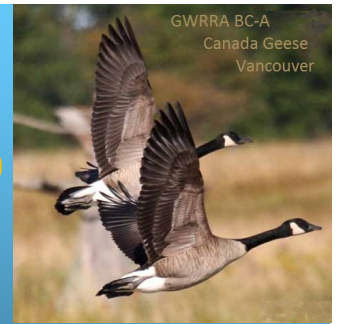




Gold Nuggets

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Jan 22/23/24
Vancouver
Motorcycle Show
- Jan 23rd WA-1
Casino Night
- Feb 13th BCD
Castle Fun Park
Mini Golf
- Feb 20th Medic
First aid
- Feb 21st Crash
Scene Response
Seminar

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Letter from the Directors

Happy New Year to all of you.

2016 promises to be a great year full of adventures.

Now with the holidays behind us we have turned the corner on the calendar and are now heading towards more daylight each day and closer and closer to the 2016 riding season. The next event to look forward to is the Motorcycle show in Abbotsford on January 22nd, 23rd & 24th. We will have a great booth this year so come out and find us.

The ride schedule is now complete and it looks like we are going to be busy. Lots of great rides, courses and seminars booked. Larger events include The Gold Run in Princeton in July, Region J Rally in Red Deer with a migration to Wing Ding 38 in Billings Montana in Aug/Sept.

We look forward to soon dusting off Max and Brad, shinning their coat and feeling the wind in our faces.

On a sad note, we lost a great friend on December 12th 2015.

Con Williams was taken much too soon from us. He was a great leader in GWRRRA and a friend to all that knew him. He will be missed by everyone. Our condolences to his wife Pat and the rest of his family.

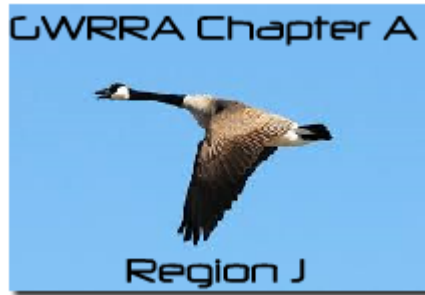
For those still riding this time of year careful on those cold mornings corners and see you out there soon.

Keiller and Tracy

Chapter A-CD



The Motorcycle
SHOW VANCOUVER
January 22 - 24, 2016
Tradex, Abbotsford



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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WANTED! If you are interested in taking it on or partnering with another member let us know! We would love to have 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:

2015 Chapter BC A Team

Chapter Directors:	Keiller & Tracy Gowans	Assistant Directors:	Dan and Valerie Fortin
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Webmaster:	Kyle Gosseling	Newsletter Editor:	Vacant
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Games Coordinator:	Vacant		
Membership Enhancement Coordinator:	Vacant		

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

January 2016 Region Report



Thanks to the Bravest Folks on 2-3 Wheels!

Most of us are fortunate to have someone special to enjoy our 2, 3, or 4 wheel travels with around the country. These dedicated and wonderful people, known as Co-Riders, are certainly some of the bravest people we know. They continually occupy that seat behind us as we cruise down the highway at 65 mph or more with no controls at all.

That is particularly scary when National statistics indicate that almost 90% of those people in the front seat have had no formalized training. I realize that because of our Rider Education and Training in GWRRA, that our riders do a lot better than the National Average. We even offer great training for our Co-Riders as well, another benefit of Membership in GWRRA.

National Co-Rider Appreciation Day is on February 14 this year. (Non-motorcyclists still call it Valentine's Day). Throughout the year, but especially on that day, we salute these wonderful partners in our travels and adventures going down the "Highway of Happiness" called life.

As Riders, what can we do to repay these great Co-Riders?

First, we can try and make that back seat as comfortable as possible. Let's start with good shock absorbers, arm rests, foot rests, good sound and CB system for the Co-Rider, and an electric outlet for electric warming gear. Don't forget that our riding style affects our passenger too. Try to make our shifting, stopping and turning as smooth as possible.

Second, we need to remember that our Co-Rider, even though they are only inches away, receive a different measure of wind, temperature, rain and noise. Because of these important factors, as riders we need to stay aware of our Co-Riders changing needs with respect to adding or subtracting layers of clothing and putting on rain gear, etc. Windshield height and air-wing adjustments might help also.

Third, you can win the very top award in the Co-Rider Book by just asking these two questions, loud and clear: "Should I stop and ask for directions?" "Do you need to go to the bathroom?"

Please consider these 3 minor considerations for our Co-Riders as a token repayment for all that they do for us as Co-Riders. Besides being our favorite companions, they contribute a great deal to our safety as we travel. They bring an extra set of eyes and ears that can save our lives. Did you know that we can even increase our peripheral vision substantially when we have our Co-Rider on board?

So, let's make every day "Co-Rider Appreciation Day." The rewards are numerous and important to all of us.

Thank you and Happy Valentine's Day to all of our favorite Co-Riders.

Ray and Sandi Garris
Your Directors of GWRRA
Master Tour Riders #18 & 176

This article appeared in the March 2015 issue of Wing World. It will appear again in February 2016 issue.

*Pat Williams
Region J Director*

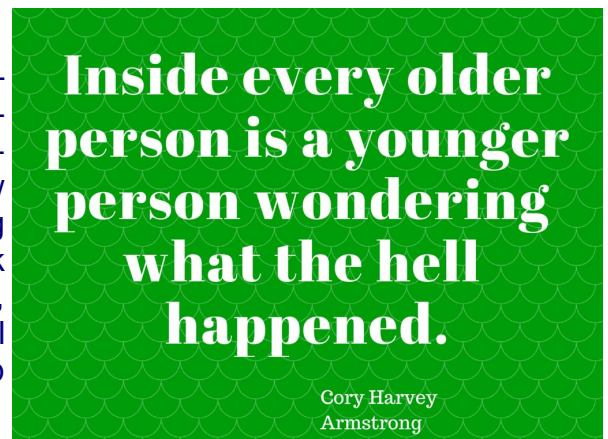


GOLD NUGGETS

This is Happening right here in our own Country! Submitted by Pat Williams

We Must Stop This Immediately!

Have you noticed that stairs are getting **steeper**, groceries are **heavier** and everything is **farther** away? Yesterday I walked to the corner and I was dumbfounded to discover how **long** our street had become! And you know people are less considerate now, especially the young ones. They speak in **whispers** all the time! If you ask them to speak up they just keep repeating themselves, endlessly mouthing the same **silent message** until there're red in the face! What do they think I am a lip reader?



I also think they are much younger than I was at the same age. On the other hand, people my own age are so much **older** than I am. I ran into an old friend the other day, and she has aged so much she **didn't even recognize** me.

I got to thinking about the poor dear while I was combing my hair this morning, and in doing so I glanced at my own reflection. Well, REALLY NOW - **Even mirrors** are not made the way they used to be! Another thing, everyone drives so **fast** these days! You're risking life and limb if you happen to pull onto the freeway in front of them. All I can say is their brakes must wear out awfully fast the way I see them **screech and swerve** in my rearview mirror.

Clothing manufacturers are **less civilized** these days. Why else would they suddenly start labeling a size 10 or 12 dress as 18 or 20? Do they think no one notices? The people who make **bathroom scales** are pulling the same prank. Do they actually "believe" the number I see on that dial? HA! I would never let myself weight that much! Just who do these people think they're fooling?

I'd like to call up someone in authority to report what's going on but the **telephone company** is in on the conspiracy too! They've printed the phone books in such **small type** that no one could ever find a number in there!

All I can do is pass along this warning:

WE ARE UNDER ATTACK!

Unless something drastic happens, pretty soon everyone will have to suffer these awful indignities.

**PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO EVERYONE YOU KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
SO WE CAN GET THIS CONSIKACY STOPPED!**

PS: I am sending this to you in a larger font size because something has happened to my computers fonts. They are smaller than they once were!

The Salvation Army Kettle 2015



Kelly, John W and Joe at the 2015 Salvation Army Kettle drive outside of Costco.

Joe and Donn from BC A helping at the 2015 Salvation Army Kettle Drive outside of Costco.

Photos submitted by John Schretlen.



Funny
BUSINESS

No one hates winter like someone who has a motorcycle sitting in their garage.



Chapter A's Annual New Years Day Breakfast

We had a great turn out for our annual New Years day breakfast. It is always nice to get together for a relaxing get together with friends after the busy Christmas season. There was no official ride this year due to the cool crisp weather that was below zero and there was clear ice on the road. We still had two brave soles come out to the meeting on their bikes. **Photos by Ian McAlpine**



GOLD NUGGETS

Chapter A Members Enjoy some 4 wheel fun on Go Carts

Dan Fortin and 10 of his closest friends hit the track on Dec 13th 2015 to feel the wind in our hair and burn up some pent up energy. Thanks for Organizing this event Dan!!

There is always a way to have fun on wheels even when the motorcycle is in the barn for the winter!!



Indoor Go Carts in Richmond.

GWRRA BC Drill Team

Drill Team Riding

Ever wondered about Drill Team Riding? Or asked yourself, how did they do that? Or I bet you've heard someone say, "I don't think I could ride like that!!"

Well you can bet there are some drill team riders that never knew what they were capable of, or how much enjoyment they could get learning to ride in formation until they came out and tried it!

One of the benefits of riding with a drill team is that it gets you out on a weekly basis to focus on and practice skills that you use every second of every day that you ride your motorcycle. Another element to riding with a drill team is the comradery, friendship and trust in each other. Trust takes time to build when riding with other bikes in a formation but the rewards and the satisfaction are so worth the time you place in your riding.

Your GWRRA ARC (Advanced Rider Course) is the start of your journey, and an introduction to a small sample of what Drill Team riding can give you.... Like many things in life, if there is an element of challenge around your interest it's probably fun and rewarding!!

Starting spring 2016 we are going to host a number of Saturday morning practices and spend some time to have an open house immediately after a team practice and make this an open slot for anyone who wants to come out and find out what is in this stuff...



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



The Team is also going to be on hand this year at WING DING to both help out on some of the Skill riding events AND to perform again at the 2nd Wing Ding for your BCMDT in for years!!

Look for more BCMDT stuff in the coming newsletters!!

Until Next month.

Ride well and be prepared!

Rob Ellis
Captain
BCMDT



Membership Draw Article by Tom Goetz

Adventures at Different Times and Places



“Once upon a time....” All my life when I hear or read that statement my mind just starts to go. When many of us were small, this was the trigger for our imagination. When I first start to think of a motorcycle trip, my mind travels in all kinds of directions. Thinking about places I have been and places I have yet to go to. It just gets exciting. When you combine motorcycle trips on a Gold Wing the adventures seem endless. In this article I will share a few of these memories. In this motorcycle chapter alone the stories would go on for pages and pages.

When I first started touring I camped where I experienced the smell of the open fire, cooking food on the fire grill and the amazing taste of everything. One can just bring it back in one’s mind. Who would of thought that beans or Kraft dinner could taste so good? I know many of us would happily love to have that night’s sleep as soundly as we have had in some of our camp outs. To look up at the stars and watch with amazement all the changes in the sky and if we were lucky we could see the Northern Lights.

I liked to get up early and ride in the brisk air. Once of these mornings I met up with a grizzly bear in the Rocky Mountains... just him and me, no traffic. Quite luckily I stopped far enough away to just watch him. The Bear was huge and magnificent to look at. Seeing all that power and race just down the road in front of me was a treat. Suddenly the Bear stood up and bellowed, I could feel the hair go straight up on the back of my neck. The Bear looked around, dropped back down onto his paws and calmly walked off the roadway. With my heart pounding, I watched as the Bear took off. Now I had that memory forever locked in my mind!

Once in Yellowstone National Park, Marian and I were enjoying a ride through the Park when we encountered a group of Buffalo. They were coming from the bottom of a Valley up onto the road and crossing right in front of us. A large male was leading several females and he wanted to cross right then. You might remember that American Buffalo are much larger than Canadian Bison and to a couple sitting on a Gold Wing they are huge. Well needless to say we stopped and let them proceed. The Male all of a sudden hesitated turned and then walked towards us. Apparently he did not like the cars coming up behind us making so much noise. By this time several of his “lady” friends were on the road and he turned around just a few feet in front of us. We were glad as we got to watch them all cross and continue up the valley. We were not sure what made him change direction but we were happy that he went on his way.

In 2009 Wing World Magazine published in two parts my story about riding across the USA and Canada. It truly was everyday an adventure. My friend Donovan and I had retired from the School System and this was our dream trip. We had planned it for over a year and in 2008 we did our trip. It seemed that no matter where we travelled on that journey the memorable experiences never stopped. We went across Canada and then came back across the USA. We encountered countless adventures and I have memories forever. We made friends with so many people, shared so many stories and had a great trip. It seems that Gold Wing riders say that a lot.

So when you hear or read “Once upon a time” just sit back, relax and enjoy what is about to happen to you. Start to dream about the next trip..



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

Phone 604 970 0531 / 604 219 5836

Email: gwrra.gowans@gmail.com

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

Glenn & Angela Meyer Phone 604 858 9963

Email: glenn-meyer@hotmail.com

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



Medic First aid Feb 20th @ Shirley's Clubhouse

Crash Scene Response Seminar Feb 21st following Chapter A's Breakfast Meeting.

Bike Maintenance Day April 16th @ Taylor-motive 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



Wedding Anniversaries

Dawn & Gerry Parrott - Jan 5th

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

January Birthdays

Terry Ellis Jan 1st

Dawn Parrott Jan 2nd

David Ward Jan 7th

Rainie Frampton Jan 21st

GWRRA Anniversaries

Barry Irving Jan 91 (25)

Dave Higgs Jan 06 (10)

Penney Hook Jan 10 (6)

Russell & Julie Ryan Jan 10 (6)

Amanda Fortin Jan 11 (5)

Chris & Stephen Ryan Jan 13 (3)

Ron & Gail Snelgrove Jan 13 (3)

COMING SOON!



January 2016

1	New Years Day Breakfast/Ride	BC-A
6	Dinner Meeting	BC-D
9	Post Christmas Party	BC-C
17	Breakfast Meeting	BC-A
19	Dinner Meeting	BC-C
23	Casino Night	WA-I
22-24	Vancouver Motorcycle Show - Tradex, Abbotsford	



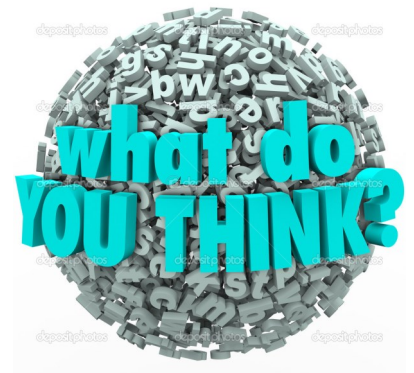
February 2016

3	Dinner Meeting	BC-D
13	Valentine castle Fun Park/Mini Golf	BC-D
16	Dinner Meeting	BC-C
20	Medic First Aid	
21	Breakfast Meeting	BC-A
21	Crash Scene Response Seminar —following BC-A breakfast meet	
26	Cloverdale Races	BC-D



March 2016

2	Dinner Meeting	BC-D
2	25th Anniversary	BC-D
5	Dist. Rider Ed Workshop (Buckley)	WA
15	Dinner Meeting	BC-C
19	St. Paddy's "Lupper"	BC-D
20	Breakfast Meeting	BC-A
20	Silent Auction -following BC-A breakfast meeting	
25	Me & Ed's Pizza	BC-D



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He says a 1986 would be ideal, but any GL1200 year might do as long as it has reasonably low mileage and is in good shape.

Send us an email if your interested gwrri.gowans@gmail.com

Articles and Photos Wanted

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 February's newsletter is January 31st 2016.

Buy & Sell



Karen's Krome
Although officially out of business Karen still has some stuff left for sale. Prices slashed on remaining stock. Call Karen for inquiries on what is still available at 604 870 9145.

Owning a motorcycle is not a matter of life or death. It is much more important than that.


KEEP CALM AND ADVERTISE HERE

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 gwr-ra.gowans@gmail.com or phone Tracy Gowans 604 219 5836 Ads are free for GWR-RA members or \$5.00 for non-members.

Chapter A Stores

Patches

	Description	Cost
Rocker	GWRRA 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" GWRRA (multi-color with griffin)	\$15.00
Round	4" GWRRA (black and gold)	\$5.00
Round	4" GWRRA (multi-color with griffin)	\$5.00
Round	4" GWRRA BC-A (blue with Canada goose)	\$7.00

Pins

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

Clothing

Hats- ball	O/S	\$10.00
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
Ride Leaves between 630pm and 7 pm

GWRRRA Photo Gallery

GWRRRA Comes out to the Remembrance Day Nov 2015



Photos Submitted by Chapter A member Ian McAlpine

Send your photos to gwrri.gowans@gmail.com



Williams, Christopher Conrad

May 6th, 1953 - Dec 12th 2015

It is with profound sadness we announce the passing of our beloved Con. A wonderful husband, father, biker and friend. Con began his work at Williams and White at the age of 12. He was the president, heart and soul of the company. Con was a recognized leader in the Manufacturing industry and a pioneer in the world of Saw and Knife maintenance. His legacy in this business will live on for generations to come. Con

will be missed by his many friends at GWRRA. He is predeceased by his parents Christopher and Margaret (Woodcock) Williams. Survived by his wife Patricia (Aldred) his sons Matthew (Maria), Justin, Sister Denalda (Chris), aunts Denalda Soyama and Betty King, stepsons Russell and Stephen and adored grandchildren Christian and Stella. A celebration of life occurred on January 2nd at 1 pm at Victory Memorial Gardens in Surrey where there was a huge turnout of many friends, family and Colleagues. In Lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the BC Cancer Society or Diabetes Society.



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