

Gold Nuggets

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

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SEPTEMBER 2015

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sept 27th
Oyster Run
Anacortes
Washington
- Oct 4th Toy
Run Vancouver
- Oct 18th Toy
Run Fraser
Valley

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Letter from the Directors

Hello everyone

Well it's been a crazy few months starting with the trip down to Reno Rendezvous, a couple of Chapter rallies, the Regional rally and Wing Ding. We certainly were not able to attend all but with the weather the way that it been we have most certainly ridden our tails off. I often worry about the kilometers building up on the bike and have to remind myself that that's what I bought it for and that's what it is made for. Then I start thinking about all the places we have visited and the good people that we have met since we returned to riding and I wonder what we were thinking before. I know for certain that travelling is in our blood and maybe there is still a little bit of Viking in there somewhere. We are very much looking forward to Wing Ding 38 next year in Billings MT. Finally a Wing Ding that we all have the opportunity to attend without applying for a second mortgage.

Over this next month we have BC-Ds Corn Roast/Mileage check, Washington's Oyster Run, and the Vancouver Toy Run (hope I make it on time this year). I sure hope that Mother Nature doesn't decide to make up for lost time and rain like crazy at least not till December. Here's to getting a bunch more riding in before we "pumpkin"

Keiller and Tracy

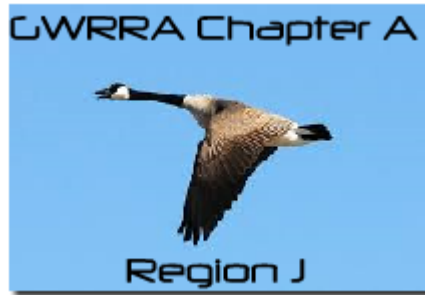
Chapter A-CD



Duffy Lake Road Ride Aug 22nd, 2015

Chapter A hosted a ride along the Duffy Lake Loop on Saturday Aug 22nd. The weather was perfect and the scenery second to none. We started out with 9 bikes at Tim Horton's in Langley followed by a great breakfast in Hope. When we stopped to empty one tank and fill the other in Merritt a couple riders headed back but for the 7 who continued we had a fantastic time.





BC's Chapter A is located in Canada's third largest city, Vancouver British Columbia. Situated in the pristine natural beauty of the Pacific Northwest and nestled between the shores of the Pacific Ocean and the majestic peaks of the Coastal Mountain ranges. Riders and Co-riders are blessed with an abundance of some of the most scenic areas available to motorcycle touring enthusiasts anywhere.

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Message from the Editor:



This is your newsletter, anything you would like to contribute please send to:

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2015 Chapter BC A Team

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If you are interested in holding a position on the Executive or would like to nominate someone please contact the chapter directors

Region Report Aug 2015



As I sit here in my den writing this I am beginning to realize the great organization which we are members. It is Wednesday before the Region Rally in Cranbrook. All of the planning is now complete and I know we couldn't have pulled it off without lots of help.

This year has been a real challenge to have a successful rally. With Reno Rendezvous taking a lot of our member's time, we expected our numbers to drop big time. Boy, have we been surprised! We have almost 150 members coming to Cranbrook! This has exceeded our expectation almost double. Thank you to everybody for taking the time to come and have a good time with us!

We will send out a report about the rally next month.

There have been a lot of changes in GWRRA in the last couple of weeks. We now have a new President of GWRRA! Ms. Anita Alkire has accepted the position and is in the process of taking over.

Anita brings a wealth of experience to the President position. Most importantly, Anita is and has been a member of GWRRA for many years. This will allow her to bring the member views into the management team. Finally, our voices and concerns will have an avenue right at the top!

With Anita accepting this post our neighbors to the south, Region I now have a new Deputy Director. Mike Briggs, a long time member and Officer has accepted that post. I'm sure he will do a great job.

We also have new Region Directors in Region K here in Canada. Brian and Lyette MacKay are the new Region Directors for Region K (Ontario, Manitoba and Nunavit)

There is a very strong rumor that Billings Montana is the site for the 2016 Wing Ding. We haven't been confirmed but we will all know in a month!

For us in the West if Billings is true we are going to be scrambling for attendees at our region and Chapter rallies. Maybe there can be an alternative to having a Region Rally as our fund raiser for the year. Please, if you have an idea how we can do this, share it with your officers.

There is also the possibility that Reno Rendezvous will go ahead again in June. With the possibility of Wing Ding in September in Billings we are going to have a lot of choices! I know it will be challenge but what a great conundrum to have!

We hope you are all having a great summer and getting lots of riding in!

See you down the road

Con Williams

Region J Director

GWRRA



Region Report September 2015



Sitting here in the den at 1:30 in the morning sure gives you pause to think!

Pat and I are off to Wing Ding on the first. This will be our second foray as Region Directors! I hope we have enough energy to finish all the jobs we have signed up to volunteer for. Yes we are part of the group which will fill in a lot of the jobs that make Wing Ding such a success!

As Region Directors we are part of the Operations Team. This team handles the Registration, Goody Booth, Ticket Sales, 50/50, Door prizes and even the lost and Found. All of these Members deserve a BIG thank you for all their efforts!

Then, let's not forget the other VOLUNTEER groups! The Rider Education people who work to put on the ARC's MFA's, LTP and MEC Instructors They are the who that put on all the fabulous courses and Seminars. On top of that are the Top Gun volunteers and the Drill Team performers!

If you get a chance PLEASE don't forget to give these MEMBERS a round of Thanks!

That leads to the next event....Wing Ding Billings Montana!

Please make plans now to attend our own International Convention in 2016. It is officially in Billings next year and may not return to the west for a while. There is a great line up of Entertainment, Education and Fun Fun Fun.

Pat and I attended the last Billings in 2007. The people of Billings literally went over the Top to entertain us. They have a Great Venue for our meetings and events at their Fair grounds.

Don't Forget September 1,2,3,4 2016!

We in Region J have a Great event to celebrate! Our Region Rally is being moved to August 26,27,28 2016. We will be located in the Red Deer area. We will combine with Wing Ding to be a Great Event! Just think we can enjoy our own rally and schmooze with all our friends in Red Deer and then participate in a migration and attend Wing Ding! ALL in ONE Holiday!

The Innisfail Chapter has volunteered to Host our rally along with the Region Team. I can't tell you how much we at Region appreciate them for this. There just aren't words big enough.

I have sent out a volunteer list to all chapters last month, asking for you guys to pick an activity and volunteer to put it on for all of us in 2016. Please consider what you would like to do and let us know. I will send out the list every so often. Please give this some thought, the more activities we have the more FUN we create!

See You down the Road!

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Con Williams

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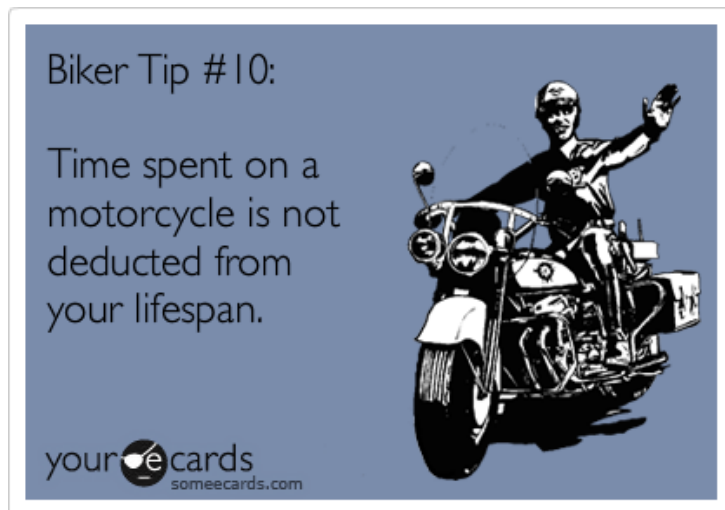


Top 10: Motorcycle Myths and legends By Tim Watson

We've all heard the tall stories about what will happen to you if you ride a motorcycle, the weird things you can do to make your bike faster or what to do if you crash. Most, if not all, is nonsense. So here's *RideApart's* view on the top 10 of motorcycle myths and legends.

1. **You should lay down your bike if you're going to crash.** It's never going to happen. For one thing most accidents happen so quickly that as a rider you're simply not going to have the time to think about doing this. It's also a bit odd that you should try and crash before potentially hitting whatever risks you're about to encounter. Never, ever try and lay your bike down. It's not going to help. Instead, shed as much speed as you can, stay upright and use both your brakes.
2. **Race tires will make me and my bike faster on the road.** Uh, no. Motorcycle race tires are completely different from road tires. They have different compounds and properties and are designed to work best when really hot to create grip. You're rarely going to get a set of race tires up to proper race temperature out on the highway. The chances are, after setting off on your bike, you're going to probably fall off. at the first intersection. Stick to road tires for your bike for anything apart from track days.
3. **Motorcycles are smaller than cars or trucks so police speed radars won't be able to detect you.** Just because your motorcycle is not as big as other road vehicles it doesn't mean that you can dodge the radar. Today's police lasers are extremely high-tech and far more accurate than in the past. In fact, they are said to be so good they can lock on and register the speed of a flying insect. But that might be another urban myth. Either way, just because you're on a speeding bike doesn't mean you're going to evade a ticket.
4. **It'll never happen to me.** Yes, it will. Just because you've ridden for years without falling or getting into an accident on a motorcycle doesn't mean that it's never going to happen. Always ride prepared for the unexpected and remember that it's never a case of if it happens, but when it happens.
5. **Traction control on a motorcycle will help me go faster.** Yes and no. If you're new to riding and not that confident yet, you're never going to be aware of what traction control does. If you're an all out racer and ride really hard, then the chances are traction control is actually going to get in your way and slow you down, even when set on the least interfering mode. If you fit somewhere between these two groups then it's good to have traction control as a sort of safety net if you find yourself going a little faster than expected into and out of the corners. Its there to help you out of trouble.

Funny Business





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6. New tires come with a coating that can only be removed by riding them for a few miles under inflated. No. You're going to fall off and hurt yourself or maybe get killed. Most new motorcycle road tires look like they have a coating on them but in effect that's because that's what they look like when they come out of the mold at the factory. Never, ever reduce the pressure in the tires to try and scrub them in. Riding on under inflated tires causes them to flex, damages the sidewall and potentially could cause a blow out throwing you off the bike and down on the road. Don't do it.

7. 18-25 year-olds are the most at risk category for injury or death in the motorcycle community. While novice riders run a high degree of risk due to lack of experience, the facts are, according to the National Highway Transport Safety Administration's latest findings on motorcycle deaths, that the biggest group of riders to be killed in the U.S. are the 40-55 year-olds. NHTSA has been tracking this information for the past 10 years and the single largest group – more than 40% - of all riders killed in U.S. traffic accidents had an average age of 42-years-old. Tell your relatives that when you choose a bike over a car.

8. You must never worry about crashing on a bike because if you do you will automatically crash.

Nonsense. While you shouldn't be mentally fixated on the possibility of hurting yourself on a bike, every single time you get on your motorcycle you need to be fully aware of what you are doing and always be ready to take evasive action. If you think it won't happen to you, it will.

9. Buy the Bike of your dreams as your first bike as you'll soon learn how to ride it.

This depends on what your dream bike is. But before you even part with your hard earned cash you should have budgeted for your safety gear. Once you have all of that, it is only then you should worry about the bike. Do your homework, talk to friends who ride, take a course, buy something that matches your abilities and that you will be confident on. Your dream bike will still be out there when you are ready.

10. Because you ride a motorcycle and are dressed from head to toe in leathers you will be completely irresistible to women. Possibly. But only if you can find one who is happy to spend hours talking with you about suspension settings, the merits of a GSX-R versus a Goldwing or Ducati. Article taken from RideApart website....

Do you have a great idea for a newsletter Article?

Sounds like a daunting task to put your thoughts down on paper and send it in but really just a few lines is all it really takes. Take a few minutes and send us whatever you have.... We love photos too.

- Did you go on a great ride lately?
- Did you attend a great event or meet some great people?
- Maybe find a solution to a problem others may also be trying to fix?
- Are you a techy and want to share your knowledge?
- Maybe you have a burning question we can publish in the newsletter?

Contact Rob Meers at rmgwrra@outlook.com with your ideas. Deadline for articles for October's newsletter is Sept 30th 2015.

Membership Draw Article

Interesting Questions, Facts and Information

1. **BSA were, at one time, the largest and most successful British motorbike manufacturer. What does BSA stand for?** Birmingham Small Arms Company. Based in Small Heath Birmingham the company made military and sporting weapons as well as motorbikes.
2. **What was the Honda Valkyrie's first model year of production?** 1997, After a few years of rumors, the Valkyrie was introduced for sale in late 1996 as a 1997 model.
3. **In what country are KTM motorcycles manufactured?** Austria - The Kraftfahrzeuge Trunkenpolz Mottighofen (KTM) motorcycle company was founding in Austria in 1953.
4. **What percentage of urban collisions involving other vehicles is caused by motorcycles?** 10% Some of the most common collisions are caused when car and van drivers emerge from side roads into the paths of motorcyclists who have the right of way. Television ads for years in the UK "think once, think twice, think bike"
5. **Every now and then, manufacturers release exclusive bikes. Lets hope Honda will launch its V5 this year. In 1978, the Japanese brand released an exclusive piece of work with 500cc's in a monocoque body. What is the name of this innovative yet unsuccessful motorcycle?** It's the legendary NR500, since the other bikes do not exist. Two Stroke engines were the standard in racing, but Honda decided to compete using four stroke technology. Since four stroke is not as powerful as two stroke, Honda designed a 32 valve V8 with a monocoque body which helped to reduce the weight.
6. **Which motorbike manufacturer had models called the "Black Lightning" and the "Black Shadow"?** Vincent - Vincent were in production from 1928 to 1955. The 1948 Black Shadow was the fastest road bike in the world at the time with a top speed of 125 mph.
7. **What company began manufacturing motorcycles in Marysville, Ohio, in 1979?** Honda - Most Honda motorcycles sold in North America in the last 30 years were actually made in the USA as well. However, in 2008 Honda announced that motorcycle production would be moved back to Japan in 2009.
8. **When riding on long trips how often should you get off and stretch?** When riding long distances, it is a good idea to stop at least every 2 hours. If you don't, fatigue may become a problem, as you tire sooner riding a motorcycle than you would driving a car.
9. **What motorcycles used to be Black and White and rode all over?** BMW - Back in the good old days, BMW's came in black or white only, and their ad campaign was about as clever as that of another German Company Volkswagen.
10. **In what model year did Honda offer more different engine designs and models than any other time in the company's history?** 1983- The choice was astounding: inline fours, transverse V-twins, inline twins, longitudinal V-twins, V-fours, singles etc.



BC Lower Mainland

Chapter Contacts

Chapter BC-A Vancouver Breakfast Meeting

3rd Sunday of every Month (except Dec)
Ricky's Country Restaurant (Formally ABC)
2350 Boundary Road, Burnaby BC
Breakfast 8:00 AM / Meeting 9:00 AM

Chapter A Tuesday Night Coffee (Rides in season)

Tim Horton's—Cliveden Ave , Annacis Island
Coffee 6:00 PM Ride 7:00 PM

Chapter A Vancouver Directors

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Chapter BC-D Surrey Dinner Meeting

1st Wednesday of every month
Ricky's Restaurant
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Dinner 6:00 PM, Meeting 7:00 PM

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Chapter BC-C Chilliwack Dinner Meeting

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Upcoming Courses:

Medic First aid Course (MFA) to be scheduled in September 2015. Details to be announced

Skills Training Anyone?

Anyone interested in getting together in a large parking lot with a few cones and practicing some riding skills? Send Kelly Parkes an email. If we get enough interested we will schedule it. kparkes@shaw.ca



Interested in getting your HAM Radio Operators License?

Anyone interested in taking the HAM Radio Operators Course? We have a number of people interested and a course will be scheduled soon. We don't want to miss anyone. Send us an email and let us know you want in. gowans.gwrra@gmail.com





Wedding Anniversaries

Ted & Coleen Dewar Sept 23rd

Did we miss your Birthday or Anniversary? Let us know!

August Birthdays

Ken Hook Sept 9th

Lorraine Tompkins Sept 25th

Val Fortin Sept 29th

GWRRRA Anniversaries

Coming Soon

COMING SOON!



September 2015

- 2 Dinner Meeting BC-D Surrey
- 3-6 Wing Ding 37 Huntsville Alabama
- 4-6 Gold Run Clinton BC BC-D Surrey
- 13 Green Heart Ride BC-C Chilliwack
- 15 Dinner Meeting BC-C Chilliwack
- 19 Corn Roast & Ride - Mileage Check BC-D
- 20 Breakfast Meeting BC-A Vancouver
- 27 Oyster Run Anacortes WA

October 2015

- 4 Toy Run - Vancouver
- 7 Dinner Meeting BC-D Surrey
- 17 Joint Planning Mtg. BC A/D/C
- 18 Breakfast Meeting BC-A Vancouver
- 18 Toy Run - Fraser Valley
- 20 Dinner Meeting BC-C Chilliwack



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Chapter A Stores

Patches

	Description	Cost
Rocker	GWRRRA BC-A Vancouver (black and gold with flags)	\$22.00
Rocker	The Great Northwest Region "J"	\$20.00
Rocker	Chapter BC-A Vancouver (white, 2 Canada flags)	\$22.00
Round	10" GWRRRA (multi-color with griffin)	\$15.00
Round	4" GWRRRA (black and gold)	\$5.00
Round	4" GWRRRA (multi-color with griffin)	\$5.00
Round	4" GWRRRA BC-A (blue with Canada goose)	\$7.00

Pins

GWRRRA BC district – large	\$5.00
GWRRRA BC district – small	\$3.00
BC-A Hangers	\$3.00

Clothing

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Shirt-Long Sleeve	3xl	\$40.00
Shirt-Long Sleeve	2xl	\$40.00
Shirt-Long Sleeve	XI-Men	\$40.00
Shirt-Short Sleeve	L-Ladies	\$40.00
Shirt-Short Sleeve Sport	3xl	\$40.00
Shirt-Short Sleeve Sport	2xl	\$40.00
Shirt-Short Sleeve Sport	M	\$40.00

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Monthly

Chapter Meeting

Chapter BC-A, Vancouver

The THIRD Sunday of each Month
(except Dec)

Ricky's Country Restaurant

Boundary Rd at Lougheed Hwy

2350 Boundary Rd

Burnaby, BC

(604) 293-1242

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

Enjoy breakfast with new and old friends,
or come for a cup of coffee before the meet-
ing. See you there.

WEEKEND / STATUTORY HOLIDAY RIDES

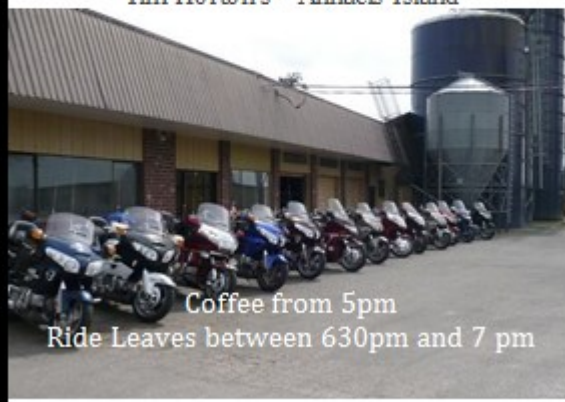
If there are NOT any Lower Mainland Rides/Events on
our Chapter Schedule, then you can expect a ride
from the McDonalds at the Boundary Road/Lougheed
Highway intersection, Vancouver. Coffee from 9.00.
Ride leaves at 10.00. Saturday, Sunday and all



Tuesday Night Rides

Coffee Social (ride in season)

Tim Horton's - Annacis Island



Coffee from 5pm
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GWRRA Photo Gallery



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