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Goldwing Road Riders Association

Region J, Chapter BC-A Vancouver

August 2010

UK FIRE SERVICE TAKES TO TWO WHEELS



In an effort to extinguish small fires in a quicker, efficient manner, Merseyside UK's fire department is trial testing 2 BMW R1200RT 'fire bikes'. The £30,000 modified bikes are kitted out with a high-powered 30m jet hose attached to two 25L canisters filled with water and foam. A spokesman for Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service said: "About 60 per cent of what we do is putting out 'rubbish fires'. These are fires that don't pose a threat to people or buildings. If approved this trial would enable us to buy more bikes and have them in stations where they have the highest incidences of these kind of fires. It is an expensive bike but then a fire appliance costs £250,000.

David

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From the Chapter Directors...

"Frampton Comes Alive IX"

Would you not agree that our summer riding season, so far, has been great. Sunny and warm days of riding all over B.C. and Washington State. There have even been a few of you lucky riders who have been to Wing Ding. One of these days we plan on going to Wing Ding as long as it is a little closer to the west, here is hoping!



Some of you may have heard me say that because our hobbies include our wing and a boat we have to get as much time with both. I call it biking years and boating years. Well this year is a boating year and Rainie and I spent two wonderful weeks in the southern Gulf Islands on our boat "Eboness" for the first two weeks of this July. That's pronounced, EBB ON ESS, not e-bones. It's the combination of ebony and princess because as you can see she is half black. We had perfect weather and had a great time.

Now for some chapter news. It seems some of you have requested a mid summer ARC course, so with the strong urging of Dan Fortin we have done just that. It will be held on August 7th at the Langley Christian Life Assembly at 21277 56 Avenue, Langley, starting at 8 am.



Cost will be \$35.00 for GWRRA members only and if you want to take the course and are not a member it only takes a few moments to join GWRRA. Just call head office at 1 800-843-9460 or check out their web page @ www.gwrra.org and you will get all the help you need to join as a member or a associate member.

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UP AND COMING...

THIS MONTH



August 1-2	Region J Rally, Saskatoon
August 4	BC-D Dinner Meeting
August 7	Advanced Riders Course (ARC)
August 14	Progressive Meals & Ride
August 15	BC-A Breakfast Meeting 6th Annual Gastown Show & Shine
August 17	BC-C Dinner Meeting
August 21-22	Washington Kite Festival, Long Beach
August 28	Gold Run Preparation

WEEKEND / STATUTORY HOLIDAY RIDES

If there are NOT any Lower Mainland Rides/Events on our Chapter Schedule, then you can expect a ride from the McDonalds at the Boundary Road/Lougheed Highway intersection, Vancouver. Coffee from 9.00. Ride leaves at 10.00. Saturday, Sunday and all Statutory Holidays.



COMING HIGHLIGHTS

SEPTEMBER

1	BC-D Dinner Meeting
3-6	BC-D Gold Run - finish the season
11	Sechelt Day Ride
12	Point-to-No-Point Ride
18	Corn Roast & Ride + <u>Mileage Check</u>
19	BC-A Breakfast Meeting
21	BC-C Dinner Meeting
28	Oyster Run Group Ride

OCTOBER

2	NEXUS Ride - US Tour
3	Vancouver Toy Run
6	BC-D Dinner Meeting
16	Joint Planning Meeting (Pizza)
17	BC-A Breakfast Meeting Fraser Valley Toy Run
19	BC-C Dinner Meeting
23	BC District Meeting
30	Hallowe'en Party

NOVEMBER

3	BC-D Dinner Meeting
6	Guy Fawkes
16	Remembrance Day Ride
17	BC-C Dinner Meeting
20	Go-Karts
21	BC-A Breakfast Meeting
23	Movie Night
27	BC-A - Xmas Dinner (Pot Luck)

From the Chapter Directors...

Our ride to the Washington State Kite Festival is becoming very popular and I have been told if you want to go and have not made reservations at the Crest Motel in Astoria yet, they only have smoking rooms left. Just google Astoria motels and you might find on close by and will be able to join us.

Remember to get out there and ride because as sure as god made little green apples this weather won't last.

Ride safe,

Patrick & Rainie Frampton

GWRRA Chapter BC-A Directors
2010 - 2012



Q: How do you get 9 people on two wheels?

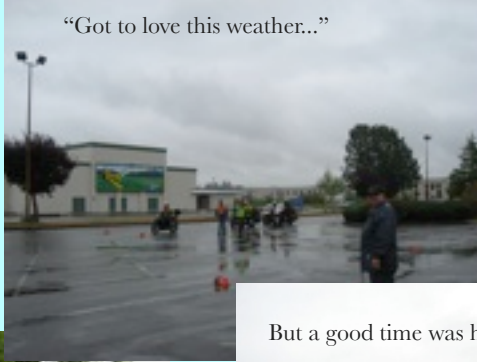
A: 4 on the front & 5 on the back

ADVANCED RIDER TRAINING - AUG 7

Despite the outstandingly good weather we have had through July, the Advanced Rider Course held on August 7, was greeted with some very wet weather. But the spirits of the participants and trainers was not dampened by the weather and neither was the spirit of the new course trainees...



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Trip was never supposed to happen but couple ended up riding Honda Gold Wing for two years



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So just imagine it on the narrow tracks of Indonesia, or the torn-up asphalt of northern Pakistan, or the sand-swept roads of Libya or Syria. "It's a great bike for a trip like that," says Peter Sever. "Comfortable and completely reliable — just fantastic." [Trip website with photos and videos.](#)

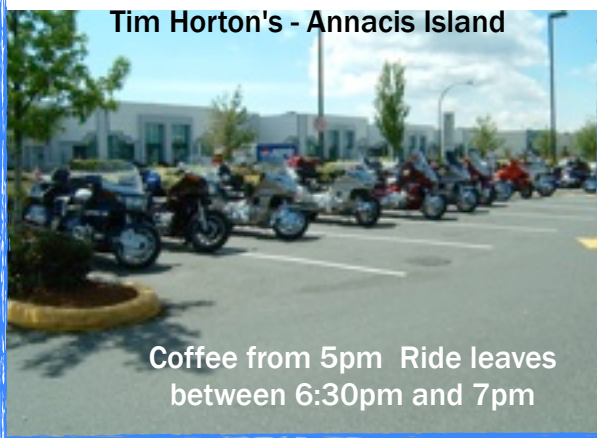
He should know. He and his partner Thao Nguyen returned home to Mississauga this week from a two-year trip around the world on his Gold Wing that should never have happened. In 2007, for no apparent reason, Sever fainted at an airport in North Carolina and cracked his head open in two places. Doctors told him that at 61 years old, he'd be lucky to ever drive again. However, aside from losing his sense of smell, he made a full recovery and was retested for his Ontario driver's license - when he rode the heavy Gold Wing successfully through a tight series of cones to reinstate his motorcycle license. The 2008 trip with Nguyen was only supposed to be a summer-long getaway, but they just stayed away and ended up visiting 37 countries and riding 90,000 km. Apart from a set of faulty brake pads fitted in India and a couple of bad tires, they say the bike never so much as hiccuped over the whole distance. Sever calls himself a "retired entrepreneur," who readily acknowledges that he is "not a poor man," so when the opportunity came to travel for the summer in Britain with the road tour of a dance group he was promoting, he suggested to Nguyen that she leave her job as a French teacher for a while to join him on the motorcycle.

When the group's tour was cancelled at the last minute, the two of them went ahead with the trip anyway and extended it to include a winter away. They rented their house to a friend for a year, sold their Infiniti M35 and took off around Europe. They carried what they could fit on the bike, and that did not include camping gear. "First of all, I'm 64," says Sever. "At the end of the day, you want a hot shower. Two-up, there's no room for camping gear anyway. When it got cold in Europe, we went to North Africa and then in Egypt, we just decided, let's keep going." They headed east across Iran and India, down to Thailand and Indonesia before crossing Australia and flying back with the bike to Los Angeles last month and riding home from there. Along the way, the two of them contributed to their wheezyrider.com website, posting photos and blog entries and travel advice regularly for friends and casual web visitors. For his part, Sever is an advocate of the big bike, although he says that this is the first time an 1800 Gold Wing has ever circled the earth. "Out of 90,000 km, I would say there were maybe 1,000 when I might have wished I had a knobby-tired 650 cc with no passenger. So do you appreciate a vehicle for the 1 per cent, or the 99 per cent? No vehicle is perfect, but the Wing is great. It even burns 84 octane gas and doesn't knock at 82. I know!"

To read about and see the experiences of Sever and Nguyen on their two-year trip, go to www.wheezyrider.com

TUESDAY NIGHT RIDES

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Parm Gosselin	Aug 31

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2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GWRRRA Lower Mainland - Calendar of Events 2010

January 2010

1	New Years Day Ride
6	BC-D Dinner Meeting
16	Giggle Dam
17	BC-A Breakfast Meeting
19	BC-C Dinner Meeting
21~24	Motorcycle Show '10 - Tradex
30	Dim Sum

February 2010

4	BC-D Dinner Meeting
6 †	Silent Auction & BBQ
12	Cloverdale Races
16	BC-C Dinner Meeting
20	WA District Rider ED Wrkshps
21	BC-A Breakfast Meeting

March 2010

4	BC-D Dinner Meeting
6	Medic First Aid
7	Medic First Aid
13	St Paddy's Lunch
16	BC-C Dinner Meeting
21	BC-A Breakfast Meeting
27	Wacky Dinner

April 2010

2	Me & Ed's Pizza
7	BC-D Dinner Meeting
10	WA-C Early Spring Fun Run
11	Bike Maintenance
17	ARC 1 UP (Advanced Rider Course)
18	BC-A Breakfast Meeting
18	Group Riding Course
20	BC-C Dinner Meeting
24	ARC 1 UP (Advanced Rider Course)
25	Road Captain / Co-Rider

May 2010

1	ARC 2 UP (Advanced Rider Course)
5	BC-D Dinner Meeting

May - continued

6 †	MLA Ride (Victoria)
8	Ken Higginbottom Ride Opening ride - and <u>Mileage Check</u>
16	BC-A Breakfast Meeting
16	GVMC - Gord Heppler Ride
17	BC-C Dinner Meeting
21~24	Victoria Days (Salmon Arm, BC)
30	Westcoast Motorcycle Ride to Live

June 2010

2	BC-D Dinner Meeting
5	** BC-A Bob Davies Fun Run ** Come out for a Great Time & Ride
12	Duffy Lake Loop Ride
13	Ride to BC-V Victoria Meeting
15	BC-C Dinner Meeting
19	** BC-C Green Heart Ride **
20	BC-A Breakfast Meeting
20	Father's Day Ride
26~27	100 Mile House Overnight Ride
30	Wing Ding 32 - Des Moines, IA

July 2010

1~3	Wing Ding 32 - Des Moines, IA
4	Ice Cream Ride
7	BC-D Dinner Meeting (informal meeting)
10	Mystery Ride
15~17	Washington District Rally
18	BC-A Breakfast Meeting
20	BC-C Dinner Meeting
24~25	Cascade Loop (Overnight optional)
30~31	Region J Rally - Saskatoon

August 2010

1~2	Region J Rally - Saskatoon
4	BC-D Dinner Meeting
14	Progressive Meals & Ride
15	BC-A Breakfast Meeting
17	BC-C Dinner Meeting
21~22	WA Kite Festival - Long Beach WA

August - continued

28	Gold Run Prep
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September 2010

1	BC-D Dinner Meeting
3~6	** BC-D Gold Run ** Finish the Season in Style
11	Sechelt Day Ride
12	Point to No Point
18	Corn Roast & Ride - <u>Mileage Check</u>
19	BC-A Breakfast Meeting
21	BC-C Dinner Meeting
28	Oyster Run Group Ride

October 2010

2	Nexus Ride - US Tour
3 †	Vancouver Toy Run
6	BC-D Dinner Meeting
16	Joint Planning Meeting (Pizza)
17	BC-A Breakfast Meeting
17	Fraser Valley Toy Run
19	BC-C Dinner Meeting
23	BC District Meeting
30	Hallowe'en Party

November 2010

3	BC-D Dinner Meeting
6	Guy Fawkes
16	Remembrance Day Ride
17	BC-C Dinner Meeting
20	Go-Karts
21	BC-A Breakfast Meeting
23	Movie Night
27	BC-A - X-Mas Dinner (Pot Luck)

December 2010

1	BC-D Dinner Meeting
4	BC-D - X-Mas Dinner & Party
11	Leavenworth WA - Christmas Lighting
21	BC-C X-Mas Party & Dinner

** Ride events and dates are subject to change
please confirm dates & times with Chapter CD's

All Motorcycle Riders are Welcome

† Date or event is tentative

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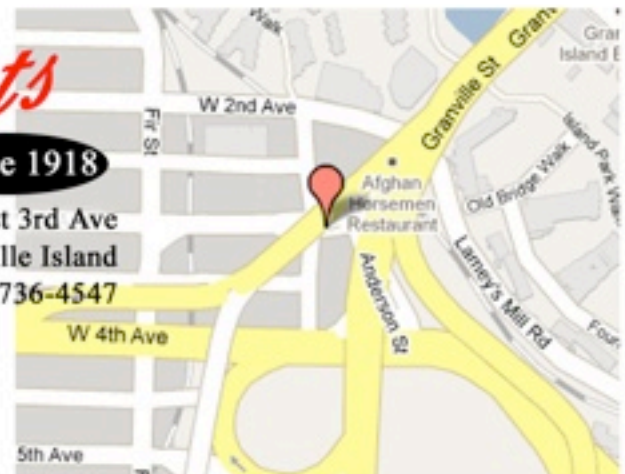
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