

Gold Nuggets



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SEPTEMBER 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- OYSTER RUN
SEPT 24TH
- VANC TOY
RUN OCT 1ST
- PLANNING
MEETING OCT
14
- FV TOY RUN
OCT 15TH

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Letter from the Chapter A Directors

Friends

This is the final note from us as Directors and we would like to say thank you so much to those who have supported us over the last few years. Tracy and I stepped into the role as new members to GWRRR and it was a considerable learning curve for us. One of the most important things we learned is there are a lot of very good people in this association from all over North America. Tracy and I have attended a couple of Wing Dings, Reno Rendezvous and a multitude of different rallies since we joined meeting so many new friends.



Looking forward to the rest of the year with the Oyster Run, the Toy Runs and all the other events that fill our weekends. Sadly though the weather is starting to turn and the rains are coming so we need to get as many rides as we can to make the best out of our ICBC investment. Thanks again to all those who stepped up to help with events and all those other little jobs that come up through the year.

Special Thanks to:

Assistant Directors – Dan and Valery Fortin; Treasurer – Dave Ward ; Education – Kelly Parks
Ride Coordinator – Chuck Taylor; Stores - Giselle Collins; MEC – Ian McAlpine and all of you who have stepped up to make this a rewarding experience.

Take care and ride safe

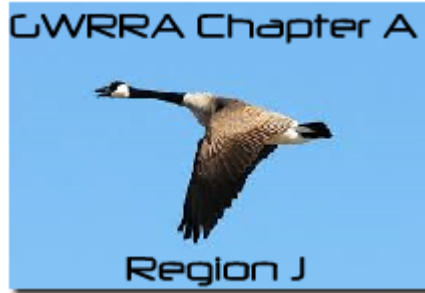
Keiller and Tracy

Directors, Chapter A

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CB Ch. 33

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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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| Ride Coordinator: | Chuck Taylor | | |
| Games Coordinator: | Vacant (Kelly Parkes) | | |
| Membership Enhancement Coordinator: | Ian McAlpine | | |

If you are interested in holding a position on the Executive or would like to nominate someone please contact the chapter directors



*Gary and Susan
Premech
Region J Directors*

August/September 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 informed, 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 its 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 Tracy Gowans



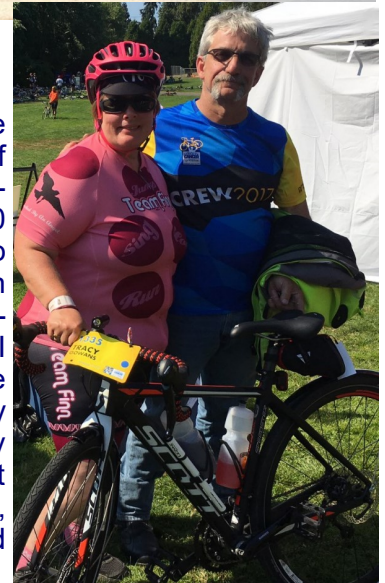
Tracy's Ride to Conquer Cancer—After the Ride

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported my ride. It was an epic two days of riding between Cloverdale BC and Seattle Washington. 8.3 million dollars was raised by over 2000 riders on their bicycles riding 240 km. I signed up because I wanted a reason to train and get in shape but more importantly cancer has really effected my family and I wanted a way to feel like I was making a difference. I have lost many close family and friends including my mom, very nearly

my dad, many beloved aunts, uncles, cousins and a grandparent. I initially thought fund raising \$2500 would be my biggest challenge, but it turned out it was my biggest life lesson. The generosity of my family, friends, neighbors, coworkers and the members & friends of GWRRRA has been very heart felt and amazing, you all out did yourselves and I will be forever grateful.

The support of my husband and my team "Team Finn" was epic, I found people on my team that rode at my pace and provided me with tips, advice and support the whole way. As you are riding along people riding at a faster pace would state "On your left" as they passed by. I heard that a lot!! The ride staff provide you with license plates that have your first name displayed. So what I also heard was "You can do it Tracy" "Great job, you are almost there Tracy" This turned out to be a great source of encouragement. In my training rides I only ever made it to about 15 km in one ride; I did ok on day 1 but on day 2 of the ride one of my teammates said come ride with us. I knew they were much faster, I said you go a head I am too slow, he rode with me for the next 72 km, I did 85 km in total that day, the most I had ever done in one ride. The last 13 km was with my whole team; they waited at the last check point for everyone of us to gather and we rode across the finish line together, it was awesome! I could not have done it without my team including Keiller who joined the moto crew and helped keep us all stay safe. Another source of encouragement was turning that corner and seeing him cheering us on. There are not too many people who can say their life has not been touched by cancer. I envy those few. It's easy to say or think "all the money raised

and there is still no cure", but when you ride with survivors who tell you if they had their cancer 5 years earlier they would have died, and you hear about all the advancements that have been made it really fills your heart and I am thrilled to say I am doing it again next year! Anyone want to join me? **Thank you!!!!**



GOLD NUGGETS



50/50 Draw Article submitted by Giselle Collins



You know that summer has come to an end when it is time for the Gold Run! Cache Creek was the host for this years event (September Long Weekend) and, although the area was smokey from all the fires, the Gold Wings in attendance seemed to have a good time.

Saturday was reserved for registration and a couple of “bike games”: couples ring toss (winner was Dave Ward BC-A with co-rider Kelly Conley BC-D) the slow ride (winner was Dave Ward BC-A).

After the games there was free time and people split up. Doug and Brenda Bowers (BC-C) and Dave and I took the road up to Loon Lake, a nice ride and the road was not busy at all, then it was back to the campground for the Saturday evening bar-b-q. A lovely meal put on by the chefs of BC-D followed by some prize drawings and awards:

Chapter with the most pre-paid registrations – WA-D

20 year award to Pat Williams

Sunday morning found us gathered again at the campground for coffee, muffins, fruit and the requisite group picture with all the bikes. Then it was off on the Fun Run (with a twist) – there were 2 different routes outlined on the itinerary and the number of mandatory stops was reduced to 1. I read the instructions wrong after the mandatory stop so we took yet another route altogether but we were back at the hotel by the “last bike in” time.

After a rest up and dinner, some of us decorated our bikes and headed out for the Light Parade. Not a huge turnout but those riding seemed to have fun and we ended at the Dairy Queen for an ice-cream and more draw prizes.

Thank you Chapter BC-D for organizing this event.

Giselle Collins

Chapter BC-A



BC Chapter A Member Profile submitted by Ian McAlpine



Hi BC-A, it is I again your chapter MEC. It looks like we are into a new year, even though it is only September. Dave Ward and Giselle Collins will be taking over as Chapter BC-A Directors along and some other changes to the executive after our September meeting. In the mean time Dave has told me that there will be a lot more information coming my way on new members to follow up with. If this does happen which I'm sure it will, then I will not need to be after our older or should I have said long time members to do a Members Bio about themselves, I will have info provided on our newcomers.

Now if you like, having said that if anyone would like to put one together ahead of time and forward it on to me at mr.imca@telus.net. Feel free to do so that way you will have time and will not feel pressured at the last minute to put one together when asked.

Just saying.

Also don't forget to Add pictures of yourself, your co-rider with or without your ride.

Ian McAlpine Chapter BC-A MEC



BC Chapter A Member Story submitted by Kelly Parkes/Gord McDonald

About 1 year ago I saw this gold (fiberglass?) tree installed at Marine & Cambie in Vancouver. Gord McDonald and I have looked at it many times when stopped at the red light near there.

I backed our Goldwing into the hollow tree at Stanley Park one day and a person there took a couple of photos of Linda and I in that one. We now have a photo of our bike in both. You want to do this early before the cops wake up.

There is also some photos with Gord's silver and my gold bike, both in the tree. Thanks to Gord for the great shots with a tripod. As Chuck Taylor said, A member of The Goldwing Road Riders Assn. who is a Goldsmith with a gold colored Goldwing in a golden tree. YUP

Kelly Parkes
Chapter BC-A



Do you have a story to tell from a ride or other adventure, please send your stories and photos to gwrri.gowans@gmail.com

Events submitted by Ian McAlpine

Ian submitted these fun photos of his friends who belong to a bike association called CMC (Canadian Motorcycle Cruisers) in Nanaimo who report that this was their "Club Ride" that night. They report they rode around Woodgrove Mall laughing and acting like kids, they had a lot of fun and afterwards jumped on their bikes and went for ice cream! Ideas for Chapter A perhaps??



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Tuesday Night Ride submitted by Chuck Taylor

As you know Chapter A rides on Tuesday nights and on August 29th a few bikes went to check out the views from Cypress Mountain. Thanks for the pictures Chuck!! What to join us? Every Tuesday Wendy's 3698 Grandview Highway, Coffee at 6 PM, Ride at 7 Hope to see you there!



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Duffy Lake Ride Aug 19th 2017 submitted by Tracy Gowans

The Duffy Lake Loop ride on August 19th was a great success! I heard there were 20 bikes that split into 3 groups to do the ride. Members from Chapter's A, C and D in attendance!! Awesome, Thanks for the Photo's Chuck Taylor and Dan Fortin! You can see some of Dan's videos on the link below.

<https://youtu.be/fjQ0mRdDT4Q>

On this ride we met at MacDonald's in Burnaby leaving at 8:00 AM to meet with Chapter D at the Horseshoe Bay brake check. After meeting with Chapter D we decided to break into 3 groups and proceeded to ride up the Sea to Sky highway with a stop in Squamish for coffee. Riding through Whistler on the back road and up to Pemberton for gas. This is where we bumped into the other groups where they decided to have lunch. Our group carried on to Lillooet for lunch and after finishing lunch bumped into the rest of the group again. At this point people broke into groups to go different ways home and our group went up 99 to 97, through Cache Creek and down the #1 home. As we approached Cache Creek we saw fire crews assembling on the road side a lot of devastation from the wild fires.



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Tech Report submitted by Keiller Gowans



I bought my 2007 GL1800 about 5 years ago with approximately 30,000 KM on it and it now has 135,000 KM. For some time now it has made a funny noise when it starts up for about 10 to 15 sec and then it quiets right down. When I am lagging a bit (below 2000 rpm) it makes a similar funny noise.

That's right the "funny noise". You know the one that cost about \$3500 to fix. The good thing is that mine is a-typical in the way it is acting. Typical would be a constant rather loud

and annoying growl that does not go away and can be heard just in front of the alternator.

Gord McDonald used a stethoscope with a funky probe on the end of it and the mechanic at Valley Motorsports Repair used a screw driver up against his ear but basically the same result. Ironically this little unit is in there to quiet down the alternator and sure enough when its working it does the job and when it's not working it makes enough noise to drown out any noise that the alternator makes.

The ADG is inside the rear engine cover. Besides the alternator, you have to remove the starter and drive shaft before you can get to the rear cover. Then you need room to get the rear cover off and back on with a new gasket after replacing the ADG. Also involved, is torquing and pinning three bearings and nuts after you've figured out how to install the aforementioned rear cover. So after hearing this you should now understand that the motor **MUST** come out to do the work. Larger Motorcycle shops don't usually like to do these jobs because this a 22 hour by the book job that actually takes 22 hours to complete. There is no real money in it for them but Valley Motorsports Repair has a few of these under their belt and charges the 22 hours plus the part. The part is over \$1000 and as stated earlier the total bill would be approximately \$3500.

After all is said and done "Big Max" will be going into the hospital this winter for a little TLC and hopefully I will get to listen to a quieter bike next summer.

Keiller Gowans

Chapter BC- A Director

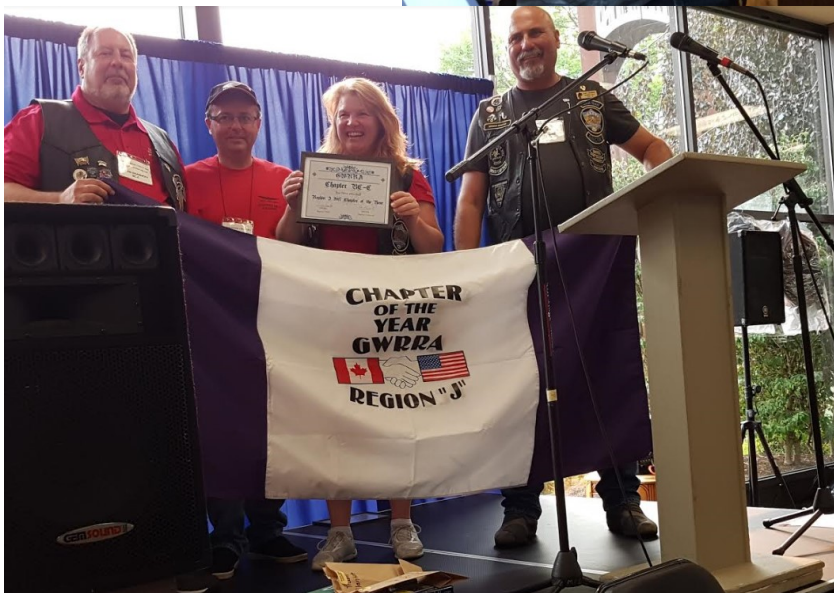
BTW - this is a January job not a July job. The shop is too busy and it would be in there all summer killing the riding season.

Do you have a story to tell from a technical issue you encountered and solved? Please send your stories and photos to gwrra.gowans@gmail.com



Region J Rally Awards submitted by Tracy Gowans

Region J Rally occurred in the Fraser Valley this past August Long weekend. I unfortunately could not attend but Keiller was there and although it was a smaller rally than what's typical those who attended had a great time! A few local awards to announce; our very own Dave Ward was awarded member of the year for his courage to come back and keep riding after he and Giselle's accident on the Sea to Sky highway over a year ago. Congratulations Dave!



Also, our sister Chapter in Chilliwack took home chapter of the year, great job Kevin, Karin and your crew!!

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GWRRA BC Drill Team Riding August/Sept 2017



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

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/Sept 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

Gilbert, Garth Morrow
1936 - 2017

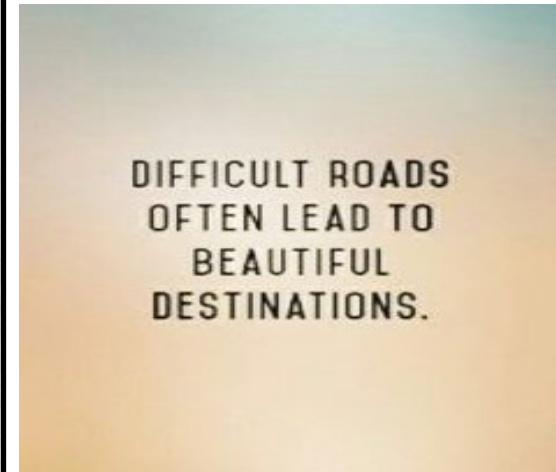


Gil, as he was known to his friends, passed away peacefully on August 10, 2017 at Abbotsford Regional Hospital and Cancer Centre at the age of 81.

Gil was born in Victoria, B.C. and joined the military service in 1952. He became a Sergeant in the Royal Canadian Air Force and was honourably released in 1983. After his military service he was involved in the motor vehicle industry as a Service Manager and loved auto racing and hot rods were his hobby. He also became a certified motorcycle instructor. He was a life member of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association and a part of the Precision Riding Team BC-D Chapter and enjoyed many years of attending rallies and tours on his Honda Gold Wing to various parts of Canada and the USA with fellow members. In his latter years he enjoyed a peaceful life at home watching his favourite dusters on TV.

He will be sadly missed by his friends and acquaintances and especially by his best friend and companion Frieda. Heartfelt thanks to the B.C. Ambulance Paramedics and the doctors, nurses and staff of the Abbotsford Regional Hospital for their care and compassion.

Gil requested no service but in his memory please make a donation to the Canadian Cancer Society or charity of your choice.



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

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

Chapter BC-A Vancouver Directors

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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 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





September Wedding Anniversaries

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

Ted & Coleen Dewar Sept 23rd

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

September Birthdays

Barry Irvine Sept 1st

Ken Hook Sept 9th

Lorraine Tompkins Sept 25th

Giselle Collins Sept 26th

Val Fortin Sept 29th

Kathy Wilkins Sept 30th

GWRRA Anniversaries

Butch & Pam Smith (93)

Marian Goetz (09)

Patrick & Rainie (07)

Ken Weisner (10)

Richard McCartie (14)

Mark & Brenda Lotzkar (14)

COMING SOON!



September 2017

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| 1-2 | Wing Ding 39—Grapevine Texas | GWRRRA |
| 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

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| 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 |



November 2017

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| 1 | Dinner Meeting | BC-D |
| 4 | Guy Fox | BC-D |
| 11 | Remembrance Day Ride | BC-A |
| 5/19 | Breakfast/Ride | BC-C |
| 21 | Dinner Meeting | BC-C |
| 19 | Breakfast Meeting | BC-A |
| 25 | Christmas Dinner (Potluck) | BC-A |



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Riders Wanted

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Stay Tuned For upcoming events.

Contact Carl Schoten 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

Do you have a great idea for a newsletter Article?

Ever thought about becoming the Newsletter Editor?

Sounds like a daunting task to put your thoughts down on paper and send it in but really just a few lines is all it really takes. Take a few minutes and send us whatever you have.... We love photos too.

- Did you go on a great ride lately?
- Did you attend a great event or meet some great people?
- Maybe find a solution to a problem others may also be trying to fix?
- Are you a techy and want to share your knowledge?
- Maybe you have a burning question we can publish in the newsletter?

Contact Tracy Gowans at gwrri.gowans@gmail.com with your ideas.

Deadline for articles for October's newsletter is October 11th, 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 or phone Tracy Gowans 604 219 5836 Ads are free



FOR SALE

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- USB Power
- digital led voltmeter
- saddle & trunk rails and inserts
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- 20th 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)

Buy & Sell

For Sale/Want will run for 3 editions of the newsletter. Please contact the newsletter editor if you wish to extend it longer or if your item has been sold at gwrri.gowans@gmail.com or phone Tracy Gowans 604 219 5836 Ads are free

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

Phone 604 420 3229



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|--------------------------|--|
| Date Listed | 10-May-17 |
| Price | \$12,500.00 |
| Address | Burnaby, BC V5A2T7 View map |
| 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



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

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

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.]

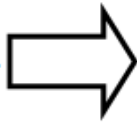
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Alphabet Ride

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:

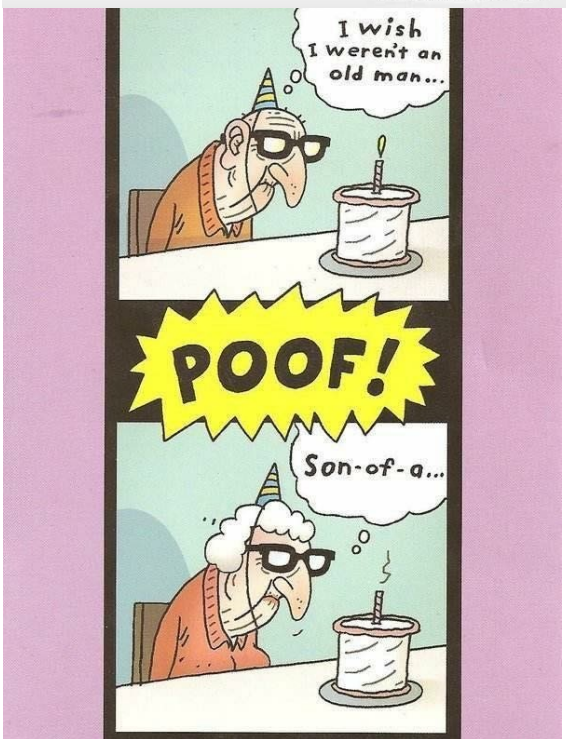
1. Locations are in BC and Washington State only.
2. Limit of 2 letters per day.
3. Duration May 1st to Nov 1st 2017
4. Provide a photo of the rider with bike at location landmark e.g. Post Office, Store, Information Centre etc.
5. Forward copies of pics, forms to:
gwr-ra.gowans@gmail.com

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 to request a form be emailed out to you.

IT'S AMAZING THE
NUMBER OF GREAT
PEOPLE IN MY LIFE
THAT I WOULDN'T
HAVE EVER MET IF
IT WASN'T FOR
MOTORCYLES



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GOLD NUGGETS



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

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(your designs, crests, logos)

Customer's gold and stones can be
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**

