



GOLD NUGGETS



Goldwing Road Riders Association

Region J, Chapter BC-A, Vancouver

Jul 2012



From the Chapter Directors...

Hello fellow riders!

Well a set of new tires, I have installed, as have many of us over the start of the riding season I would chance to guess! Tires are probably the best thing we can do to improve our ride and quite often the item that makes the biggest difference to how the road feels and how your bike responds. I can say that, over the last 4 years I have had a chance to run 4 different brands on two different bikes and I would be at a loss to say that, one brand really has stuck out as being the best tire. The difference in ride really comes down to, how old the tire is, and how much abuse, (or attention) it receives during its life time on your bike. The only attention that really matters, is being vigilant about tire pressure, and inspecting them for any sort of failure, or premature signs of wear. If you're overloading your bike, or running the incorrect tire pressure, you're going to see signs.

There is a large group of you going to the Region J rally in Alaska very soon, and we are going to have to wait until the August breakfast meeting to hear all about the trip because they are leaving for their journey on the 12th of July. Good luck to every one of you and happy riding. I only know of Steve & Patty McKenna & our Region J Directors, John & Leslie Wait, from our local group, that are heading to Wing Ding in Ft. Wayne, Indiana by way of Bike and Trailer! If I missed anyone, please don't hesitate to give us some photos, or even better yet, a news article about the trip.

We may have a few of our skilled riders putting together some "practice lot" sessions to lend a hand to some of you that want to practice with some friends, so we will try and keep everyone informed as to where and when that might occur.

Now, every one of you, please cross your fingers and wish for SUNSHINE!!

Ride well!
Rob Ellis.

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UP AND COMING...

THIS MONTH

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
- 20 -22 Region J Rally Alaska
- 28 Cascade Loop Ride BC-A

COMING HIGHLIGHTS

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

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.



A visit to Rich's Custom Seats

In April Steve and I took a trip down to Rich's in Kingston, WA to have the seat of our GL1800 customized to fit us better. The first thing to say about Rich's is it is a FIRST CLASS operation IMO. He has an awesome shop, a great crew and the facilities in general are just really, really nice. The service we received was absolutely top notch in every way. Our seat appointment was for a Saturday morning but we opted to arrive on the Friday afternoon and stay the night on site. For \$50 you can stay in one of two available rooms in the guest apartment above the shop. It's a very nice apartment and has everything you could need. We'll likely go back to stay there in the future just because it's so nice, it's reasonably priced, and it's a great launching pad location for some nice weekend rides. Plus there's a Mexican restaurant just steps away from the shop that serve ABSOLUTLEY MASSIVE margaritas ☺



As to the seat, we had both the front and back seats shaped to fit us properly and had the gel inserts added. According to Rich the GL1800 seat cover is the best in the business and is the only one they will reuse rather than making a new one by default. The seat cover on the wing is a very complicated piece and it is understandably expensive to have them make a new one from scratch, particularly if you want it made out of leather. So to keep the costs down we chose to keep the stock cover.

I just needed a tailbone divot cut in my seat and the gel inserts but Steve needed more of a custom fit. When he test rode the bike after the shaping with no seat cover on he said the fit was fantastic. He finally had the support where he needed it and no pressure points at all! With the cover back on it does not feel quite that good yet to either of us but the cover should stretch to fit the new shape with use so that it feels just like it did on the foam only test ride. Our trip to Wing Ding should break it in nicely! Even as it is now the ride home was much more comfortable than the ride down. You can go back and have adjustments made for free if needed but as long as the cover stretches adequately I doubt that will be necessary.

The bill for the seat came to \$485. His pricelist is here: <http://www.richscustomseats.com/pricing.asp>

This is the first time we've ever had a seat custom fit and it certainly won't be the last. It can be pretty expensive depending on what you have done but having experienced it firsthand now I'd say it's definitely worth it if you do any significant amount of riding. It can be especially helpful for those that are a little too tall or too short for your current riding position.

<http://www.richscustomseats.com/> Thumbs up!

Patty McKenna

Correction to the Chapter director's article for June 2012

My June article stated that John Wait had attained the "Master Instructor Trainer" certification.

Our Region J Director, John Wait, has attained his certification as "Master Instructor".

My apology for the inconsistency.

Rob Ellis, CD-A

Tuesday Night Rides
 Coffee Social (ride in season)
 Tim Horton's – Annacis Island



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 Ride Leaves between 630pm and 7 pm



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Breakfast at 8:00 am Meeting at 9:30 am

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 come for a cup of coffee before the meeting
 See you there.*

CELEBRATION & SALES

Celebrations

Birthdays

Kristin Maki	July 04 th
Patrick Frampton	July 06th
Pat Armstrong	July 06th
David Hawrish	July 07th
Joan Maki	July 12th

Anniversaries

Joe & Lorraine Tompkins	July 06th
David Priestley	July 06th
Donn Champion	July 07th
Rob & Parm Gosselin(25yrs)	July 18th
Harold & Sue Arthurs	July 24th
Dan & Val Fortin	July 26th

Congratulations to you all

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604-833-7540

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Rob Beecroft. 604-271-0739
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Chapter Short Sleeve Shirt	Coal Harbour/ Royal Blue	\$40.00
Chapter Short Sleeve Wicking Sport Shirt	Hyper Blue	\$40.00
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GWRRRA 4" Patch	Black – Gold / Red-Blue-Gold	\$5.00
GWRRRA BC-A 4" Logo Patches	Blue – Yellow	\$7.00
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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

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

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 Glen Williams 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

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August 2012

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 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

December 2012

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