

# Gold Nuggets



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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**MOTORCYCLE SHOW JAN 20-22**

**WA-1 CASINO NIGHT JAN 28**

**MEDIC FIRST AID FEB 18TH**

**MAD SEMINAR FEB 19TH**

**CLOVERDALE RACES FEB 24**

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## Letter from the Directors

Welcome back everyone

Well its 2017 and the last year for Tracy and me at the head of the table. 2016 was a great year with lots of good times spent on the road visiting new places and meeting new people. We took in Wing Ding last year again and are looking forward to Grapevine, Texas this year. It is to a certain



extent, the same old thing but the people and the area are always new and there always seems to be something new on the market to play with. Speaking of toys, I hope Santa was good to you and brought you lots of new toys for you motorcycle. I did get a couple of new things which gives me something to do while I am waiting for riding weather.

Our New Year's Day Breakfast had a nice turn out with good food and good friends to kick things off. Coming up at the end of the month is the Motorcycle Show with even more toys to play with. I am really looking forward to all the training, rides and rallies coming up. It's hard to have the bike sitting in the garage but when January hits we can look at the beginning of a fresh new year.

See you at the Show

Ride Safe

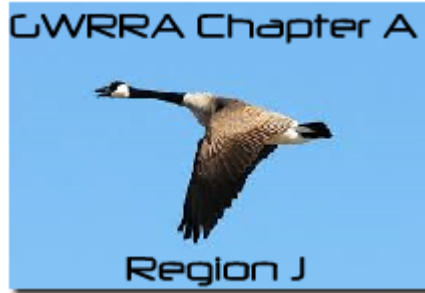
Keiller and Tracy  
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Chapter A

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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

<b>Chapter Directors:</b>	Keiller & Tracy Gowans	<b>Assistant Directors:</b>	Dave Ward/Giselle Collins
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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 we hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Years and are ready for another year. We are sure that everyone is hoping that the winter doesn't last too long so we can get back on our bike and trikes. It even makes it worse when we attend the bike shows in our areas. It's always nice to see the faces of people as they sit on the new bikes dreaming about getting out on the open road, then looking at their spouse for approval. Who knows they might become one of our new members. We look forward to seeing many of you at the Region J Rally as this is one of the times that we get to reunite with friends. More information on the Rally will follow shortly. Also this will be our first year to attend Wing Ding as Region Directors and we are looking forward to it. For those that are going to Wing Ding you can register today and not wait until it's too late. Grapevine Texas August 29<sup>th</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup>, we hope to see you there.

Until next month,

Gary and Susan Premech

Region J Directors

## Membership Draw Article submitted by Tracy Gowans

Originally printed in *ONE HowTo* by Max. D Gray

### Why is My Motorcycle Using So Much Gas?



*The reason that a motorbike uses a lot of petrol is usually due to a mechanical or adjustment problem. If you maintain your motorbike well and use parts recommended by the manufacturer when making replacements, you should have no problems. The way you ride your motorbike can also affect the fuel consumption. At OneHowTo we have the answer to the question of "Why your motorbike is using so much gas".*

- 1. Dirty Air Filters:** This is the most common answer to the question of why a motorbike uses too much fuel. If you have this problem, check the air entering the engine. With normal use, you should change the air filter every 30,000 KM. However, if you ride regularly on dusty terrain, you should perform this maintenance task more frequently.
- 2. Badly adjusted choke or throttle:** The choke lever of a bike is on the left side of the carburetor and, if misplaced, can cause the bike to use a lot of petrol. Sometimes when the bike is very cold, it is necessary to use this lever to start it. However, afterwards remember to adjust the choke back to its regular position to prevent the aforementioned increase in fuel consumption.
- 3. Hard Riding:** If you ride very aggressively with unnecessary acceleration and braking you will cause, among other things, an increased use of petrol in your bike. In addition, you are reducing the life of your vehicle and causing increased wear of the engine and parts of the bike. It is also important that you consider the environment and opt for efficient driving.
- 4. Inadequate spark plugs:** If you've changed the spark plug of the bike and have opted for a model that is not recommended by the manufacturer, this may cause your bike using so much petrol. In general, whenever you do maintenance work or modifications on your bike, purchase quality parts and those recommended by the manufacturer of your vehicle.
- 5. Idle speed adjustment:** It is possible that your bike is using so much petrol because the engine is accelerated. You can adjust the idle speed with a dial on the carburetor. Consult the manual of your bike to regulate it or go to a mechanic. What you spend on professional services will save in the long run with less fuel consumption.



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

## Tech Report Article submitted by Keiller Gowans

### Riding in the Rain (Originally Published in GoldwingDocs)

For most of the people reading this, rain is a way of life. Sometimes it just rains outside. Whether or not you ride in rainy weather is up to the individual - a decision based on their own skills and experience, their desire to avoid getting their just cleaned bike filthy, or even just whether or not they actually want to ride in the rain. For others, rain is just an inconvenience, and not a showstopper. In that case, adaptations have to be made to ride in the rain; rain gear to keep you warm and dry, and perhaps water shedding coatings for your windshield. And therein lays another issue: many of us ride behind tall windshields, and we look through them at the road. When it is raining, our vision can be obscured. Options such as motorcycle windshield wipers have sprung up, and several riders (including on of our own users) have created their own windshield wiper system. In Japan, motorcycle windshield wipers are required by law.



Keep in mind, it's not just droplet of rain, but road grime and other contaminants that need to be cleared from your windshield. So what is the best way to go about it? Read what our users think, and some ideas they have come up with keeping your [Keeping your Windscreen Clear During Rain](#) .

Winter Time: Park it or Ride it?

A large percentage of our members are in the midst of winter at the moment, and riding motorcycles is a distant memory. Of course, there are strange exceptions - we had a 60F (15C) day on the day after Christmas, and I saw people out riding motorcycles, even though the roads were covered with salt. And therein lays the dilemma: salt. It's perfectly possible to carefully ride a motorcycle in the snow. It takes a great deal of skill and patience, and studded tires sure don't hurt.

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If you live in an area where it only snows occasionally, this might be an option for you. However, there is that salt problem. Our bikes have none of the rust proofing protection that automobiles have, and they have tons of nooks and crannies for salt spray to get up inside, places where you can never get to when washing the bike. Worse, our bikes have hundreds and hundreds of electrical connectors. Unlike cars, which have sealed connectors to protect against environmental corrosion, the electrical connectors on our bikes are open to the atmosphere. Salt spray and vapor will get inside these copper connectors and cause massive corrosion. The problems might not show up for a year or two, when they will manifest themselves as strange, intermittent, unrelated and near-impossible-to-track down electrical failures. So is it wise to ride during the winter? Or is there a guideline that makes it safe, both for the rider and the bike? See what our members think [Park it or Ride it?](#)

Some “snowbirds” prefer to put their motorcycle on a trailer and tow it down to more southern climates, away from the snow and cold. One of our users is looking to trailer his Goldwing from Maine to Florida in the dead of winter. The last time he tried this, he put a cover on his bike to protect it - Only to discover once he arrived that the flapping cover had worn a large area of paint off the bike! This is why you should never use a cover when towing a motorcycle on an open trailer. The problem is, again salt. Even worse, the salt spray kicked up by the tires on the tow vehicle completely enveloped the bike, giving it a thorough salt bath for hours and hours. This is a sure-fire way to cause massive corrosion,

electrical faults, pitted aluminum and worse - basically, a really good way to destroy your expensive motorcycle. So what other options are there? Read suggestions offered by our users, who have many years of combined experience towing their bikes on trailers: [Trailerable Bike Covers](#)



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

**Events** submitted by Tracy Gowans  
**Christmas Kettle 2016** Organized by Joe Leblanc

Another Great job done by GWRRA Chapter A folks. Joe Leblanc reports we collected \$760.00 for the Salvation Army. In the words of Ivan Armstrong “You’re a good man Charlie Brown!” Thanks to all that helped out Toby & Lorae, John, Jenny and Becky, Kelly, Donn & Wanda and Ivan and Joe! Many more thanks to all that came out to support and donate to such a great cause.



***In photo top***

Ivan Armstrong

Joe Leblanc

Brian Ellis

***To right***

Joe Leblanc

Donn & Wanda Champion



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**Events** submitted by Tracy Gowans  
**SCAT 2016** Organized by Joe Leblanc



# Giving Hope Today

A big thanks to Joe Leblanc for collecting and distributing the items donated to our SCAT program. Joe reports that 485 pieces were collected this year from our members with 80% of them being larger items including blankets, sheets, sleeping bags and smaller stuff including warm gloves, mittens scarfs and hats.

All items collected were donated to the local Salvation Army for the Homeless Street Ministry.

## ***Chapter BC A - New Years Breakfast***

Great turn out for our annual Chapter BC A New Years breakfast. Thanks to all that took the time to come out and join us. No ride due to all the cold weather snow and ice, maybe next year. Happy New Year to all! Thanks Dave Ward for the Photo!





# Events submitted by Tracy Gowans

## Christmas Party 2016

Another great Chapter A Christmas party was held on Nov 26th 2016 at the Richmond Yacht club. Thank you to all that came out to celebrate with us, and a special thank you to Kelly Parkes A.K.A. Santa Claus, Giselle Collins, not sure I could have done dinner without you and to Patrick Frampton for arranging the venue.



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# Events submitted by Tracy Gowans Christmas Party 2016



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# 50/50 Draw Article submitted by Keiller Gowans

Originally printed in American Academy of Ophthalmology by Celia Vimont Nov 2016

## What Does 20/20 Vision Mean?

When you visit the eye doctor for a checkup, you may be asked to read an eye chart. The chart measures your visual acuity, or sharpness of vision. If you don't wear glasses or contact, your eye doctor will use the results to find out whether you need them. If you already wear corrective lenses, the test results will tell your doctor if your glasses or contacts prescription needs to change.



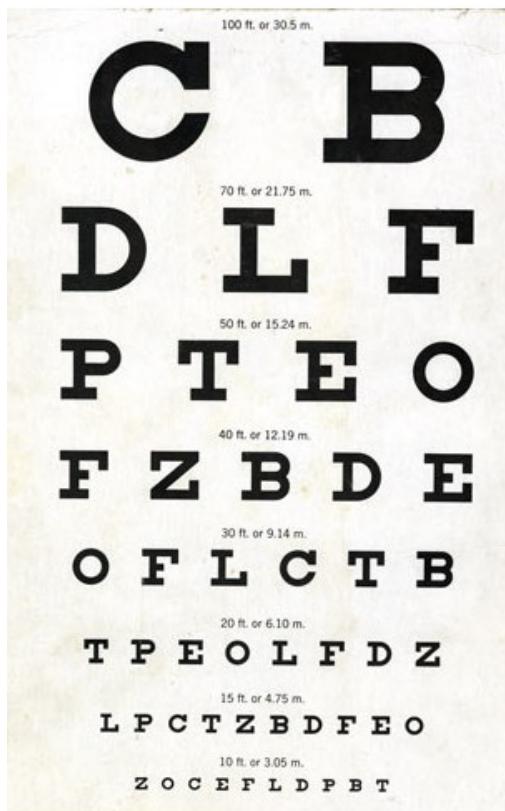
The most commonly used chart is known as the Snellen chart. It usually shows 11 rows of capital letters. The first line has one very large letter. Each row after that has increasing numbers of letters that are smaller in size. You stand 20 feet away from the chart, and read from it without your glasses or contacts. You cover one eye and read out the smallest line of letters you can see. The test is done on each eye. In some offices, the chart is viewed using a mirror so the test can be done with less than 20 feet of space. The results are the same whether or not a mirror is used.

If you have 20/20 vision you are considered to have normal visual acuity. The top number refers to the distance in feet that you stand from the chart. The bottom number indicates the distance at which a

person with normal eyesight can read the same line you correctly read. A person with 20/20 vision can see what an average person can see on an eye chart when they are standing 20 feet away. Dutch eye doctor Hermann Snellen developed the Snellen eye chart in the 1860's. He was the colleague of Dr Fransiscus Donders, who began diagnosing vision problems by asking people to look at a chart on the wall and tell him what they could see. According to The New York Times, he asked Dr. Snellen to make the chart.

The eye chart came along during the time of rapid industrialization, when good eyesight was needed for an increasing number of jobs, from railroad engineers to factory workers. Your visual acuity is measured as part of your eye exam.

It is recommended that you get a baseline eye examination at age 40, the time when early signs of disease or changes in vision may occur. Eye charts do not help the eye doctor tell whether you have an eye disease such as glaucoma or a problem with your retina. They also do not measure other vision problems such as lost of peripheral (side) vision.



A standard Snellen vision testing chart from the 1950s.

### GOLD NUGGETS

## GWRRA BC Drill Team Riding January 2017



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

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.

### “Space margins” Comfort Zone and “Trust”

The Drill team bikes are moving in unison and it tends to look like they are all glued together, (that is if we are doing it correctly), but are they really moving together that smoothly? Well, yes a little bit. But more accurately, “not”.

If you have ever seen “cockpit footage” of a formation flying team, Blue Angles, Canadian Snow Birds, or other, you can see that they are constantly moving within their own flight space next to each other. They only look like a smooth formation from a distance.

My Father in law has a saying, “From 10,000 feet no one will notice” lol. Yep he’s correct. The distance between the drill team and the crowd help smooth out all of those little movements and give you the impression that the team is connected and we look way cool and composed! Ok so now that I have all of you snickering, it’s true that there “IS” a certain amount of expertise a drill team rider exhibits while staying close to his partner, but it is sometimes not as smooth as we like. Drill teams are always shooting for top shelf with their performance but it’s not uncommon for us to come up a little short of our goals. Not to be disappointed by most performances, on the contrary, most times we are happy with the end result and we will look back at the performance and point to the little things we seek to improve on for next time.



How does one improve? By identifying mistakes and fixing them.

Part of learning this drill team stuff is getting used to encroaching into your “comfort zone”, (space margins around your bike) a little bit at a time. Let’s face it, the closer a team rides to one another, the more impressive it looks!

That comfort zone can really vary for any particular rider, because most of us are very concerned with the investment we have made in that big bike, and scratching it, or dropping it is the first thing to come to mind when you get into scary territory!



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## GWRRA BC Drill Team Riding January 2017



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To quote a friend of ours, Randy Rodriquez, (Central Florida Drill Team) , “Any rider you are considering having on your team should be nervous about damage to



their bike. If they have no concern for their own bike and body, they certainly have no concern for yours.” I wouldn’t argue against that point!

One of the comfort “Zones” that we have to get used to is riding **beside**



**each other!** This one is really not too bad, because your peripheral vision really helps you here once you learn to spot your distance beside your partner. The comfort zone **be-**

**hind you** is totally out of your control! Once you spend some time riding with the other bikes, you quit worrying about what’s behind you, because you are going to be focused on learning to manage space in front of your bike! You’re going to “totally” trust you’re riding piers behind you! You have no choice but to! The biggest comfort “Zone” that we have no idea about is the one directly **in front** of your bike. Well we work that out through practice and using up some of that comfort Zone in front of you a little at a time. What’s “**one**” bike length? Or “**Half**” a length?

British Columbia  
Motorcycle Drill Team

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## GWRRA BC Drill Team Riding January 2017



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We will line the bikes up and measure out one bike length between them, and we as riders dismount stand back and see the space, then mount the bike and “sight” a spot on your windshield, to a “reference” spot on the bike in front of you. We start with this technique and it is kind of your first foray into learning about managing space margins, but to be honest, eventually you learn, “that technique” comes up short, because you aren’t following the same bike all the time, and sometimes a completely different kind of bike.

We also change spacing continually during a performance to accommodate whatever maneuver is up next. I don’t know about the other riders, but there is no way I can remember 3 or 4 different reference marks DURING a performance when we need to adjust bike spacing! So much for “reference” marks! You will eventually learn by practice and most importantly, “**feedback**” from a team member standing at the side of the range observing space margins (Or Intervals) and giving us the real picture. We also watch video of our practice, as it too doesn’t lie, and gives you the true picture. You eventually learn where your front tire “is” on the ground in front of you. Not much different than learning where the edge of your car tire is on the road!

We have even developed a little training trick to allow you to explore where that front tire of your motorcycle “IS” on the ground in front of you! I like to refer to this as “**Front End Awareness**” We could use a curb, but that can be a little too much for many riders, because curbs are “hard” yellow, and “SCARY”. Other advanced motorcycle courses use a “**Concrete Wall**”. The consequences of using an immovable object to improve “**Front End Awareness**” could be, shall we say, dramatic!! We have something much better to play with!!

Something you can all do is to watch, and tell us if we are doing a good job at it, is how well we “Start”, or “Stop” as a team. If we do it correctly, every single motorcycle will start moving at exactly the same time!! Or “Terminate” motion at the very same time. It’s harder than it looks, but it really is about, “Comfort Zone” and “Trust” in each other.

Until next month, “Shinny Up”

[Rob Ellis](#)

Captain

BCMDT



## BC- A Chapter Member Profile



My name is Gord McDonald, a retired (I think) mechanic. I like to ride motorcycles. I got my first bike, a Harley 45 cube flathead when I was 15 years old. I sold it the same day that I got it running. It was shaking and snorting so bad I was sure it would explode any minute. Two years later, I got an old Royal Enfield 350 single that came my way as a basket case. That was followed by a 500 single Enfield. After this came a succession of BSAs and a Triumph. I Finally got back to a Harley which lasted me to my short lived marriage, off spring and divorce. I left Toronto in Oct 1969 and regretted not coming out to Vancouver 10 years sooner. (Before the wedding fiasco). I started riding again on a borrowed dirt bike, before finally getting a Honda Hawk 400 twin. Next came a brand new 1983 Goldwing Aspencade, what a beauty. I covered all of the lower states except Vermont. I think I was confused in New Brunswick after drinking a few beers with a friend there. I rode that till Oct 2005 when I bought a 2005 Goldwing. After that was a 97 Honda Shadow 1100, 84 GL1200, 89 GL1500, 2007 GL1800 and now a Silver 2013 GL1800. I joined GWRRA in 2006, if there is a ride happening I will probably be on it.



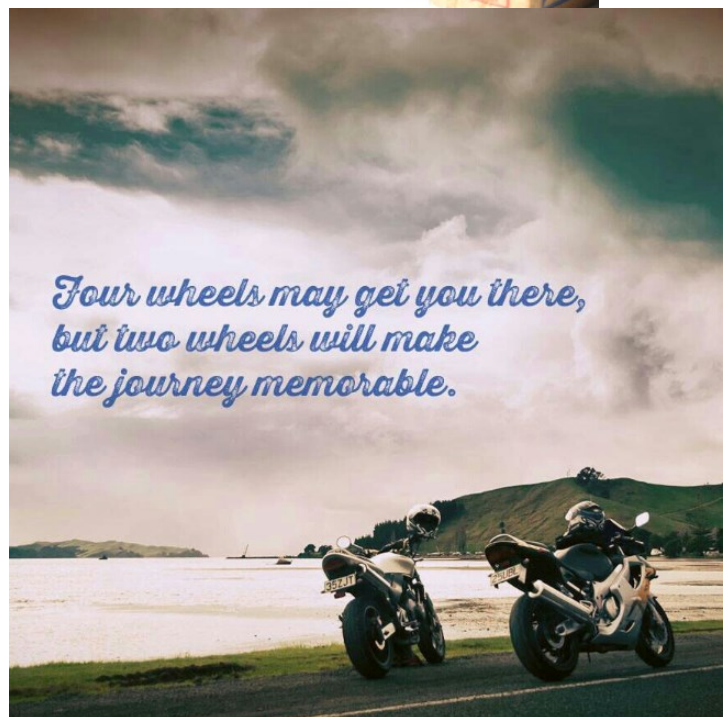
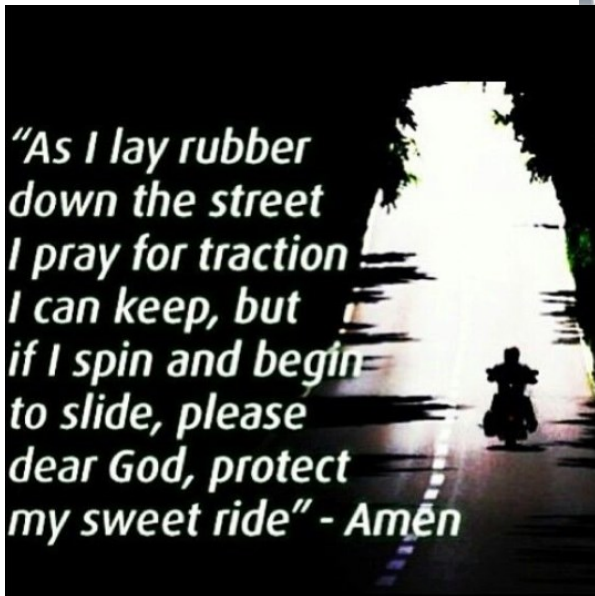
Gord McDonald

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***Congratulations to Chapter A Members  
Darcy and Jaime Pattison  
on their recent wedding on  
November 19th 2016***

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

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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)





*Dec/Jan 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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*Dec/Jan Birthdays*

Dan Fortin - Dec 6th  
Terry Ellis - Jan 1st  
Rainie Frampton - Jan 21st

*GWRRA Anniversaries*

Barry & Margaret Irvine (26)  
Dave Higgs (11)  
Amanda Fortin (6)  
Stephen & Patricia McKenna (1)  
Penney Hook (7)  
Russell & Julie Ryan (7)  
Chris Ryan (4)  
Stephen Ryan (4)  
Ron & Gail Snelgrove (4)

# COMING SOON!



## January 2017

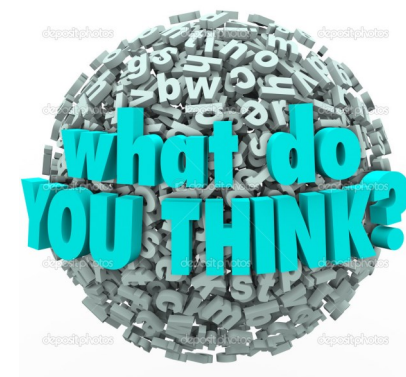
1	New Years Day Breakfast/Ride	BC-A
4	Dinner Meeting	BC-D
7	OCP	Reg J
15/29	Breakfast/Ride	BC-C
15	Breakfast Meeting	BC-A
17	Dinner Meeting	BC-C
28	Casino Night	WA-I
20-21	Vancouver Motorcycle Show	BC-A/D

## 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
17,18,19	The Surf Walk	WA-E
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



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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**

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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

## **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

**January 31st 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 \$150.00 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)**

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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

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](mailto:drward@telus.net)

# Attention GWRRA Snowbirds! Arizona District Chapter S-Scottsdale is hosting a Rider Education Levels Program Seminar Day on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the



Fountain Hills Community Center 13001 N La Montana Drive, Fountain Hills, AZ

8:15am to 2:45pm

Lunch will be provided

Reserve your spot today!

This seminar day is open to ALL GWRRA members. Come and join the fun!

Though our focus is to help members who winter in Arizona obtain the training necessary to maintain or advance in the levels program, we gladly welcome all members.

The following seminars will be presented:

Co-Riding

Team Riding

Motorist Awareness – Share the Road

Motorcycling for the Mature Rider

Other Seminars TBD



Contact AZ-S Chapter Educator Connie Jo Richtmyre to reserve your seat and/or ask questions [conniejo42@msn.com](mailto:conniejo42@msn.com) or 612-599-2074

Please note: Reservations required by February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to ensure we have sufficient space and food for all attendees.

We look forward to meeting you soon!

GOLD NUGGETS



# 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 GWRRRA 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: 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.

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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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(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

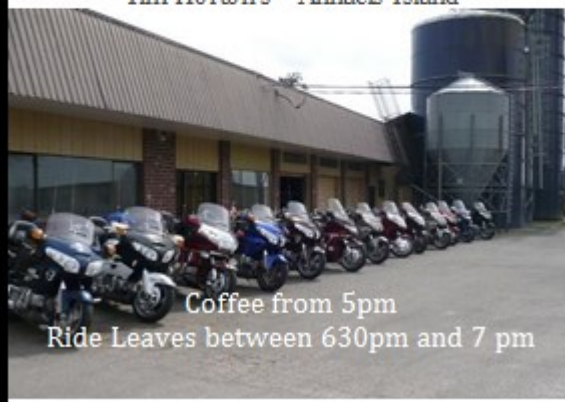
If there are NOT any Lower Mainland Rides/Events on  
our Chapter Schedule, then you can expect a ride  
from the McDonalds at the Boundary Road/Lougheed  
Highway intersection, Vancouver. Coffee from 9.00.  
Ride leaves at 10.00. Saturday, Sunday and all



## Tuesday Night Rides

Coffee Social (ride in season)

Tim Horton's - Annacis Island



Coffee from 5pm  
Ride Leaves between 630pm and 7 pm