



GOLD NUGGETS



G.W.R.R.A.

REGION J – CHAPTER BC-A, VANCOUVER, B.C.

APRIL, 2003

Wow, that was close, I was just about to license the Wing when Mother Nature reminded me that she wasn't finished with winter yet! How many of you got caught? My '88 is still in hibernation in a nice warm, dry shop waiting for me to do the maintenance thing! I have been busy renovating a 1983 Honda 650 Nighthawk. It's a neat little bike (remember when 650cc was a big bike?), it now looks and runs great – 'gonna be sorry to part with it but I have need/plans for the money (another bike!). I like that idea that Craig Heele put forward at our last meeting: the "one plate" which will cover all the bikes that you own – betcha that Ed would like that!

Craig gave a spirited talk about the workings of BCCOM (BC Coalition of Motorcyclists). He explained about their lobbying effort on our behalf: past successes such as access to the HOV lanes and future wishes such as the "one plate". He spoke eloquently about his belief that we should continue to support ICBC (I agree), and the need of all motorcyclists to support BCCOM (again I agree). The membership is \$35 per annum, there are application forms out on the desk. There is the upcoming MLA's ride in Victoria on Thursday May 8th. Think I might try to get coverage so that I can join Barry for that one – anyone else interested?

Also at the last meeting were those "old faithfuls" Bruce and Sandi McMahon who drove up from Washington despite the weather (Bruce said that the threat of ice made them leave the 1800 at home but that they drove in their truck with the windows open to try to maintain the ambience of riding! I thought that they should have taken it in turns riding in the back if that's how they really felt!). Barry and Margaret are planning to go down on March 15th to visit WA-E and I'm hoping to be able to go down to catch their last official meeting in April – anyone interested?

A warm BC-A welcome to first-timer Marty Aham, hope you enjoyed the meeting Marty. And on that note a belated welcome to all you who have decided to join us in the last year or two. Some "new" members have already taken on responsibilities such as Gary Robins our webmaster who has just taken on the added job as treasurer, Ed Drozdik who is our new stores keeper and latest member of the phone tree (Brian Davis is grateful to you both for relieving him of his double duties as treasurer and stores keeper – many thanks to Brian for his past efforts! If you're wondering where Brian and Peggy have been lately, they have been absent because Brian has been working 7 days a week!). Our other "workaholics" (aka ACD's) Heather and Rick McIvor would like to step down from their positions because of work loads, but Heather has assured me that she will continue as chapter historian and 50/50 helper – thanks Heather! It would be really nice if someone would step forward to take up this position (HELP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!). If I have failed to recognise anyone else please accept my apology and put it down to my old age!

Pat and I have just spent a weekend of R&R at Manning Park in our 5th wheel (yes, we are one of "those"!). The weather was gorgeous on the Saturday and we got in a full half-day of downhill skiing – don't laugh, I like to sleep in when I can (I usually get up at 6am every work day) and it was our first time skiing this year! We got to park our trailer right next to the day lodge on the hill and take advantage of the electrical outlets provided – that way we can run our TV/VCR, heater and microwave – ah, camping is great! We took our truck down to the main lodge (8km away) and enjoyed a great meal together with a glass of wine before returning to our "home on wheels". Unfortunately it snowed/rained on Sunday so we gave up on the idea of cross country skiing and got home early. That one day made it all worth while, it really is "Beautiful British Columbia". It's a great family mountain and they have just added a new toboggan run complete with a motorized tow rope to get you back to the top – we notice as many "adults" on the run as kids!

Spring and Summer are just around the corner and of course that means "riding time". Keep in mind our chapter events as listed as well as the District Rally at Winfield which is between Kelowna and Vernon. The dates are August 1-4th and I'm told that Elvis will be there to entertain you ladies! If you're not going to attend our annual "rain-out" at Vedder, June 6-8th, you might want to sign up for the "Midnight Sun Rally" in Alaska! Phone Dennis Bible at 907 – 262 – 7300 if interested. Please be sure to reserve June 1st to join us on our annual Bob Davies Memorial Fun Run. It is one of our chapter major events, if you're not riding we could use you as a volunteer check point monitor, please contact Ivan if you can help.

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B.C. CHAPTER MEETINGS.

- 4th Sunday BC-A Vancouver**
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CB#33 ABC Restaurant,
2350 Boundary at Lougheed Hwy.
Breakfast 8am. Meeting 9:30am.
- 3rd Sunday BC-B Campbell River/Courtney**
Ted & Dorothy Morton
CB#20 Popsies Log Grill @ 9:00am
1120 Ironwood St.
Every Tuesday @ Tim Hortons
Coffee @ 7:00pm.
- 3rd Monday BC-C Chilliwack/Fraser Valley**
Bruce & Joan Dunmall 604-824-0498
CB#33 Cross Roads Family Restaurant @ 6:30pm
1821 Sumas Way, Abbotsford. 852-1614
- 1st Wednesday BC-D Surrey**
Emery & Jenny Larocque 604-591-6460
CB#33 1st Wednesday @ Ricky's Restaurant,
Surrey @ 7pm.
Coffee: Esquire's Coffee Shop,
152nd & Fraser Hwy. Friday, 7pm.
- 1st Tuesday BC-G Kamloops**
Ian & Cynthia Hiscock 250-579-0075
CB#33 Brass Kettle @ 7:00pm. 1485 West T.C.H.
Coffee: West Rock Bakery, Thurs. 7:00
- 2nd Wednesday BC-H Dawson Creek**
Ken & Marion Guay 250-782-2959
CB#33 @ A&W Restaurant @ 7pm.
Apr.-Oct. Coffee & Ride Wed. 7:00pm.
- Every Saturday BC-K Kelowna**
Randy & Carol Werger 250-763-1414
CB#33 The Specialty Bakery, 833 Finns Rd.,
Kelowna. Every Saturday Breakfast
(8:00am Summer, 9:00am Winter)
www.ogopogo.com/bck
- 2nd Monday BC-P Prince George**
Steve & Marilyn Foulston 250-963-90
CB#33 Fortune Palace @ 6:00pm Peden Hill.
www.members.pgonline.com/~haggis
- 2nd Sunday BC-V Victoria**
Guy & Tina LeDrew 250-3855088
CB#20 9am.Nov-Mar. 8:30am.Apr.-Oct.
Princess Mary Restaurant,
358 Harbour St.Victoria.

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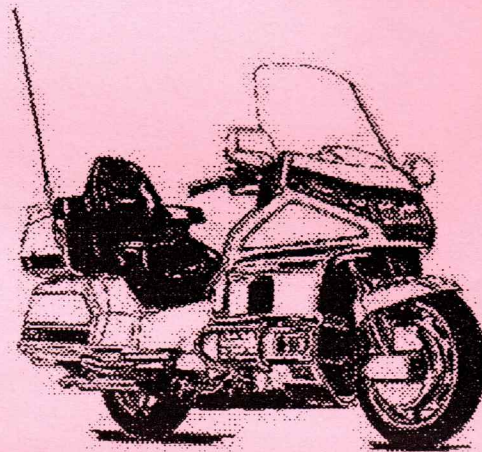
The Fourth Sunday of each Month

ABC RESTAURANT
2350 Boundary
(Boundary Rd. at Lougheed Highway)

Breakfast at 8:00am.
Meeting at 9:15am.

*Enjoy breakfast with new and old friends, or come
for a cup of coffee before the meeting.*
See you there!

Tuesday night coffee (ride in season)
Tim Horton's – Annacis Island
7pm.



NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Deadline to submit articles for the newsletter
is one week prior to the monthly meeting.

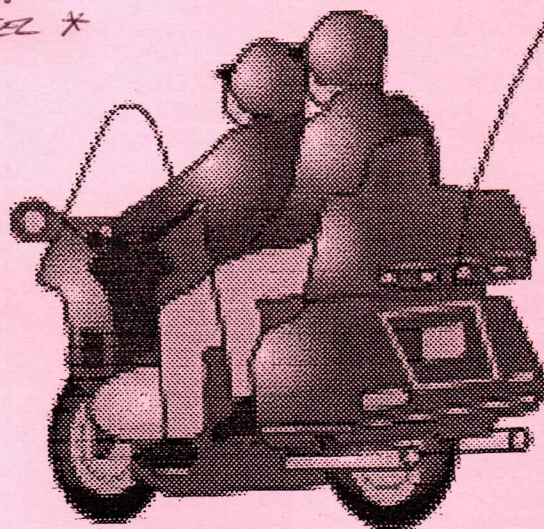
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2003 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

23	BC-A	Meeting
April		
	BC-D	Meeting
5		Spring Tune-up / Karl
12		Spring Motorcycle Maintenance(K.Thornton)
18		Me-n-Ed's Pizza Night
18 26	WA-C	Fun Run - Everett, Washington.
27	BC-A	Meeting
May		
7	BC-D	Meeting.
8		MLA Ride to Victoria
10	BC-D	Ice-cream Social
16-19	WA-S	Victoria Days Weekend/Ron & Peggy Lopez Ephrata, Wa.
24		Road Craft Course - Arnie Tucker.
25	BC-A	Meeting
June		
1st	BC-A	Bob Davies Memorial Fun Run
4	BC-D	Meeting
6-8	BC-A	Campout - Vedder, B.C.
14		Ride and B.B.Q.
20	BC-A	Longest Day of the Year Ride
19-22		CanAm Region J Rally (Osoyoos)
22	BC-A	Meeting
22 28 SAT		Circle Ride, Canyon/Merritt, Princeton/Home
July		
1-4		Wing Ding
2	BC-D	Meeting
19	BC-A	Barbecue/Ride
24-27		Washington District Rally (Leavenworth).
27	BC-A	Meeting.
August		
1-4	BC-A/B	District Rally (Winfield, B.C.)
6	BC-D	Meeting
9	BC-A	Progressive Dinner Ride
8-10	BC-D	Vancouver Island/Sunshine Coast Ride
15-16		Sunshine Ride (Monroe, Washington)
23	BC-A	Whistler/Pemberton/ Duffy Lake Loop
24	BC-A	Meeting
Sept.		
3	BC-D	Meeting
5-7	BC-D	Gold Run - Princeton, B.C.
14		Squamish Toy Run * <i>EVERGLEN HOTEL *</i>
20		Corn Roast
28	BC-A	Meeting.
October		
1	BC-D	Meeting
5		Vancouver Toy Run
12		Fraser Valley Toy Run
18	BC-D	Planning Meeting
24	BC-A	Social Evening - Chinese food.
28	BC-A	Meeting
November		
5	BC-D	Meeting
23	BC-A	Meeting
December		
3	BC-D	Meeting
5		Christmas Party
6	BC-A	Christmas Pot Luck dinner

Motorcycle wisdom

- Saddlebags can never hold everything you want, but they CAN hold everything you need.
- It takes more love to share the saddle than it does to share the bed.
- Only Bikers understand why dogs love to stick their heads out car windows.
- Bikes don't leak oil, they mark their territory.
- Sometimes it takes a whole tankful of gas before you can think straight.
- A good rider has balance, judgment, and good timing. So does a good lover. (AMEN!!!)
- When you look down the road, it seems to never end-but you better believe it does.
- Winter is Natures way of telling you to polish.
- Remember to pay as much attention to your partner as you do your motorcycle
- Sometimes the best communication happens when you're on separate bikes.
- When you're riding lead--don't spit.
- If you really want to know what's going on, watch what's happening at least 5 cars ahead.
- If she changes her oil more than she changes her mind--follow her.
- There's something ugly about a NEW bike on a trailer.
- Everyone crashes. Some get back on. Some don't. Some can't.
- You'll know she loves you if she offers to let you ride her bike. Don't do it and she'll love you even more.
- Don't argue with an 18-wheeler.
- There are drunk bikers. There are old bikers. There are NO old, drunk bikers.



(5 year 8 in Kelowna)

Not only is it maintenance time for your bike, it is also time for you to have a "tune-up".

With this in mind there is the ERC course on April 13th and the Road Captain's Course on May 24th (can't have too much training!). See the sign-up sheets and see Ian if you want more info.. Don't forget to check those tire pressures!

Congratulations to Linda Parkes. She won \$1000 cash on CHQM's "Beat the Bank". Had she had stopped at that point she would have lost it all as the siren went off at the next vault - good call Linda! Coffee's all round? (New tires Kelly?)

Best wishes to John Pearson whose GL1100 went down in the rain (front wheel locked). John looks in better shape than his 1100 - he hurt his hand, the fairing is ruined.

Don't forget, if you have any positive suggestions about the way the chapter is run or ideas about runs/activities etc.. please contact Ivan or one of the other officers. Volunteers are always welcome!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Be seen, be safe and have fun! Ivan and Pat.

CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale: (2)

'93 Honda Gold Wing GL 1500 SE, Pearl White, 67500 km, Easy steer, fork lights, cornering lights, ring of fire, air compressor, intercom, CB, cassette, hitch, back rest, trunk rack, trunk spoiler, full cover, recently serviced, new battery, new brakes. \$14,000. 000.
Don: 604-526-2345

For Sale (23)

1986 SEI 1200. Ivory colour. 40,050 miles (US bike). Loaded with Hondaline accessories. Original owner. Finds kids must come first. \$10,000 OBO. Contact Howard Olson 604-856-2955

For Sale (1)

Saddle bags for Honda 500
\$50.00
Herb

604 574-7021

Wanted:

For 1978 Goldwing GL 1000 '78:
Seat, Exhaust Pipes.
Dominique Jarry

604 271-8803

BIRTHDAYS

April	1 st	Heinz Blisse
	15 ^t	Don Smith
	21 st	Maxine Wall
	25 th	Brian Davis
	29 th	June Bahn
	10 th	Lynne Follett
May	11 th	John Pelton
	13 th	Guy Follett
	20 th	Gail Congdon
	20 th	Bev Tully
	21 st	Gloria Maki
	31 st	Norm Monro
		Bob Aldred

ANNIVERSARIES

April	25 th	Ib & Ellen Mikkelson
May	3 rd	Guy & Lynne Follett
	5 th	Lorne & Gail Congdon

BC-A BOWLING - FEBRUARY 21/03

This is a belated report on the activities of a number of intrepid BC-A members who braved the rigors of 5-pin bowling on the above date.

We convened at the Zone Bowling Centre at Riverport, Richmond. I was amazed at the size of this bowling alley. It combined 10-pin and 5-pin bowling. We had enough bodies for two alleys and drew names for teams. It was noticed very quickly that a flexible divider ran down the gutters. It was feasible to bowl and spin or ricochet the balls off this gutter. This was of inestimable value to donkey bowlers like myself.

A good time was had by all. Chris and Joan Maki had brought Thomas with them (no babysitter). Joan and Thomas bowled as a duo with Thomas doing most of the honours. He bowled very creatively and even nailed a strike. He shrugged it off nonchalantly as if to say "I do this all the time". The rest of us did our thing and had a good time in the process. High scores for the ladies were Pat Armstrong and my daughter Janet Winship. High scores for the guys: Chris Maki and Bob Sisler. Lowscore female was myself and I do not know the low male score. Our esteemed leader handed out lottery tickets to the above.

Most of the group adjourned to the restaurant nearby to finish off a very pleasant evening.

Meryl Davies

BOOK REVIEW

"Destinations Highways B.C., Canada"

"Destination Highways B.C. is the most comprehensive guidebook ever produced for the motorcycle enthusiast touring British Columbia (Canada).

...a written description of the unique riding experience each Destination Highway offers. 'At a Glance' gives you get a succinct profile of the DH's most noteworthy features. 'Access' tells you how to get there. 'On the Road' is an in-depth, kilometre-by-kilometre chronicle of the ride.

What about roads that aren't quite worth 'travelling to, to journey on' but are worth checking out if you happen to be in the neighbourhood? In addition to the 85 Destination Highways, DH BC guides you to 100 Twisted Edges. Located close to DHs, these may be quiet, bypass routes that offer alternatives to major highways, access roads to out of the way lakes, parks or tourist attractions, or just winding dead-enders that gravel out in the middle of nowhere.

Of course, there's more to motorcycling than smooth, twisty, traffic-free roads. Both you and your machine need fuel and maintenance. Whether you're in immediate need of a bike shop, accommodation, campground, restaurant, gas station, or the nearest pub, Destination Highways B.C. answers the call, providing indispensable service information of special importance to motorcyclists, all shown on our easy-to-use LO-LITE maps. Spiral-bound and specially sized, Destination Highways B.C. fits a standard tank bag map window. With a wealth of information clearly displayed, Destination Highways B.C. provides all the tools you need to find and enjoy your favourite Destination Highway."

Courtesy: <http://www.horizonsunlimited.com/books/books.html>

TUESDAY NIGHTS

We are still meeting every Tues. at 7pm (come earlier if you want to dine - 6:30?) at Tim Hortons / Wendy's on Annacis Island (near Alex Fraser Bridge). There are a few brave souls who show up on their "mounts", but even those are smart enough to use four wheels when the weather is bad - yes, we meet come rain or shine!

It won't be too long now before we think about riding again, probably the beginning of April (we need more daylight and a little less rain!). In the meantime we enjoy each others company and have some interesting "conversations". Topics include: bikes, CB radios, bikes, insurance, bikes, fuel prices, bikes, the "odd" joke, bikes - can't remember if we have gotten around to women yet! We share information on where to make the best buys, where to find good repair specialist (upholstery, plastic

repairs etc.) I don't know where the time goes but the next thing you know it's 9pm and time to split!

If you want to introduce a new friend to GWRRA bring them along on a Tuesday, it's fun and very informal (no club colours).
Ivan.

THE COST OF TRAVEL!

It goes without saying that we are all aware of the rising cost of travel. The price at the pumps changes faster than most people change their minds! I have noticed that a Monday morning, *not afternoon*, seems to be a good time to fill up - don't ask me why. Take last Monday for example: I filled up on the way to work at 80.5c per litre and on the way home it was 91.5c - go figure! The twin tanks on my pickup pay off in that I can go almost three weeks before panicking, and usually there is a mini gas war on during that time. The only problem with this is, and I saw it happen in England during the oil crisis of the 70's, people run around with a full tank creating an artificial shortage which keeps the price up!

So, let's say that gas goes up to a \$1 a litre (it's almost there!) - how far can you go for a buck? The following, in descending order, are some "guestimates":

Honda Insight (Hybrid vehicle)	-	25km (pretty good!)
VW (Turbo diesel)	-	20km
Goldwing (on average)	-	16km
Mini-van (mid size)	-	10km
SUV (large)	-	7.5km
Large RV's	-	3km
Large boat (diesel)	-	0.7km (like Barry's)
Large truck (semi)	-	0.4km
Large boat (gas)	-	0.35km (like ours!)

And the "winner" is: The QE2..... 1.5 inches!!

Ps.. In case you were wondering why there is a "gas shortage" in Canada here's your answer:

Nobody bothered to check the oil, and we just didn't know that we were getting low. The reason for that is purely geographical.....

All our oil is in Alberta, and all our dipsticks are in Ottawa!



GOLD WING

**ALL I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT LIFE I LEARNED
FROM MY GUARDIAN ANGEL!**

Know all the possibilities of your impossible dream
Leave space in your relationship so
You'll have lots of time to play.
Be yourself.
Forgive, forget and forge ahead.
It's easier to fly
When you take yourself lightly.
Reach out and touch someone
Lightly with your wings.
Love is the only four letter word you know.
Whenever you hear a bell
Another angel has earned their wings.
It's ok to cry during sad movies.
Don't postpone joy to scrub the bathroom
Or clean the garage.
Love Mother Earth.
Whenever you feel afraid,
Get a new box of crayons.
Carry a spare set of wings in your pocket.
Wherever you go is where you will be.
Spread your wings and fly.

"That sure is a pretty GoldWing. How many moons are orbiting it?"

**What is the difference between a Gold Wing
and a logging truck?**

1. About 40 pounds and a stuffed animal.
2. Logging trucks don't throw sparks when they go around corners.
3. Logging trucks need all their lights.
4. Logging trucks will usually pull over to let you pass.
5. Logging trucks must stop at weigh stations.
6. Logging trucks don't all look alike.
7. Logging trucks are not as wide.
8. Nobody ever built a three wheel logging truck.
9. You can't get a 400-pound woman on a logging truck.

Spaghetti Factory

Saturday Mar 8 was the chosen night for the 2nd annual Spaghetti Factory dinner. Joan, Kristin, Thomas and I arranged to meet Donna and Herb Broerken and their grandson Dwight at the King George skytrain station. About 4:45 we all piled into the skytrain for the trip downtown. Thomas did his best to keep all of us entertained during the commute, playing musical chairs at just about every stop.

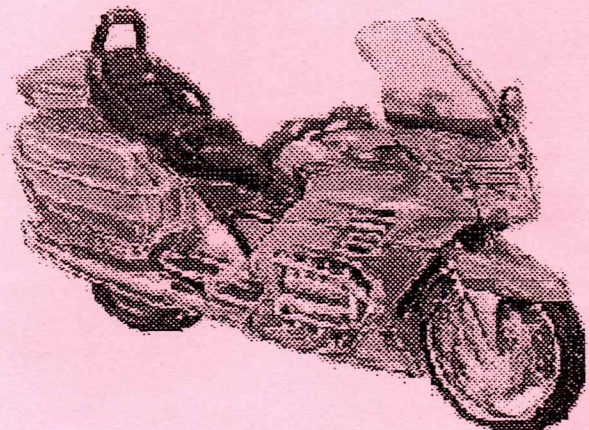
As Ivan had been coerced into spending the weekend up at Whistler skiing, he asked that I play the part of host, so once we arrived downtown, we hustled ourselves along to the Spaghetti Factory. Not only was I to be host, but it was also awfully cold out that day, the first snowfall of the year in town I believe it was, so we didn't want to stay outside any longer than we had to. Reservations had been made for 6:00 for 14, unfortunately with the sudden turn in weather, I think a number of those who signed up had second thoughts and didn't make it out.

Kelly and Lynda Parkes arrived shortly after 6:00 and joined us for dinner. As a group we ate far too much of the sourdough bread that comes with the meals, I'm sure the waiter thought we were starving from the way the first few loaves disappeared shortly after hitting the table. Dinner was ordered and everyone worked their way through their meal of choice, followed by a bowl of their Spumoni ice cream.

After dinner, Kelly and Lynda bid us farewell as they were off to a party in the evening. The rest of us made our way back to the skytrain station for the return trip to Surrey, again to be entertained by Thomas and his antics.

I think everyone who made it out had a great time, a great meal and some great company. I'm looking forward to going again next year. Come out and join us.

Chris Maki



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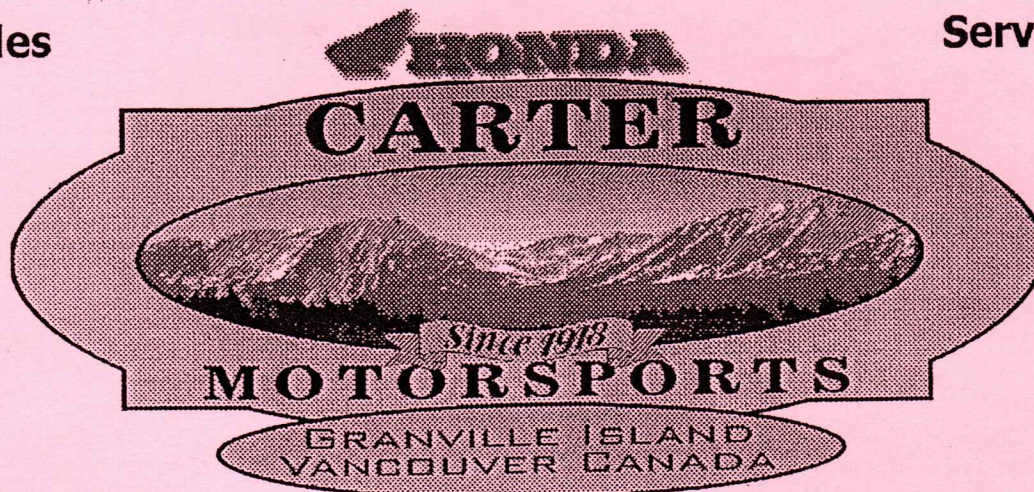
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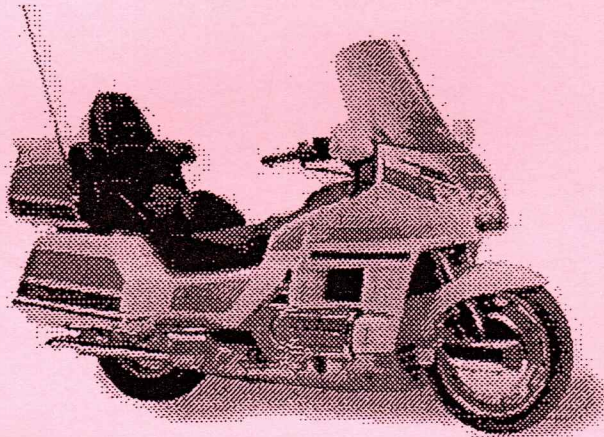
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