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From the Chapter Directors...

Ride well everyone. Hello friends.

I finally have wind beneath my wing!! Insurance that is!! So I'm sure many of you are getting ready to do the same, make sure you take the time to get her ready for the road. You're either doing it yourself, or you may be at a friend's, who is helping you perform oil change, and fluids check, tires, battery and switch operation. Cons tried and tested routine of using WD40 to lubricate those push button controls on the handle bars is a good one. We will be circulating signup sheets for the spring Co Rider/ Road Captains work shop, and the ARC, Trailer, and hopefully if all goes well, a trike class!! As well, the medic first aid will be happening too. Get your names in early to get a spot. I am due for my Medic First Aid so I plan on attending that class. There will be a \$ 5.00 deposit collected from people when they sign up, but you get that back the day you come to your class. The emphasis is for people to commit to the class you signed up for. On another note, I would like to remind chapter members to be cognizant of what you expect of your chapter team, and how you go about suggesting ideas or events to be added to the schedule, news letter, web site, or any other venue we have as an association. The best suggestion I can really praise, is the one that a member stands up to take charge of, and then takes on the task. That's the way to help the chapter. Riding is probably in my top 4 or 5 priorities in my life, but GWRRA is probably in the number 7 or 8 position. And so it is with our chapter teams. Our lives are busy and take the majority of our focus, and I expect that you as members of GWRRA are in much the same boat!! Our GWRRA business gets accomplished because of all of you that step forward and lend a hand to get er done.. We couldn't do it without you, so many thanks. I am asking for any volunteer that would be interested in taking over our chapter news letter. We have had the good fortune of having a dedicated and excellent news letter editor for the past 2 years, so we are now in need of new help to get the news out to you all. Please give me a shout back if you're interested! Well I have work to do and so little time to get it all done so I will bid you a deau until next month.. Ride safe!! Rob Ellis.

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UP AND COMING...

THIS MONTH

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- 02 Dim Sum Lunch BC-D
- 06 BC-D Dinner Meeting
- 16 St.Patty's Lupper - BC-D
- 17 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
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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.



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

Congratulations to you all!

Shiny Wheels

Every now and then we see a Goldwing with chrome wheels. I'm always a bit jealous, as I know that chrome wheels are easy to clean and look so nice when they are.

This winter I thought I might just take the plunge and chrome my wheels. In fact I ordered a new set of wheel bearings to be ready when they got back from the chrome shop.

I took my front wheel off, removed the tire, the TPMS and valve. I have a bearing extractor but decided to leave the bearings in until I got a firm quote on the job.

First I took the wheel to Pacific Plating (1226 Frances St, Vancouver) and spoke with the owner. I was given a quick lesson the process of chroming a wheel including the problems with Goldwing wheels. There are dozens of crevices, on both sides, plus a ridge that means it takes a LOT of time and effort. In short it would cost \$975 for Pacific Plating to do it and he did not really want to.

He suggested a company in California that specializes in motorcycle tires. This company has jigs to make the job go a lot faster and would be much less expensive.

I had already consider this but was not keen on shipping my wheel to California and back. Next stop was Dependable Plating (3960 Charles street, Burnaby).

I brought in my wheel and while waiting for the owner saw some finished motorcycle fenders, bars and accessories waiting for pick-up. These parts looked great and I was excited to have found this shop.

Well my excitement lasted about twenty seconds. As soon as the owner saw my wheel he said right away that he would not chrome it. He also pointed out the difficulty and showed crevices me where the chrome would probably flake and peel off. He obviously has had some difficulty with motorcycle wheels in the past.

The owner did say, however, that he could polish the wheel. Another customer had come in and told me that these guys do a great job of polishing metal so I asked the cost (\$120) and decided to leave my wheel for a professional polishing.

A week later I picked it up. From across the room it looks as shiny as chrome.





To protect the shiny-ness I put on two coats of Everbrite Protecta Clear coating.

A follow up: couple of years ago I bought some aluminum cleaner and spent a few days cleaning and polishing my wheels. Eventually I did get the outer edge of the rim to shine.

This year I decided that a professional shop would cost but it was time and money well spent.

John Schretlen

50/50 Winner

I want to thank Chapter BC-A for the 50/50 draw winnings at your January 2013 Meeting! It was a nice bonus and as I did not spend it on my breakfast that morning (thanks Doug), I had to figure out what to spend it on.

I thought I could be practical and fill my gas tank in my little Chevy Cruz. Even with the high price of gas, I'd still have a little left over for something else. I could put it towards our Panama Cruise trip coming up – but that would just be such a small drop in the bucket as to be not really worth it.

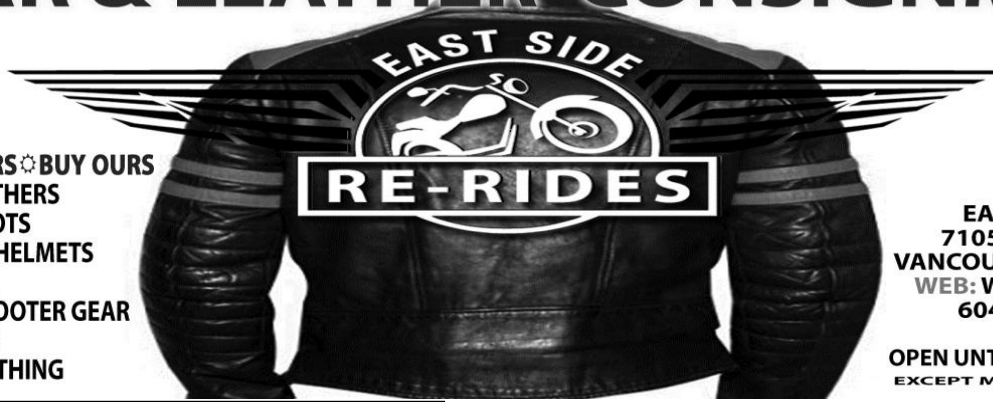
I could be extravagant and get manicure or a pedicure! It's always nice to have someone else pamper you. Maybe a massage – now that would be extravagant!

That money could buy about 5 new releases for my Kobo E-Reader. Then I'd have something to read while relaxing on the deck of the Coral Princess. Not that I am so very excited about my trip that I can't think of anything else 😊.

All this deliberation took place over a week or two. When I finally decided to use the money for a new pair of shoes, I went into my wallet and it was gone! I had used it up on everyday necessities. Life has a way of costing money while you are debating what to spend it on!

Kelly Conley

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If you're going to Pendleton

Many readers are making plans to attend the Region J rally in Westlock and the Region I rally in Pendleton this summer. It's too early for some to know if they can get to any or both of the events but if you are planning on Pendleton then this article is for you. Over the years Kathy & I have overnighted several times in Pendleton. I will recommend two restaurants and one tourist suggestion for those going there. Restaurant #1: Are you super hungry? Then consider Su's Garden Chinese Restaurant at 502 SW Emigrant. It doesn't look like much from the outside but what's special about this place is the size of the portions. The dinners are served on what we would call small turkey platters. There were four of us and we could have shared one meal. Honestly! Oh, and many folks in small cowboy towns like gravy. This is the place in Pendleton to get gravy on Chinese food if you want. (The waitress asked. We declined.) Restaurant #2: Want meat? Hamley Steak House at 30 SE Court Ave. Fantastic interior and an excellent meal await you here. Like a Keg but less costly and more fun. Take your camera as they have some authentic fur jackets for men and women to model. If there is a line up at Hamley then the Rainbow Cafe across the street is a delightful option. My tourist suggestion: Make sure you take the time to do the Pendleton Underground tour. The ticket office and start is at 37 SW Emigrant Ave. Everybody who we've taken on this tour has enjoyed it. After our last tour I sent in a suggestion they change the name to "Basement Bars and Brothels – Pendleton's Underground history" but they haven't taken me up on the idea (yet). One interesting factoid we were told: At one time in the late 1800's there were thirty-two bars and eighteen brothels in a four square block area of Pendleton. This tour will give you a great insight to an amazing snippet of local cowboy history. Hope to see you there but if not remember that Pendleton can get very warm there in the summer. Have fun.

John Schretlen

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(NOTE - prices subject to change without notice)



2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2013

- 01 New Years Day Ride
- 02 BC-D Dinner Meeting
- 15 BC-C Dinner Meeting
- 17-20 Tradex Motorcycle Show
- 20 BC-A Breakfast Meeting

February 2013

- 02 Silent Auction BC-A
- 06 BC-D Dinner Meeting
- 09 WA Dist. Rider ED Workshop
- 16 Karen's Krome Social
- 17 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
- 19 BC-C Dinner Meeting
- 22 Cloverdale Races BC-D

March 2013

- 02 Dim Sum Lunch BC-D
- 06 BC-D Dinner Meeting
- 16 St.Patty's Lupper - BC-D
- 17 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
- 19 BC-C Dinner Meeting
- 29 Me & Ed's Pizza BC-D

April 2013

- 03 BC-D Dinner Meeting
- 06 Bike Maintenance BC-D
- 13 WA-C Early Spring Fun Run
- 16 BC-C Dinner Meeting
- 20 Road Captains/Co-Riders
- 21 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
- 21 Team Riding Course
- 27 Mall Show BC-A, BC-D
- 27-28 Medical First Aid

May 2013

- 01 BC-D Dinner Meeting
- 02 MLA Ride
- 3-5 ARC (Adv. Rider)
- 11 Ice Cream Social/Memorial Ride BC-D
- 12 GVMC-Gord Heppler Ride
- 17-20 Victoria Days (Salmon Arm, BC-G)
- 19 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
- 21 BC-C Dinner Meeting
- 26 Ride for Life-Prostate Cancer

June 2013

- 01 Bob Davies Fun Run BC-A
- 05 BC-D Dinner Meeting
- 08 WA-D Duck Hunt Ride Aberdeen, WA
- 16 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
- 16 Father's Day Ride BC-A
- 18 BC-C Dinner Meeting
- 23 Triple D Ride BC-A
- 29-30 Kootenay Loop Ride BC-D
- 29-30 Princeton Campout BC-C

July 2013

- 01 Kootenay Loop Ride BC-D
- 01 Princeton Campout BC-C
- 03 BC-D Dinner Meeting
- 03-06 **Wing Ding 35 – Greenville, SC**
- 13-14 Oroville WA BC-D
- 16 BC-C Dinner Meeting
- 21 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
- 27-28 Cascade Loop Ride BC-A

August 2013

- 2-4 Region J Rally Westlock AB
- 8-10 Region I Rally Pendleton OR
- 07 BC-D Dinner Meeting
- 18 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
- 20 BC-C Dinner Meeting
- 25 Duffy Lake Loop Ride
- 31 Gold Run Princeton BC-D

September 2013

- 1-2 Gold Run Princeton BC-D
- 04 BC-D Dinner Meeting
- 08 Green Heart Ride BC-C
- 15 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
- 17 BC-C Dinner Meeting
- 21 Corn Roast & Mileage Check
- 22 Oyster Run Anacortes WA

October 2013

- 02 BC-D Dinner Meeting
- 06 Vancouver Toy Run
- 15 BC-C Dinner Meeting
- 19 Joint Planning Meeting
- 20 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
- 20 Fraser Valley Toy Run
- 26 BC District Meeting

November 2013

- 06 BC-D Dinner Meeting
- 11 Remembrance Day Ride BC-A
- 17 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
- 17 Chili Dinner BC-D
- 19 BC-C Dinner Meeting
- 30 BC-A Christmas Dinner (Pot Luck)

December 2013

- 04 BC-D Dinner Meeting
- 07 BC-D Christmas Dinner
- 14 BC-C Christmas Dinner Party
- 25 Merry Christmas

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