

# Gold Nuggets



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#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- FEB 24TH CLOVERDALE RACES
- MAR 4TH WINTER BLAH'S POTLUCK.
- MAR 19TH SILENT AUCTION
- MAR 21ST ST PADDY LUPPER

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## Letter from the Directors

Soooo close, sooooo close to the official "get your bike back on the road" time. I can't wait until April...no way. I will go nuts looking at everyone riding by me as I am stuck inside my truck.

But I am glad I put the bike away this year for the winter because there were not a lot of days you could really enjoy a good long

ride. I suppose March won't be perfect either but it will start to make sense at least and I just can't wait. This year we will try very hard to diversify the riding in order to get more of you out with us. There will still be the Iron Butt rides that a few of us like to do but we will pull together some "2 up" days and as there are a lot of ladies out there with their own ride it would be great to have a ladies only ride or two. We will have to put a GPS tag on them of course just in case LOL.

We are looking forward to a great year this year.

See you out there.

Keiller and Tracy

Ride Safe

Keiller and Tracy

Directors

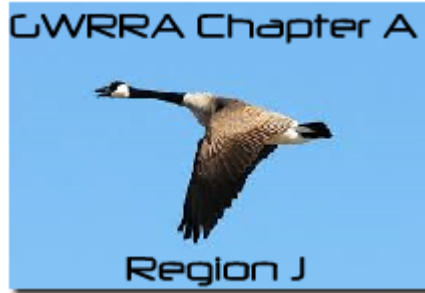
Chapter A



### 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:

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### 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*

## January 2017 Region Report



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

*Gary and Susan  
Premech  
Region J Directors*

Hello everyone,

Well here we are with both feet into 2017 and looking forward to another year of GWRRA events. One of those events is the annual Region J Rally which will be held in Fort Langley, BC where it was held back in 2014. Registration is available on the Region J webpage either online or by mail and we are hoping to see a lot of you there to help support this yearly event. This is one of those times each year that we get to see old friends and meet new ones.

This year GWRRA is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> year in business. As seen in the January issue of the Wing World, they are asking for any Chapter that are having milestone birthday/anniversary years, to send pictures and a brief write up to [president@rwrra.org](mailto:president@rwrra.org), so you can share in the celebration. As any milestone, this year Wing Ding in Grapevine Texas, August 29<sup>th</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup>, will prove to be entertaining. Regions I and J have been assigned responsibility of the Light and Grand Parades this year, so if you are attending Wing Ding please let us know us know as we are looking for volunteers to lend a hand with these two events.

Until next month,

Gary and Susan Premech

Region J Directors

**Membership Draw Article** submitted by Ivan Armstrong

**“On Getting Old”**

Let me start by saying how lucky Pat and I are by surviving into our 70's and still being reasonably healthy! By the time that you read this I will probably have passed the 3/4 century mark! Scary though isn't it?



We have been members of GWRRA since 1996 (Ill Save you the math; that's 21 years). During that time we have been Assistant CD's with Barry and Margaret Ir-

vine - Barry was the first Senior CD in GWRRA, and then we were CD's until May 2005 when we lead BC-A to celebrate it's 25th anniversary. At that time Dan and Val Fortin took over the reins of the chapter.

Although our lifestyle now keeps us pretty busy we are still members and value the friends past and present that we have made through GWRRA. As we age we find that we can't do the things that we used to do (know what I mean?), but we have adjusted to the physical limitation that age has imposed on us. The one thing that we have refused to do is grow old mentally. We have discovered that most of our friends are at least 10 years younger than us (I know there are exceptions Heinz!) and we believe that may be the secret to staying young.

Personally I am struggling with arthritis and bad knees, I have found that the Goldwings seemed to have gotten taller and heavier each year! The answer has proven to be to get a smaller/lower bike. I have settled on a 2009 Yamaha V-Star 950 that can keep up with the wings if they don't over do it! Eventually I know that I will have to give up riding a bike, but I won't have to give up my friends.

In conclusion I would like to say that it has been our pleasure and our honor to have been part of this family and to have made so many friends. No matter what fate has in store for us as we age we will always treasure this part of our lives.

Thanks for being there....

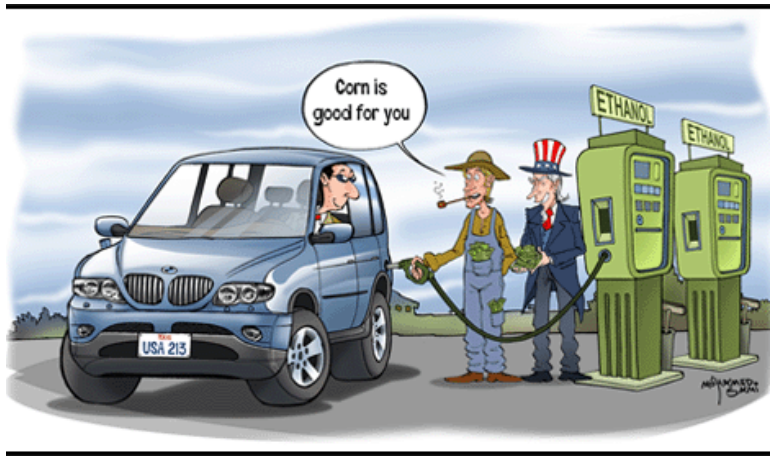
Ivan & Pat

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

## **The Differences between Ethanol and Gasoline**

1. A gallon of gasoline provides one-third more energy than a liter of ethanol.

2. Blending ethanol and gasoline at a ratio of 85 percent to 15 percent (E85), the blended fuel is nearly thirty percent less powerful than pure gasoline. Ethanol is



similar in acceleration, power, and cruising ability, **but ethanol Kilometers per Liter are less than pure gasoline.**

3. **Ethanol can cause damage** to fuel systems and engines that pure gasoline does not. The most critical problems are water contamination and fuel separation. Ethanol attracts and absorbs water, including water from the air. When the gasoline absorbs enough water, fuel water contamination occurs in the bike's gas tank and that effects engine performance. If the bike sits for a while, fuel separation occurs; this is where the gas and water form layers in the gas tank and if the motor sucks up the water layer into the engine, serious costly, damage happens.

4. Ethanol is alcohol, and alcohol causes corrosion in the fuel system. Metal parts rust and plastic parts become deformed or cracked.

5. Ethanol is not an ideal fuel additive, and older bikes especially have problems with ethanol fuel.

If ethanol is less efficient than gasoline and can even damage bikes, why is it being blended and sold?

First, gasoline blended with ethanol burns cleaner than pure gasoline. Ethanol cuts a bike's greenhouse emissions. The addition of ethanol to gasoline makes it an "oxygenate" which satisfies the requirements of the Federal legislation known

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

**The Differences between Ethanol and Gasoline** Cont. from Pg. 5

The second reason is that ethanol comes from corn, and it is big business. Agri-business is a powerful lobby and with environmentalists siding with them on this issue; the use of ethanol will spread. Recently, the Environmental Protection Agency allowed E15 to join at the fuel pump.

While E10 is widely available, E15 gasoline is only sold in a handful of states and provinces and then in just a few filling station. For instance E15 is sold in Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, and Ontario with as far as I can see only one in BC.

**When the Environmental Protection Agency approved E15, it restricted its use and excluded the following from running on it.**

- Heavy-duty vehicles
- Boats
- Lawn mowers
- Off-road vehicles
- **Motorcycles**
- Power equipment

Most cars that were manufactured after 2001 and made to run on “flex fuel” can use E15. All major vehicle manufacturers are exploring voiding warranties on cars using E15 despite engineered for no more than E10 fuel.

In addition, the cost of pure gasoline or **ethanol-blended gasoline** is about the same, making the only reason to use ethanol-blended gas an environmental one.



## Events submitted by Keiller Gowans

### Size Does Matter.

So quite a few of us decided to add ham radios to our bikes. It allows communication at a much greater distance than the CB radio. One day we were all in the radio shop and Rob was looking to buy the Ham Radio equipment for his bike. Sometimes when a guy goes to his buddies for advice he doesn't always get the best suggestions. He was looking at a short antenna. In this case we said "yes of course that antenna will



be fine" not knowing that we were going to find out later that it was a little inadequate (if you'll excuse the expression). A few months later after realizing our mistake we all decided to chip in and rectify the situation by surprising Rob at the November meeting with a longer antenna. This was our opportunity to help him increase his ability to perform, to rise to occasion if you will and put out like the big boys.

Hope you enjoy your new, VERY LARGE ANTENNA Rob!

Your Buddies 😊



**GOLD NUGGETS**

## Events submitted by Ian McAlpine 2016 Chapter Hugs Award.

Hi There, Your MEC here.

I was asked to put something together for the newsletter about what took place at the January 2017 BC-A meeting so here it goes....

To start we have to go back to just after I said I would help out and take on the Membership Enhancement Coordinator position, then as I was reading what I had to do in the position description it suggested that we come

up with little things to bring the group closer together by doing things like a competition to see who could get the most "HUGS". Really, you want the Chapter Hugger to do this? No Problem. I then informed Chapter BC-A at the next meeting of what I had in mind with a prize to be awarded at the end. To also make it more challenging and knowing Gord MacDonald is totally against Hugs, I stated that anybody that could get a hug from him would get extra browning points.

Well at the last meeting in January I past around a note in secret to say anybody that got a hug from Gord MacDonald to please stand up when I mentioned his name, at which time the whole room stood up. Because I did not qualify it was only fair that I made Gord the winner of this years award. He really did not want to be centered out but he reluctantly came up to the front and was presented with 2 bags of Hersey's chocolates,



one of Hugs and the other Hersey Kisses.

Last year was Hugs. Ask Gord what this year's challenge is. He might tell you.... My guess is he will not.

Your Chapter BC-A MEC  
Ian McAlpine.

### GOLD NUGGETS



## Events submitted by Tracy Gowans



Thanks to everyone who volunteered at the GWRRRA booth at the Vancouver Motorcycle show this year, we could not have done it without you. We had an opportunity to chat with a lot of people this year and have a little fun ourselves. Pictured in at the booth is

Keiller & Tracy Gowans, Gord Artlett, Barry McMillan, Joe Leblanc and Heinz



\*Photos taken by Barry McMillan, Giselle Collins and Tracy Gowans.



Pictured above is Dave Ward, and Keiller Gowans dreaming about new toys and Tracy Gowans in her new riding jacket :-)

## **Murphy's Motorcycle Laws**

1. A motorcycle cannot and will not fall over without an audience.
2. The fact your keys are still in your pants pocket will become apparent after you put your gloves on.
3. Motorcycles are to yellow bugs what aircraft carriers once were to Kamikaze Pilots.
4. Quick fixes are named for how long they stay fixed.
5. The only part you really need will also be the only part on permanent backorder.
6. Nothing is harder to start than a used motorcycle being shown to a perspective buyer.
7. You will never suffer a punctured tire on the road until you leave the repair kit at home.
8. "Universal" accessories are so named because that is where you must search to find the bike that they fit on.

**Be Smart, Ride Safe!**

# GWRRA BC Drill Team Riding February 2017

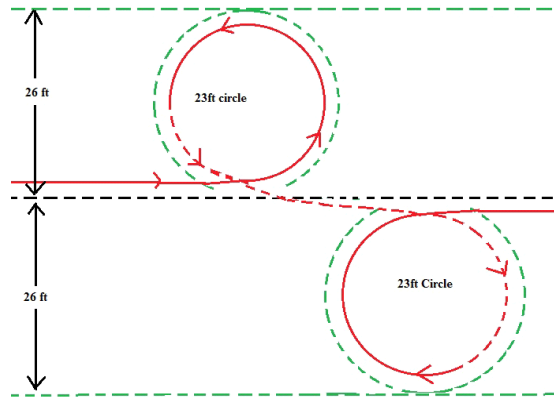
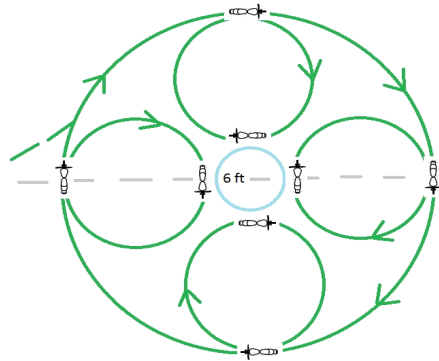
Drill Team Riding,

Feb 2017

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.



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



## How do we develop a new routine?

Well, sometimes this stuff gets invented at a drill team lunch, or dinner with salt and pepper packets laid out in lines, or those little individual creamers in the bowl in front of you. And guys will visualize two lines of bikes and positions of bikes as we investigate something new and clear a big spot of drinks and plates while we “putt putt” the packages of salt and pepper around in a choreographed harmony of fingers, pepper packs, milk creamers, and salt packs...Waitresses think we are off our rockers!! J

Something that works well, are playing cards! They are numbered! ,AND..... the odd line can be one color, and the even line takes the opposite color. Well that’s great cause we can now accurately visualize any particular bike within a maneuver and that allows us to know where we are, and where we are riding next.

Some of the best stuff we do actually comes from other teams around the continent.

If you want to see how something “ REALLY” looks when it is performed, we just have to do a little scratchin around YouTube and there is a lot of examples of great drill team riding, or even some stunt riding that can give you an idea. Its Ok Carl, we won’t be including my daughter Danae to stand on the floor boards of two bikes.... Just yet!!!!

It’s hard to re-invent the wheel because there have been so many riders that have come before all of us! Surely someone must have tried something we haven’t thought of!



## GOLD NUGGETS

## GWRRA BC Drill Team Riding February 2017

### How do we train a new maneuver?

Well that one is a little more complicated! We take an overview of what the maneuver calls for, and start "BIG", I mean as big as we need to! Or in some cases, as "Slow" as



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we need to. However, if you came out to one of our practices and watched us near the start of a season, you might get the impression that these guys don't have a clue! In theory, you'd be correct, but more accurately, you're watching the team's first part of the development of a "new" maneuver, and it doesn't always look so cool. De-

pending on what level of skill the maneuver demands, we will sometimes engineer a skill drill to "Target" train a specific skill set! That could be "Vision", "Body Posture", or direct skills like "Turning handlebars" or "Throttle control" etc.....

If for instance, a "Sharp" Counter steer input, is required, then we throw up some cones and go play.

One of the most important things we do is "**walking**" a routine! Its sometimes easy to just hop on the bike and go throw it around a little, and think that all will be fine, but that can get you into trouble fast, or at the very least you end up wasting time riding when you could be sorting out some of the problems you encounter once you pull a routine apart and do it "silly" slow while walking!! No damage at all when you walk. I don't know a team anywhere that does not walk, walk, and walk a routine, BEFORE attempting to ride it!! That goes for every practice, and every performance. Something we are improving on as a team is a warm up! Or for us the "Walking Warm Up"! "**Practice** how you want it to look as if you were **performing it**". Great place to work on "sharp" head turns! Or turning on the spot the man before you initiated his turn. We always knew when the softball team was going to play well, and that was when we saw a good warm up. "Bad warm up = poor performance".

Good Warm up = satisfactory, or better, performance!!

Well time to get back to Drill team stuff and re-arrange my salt and pepper packs on the table!!

Until next month, "Shinny Up"

Rob Ellis  
Captain  
BCMDT



## BC- A Chapter Member Profile - Tom & Marian Goetz



In 1967 I was travelling around Europe as a Student. My cousin had a Norton and he took me for a ride from Glasgow to Edinburgh . Along the way he asked me if I would like to “crack a ton”. Not having a clue what he was talking about, I agreed. The next thing I knew we were doing 100 miles an hour on the highway. The sound was sweet and the rush was great.

One of the ironies is that my dad had ridden the same road during World War II on his BSA when he was on leave from his Unit as a Military Motorcycle Policeman. His comment was that I was going way

too fast and I just left it at that as I would be in that part of the world for several more months. I never did share speeds with him again. My sister and husband on their Honeymoon also shared this road and they were riding a Triumph. An unusual number of coincidences for one family over the years.

When I got back in 1968 I bought a small Honda step-through and worked my way up through several bikes over the next few years. Then I bought a BMW R 600. Back then these were expensive bikes. I rode that for several years and sold it to help pay for my last year of my Teacher training. Same story for many of us,,came marriage, children, work and no bikes.

Years later in 2004, chance came along to buy the 1982 Wing you see in the attached photo. Marian thought the bike was a great idea as retirement for us both was approaching quickly. That Wing is still around and when we sold it, it had over 200,000 km’ s on its well travelled frame. Never once had a mechanical issue. More of an issue: many Dealers we came across in our travels said that they would not service it because of its age. The ’82 went to many rallies including Wing Ding at Billings and at Des Moines and multiple Victoria Days in the USA and Canada.

As for the other Wing in the photo. it is a 2004 we bought in 2010. It has taken us across Canada and to many Rallies and rides in BC and Alberta. My co-rider has added much to our travels over the years; Marian is a great rider. She has a great “sense” about her as she rides, always aware and safety conscience and a welcome extra set of eyes.

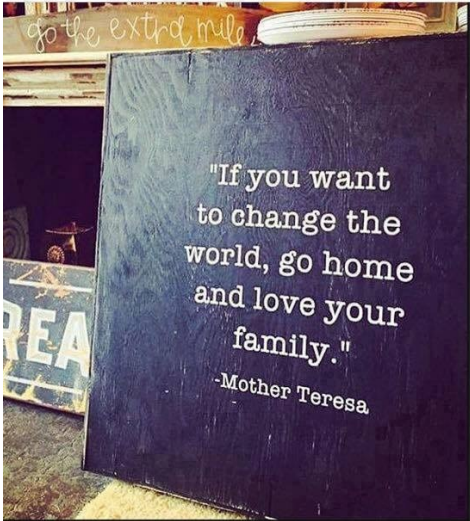
I cannot say enough about the people I meet riding motorcycles; my life has been enriched by all the adventures along this journey. Being a part of GWRRA over the years has been a big part of our time with motorcycles. BC-P and BC-A have been and are fun. We share these adventures with all we meet.

Ride Safe.

Tom and Marian Goetz



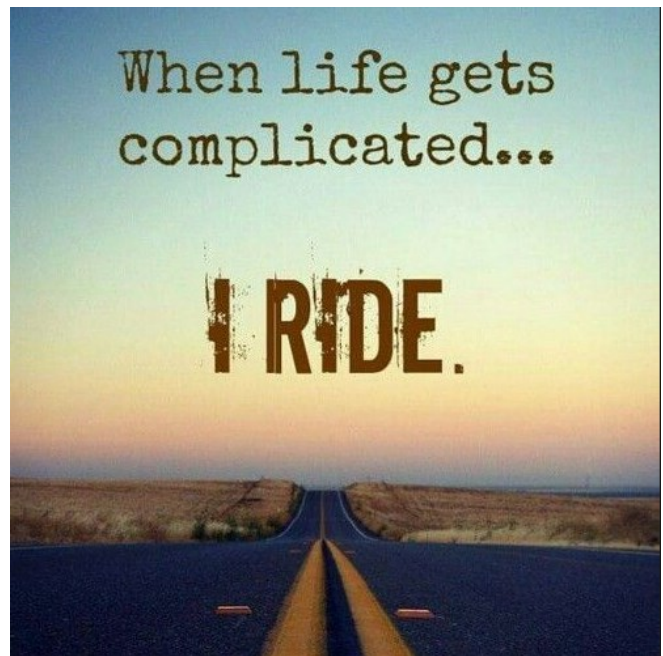
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**WHEN GOD MADE  
 THE FIRST BIKER  
 HE MIXED THE  
 FOLLOWING  
 INGREDIENTS:**

- MOTORCYCLES**
- CODE**
- RESPECT**
- GUTS**
- HONOR**
- LOVE OF FAMILY**

**FORGET**  
**GLASS SLIPPERS**  
  
**THIS PRINCESS**  
**WEARS**  
**MOTORCYCLE**  
**BOOTS**



## BC Lower Mainland

### Chapter Contacts

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

3rd Sunday of every Month (except Dec)

Ricky's Country Restaurant

2350 Boundary Road, Burnaby BC

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

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

Tim Horton's—Cliveden Ave , Annacis Island

Coffee 6:00 PM Ride 7:00 PM

#### **Chapter BC-A Vancouver Directors**

Keiller & Tracy Gowans

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#### **Chapter BC-D Surrey Dinner Meeting**

1st Wednesday of every month

Ricky's Restaurant

152nd & Fraser Hwy, Surrey

Dinner 6:00 PM, Meeting 7:00 PM

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

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

Coffee 6:30 PM Ride 7:00 PM

#### **Chapter BC-D Surrey Director**

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#### **Chapter BC-C Chilliwack Dinner Meeting**

3rd Tuesday of every month (except Dec)

Characters Restaurant 8559 Young Rd. Chilliwack

Dinner 6:00 PM, Meeting 7:00 PM

#### **Chapter BC-C Chilliwack Directors**

Kevin Bramhoff, Karin Young

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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)





# celebrations

## February 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.

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*Ken & Penny Hook Feb 23rd*

## February Birthdays

*Ivan Armstrong Feb 15th*

*Alex Horkoff Feb 15th,*

*Teo Brideau Feb 1st*

*Janet Tucker Feb 5th*

*Elaine McGregor Feb 6th*

*Joanna Sofield (Priestley) Feb 7th,*

*Kathy Drozdik Feb 16th,*

## GWRRA Anniversaries

*Meryl Davis 1980*

*Kerry Hill 1982*

*Bob & Hanne Hoogstins 1985*

*Kristin Maki 1992*

*Margaret Irvine 1991*

*Peter Macgregor 1994*

*Dan Fortin 2003*

*Valarie Fortin 2004*

*John Wait 2005*

*Peter Kvist 2007*

*James Hook 2010*

*Giselle Collins 2015*

*David Hibbard 2015*

*Brett & Beata Dwyer 2015*

*Ronald Waterhouse 2016*



# COMING SOON!



## February 2017

1	Dinner Meeting	BC-D
12/26	Breakfast/Ride	BC-C
11	Valentine castle Fun Park/Mini Golf	BC-D
18	Medic First Aid	BC-A
21	Dinner Meeting	BC-C
19	Breakfast Meeting	BC-A
19	Motorist Awareness Division (MAD) —following BC-A breakfast meeting.	BC-A
24	Cloverdale Races	BC-D



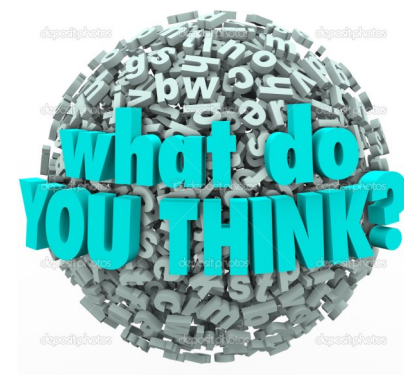
## March 2017

1	Dinner Meeting	BC-D
4	Dist. Rider Ed Workshop (Buckley)	WA
4	I can't ride Winter Blah's Pot Luck	BC-C
12/26	Breakfast/Ride	BC-C
21	Dinner Meeting	BC-C
18	St. Paddy's "Lupper"	BC-D
19	Breakfast Meeting	BC-A
19	Silent Auction	BC-A
24	Me & Ed's Pizza (April 14th)	BC-D
25	Games Night	BC-D



## April 2017

1	The Wacky Dinner	BC-D
9/23	Breakfast/Ride	BC-C
5	Dinner Meeting	BC-D
8	Early Spring Fun Run	WA-E
9	Road Captains/Co Riders Course	BC-A/D
22	Bike Maintenance Day	BC-A
23	Breakfast Meeting (week later)	BC-A
23	Team Riding Course	
18	Dinner Meeting	BC-C
29	Mall show	BC-A/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

March 11th 2017	Saturday	Rob E, Neils J, Patrick F,	Bradner Elementary
March 18th 2017	Saturday	Dale R, Neils J, Patrick F, NEED 3 MORE!!	Thunderbird Show Park
March 26th 2017	Sunday	Rob E, Neils J, Patrick F, Carl S, NEED 2 MORE!!	Aldergrove Regional Park
April 2nd 2017	Sunday	Neils J, Patrick F, Carl S NEED 3 MORE!!	Aldergrove Regional Park

## **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](mailto:gwrri.gowans@gmail.com) with your ideas. Deadline for articles for February's newsletter is

**March 10th 2017**

# 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](mailto:gwrri.gowans@gmail.com) or phone Tracy Gowans 604 219 5836 Ads are free



## For Sale

**“Rubber Side Down” HALO High Visibility Jacket.**

**Like new... Size 52, 100% Waterproof**

**Large front, back and upper arm venting, all zippers are rubber sealed.**

**Full CE rated protection in arms and shoulders - All removable.**

**Removable dual density spine protector, quilted full sleeve removable liner.**

**8” rear zipper for attachment to all “Rubber Side Down” pants**

**Wide arm cinch straps to prevent billowing of jacket.**

**MSRP \$329.00 Asking \$150.000 OBO**

**Call Wayne or Louise Manuel (Membership #21362) 604 584 1452**

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## 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](mailto:kthomaser@telus.net)**

# Buy & Sell

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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. \$25,000 OBO

Call Pat Williams at 604 951 9441

## NEW AD



**For sale:** 2011 Harley Davidson Softail Deluxe \$15,999 Negotiable (North Shore)

- Very Clean only, 11,800 Km Second Owner
- Always Garage Stored, Never seen Rain.
- Detachable HD windscreen, Back Rest HD
- Engine Guard, 1 year HD Factory Transferable extended warranty to June 2018.
- 96B Six speed cruise drive Serious Inquiries only, by appointment only.
- **Call David Hibbard at 604 219 5514**

# 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)

# Region J Rally in Langley British Columbia

## Trinity Western University

### August 4th - 6th 2017

#### **PLEASE SEE BELOW REGARDING THE CAMPING FOR THE REGION J RALLY IN FORT LANGLEY AUGUST 4/5/6**

I have now reserved all sites in 3 campgrounds for the Rally. All have been put on hold for August 4, 5 and 6, 2017 under GWRRA name. They all need individuals to call and confirm with their own credit card to guarantee site.

#### **Brae Island Regional Park (Fort Campground)**

9451 Glover Rd.  
Langley, BC  
[604-888-3678](tel:604-888-3678)

**They will now hold 30 sites, only until end of January.** People must phone and book their site ASAP. The 30 tent sites have water & electric \$40.00 per night, minimum 3 nights. The 5 RV sites are full hook-ups \$48.00 per night, minimum 3 nights

#### **Livingstone Campground**

23141 72 Ave  
Langley, BC  
[604-882-3880](tel:604-882-3880)

The 6 sites have water & electric \$36.00 per night, 2 persons, \$5.00 additional per day for extra vehicle and \$5.00 additional per day for extra persons.

#### **Hazelmere RV and Campground**

18843 8 Ave  
Surrey, BC  
[1-877-501-5007](tel:1-877-501-5007) or [604-538-1167](tel:604-538-1167)

The 4 sites have water & electric \$45.15 (includes tax) per day

#### **WE ARE STILL WAITING ON HOTEL INFORMATION.**

Gary & Susan Premech  
Region J Directors



#### **Region J Rally 2017 Trinity Western University Langley, BC August 4 to 6**

**We need a LOGO idea for this year's event!**

Region Directors, Gary and Susan Premech have put out a request for a LOGO design. Please forward your LOGO ideas for the Rally by February 15th to [regionjdirectors@gmail.com](mailto:regionjdirectors@gmail.com) or [gpremech@gmail.com](mailto:gpremech@gmail.com)

There will be a request for volunteers as more details come out. Please consider helping the Region Team out by volunteering to help make the Rally a success.

#### **GWRRA Head Office**

Phoenix Arizona  
Toll Free  
1-800-843-9460

Email:  
[memberservices@gwrra.org](mailto:memberservices@gwrra.org)

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*Region J Rally in Langley British Columbia  
Trinity Western University  
August 4th - 6th 2017*

## Rally Hotel Lodging

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### **HOST HOTEL: Best Western Plus Gold Wing Road Riders**

5978 Glover Road **GWRRRA Reservation Number #1090**  
Langley, BC V3A 4H9  
PH: 604-530-9311

2 Queen Beds \$149.99/Night (plus taxes)

Bookings will be accepted until: June 4, 2017

Cancellations received later than 7 days prior to the scheduled check in will be charged the full amount of their stay.

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### **Sandman Hotel Langley Gold Wing Road Rider Association**

8855 202<sup>nd</sup> Street **GWRRRA Reservation Number #347758**  
Langley, BC V1M 2N9  
PH: 604-888-7263

Standard Queen (1 Queen Bed) \$139.00/night (plus taxes)

Standard Twin (2 Dbl Beds) \$139.00/night (plus taxes)

Studio Suite (1 Dbl Bed) \$154.00/night (plus taxes)

Jr. Corporate Suite (1 King) \$164.00/night (plus taxes)

Executive Queen Suite (1 Queen) \$184.00/night (plus taxes)

Bookings will be accepted until: June 5, 2017

Cancellations may be made up to 24 hours prior without penalty.

Cancellations made inside the 24 hours are non-refundable and will be charged a one night cancellation fee.

# 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.]

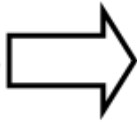
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# Alphabet Ride

## 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.

## Victoria Days 2017

Hosted By GWRRA chapter BC-G, in Beautiful Salmon Arm, BC  
May 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>

- **New Escorted Rides on Friday**
- **Garage Sale Saturday.** Bring your motorcycle and/or camping items. The BC-G chapter will sell them for you (for a 10% commission) 9:00—11:00 am. *(For safety reasons, please no helmets more than 3 years old.)*
- **New Destination Rides on Saturday**
- **Fun Run Sunday** to benefit the **Make-A-Wish Foundation.** First motorcycle out at 9:00 a.m. Last motorcycle out at 10:00 am. All motorcycles in by 2:00 pm

For more information, please contact: Kirk Elliott: 250-374-2583 or [kandkelliott@shaw.ca](mailto:kandkelliott@shaw.ca)

### Please fill out this form below and mail to

Kirk Elliott, 251 McGill Rd, Kamloops, BC, V2C 1M2

Rider \_\_\_\_\_ Second/Co-Rider \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Prov/State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal or Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Code \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Association \_\_\_\_ Personal E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Early Registration** on or before April 30th \$20.00 per person ( ) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Registration includes: Grand Prize and Early Registration Tickets*

**On site Registration** \$25.00 Per-person x ( ) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Camping** \$20.00 per tent/ tent trailer/ RV per night x ( ) nights  
*(All Camping sites have water and power)*  
Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of rig: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fun Run Cards** @ \$5.00 each x ( ) cards \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday night Dinner;** \$20.00 each x ( ) meals \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Saturday dinner guaranteed only if Prepaid by April 30

**Total Enclosed (cheques payable to GWRRA BC-G)**

**Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**White Water Slide & RV Park**  
1155 Lakeshore Drive  
[www.whitewaterslide.com](http://www.whitewaterslide.com)

*next door*

**Best Western Salmon Arm, BC**  
61 – 10th Street SW  
[www.bestwestern.com](http://www.bestwestern.com)  
Tel: 250-832-9793 -  
**Request GWRRA Rally rooms**

**Saturday morning Breakfast hosted by BC-C (Chilliwack)**

We can't guarantee the weather but we do guarantee the Fun



# Washington District Rider Education Workshop March 4, 2017



**Rainier Hills Christian Fellowship  
23711 Entwhistle Road, Buckley, WA 98321**

Join us for a full day of fun and training with GWRRA Rider Education. There will be some of the usual Seminar's that we offer (CPR/1<sup>st</sup> 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:** GWRRA 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 GWRRA, 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.

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(Detach and Mail)

**Washington District Rider Education Workshop Registration Form**

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

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motorcycle affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chapter:** \_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pre Registration: \$15 Includes Lunch --Postmarked by February 20, 2016**      \$15 X \_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Onsite Registration: \$20 - Limited Lunches Available**      \$20 X \_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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## K. R. PARKES GOLDSMITH



#115 - 525 Seymour Street  
Vancouver, BC V6B 3H7  
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Email: studio@krparkes.com  
www.krparkes.com GWRRA #160566

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- ◆ Wedding Bands
- ◆ Special Order Designs
- ◆ Gemstone Carvings
- ◆ Graduation Rings
- ◆ Medic Alert Jewellery
- ◆ Written Appraisals
- ◆ General Repairs - All Types

*Hand & Machine Engraving*  
(your designs, crests, logos)

Customer's gold and stones can be  
used for new designs

Jewellery Insurance Replacement Claims

## 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



## 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**

