



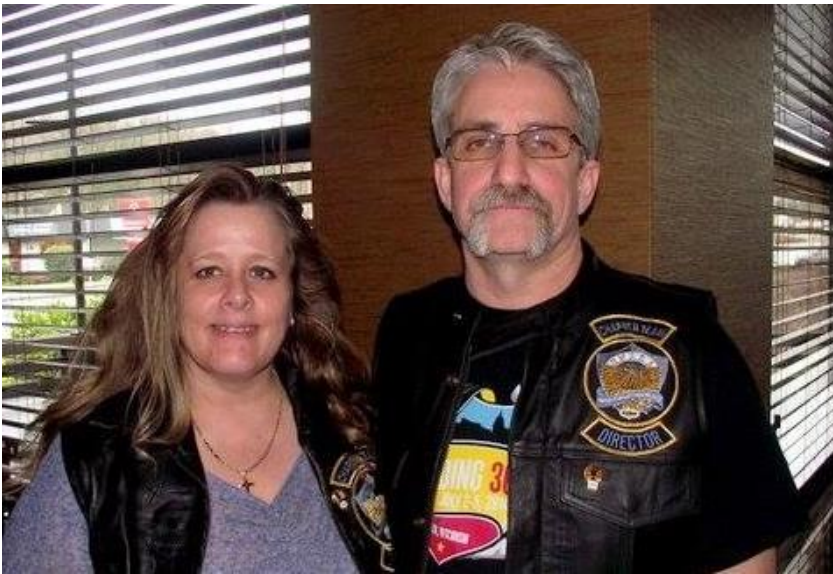
# GOLDNUGGETS



## GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

Region J Chapter A,

May 2015



Well here we are May 1st, bikes are on the road and maintenance done. Rides are under way with volunteers working vigorously to gearing up for this year's rallies in Salmon Arm, Princeton, Cranbrook and Clinton. I am very excited about travelling south to the Reno Rendezvous this year and I'm hoping that it is at least close to the level that Wing Ding was last year in Madison.

This year Tracy and I were able to avail ourselves of the courses offered by Region J and I have to say we've learned quite a bit. We've learned some of the administration of GWRRA at the OCP course, confirmed some things in the Team

Riding Course, took our turn at lead and tail during the Road Captain's Course and challenged ourselves at the ARC/Trailing Course weekend. It's good to have a few more tools in the kit to practice with and hopefully keep our skills up.

This weekend for the first time we will pull a trailer behind the bike loaded with a smaller version of our "stuff" head up to Salmon Arm for the Victoria Days rally. We are looking forward to this as it was a lot of fun last year and it looks like great weather for this one. Coming up on June 6th we have our Memorial Ride and BBQ and then next it's off to the Duck Hunt in Washington followed by the Reno Rendezvous with the group. Looks like there are a lot of bikes headed south for this one. Hope to see lots of you down there for the big Canadian dinner.

Until then

Ride Safe

Keiller and Tracy

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



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## Something to consider for spring

### **ATGATT** (*All The Gear All The Time*)

- DOT approved helmet
- Eye protection
- Full-Fingered gloves
- Over-the-ankle footwear
- Long sleeves
- Long 'sturdy' pants
- (Only cover those parts of the body you wish to use later in life)*

## UP AND COMING...

### THIS MONTH

- 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

### June 2015

- 3 BC-D Dinner meeting
- 6 Memorial ride BC -A
- 13 Duck hunt ride Aberdeen WA
- 16 BC-C Dinner meeting
- 18-20 Reno Rendezvous GWRRA
- 21 BC-A Breakfast meeting
- 21 Fathers Day ride BC-A
- 27 Triple D ride BC-A

## **Birthdays May**

John Schretien May 06th

Con Williams May 06th

Leona Meers May 23rd

Norman Manro May 31st

## **Anniversaries**

Toby & Lorae Sandwell May 9th

Peter & Sheila MacGregor May 10th

Leona & Robert Meers May 16th

Con & Pat Williams May 24th

## **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.



## **Memorial Fun Run 2015.**

For the **Memorial Fun Run on June 6, 2015** we need as many door prizes as we can get.

The door prizes can be anything, not necessarily motorcycle related.

Just tell people that this is our yearly Charity Fundraiser.

We have donated in the past to places such as The Salvation Army and The Food Bank etc.

This year we are talking about donating to injured motorcyclist or head trauma.

We will not have checkpoints this year.

The ride will be laid out with suggested washroom and snack locations.

As always there will be a barbecue at the end with door prizes and a 50-50 draw. (we may change it to a 50-25-25).

Thanks in advance for all your help with getting door prizes.

**Dan Fortin**



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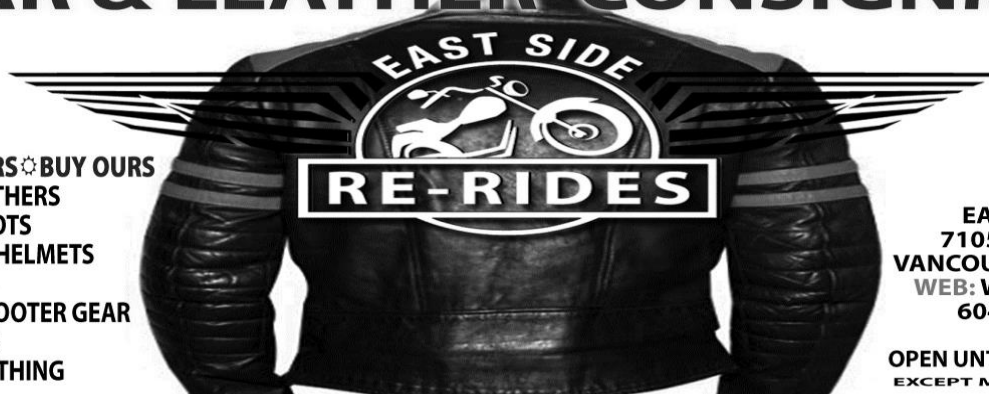
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## Region MEC Report May 2015. Tracy Boyda

Riders, start your engines. For many of us Spring has to be our favorite season. The temperatures warm up, the snow is pretty much gone and we can stop looking at our bikes parked in the corner of the garage and instead swing our leg over and head out for a ride. As many of those who are fortunate enough to winter in warmer climates return, it's almost like a family reunion at chapter gatherings. However, with all the pent up eagerness to get out on the road, we need to practice a raised level of caution. Between large amounts of sand and gravel still on the roads, and our 4 wheeled friends who have to be reminded we are on the roads once again, riding with a heightened level of awareness is a must.

As we dust off our wings, we start to plan our riding season. Where do we want to get to this year and how to squeeze all the riding we want to do into what seems like a season that always ends far too early. This year we are seeing a couple of firsts that should be great events, hopefully many of you will be able to attend. In June we have the Reno Rendevous, our mini Wing Ding in the West. This is an opportunity to show our support and desire for a Wing Ding out West. You've likely heard all about the event and some of the activities planned, so it should be a great time for those who are able to attend. Then in August we have our annual Region J Rally. Although not a first time event, this year's rally is a first where instead of a chapter hosting the event, we have Region hosting the event with chapters contributing and volunteering in various areas to make this all a success. As many of you have had the experience of hosting a region rally as a chapter, you know how much time and work it takes, so it makes sense to work as a team to make it all come together. Very much like a potluck, every one contributes; everyone shares in the success of the event. Not to mention this year's rally is in Cranbrook, with beautiful scenery and some great riding nearby. If you can, add an extra day or 2 to your trip, venture off to some of many roads in the area, you won't be disappointed. So if you're planning to attend either of these events, or both, now is the time to get signed up and registered. Both can be done online in a couple of minutes. So let us know you're coming, we'll have a seat for you.

As Region MEC, I'd be neglectful if I didn't mention anything around MEC. The past year plus, we've had a number of new chapter executive appointments and it's great to see. New people, new ideas, change is good. Congratulations to those have assumed new roles and thank you to those that previously held those roles for your time, work and contribution. As always at this time of year we see a number of new members join our organization. I want to welcome each of you and let you know should you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, feel free to bring them forth to your chapter team, or send them my way. New members bring fresh perspectives. To each and every member out there, old and new, regardless at what level you participate in all GWRRA has to offer, you contribute to the success of this organization, region and your chapter, and for that I thank you all.

I look forward to seeing or riding with as many of you as possible this year. Take care out there and enjoy your 2015 riding season.

Ride safe, Tracy Boyda

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