

GOLD NUGGETS



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

DECEMBER,02 / JANUARY/03

Wow, we did it, we actually took over from Barry and Margaret! They don't have to worry though, we have no plans to outdo their nine year record of service! They have been a major part of the driving force behind this chapter for the last nine, repeat nine years, and will be a hard act to follow. I'm sure that they would be the first to say that they couldn't have done it without the support of many of the members -on behalf of Barry and Margaret, thank you.

Pat and I were officially sworn in as chapter CDs at the District meeting at Kelowna on Nov. 4th, Ian was there as Chapter Educator to witness the event. Pat and I will do our best to live up to the oath that we swore, we hope that you will give us the same support that you so generously gave to Barry and Margaret. The chapter is like a family: everyone needs to get along with each other and help where possible (Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge).

The weather that weekend was fantastic (remember?) and we arrived safely at the home of Vic and Diane Harasem (Chp. BC-K Educators). This gracious couple made us feel right at home providing us with individual bedrooms (Ian snores!), we didn't arrive until 10pm and somehow, over a glass of wine, it was suddenly 12:30am!

The next morning we joined chapter BC-K for their weekly breakfast meeting at "The Specialty Bakery" for a generous breakfast and one of the most informal meetings that I have ever attended. If you're ever in Kelowna be sure to drop in and join them - all year long! After breakfast we drove up to Winfield to attend the District meeting with other officers from all over the province.

The morning passed quickly with GWRRA business taking place and before we knew it was time to walk over to the local golf course for lunch, ever wonder why GWRRA members are such "well-rounded people"? After lunch we walked over to look at the site of next year's District Rally, it should be a worth while visit - nice facilities! Then it was back to the meeting and more business: there was a presentation by the organizers of the 2003 CanAm Rally to be held in Osoyoos (did I spell that right?). They are asking for volunteers to help with the running of it, it is now an official GWRRA event. All chapters were given \$50,000 CanAm bucks to be used at an auction at the event -"extra bucks" can be got through your registration etc.. One really worthwhile thing was the sharing of ideas by the various chapters as to what did and didn't work for them, we came away with some new ideas for next year - more later.

Later we returned to the Harasems' for dinner and then on to the home of Ralph and Joan Young, BC District Directors - just what we needed: more food and drink! Somehow we survived, even Gill had a good time - I have the photos to prove it! There is a sense of community in Kelowna that is sadly missing in Vancouver, I guess we're too big. Having said that, I feel that we achieve it within the chapter - thanks!

The next morning, after a good breakfast, we said goodbye and thanks to Vic and Diane and headed home to Vancouver. The weather was beautiful and, after stopping for lunch at the Home Cafe in Hope (got to get on a diet!) we dropped off Ian and arrived safely back in Richmond. A really enjoyable and informative weekend.

November 14th saw the BC-A officers assembled at our house for our first official chapter meeting. Topics discussed were: the Christmas Pot Luck Dinner (more later); chapter positions; the Leavenworth bus trip, and ideas past and future. Many positive ideas surfaced and we will be introducing some of them next year (with your approval).

I know that you've heard this many times before, but the chapter cannot survive without your help. Some of the present officers and volunteers would like a break and go back to just being along for the ride (read fun). Here is your opportunity to help out, none of the jobs are particularly big, please contact me asap if you are interested. New members are particularly encouraged to get involved, it is a great way to get to know everyone and to have some say in what is going on. Read on...

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There is a new venue for this year's Christmas Party, the Unwin Hall is no more! We will be celebrating the year at the Kinsmen's Hall at the Richmond Nature Park which is located at the Northwest corner of #5 Road and Westminster Hwy in Richmond. It is very easy to find. Call me at 604-273-1004 if you need further instructions. A bonus is that the Park will be all lit up with Christmas lights, an annual event, we will try to have reserved parking for you - tell the attendant that you are GWRRA and there should be room behind the hall, please park as neatly as you can (more room that way). Come earlier if you would like to view the lights - I think they ask for a \$2 donation. The reception is at 6:30pm and dinner at 7:00pm. Admission is only two food items per which will be donated to the local food bank. There will be a gift exchange (Max \$10) I understand that Saint Nick will be somewhere in the neighbourhood, he wants to come and hear the Christmas carols!

Well the 1500 has had it's last oil change for the year, it's belly is full of fresh gas and it's tucked away under it's cover in a nice warm place. Sometime during the winter I will wake it up to give it a full service/going-over so that come the Spring it will, like me, be "rarin' to go". Pat really likes the "new bike" - me too! Time to put the photos in the album and reminisce about the good times and plan for next year. There will be no official meeting in December as the fourth Sunday falls on the 22nd, see you on the 6th, or in January!

Pat and I are really excited about our new roles in the chapter and hope that you share our enthusiasm. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone "Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year"....."Cheers",
Pat and Ivan.

CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale (3)
1983 Honda Shadow 500 V-twin, shaft drive, 58,400 km. Bike looks good and runs great. Has windshield and back-rest. Needs fork seals. It is a great beginners bike. Daughter has outgrown it and has moved up to a 750 Shadow. Asking \$1750.00 OBO. Contact Cor De Vries at 250-386-5852, Victoria, B.C. e-mail cdvries@shaw.ca

For Sale (3)
1995 Goldwing, 20th Anniversary edition, mint condition. Garage kept 100 km. Pearl white, 3 year warranty, extra lighting. 604-322-3488, winwin@raidant.net

For Sale (2)
1990 White SE, 140,000 km, back rest, trunk rack & bag cover, asking \$10,000.00 (CDN.)
John Savage
Victoria, British Columbia, Canada
phone: (250) 383-0221

For Sale (2)
2000 Honda GL 1500 Trike (25th Anniversary Edition) (conversion is LEAMAN TRIKE INC.)
Two Tone Red & Cherry, 3,500 klm or 2,175 Miles
All Standard Features of the 1500
Extras
Trailer Hitch
Winged Custom Floor Boards
Heated Hand Grips
Hookup for Cell phone & Electric vest
Asking: \$ 31,500 Cdn. \$ 19,900 US (Open to offers)
Contact:
Mokhi Saina, Campbell River, British Columbia
Phone: (250) 287-4535
Email: msaina@oberon.ark.com

For Sale (2)
Green fibreglass canopy for 8ft.Dodge truck box. Best offer
Heinz Blisse. 937-3123

For Sale (1)
One 1100 headlamp c/w bulb \$10
One m.cyl swivel hitch (replaces the ball) \$40
Phone 604-273-1004 (Ivan).

Wanted
Old helmets, wanted for B.C.I.T. students. (all sizes).
Ivan - 273-1004

BIRTHDAYS

December	1 st	Rod Dueck
	6 th	Kathie McAlpine
	8 th	Ron Maki
	10 th	Meryl Davies
January	29 th	Carol Pelton
	31 st	Jim Brown

ANNIVERSARIES

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

Rich & Heather

For the first time in about 4 years this column is not on the 1st page. Its existence will confirm that we aren't going to disappear into the night!!!

First we want to thank all of you for your kind comments last BC-A meeting. Anyone who takes on a position with a GW chapter does it as a labour of love and our four years as CD's and 5 or so years as Assistant CD's were not different. We very much enjoyed both roles. We have gained many great friends, friends that will stay friends no matter whether they have stayed with motorcycles or have moved on to other recreational activities. Over the 4 years we had the help of a great number of people and to all of you go our sincere thanks for your help. It couldn't have happened without you.

And so we move back to (almost) the role we had when we first joined GW in 1991. While we will enjoy sitting and riding in the crowd we will continue to be active in other ways – doing articles like this, participating in chapter events, printing the newsletter until we exhaust our supply of 11 x 17 paper, etc.

When we attended the Chapter BC-D meeting in early November we had a chance to sit with Ian and Kathy McAlpine. During our conversation Kathy mentioned that she had enjoyed reading about our various trips. We'd got away from reporting on them because we weren't sure there was much interest. So.....based on Kathy's comment, this article will be a review of a recent trip to Charleston, South Carolina.

The trip, a combination of business and pleasure, took place over the November 3/4th weekend. We flew out of Vancouver on Friday November 2 via Continental Airlines. The trip took us first to Houston where we had a 4-hour layover and then on to Charleston. As with almost all airline trips these days the food was great – provided you had just spent a week in the dessert with no sustenance at all. Continental does have the newest fleet in the airline industry and our flight to Houston was on a 737-800 – very nice plane.

The layover in Houston was a drag. There is little to do and, once we had consumed our pub meal, such as it was, it was a matter of killing time. The flight to Charleston was on an Embraer commuter jet. A great jet – feels like you are going at the speed of sound but takes forever to get anywhere. Okay, but after 2 ½ hours in the dark you just want it to end.

We had planned on getting a rental car in Charleston

but were advised that the hotel we were in was right downtown and a car wasn't necessary so it was a cab ride to Charleston Place Hotel. We arrived at 11:00 pm so couldn't see much.

Saturday was our touring around day. Nice day – sunny and warm for us, cool for the natives. We signed up for a walking tour of old Charleston and, for 2 hours, we took a leisurely stroll through old Charleston. Our tour guide knew the history of every building we went by. Two things stood out – the number of churches and the style of the houses.

The houses fronted on to a side yard. Balconies looked out on well-kept front gardens. At the street a false door secured access to the balconies. Someone entering the home would first ring the bell at the street, enter through the false door on to the lower balcony and then enter the home through the real front door. The homes were long and narrow.

Charleston is next to being on the Atlantic Ocean. It is between two rivers and has the second largest container port on the eastern seaboard. Many of the outgoing vessels contain Mercedes cars on their way to Germany. Fort Sumter sits in the confluence of the two rivers and, a key military location during the civil war, is now a tourist attraction.

We found downtown Charleston to be clean and colourful. Part of its history is Hurricane Hugo that caused a great deal of damage. Many roofs and indeed whole buildings had to be restored after Hugo went through. Shopping is confined to a significant number of small shops. Saks 5th Avenue is the only store of significant size in the downtown core.

As part of the business portion of the trip the Sunday night dinner took place in a building across the street from the hotel. We walked across the street to a restored theatre where we sat in theatre seats as a number of presentations and short talks took place. We were all wondering where dinner was to be and assumed that it would be back at the hotel. As the speeches concluded the curtains behind the stage opened to reveal a dining room, fully prepared, with waiters at the ready. An orchestra began playing. It was a tremendous evening – great food, great service, and good company.

Across the street from the hotel was the Charleston Market. Four blocks long, the building was filled with vendors selling everything from T-shirts to sterling silver jewelry to sweet grass baskets. The latter are a local specialty taking a number of days to complete.

Barry's Report (cont)

The cost, \$35 US and up, was a bit steep for us given our limited duty free allowance so we passed on those. The market is open every day but it seemed that about 10% of the merchants took weekdays off.

Our visit ended Tuesday mid afternoon when we returned to the airport. For most of the way to the airport the driver was trying to guide his daughter-in-law to Charleston. She was in a town some 40 miles away and thoroughly lost. She also had difficulty following directions so it made for an interesting one-sided conversation.

The flight home was inconsequential. Even less food but no layover in Houston this time. In fact we were late leaving Charleston and had to run for the connection in Houston. We were sure our baggage wouldn't make it but it did. Hurray for Continental. The flight from Houston was only about 1/3 full so it was comfortable.

While the flight to these meetings is generally okay with the mental and other preparations that must be done, the flight home is long, boring and seemingly endless. All you want to do is get home.

Never the less, Charleston is one place we would like to return to. Its history is interesting and worthy of study. We saw a number of touring bikes, GW's included and thought how great it would be to be riding. Our tour guide commented on the number of bikes around Charleston when Daytona Bike Week is on.

And so there lies our latest trip. We hope you enjoyed reading about it.

Margaret and Barry Irvine

RE: TUES NIGHT RIDES.

There seems to be some interest in keeping them going, if only to meet for coffee and a chat. Most of us will be taking our bikes off for the winter but it would be nice to keep the social thing going (if you're still riding it is somewhere for you to head for?). So, I propose to meet at the usual place (Tim Hortons, Annacis Island) at 7pm each Tues.. Come earlier if you want to eat? Bring your latest joke, magazine, gossip etc.....

Look forward to seeing you, Ivan.

2002 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

24 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
BC-C Christmas Dinner

December

06 BC-A Christmas Potluck
Dinner

BC-D Dinner Meeting
BC-C Dinner Meeting

You think your vote doesn't count!!

1. In 1645 one vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England.
2. In 1776 one vote gave America the English language instead of German.
3. In 1875 one vote changed France from a monarchy to a republic.

NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE SHOWS

- Seattle, Washington – December 13-15, 2002
- Vancouver, B.C. — January 24 – 26. 2003

SPECIAL EVENTS

Daytona Bike Week – Daytona Beach, Florida,
March 5 – 9, 2003

Americade Rally – Lake George, N.Y.
June 2 – 7, 2003

Wing Ding, Fort Wayne, Indiana.
July 1 – 4, 2003

Honda Hoot, Knoxville, Tennessee.
June 18 – 21, 2003

Honda Homecoming, Marysville, Ohio.
July 24-26. 2003

Sturgis Rally, Sturgis, South Dakota
August 4 – 8, 2003

RIDER EDUCATION QUIZ:

Contributed by Gene & Rae Ellsworth, Arizona's Former Assistant Rider Education Director.

1. True or False, safety is the equivalent of being risk free.
2. On tires, the purpose of the wear bar is:
 - a) to extend the life of the tire
 - b) to indicate minimum tread depth
 - c) to strengthen the tire.
3. True or False, hypothermia is below normal body temperature.
4. True or False, hyperthermia is above normal body temperature.
5. Good riding gear: helmet, jacket, gloves, long pants, boots will:
 - a) help you to stay comfortable during a ride
 - b) provide a high level of body temperature
 - c) both of the above.
6. To maintain maximum control of the motorcycle when riding in the rain, the rider should:
 - a) slow down
 - b) avoid use of the cruise control
 - c) grip the tank tighter with your knees
 - d) all of the above.
7. A motorcycle travelling at 65 mph is covering:
 - a) 88.7 feet per second
 - b) 95.3 feet per second
 - c) 100.8 feet per second.
8. True or False, traffic lanes are numbered from far left to right.
9. True or False, countersteering is achieved by standing on the pegs.
10. True or False, during proper braking technique, 75% of the braking force is achieved in the front tire.
11. True or False, maximum use of the friction zone is applying both brakes.
12. The purpose of rider education is:
 - a) to increase riding skills
 - b) to save lives
 - c) to prevent accidents
 - d) all of the above.

2003 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

January

- 8 BC-D Dinner Meeting 7pm.
- 18 First Aid/CPR Course
- 24-26 Vancouver Toy Ride
- 26 BC-A Breakfast Meeting

February

- 5 BC-D Meeting
- 15 BC-A Bowling Night
- 22 Castle Fun Park Mini Golf
- 23 BC-A Meeting

March

- 5 BC-D Meeting
- 7 Cloverdale Racetrack Evening
- 8 BC-A Sky Train/Spaghetti House/Gastown
- 15 Theme Dinner
- 23 BC-A Meeting

April

- 2- BC-D Meeting
- 5 Spring Tune-up / Karl
- 12 Spring Motorcycle Maintenance(K. Thornton)
- 18 Me-n-Ed's Pizza Night
- 26 WA-C Fun Run – Everett, Washington.
- 27 BC-A Meeting

May

- 2 BC-D Precision Riding Team – first meeting.
- 7 BC-D Meeting.
- 10 BC-D Ice-cream Social
- 16-19 WA-S Victoria Days Weekend/Ron & Peggy Lopez
- 24 Road Craft Course – Arnie Tucker.
- 25 BC-A Meeting

June

- 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 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 Vancouver Island/Sunshine Coast Ride
- 15-16 Sunshine Ride (Monroe, Washington)
- 23 BC-A Whistler/Pemberton/ Duffy Lake Loop
- 24 BC-A Meeting
- 29-Sept. 1 BC-D Gold Run – Princeton, B.C.

Sept.

- 3 BC-D Meeting
- 14 Squamish Toy Run
- 20 Corn Roast
- 28 BC-A Meeting.

October

- 1 BC-D Meeting
- 18 BC-D Planning Meeting
- 24 BC-A Social Evening – Chinese food.

28 BC-A Meeting

November

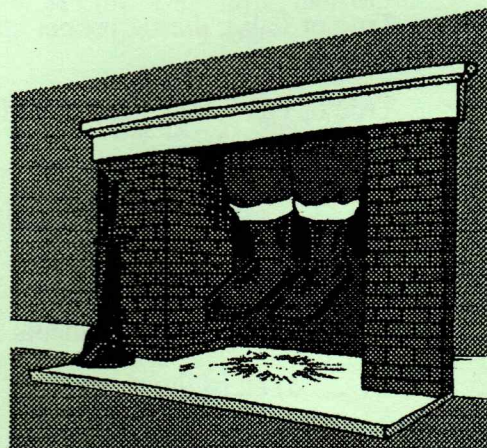
- 5 BC-D Meeting
- 23 BC-A Meeting

December

- 3 BC-D Meeting
- 5 Christmas Party
- 6 BC-A Christmas Pot Luck dinner

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1. False. The risk factor can never be reduced to zero, but it can be minimized by rider education, quality maintenance and good equipment.
2. B. The horizontal bar in the bottom of the tread is the recommended tread wear depth indicator.
3. True. Hypothermia can be brought on by not dressing properly for cold weather conditions.
4. True. Hyperthermia can be brought on by not consuming enough fluids in hot weather and not wearing protecting clothing.
5. C.
6. D.
7. B. 5280×65 divided by 3600.
8. True.
9. False. Countersteering is achieved by gently pushing on the handlebar in the direction you wish the motorcycle to travel.
10. True.
11. False. The friction zone is the application of the clutch at the point of slippage, used during slow speed maneuvering and when starting up.
12. All of the above.



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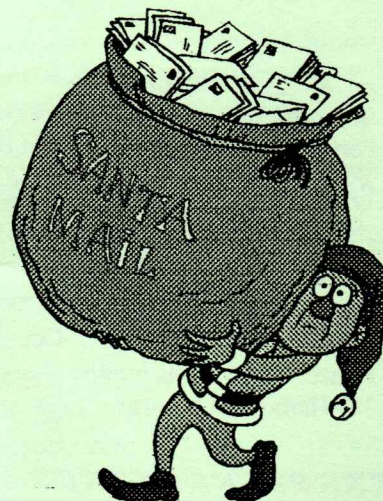
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B.C. CHAPTER MEETINGS.

- 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**
Mike & Colleen Bouchard 250-287-8861
CB#33 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: Friday @ 6pm. Cruiser's Pit Stop
Diner, Fraser Hwy. @ 216th St. Langley.
- 1st Tuesday BC-G Kamloops**
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Coffee: West Rock Bakery, Thurs. 7:00
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www.ogopogo.com/bck
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Princess Mary Restaurant,
358 Harbour St. Victoria.

CB#33

Please Plan On Joining Us:

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!

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

**Deadline for articles to go in the newsletter
is one week prior to the monthly newsletter.**

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