

Gold Nuggets



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MAY 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **May 21-23 Victoria Days.**
- **May 29th Ride for Life - Prostate Cancer.**
- **May 29th Medic First aid.**
- **June 4th Memorial Ride Chapter A**
- **June 19th Fathers Day Ride.**
- **June 25th Triple D Ride.**

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Letter from the Directors

Well I am happy to say that I have more than a couple thousand kilometers under my belt so far this year. I was surprised to see that it's almost time for an oil change and it wasn't long before I put big Max away that I gave him the full deal with oil and the works. Over the last two months I have completed the ARC for the second time and pulled off a couple of nice long rides. The Duffy Lake ride was very nice with only a couple of sandy spots and section or two with road construction. Had another little trip up to Cashe Creek where I learned that one off the best parts of these rides and the organization is the friendship. It's not really surprising that when you're in a tight spot that everyone jumps up to be there for you because that's the kind of people we are but what is a little surprising is that everyone's day is no worse for the wear and you have a great day in spite of what happens. Workin' through little challenges together is just another way to have fun. The other long ride was me meeting my cousins out from Ontario (also riders) in Kamloops so that I could lead them down a more scenic route like the Duffy Lake road. Gord took the day off of work to ride with me and even though we had to continually wait for them there was not a complaint just the occasional shot and a chuckle. Tracy and I will most likely be stepping down at the end of this year but I have to say that it is nice be Chapter Directors for such good people.

Coming up this month is the Victoria Days rally in Salmon Arm, Chapter A's Memorial Ride, Father's Day Ride and the Triple D Ride along with many more opportunities to hang out with great friends.

Hope to see you out here.

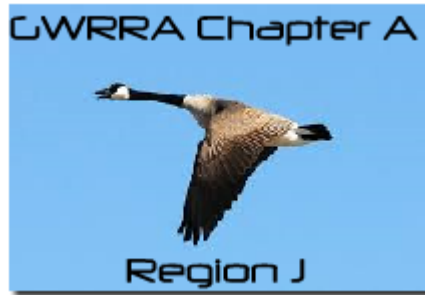
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BC's Chapter A is located in Canada's third largest city, Vancouver British Columbia. Situated in the pristine natural beauty of the Pacific Northwest and nestled between the shores of the Pacific Ocean and the majestic peaks of the Coastal Mountain rangers. 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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If you are interested in holding a position on the Executive or would like to nominate someone please contact the chapter directors



May 2016 Region Report

Wow, where has the time gone? It is the end of April already? According to the calendar, yes it is. With all the wonderful warm weather we've been having, I'm sure everyone has their bikes licensed and have been out for a few rides by now. I know I've been out almost every day for a few hours for the past couple of weeks. What fun! I've been preparing/practicing for my road test in early May as well as the Trike course on May 1st.

Registrations for Region J Rally are starting to come in, but so far the numbers are disappointing. If you are planning to come to the rally, please consider registering early so that we can complete our organizing process. The rally team has been hard at work setting up everything and we would like to make this rally a very successful one. Remember, the rally is the only way the region can raise funds to put on training sessions for our members.

As for WingDing 38, as of April 18th there were a total of 1,462 total registered. 202 of those are from Region J. That's almost 14% of total registrations. The breakdown for chapters with 10 or more is as follows:

- 1. AB-A 56
- 2. AB-B 38
- 6. AB-C 19
- 14. SK-D 15
- 16. BC-D 14
- 25. AB-L 10

Note: The 3rd place chapter is MT-B with 21. That's the Billings Chapter. WE ROCK!!

Way to go Region J! As for the Region J rally, if you are planning on going to WingDing 38 please consider registering soon.

On another topic for WingDing 38, I mentioned in a previous article that Region J has been voluntold to provide security for the trade show. This basically means standing at the trade show entrance doors ensuring that everyone who enters is wearing their arm bands. We're waiting to find out how many doors are involved and the hours that the trade show is open. That will tell us how many people we need to man the doors. I should be able to have that information after a conference call on Monday night. I will be posting an on-line schedule for each volunteer to fill in. We want to get as many people to volunteer so that no one has to be there for more than 3 hours at a stretch. For volunteering you get a special volunteer pin and an invitation to attend the ice cream party.

Pat Williams
Region J Director.

"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*



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Rainy Weather Riding Submitted by Tracy Gowans

Taken from Cruiser Magazine Author J. Joshua Placa

If you are well prepared, a little rain won't hurt.

There is an aspect of motorcycling we don't like to think about much, but inevitably must all deal with it. Whether that becomes an ordeal or just another part of the fun will be determined by positive attitude and preparation more than skill and experience. Let me preface this with a general, generic disclaimer: In technical terms, biking is not for babies. If you ride outside you will get wet sooner or later, and probably cold, and maybe a little grumpy. But it doesn't have to ruin your good time. With the right gear, proper technique and a happy attitude, even a rainy day can be a good day.

Some motorcyclists like the idea of biking more than actual biking, which includes accepting, nay, passionately embracing the elements. At the first sign of inclement weather, the former breed of biker will keep his prized possession neatly tucked in the garage like last year's Christmas ornaments, covered and locked in cozy in the warm boring darkness.

The latter road warrior doesn't give a good goddamn, rolls his bike out, shakes a leathered fist at the sky and yelps, "Is that all you got!" Well, at least in his mind anyway. This, of course, does not mean crazy old-school biker guy is going to ride stupid. He will have some quality rain gear stashed in his saddlebag or bungeed to the rear seat, a helmet with a visor that has been pre-treated with Rain-X or some other such super slick, rain shaking invisible coating. Not sure why no one has invented a helmet wiper gizmo that you can suction-cup to your lid or head to keep your visor or goggles clear. It's helpful if you actually spend a few bucks on the rain gear, which can also be used for insulation under your leathers if things get unexpectedly cold. In you're caught in a deluge without some you can always fall back on the traditional method of staying sort of dry: the garbage bag. If you can't buy or beg a shop, gas station or restaurant for one, you can always liberate a Hefty bag from a trashcan. Not so bad once you get past the banana peels and baby poop.

Rip or cut a hole in the bottom and wear it like a poncho. This works surprisingly well, if not for surprisingly long. Once the sun pops out you can tear it off like Hercules, or an old stripper, depending on how much of a weirdo you are. I've seen many a tough guy cry to their momma when the sky spits in their face. They slow down to 20 in a 65, desperately using their left hand to partially shield a cheek or forehead as their faces contort in some tortured frozen wince (continued on page 5)



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Riding into the wild, wild wet... Submitted by Tracy Gowans

(Continued from page 4) as rain pummels their pusses. I like living free, believe in civil liberties and all that, but do yourself a favor and ride with (or at least carry) a helmet with a face shield. The rain will ping harmlessly off your plastic rather than crash into your nose like pebbles shot out of a cannon.

As a matter of course, anytime before you ride, a quick inspection of your tires could save your life. It's easy to become lax; in fact, I have been guilty of skipping the routine check sometimes in my haste for adventure. And then one day I was 200 miles from home and somewhere away from civilization when I noticed my steel-belted rear tire has stripped down to it's belt. This unnecessarily costly event could have led to my premature demise were it not for the belated return of my biker senses.

So make a habit of checking your tire tread and inflation. When you only have two wheels, you really need both to survive. How to properly use both wheels, (or brakes) when things get wet and slippery in another matter. The next bit is a little tricky. Safely handling a motorcycle is about being aware, smooth and in control. The road and all that's in it, whether that's other vehicles, rain, wet leaves, ice or other perilous road hazards, can be predictably dealt with without harm or damage to yourself, your bike, or auto encapsulated citizens if you sharpen your survival skills.

When it's wet and you've got to stop, grabbing a fat handful of front brake will send you crashing into the ground faster than you can figure out what the hell just happened. Light, even pressure works best, with a little more rear brake than front. The key here is not to lock up a wheel, especially the front wheel. This is also true for riding in dirt or gravel. If you hit a patch of wet leaves or ice and traction is lost, steer through while staying off the brakes altogether. Braking over non-tractable materials like frozen rain will send you skidding and fishtailing into the kind of wild ride none of us enjoy, usually. It is really more uncomfortable than dangerous to ride in the rain. Just slow down, give yourself a bit more cushion between vehicles, take turns a little easier, use your common sense for god sake, ride with a little extra courtesy for others, and wear the right stuff - proper rain gear, helmet with face shield, waterproof gloves and waterproof boots. If prepared not scared, pouring rain need not ruin our ride. Challenging the elements fires our instincts, focuses our awareness, and makes us feel more like an animal. Be that beast on a bike and survive these wild streets.



10 tips for doing the motorcycle wave Submitted by Tracy Gowans

Originally published in Motorbike Writer by Mark Hinchliffe

I am so used to doing the motorcycle wave at other riders I actually waved at one the other day on the rare occasion I was driving a car. The biker wave is as old as motorcycles. Apparently it was started in 1904 when Harley-Davidson partners Arthur Davidson and William Harley passed each other and waved. It was noted by a passerby and believed to be etiquette among riders. Or so the tale goes.

Over the years, it has become ubiquitous among riders. There could be scores of cars and trucks on the road around us, but hen we spot another motorcycle rider, our attention turns to them and we acknowledge them. Unfortunately, that sense of two-wheel camaraderie may have waned a little over the years as motorcycles become more common. Now there seems to be an etiquette of when to wave and when not to wave and exactly how to wave. I'm not talking about motorcycle rider hand signals that indicate hazards etc. I'm talking about just basic acknowledgement. It could be a wave or a nod, but be careful to get it right. Don't be overenthusiastic, too flippant, too subtle or too cool for school.

Don't wave like you are waving to your mom as you leave for your first day of school. That's just nerdy. In fact, anytime you raise your hand above the bars is a little too over-eager, unless you are giving a thumbs up, peace sign or a heavy metal satanic AC/DC type wave. By the same token, don't give the one finger salute to your eyebrow. Who do you think you are James Dean? A biker wave is not regal either, so don't wave like a queen.

My favorite nonchalant wave with just enough cool to have street cred and enough of a gesture to be noticed is the North American biker wave where the left hand comes off the bar and the arm drops to 45 degrees and you extend two or three fingers pointing at the ground. It only works in countries where you ride on the right otherwise the passing rider won't see it. In Australia, you would have to take your hand off the throttle and that could be counter productive. Here we tend to nod more than wave. Not a straight up and down nod, but more of a lopsided nod as if you are winking. Easiest way to do this is to look down at the left mirror. It also conveys a balance of cool nonchalance with enough visual motion to acknowledge a rider.

I wave at everyone almost all the time. I also don't distinguish between types of motorcycles. It doesn't matter if I am riding a Harley and the passing rider is on a scooter. In fact, it seems to make the scooterist's day!

But there are occasions when you shouldn't or don't need to wave:

1. When pulling a wheelie
2. In a corner. You have enough on your plate steering the bike and looking at where you are going to remove a hand to wave or do the nod.
3. On a major highway. The passing rider is too far away and your wave or nod will either not be seen or misinterpreted by a car driver as directed at them.
4. At a rally. There are simply too many riders to wave or nod at and you will end up with RSI.
5. At an "outlaw biker", unless you are a 1%er as well. They don't respond and it just makes you look like you are trying too hard. However, if they wave at your first, make sure you are ready to reply!
6. In the rain, they wont see you.
7. At night. They wont see you.
8. In heavy traffic. You are too busy staying alive to be acknowledging other riders.
9. In a shopping center. You should be watching for soccer moms backing out at full steam in their SUVs.
10. In a parade or charity run. Not only are there too many riders to wave at, but they will be going in the same direction as you and you'll need both hands on the bars so you don't wobble in front of them and crash.



GWRRA BC Drill Team Riding May 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. 😊

Bike leans when it turns, so do you? Well that depends!

Why lean? Well at faster speeds leaning with the bike helps increase ground clearance and helps lower the center of gravity. No way you say!! How about slower speeds? Why lean WITH the bike when it turns? Answer is: DON'T lean with the bike! Let the bike lean while it is turning and you maintain a vertical body position pivoting at the hips staying straight up, with inner ear level :-). And eyes on horizon and head turning in direction of turn.

Will bike fall down leaning at slow speeds in a turn? Not necessarily, it's your choice so don't let it fall, DO something about it! Remember that **"Managing Momentum"** & balancing **"Centrifugal Force"** against gravity thing? Well that's the secret. One of my teachers refers to this as, "the magic speed". The bike will balance at almost any lean angle in a turn, (provided that you have enough ground clearance) and with the **"appropriate"** amount of forward momentum partially converted to centrifugal force, you hold out against gravity and stay in orbit!! Lose momentum and you let gravity win! "Maintaining? Constant momentum, while tightening your turn radius with stand the bike up!



What do we use to propel the bike forward at slow speeds? Throttle? Or Clutch? Who thinks throttle? Most of you probably.. Well you "can" use throttle only, but how good is your throttle sensitivity? What's best to maintain "traction" and "traction sensitivity" on a wide variety of surfaces while making slow speed turns? Best answer to the question is, make power with the throttle and have enough of it in reserve to use if you need it. BUT use the clutch to move the bike forward at whatever speed you need to get the job done. The clutch is what determines how much torque you meter into the drive train. If your slightly too fast with clutch input then the bike responds quite quickly while at lean and you adjust that clutch sensitivity over time and practice. But keep clutch fully engaged and try to meter in torque input with the throttle while at lean angle in slow speed maneuvers and you may be asking for trouble. Depending on your ability to strictly manage torque input to the drive train you might be successful, or run the risk of violently standing bike up way faster than you were prepared for.. OR simply wash out rear tire and dump it due to a sudden over achievement of available traction! Ask me I know!

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So why generate more RPM than idle while making slow speed turns? Well there is the probable need to meter in more power to the drive train to arrest a lean angle, or stand the bike up so you WILL need more engine torque in store than what an idling engine can give you if the bike starts to fall into the circle. The key is how you input that torque to the drive train, and the clutch is by far the smoothest and most dynamic control input for the purpose of slow speed traction management and lean control! What about the gyroscope (your big powerful rotating engine)? Slightly more engine RPM adds an element of stability more so than at idle. Not much more, but remember, riding is comprised of many little inputs and they all add up to a collection of techniques that allow you to be in control in many circumstances.



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Rear brake application while performing slow speed maneuvers? Yep, quite often. But here is the kicker. The better you are with the clutch input and steady power generation (increased engine RPM) the less of that rear brake you will end up using. Once we have learned to operate the bike with confidence and have control over the friction zone, and you MAKE the team, the learning is really starting. Eventually we change everything again on you! After improving your “Friction

Zone” technique and “Clutch Sensitivity” your next learning curve will be to figure out how to NOT use clutch while riding many of the routines we perform while you make even more strides with “Throttle Sensitivity”. The clutch thing and your mastery of those techniques are what you will use when you need them. So to be honest, riding with the drill team doesn’t mean that we use our clutch full time, or even the brakes full time because we are going fast enough to not really need much clutch use, and slow enough that we eventually use much finer throttle input to perform most of what we do. Ultimately, “Bike body integration” is what each and every one of us are essentially pursuing, YOU TOO, and for some riders, that integration comes very close to a reality!

But to make it to the team, we work with you to help master the basics and train the correct response to falling over while in the saddle. Its not the foot that will save you, its your hands and eyes.

Next month, what does he mean “Bike/Body Integration”

Ride well and be prepared!
Rob Ellis
Captain BCMDT



Photos from the Mall Show on May 7th 16

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Photos from the Advanced Rider's Course Spring 2016

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Photos from the Trailer & Trike Course Spring 2016

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BC- A Chapter Educator Coordinator Profile

I joined the BC-A Goldwing chapter about 15 years ago after purchasing an 1981 - 1100 wing from Dan Fortin. I have since owned a 83 -1100, a 1999 -1500, a 2001- 1800 and now ride a 2006 -1800. The 2006 is a gold color so I had to buy it as I am a goldsmith with a gold bike in a Goldwing Assn. I also have a 1989 – 800 cc Pacific Coast with a collector plate. I am the 50/50 guy and when I sell the tickets, there is always a winner. I rode on The British Columbia Motorcycle Drill Team for about 6 years.



I am the Chapter Educator and take the ARC just about every spring as a tune up for the new season. The instructors put in a lot of unpaid time to set up the range, and put on a very good course. This range set up is done on Thursday, classes start on Friday evening. Saturday and Sunday are classes and range practice. My thanks to all who help as there are no other courses at this low cost. They also cover Trailers and Trikes and I think it is the only course in BC available.

Regards, Kelly Parkes
SPARKY

FOOD *for* THOUGHT



“I REALLY LOVE TO RIDE MY MOTORCYCLE. WHEN I WANT TO JUST GET AWAY AND BE BY MYSELF AND CLEAR MY HEAD, THAT’S WHAT I DO.”

Membership Draw Article submitted by Joe LeBlanc

Proof that the World is Nuts!



In **Lebanon**, men are legally allowed to have sex with animals, but the animals must be female. Having sexual relations with a male animal is punishable by death.

(Like THAT makes sense)

In **Bahrain**, a male doctor may legally examine a woman's genitals, but it is prohibited from looking directly at them during the examination. He may only see their reflection in a mirror. (Do they look different reversed?)

Muslims are banned from looking at the genitals of a corpse. This also applies to undertakers. The sex organs of the deceased must be covered with a brick or piece of wood at all times. (A Brick?)

The penalty for masturbation in **Indonesia** is decapitation. (Glad I don't live in Indonesia!) (Much worse than "going blind!")

There are men in **Guam** whose full-time job is to travel the countryside and **deflower** young virgins, who pay them for the privilege of having sex for the first time.

Reason: Under **Guam** law, it is expressly forbidden for virgins to marry.

(Let's just think for a minute: Is there any job anywhere else in the world that even comes close to this?)

In Hong Kong, a betrayed wife is legally allowed to kill her adulterous husband, but may only do so with her bare hands. The husband's illicit lover, on the other hand, may be killed in any manner desired.

(Ah! Justice!)

Topless saleswomen are legal in **Liverpool, England** - but only in tropical fish stores.

(But of Course!)

In **Cali, Columbia** a woman may only have sex with her husband, and the first time this happens, her **mother** must be in the room to witness the act. (Makes one shudder at the thought.)

In **Santa Cruz, Bolivia**, it is illegal for a man to have sex with a woman and her daughter at the same time.

(I presume this was a big enough problem that they had to pass this law?)

In Maryland, it is illegal to sell condoms from vending machines with one exception: Condoms may be dispensed from a vending machine only in places where alcoholic beverages are sold for consumption on the premises.

(Is this a great country or what?, **well not as good as Guam!**)

Banging your head against a wall uses 150 calories an hour. (Who volunteers for these tests!)

The Ant can lift 50 times its own weight, can pull 30 times its own weight and always falls over on its right side when intoxicated. (From drinking little bottles of???) (Did our government pay for this research?)

Butterflies taste with their feet. (Ah, geez.)

An Ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain. (I know some people like that.)

Starfish don't have brains. (I know some people like that too!)

And, the best for last?

Turtles can breathe through their ass. (And I thought I had bad breath in the morning!)

Thank you for reading this. If you need to reach me in the future, I will be in **Guam!!**

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

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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

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Chapter BC-C Chilliwack Dinner Meeting

3rd Tuesday of every month (except Dec)

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Dinner 6:00 PM, Meeting 7:00 PM

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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



Medic First aid May 29th





celebrations

May Wedding Anniversaries

John & Leslie Wait May 2nd

Toby & Lora Sandwell May 10th

Peter & Sheila MacGregor May 10th

Rob & Leona Meers May 16th

Art & Tracinda Plenert May 18th

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

May Birthdays

John Schretien May 6th

Peter Kvist May 8th

Gary Rainthorpe May 9th

Chuck Taylor May 15th

Leona Meers May 23rd

Norman Manro May 31st

GWRRA Anniversaries

Joan Maki 86 (30 yrs)

Ivan Armstrong 96 (20 yrs)

Thomas Maki 02 (14 yrs)

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Niels Jensen 08 (8 yrs)

Harold Mosher 09 (7 yrs)

Lora Sandwell 09 (7 yrs)

Gord, Maria &

Tyler Vanderpas 11 (5 yrs)

Ramon Castillo 11 (5 yrs)

David Ward 12 (4 yrs)

Marg Labron 15 (1 yr.)

COMING SOON!



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



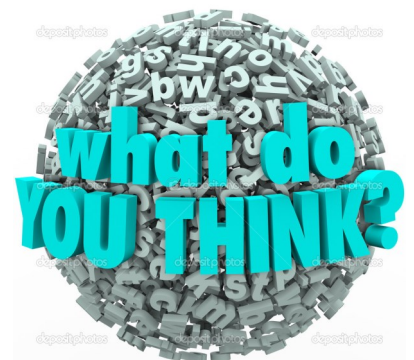
June 2016

- 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)



July 2016

- 1-2 Gold Run Princeton BC-D
- 6 Dinner Meeting BC-D
- 7-9 Reno Rendezvous GWRRA
- 9-10 Cascade Loop Ride BC-A
- 16 Duffy Lake Loop Ride BC-D
- 17 Breakfast Meeting BC-A
- 19 Dinner Meeting BC-C
- 23-24 100 Mile Ride BC-D
- 30-31 Kootenay Loop Ride BC-A



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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.

Escape Velocity May 28th & May 29th

BCMDT is looking for MOTO Escorts and First aid Honorarium and expenses will be paid.

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

May 31st 2016

Buy & Sell

Articles
and
Photos
Wanted

FOR SALE 2013 GL 1800



For sale 2013 GL1800, Only 46,750 KM, Silver/black, CB radio, AM/FM, set up for Sirius XM, trunk rack, passenger arm rests and cup holder, driver cup holder, trailer hitch with vertical receiver. Also includes Packet Rack and receiver rack.

\$25,000 OBO
Call Pat Williams at 604-951-9441
in Surrey, BC.

For Sale 2012 Aspen tent trailer, grey base, hunter green tent, 12" chrome wheels, 2 storage compartments in the bottom, spare tire, air conditioner, window awnings, 5'x6' screen room, bed caddy, swivel hitch, ground cover and tarps included. Used for only 2 seasons. No pictures available. \$4000.00 OBO Call Pat Williams at 604 951 9441 in Surrey BC.



For Sale

1983 Honda Goldwing Aspencade with 1985 California sidecar.

Comes with lots of goodies, including sidecar cover. 70,000 km, Carbs and brakes done in 2015, perfect working order. Excellent condition, qualifies for collector plates. Asking \$7900 obo, In Vancouver BC Delivery possible email: the.scarlet.jennifer@gmail.com



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
contact Dave Ward at drward@telus.net

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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



**GWRRR CHAPTER BC-A
ANNUAL MEMORIAL RIDE
AND BARBEQUE
JUNE 4TH 2016**



Starting At Holeshoot Motorsports

8867 201 Street Langley BC
(200st exit off HWY #1)

Registration Starts at 8:00 am

With Coffee & Donuts

First Bike out at 9:00am

Last Bike out 10:00am

Barbeque to follow

Last Bike In about 3:00pm

Cost \$15.00 per person, includes your Barbeque

This is a fundraiser with proceeds going to AIM Association of Injured Motorcyclists

Riders Name: _____ GWRRR Member#: _____

Co-Riders Name: _____ GWRRR Member#: _____

Chapter or Club Affiliation: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Province/State: _____ Postal Code/Zip: _____

Remember, Ride your own Ride. You are responsible for your own safety.

UNDERSTAND THAT CHAPTER BC-A OR GWRRR IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ACCIDENTS OR DAMAGE TO SELF OR PROPERTY,
WHICH MAY RESULT BY REASON OF PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT.
YOU ARE TO ASSUME APPROPRIATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY INCIDENT IN WHICH YOU ARE INVOLVED.

Riders Signature: _____ Co-Riders Signature: _____

For more information please contact Keiller Gowans 604-970 0531 E mail: gwrri.gowans@gmail.com
or Dan Fortin @ 604-329 4598 E mail: myrnr2014@gmail.com

**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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FRIDAY, MAY 20th – 23rd, 2016

SALMON ARM WATER SLIDE & RV PARK,
1001 TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY 1, **SALMON ARM**, BC



Rally registration and camping at Salmon Arm Water Slide & RV Park.
GWRRA VICTORIA DAYS special rates must be requested to book a room at the
Best Western Motel next door to RV Park.

Rally registration form available on BC-G web-site ***<http://www.vwh.ca/bc-g>***

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