

Gold Nuggets



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- April 16th Bike Maintenance Day
- April 17 Team Riding Course
- April 24 Road Captains/Co-Rider Course
- 29/30 ARC Advanced Riders Course.
- May 7th Mall Show
- May 14th Memorial Ride/Ice Cream
- May 21-23 Victoria Days.

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Letter from the Directors

We are back in full swing for the summer. Riding like crazy and I think my bike has seen more than 1500km already with less than a month's insurance. Maintenance day is this weekend and even though I will go, there isn't much to do for a guy who puts his bike away for the winter. Putting it away just means we can't ride it and says nothing about tinkering with it. Spending time adding new lights, improving the old ones and fixing little issues that you didn't get done during the riding season. Well maybe I'll check the brakes and tighten nuts and bolts.



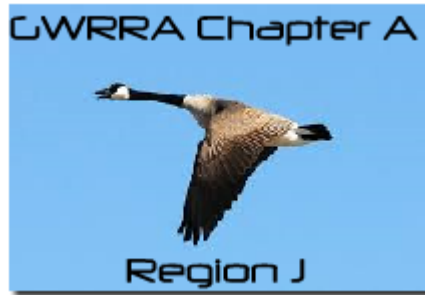
Some of us talked last year about adding a VHF/UHF/Ham radio to the bike last year and most followed or are following through. We now have seven certified Ham radio operators in the group now (2 more in Chapter D) that I can remember with three bikes fitted and one on the way. Don't know how this will benefit the group but we will see this summer.

Coming up very quickly we have the Team Riding course, Road Captain course and the ARC. Tracy and I can't wait to do the ARC again this year. We really enjoyed it last year after doing it for the first time. We have also been planning to attend the usual rallies and making sure all our hotel bookings are in. Should be a great two week holiday making our way through the Regional Rally and on down to Wing Ding.

Let's have a great summer

Keiller and Tracy

Directors, Chapter A



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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.

“Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge”



WANTED! If your interested in taking it on or partnering with another member let us know! We would love to have a someone excited about putting together our monthly newsletter. If you love talking to people, gathering news stories or even writing a few yourself this job is for you. Contact Tracy Gowans to express your interest in this fun position.

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

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Message from the Editor:

2016 Chapter BC A Team

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Membership Enhancement Coordinator:	Ian McAlpine		

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



April 2016 Region Report

It's the middle of March now and it's time for me to return home and get back to business. I've enjoyed my time away to the utmost. But, there is a bike at home just waiting for me to come and go for a nice ride. The open road awaits!

While the rest of the country has been having the normal winter wind, rain or snow, we have been having temperatures in the 80's and 90's Fahrenheit of course. I have been fortunate to go along on several rides with AZ-D on 4 wheels. Fun times.

"Region J has been given our assignments for volunteering at Wing Ding. I need to know who is volunteering by May 15th."

*Pat Williams
Region J Director*

Region J has been given our assignments for volunteering at Wing Ding. We haven't been asked to volunteer in the past due to our low numbers who attend, especially if Wing Ding happens in the East and South East USA. This year Region J has been assigned to work security and to help out on the parades. I need a list from each chapter of names of volunteers willing to work these positions. I need to get these lists by the 15th of May at the latest. As I get more information as to what is involved, I will pass it on. It will mean a couple of hours per day for anyone who volunteers. If we can get enough to sign up, it could mean only 1 session each. Directors, send info to regionjdirectors@gmail.com

On another item for Wing ding, I would like a general idea from each chapter on how many plan to attend. It would also be nice to know how many are planning to attend the Red Deer Rally. Remember, the rally team works hard to put on a fun rally, and the rally is the only way that the region raises funds for training sessions, as well as other region business.

We have 100 rooms booked at the Quality Inn and the Lions Campground is now accepting reservations. Check out the registration form on the Region J website.

With the warmer weather, chapters will be starting to have their individual fund raisers. Remember, if we attend and support other chapters, the odds are greater that they will attend and support yours, just saying... See you all down the road. In the meantime, ATGATT!

Pat Williams
Region J Director.



GOLD NUGGETS

The Ground Screw Submitted by Keiller Gowans

This year I took my bike out for the first time and immediately noticed a problem. When I turned the signal lights on they would take for ever to cancel. I wondered if maybe they were just sluggish after sitting for a while so I gave them some time to come around. After many kilometers I did get them to turn off on their own but only after what seemed like forever. Well I couldn't live with that so I decided to ask around and search the internet for the solution or even how it worked and where it was located. After some time of searching I found a few sites that explained roughly how it worked and what to check.

It was explained to me that the cancellation involves a bit of a formula. If you know the formula and these figures are off a bit or wrong then don't blame me because you know that everything you read on the internet is true, right? First the bike must be moving forward, then if you increase your speed by approximately 25 km or more that will kill them. If that doesn't kill them then they should shut off after about 30 seconds (for flipping ever). The last variable is the sensor on the tree and that will sense a turn of the bars which will kill them (if you are moving forward).

Now the first thing everyone asks you is "have you done any modifications lately"? Good question....yes I have. "Did you have the top shelf off"? Another good question....yes, yes I did. Well there is a connection (green wire) under there that connects to the sensor on the tree and maybe it was disconnected it got broken. Well I didn't break it and it was just fine. "Did you remove or unplug the cluster"? They just keep on coming....yes I did. It was the only way to get at the flasher that I was replacing. Good news though...it was all connected back together and working fine. "Did you make any other modifications"?...yes, new running lights. "How did you wire them and how did you ground them"? Well folks I was looking for a screw on the bike where I could get a good ground and there was this nice one just under the front of the fairing behind the triple tree that was an excellent ground. What I didn't know was that it was the screw that carefully holds the strap that connects to the bottom of the tree on the head of the sensor. With a quick adjustment I was back in business.

Careful what ya mess with.

Keiller



My Ride home from LA Submitted by Dan Fortin

I rode around 3000 km over the Easter long weekend, from Los Angeles, California back here to Vancouver BC. I flew to LA and brought back a rental bike that was left in LA in the fall as a one way rental. I was on a 2015 Harley Davidson Street Glide. Unless you ride a motorbike without a fairing and lower protection every once in a while you forget how the wind can attack your body on a long ride.

I brought a pair of Elephant Ears (Chaps that go over the front of the crash guards) to help protect your legs from wind and rain. I

thought if it rained I would use them. The wind was whipping my chaps around my legs so much that I put them on the bike on Saturday afternoon. What a difference, \$50.00 well spent.

I rode the California Coast and then Hwy. 101 to Portland and 1-5 from there. I had 26 degree weather on Friday and Saturday and 22 degree on Sunday. It was only 4 degrees when I left Portland Oregon at 6:30 Monday morning. It was 10 degrees when I got to Seattle. I was almost at Bellingham before I felt like taking the heated gear off. By then it wasn't plugged in anymore. I pulled into the rental company near the Vancouver Airport and it was 17 degrees at 1:30 in the afternoon.

The first picture is me in Beverly Hills outside the Starbucks. I didn't go in for coffee, I just sat



there on the bike and used the free Wi-Fi for my I phone GPS and mailed some pictures to Valerie. The second picture is just south of Santa Barbara California on a pullout along the Pacific Coast Highway. The California Lane Sharing Law did come in handy. You just need to watch traffic closely. All in all I had a great long weekend ride.



Shinny up, rubber down and keep smiling.

Dan Fortin.

What Kind of Helmet do you Wear?

Featured in Motorcycle.com April 2016 by Evans Brasfield

Article Submitted by Tracy Gowans

A DOT approved helmet is the most important piece of safety gear that a motorcyclist can wear. Still, the range of legal helmets covers (or doesn't cover) a wide range of protection. Since we're street-wise enough to know that not everyone shares our belief in the importance of protective headgear.

Motorcycle .com Survey received 1617 responses from readers as follows:

#3 Open Face Helmet 126 Responses

#1 Full-Face Helmet 980 Responses #2 Modular Helmet 392 Responses



Remember, we're all good looking behind our tinted shields



You can show your face and protect it too!



With a face like this, who needs protection

#4 A Half Helmet 86 Responses



DOT legal for those who plan on landing on the top of their heads in an accident.

#5 Bare Noggin 16 Responses



Nothing feels quite like the wind in your hair, particularly a tumble

#6 A Novelty Helmet 9 Responses



A \$20 helmet for a \$20 head right?

#7 Do Rag 4 Responses

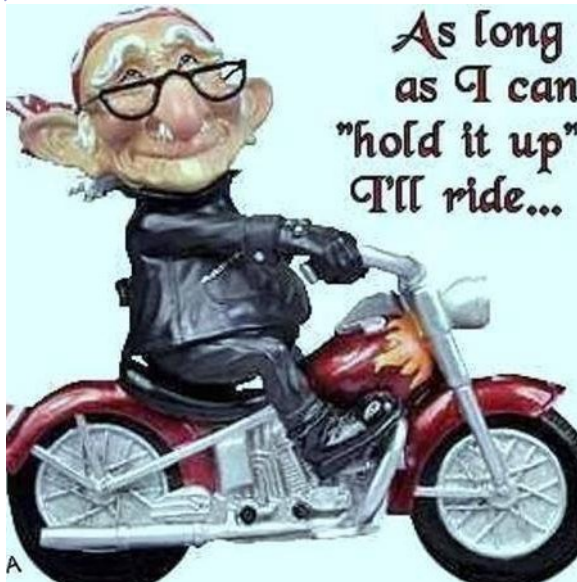


Nothing Messes with my neatly coiffed locks, not even asphalt

#8 Baseball Cap 4 Responses



Bonus points for wearing it backwards



IT'S AMAZING THE
NUMBER OF GREAT
PEOPLE IN MY LIFE
THAT I WOULDN'T
HAVE EVER MET IF
IT WASN'T FOR
MOTORCYCLES

FOOD *for* THOUGHT



GWRRA BC Drill Team Riding April 2016

Hello All

A look into a Motorcycle Drill Team and what it takes to develop; friendship, skills, knowledge, confidence and a healthy respect for what we all do on two wheels. Although these opinions and views are offered, they may or may not be views and opinions shared by you. You are welcome to take what you think is beneficial for you, if you like or differ in opinion, all is ok. 😊



Interested in learning more about the BCM Drill Team? Contact Rob Ellis at groundhog@shaw.ca

Well what do you think the BCMDT is doing these days? We are starting to practice our basic skills and getting back in touch with the motorcycle. She's talking to you all the while you are riding! No I'm not talking about your co-rider. To borrow another conceptual phrase from different instructor friend, "Your bike is talking to you full time and only one needs to listen and understand what she is telling you". That, essentially is what the first part of our season consists of, LISTENING and using the correct technique to speak back to the bike and get her to do what it is you are asking.

So for the most part, the drill team riding is all about slow speed control, and lean angle control coupled with fluent, smooth riding. Once could characterize your bike as your "Dance Partner" and coordinating your moves and responding to her needs and wants appropriately helps make the experience that much more enjoyable and rewarding. Your next question would be; do slow speed skills help your faster riding technique, comfort level and safety while riding? Like why bother riding slow and running around in circles?



You bet ya! Imagine those riders that spend time learning to manage power delivery, clutch control and brake application on the very fine edge of those inputs. How aware do YOU think you can be of "WHERE" that point of friction zone starts as you release the clutch lever? Or how fine your throttle management can be when you are learning to use very small inputs of wrist movement. Or how much brake pressure does it take, "just to take up the slack in the system" before actually applying the braking force?

Well to be honest, the slow speed practices make you so much more aware of where your dance partner is, and what she is saying to you. Westwood Motorcycle Racing Club will sometimes suggest to some of the riders to take their track day classes and to consider taking the Road Craft Course to help build the very basic fundamentals of "fine" control input, Head/Eye placement and Bike/Body interaction (otherwise known as feedback). Imagine that! A race school suggesting advanced slow speed skills to some of their clientele as a precursor to help improve their over all ability and fundamental skills ON the track!

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GWRRA BC Drill Team

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Why mention someone else's skills program? Simply to emphasize another development course that works a whole lot of SLOW speed handling techniques. This stuff supports everything you do in your riding, even at freeway speeds. Yes you do need to learn additional techniques as well in order to be a better rider at faster speeds. A foundation of what we could consider "necessary skills" is where it all starts.

Your drill team is the next best thing you can do to develop more precision in your riding, not to mention improving your confidence and building a better understanding of YOUR own limits as a rider and your bikes own limitations.



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Playing in the CONE ZONE!



So some of our practice will incorporate "cones" and we will use them all year, depending on what it is we need at a particular moment. Sometimes for basic skills, or sometimes to design new riding maneuvers. We even ride with the cones "ON" our bikes too, too challenge the rider to be smooth with control inputs. Imagination is part of what we are about, so no one needs to be prepared for something new, and something that we can use to challenge the "better" riders on the team. Every single one of our team members is working on something in their own riding portfolio. It is enjoyable to throw some cones out for an exercise, (before anyone arrives for practice) and watch the guys go ride around them with their own idea of what the path should be. One learns to get out of their way because they love tackling something different, and CONES represent Challenge and Imagination! Last month's article spoke to Transition. What is that? Transitioning your balance system to work while on two wheels, instead of how you would normally balance on two feet is what we are all getting used to while learning to ride bicycles or motorcycles. We've all been doing it from the day mankind invented the silly contraptions. With the Drill team we work on that very thing with the help of your fellow team riders who have taken the time to come closer to mastering that ability and transition to a "New" balance system that involves the "integration of themselves and their motorcycle.

Our riding skills are definitely perishable and continually fade from our possession which means that we are not as good a rider as we think we are if we don't spend the time to work on supporting techniques that properly address those skills we need! Learning more about the bike next month!!

But for now get the head up and keep the horizon in view so your vision helps tune that inner ear!

Ta Ta for Now!!

Ride well and be prepared!

Rob Ellis

Captain BCMDT



My day on a Harley Davidson Submitted by Keiller Gowans

April 9th 2016, My wife Tracy and her Dad shuttled Dan and I down to Seattle to a motorcycle rental shop. Dan had arranged with a buddy in Vancouver for us to ride two one way rentals back from Seattle. I have not ridden a Harley any great distance before, I was game. We got down to the dealer at about 11 am. Josh, the sales rep was very friendly and happy to go over all the features of the bike, funny he said he grew up around Harleys but working at a rental shop he got to try the 1800 Goldwing and stated oh, you want comfort and power! Well I got to think about that statement as I rode the Harley through Washington State with Dan. We eventually met up with Chuck and 5 other riders from BC A down to make their own Spring fun Run ride as the WA Chapter ride was cancelled. We had a lot of fun clocking over 500 km on the bikes.

The Harley was a lot of fun to ride, and I have to admit I felt the need to make a little noise, including a quick couple of bursts in the Deas Island tunnel. Yee Ha! But it really did make me appreciate the comfort and power of the Wing.

Keiller Gowans

PS The Harley Kool-Aid tasted awful.



BC- A Membership Enhancement Coordinator Profile

I first came for a visit to BC in 1990 for a Legion Dominion Convention when I was at the time President of Bramalea Ontario Branch #609, Youngest member to be elected President of the Branch and the first Associate member to become elected President.

I have been working in the Air Conditioning / Refrigeration trade for over 40 yrs. was inducted into the union in 1974. I worked for Black & MacDonald at that time. In 1990 started with a A/C Company called Michael Mechanical and opened the Mississauga Branch for them and within 5 years we had 17 service trucks on the road. One day I saw a notice on the board looking for someone that might be interested in moving to BC to open an office for them in there, so I took the letter down photo copied it and took it home to show my wife Kathie. After reading it she asked me if I had told them I would take it. I said I wanted to check with her first. Must get your wife's permission for big decisions like that, (still alive & married after 32 yrs.)



Back in 1990 when we had come out for the Legion Convention and we both fell in love with BC. We made the move returned to BC in 1996 to open a branch for the company and started the Vancouver Office; we are still in BC 20 years later. Kathie thought the move would only be for 3-5 years originally.

I had gotten my motorcycle License when I was 19 or 20 years old. My first bike was a 1969 350cc Suzuki Twin, then a 1971 350cc 3 cylinder Trident, then a 1974 350cc 4 cylinder Honda, then a 1976 750cc 4 cylinder Honda. This is what I had when I first met my wife Kathie. I purchased my first Goldwing in 1990 which was a 1984 Interstate model with lots of lights and chrome and joined the Canadian Goldwing Owners Association. We put the bike in the January Motorcycle show at the Toronto International Centre in Malton Ontario and regularly came away with first place in its category.

I Joined GWRRA in July of 1998 and became a member of BC-A. Bob H. was the Chapter Director at that time. When Barry & Margaret Irving became Chapter Directors, Barry asked me if I would take the position as Chapter Educator. I held that position for 9 years and would set up ARC's, Medic First Aid, & PLP Courses. I purchased a Two Tone Silver Grey 1998 GL 1500 in 2000. I then moved up to the position of BC District Educator. I became an ARC Instructor in 2007. Then purchased a 2008 Pearl White GL 1800 in Feb 2010 which I still have at this time. In 2016 I agreed to become chapter BC-A's Membership Enhancement coordinator, the position I hold today.

Ian McAlpine

On behalf of all of the members of the BC-A Executive we would like to welcome Ian to the role of Membership Enhancement Coordinator. As you can see he has been with GWRRA and involved for some time now and we believe he will be an excellent addition to our team.

Sincerely

Keiller and Tracy Gowans

Membership Draw Article submitted by John Schretlen

GWRRA WA-C Spring Fever Run is Cancelled - 6 bikes showed up anyway...

This year the GWRRA WA-C Early Spring Fun Run as remained the Spring Fever Run. The starting point was to be Everett Power Sports (215 SW Everett Mall Way, Everett WA) so as usual a group of BC GWRRA riders were going to meet up and then depart from the Blaine Chevron at 7 am. However, two days ago I got an email that this event was cancelled. But for those who wanted to go for a ride that day Chuck Taylor, the GWRRA BC-A Ride Coordinator sent out an email saying that he will lead a ride and be ready to go as planned.



It looked like a great day so I got up early and left the condo garage at 6 am to meet up with the group at the Chevron on H street in Blaine. It was 7 degrees C when I left home and the temperature went down to 5 before I got to Blaine. No one in front of me at PAC Nexus crossing so I was through in literally 10 seconds. There were already four other Goldwings at the Chevron when I got there so I fuelled up and went to join them. By the start time of 7 am we were 6 bikes.

There was some discussion as to route choices, inland or seaside, and the first consensus was to stop for breakfast in an hour or so. Also mentioned was that Dan and Keiller were going to Seattle to ride a couple of Harley rental bikes back to Vancouver. The plan was to meet for lunch and they would join us for the afternoon. My only request was "no I-5 riding". Chuck, as you know is an amazing ride leader and today a fortunate few got another treat of a tour with him. Even with so many of us with lots of riding time in the area some of the roads we were about to ride were a new experience.

We took off and immediately headed on smaller roads down first the east side then over and on the west side of I-5, passing through small farms and hamlets we rode to Bellingham. Then we followed Chuck through Bellingham and south on the Chuckanut eventually to the Farmhouse Restaurant in Mt Vernon for breakfast. It was bad timing, a trucker group had arrived earlier and the hostess said it would take about 45 minutes for the kitchen to start on our orders. We decided to keep going and ended up at the Corner Bar and Grill in Anacortes WA. This is on the right side of the Hwy 20 just after you turn south at the intersection when straight ahead goes to Anacortes and the left turn takes you to Deception Pass and Whidbey Island.

After breakfast Chuck led us on a variety of back roads that eventually took us on the Rainbow Bridge over the Swinomish Channel to La Conner. Then more country vistas and smaller roads including one that gently S-turned for a few kilometers beside the Stillaquamish River. We did a fuel stop in Marysville at 11:30 am where several riders took off a layer of clothing as it was getting warmer. After the fuel stop Chuck lead us generally east and south, it was slow riding through Snohomish due to a free dump day causing traffic to back up.

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Membership Draw Article submitted by John Schretlen

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Next town was Monroe, which was slow because well traffic is always bad in Monroe. To avoid slow traffic Chuck took us south on Hwy 203 over the Skykomish River Bridge and a few hundred meters later we turned left onto Ben Howard Road. This was a new road for me and I quite enjoyed riding it.

We rode eastbound for about 20 km before crossing back over the Skykomish River just south of Sultan. Our next stop was for lunch at Sultan Bakers where we also waited for Dan and Keiller to join us. This bakery is a real gem, and there were line-ups to indicate the locals know a good thing as well. I will definitely stop there again for another apple cinnamon fritter bun muffin. We got to Sultan at about 1 pm and left about an hour later now a group of 8 riders.

After lunch we road west on Hwy 2 for less than 2 km and turned right on to Old Owen Road. After a U-turn or two we eventually made our way to the tired town of Granite Falls. One more U-turn beside the high school and we found Jordan Road that took up north and east. Along Jordan Road there was a few times when we rode right beside the South Fork of the Stillaquamish River. There were some very impressive looking houses in the area. Chuck took us around the east of Arlington, approaching Hwy 9 from the northeast on Hwy 530. We took Hwy 9 north to Sedro Wooley and stopped there for a snack and coffee break. After snacks we all rode to the Chevron for fuel, it was 4:20 pm. The office was closed so we all had to use credit cards.

Another U-turn later we ere on F and S Grade Road heading northwest. Eventually we got to Alger and then Sudden Valley on the shore of Lake Whatcom. It took about twenty five minutes to ride around to the west end of the lake and east to Agate Bay where there is a fork in the road. Side tip - at the fork in the road there is a very good restaurant called Fork Agate Bay. Not a very imaginative naming but you know where it is.

If you go straight you end up at a dead end so Chuck took the left turn onto Y Road and up the hill onto a small valley with a bit of farming and cattle. After a short ride we took Hwy 542 that goes between Bellingham and Mount Baker. We turned west and headed towards Bellingham. 3.6 km after getting onto Hwy 542 we turned north on Noon Road. Chuck then took us on a variety of Whatcom County back roads past some amazing farms and fantastic looking housing, then eventually to Blaine. After a short stop at the Mail Boxes International we headed for the PAC Hwy boarder crossing. The group split up at the boarder crossing and we all went home our preferred ways. I arrived home at 6:45 pm, 12 hours and 45 minutes after I left home. Today's trip was 585.1 km.

Keiller the HOG rider pulls into the lunch stop and asks Chuck and his assistants to adjust his handlebars. Keiller was tired of the ape-hanger feel and wanted to go for the lazy boy look.



BC Lower Mainland

Chapter Contacts

Chapter BC-A Vanc Breakfast Meeting

3rd Sunday of every Month (except Dec)

Ricky's Country Restaurant

2350 Boundary Road, Burnaby BC

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

Chapter BC-A Tuesday Night Coffee (Rides in season)

Tim Horton's—Cliveden Ave , Annacis Island

Coffee 6:00 PM Ride 7:00 PM

Chapter BC-A Vancouver Directors

Keiller & Tracy Gowans

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Chapter BC-D Surrey Dinner Meeting

1st Wednesday of every month

Ricky's Restaurant

152nd & Fraser Hwy, Surrey

Dinner 6:00 PM, Meeting 7:00 PM

Chapter BC-D Friday Night Coffee (Rides in season)

Tim Horton's—Fraser Hwy, & 166th St Surrey

Coffee 6:30 PM Ride 7:00 PM

Chapter BC-D Surrey Director

V Hildebrand Phone 604 557 0622

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Chapter BC-C Chilliwack Dinner Meeting

3rd Tuesday of every month (except Dec)

Characters Restaurant 8559 Young Rd. Chilliwack

Dinner 6:00 PM, Meeting 7:00 PM

Chapter BC-C Chilliwack Directors

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Upcoming Courses:

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



Bike Maintenance Day April 16th @
Taylormotive in North Vancouver

Team Riding Course April 17th

Road Captains/Co Riders Course April 24th

Advanced Riders Course (ARC) April 29th

Trailer Course (ARC) April 30th

Medic First aid May 29th





celebrations

April Wedding Anniversaries

Steve & Patty McKenna April 3rd

John & Kathy Schretlen April 7th

April Birthdays

Heinz Blisse April 1st

Sue Arthurs April 21st

Harold Arthurs April 22nd

John Waddington April 24th,

Toby Sandwell April 26th

GWRRA Anniversaries

Krzysztof Kochanowski 94 (22 yrs.)

Ellen Mikkelsen 96 (20 yrs.)

Brad Sharun 05 (11 yrs.)

Bernie Sparrow 05 (11 yrs.)

Gord McDonald 06 (10 yrs.)

Alex Horkoff 06 (10 yrs.)

Jim Cool 10 (6 yrs.)

Don Champion 11 (5 yrs.)

Kim Treider 11 (5 yrs.)

Ken Labaron 12 (4 yrs.)

John Burke 13 (3 yrs.)

Arthur Plenert 13 (3 yrs.)

Tracinda Plenert 13 (3 yrs.)

Mike Peterson 14 (2 yrs.)

Ian & Deb Chalmers 14 (2 yrs.)

COMING SOON!



April 2016

6	Dinner Meeting	BC-D
9	Early Spring Fun Run	WA-E
16	Bike Maintenance Day	BC-A
17	Breakfast Meeting	BC-A
17	Team Riding Course	
19	Dinner Meeting	BC-C
24	Road Captains/Co Riders Course	
29-30	Advanced Rider Course (ARC)	



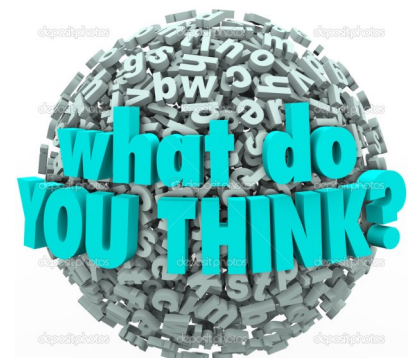
May 2016

7	Mall Show BC-A Vanc/BC-D Surrey
1	ARC (Advanced Rider Course)
6	Dinner Meeting BC-D Surrey
14	Ice Cream Social/Memorial Ride BC-D
15	Breakfast Meeting BC-A Vancouver
21-23	Victoria Days Salmon Arm Rally BC-G
19	Dinner Meeting BC-C Chilliwack
29	Ride to Live- Prostate Cancer



June 2016

1	Dinner Meeting BC-D
4	Memorial Ride BC-A
11	Duck Hunt Ride WA-D
19	Father's Day Ride BC-A
21	Dinner Meeting BC-C
25	Triple D Ride BC-A
25	Breakfast Meeting BC-A (week later)



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CONSIGN YOURS • BUY OURS

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- ◉ NO-TRAUMA HELMETS
- ◉ RIDING GEAR
- ◉ MCYCLE & SCOOTER GEAR
- ◉ ACCESSORIES
- ◉ LEATHER CLOTHING



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For Sale/Want will run for 3 editions of the newsletter. Please contact the newsletter editor if you wish to extend it longer or if your item has been sold at gwrri.gowans@gmail.com or phone Tracy Gowans 604 219 5836 Ads are free

Riders Wanted

Coquitlam Bike Race May 15th

Looking for bikes to ride 7:30 am to noon. 2 more motos needed. Duties to help patrol/escort.

Ride for CF June 18 & 19

Looking for bikes to help. Riding from Crescent Beach to Chilliwack. One for Moto and one for first aid.

Grand Fondo Whistler Sept 10th 2016

Looking for 22+ bikes to ride the 2016 Grand Fondo. 22 Motos,

- 8 medical, 4 mechanical, 2 commissaries, 3 videographers, 1 photographer, 2 lead/roving, 2 roving

Contact Carl Schoten bcmdt-moto-safety@shaw.ca or 604 202 7140

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 Tracy Gowans at gwrri.gowans@gmail.com with your ideas. Deadline for articles for April's newsletter is

April 30th, 2016

Chapter A Stores

For Sale items:

Patches:

	Description	Quantity on hand 2015-Mar-31	Cost	Quantity on hand 2016-Apr-4	Cost
Rocker	GWRRA BC-A Vancouver (black and gold with flags)	10	\$22.00	9	\$22.00
Rocker	The Great Northwest Region "J"	6	\$20.00	0	
Rocker	Chapter BC-A Vancouver (white, 2 Canada flags)	1	\$22.00	1	\$22.00
Round	10" GWRRA (multi-colour with griffin)	5	\$15.00	4	\$15.00
Round	4" GWRRA (multi-colour with griffin)	8	\$5.00	7	\$5.00
Round	10" GWRRA (black and gold with griffin)	5	\$15.00	3*	17.50*
Round	4" GWRRA (black and gold with griffin)	2	\$5.00	5*	9.00*
Round	4" GWRRA BC-A (blue with Canada goose)	5	\$7.00	5	\$7.00

Pins:

GWRRA BC district – large	2	\$5.00	2	\$5.00
GWRRA BC district – small	4	\$3.00	4	\$3.00
BC-A hangers?	89	\$3.00	Lots	\$3.00

Clothing

Hats- ball	O/S	3	\$10.00	3	\$10.00
Shirt-Long Sleeve	3xl	1	\$40.00	0	0
Shirt-Long Sleeve	2xl	2	\$40.00	2	\$40.00
Shirt-long sleeve	XI-Men	1	\$40.00	1	\$40.00
Shirt-short sleeve	L-Ladies	1	\$40.00	1	\$40.00
Shirt-short sleeve sport	3xl	1	\$40.00	0	0
Shirt-short sleeve sport	2xl	2	\$40.00	2	\$40.00
Shirt-short sleeve sport	M	3	\$40.00	0	0

Miscellaneous:

Antenna Flag		1	\$12.00	??	??
Static Cling Decal	4" Round	19	\$3.00	??	??



To purchase items from Chapter A's Stores
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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
Ride Leaves between 630pm and 7 pm

Gold Wing Road Riders Association



**August 26, 27, 28, 2016
Red Deer, Alberta**

Rider Info: First Name _____ Last Name _____ Age _____ GWRRRA # _____ Chapter _____
 Address: _____ City _____ Prov/State _____ Postal Code/Zip _____
 Phone # _____ Email _____ Signature _____

Co Rider Info: First Name _____ Last Name _____ Age _____ GWRRRA # _____ Chapter _____
 Address: _____ City _____ Prov/State _____ Postal Code/Zip _____
 Phone # _____ Email _____ Signature _____

Please Note: Registration: Includes Pin, Grand Prize Ticket, and Entertainment. Saturday Night Dinner is not included.

Registration cost for GWRRRA Members is \$35.00, Non-Members is \$40.00 –
 Grand prize draw for Early Registration postmarked no later than June 1, 2016.

of Members _____ @ \$35.00 / person _____ # of non-members _____ @ \$40.00 / person _____

Late Registration – postmarked after June 1st, 2016

of Members _____ @ \$40.00 / person _____ # of non- members _____ @ \$45.00 /person _____

Saturday Dinner _____ @ \$30.00 /person \$ _____

Rally T-shirts: grey, short sleeve with screen printed – Wings In The Prairies logo. Please indicate size and quantity.

Men's S _____, L _____, XL _____, XXL _____ @ \$20 ea. 3XL _____, 4XL _____ @ \$25 ea. \$ _____

Ladies' S _____, L _____, XL _____, XXL _____ @ \$20 ea. 3XL _____, 4XL _____ @ \$25 ea. \$ _____

Shirt order cut off is August 1 2016.

Courses Available: First 12 paid will be scheduled in – Money will be refunded if course is full. ARC classroom will be held on Friday afternoon, 6PM to 9PM.

ARC Course _____ @ \$45.00 _____ MFA Course _____ @ \$35 _____ MAD _____ @ \$0 \$ _____

Observation Ride on Sunday _____ @ \$5.00 per card _____ Total Funds Payable \$ _____

Other University Training courses may be added on site at no charge.

NOTE: ALL FUNDS ARE IN CANADIAN DOLLARS:

PAYMENT OPTIONS: On-line via PayPal, Cheque, Money Order or Bank Draft. **IF REGISTRATION IS BEING MAILED, IT MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY FUNDS. DO NOT SEND CASH.** ALL payments made payable and mailed to: Region J Rally
 c/o #49 – 16061 85th Ave, Surrey, BC V4N 4Y5

**Register by filling out the form below or go to
gwrra-bcd.org and download the registration form.
Different weekend than last year but same great fun planned!**

GOLD RUN 2016

July 1 & 2

**In Picturesque Princeton, BC
GWRRA CHAPTER BC-D SURREY**

REGISTRATION Best Value Inn

Friday July 1, 2016 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Motel and Camping have been reserved in Princeton, BC under GWRRA
Accommodations and food are your responsibility (2 nights in Princeton)

Hotel: Best Value Inn 169 Highway 3 Toll Free 1-866-500-4938 rooms booked until June 10

Camping: Princeton Municipal Campground 2.8kms (1.7miles) east of Princeton on Hwy 3 toll free 855-295-7355

Camping can be booked after May 3, sites have been held until June 5

****Early Bird Draw, Door Prizes, Bike Games, Fun Run & Light Parade ****

**** Friday night Meal & Saturday Continental Breakfast Included in the registration price****

To be eligible for the preregistration Draw registrations must be post marked on or before June 10

To be included in the Chapter with most in attendance registrations must be post marked on or before June 10

\$25.00 CDN Registration per person *** GWRRA Members discounted to \$20.00 CDN per person***

For more information: V Hildebrand 604-557- 0622 email: directorsbcd@gmail.com

Barry McMillan 778-574-3579 email: bc-dtreasurer@shaw.ca

PLEASE REMIT CHEQUES/MONEY ORDERS TO: GWRRA CHAPTER BC-D

Please mail form and payment to: Gold Run 2015 c/o 7852 167A Street, Surrey, BC V4N 0L9

RIDER NAME: _____ MEMBER # _____

CO-RIDER NAME: _____ MEMBER # _____

ADDRESS: _____ City: _____

PROVINCE/STATE: _____ POSTAL/ZIP CODE: _____ Phone: _____

CHAPTER: _____ () Fun Run Cards @ \$5.00 _____ *

Signature Rider: _____ Signature Co-Rider: _____

email: _____ Amount Paid \$ _____

***Additional Fun Run cards may be purchased on site Saturday July 2**

I/We understand this application and agree to hold harmless the GWRRA and all involved Participants of this Rally for Liabilities involved in my/our injury or loss due to participation thereof. I/We also agree to conform to the rules governing this event and to be responsible for my/o ur own actions while participating. I/We understand the Rally Organizers reserve the right to refuse entry to this event.

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GWRRA VICTORIA DAYS special rates must be requested to book a room at the
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Rally registration form available on BC-G web-site ***<http://www.vwh.ca/bc-g>***

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