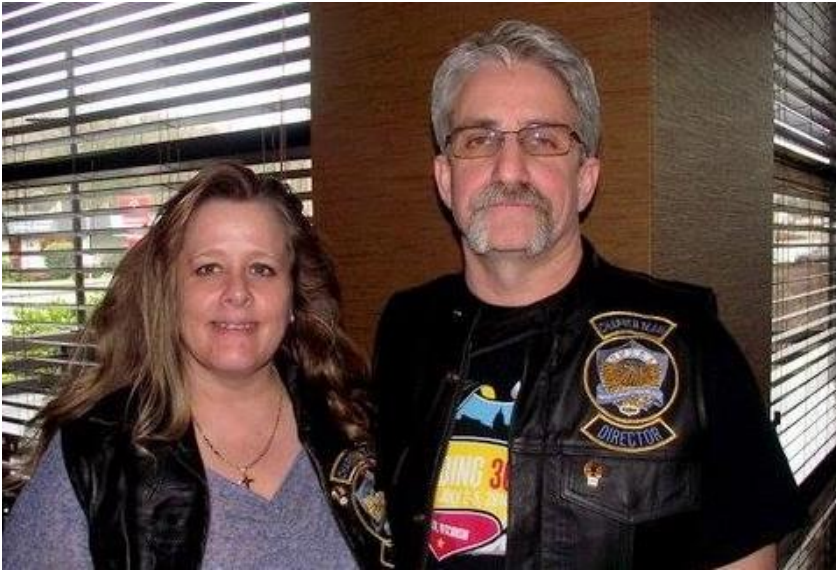




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GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION Region J Chapter A, April 2015



. Well it's finally here. Most bikes have been pulled from the garage or barn, dusted off, polished up and insured for another season. I've chalked up well over 1000 km already and can't wait for more. This past Tuesday night I heard the words "hey stranger" more than a few times and there were many bikes in "Timmy's" lot that I haven't seen for a while. While it is spring and the rain is lurking around every corner it's a game just riding around it and trying to figure out where it will go next. I'm being reminded this year just how expensive it can be to own a motorcycle and especially one that loves to travel long distances. This winter storage started with an oil change, heated seat/grip repair, filter change and valve check and ended with fork

seals, brakes and a new rear tire. Did ya notice how I neglected to mention the toys?

For the most part this last month (for most) has been about getting back in the saddle and warmin' up to the wiggles but there have been a couple of events. March 28th was the Medic First Aid course and the Early Spring Fun Run south of the boarder. The upcoming month will bring lots of fun stuff with the ARC course, Trailering course, Group riding, Road Captain course and of course just before any of that gets going we have a maintenance day at Chuck's. Then finally May brings the Victoria Days Salmon Arm rally. We are all signed up and very excited to start the season.

Hope to see you all out there.

Keiller and Tracy



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THIS MONTH

- 1 BC-D Dinner Meeting
- 3 Me & Eds Pizza BC-D
- 11 WA-B spring fun run
- 18 Bike maintenance day
- 19 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
- 21 BC-C Dinner Meeting
- 26 Road Captains/co riders

May 2015

- 1-3 ARC (Advanced Rider Course)
- 2 Mall Show BC-A BC-D
- 6 BC-D Dinner meeting
- 9 Memorial ride/ice cream social
- 16-18 Victoria Days Salmon Arm
- 17 BC-A Breakfast meeting
- 19 BC-C dinner meeting
- 24 Medic First-aid Course

Birthdays April

Heinz Blisse April 01

Sue Arthurs April 21

Harold Arthurs April 22

John Waddington April 24

Toby Sandwell April 26

Anniversaries

Steve & Patty McKenna April 03

John & Kathy Schretlen April 07

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.



Region Director Report April 2015.

As you know we are having the Region J rally in Cranbrook on August 1-3.

So far our pre-registrations have been coming in at a very slow rate. If you are planning to come to the rally, Please send in your registrations as soon as possible.

We need to get an idea of the numbers in order to work with the venues and confirm our numbers.

There are a lot of great activities planned and everyone will have a great time.

We know it is early to be planning August activities But the organizing committee needs to have some indication of participation in order to finalize the arrangements.

So let us know as soon as you can so we can have the best rally possible.

Regards

Con Williams

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Chapter BC-A, Vancouver

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

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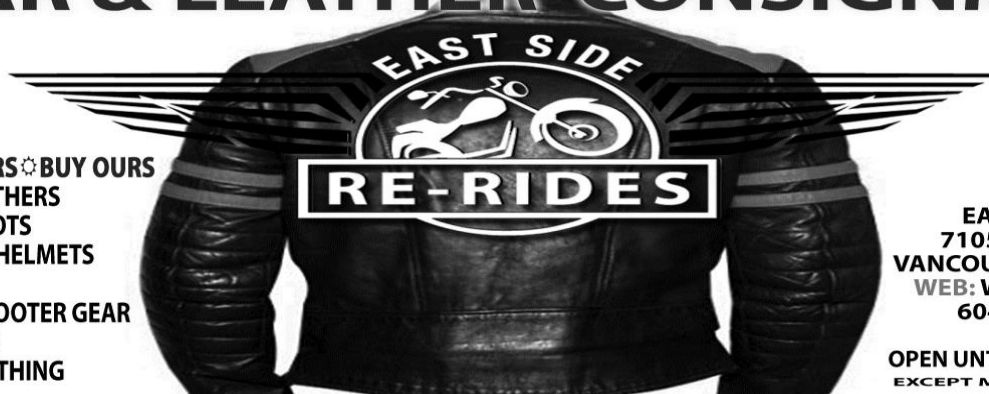
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Honda Adventures

Now traveling thousands of kilometers is nothing new to a us Goldwing riders, this pair decided crossing Canada during the winter would be a fun adventure on their Honda C90's Check out the website for some entertainment <http://c90adventures.co.uk/>



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JUNE 18-20, 2015

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Victoria Days 2015

REGISTRATION FORM

Presented by GWRRA Chapter BC-G
in Beautiful Salmon Arm, BC

- **New Escorted Ride on Friday**
- **Swap Meet Saturday.** Bring your motorcycle and/or camping items. The BC- G chapter will sell them for you (for a 10% commission) 9:00—11:00 am. *(For safety reasons, please no helmets more than 3 years old.)*
- **New Destination Rides on Saturday**
- **New Mini Golf Competition**
- **New Remote-Control Car Race**
- **Fun Run Sunday** to benefit the **Make-A-Wish Foundation.** First motorcycle out at 9:00 a.m. Last motorcycle out @ 10:00 am. All motorcycles in by 2:00 pm

For more information, please contact: Kirk Elliott: 250-374-2583 or kandkelliott@shaw.ca

Please fill out this form below and mail to

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Arrival Date: _____ Length of rig: _____

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People and Events that have influenced my Motorcycle Life, Tom Goetz

We all have had these experiences in our lives, so I thought I would share a few with you as a response to me winning the 50/50 draw in March.

I would have to start with my father. In some families riding a bike was not encouraged, even called dangerous. My family was quite different. You see during World War 2 my father, some of the time, was in the Military Police Motorcycle Division guarding high-ranking officers in England. My sisters and I were encouraged rather than discouraged about riding. He enjoyed this duty as it took him all over England and Scotland. There was quite the "bond" between these men and their lives were always at risk. Such was the day they were attacked by a lone German fighter plane on its way back to Germany. Sprayed by machine guns and a few rockets, he and another biker were seriously wounded, their bikes destroyed, the officer was okay as the driver was able to make cover. The officer was very helpful to my dad during his recovery and even went so far as when my dad was able, the officer got him "parts" of BSA motorcycles so that he could put one together to ride. This became the major part of my dad's recovery therapy during this time of the War. My dad was in hospital for several months and yes he did re-build a BSA for use later on. Several years later, when on a break from University, several friends and I on bikes showed up at my Mom and Dad's place in Kelowna. At the astonishment of my friends, my father jumped on my BMW and went for a ride with them. He always taught me "safety, fun and maintenance" of your bike. If you could have seen the look on his face when he went for a ride and the look on my friends faces, you know how much he loved to ride bikes. For that I thanked him all his life.

Another influencing person is my sister Paddy. Now in her 70's, she also had her share of motorcycles. One was a Triumph Tiger 500. She and her new husband spent their honeymoon riding through England and a great deal of Europe, experiencing all kinds of adventures. I can remember her talking about what it was like seeing parts of the world on her bike and how people were so surprised to see a young woman in her 20's and her partner riding into their city and looking for the next adventure. They had that bike shipped back to Canada and eventually sold it to one of my University friends who happily rode it for years. I have memories of her riding behind me on my BMW through parts of the Okanagan. It seems that amongst my immediate family that when we ride bikes, we get this smile on our faces. Something that all of you understand.

I lived in Prince George for 40 years. During "Spring Break", I would some times visit my Sister and Husband in Victoria. I got to ride their Honda 900 Super Sport. Since I still had feet of snow in Prince George, to go for a ride in Victoria was quite the treat. Good memories as later my wife and I would rent a Honda 750 Shadow and ride up and down Vancouver Island. To this day, when I first rode up to where Paddy lives now in Prince Edward Island, she says the best bike that has been in our family has been the Gold Wings that I have owned. I would have to agree.

One last person I would like to mention is my friend Mike. We have known each other since we were 5 years old. He owned a Honda 55 Super Cub (I am not sure of the right name for this bike) and he was having so much fun on this bike that he shared it with me. As things would happen he wanted a bigger bike, so I bought this one from him. The next one he bought was a special order Honda 305 Super Hawk. It was one of seven that the Vancouver Police force had brought in to try for use in City traffic. It was a lot of fun to ride and yes, I ended up buying this bike from him. With this bike I started my "touring" days and have never looked back. Life took us down different paths and away from bikes. I was able to come back. He got into Boats and more Boats. Yet to this day when we get together we still smile about the years on bikes.

As you have now noticed, there is a theme through this writing. Bikes can bring great memories for family and friends. I am sure you all have such stories, and they are yours to share and remember. Enjoy.

All the best,

Tom B Goetz

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