



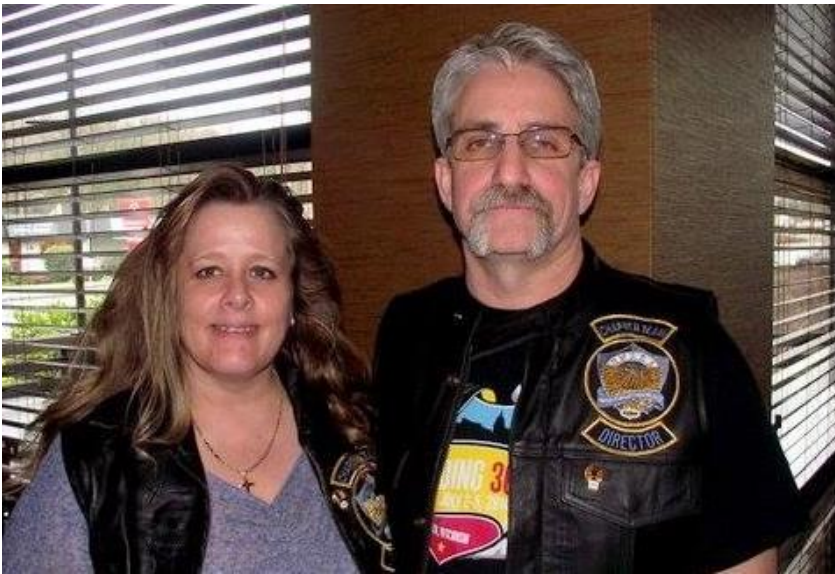
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GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

Region J Chapter A,

March 2015



Oh boy!!! Just a few more days and we will be back on the road again. Friday is the day we pull the bikes out of the barn for a good wash and detailing before we warm up the tires on the Bowen Island twistys. It will be good to ride to the breakfast meeting this Sunday (weather permitting). We have some new gear and toys to play with so all in all it should be great.

If you've been watching your ride schedule you know that it has been another quiet month with very little in the way of events or rides with the exception of the diehards

meeting on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings. The OCP course was attended this past weekend by many members of your Chapter Team. Many thanks to our trainers Con, Pat and V for helping us absorb a considerable volume of information in a fairly short period of time.

Tracy and I had a great time at BC D's Anniversary dinner on March 4th with around 60 other members and it's always great to get together with so many now familiar faces along with adding one or two new at each meeting.

At the beginning of the year a few Chapter A members talked about putting together our own version of "The Iron Butt." We thought it would be fun but it unfortunately comes with too many hurtles and not enough support to be done this year. There is however a planned "Iron Butt" event in and around the June 20th weekend if anyone is interested. This is also the last day of the Reno Rendezvous and even if I was back early I can't imagine Tracy or I would have the desire to bang off another 1600Km or so.

Coming up over this next month we have several great events that I am looking forward to such as Medic First Aid course on the 28th, Bike Maintenance April 18th, Team riding on the 19th, Road Captain/Co rider on the 26th and May 2nd and 3rd is the ARC and trailering sessions.

Hope to see you out there **Keiller and Tracy**



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UP AND COMING...

THIS MONTH

- 4 BC-D Dinner Meeting
- 7-8 Region meeting
- 14 WA district Ed. Workshop
- 14 St Paddy's Lupper BC D
- 15 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
- 17 BC-C Dinner Meeting
- 28 Medical First Aid

April 2015

- 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

Birthdays February

Kyle Gosselin March 04

Rob Ellis March 7

Peter MacGregor March 20

Anniversaries

Barrie Irvine March 3

Arnie & Janet Tucker March 24

Congratulations to you all!

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 March 2015.

Wow the time is flying! Soon we will all be able to ride again! I hope we all will be safe and sound.

The time has come where we usually get down to having seminars and other learning experiences. We now have a whole bunch of new Instructors looking for places to share their knowledge. For any Rider Education courses or seminars please get a hold of Larry Harland, Alex Middleton or Harold Arthurs. For Leadership courses please contact Pat or I. For MEC courses please contact Tracy Boyda.

We all can direct you to the correct Instructors and help arrange suitable times.

Pat and I had the opportunity to take a Horizons Seminar about 3 weeks ago. This is the premier Leadership course which GW offers. We had a lot of fun and comradery, AND we learned a bunch. If you would like to have a Horizons or any other seminars please let us know and we will try and accommodate you.

Coming up this summer Pat and I are going to try and visit each Chapter at one of their Gatherings. That is very ambitious, so I hope we are able!

We also have our Region Rally coming up on August 1-3. There will be lots of activities including an ARC, LTP and MAD seminars and some other fun things to do. We are fortunate to have some GW riders in the area and we have been offered to have them layout some local rides. Of course the evening on Saturday has a great program with a Buffet Dinner and Entertainment along with our recognition awards.

Region I is having their Region Rally in Lewiston again this year! It will happen on August 6-8. We have laid out a Self Directed 3 Day Migration ride though Montana and Idaho. You will arrive on Aug. 5th in the evening in time for the Chili Feed!

Lastly, We have the Reno Rendezvous in June. Pat and I are attending and we have heard that our region will be well represented. Is anyone interested in having a Canadian dinner or Lunch while we are in Reno? Let us know and we will try and set it up!

Last year, in Madison, at Wing Ding, we had a Canadian Dinner. There were 88 Canadians on board. We even sang Oh Canada. Everyone had a great time and the restaurant was Just Super!

Con Williams

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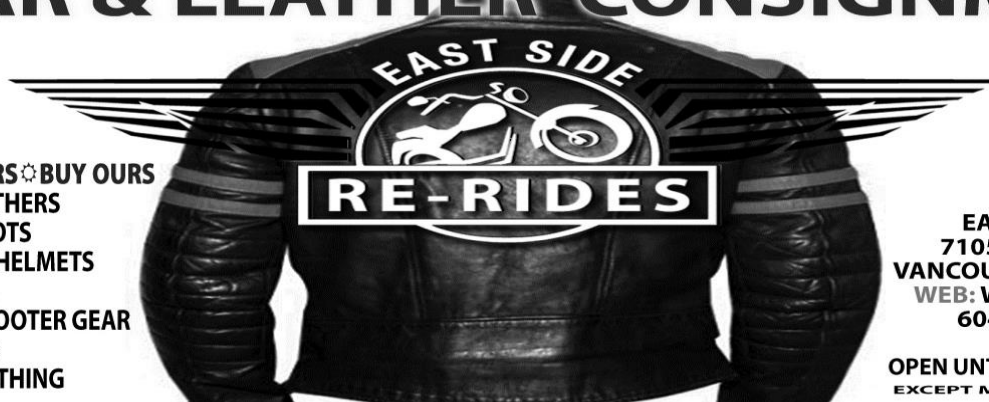
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Best Regards, Kelly Parkes

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Ride your own ride at all times! Remember safety first!

I recently read an article in the Wing World that reminded me how true the title of this article is.

It was about a group ride where the tail was a man and wife on a trike that didn't make it thru the left turn with the rest of the group. They collided with a vehicle. The couple passed away from this accident.

This truly is very sad, although, it did spark a reminder to re-invest in our friends safety.

A problem I've seen in the past has been that people will try to keep up with the other bikes even though they may not have the skill set (riding outside their comfort zone). Should I say that pride can get in the way?

I believe so. Even in my own case. If you feel that something is NOT safe for YOU, then please don't do it.

I know as a group leader, I try to tell people to ride their own ride. I/we have also broken up into slower and faster groups. This can all help to ensure that people will ride at their own comfort/skill level.

Another thing I've mentioned in the past is that the tail should never leave behind anyone else from the group. Having said that, I mean that if there is a slower rider in the group or if somebody breaks down, the tail should not pass them by. The group should decide what to do. One of the other bikes may decide to stay/ride with them.

We should not worry about keeping up with the group unless we feel that it is safe and comfortable to do so. Also, we have talked about 2 bikes at a time through a stop sign. Also, to stop for a red light even if the group leaves you behind. The tail will tell the leader how many are left at the light and the 2 will coordinate getting the group back together.

I know it can get frustrating when somebody keeps falling behind. When that happens we need to move that person closer to the tail. The person that is slow may not feel comfortable in a large group but after riding with the group a number of times maybe that would change. Maybe not.

My hope is for no-one to feel upset if the leader or tail was to suggest that they try to keep the group together, in formation, as a whole. If you don't feel comfortable with that, you could move to the back just in front of the

tail. We are a big organization and we want people to ride with us. I think the way to make that happen is for everyone to feel like the ride is safe and fun.

I know there have been times when I have wanted to ride faster and have left the group to ride on my own, to be able to do that. I did not try to push the group. There have also been times when I thought the group was riding too fast and I made a decision on what to do about it for my own comfort level.

As we get older, at least in my case, I notice that I've slowed my pace a little bit. I am more often than not trying to maintain that 10 kms over the speed limit according to my bike's speedo (generally speaking the bike speedo's read approx. 5% high). If I'm leading, I may sometimes exceed the limit, just for the fun of it. I inform the group of what I'm doing and to ride at their own pace. When there is more than one group we can arrange a meeting spot down the road.

At the end of the day, we all want to have enjoyed riding our bikes and to be able to do it again.

Shiny Up, Rubber Down and Smile.

Dan Fortin

BC-A Assistant Chapter Director

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