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Goldwing Road Riders Association

Region J, Chapter BC-A, Vancouver

Jan 2012



From the Chapter Directors...

Hello all, Merry Christmas and the Happy New Year
It seems too short a time, from the day we first attended one of the chapter rides, and our first breakfast meeting with you all, until now. Time fly's when we are having so much fun!

I must first take an opportunity to thank all of you for being who you are, and doing what you do, because you set the bar higher than most, where it concerns safety and public image, as motorcyclists, so thank you! We really do have something to offer our fellow riders, and the public at large. (regardless of what you ride)

I am sending another huge thank you to Patrick and Rainie for their dedication and determination to continue forward as they have the past 2 years, you guys were great and don't you forget it! I could spend a lot more time thanking many of you, so I think I will keep doing that in person. There are rather big shoes to fill when it comes to following up John & Leslie, and Patrick & Rainie as Chapter Directors, so I'm counting on as many of you as I possibly can to manage what needs to be fulfilled for the year! You the members, are the ones who validate the success of the rides, the events, and even my success!, so your input, and involvement is the key to your chapter health. On that note, there are two areas that the chapter needs your input! 1st is the Ride Coordinator. This position only needs someone to coral ideas from members that want to spot a ride they have in mind. And for those of you that have an idea on a ride, the chapter would be proud to have YOU, put together YOUR ride, and submit it to the Ride Coordinator. The position of Ride Coordinator, really could be more of an E mail job, and could be managed from your desk most times!

2ndly our "Membership" position, also known as the Membership Enhancement Coordinator, or (MEC) is open to YOUR ideas of Membership enhancement! This one really can entrain anyone's IDEAS and CREATIVITY, as our previous MEC's Howie & Elaine showed us, with the addition of the Scarves & Hats effort, and man did they do a good job.

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UP AND COMING...

THIS MONTH

January 2012

- 01 New Years Day Ride
- 04 BC-D Dinner Meeting
- 15 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
- 17 BC-C Dinner Meeting
- 19-22 Tradex Motorcycle Show

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

February 2012

- 01 BC-D Dinner Meeting
- 04 BC-A Silent Auction
- 11 WA Dist. Rider ED Workshop
- 17 Cloverdale Races BC-D
- 18 Karen's Krome Social
- 19 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
- 21 BC-C Dinner Meeting

They even aligned their efforts with Chapt "D" to garner momentum for both chapters.

The ride calendar is set for next year so if you need to refresh your memory as to what's up, then I am going to ask you to click on the web, and visit your chapter page. The next season is going to be a learning year for me, and you too! Cause you're going to have to put up with me!!! Our year starts off quite quickly with the upcoming Vancouver Motorcycle show running from Jan 19th through to the 22nd, right out of the gate. I believe District will be our primary contacts as to where and when we need volunteers to man the GWRRA information booth, so stay tuned for info. I will likely be passing info along just as soon as I get it. As it appears that my bike will be out of insurance come the start of the year, I think I may start the year off with a ride on my dad's RoadKing, IF we get decent Jan 1st weather. See what I mean! You're going to have to put up with me!! 😊

Ride well!
Rob & Terry Ellis.



Road Kill Café, Seligman, AZ (Route 66)



North of Sedona, AZ

Road Trip 2011 (Doug & Brenda Bowers)

Our epic journey began 8: am, 6 September 2011. With trunk and saddle bags full of clothes, weather gear, Room Saver, and Gold Book, we were on our way. Once through the border it was a quick trip to Longview Wa then west to the Oregon Coast that we heard so much about, it's rugged beauty is breath taking. Our first stop for the night was Tillamook Or, which wouldn't be complete without a tour of the Cheese Factory. After stocking up on the local cheese, we were on our way. The U.S. 101 through Oregon is truly amazing with plenty of stops for viewing. From there, we set our sights on California.

Our first stop in California was the Inspection Station where it was determined that the oranges from our last continental breakfast were indeed California oranges. We left the 101 and turned onto California 1 north of Fort Bragg. Wow! what a nice road, it's in perfect shape and has plenty of twist and turns to satisfy every riding ability. On to San Francisco. Make sure you have \$6 US cash ready at the south end of the Golden Gate Bridge. With no inexpensive lodging in San Fran, we moved on back to Cal 1. One of the highlights on the way south was the tour of Hearst Castle, truly opulent and amazing. We continued on Cal 1 down the coast through LA to San Diego. We walked to Old Town where we took a guided trolley tour throughout San Diego, a truly beautiful city.

We set our sights east to Arizona, first, Yuma then Tucson, liked Tucson so much we stayed there 3 days, should have stayed at Motel 6, it was only \$175 a week. A side trip to Tombstone was a must. The whole town is a museum with it's saloons, court house and of course the Gun fight at the OK Corral, Boot Hill, we learned that the gentleman running the stagecoach tour was from Timmins On. Our next stop was Phoenix, I choose a motel in the north end because it was close to the GWRRA home office. A tour of the office was arranged and we were introduced to everyone. What a talented, hard working group that give us the GWRRA. We were north bound to get out of the 107 F heat, through Sedona to Flagstaff. We were awed by the natural wonders such as the Meteor crater and the south rim of the Grand Canyon.

On the list was Route 66 and lunch at the Road Kill Café in Seligman AZ, followed soon by Kingman, Laughlin, Lake Mead, Hoover Dam and a few days in Las Vegas. It was back to California through the Mojave Desert to Bakersfield then north to Oakhurst. From there we took advantage

of a guided tour of Yosemite National Park which was well worth the price. The next leg of the journey was to the Napa Valley and the town of Calistoga which is a spa town, every hotel has hot pools which are fed by natural hot springs.

We kept our eyes on the weather forecasts up the coast and home, we knew the rains were on their way so we winged our way back to Fort Bragg on the coast. The trip north on the Oregon Coast was better with sunny skies and no fog. We encountered only 20 minutes of rain the entire trip. On the 9th of October and over 8500 kms, we were back home late in the afternoon.

The people we encountered were friendly and courteous and we gave it right back to them. The loaded down Wing performed without a hitch, just as it was designed to do.

Would we do it again? Absolutely.

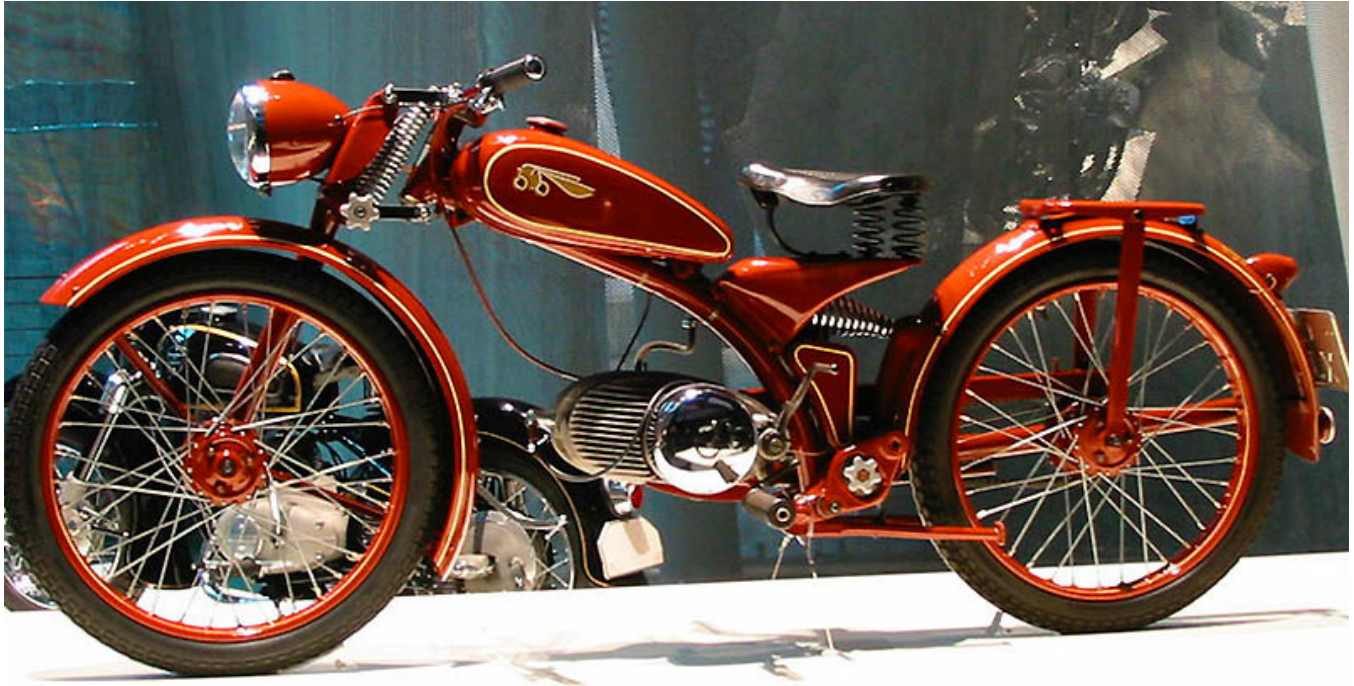
Doug & Brenda Bowers BC-A

Strange and Magnificent Motorcycles

Brough Superior Motorcycles.... were made in Nottingham , England from 1919 until 1940 and were known as ‘the Rolls Royce of motorcycles’. Very expensive at the time, they were available only to the wealthy. This model dates from 1931.



T. E. Lawrence, better known as Lawrence of Arabia, owned several of these machines and died from his injuries after crashing on one in 1935...



Another beautiful bike is this IMME (Germany) with a single side suspension fully working examples are still in existence, one of which is in the Guggenheim Museum in New York



In 1935, the Killinger and Freund motorcycle was an attempt to make an improved version of the Megola, but the advent of World War Two put an end to any further development:

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Ken Giesbrecht [mailto:kgiesb@telus.net]

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To Advertise
Contact the Editor

Details in key contacts
All Ads will be deleted after 3 issues.

SALE: Aerostitch Darien Pants

New and unused black Darien Gore-Tex pants size
34R. Cost \$440 new, asking \$375.

Rob Beecroft. 604-271-0739
rob@imunoprecise.com

For Sale or Wanted

Full set of EBC Double H sintered brake pads for a GL1800

I bought these pads last summer and used them for 3000 km before deciding to go back to OEM pads. These are great pads with MUCH more stopping power than the OEM pads. I just found them slight too aggressive for me when I'm doing Top Gun maneuvers with the bike at full steering lock and maximum lean angle while dragging the rear brake. This would not be an issue for the average ride. I paid \$165 + TAX and would like to get \$75 for the set.

Show Chrome/Big Bike Front Fender Extension - Black

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| Chapter Short Sleeve Wicking Sport Shirt | Hyper Blue | \$40.00 |
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| BC - A Rocker | Black – Gold | \$22.00 |
| BC - A Hanger Bars | | \$3.00 |
| BC District Pins | Large | \$5.00 |
| BC District Pins | Small | \$3.00 |
| GWRRRA Antenna Flag | | \$12.00 |
| GWRRRA Static Cling Decal | | \$3.00 |

(NOTE – prices subject to change without notice)

2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2012

01 New Years Day Ride
 04 BC-D Dinner Meeting
 15 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
 17 BC-C Dinner Meeting
 19-22 Tradex Motorcycle Show

February 2012

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 11 WA Dist. Rider ED Workshop
 17 Cloverdale Races BC-D
 18 Karen's Krome Social
 19 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
 21 BC-C Dinner Meeting

March 2012

07 BC-D Dinner Meeting
 10 Dim Sum
 17 St.Patty's Lupper - BC-D
 18 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
 20 BC-C Dinner Meeting
 31 Bike Maintenance BC-D

April 2012

04 BC-D Dinner Meeting
 06 Me & Ed's Pizza BC-D
 14 WA-C Spring Fun Run
 15 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
 15 Group Riding Course
 17 BC-C Dinner Meeting
 21 ARC (Adv. Rider)
 28 Mall Show BC-A, BC-D

May 2012

02 BC-D Dinner Meeting
 03 MLA Ride
 05 ARC (Adv. Rider)
 06 Road Captain/Co-Riders
 12 Ken Higginbottom Ride & Mileage check
 13 GVMC-Gord Heppler Ride
 15 BC-C Dinner Meeting
 20 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
 19-21 Victoria Days (Salmon Arm, BC)
 26 Auto Collection Ride Tacoma BC-A

June 2012

02 Bob Davies Fun Run BC-A
 03 Ride for Life
 06 BC-D Dinner Meeting
 8-9 WA-D Duck Hunt Ride Aberdeen, WA
 17 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
 17 Father's Day Ride BC-A
 19 BC-C Dinner Meeting
 23 Triple D Ride BC-A
 30-02 Kootenay Loop Ride BC-D

July 2012

04 BC-D Dinner Meeting
 04-07 **Wing Ding 34** – **Fort Wayne IN**
 13 Start of Ride to Alaska
 15 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
 17 BC-C Dinner Meeting
 18-22 CMA Rally Kitchener, Ont
 19-21 Region J Rally Alaska

28 Cascade Loop Ride BC-A

August 2012

01 BC-D Dinner Meeting
 11 Whistler Zipline BC-A
 15-18 Region I Rally Pendleton Org
 18 ARC (advanced Rider Course)
 19 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
 21 BC-C Dinner Meeting
 25 Duffy Lake Loop Ride

September 2012

1-3 BC-D Gold Run Cache Creek
 05 BC-D Dinner Meeting
 09 Green Heart Ride BC-C
 16 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
 18 BC-C Dinner Meeting
 22 Corn Roast & Mileage Check
 25 Oyster Run Group Ride

October 2012

03 BC-D Dinner Meeting
 07 Vancouver Toy Run
 16 BC-C Dinner Meeting
 20 Joint Planning Meeting
 21 BC-A Breakfast Meeting¹
 21 Fraser Valley Toy Run
 27 BC District Meeting

November 2012

03 Guy Fawkes Burn BC-D
 07 BC-D Dinner Meeting
 11 Remembrance Day Ride BC-A
 17 Spaghetti Dinner Gastown BC-D

18 BC-A Breakfast Meeting

20 BC-C Dinner Meeting
 24 BC-A Christmas Dinner (Pot Luck)

December 2012

01 BC-D Christmas Dinner & Party
 05 BC-D Dinner Meeting
 08 Leavenworth Trip Wa. BC-D
 14 BC-C Christmas Dinner Party
 25 Merry Christmas

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