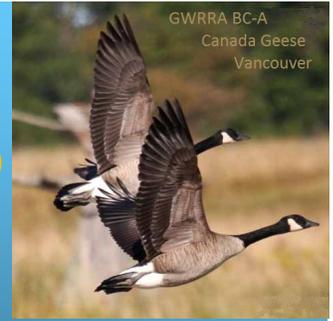




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UPCOMING EVENTS:

CHAPTER A
CHRISTMAS DIN-
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NOV 26

MONTASANO
FESTIVAL OF
LIGHTS DEC 10

MERRY CHRIST-
MAS DEC 25TH

NEW YEARS DAY
BREAKFAST/RIDE
JAN 1ST.

MOTORCYCLE
SHOW JAN 20-22

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Letter from the Directors

Here we are nearing the end of our second year as Chapter Directors. A few months ago Tracy and I announced that we would be stepping down at the end of this year but after much discussion and having no one step up to take the reins we decided to propose a different offer to the Chapter. We proposed that Tracy and I stay on for another year but with the concession that



someone take over the Assistant Director spot with the intension of becoming the Director/s at the end of the year. We did announce this only to those who were able to attend the input dinner and so now we hope that this will reach everyone and maybe someone will wish to step up. Chapter A is the oldest Chapter in Canada and we don't intend to abandon it but we will not be able to do the job indefinitely. We hope to always be there to volunteer and would like to remain on the Team in another capacity. If you are interested in the position and would like to join the Team please let us know before long so we can start making plans for next year.

As for the events coming up this month we have the Christmas party on November 26th at the usual spot and then for January 1st we are confirming a spot for our New Year's Day Breakfast.

Hope to see you there

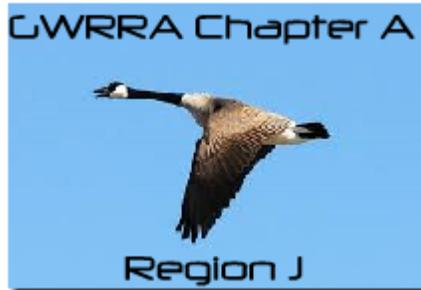
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Chapter A

Monitoring Radio

CB Ch. 33

Amateur Radio Frequency Simplex 146.490 and
Repeater - Mount Seymour 147.260



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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”

Message from the Editor:



WANTED! If you are 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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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



“My personal big news of the month is that I passed my motorcycle road test and now have a class 6 license. Now I can ride anytime I want with no restrictions. So excited. Yay me!”

Pat Williams
Region J Director

October 2016 Region Report

Well, it's now the end of September. The Region J Convention and WingDing38 are now over and it's back to normal. Time to get ready for the next adventure. The Region Convention was well attended in spite of the fact that WingDing was in the next week. We had 140 for dinner, a good number that we were happy with. I understand that the area rides were very popular, as well as the observation ride. I wish I could have stayed for the observation ride.

The group from Oklahoma in Region H, Bill Haggerty and I arrived in Billings on Sunday afternoon and some of us went to Cracker Barrel for dinner. Gotta have my Cracker Barrel! While there, we met up with several other “wingers”.

The entire week of WingDing was loaded with fun packed activities. Starting with Monday for the Officer's meeting, Tuesday for the Couple of the Year competition, Wednesday for the Opening Ceremonies and continuing on through the week with the talent show, seminars, rides, trade show and much more. At closing ceremonies, I heard several Region J members mentioned. One of our members actually won one of the four shares of the prize pot. Total registered for this rally was 6,922 members. Region J had a good showing there. I haven't gotten the final numbers broken down by Region, but I'll try to put the number in my next article.

WingDing39 location was announced as taking place in Grapevine, Texas on Labor Day weekend. Who is planning to go? The last time WingDing was held in Grapevine, it was a wonderful experience.

I'm still looking for a replacement for the position of Region J Director. Please think it over and let me know if you are interested. Also open are the positions of Region Treasurer and Region Membership Enhancement. It isn't too much work, and there are some perks involved.

My 2013 Gold Wing with only 47,000KM is still for sale. Pictures and more information is available upon request. I need to sell it as I need the space in the garage, and I can't ride it.

In the past couple weeks, there have been many changes in chapter level staff members. I would like to welcome the new staff as well as send out a big thanks to those who are stepping down. You are appreciated.

My personal big news of the month is that I passed my motorcycle road test and now have a class 6 license. Now I can ride anytime I want with no restrictions. So excited. Yay me. During the trip to Red Deer and then to Billings and home, I put over 3500KM on the odometer and had a blast. What a difference it is, being on the front of the bike. The other news is that my house has sold and I've purchased a townhouse. After a long and nerve-racking renovation project, I'll be moving in next week. Finally!

There was to be an instructor training session October 1 in Revelstoke or Calgary area. That has been postponed until Spring as we didn't have enough time to get it organized. Stay tuned for more information. The session will be open to anyone who is interested in becoming a trainer for GWRRA. It is also geared to be a learning tool for those who are already instructors. There is a “new” way of teaching that involves more student participation. I've seen the presentation and each seminar is a lot more fun for everyone. As we move forward with the plans, I'll keep you informed through your Chapter Directors.

That's it for this month. Remember ATGATT and keep the rubber side down.

Pat Williams

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November 2016 Region Report



"Susan rides a 2010
GL1800 Motor Trike and
I ride a 2008 GL1800!"

*Gary and Susan
Premech
Region J Directors*

Hello everyone,

We would like to introduce ourselves as your new Region J Directors. Susan and I have been members with GWRRRA since April of 2006 when we bought a 2000 GL1500 from one of the Chapter members and have been involved with the organization ever since.

We have served as Assistant Chapter Directors and most recently as the Chapter Directors of Calgary AB-A for the past 3 years. Susan and I are both involved in the Levels program and have our Seniors Master Certification. I am an ARC and Trailering course instructor. Susan rides a 2010 GL1800 Motor Trike and I ride a 2008 GL1800.

We enjoy camping and touring around Canada and the USA with friend from our chapter and other chapters as well. We look forward to working with our region team and meeting all of you throughout the coming years.

Although we are both still working full time, our focus in this stage of our lives is to enjoy our children, grandchildren, friends and great rides.

Gary and Susan Premech
Region J Directors

More high-tech = easier to steal

The headline in the car section in the province, dealing with the ease of stealing cars with key-less entry and driving, brought an experience we had to mind.

During a trip through Europe with the theme of “visit the places where we were born” we stopped at one of those Eateries just off the Autobahn with a quite large parking area. After having our lunch and a bit of relaxing we returned to our bikes which we rented in Frankfurt, two Harleys and a Goldwing (mine). Entering the Autobahn and traveling approximately 150 to 200 km we needed to stop for a sanitation break so finding a convenient rest area we stopped. Just a sideline, each time you use the facility it costs you one Euro (C\$ 1.60) and if you like a real towel someone inside will give you one, for a tip.

After returning to our bikes we found that someone (with a Harley) had lost their key. If the key is in your pocket or somewhere near the bike, you will be able to start it. But if your key is separated your bike will not start. Thinking back he remembered leaving the key in the trunk which hopefully meant it dropped in the parking lot, 200 km back and not somewhere between our stop and back there.

Lucky the Harley Riders had the same bikes at home and knew that a password can be set to override the need for a smart key so out came the Use & Care book. Hoping that the original generic password had not been changed tried the factory setting which I believe was something like 1 2 3 4 5 6 entered on the left and right handlebar, I think. This worked and allowed us to travel back to the previous stop, all 200 km!

The two Harley guys started to search the parking lot while I went inside the Cafeteria using my German to ask around and found that someone had turned in the key.

With a great sigh of relief we continued our adventure to Northern Germany and through Berlin, Prague to northern Italy.



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Hey...it could happen!

A while ago I went for a ride with a couple of friends up to the canyon and back. As we were passing through Mission on our way home a small SUV was very impatiently sitting at a light waiting to turn left. The driver must have been in a big hurry because the front of my bike is lit up like a Christmas tree and there is absolutely no way she could have missed it.

I noticed as she cut in front of me that she was looking in the direction she was going and was not even aware of my presence or the presence of the bike to my right and back a bit. Unfortunately I was unable to stop and struck her passenger door at about 50 Kph. The sheer weight of my bike crumpled her passenger's door. The driver suffered only minor injuries but her young daughter was in the passenger seat and died instantly from her injuries.

Well that could have happened but.....

I had been riding all day and I did have that encounter with the SUV, only it was a close call and not a collision. The driver did not see me and did not even look in my direction but I did stop in time. I had things on my mind about work and what I needed to get done. You see I took this day off to go for a ride to clear my head. I became distracted by my thoughts and missed turns that I would have made correctly had my full attention been on the road. The last one occurred as I was passing through Ag-



assi and after that one I made a conscious decision to think only about the ride while kicking my ass for being so stupid.

From that point on I went back to riding the way I always do keeping my eyes wide open and paying attention to what I'm doing. This involved slowing down and having a good look before passing through intersections. I didn't see the SUV till the last minute but was already off the throttle and was able to stop in time. It was close!

I thought I was having a bad day but it could have been worse. It's been a few days and I am still mulling over the incident in my mind.

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Tech Report Article submitted by Keiller Gowans

MP3 Play Lock Up

When it comes to music on your motorcycle there a lot of ways to do it but one of the most common way these days other than the radio is an MP3 player. There are a lot of different methods for doing that as well but there is one very common problem with them all and that's "lock up". Whether there is problem with unit locking up completely or simply a lock up of controls, the solution is usually to turn the bike off and turn it back on. That most often does the job but not always as some units like the iPod interface had complete lock up and have to be either disconnected from the bike and reconnect (usually a remove the seat job) or sent back to the manufacturer for reset. I will not claim to have a "fix all" solution but I can tell you my story and maybe you can benefit by it.



This problem and solution is specific to the J&M unit but I took the time to call 2 other manufacturers and it would seem that it is a common problem usually resolved in this way. I ordered the JMDM GL18E from J&M and while I was waiting for it I purchased a compatible 8 GB stick and downloaded the music loading software from Wing stuff. Converted all my music from iTunes, save it to my computer and using the fancy software I loaded it to the stick. Once the unit arrived I installed it step by step by the book and was very happy to see that when I inserted the stick everything worked. Threw my gear on and went for a ride out to Maple Ridge. By the time I got there it had locked up twice and what I mean by that is the stock controls on the bars that are interface with the unit stopped working but the music kept playing. Turn off and turn on the bike and we are back in business. It continued to do this many times no matter what I tried so I was on the phone to J&M Monday morning. After going through all of the steps that I did and the way the files were loaded the tech support suggested that I most likely had corrupt MP3 files. Sounded like a "cop out" but I researched how to test that and it turned out to be easy. I downloaded a free program called MP3val which is a super easy to use scan and fix software. I ran it and discovered almost 50% of the files were corrupted. After running the fix I have had many kilometers of tunes with no lock ups what so ever. Nice to know it was that easy.

G O L D N U G G E T S

Ham and Wing Wrap

What ever happened to that Ham radio on your Goldwing thing? Well that's a good question and here's a wrap up of that from one of the instigators but first a little history. For some time now Wingers on both sides of the border have been installing Ham radios on their Goldwings and for confirmation of that you can occasionally see, while walking around Wing Ding a patch on someone's vest that looks like it was made a Pig's age ago. There is no doubt that the Ham radio and riding Goldwings has a common demographic.



A little more than 1 year ago I wrote a newsletter article that disused some of the basics and suggested that as a group our association could benefit from VHF radios. Ham or Amateur radio will probably never replace the CB radio on a stock Goldwing as CB perpetuates itself but it most definitely enhances our communications. Here are just a few examples from the past year.

We had an impromptu ride around the Penticton, Kelowna, Kamloops and Lillooet this year. On a ride of this size there is going to be times when the group gets spread out a bit and in mountain country the CB radio is incredibly limited. With at least one of the VHF radios near the front and one at the tail we could always be in range. On this ride there was a couple of occasions that benefited greatly from this extended range and allowed the ride to keep moving as there was never any need to be concerned for riders that were falling back out of site and out of CB range. When the communication was extremely poor or non-existent by CB the VHF radio was great. We want to ride together and stay together but sometimes this happens.

Shortly after the above ride we had similar experiences on the Mount St Helens ride when riders had difficulty keeping up with the pack. Rather than pulling over we were able to keep moving while slowing down to allow them to catch up. On one occasion when meeting across the border one of our riders had to turn around and go back home for forgotten items and was able to quickly let us know over the local repeater we monitor.

Today while riding out by Agassi I made a wrong turn that wound up separating us by a few miles. CB was terrible but Ham radio was crystal clear.

The bottom line is that our safety and comfort has been increased and the VHF (Ham) radio is an excellent addition to the group.

G O L D N U G G E T S

Guide to Night Motorcycle Riding

Some riders love the freedom and solitude of riding at night; others absolutely hate the loss of visibility. But you're bound to be riding at night eventually, so check out our guide on what unique hazards the night brings about to riders, and how to be best prepared for them!

Night Riding: Love It or Hate It, It Happens

Maybe you love night riding, or maybe you just have to do it from time to time - either way, there are more hazards to motorcycle riders after dark that

you need to be aware of. Ask any rider how they feel about riding at night, and you'll hear two completely different types of answers. Riding a motorcycle at night is a completely different experience than riding in the light of day, and some riders love it, while others will avoid it at all costs. For some, riding at night is an awesome experience. In less populated areas, it's usually just you out on the road, which lets you avoid all the madness of daytime traffic and just focus on the ride. Night riding is peaceful; with nobody around, you can appreciate things like the night sky, city lights, and empty streets. And if you're one who likes to push the boundaries of the law on your bike, well...it's a little easier to get away with that too!

But for many, riding at night takes all the fun out of motorcycling. Visibility is reduced dramatically at night, and on a bike, being able to see well is critical; it's how you determine your speed, judge corners, and detect all sorts of road hazards. The weather changes at night also; temperatures drop, which increases wind chill and affects how your tires grip the pavement, and night time fog can make a ride especially hazardous. If you live in the country, you also have to deal with animals that become more active at night and dart across roads, which can put even the best rider on the ground in an instant. But whether you like it or not, if you ride, odds are that you'll find yourself on your bike in the dark at some point, so it's important to be prepared for what you'll encounter. While there is less traffic and the chances you'll be hit by another vehicle are lower, night riding brings its own set of hazards that can make a single-vehicle collision more likely than during the day.

So in this article, we'll go over what you need to consider if you'll be riding at night and what the most common hazards are, along with giving you tips and advice to be prepared for them. Armed with this info, you can make night riding an exhilarating experience...instead of an intimidating one!

Light is your best friend at night. Not only does it help you see better, it also helps others see you.

Things to Consider During Night Motorcycle Riding

VISIBILITY - Your own visibility is reduced. Things like potholes, bumps, tar snakes, debris, gravel, and metal grates are harder to see and adjust your speed for. Everyone else's visibility is cut down too. This makes it harder for motorists to see you too. Depth perception is affected. This makes it more difficult to gauge your speed or accurately judge corners. Leaning into turns changes your headlight beam angle. When cornering, your headlight casts its beam away from the exit of the turn, making it tougher to navigate. The lighting systems on many bikes can be inadequate. Especially true

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C/O The Bike Bandit Blog submitted by Gord MacDonald

Guide to Night Motorcycle Riding continued

Especially true on older bikes or customs. Scratches, smudges, and bugs. Having these on a visor may not be so bad during the day, but can be very problematic at night (especially with glare from the headlights of other cars.)

CLIMATE - Temperatures drop at night. This exacerbates wind chill from riding, and accelerates fatigue. Lower temperatures reduce traction. Tires experience a loss of traction as road surfaces become colder. Night time fog. Fog cuts down visibility dramatically and makes riding much more dangerous.

NIGHT TIME HAZARDS - Natural night time fatigue. People naturally become sleepier at night, especially in the early morning hours (yes, even on a motorcycle, you can doze off!) Drunks come out at night. Especially on weekends, and right after bars close. Critters are more active. From squirrels to deer, animals can jump out into your path and put a nasty end to a ride quickly.

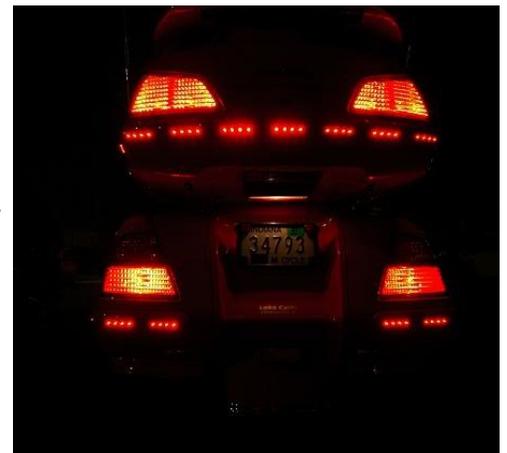
Tips and Advice for Night Motorcycle Riding

Adjust your speed! Lowering your speed is the number one way to adjust for reduced visibility and give yourself more action time to night hazards! Follow the night riding rule of thumb: "never outride your headlights." The best piece of advice for night riding: "never outride your headlights!" Always make sure you can stop within the distance that your headlight beam covers. Try these ways to improve your own ability to see at night. Upgrade your headlights with an HID lighting kit, LED headlamp, or just brighter bulbs. Keep wet wipes or a microfiber cloth handy to clean your helmet visor. Keep a clear visor to swap in when darkness falls (or use a visor that automatically adjusts to light conditions, like the Bell Transitions face shield.) Use your high beams when there is no oncoming traffic.

On challenging sections of road, follow behind a car, using their headlights to light up the road ahead. With an auxiliary LED lighting kit installed, you can see the dramatic improvement in visibility that results. Photo credit: superbright-LEDs.com Also, use ways to make yourself more visible to others at night. Use motorcycle gear with reflective fabric or piping. Keep a cheap reflective safety vest handy (you can throw it on over your riding gear at night, or wear it if you get stranded roadside.) Consider adding some thin reflective tape to your gear or bike; its barely visible during the day, but highly visible at night. Auxiliary lighting kits (like fog lamps) enlarge your profile, making you more noticeable to other motorists. Flash your high beams a few times when approaching intersections, to get the attention of cars you may not be able to see. Lots of quality riding gear has reflective panels or piping integrated into the construction. But if you don't have that, at least keep a cheap reflective safety vest with you, just in case. Reflective tape like the wheel accents on this Honda CBR250R is an inexpensive and stylish way to make your bike stand out a lot more at night.

Other night riding tips:

Ride in the tire tracks of vehicles; the least debris and grime gathers there.
Plan a route that avoids especially dark or curvy roads when riding at night.
If you get blinded by a car's oncoming headlights, focus on the white line to the right of the lane (away from the car) to stay going straight until it passes.
Items To Keep Handy For Night Motorcycle Riding
Reflective safety vest
A thin warming or wind-blocking layer (glove liners and a balaclava may also come in handy)
Spare fuses
Chem lights (these work great as an instant light source, and are also good for indicating your position to oncoming cars or rescue vehicles)



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Chapter A Christmas Party 2016

Saturday November 26th at 5 PM

Richmond Yacht Club

7471 River Road, Richmond

Please go to our sign up sheet online or contact us by phone to sign up and sign up for what your food contribution is.

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SCAT Donations:

It would be greatly appreciated if everyone could bring a small donation for SCAT, whether it's scarves, hats, mittens, blankets, sleeping bags or other donations to help those less fortunate.



Christmas 2014



- **Pot Luck Dinner**
 - **Loonie Toss**
 - **Secret Santa**
- (Max \$15.00 per gift)**

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Events submitted by Tracy Gowans

Remembrance day Ride 2016 at Belcarra Park



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50/50 Draw Article submitted by Ivan Armstrong

Valerie Fortin's Surprise Birthday Party

"Friends for Fun"

T'was a dark and stormy night.... Saturday Oct 8th 2016 to be exact, when some 25-30 brave souls ventured out into rush hour traffic to converge on Socrates' Greek Restaurant on East Hastings street in Burnaby, BC. The rain was pelting down and car headlights were dazzling off the wet pavement and yet these people struggled to arrive before the 6 pm deadline. What, you may ask, would cause sane people to do this?

It was all the cause of friendship....we were going to surprise a birthday girl who was turning 60! Yes, Valerie Fortin! I know that one is not supposed to reveal a lady's age, but 60 is a special occasion! (Ah, I remember it well!) It was a true testament to the strength of friendship and the creed of GWRRA.

I'm happy to report that Dan pulled it off; Val was truly surprised and delighted. Val's sister from Winnipeg made it to the dinner as did Dan's Mother as well as Dan's son and his delightful family. I can't tell you how many people were actually there because, in true GWRRA fashion they were moving around and visiting with each other!

Pat and I have been members since 1996 (20 years!) and have made many friends over the years. Even though some have moved on it is surprising how many we still keep in touch with. It is also heart-warming to see how the members support those who have lost a loved one and if they wish

encourage them to stay involved with the club. I hope that the various chapters within the province continue to support each other and continue the circle of friendship that we all subscribe to..

Sincerely, your friends, Ivan & Pat Armstrong (Former CD's BC-A)

PS. "Many Happy Returns" Val.... (olde English wish)



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Events submitted by Tracy Gowans

Oyster Run Anacortes Washington, September 25th 2016

After a few years of missing out on this event I finally got to partake in the fun. I was absolutely amazed at the sheer number and types of bikes at this event! The Seattle stunt team was so incredible too. Best part though was my team, the one I get to ride with right here. Just a few shots of the event, the stunt riders and some trouble shooting along the way. :-)



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Events submitted by Tracy Gowans

Oyster Run Anacortes Washington, September 25th 2016



Events submitted by John Schretlen

Tire Plugger Day

Chapter A Breakfast Meeting Oct 16th 2016

After a recent ride where one of our members experienced a low tire that needed a plug it was decided that a little demo would be useful to our members. Many good comments and a lot of repair kits purchased!



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GWRRRA BC Drill Team Riding October 2016

Hello all,

From A team member that formerly rode with us and has since retired from Riding with the team. Kelly was one of our steady, and confident riders that rode one of the most difficult positions, and that was in the Number 1 position. Number 1 position on our team is usually the rider that sets the pace, so being steady with throttle and being "consistent" from one turn to the next is actually a lot more difficult than it looks. He also has the routine memorized without actually being aware of it, because he "IS" the callers right hand man.

Why I joined the British Columbia Motorcycle Drill Team

The first drill team I saw perform was in Anacortes, WA. The Seattle Drill Team performed as well as the Cossacks. These two drill teams are completely different and both put on a great show. I have to admit I was very impressed at that time. I then got a chance to watch the British Columbia Motorcycle Drill Team and I got interested in trying out for that team. I went out on a Monday evening and a couple of the members showed me some of the basic moves. The team welcomes all riders and are happy to help anybody who comes out. I continued to go out and they brought me into the team every practice learning their routines. We did many local parades often following the Vancouver Police Drill Team. Over the 6 years, we did many shows and one of the best was when we combined the Seattle Drill Team with ours. We practiced in Seattle and did a show with them in Omak, WA. One of the benefits of practicing is your skills become better and your reactions become faster and automatic. This has helped me several times riding in traffic. Having ridden with the team created a great amount of pride and confidence. I have retired from the British Columbia Motorcycle Drill Team and I was recently asked to mount the drill team plaque back on my bike because I am still regarded as a drill team member. I am a very strong supporter of the drill team and encourage anyone who might be interested to go out and participate.

Regards, Kelly Parkes (Sparky)

Kelly is a "no Nonsense" type rider/performer, and by that, I mean, when we decide to throw something new at the riders, either as a skill challenge, or a new maneuver, he would be the first on the bike to take the challenge and he never shied away from anything we came up with. I remember his comment on more than a few occasions, "Bring it On".

Until next month,

Ride well,

Rob Ellis

Captain. BCMDT



Interested in learning more about the BCM Drill Team? Contact Rob Ellis at :
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GWRRRA BC Drill Team Riding November 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.

Well, it's been an interesting year to say the least for our drill team.

We finish off the season by getting together for a ride in the Vancouver Halloween parade and do some really simple riding. Nothing to extravagant for us, but to be honest, not something we take lightly, because a parade has a whole other set of challenges and hazards.

Our recent attendance at Wing Ding in Billings MT went very well for the team and we couldn't be more proud of our riding.

Our Drill team was also in charge of running the TOP GUN riding competition this year and boy is that a lot of fun! (I mean work).. noo really a lot of fun. ;)

We finished off that day nearing 100 F, (to you Canucks that's 38C) and wrapped up with one incident to report, (Accident report). Luckily that incident did not end up costing the rider a visit by paramedics, (Tough bugger he is!). He went on to perform with his drill team the Gold Angles later on at the event.



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What goes through a riders head before riding in front of 200+ spectators?

Not much really, (I can hear my team mates now, "Speak for yourself") There is some internal excitement, (nerves, or whatever you want to call it), but to be honest, you find yourself quite focused on the task at hand. If you asked our riders what music we played during our performance, they would be hard pressed to tell you. You have practiced, and prepared and all you can think about at the time is the feel of your bike, (Yep she's talking to you), and getting set to execute nice turns while being ready for the first call. (Moving forward, in 3, 2...1...Now) For me, I settle down when the bike starts moving, and I have to focus on my riding, then all the rest of the world goes away for a few minutes. And boy does it go by so freekin fast!!! An 18 min performance seems like 3 minutes! That is a good sign, because when it does not go well, it seems like a long ride

We hopefully honored our friend and mentor with our performance and we wish to send Cons Family and friends our truest form of respect, and that is to carry on as a TEAM!



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Con was extremely proud to be Canadian, and he liked to show it



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



We tried to honor our Canadian pride as well in the music we selected. For the most part Canadian musicians! Nikki Yanofsky! (Sang at 2010 Olympic games) and RUSH, yes you heard it right. Hard rockers the band Rush!

If that doesn't send a message as to who we are, I don't know what will!! J

Well I don't know about "All Yall", but the next rabbit we pull out of the hat for next year, will be to get our team to the great state of Texas for the next Wing Ding event in 2017.

Proud we are to learn to ride so well, and truly proud when in a group of our drill team piers from other parts of the continent!

Thank you to everyone who came and watched our performances and supported us, we really appreciate you! And if you want to become a happier, more confident rider, come out and see us next year and get started with the team!!

See you in 2017!!

OOOh and TEAM GATOR ROCKS!!!

Rob Ellis

Captain BCMDT



GOLD NUGGETS

BC- A Chapter Ride Coordinator's Profile



Hi, my name is Chuck Taylor. I am your Chapter A Ride Coordinator. I have been riding motorcycles most of my life and bought my first gold wing, a 1983 Aspencade in 2001. I joined GWRRA shortly after that but did not really get involved with the group until 2010 when I purchased my Goldwing GL1800. One Tuesday night in July 2010 I went to Tim Hortons on Annacis Island and first came into contact with Toby Sandwell. He introduced me to Dan Fortin and I was invited to go for a group ride that evening. After that first group ride I was hooked. I continued to come out every Tuesday night and started coming out on Saturdays where I

joined Gord MacDonald and Joe Leblanc who were there every weekend and most holidays. Over time I got more involved with group rides and within a couple of years in 2012 I became the Chapter A Ride Coordinator.

Riding with the group actually put my wife Melodie's mind at ease. Before that I was a solo rider spending many days from morning till night off on my own exploring the many curved roads of British Columbia and Washington State. Those rides gave me first hand knowledge of all the local backroads, nooks and crannies that many of us enjoy riding today. As a group we have done many rides including the infamous "Tour de North Shore" which features a 100 km ride through the North Shore successfully without one stop light, I have since increased this route to 125 km but I have yet to share it. Stay tuned....

As a group we have enjoyed a lot of the roads in British Columbia and Washington State including; Mount St Helens, our version of the Spring Fun Run, Cascade Loop, Duffy Lake Loop and Whidbey Island.

Another annual ride I love to lead is the "Falling Leaves Tour" that takes place in October each year weather pending. It was too wet this year but typically it's a full day of roads known to have many trees with colorful leaves and beautiful back drops through BC and Washington State. Many of our rides turn into 1100 km full day rides. We really are riders in training for that Iron Butt Award.



BC- A Chapter Brain Storming Session

Sept 22nd 2016 Photos by Ian McAlpine

On September 22nd 2016 Keiller and I invited our chapter members to join us in a brain storming session. We asked, what rides are good and what rides need improvement? What would make you come out more often? Is there an event or a ride that we used to do that we should do again? Should we order shirts and jackets and what should they look like? As with any Chapter A event we had a great night of conversation and the company of friends.

More importantly we need volunteers to join our executive, lets work together to keep the oldest Chapter in Canada alive and strong. Are you interested in stepping up to the plate and learning what it means to be Chapter Director? Do you want to run the chapter one day? There are other important roles available too.

Come talk to us. Email: gwrri.gowans@gmail.com or Keiller



Toy Run - Burnaby NOW

October 7th 2016 Submitted by Val Fortin

BurnabyNOW FRIDAY October 7, 2016 7

Opinion NOW

INBOX

Thanks for supporting the Toy Run, Burnaby

Dear Editor On behalf of the 16 local Christmas Bureaus across the Metro Vancouver area we work with, the Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau would like to thank the mayor and council, city engineering department and the Burnaby RCMP detachment for the continued support they provide.

We had 35 community volunteers manning barricades in Burnaby, out of approximately 90 volunteers across four cities. The Toy Run is one of the largest in Canada; even with challenging weather conditions up to the start of the event, we still had more than 1,500 motorcyclists either ride the whole route or attend the PNE grounds.

We collected a large truck full of toys (approximately 2,000) plus donations. This is the first event of many that will allow us and the local bureaus to continue to help families in their community.

Without the support of not only the cities involved, but the residents who come out to watch and wave, we could not hold this event.

Thank you.

Chris Bayliss, executive director, Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau

FOOD *for* THOUGHT



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

Email: directorsbcd@gmail.com

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

Kevin Bramhoff, Karin Young

778 882 2509/604 319 1791

Email: kbramhoff1@shaw.ca



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





celebrations

Sept/Oct Wedding Anniversaries

We need to update our database of member's birthday's and wedding anniversaries. Please send us an email with the month and year of your special dates so you don't get missed! Put Birthday and Anniversary dates in the title.

gwrri.gowans@gmail.com

Ted & Coleen Dewar Sept 23rd

John & Terri Waddington Oct 6th

Sept/Oct Birthdays

Barry Irvine Sept 1st

Ken Hook Sept 9th

Niels Jensen Oct 8th

Lorraine Tompkins Sept 25th

Valarie Fortin Sept 29th

Mairi Sparrow Oct 7th

Keiller Gowans Oct 14th

Pat Williams Oct 15th

Leslie Wait Oct 22nd

GWRRA Anniversaries

Heinz Blisse (34)

Butch & Pam Smith (23)

Kelly Parkes (15)

Teresa Racalhill (10)

Patrick & Raine Frampton (9)

Rob & Terry Ellis (8)

Marian Goetz (7)

Chris Howell (6)

Sheila Macgregor (6)

Chuck Taylor (6)

Ken Weisner (6)

Larry Wilkins (5)

Mark & Brenda Lotzkar (2)



Nov Wedding Anniversaries

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Ian & Kathie McAlpine Nov 18th

November Birthdays

Kelly Parkes Nov 25th

Bernie Sparrow Nov 3rd

Gary Robins Nov 12th

Howie Mosher Nov 23rd

Arnie Tucker Nov 25th

GWRRA Anniversaries

John Schretlen (13)

Peter Jensen (1)

COMING SOON!



November 2016

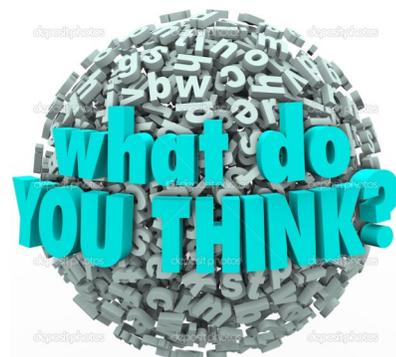
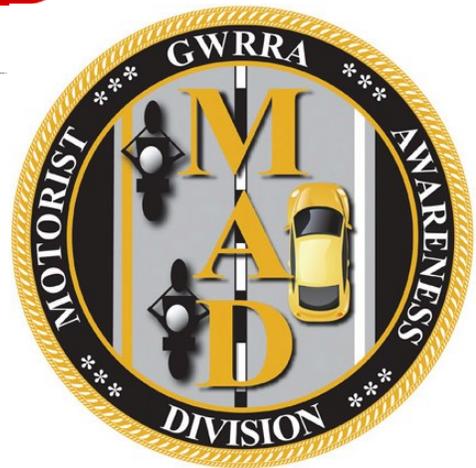
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- 5 Spaghetti Dinner BC-D
- 11 Remembrance Day Ride BC-A
- 15 Dinner Meeting BC-C
- 20 Breakfast Meeting BC-A
- 26 Christmas Dinner (Pot Luck) BC-A

December 2016

- 3 Christmas Dinner BC-D
- 7 Dinner Meeting BC-D
- 10 Montesano Festival of Lights WA-D
- 25 Merry Christmas

January 2017

- 1 New Years Day Breakfast/Ride BC-A
- 4 Dinner Meeting BC -D
- 15 Breakfast Meeting BC-A
- 17 Dinner Meeting BC-C
- TBD Vanc Motorcycle Show 17- Tradex



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MEP	Newsletter Editor	Vacant		

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Riders Wanted

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

604 202 7140

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Sign up online at <http://signup.com/go/zLXoWe> or give Keiller a call at 604 970 0531

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 December's newsletter is

November 30th 2016

Buy & Sell

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



For Sale

1800 Truck Rack, new in the box \$60.00

1800 Bra \$25.00

Pak-it-Rak, used once, adapts to either hidden or horizontal hitch \$200.00

Contact Keith Thomaser in Chapter G if interested

1 250 523 6561 or kthomaser@telus.net

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For Sale 2013 GL1800

Only 46,750 KM, Silver/Black, CB Radio, AM/FM, Set up for Sirius XM, Truck rack, Passenger arm rests and cup holder, driver cup holder, trailer hitch with vertical receiver. Also includes Packet Rack and Receiver Rack.

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Call Pat Williams at 604 951 9441

In Surrey BC



For sale: 2008 Honda Goldwing 83300 km, CB radio, Trailer hitch, new tires Dunlop E3s

Some after market parts

1 full cover, plus 1/2 cover

\$16,500. Phone Darold 250-561-2504, or 250-617-9415

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

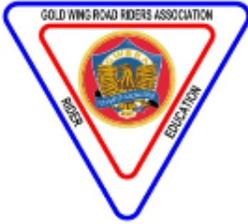
Hats- ball	O/S	3	\$10.00	3	\$10.00
Shirt-Long Sleeve	3xl	1	\$40.00	0	0
Shirt-Long Sleeve	2xl	2	\$40.00	2	\$40.00
Shirt-long sleeve	XI-Men	1	\$40.00	1	\$40.00
Shirt-short sleeve	L-Ladies	1	\$40.00	1	\$40.00
Shirt-short sleeve sport	3xl	1	\$40.00	0	0
Shirt-short sleeve sport	2xl	2	\$40.00	2	\$40.00
Shirt-short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



Washington District Rider Education Workshop March 4, 2017



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Join us for a full day of fun and training with GWRRRA Rider Education. There will be some of the usual Seminar's that we offer (CPR/1st Aid, Motorist Awareness, Co-Rider, etc.) and up to 4 guest speakers.

Registration Fees: Includes on-site Lunch for pre-registration.
Pre-Registration ONLY \$15 per Person -- Postmarked by February 20, 2017
On Site Registration is \$20 Per Person

Workshop Registration Desk: Opens at 8:00 AM
Workshop starts at 8:30 AM, ends at 5:00 PM
50/50 drawing at closing ceremonies

Make Checks Payable to: GWRRRA WA District
Mail Registration to: Mike White
ATTN: Rider Ed Workshop
P.O. Box 151
Allyn, WA 98524-0151

For more information: Dennis Black, District Educator at (253) 970-1613
Or e-mail: gwrra.wa.district.edu@gmail.com

AGREEMENT

I/we the undersigned, agree to comply with the rules governing this event and to hold harmless GWRRRA, its officers, Representatives and event sponsors for loss or injury to person or property I/we may incur by participating in this event. I/we have read and understand this form. Registrants must sign.

(Detach and Mail)

Washington District Rider Education Workshop Registration Form

Rider: _____ **Co-Rider:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** ____ **ZIP:** _____

Motorcycle affiliation: _____ **Chapter:** ____ **Email:** _____

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Monthly

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Chapter BC-A, Vancouver

The THIRD Sunday of each Month
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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



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