count of the kilometers we rode (I'm sure someone kept track). But even though I was exhausted by the time we got home, it was a great ride with friends over a fantastic set of roads, and that is what it is all about. And we all got home safely to boot!

Peter MacGregor
ACD, Chapter BC-A
GWRRA #94727

For the record my odometer gained 900 kms that day.
Thanks to all that Lead portions or just showed up to enjoy the RIDE.
Dan Fortin BC-A Newsletter Editor.



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