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Hat & Jacket: Gary Robins - 3 in 1 \$95

G.W.R.R.A. REGION J - CHAPTER BCA, VANCOUVER, B.C. DECEMBER, 2001

The events for 2002 are now in place. A schedule of events is included in this bulletin as well in a chapter pamphlet. Please take one or two of the pamphlets and put them where you can use them as a reminder of upcoming events.

We tried to move the date one week back but were not able to so, once again this year, we will hold it the week after the Fun Run.

Of course the last event is the **Pot Luck dinner on December 7**. This will probably be the last of many dinners we have held at Unwin Hall (6945 134th Street, Surrey), as it is scheduled to be taken down and replaced with a hall near the recreation complex in Newton. Margaret and I have now spoken with everyone regarding what to bring. Don't forget a gift as well (\$10 or under) for the gift exchange. We have it on excellent authority that Santa will stop by. Times again are 6:30 hor'doerves for 7:00 dinner. This is always a great event so don't miss it. For those of you who have not signed up, it isn't too late. Cost of admission is two articles of food for the Surrey Food Bank.

Over the years BC-A has had some really neat events that have dropped off the radar screen. We will try and reinstate the camp-out at LaConnor on the weekend of the Early Spring Fun Run in Everett and the Progressive Dinner ride in August. The governing factor is always level of participation so make sure you sign up.

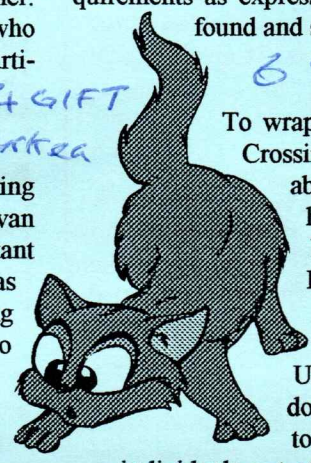
Gary Robins has done some sleuthing on jackets, hats, etc and advises that he thinks he has found a supplier that can fit the requirements as expressed by us. Take a look at what Gary has found and sign up to get yours.

Dec 7 - Unwin

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Last meeting I announced that Margaret and I would be staying on another year (obligations to my job willing) and that Ivan Armstrong, with Pat's help, is coming on as a second Assistant CD (Heather and Rick McIvor will stay on as assistant CD's as well). Ivan has agreed to step in as Chapter Director beginning in 2003. As Ivan lines up his support group please be sure to support him through a willingness to take on tasks. The more you become involved the more you will get out of BC-A.



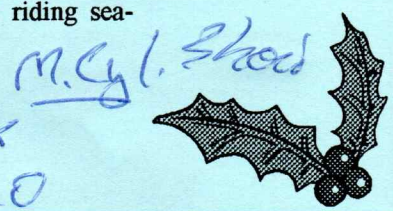
To wrap up, a few random thoughts on traveling. Crossing the border by car is close to unpredictable with southbound waits from nothing to 2 hours. It's passport out every time now. North American airports are looking more European each time I fly - military personnel with everything from side arms to rifles to sub-machine guns; sniffer dogs; up to 6 US customs people forming a phalanx at the door of the aircraft; pilots advising passengers to do whatever they have to to keep unwanted individuals out of the cockpit; advice that when flying into Reagan Airport in Washington that on short flights no one is to leave their seats for any reason and on longer flights that everyone will remain seated for the last 30 minutes. If anyone does stand the aircraft is diverted to Dulles (this has happened); fighter jets constantly circling Washington and New York; approach flights routes to Reagan Airport hanged so that any deviation from flight path can be noticed immediately; random checks of all baggage and also carry ons; everything electronic required to be turned on. We have definitely lost any innocence we might have had.

The supporting crew for 2002 remains much the same. Meryl has agreed to carry on with our excellent newsletter, Gold Nuggets. Meryl's biggest task is finding articles so please contribute. Articles on anything of interest are welcomed. If you see something on the road or take a great ride somewhere, jot down your recollections and comments and send them to Meryl. Brian Davis is continuing as treasurer. Being somewhat cheap by nature our chapter funds will be put to good use. Brian's son Brad has found other interests and is no longer able to look after stores. If you are interested please let Brian or myself know.

John Plant will continue to water and fertilize the phone tree. If you don't receive calls on upcoming meetings please let John know. Occasionally the odd name will slip through the cracks. Also please keep your phone number on the sign in sheets up to date. Pat Pearce will organize the Vedder Campout once again.

So....start planning your 2002 riding season. Let's have a great year!!!!

Margaret and Barry Irvine
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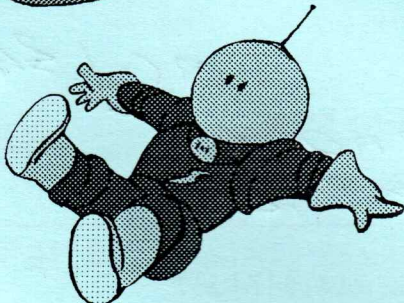
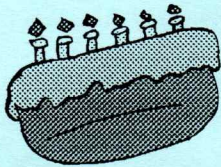
I'm looking for a used Virago 250, or possibly a Rebel, with fairly low mileage (25 000km or less) in excellent running condition. If you know of any out there, I'd love to hear from you. Thanks for your time,
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BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

December 27th Jordan & Carol McRae
30th Pat & Ivan Armstrong
31st Fred & Maxine Wall



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HMMM!!!!

Arthur Davidson, of the Harley Davidson Motorcycle Corporation, died and went to heaven. At the gates, St. Peter told Arthur, "Since you've been such a good man and your motorcycles have changed the world, your reward is, you can hang out with anyone you want in Heaven." Arthur thought about it for a minute and then said, "I want to hang out with God."

St. Peter took Arthur to the throne room, and introduced him to God. Arthur then asked God, "Hey, aren't you the inventor of woman?" God said, "Ah, yes." "Well," said Arthur, "professional to professional, you have some major design flaws in your invention. 1. There's too much inconsistency in the front end protrusion. 2. It chatters constantly at high speeds. 3. Most of the rear ends are too soft and wobble too much. 4. The intake is placed way too close to the exhaust, and finally, 5. The maintenance costs are outrageous. "Hmmm, you have some good points there," replied God, "hold on."

God went to his celestial super computer, typed in a few words and waited for the results. The computer printed out a slip of paper and God read it. Well, it may be true that my invention is flawed," God said to Arthur, "but according to these numbers, more men are riding my invention than yours!"



CHRISTMAS GOODIES

A few suggestions for Christmas Presents for motorcycle aficionados.

VIDEOS

1.) *The Wild One*

This classic motorcycle movie stars Marlon Brando who plays Johnny, leader of the Black Rebels Motorcycle Club. They ride into town with chips on their shoulders and things get out-of-hand. Mary Murphy plays a local town girl that falls for Johnny. This is a must see movie.

2.) *Easy Rider*

This 1969 classic must be seen by every motorcyclist. The scenes of Peter Fonda and Dennis Hopper on their choppers with great music playing in the background are the best parts of the movie. The scenes with Jack Nicholson are not to be missed.

3.) *Electra Glide in Blue*

Robert Blake stars as an Arizona cop who rides a Harley Electra Glide. Blake identifies with the hippies until he finds conflict with them. I guarantee you'll love the cinematography of Monument Valley and the closing score of "Tell Me."

4.) *Harley Davidson and the Marlboro Man*

With Mickey Rourke and Don Johnson riding Harley-Davidson motorcycles you can expect action and you get it. The film also stars Vanessa Williams. This fast-action adventure film reminded me of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid on motorcycles.

5.) *Born to Ride*

John Stamos plays an expert motorcycle rider during World War II. He signs-on as a military instructor to shape up a rag-tag unit of motorcycle soldiers. This is an action film about motorcycles with great stunts, an engaging love story, and lots of military Harleys,

BOOKS

People have a lot of motorcycle questions. These books go a long way toward answering many such questions. They also contain many color pictures of both new and old motorcycles.

1.) *The Encyclopedia of the Motorcycle* by Hugo Wilson

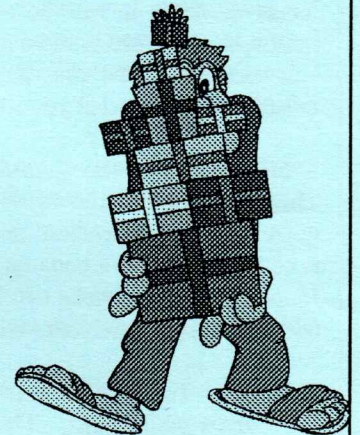
This is a large book of 320 pages of history about the world's motorcycles. All countries are included and almost every brand and model is listed. This book was developed in association with the AMAs Motorcycle Heritage Museum. There are many color pictures and descriptions of major bike models. This is a great book to use to settle a motorcycle argument.

2.) *The Art of the Motorcycle* by Thomas Krens and the Guggenheim Museum Staff

This book has over 400 pages of color pictures, essays, and descriptions about motorcycling over its first 100 years. The book was published in conjunction with the 1998 exhibit at the Guggenheim Museum where over 100 motorcycles were displayed.

3.) *Honda Motorcycle Identification Guide* by American Honda Motor Company

This large book of over 500 pages contains identification information on every Honda motorcycle sold in the USA market between 1959-2000. It includes pictures, starting V.I. N. numbers, colors, starting engine numbers, product codes, and starting frame numbers.



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What Really Happened in October!

Because of declining attendance, fewer tables were set up, and because fewer tables were set up, more people showed up. Hmmmm....maybe we should set up fewer tables each month and then we'll get more people each month, hmmm....

Forty-two people were at the October meeting. Barry began by welcoming everyone, especially the new people, unfortunately I was daydreaming and missed their names, but trust me, their attendance was appreciated.

The time change back to standard time wreaked havoc on some households. Pat Rooney arrived at 7:40 and was surprised that no one was here yet. He was thinking that maybe no one else was maintaining their bikes properly and that they wouldn't start, so they were running late. He waited around until 8:30, when he suddenly realised that Daylight Savings had ended and he had arrived almost 2 hours early. The Davis household was at the other end of the rainbow. With 5 people in the family and everyone wanting to do their part in changing the clocks, various people in the family took it upon themselves to make the necessary adjustments to the clocks. Unfortunately it seems they all were adjusting the same clocks and in the morning, their clocks were a few hours out of adjustment.

Ken Higginbottom spoke next about Chapter D's upcoming Xmas dinner. It will be a catered event, cost is \$15 per person, and you are asked to bring a gift costing less than \$10. Ken also suggested that the gift be tasteful. Registrations must be in by Dec.1 if you want to attend.

A brief review of the book Destination Highways was made. This book reviews the roads and rides in BC. It has many great roads to think about on that next outing. The company is coming out with a book on roads in Washington State soon. More info on the books can be found at their website, <http://destinationhighways.com>.

This years Toy Run was another great success with around 6000 bikes taking part. The turnout was good, the weather was great. Some of the members mentioned other Toy Runs that they took part in this year, the Fraser Valley, Gibsons, about 50 bikes, Courtney to Comox, about 75 bikes, and the Oyster Run in Anacortes, about 31000 bikes. For next year, if you hear of or know of any other Toy Runs, other than Vancouver and the Fraser Valley, please pass the info along to Meryl so it can be put into the newsletter.

Capri Insurance from Penticton is offering GWRRA members group Residential Insurance now. Brochures are available at the meetings. Barry had no idea how competitive the rates were, but suggested if you are interested, give them a call to find out. This led to a discussion about motorcycle insurance with Gary Robins bringing forward another couple of companies offering discounted extra coverage. Godoy Insurance and Schiller-Robinson were the two companies Gary mentioned. This started a discussion of the costs and providers of extra coverage that chapter members have. It

seems that all of them provide the coverage at far cheaper rates than ICBC, and they include storage insurance for the times of the year when your bike is off the road.

The Chapter Xmas Potluck Dinner will be held this year at Unwin Hall in Surrey on Dec 7. The chapter is covering all costs this year, but you are asked to bring a donation to the food bank instead of paying for the hall. Each family is asked to sign up to bring a dish of food for the dinner, Barry will coordinate the food so that we don't end up with 25 pots of mashed potatoes and nothing else.

A list of planned events for 2002 was handed out and discussed. A couple of new events were added to try to provide something each month. If enough interest is an event is not shown, the event will be cancelled.

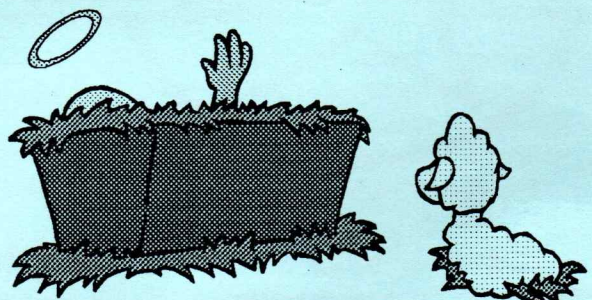
We are looking for a new source for jackets, hats, shirts etc for the chapter. The old source has gone out of business. Barry brought in some samples from one company he has dealt with and a couple of people volunteered to look into the costs of jackets through other sources. This will be discussed again when we hopefully have more information.

Barry wound down the meeting by offering his condolences on behalf of the chapter to Pat Pearce on the death of her mother Joan. He followed up with his usual repertoire of jokes to entertain us. As usual he had found some that had everyone in the room laughing.

The members draw saw Goopman, Ron Maki, win the new technology that will soon be replacing his Goop and duct tape as the ultimate repair materials, he won a mini hot glue gun. Tom Corsie won the second draw, an emergency road kit. The Kids draw, \$5, went to Hailey. From the 50/50 tickets, Brian Davis won an Emergency light, no batteries included, and Donna Broerken won a multi-function knife. The big money, \$66.50 this month, went to Henry Bahn, who reluctantly accepted the cold, hard cash.

Barry closed off by announcing that he and Margaret would be returning for one more year as Chapter Directors and that Ivan Armstrong had offered to take on the position after a year apprenticing under Barry tutelage. Thanks Barry for all the work you put into the chapter and thank you to Ivan for offering to step forward and take up the challenge for the following year.

Chris Maki



CALENDAR

- Dec. 2001
- 1 BC-K Breakfast Meeting
- 1 BC-P Xmas Party
- 4 BC-G Dinner Meeting
- 5 BC-D Dinner Meeting
- 7 BC-A Xmas Pot Luck Dinner
- 8 BC-D Xmas Dinner
- BC-K Breakfast / Social
- 10 BC-P Dinner Meeting
- 12 BC-H Dinner Meeting
- 15 BC-K Xmas Party
- 17 BC-C Dinner Meeting
- 22 BC-K Breakfast / Social
- 23 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
- 29 BC-K Breakfast / Social

CHAPTER BC-A CALENDAR FOR 2002

- February 16 Bowling at Middlegate Lanes
- March 9 Skytrain/Spaghetti House/
Gastown
- April 11-13 Early Spring Fun Run and
12? 13/14/15 Campout at Thousand Trails in
La Connor
- May 18-20 Victoria Days weekend with
Washington Chapter S in
Ephrata, Wa
- June 2 Bob Davies Memorial Fun Run
- 7-9 Vedder campout.
- July 27 Backyard barbecue and swim.
- August 10 Progressive dinner at restau
rants.
- 24 Mt. Baker Ride
- September 7 Bug Run to Meryl's place near
Princeton.
- October 25 Games Night - Meryl's
home.
- December 6 Potluck Christmas Supper -
Richmond Nature Hall.

As soon as we have the information on the other chapter's activities for 2002 this information will be incorporated into the above list.



**BC-A XMAS POTLUCK &
GIFT EXCHANGE**

**7PM. FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 7TH, 2001**

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THE COMPUTER TEST

Jesus and Satan were having an ongoing argument about who was better on his computer. They had been going at it for days, and God was tired of hearing all the bickering. Finally, God said, "Cool it. I am going to set up a test which will take two hours and I will judge who does the better job."

So Satan and Jesus sat down at the keyboards and typed away. They moused. They did spreadsheets. They wrote reports. They sent faxes. They sent e-mail. They sent out e-mail with attachments. They downloaded. They did some genealogy reports. They made cards.

They did every known job. But, ten minutes before the time was up, lightning suddenly flashed across the sky, thunder rolled, the rain poured, and, of course, the electricity went off.

Satan stared at his blank screen and screamed in every curse word known in the underworld.

Jesus just sighed.

The electricity finally flickered back on, and each of them restarted their computers. Satan started searching frantically screaming, "It's gone! It's all gone! I lost everything when the power went out!"

Meanwhile, Jesus quietly started printing out all his files from the past two hours. Satan observed this and became even more irate.

"Wait! He cheated!
How did he do it?!!!"

(You'll love the punch line....)

God shrugged and said,
"Jesus Saves."

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4th Sunday BC-A Vancouver
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CB#33 ABC Restaurant @ 9:15am
2350 Boundary at Lougheed Hwy.

3rd Sunday BC-B Campbell River/Courtney
Ernie & Halina Lambert 250-923-4871
CB#33 Popsies Log Grill @ 9:00am
1120 Ironwood St.
Every Tuesday @ Tim Hortons
Coffee @ 7:00pm.

3rd Monday BC-C Chilliwack/Fraser Valley
Ken & Karen Thornton 604-826-0590
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 Ricky's @ 7pm. 152nd St./Fraser Hwy.
IHOP -19700 Hwy.10 Bypass, Langley
Friday 7pm.

1st Tuesday BC-G Kamloops
Ron & Penny Marshall 250-573-4037
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 Hart of the North Café @ 7:30
Apr.-Oct. Coffee & Ride Wed. 7:30

Every Saturday BC-K Kelowna
Ralph & Joan Young, 250-766-1390
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Henri & June Plouffe 250-964-3867
CB#33 Fortune Palace @ 6:00pm Peden Hill.
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9am.Nov-Mar. 8:30am.Apr.-Oct.
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Deadline for articles to go in the newsletter
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