



GOLD NUGGETS



G.W.R.R.A.

REGION J - CHAPTER BCA, VANCOUVER, B.C.

DECEMBER, 2000

This is the 22nd column done by Margaret and I as your CD's. We'll talk about the implications of that milestone later.

Not much motorcycling this month. The insurance ran out about October 25. The bike requires a couple of touches to get it ready for winter. I also plan on installing all the bits and pieces purchased over the past few years - Ring of Fire, mud flap, etc, etc. It's amazing how things like that never seem to get done.

Thanks to Gord Auld for taking the meeting last month. Personal matters required that Margaret and I be away. In asking Gord, I assumed Heather and Rick would be away on their honeymoon. Turned out I was wrong by a month and in fact they are in Hawaii as I write this. Rick and Heather - my apologies for not calling on you.

This month we had a chance to spend three days in California at an industry meeting. We stayed near Pebble Beach. The weather was great although local reports said it was 5 to 7 degrees cooler than normal. Clear days, high temperatures around 12 to 15 and night temperatures near freezing - it was great fall weather. Saw a few bikes. I can never understand why, with weather like that, everyone that owns a bike isn't out every day. WE didn't golf at Pebble Beach - figured there were too many other ways to spend the \$300 US green fees. 10 years from now we'll probably wish we had.

I spent most of the time in meetings - (YES - some people actually do work at these events). Margaret took side trips to Carmel, Big Sur, and nearby parts. She very much enjoyed seeing that part of California.

At the beginning of this column I mentioned that this was our 22nd edition as CD's. Normally this would mark the final contribution by us as CD's and a new CD would be looking forward to their first edition. To this point in time we have been unable to find successors. We have been asked to stay on for a while and until we can identify successors. It won't be forever but we'll see. Brian Davis has agreed to be treasurer; Rick and Heather will continue as assistant CD's; Ian McAlpine will be Chapter Educator; and Meryl will continue as Gold Nuggets editor. Still a few

holes to fill.

On December 1st we will be holding our annual Pot Luck dinner. By the time you read this everyone that has said they are coming will have been contacted about what to bring.

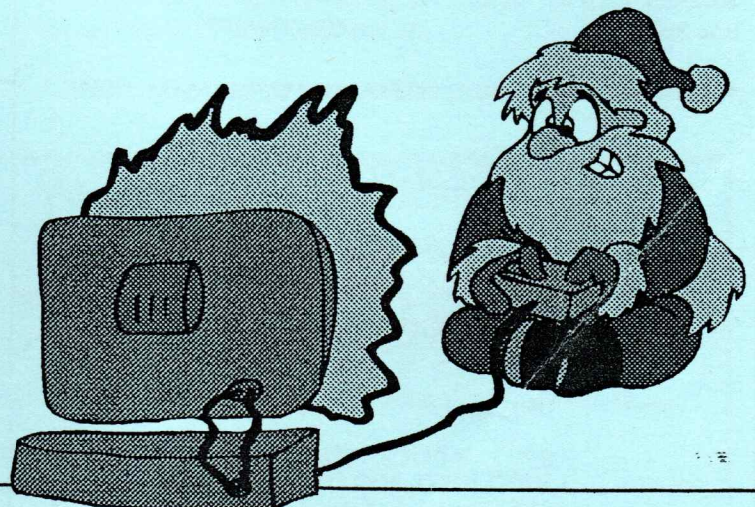
On December 9 we will hold our bi-annual bus trip to Leavenworth. This event is sold out. Unfortunately Margaret and I as well as Rick and Heather had to cancel out due to late scheduling of company Christmas parties that same evening. No matter how well life is organized something always seems to go off the rails.

On November 18th BC District will be holding the annual planning session in Kamloops. At this session we'll sort out event dates for 2001. I look forward to bringing you up-to-date at this meeting.

For those of you not attending the Pot Luck dinner or bus trip, Margaret and I want to extend our sincerest best wishes for a great holiday season. I hope that there is a bit of chrome in all of your Christmases and you; like us, will resolve to set new records for motorcycle use in 2001.

As always, keep the shiny side up.

Margaret and Barry.



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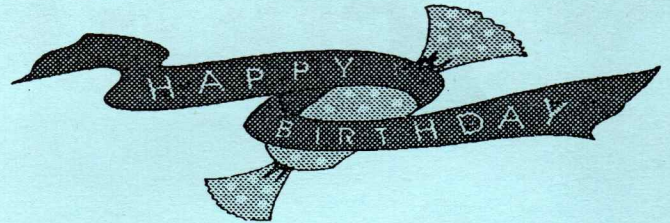
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REMINDER!!

BC-A CHRISTMAS POTLUCK AND GIFT EXCHANGE.

Friday, December 1st, 2000.

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BIRTHDAYS

December

1st Rod Dueck
6th Kathie McAlpine
8th Ron Maki
10th Meryl Davies

January

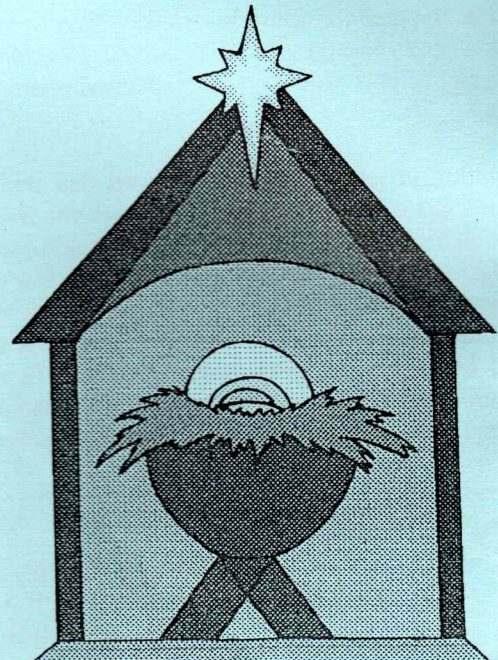
7th Bruce Eburne
12th Amanda Irvine
29th Carol Pelton
31st Jim Brown

ANNIVERSARIES

December

27th Jordan & Carol McRae
30th Pat & Iv an Armstrong
31st Fred & Maxine Wall

January



GWRRA District Planning Meeting

Saturday, November 18 I attended the annual District planning meeting in Kamloops. Some 50 representatives of all the BC chapters were in attendance. This meeting gets CD's and others together to discuss matters of interest to all GW members in the province. Following are a few notes from the meeting.

Region Director Jim Carey reported that Region J had recorded the third highest growth, by percentage, of all the regions at 12%. **While growth is great retention of members is equally important and steps are underway to assist chapters in addressing that issue. Jim also advised that some 50 chapters had ceased operating last year.**

GW has also clarified tenure for officers. All officer positions – CD, Ass't. CD, and Chapter Educator serve for two one-year terms. The CD can serve as a Senior Chapter Director for another two one-year terms. **I was honoured by being recognized as a senior CD.**

GW has also recognized the number of members moving on to other recreational vehicles such as motor homes and 5th wheels. Guidelines will be published shortly but it is understood that GW members moving on to RV's will be encouraged to stay members of GW. A number of Special Interest Groups (SIG's) have been formed to deal with RVer's, sidecars, trikes, campers, etc. These groups are in the formation phase and we can expect to see more on this down the road.

Minor changes were suggested for content on web sites and for distribution of newsletters.

This year's District Rally on the August long weekend will be co-hosted by Alberta District and Region J. This was done to reduce the number of rallies and should also make this a great rally with much greater attendance. Be sure to set that weekend aside.

Throughout the meeting it was emphasized that the primary goals of GW is to have fun. The more people that are involved in putting events on the more people that will get enjoyment out of it. You get out what you put in.

District CD's Kirk and Kathy Elliott did a great job with the meeting and put in a tremendous amount of effort in guiding the district. Kirk and Kathy – thanks from all of us at Chapter BC-A.

Details of Chapter BC-A activities for 2001 will be available at our January meeting.

Barry Irvine – Senior CD

Where did the old 'sayings' originate?

Life in the 1500s. This is really interesting (and TRUE!!)

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and were still smelling pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the b.o.

Baths equaled a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water."

Houses had thatched roofs. Thick straw, piled high, with no wood underneath it was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the pets ...dogs, cats and other small animals, mice, rats, bugs lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall of the roof. Hence the saying, "It's raining cats and dogs."



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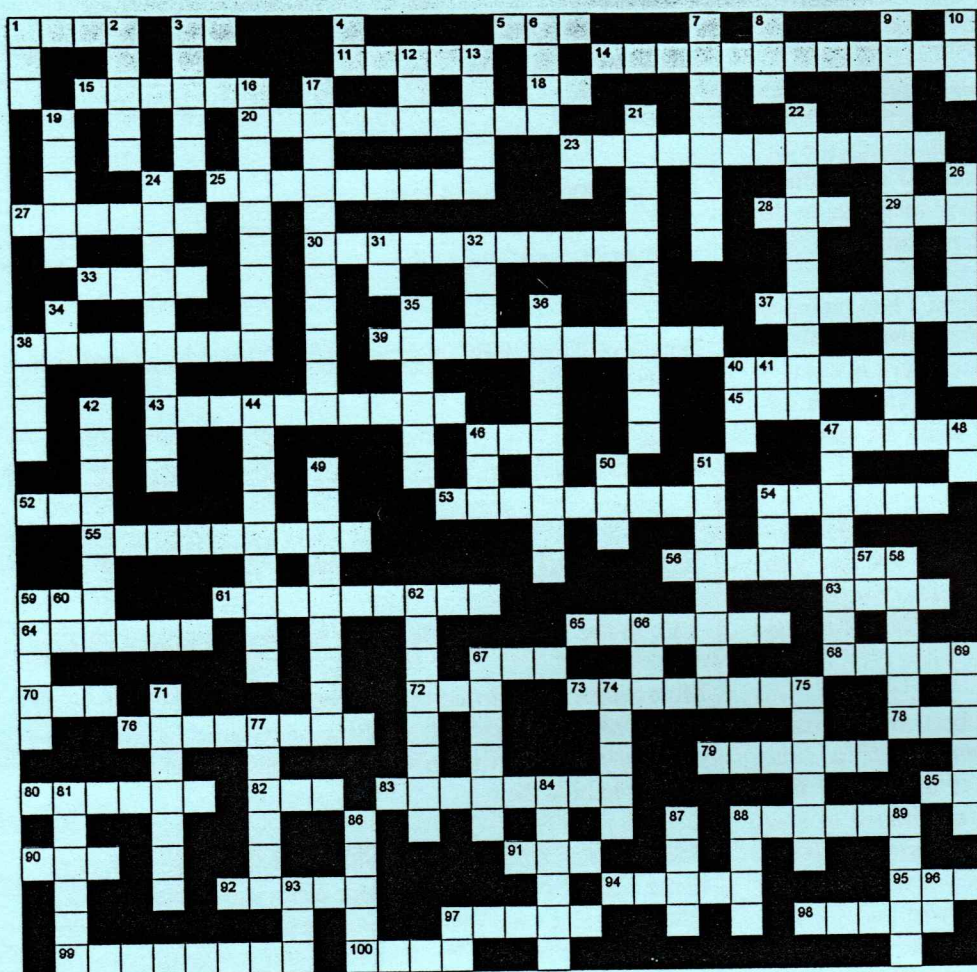
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1. Slang for "hackney"
2. The "only real color for a motorcycle"
3. Old fashioned drive system
4. Our southern neighbor
6. BJ wrote and performs one
7. family bikers use these
8. "Fee, ____, Foe, Fum ..."
9. Make big twins
10. Oil additive for old engines
12. Fills rear shocks and tires
13. 'Wing for the vertically challenged
16. Mid-level 'Wing
17. Some prefer these to pegs
19. Provincial M.C. group
21. BCA's late, great friend
22. Attendance goodies
23. Atomic symbol for Chromium
24. Popular rotor cover option
26. GW Headquarters
31. Opposite of ego
32. Staple food at GW b'fast meetings
34. Old style Brit carburettor
35. Rhymes with Snortin
36. Our mag.
38. What BCD rides for
40. " ____ not?" ... Laugh-in line
41. Greeting
42. Our favourite bike
44. Pre-war high-end bike
46. 50's dance
47. Keeps your engine cool
48. Ah ____! ... Charlie Chan quote
49. Early high-end U.S. manufacturer
50. Modern brakes
51. Worn for protection
54. Long, long time
57. " ____ Crossing"
58. OEM tires for 1500's
59. Our Association
60. Now they call it "EI"
62. For foul weather
66. Police represent this
67. Made the Travelcade
69. Great new GL1800 color
71. We need a Class 6 one of these
74. Brit bike/Greek Goddess
75. Recently resurrected bike name
77. Hot Italian
81. Intricate riding competition
84. Slang for basic transportation
86. Give our bikes traction
87. Sound of a horn
88. Keeps the oil in the crankcase
89. Sits on front seat
93. What old springs do
96. "Wizard __ Oz"
97. " ____ the sea, ____ the sea, ____ the beautiful sea"

Across

1. Only SEI's, LTD's and GL1800's don't have one
3. 'Wing leader
5. '70's personal development craze
11. Type of drivetrain
14. Early 90's mini-wing
15. Made the Venture
18. Opposite of yes
20. Our bikes' little brother
23. Nickname for hot sportbikes
25. Old European brand bike
27. Makes fancy accessories
28. Spring riding session
29. Modern slang for "Got a brain???"
30. OEM tires on GL1800
33. Child's toy
37. Brit for passenger
38. Offers most protection
39. Means attracting attention
40. Bikes have two
43. Honda's other big touring machine
45. Not her's
46. Classy German
47. Smallest in litter
52. What we're all becoming
53. Racing-style motorcycles
54. Type of M.C. event
55. Old name for annual Canadian rally
56. What most bikes were until the '80's
59. Lots of our American counterparts carry one
61. Popular color in the '80's
63. Opposite of false
64. High impact brake light
65. Save your head
67. What you have to do to fix a torn jacket
68. A gathering of 'Wings
70. One of these can ruin your ride
72. Old time German M.C. maker
73. Made the Voyager
76. Held in Billings, this year
78. Slang for friend
79. Honda's best selling V-twin
80. All recent Goldwings have one
82. " ____ that out!" ... Jack Benny quote
83. Cruiser 'Wing
85. Opposite of "stop"
88. The bane of 1200 owners
90. Keeps your engine alive
91. " ____ Mog" ... '60's Brit auto based on the Mini
92. Shields your eyes
94. Makes the 'Wing
95. How we don't want to arrive at the hospital
97. 'Wing's engine type
98. Top Indian model
99. What laser traps try to curtail
100. What most of us would like to be

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ACTIVITIES FOR 2000

NOV. 26 BCA MEETING

DEC. 1 BCA CHRISTMAS POTLUCK & MTG.
DEC. 6 BCD MEETING
DEC. 9 BCA LEAVENWORTH BUS TRIP
9 BCD XMAS PARTY
DEC. 17 BCC MEETING

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Please keep in mind that changes may occur in our schedule. We will make these changes in future newsletters as we are notified

Where did the old sayings originate ? (cont.)

The wealthy had slate floors which would get slippery in the winter when wet. So they spread thresh on the floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on they kept adding more thresh until when you opened the door it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed at the entry way, hence a "threshold."

They cooked in the kitchen in a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They mostly ate vegetables and didn't get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes the stew had food in it that had been in there for a month. Hence the rhyme: peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old."

Sometimes they could obtain pork and would feel really special when that happened. When company came over, they would bring out some bacon and hang it to show it off. It was a sign of wealth and that a man "could really bring home the bacon." They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and "chew the fat."

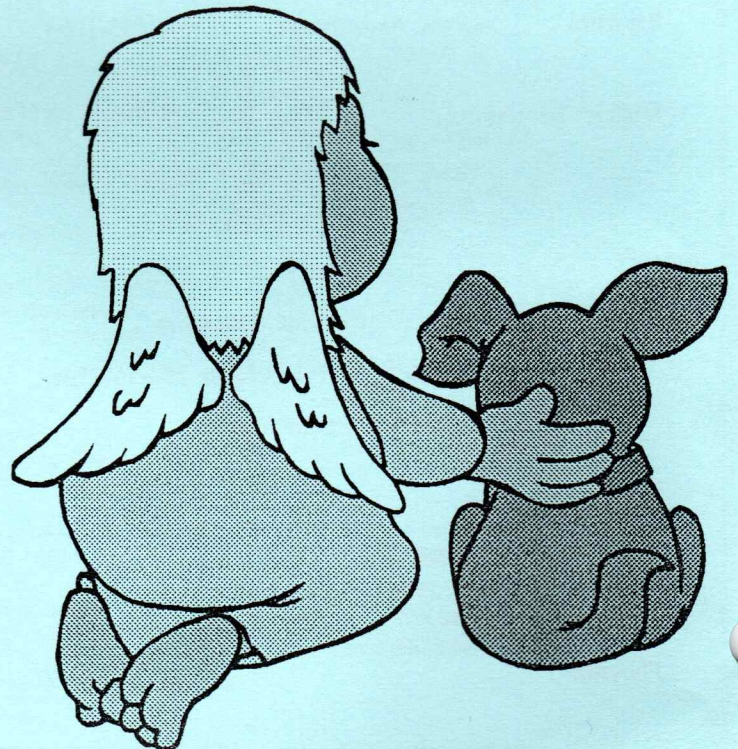
Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with a high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food. This happened most often with tomatoes, so they stopped eating tomatoes ... for 400 years.

Most people didn't have pewter plates, but had trenchers --a piece of wood with the middle scooped out like a bowl. Trenchers were never washed and a lot of times worms got into the wood. After eating off wormy trenchers they would get "trench mouth."

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the "upper crust."

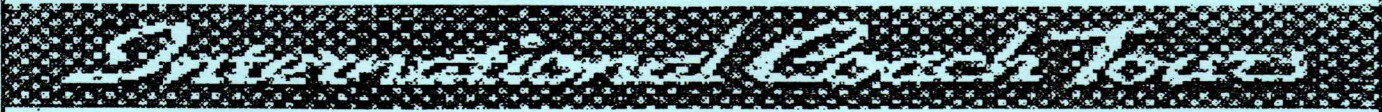
Lead cups were used to drink ale or whiskey. The combination would sometimes knock them out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of holding a "wake."

England is old and small, and they started running out of places to bury people. So, they would dig up coffins and would take their bones to a house and reuse the grave. In reopening these coffins, one out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they thought they would tie a string on their wrist and lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night to listen for the bell. Hence on the "graveyard shift" they would know that someone was "saved by the bell" or he was a "dead ringer."



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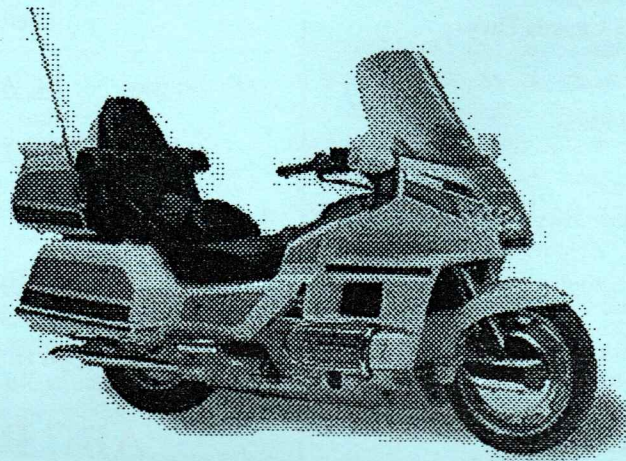
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