

# Gold Nuggets



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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- WING DING 39  
AUG 29
- GOLD RUN  
SEPT 2-3
- GREEN HEART  
RUN SEPT 10
- CORN ROAST/  
MILE CHECK  
SEPT 16TH
- OYSTER RUN  
SEPT 24TH

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## Letter from the Chapter A Directors

Happy August everyone

Well it is wrapping up for Tracy and I as Chapter Directors and with our busy lives we are actually looking forward to dropping off the extra responsibility. We will be staying with Dave and Giselle on the team keeping our other two roles as Web Master and Newsletter Editor for the time being. Tracy is still looking for help with the Newsletter or if someone would like to take it over completely then that would be fine as well. I have some time that I would like to spend with the Website to make it more of a helpful tool for everyone and have allotted time that I can spend doing something like this that I enjoy.



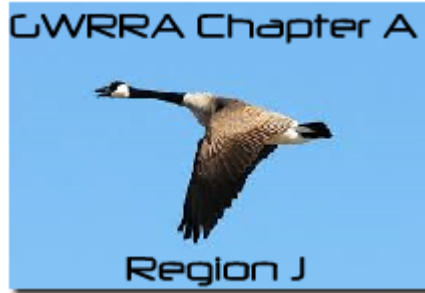
As you all know in June Tracy and I hit the road for a month on Max to get some much needed time away and just needed to drop off the map so as a result I can't speak to anything that happened then but this month we have had a Region Rally in Langley our usual rides around the neighborhood. I am writing before the Duffy Lake ride but I am assuming that it will go as usual. Next month brings Wing Ding 39 in Grapevine Texas for those who can attend but it's a bit of a ride away this time. For those of you going, Tracy and I found an excellent little BBQ place called **North Main BBQ "Home of the Worlds Best Ribs"** near Grapevine in Euless Texas that will make your taste buds very happy.

Coming up the next breakfast meeting there will be a transfer of Officers as we welcome our new Directors and Treasurer so please put that one on your calendar, come out and give your support.

**Keiller & Tracy**

**Directors, Chapter A**

**Monitoring Radio**  
**CB Ch. 33**  
**Amateur Radio Frequency Simplex 146.490 and**  
**Repeater - Mount Seymour 145.350 (tone 127.3)**



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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:

[gwrra.gowans@gmail.com](mailto:gwrra.gowans@gmail.com)

### 2017 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*

## July 2017 Region Report



*Gary and Susan  
Premech  
Region J Directors*

Hello everyone,

Well folks, the Region J Rally in Fort Langley, BC August 4 – 6 is coming up quickly and the numbers have been low for the registration. Is it time for a change? Are you looking for something different instead of the traditional Region Rally we have know in the past? Does it have to be on a long weekend when the roads, cities, towns, hotels and campsites are at the busiest? At one time the rallies were the only time that you were able to take the ARC courses or MFA however now with more trainers available, these courses along with the ITCP and OCP can be brought to your location if the demand is required. Saskatchewan, Alberta and BC have these trainers available and although Yukon and Alaska are a fair distance to travel, training could be setup for these locations as well on a limited bases. Your Region Team and all the volunteers that help out on these rallies put a lot of effort in towards putting on an event that brings our Region membership together once a year. We would ask you to give it some thought as we will have a questionnaire out soon that we would like you as a member, to fill out, letting us know what you are looking for. Is it something you've heard or seen that other regions are doing that caught your interest. Think about it and we look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

## August 2017 Region Report

Well folks, it would seem that the last of the Region J Rally's is all but over and for those that attended, we are hoping that they enjoyed their time at Fort Langley, BC. In the last newsletter we had asked the question regarding the Region Rallies and if it was time for a change. Also that a questionnaire would be sent out to all the Region J members but now that Head Office is changing the structure of the organization and dissolving the position of Region Directors we will hold off on that for now. As all of you have been information, they are going to go directly to Districts and District Directors to work with the chapters. As Region J has not had District Directors for that last several years, this is still being worked out and more information will be brought forward in the near future. The chapters will change a little but in the most part things will stay the same. All the Education and Rider Ed course will not change and continue as is. GWRRA has lost 30000 members since 2010 and it was a business decision to make the changes so that the organization will be around for the next 40 years and bring it numbers back. They say a change is as good as a rest and we look forward to the success that the changes will bring.

Until next month,

Gary and Susan Premech

Region J Directors

## Membership Draw Article submitted by Keiller Gowans



### EMP (Electro Magnetic Pulse) Effects on Vehicles

Most of you have heard (some of you way to many times) the story of what happened to me on my trip in June while riding through North Dakota. For that reason I won't tell the entire story I will just say that after riding in close proximity to clouds during a sheet lightning strike I experienced some very, very weird stuff. I have been researching it ever since to try and figure out what actually happened. This is as close as I can get as all the bikes lights went out and as far as I can remember the

bike did not stall. All the controls locked up for a period of time and my cell went into emergency mode. The test below discusses testing and the results but not from lighting so I am making some assumptions.

#### Test

The potential EMP vulnerability of automobiles derives from the use of built-in electronics that support multiple automotive functions. Electronic components were first introduced into automobiles in the late 1960s. As time passed and electronics technologies evolved, electronic applications in automobiles proliferated. Modern automobiles have as many as 100 microprocessors that control virtually all functions. While electronic applications have proliferated within automobiles, so too have application standards and electromagnetic interference and electromagnetic compatibility (EMI/EMC) practices. Thus, while it might be expected that increased EMP vulnerability would accompany the proliferated electronics applications, this trend, at least in part, is mitigated by the increased application of EMI/EMC practices.

We tested a sample of 37 cars in an EMP simulation laboratory, with automobile vintages ranging from 1986 through 2002. Automobiles of these vintages include extensive electronics and represent a significant fraction of automobiles on the road today. The testing was conducted by exposing running and non-running automobiles to sequentially increasing EMP field intensities. If anomalous response (either temporary or permanent) was observed, the testing of that particular automobile was stopped. If no anomalous response was observed, the testing was continued up to the field intensity limits of the simulation capability (approximately 50 kV/m).

Automobiles were subjected to EMP environments under both engine turned off and engine turned on conditions. No effects were subsequently observed in those automobiles that were not turned on during EMP exposure. The most serious effect observed on running automobiles was that the motors in three cars stopped at field strengths of approximately 30 kV/m or above. In an actual EMP exposure, these vehicles would glide to a stop and require the driver to restart them. Electronics in the dashboard of one automobile were damaged and required repair. Other effects were relatively minor. Twenty-five automobiles exhibited malfunctions that could be considered only a nuisance (e.g., blinking dashboard lights) and did not require driver intervention to correct. Eight of the 37 cars tested did not exhibit any anomalous response.

Based on these test results, we expect few automobile effects at EMP field levels below 25 kV/m. Approximately 10 percent or more of the automobiles exposed to higher field levels may experience serious EMP effects, including engine stall, that require driver intervention to correct. We further expect that at least two out of three automobiles on the road will manifest some nuisance response at these higher field levels. The serious malfunctions could trigger car crashes on U.S. highways; the nuisance malfunctions could exacerbate this condition. If you wish to hear the whole story I would be glad to share.

#### The Glow Bug



**GOLD NUGGETS**

## 50/50 Draw Article submitted by Tracy Gowans

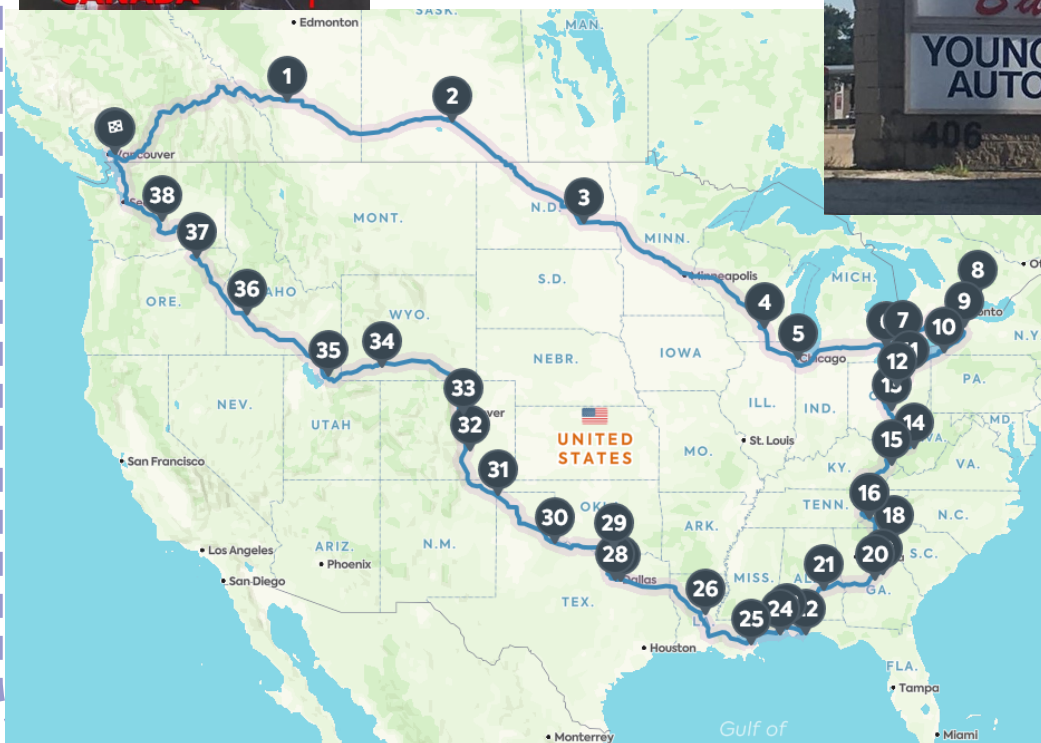


So most of you have heard that Keiller and I took on an epic adventure this summer covering over 12,500 Kilometers over 4 Canadian Provinces and 25 US States in just under a month during June and July this year. This adventure has many chapters and verses that we would love to tell you all about. This story will likely just skim the surface. Keiller started out early in the morning on Monday June 12th traveling from North Vancouver BC to 100 km past Moose Jaw Saskatchewan in just over 20 hours. Can you say "Iron Butt"?? I did not want to participate in this Iron Butt challenge so I flew to Detroit Michigan where he met me on Thursday June 15th after traveling through North Dakota where he encountered sheet lightning up close and personal, then Wisconsin, Chicago and Michigan. We spent the next 6 nights in Ontario with family which was awesome. On June 22nd we got back on the bike and headed South down through Niagara Falls into New York followed by Pennsylvania and stopped in Ohio for another family reunion. A cousin I have not seen in over 20 years. She and her family treated us to Japanese BBQ. That was an excellent experience! We also got to tour the Shawshank Prison in Mansfield Ohio.

We made our way through the rain and thunder and lightening through West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky and stopped in North Carolina and the Tail of the Dragon. If you ever get the chance to do 318 twists in 11 miles do it, it's worth the effort. We thought the roads getting there and on our way to South Carolina were just as enjoyable too! Awesome roads in the South. In South Carolina we spent the day with friends and toured the Hartwell Dam that



runs between South Carolina and Georgia. We then made our way through Georgia, Alabama, Florida and stopped for a couple nights in Mississippi. It was raining so we rented an SUV and spent the day on Bourbon Street Louisiana. If you have not been to New Orleans, you have to do that at least once. I also got to go see the Pitt Bulls and Parolees location. Love that show! We got back on the



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bike and headed to Dallas Texas. We crossed the border on Canada's 150th birthday! We ended up staying just outside Grapevine in Euless at a great hotel near North Main BBQ home of the "World's Best Ribs" Those going to Wing Ding should check them out!! It would be a great place for the Canadian Dinner! We headed out again hitting Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado. We spend our 25th Wedding anniversary on July 4th in Denver. We both loved Denver and those people sure know how to celebrate July 4th. Fire works for 45 minute before and after the city's show. I'd like to think it was for our anniversary :-). One thing to note, there are Starbucks everywhere in the US and they all have free WiFi! We went there pretty near every day so that I could keep posting our progress on Facebook!

We headed out from there to Wyoming, Utah and Idaho spending the night in Pendleton Oregon. That was a gorgeous place to see too. That was a long day though, knowing we were getting close to home we put in a 15 hour day on the bike. Poor Max!! He took good care of us. On our last day we headed through Oregon into Washington. Funny in a matter of minutes we when from 36 degrees to 24 degrees and the excitement rose in both of use with the temperature change. We where very close to home now! On July 8th almost a month after we left we made it home. As you can imagine I have left out so many details. I posted a ton of photos on Facebook during our epic journey. If you are not on our Facebook send me a friend request or just ask and we will show you our photos!



## GWRRA BC Drill Team Riding July 2017



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

### ***Paying the bills as a Drill Team!***

Depending on what team you are talking about, teams usually have to put together some sort of financial support to help them look like a team and sound like a team. That may include, but not limited to, PA systems, cones, helmets, windshield covers, jackets and team wear like, hats, shirts, and business cards, and any other item that they need to perform like say, "Bobble head dolls" of your favorite rider, or key chains, (of which we are currently out of stock on!)

***Our team "Moto Safety Expert" Carl Scouten has some insight on how our team accomplishes this activity by helping local "Pro Race" and "Armature Bicycle Races" run "Safer races" with the help of "Agile" moto's to head the race, and tail the race, in many different formats. This particular side of the BCMMDT started with John Waddington putting boots to the ground, and "Nose" to the grind stone, starting this part of our team fundraising and this has gone a long ways to help us facilitate our team activities. It has been a very good idea, but one that does have some work attached to it!***

YOU PROBABLY HAVE SEEN OUR AD IN THE NEWS LETTERS AND WONDERED WHAT IS THAT ALL ABOUT.....

- What we do is try to be the eyes and ears for the race committee,
- We will lead and tail each group as they start a race, usually 3 groups take off 2 minutes apart
- The fastest group will start first followed by the slower groups,
- The tail Moto of each group will pass the individual cyclists as they fall off of the pace,
- When a group splits and 2 or 3 maybe 4-5 go ahead of their group, the lead moto will stay in front of the split group, the tail will stay behind the leftover group, but still passing the slower cyclists as they leave the main group
- If you are lead of second or third group same rules apply.....

Except when the second group either splits and are overtaking the group ahead, the lead Moto will inform the tail of group ahead that they are coming through,

-The Lead of that group then will go ahead and the cyclists will then pass through that group. Leaving his remainder split group with the tail rider, We are always in contact with each other during the race, Hence the need for CB radio,

Yes we always have a lot of fun doing these races, we will meet for breakfast or coffee somewhere, before race time.

Then when we escort Gran Fondo it's just that, just escorting cyclists to a spot.

Call me to discuss but this will give you a idea of what we do .

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Business Manager  
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***We look after our Moto Crew very well these days, with incentive to ride your bike for a day, and watch all those "bums" pedaling like machines! Come out and see us, or better yet, Call CARL! J***

***Until next month,  
"Shinny Up"***

***Rob  
BCMDT***



## GWRRA BC Drill Team Riding August 2017



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With a view to adding something to your chapter newsletters, we are continuing this year with Drill Team Tech articles. While we share these opinions and viewpoints, these articles are not intended to provide you instruction on how to ride your motorcycle. Please seek assistance from a professional riding school, or GWRRA rider course to improve your riding skills.

### **New team riders and Past team riders! How do they fit in?**

Riders come, and riders go all for different reasons. Life sometimes dictates to us when we have availability to do this stuff, and then as fast as it allows us that precious time, life will sometimes take that time away from us. Most teams have a similar issue with riders making it onto the team only to lose them again at some point in the future and we have to start again finding new riders and bringing their riding skills up to sufficient standard to be comfortable riding the way drill teams do. There can NEVER be too many drill team bikes.

### **How do New Riders Fit into the Team?**

Well new team riders are kind of like “open books” because they mostly won’t have any pre-conceived notions of how the team operates, or how they interact. Who’s the team lead? Who backs the lead up? Who’s the glue that is able to connect to everyone and keeps the humor alive, and atmosphere light? New riders get to find all of that stuff out in time and things fall into place.

Like any other team, there are different roles for different team riders. We all spend some time in those roles because the team chemistry changes each time we have a new rider come into the fold, and to be honest it takes all of us to fulfill various duties on the team!

**What about the previous riders who road with the team, or “alumni as it were”?** How does that work if someone decides to come back to the team? Are the requirements (both socially & skill wise) any different for them, as it would be for a new rider? Nope, same expectations! For a returning rider their challenge is to firstly, get into shape again with their riding. They usually already know what they need to accomplish because they have done this stuff before and they might put a little more pressure on themselves because of that fact. Our job is to make sure we let them know, there is NO time LIMIT, and so relieving “unreasonably high” expectations is kind of what we attempt to do.

Another issue for a returning rider is “how do I fit in with this new group”? They may have been in a guiding role previously, and learning to follow the current crew of riders and “team leads” can present a challenge. It may not be the same group as when they left the team.

One could think of the team as a “recipe” with all our different personalities and attitudes. We indeed have to work at it when it comes to “playing” as a team and it’s not always easy.





## GWRRA BC Drill Team Riding August 2017



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While a skilled rider may be an “Asset” for the team, NO SINGLE rider is responsible for the success of the group, because the real magic is what we can do “collectively” as a team.

Can **ALL the riders** perform everything **equally as well**? Well that’s the actual goal for us as a team. We are only as good as our least skilled rider, so we aren’t in it to show them up, **rather**, try and find a way to make us all look identical in our movements.

Various drill team “components” consist of, Camaraderie, friendship, effort, trials, improvement, FUN, skill, showmanship, and positive image. One of the attributes probably the most difficult to “maintain” of them all, is longevity! Both the “individual riders” longevity and the “team’s” longevity. I really respect any team that has been able to keep a group going, and span the decades.

One of those teams here on the west coast is the Northwest Wings now in existence for more than 25 years. Outstanding! No matter how you slice it, they have developed a strategy for success, and it’s not by chance or luck. A friend from the Central Florida Drill Team, Randy Rodriguez says, **“Your team won’t look good by accident”** and that also includes their ability to LAST.



Now we Canadians do everything our own way, and you can certainly see the differences between us when you look at the structure of an American team. Our American counterparts tend to have, Sergeants and Captains, and a hierarchy that resembles a military management system.

Not so much here in Canada. Yes we have taken on a captain designation on our team, and it does fit in with what we do, (more like a Captain of Baseball Team) but we remain slightly more relaxed in our presentation of “duties” and positions.

We have gleaned more information from our American fellow teams, because they really set the bar high when it comes to quality in what they do. I like their examples, but I also like a relaxed atmosphere, so we Canadians will keep doing it our way!

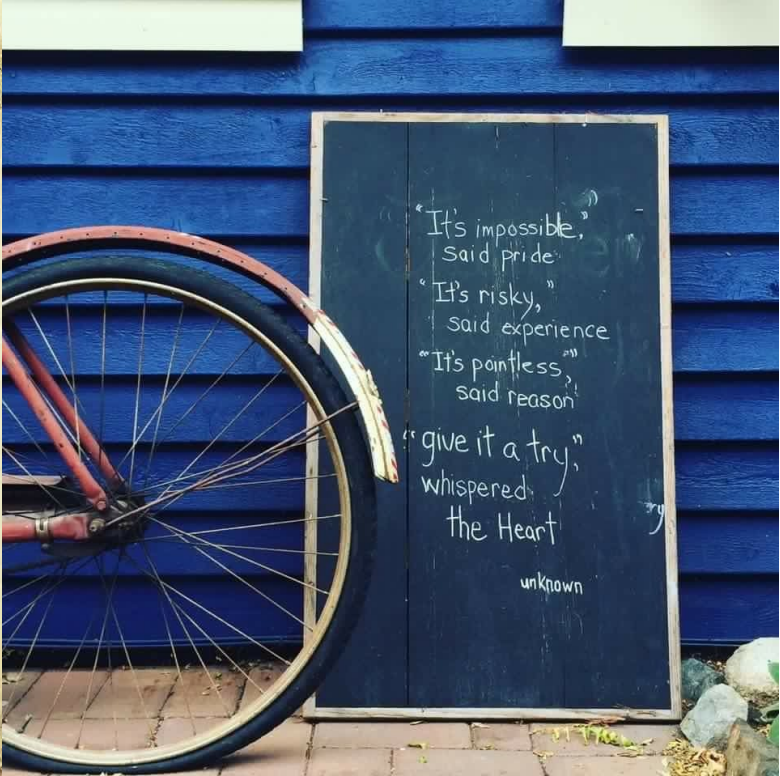
Rob Ellis



FOOD *for* THOUGHT



When you  
see something  
beautiful in someone,  
tell them. It may  
take a second to say,  
but for them it could  
last a life time.



"It's impossible,"  
said pride.  
"It's risky,"  
said experience.  
"It's pointless,"  
said reason.  
"give it a try,"  
whispered:  
the Heart  
unknown

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



## BC Lower Mainland

### Chapter Contacts

#### **Chapter BC-A Vanc Breakfast Meeting**

3rd Sunday of every Month (except Dec)

Check our website to confirm location

[www.gwrrabca.org](http://www.gwrrabca.org)

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

#### **Chapter BC-A Tuesday Night Coffee**

(Rides in season)

Wendy's—3698 Grandview Hwy, Vancouver

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)

Characters Restaurant 8559 Young Rd. Chilliwack

Dinner 6:00 PM, Meeting 7:00 PM

#### **Chapter BC-C Breakfast/Ride Days Every other Sunday**

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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](mailto:kparkes@shaw.ca)





### July 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](mailto:gwrri.gowans@gmail.com)

*Keiller & Tracy Gowans - July 4th (25 years!)*

*Joe & Lorraine Tompkins July 6th*

*Don Champion July 7th*

*Joe Leblanc July 17th*

*Rob & Parm Gosselin July 18th*

*Harold & Sue Arthurs July 24th,*

*Dan & Val Fortin July 26th*

### July Birthdays

*Kristin Maki July 4th*

*Patrick Frampton July 6th*

*Pat July 6th*

*David Hawrish July  
7th*

*Joan Maki July 12th*

*Henry Bahr July 17*

*Ken Labron July*

### GWRRA Anniversaries

*Norman Monro 1984*

*Fred Grosser 1993*

*Ian & Kathie McAlpine 1998*

*Charles Young 2002*

Armstrong



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### August Birthdays

John Wait Aug 3rd

Tracy Gowans Aug 6th

Don Champion Aug 7th

Darcy Pattison Aug 9th

Chris Maki Aug 11th

Ian McAlpine Aug 18th

Rob Gosselin Aug 19th

Bob Buchanan Aug 29th

Parm Gosselin Aug 31st

### GWRRA Anniversaries

Linda Chung 2009

Mairi Sparrow 2006

Toby Sandwell 2007

Rob Gosselin 2008

Rob & Leona Meers 2009

Dwayne Nelson 2016

Dan Noorian 2012

# COMING SOON!



## August 2017

2	Dinner Meeting	BC-D
5-7	Region J Rally - TBD	GWRRA
13/27	Breakfast/Ride	BC-C
12	Car Run/Tacoma Museum	BC-A
15	Dinner Meeting	BC-C
19	Duffy Lake Loop Ride	BC-A
20	Breakfast Meeting	BC-A
29-31	Wing Ding 39—Grapevine Texas	GWRRA



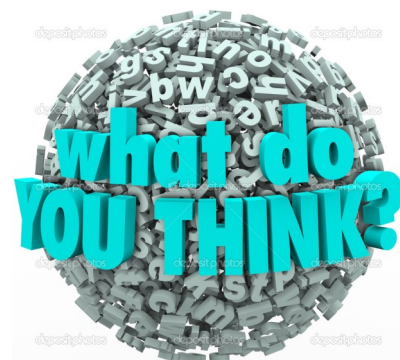
## September 2017

1-2	Wing Ding 39—Grapevine Texas	GWRRA
2-3	Gold Run - Cashe Creek	BC-D
24	Breakfast/Ride	BC-C
6	Dinner Meeting	BC-D
10	Green-Heart Run	BC-C
16	Corn Roast & Ride/Mileage Check	BC-D
17	Breakfast Meeting	BC-A
19	Dinner Meeting	BC-C
24	36th Oyster Run - Anacortes WA	WA



## October 2017

1	39th Toy Run - Vancouver BC	BC-A
8/22	Breakfast/Ride	BC-C
4	Dinner Meeting	BC-D
14	Joint Planning Meeting	BC-A/C/D
15	Breakfast Meeting	BC-A
15	31st Toy Run - Fraser Valley BC	BC-D
17	Dinner Meeting	BC-C
28	Spaghetti Dinner	BC-D



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**Stan & Lety**





# RIDERS WANTED

## Riders Wanted

The BCMDT is looking for you to try something interesting and it involves riding your motorcycle around mostly scenic, and interesting roads all around our area.

**Stay Tuned For upcoming events.**

Contact Carl Schoten [bcmdt-moto-safety@shaw.ca](mailto:bcmdt-moto-safety@shaw.ca)  
or

**604 202 7140**

*We pay for much more than your gas, so come give it a try.*



Please sign up to volunteer at our GWRRA information booth. Most shifts are 3 hours and two-three people per shift. You must be a GWRRA Member in good standing.

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

Sept 9th

GrandFondo  
Whistler

Need 1 more Moto for  
this one.

This is the last escort of the  
year, lunch provided.

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](mailto:gwrri.gowans@gmail.com) with your ideas.

Deadline for articles for September newsletter is September 1st 2017



# Buy & Sell

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## FOR SALE

1995 GL1500SE 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition

143,000 KM

\$5990

### Options:

- 4 Position Relay Switch
- XM Radio
- USB Power
- digital led voltmeter
- saddle & trunk rails and inserts
- Sierra MP3 audio-in (3.5) in mod
- 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary protective fairing leather bra
- pulsating Kisan brake light & additional turn signals
- Highway boards
- Matching wineberry Hartco seat
- Ken Hemings H-O Alt w H-O Battery
- Baker Air Wings (not installed)
- mic mute switch



### Also available separately:

- Montana 610 GPS w AMPS mount with lifetime map updates
- Elite II wineberry touring jacket & matching HJC half/full helmet with electronics

Please contact *Randy Taylor* [randylyl\[at\]shaw.ca](mailto:randylyl[at]shaw.ca) or (604) 469-0884 (#328682)

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## 2004 Red Gold wing 1800A(ABS) for Sale - \$11 500



Owned with Pride.

Just under 127 600kms. Winter Stored

CB, Trunk Rack, Trunk spoiler brake light, Driving lights, Baker wings, Electronic Deer Whistle, Vented Windshield, Heated Grips, full and half covers, Highway Pegs, Honda Service and Electrical Troubleshooting Manual and more

April 2016 New Battery @ 122 288 kms

April 2016 All Fluids changed, new Alternator installed, and recall service completed @ 122 288kms

July 2016 New Front Fork Seals @ 123 708kms

Contact: Tom @ 778-866-7057 Vancouver, BC

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Contact Joe LeBlanc at [acadianstoo@gmail.com](mailto:acadianstoo@gmail.com)

Phone 604 420 3229



Date Listed	10-May-17
Price	\$12,500.00
Address	Burnaby, BC V5A2T7 <a href="#">View map</a>
Make	Honda
Model	Gold Wing
For Sale By	Owner
Colour	Burgundy
Engine Displacement (cc)	1,800
Kilometers	132,000
Year	2006

C.B., Mike Mutes, iPod interface, Transformer Boards, Running Boards, upgraded suspension, Trailer Hitch, Mick-O-Pegs, Speed correcting module, Markland Back Rest, and many other extras



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Good condition, new rear tire, Full load, CB,  
Wired for Heated gear, Extra large windshield, Ultimate X custom saddle.  
New rear suspension last year, Tow package.  
Extra set of front brake pads, rear arm rests and full shop manual.  
78263 miles, (EX US Bike)  
Asking: \$5000

**Patrick Austin**  
Cell: 250-961-2315



# 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](mailto:drward@telus.net)

# Alphabet Ride

**We are very happy to bring forward a friendly competition riding game called the "Alphabet Ride".**

The challenge is to ride to several locations (city, town, village, etc.) using the first letter of the name.

Example "V" for Vancouver / "K" for Kamloops.

Object is to visit enough places to complete all 26 letters of the alphabet.

## The details are as follows

- Locations: British Columbia and Washington State only. This of course includes the Islands.
- Time frame: May 1, 2017 to Nov 1, 2017
  - If no one completes we will extend to next year
- Tough Letters:
  - X - We will accept a Park or a Name that contains "X"
  - Z - There is a Town that starts with "Z" Happy Hunting
- Limitations: You can only get credit for 2 Letters per ride / per day. (after all this is about getting out for several rides "13")
- Problems: If you have questions contact Chuck Taylor – Ride Co-ordinator
- How: Group rides or solo rides
- Credit: If you ride 2-up both people will get credit for the letter

## The following will be required as PROOF

\* Picture of you and your bike at location of landmark (store, post office, information center, etc.)

Forward a copy of the pic to the following address with your name(s) and membership #

[gwrri.gowans@gmail.com](mailto:gwrri.gowans@gmail.com)

A list will be made and tracked for all members participating. We will provide monthly updates of progress. Now you are say "why all of these details and rules for a fun challenge game"? Well that's because you are going to be playing for bragging rights and prizes.

## The prizes will be as follows:

A Patch or Pin will be created for your vest for all those who complete for bragging rights. On top of that, those who complete all 26 letters will have your name entered for a one year GWRRA membership.]

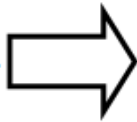
**G O L D N U G G E T S**

# Alphabet Ride

## GWRRRA Chapter BC-A ALPHABET RIDE 2017



Your  
Letter



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Rider's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Rider's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**This document certifies that this rider and co-rider  
were witnessed at this location on this date.**

### **RULES:**

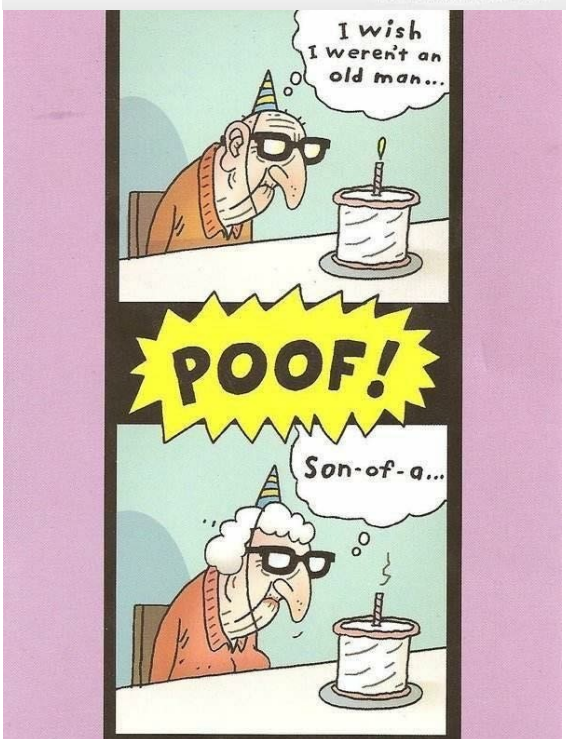
1. Locations are in BC and Washington State only.
2. Limit of 2 letters per day.
3. Duration May 1st to Nov 1st 2017
4. Provide a photo of the rider with bike at location landmark e.g. Post Office, Store, Information Centre etc.
5. Forward copies of pics, forms to:  
[gwr-ra.gowans@gmail.com](mailto:gwr-ra.gowans@gmail.com)

This is a sample of the form for the Alphabet ride. Pick one up at the chapter meeting, Check the Website, or email [gwr-ra.gowans@gmail.com](mailto:gwr-ra.gowans@gmail.com) to request a form be emailed out to you.

IT'S AMAZING THE  
NUMBER OF GREAT  
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GOLD NUGGETS



Wing Ding is the ultimate Honda Gold Wing & Touring Bike convention! Hosted by GWRRA at different locations across the United States every year, the rides to Wing Ding as well as unique atmospheres are unforgettable. Come join us for a motorcycle convention unlike any other, where you can enjoy the company of friends with live entertainment in a beautiful location, learn more about motorcycle safety, discover all the latest products for your bike, and even test drive a new one.

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<http://wing-ding.org/>



# **GREENHEART RUN**

## **Registration Form**

**GWRRA Chapter BC-C**

**Chilliwack**

**Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup> 2017**

Starts at Gwynne Vaughn Park

First Bike out @ 10am - Last bike back at 2pm

Registration Fee: \$20/person and includes a BC-C Chapter Pin, Late lunch, prizes, morning snack and coffee starter!

PLSE MAKE CHQ'S PAYABLE TO – GWRRA-CHAPTER BC-C no later than Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> please.

Please complete and forward your registration form to:

Robyn MacRae 106-9259 Edward St. Chilliwack, BC V2P4C5

**FUN - PRIZES - FOOD**

Rider: \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Rider: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

GWRRA Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ GWRRA Membership#: \_\_\_\_\_

Association/Club: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We hereby agree to conform and comply with any rules governing this event and agree to hold harmless the GWRRA, Chapter BC-C and its officers and all involved participants of this event, for liabilities involved in my/our injury or loss due to participation therein. I/We also agree to accept responsibility for any injury and or property damage, which I/We may cause during this event. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN INSURANCE!

Rider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Rider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL MOTORCYCLES WELCOME**

GOLD NUGGETS

# Greenheart Run 2017

**GWRRRA Chapter BC-C  
Sunday September 10th**



An observation ride that will explore all that the beautiful Fraser Valley has to offer including a road or two that you haven't ridden yet!

Starting at the Gwynne Vaughn Park (Hope River Road and Williams-entrance off Williams)

Check-in 10:00am  
Last bike out at 11:00am  
Last bike in at 2:00pm  
Start with a full tank please

Rain or Shine  
Only \$20 a person  
Cut off is Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> so we know how much food to buy.

**PRIZES**  
**CHAPTER PIN**  
**LATE LUNCH**  
**50/50 DRAW**  
**MORNING COFFEE & SNACKS**



Registration forms available online at <http://gwrra-regionj.ca/BC-C/index.html>

**ALL MOTORCYCLES WELCOME**

GOLD NUGGETS

**GOLD RUN 2017**  
**September 2 & 3**  
**In Historic Cache Creek, BC**  
**GWRRA CHAPTER BC-D SURREY**

**REGISTRATION Saturday September 2 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Canada's Best Value Desert Inn & Suites

1069 South Trans Canada Hwy Cache Creek BC

Accommodations and food are your responsibility (2 nights in Cache Creek)

Motel and Camping have been reserved in Cache Creek, BC under GWRRA please call direct

Hotel: Canada's Best Value Desert Inn & Suites 1069 South Trans Canada Hwy

Cache Creek (250) 457-6226

Camping: Brookside Campground 1621 Trans-Canada Hwy, Cache Creek (250) 457-6633

**\*\*Early Bird Draw, Door Prizes, Fun Run & Light Ride\*\***

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

To be eligible for the preregistration Draw and the Chapter with the most in attendance registrations must be  
post marked by August 10

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

\$30.00 CDN Registration per person \*\*\* GWRRA Members discounted to \$25.00 CDN per person\*\*\*

**For more information:** V Hildebrand 604-557- 0622 email: [directorsbcd@gmail.com](mailto:directorsbcd@gmail.com)

Barry McMillan 778-574-3579 email: [bc-dtreasurer@shaw.ca](mailto:bc-dtreasurer@shaw.ca)

**Please mail form and payment to: Gold Run 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: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Additional Fun Run cards may be purchased on site Sunday September 3**

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/our own actions while participating. I/We understand the Rally Organizers reserve the right to refuse entry to this event.

**G O L D N U G G E T S**

Visit our Website at [www.gwrrabca.org](http://www.gwrrabca.org) Visit our Facebook Page at [www.facebook.com/GWRRA-BC-A-Vancouver](http://www.facebook.com/GWRRA-BC-A-Vancouver) Page 27

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(your designs, crests, logos)

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used for new designs

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## 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



## 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.

## Chapter BC - A

### Tuesday Night Rides

Coffee Social (ride in season)

**\*We are trying out different locations  
in 2017. Check the website or Call  
Keiller 604 970 0531 to confirm**

**Coffee From 5 pm Ride Leaves between  
6:30 pm and 7 pm**

