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Goldwing Road Riders Association

Region J, Chapter BC-A, Vancouver

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From the Chapter Directors...

Hello all,

Well it seems like the weather doesn't know which way to turn these days. Just when I think it's time to get some more insurance for my bike, we get a cold spell and ice rain! Well as I mentioned last month, Terry & I did attend the Washington District workshops, as did a number of our local chapter members. This was hosted by the local Washington chapters of GWRRR, and the courses were very informative and relevant to our everyday riding. The Washington State traffic motor authorities also came out to share some data on crash statistics and also to let people know what some of their motorcyclist awareness campaigns look like. Awareness is one thing that helps us all collectively, but the most direct influence we have on our own safety in the saddle, is what we do to prepare ourselves and our bikes. Just as driving a bike that IS IN LESS than adequate mechanical running condition, is a recipe for trouble, so too is your own skill set, if you take for granted that you are tuned up and really paying attention to what you should be, on the road. The start of the year is an emphasis on Safety and Training and so it is with that mindset, that I remind all our members that we have signup sheets started for the upcoming ARC courses along with the Medic First Aid and Road Captain workshop/courses. Our ARC courses offer training tools that you can't get anywhere for the prices that GWRRR charge. Check out a 1 day GWRRR course that **covers most everything you need** to start being a better rider and it all comes in at no more than \$50.00.

Doughnuts and coffee in the morning included! Some of us should be looking in the wallet to see what that little ARC card says. Is yours out of date? A **commitment to Safety** and safety **through training** is one of our own GWRRR mottos so let's keep that tradition up! If you find yourself talking with your other biker friends about training, or bike courses, let them know about **YOUR** GWRRR training and let them know we enjoy riding with all bikes and sell em on a membership in GWRRR so they too can get great benefits and training that YOU have as well. Remember, our courses can be one of our enduring selling points to get just about **ANY** biker signed up with the GWRRR!

Until next month!!

Ride well!

Rob & Terry Ellis.

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UP AND COMING...

THIS MONTH

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

COMING HIGHLIGHTS

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

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.



From Janet Tucker,

CALLING ALL CO-RIDERS:

IT'S **NEW!** IT'S **BETTER!** IT'S **FUN!**
THE CO-RIDER COURSE HAS EXPANDED WITH MORE EXCITING THINGS FOR US TO DO.

I KNOW WE CAN ALL SPELL "DOT", "ARAI", "SHOIE" ETC. WHAT ELSE IS THERE TO DO ON THOSE LONG TRIPS BESIDES LOOKING AT THE BACK OF HIS HELMET? COME TO THE SEMINAR AND FIND OUT.

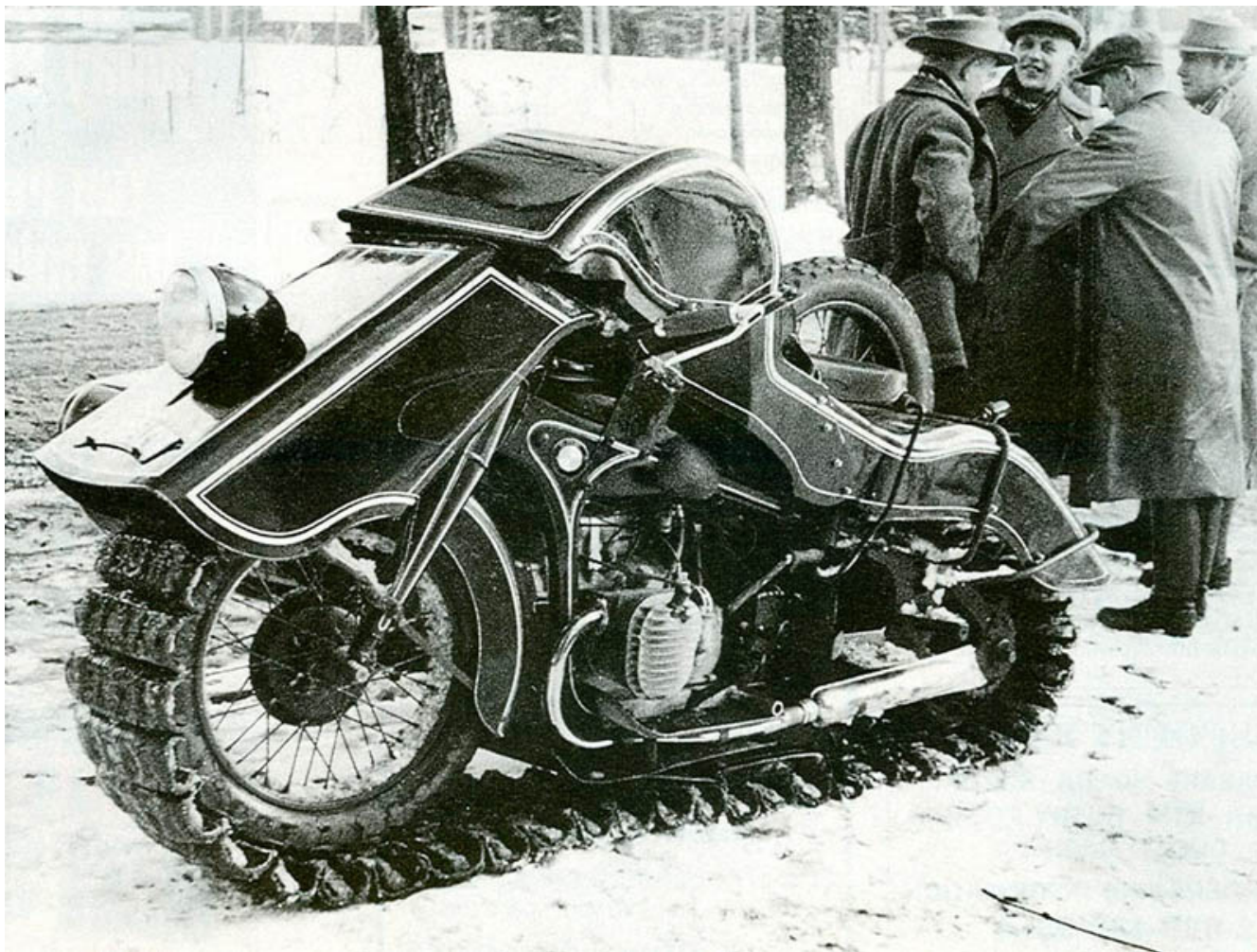
I WANT YOU! TO JOIN ME ON MAY 6, 2012.

THE MORNING ROUTINE IS THE ROAD CAPTAINS COURSE, (YES, YOU CAN ALSO BE A CO-RIDER ROAD CAPTAIN).

FOLLOWING THIS IS THE CO-RIDER.

SEE YOU THERE, JANET

Strange and Magnificent Motorcycles



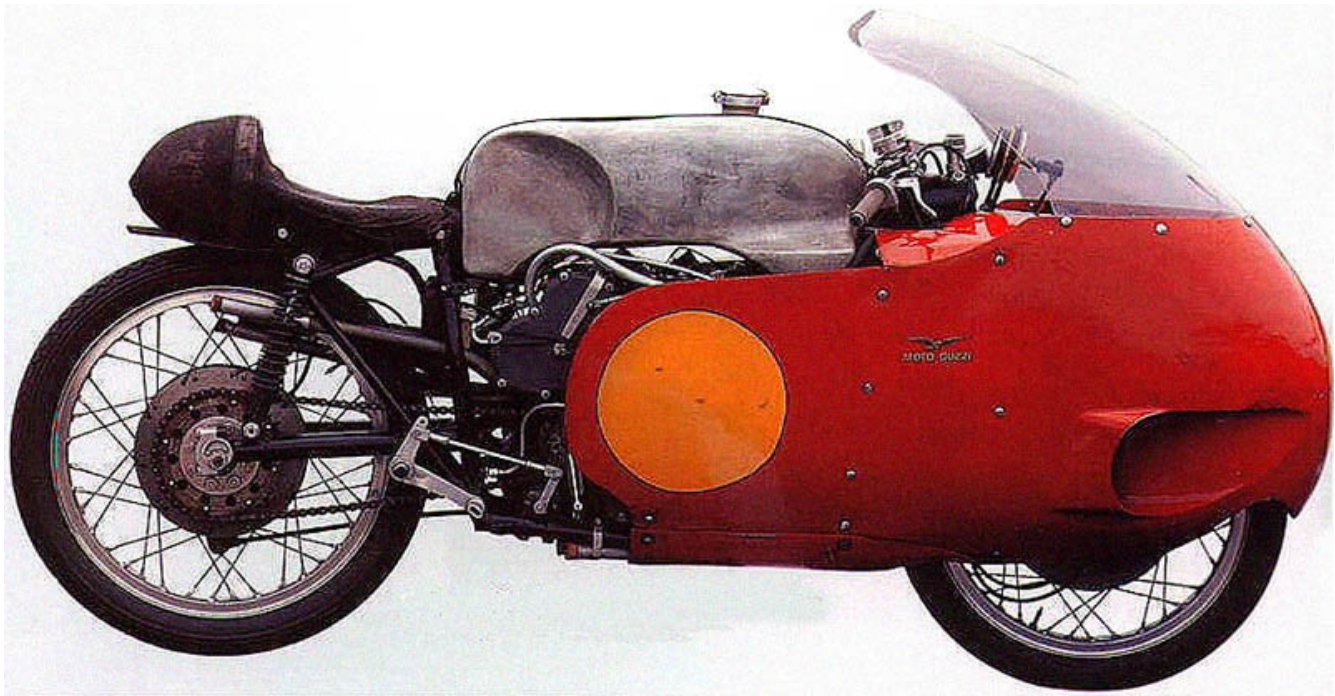
WW2-period 1936 BMW Schneekrad



Another front-wheel drive, tracked motorcycle prototype from 1937



Modern all-terrain tracked version is proposed by **Hyanide & Baal**:



After the war, the **Moto Guzzi** 500 cc V8 race bike was seen on the world's high-speed racetracks from 1955 to 1957.

John's Tech Page

Dan's fluids

A few weeks ago Dan Fortin brought his bike to my garage for some fluid changes – brake, radiator and oil. We started with oil – it's easy and everybody does his own so no need to write about that.

Next was the coolant change and that is what I want to write about. Last fall I purchased a UView 55000 suction tool. Here is the basic unit:



The bottom part goes into the radiator and the top is a vacuum gauge. The extension on the right with the little red on-off valve is where you clamp on the shop air for vacuum and then the suction hose for the rad fill.

Here it is on Dan's bike. You can see the shop air with it's own valve and the venturi vacuum unit on the UView:



This is the procedure we used:

1. Drain the fluid by opening the drain bolt at the bottom of the engine.
2. Reinstall the drain plug.
3. Clamp off the hose to the reserve tank.
4. Install the UView tool.
5. Open the shop air valve to create a vacuum.
6. Shut off the shop air and release the vacuum.
7. Once again open the drain bolt at the bottom of the engine and you will get another cup or more of coolant that is normally 'trapped' if you do the shop manual method of fluid changing.
8. Reinstall the drain plug.
9. To refill the radiators you clip on the suction once again and, when you have it at the top of the green arc you close the red valve on the UView unit. The vacuum should hold and this indicated that you have no leaks in the whole system. (Dan's bike passed 100%)

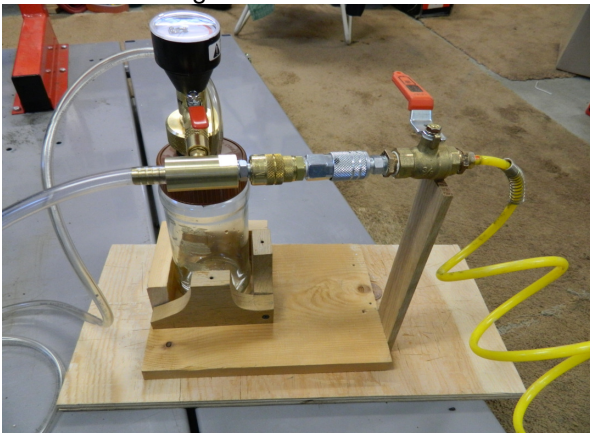
10. You unclamp the venturi and clip on the suction hose which has been pre-loaded with coolant and is in the jug of new Honda coolant.
11. The UView valve is opened and the coolant is drawn into the rad system. This takes less than 20 seconds.
12. Take off the UView and check that the fluid is at the correct level. If you need a bit more then repeat the last few steps.
13. Unclamp the hose to the reserve tank.
14. Done, except for flushing the reserve tank.

If you read the shop manual it says to take off that tank, rinse it out, reinstall and then fill it. And that is exactly what I did the first time I change my coolant.

If you have ever done the shop manual method you will know that it is VERY tricky to get the darn hoses unclamped and even harder to get them re-clamped onto the tank as you try to hold it in place with one hand and reach above it with the other. Plan on a good hour's work (and a few naughty thoughts to Honda engineers) to fiddle with it out and in; much longer if you have a belly pan to take off and re-install.

Like I said – I did that the first time, but only the first time. What I have been using for the past few years is my mityvac. I just suck the fluid out with the reserve tank still on the bike.

Now that I have the UView and can use shop air to create a vacuum hand pumping is a thing of the past. This month I built a rig that used the UView to suction fluids into a jar.



As you can see in the photo it is a pretty rough but it works. When you turn on air on vacuum is created immediately and the jar is big enough to empty the reserve tank in one go. If you want to add some clean fluid to flush all the 'old' then you might have to empty the jar – but that is very easy as well.

I am happy to share this technology with any GWRRA member who would like to try it. So, if you are interested in coming over to try the UView for yourself just send me an email (Schretlen@Shaw.ca) or call (604-224-4228) and we can set up a time.

John Schretlen

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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Chapter BC-A, Vancouver

The THIRD Sunday of each Month

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

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CELEBRATION & SALES

Celebrations

Birthdays

Rob Ellis March 7
Peter MacGregor March 20

Anniversaries

Barrie Irvine March 3
David Hawrish March 20
Arnie & Janet Tucker March 24

Wanted
A good Kwik Kamp tent trailer or
Bunkhouse. Please contact me at

Ken Giesbrecht [mailto:kgiesb@telus.net]

SALE: 2009 GL1800 Airbag Candy Black Cherry Only 6,900kms in pristine condition. with Honda warrantee to 2014. Save thousands of a new purchase



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Phil: 604-715-7445 email: 5646@hotmail.com

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Paul: 250-558-5322

For Sale or Wanted

SALE: Joe Rocket Ballistic 5.0 Jacket & Pants (M&F)

Both suits hardly worn due to surprise competition win of alternative gear. Male size @230lbs and 5'11" tall. Female 135lbs and 5'3" tall

Great wet weather gear and armored to boot. Paid \$725 new and asking \$350 for the complete set.



Asking \$350.00

Call Patrick at:
604 943-2527 or 604 830-7814



NOLAN N103 helmet (white in colour, size medium) with J&M Elite series headset

This helmet was used by my passenger for 1 season. There are some scratches on the face shield but otherwise it is in nice condition. The headset is J&M part number HS-ICD629-N143-HO You will need to supply your own lower cord. \$150 for the helmet with headset.

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

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Steve McKenna
604-833-7540

SALE: Aerostitch Darien Pants

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

All Ads will be deleted after 3 issues. Contact editor for extention.

Gear for sale:



Women's solid black First Gear mesh jacket with removable liner.

Great for spring, summer and fall riding.

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Chapter Short Sleeve Shirt	Coal Harbour/ Royal Blue	\$40.00
Chapter Short Sleeve Wicking Sport Shirt	Hyper Blue	\$40.00
GWRRRA 10" Patch	Black – Gold / Red-Blue-Gold	\$15.00
GWRRRA 4" Patch	Black – Gold / Red-Blue-Gold	\$5.00
GWRRRA BC-A 4" Logo Patches	Blue – Yellow	\$7.00
Great NW Region J Rocker	Black – Gold	\$20.00
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)

Victoria Days

Motorcycle Rally

FRIDAY, MAY 18 – 21, 2012

WHITEWATER SLIDE & RV PARK,
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Rally registration and camping at Whitewater Slide & RV Park.

GWRRRA VICTORIA DAYS special rates must be requested to book a room at the Best Western Motel next door to RV Park.

Rally registration form available on BC-G web-site <http://www.vwh.ca/bc-g>

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

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

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

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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