



GOLD NUGGETS



G.W.R.R.A.

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

JULY, 2003

In Full Swing

Whoever coined the phrase “tempus fugit – time flies” sure knew what they were talking about! We have had some great weather and rides to match:

May 24th saw a group of keen “wingers” at Tim Hortons having a morning coffee prior to joining Arnie Tucker & co. for the Road Captains’ Course. Coffee over we proceeded to BCIT’s classroom for the theory part of the program, then across the street to the church (don’t ask!) and finally out onto the road in our groups to put into practice the theory. The ride went well with various people leading and others practising being the tail-gunner.... No problems, but somehow we ended up at Tim Hortons on Scott Road (I think that they should be one of our official sponsors!). Time well spent – thanks Arnie!

May 25th was our Sunday meeting and we had BC-P’s “Couple of the Year” Geoff and Susanna Will visiting with us. They brought along their charming daughter Micaela who stole my heart while her parents made off with the 50/50! They didn’t get away scot-free because somewhere in here you should find an article from them – there is no escape!

June 1st arrived and we had a really good turnout for the Bob Davies Memorial Fun Run. On hand at the sign-up table were Derek and Gail Watson, and Ian and Kathy McAlpine. The route had been planned by Rick McIvor and “proofed” by Ian, Kathy and myself. Checkpoint #2 was manned by Norman and his jar of coloured suckers – it was here that our webmaster Gary tried to leave without his co-rider Marlene..... didn’t know that someone that small could move so quickly!

Checkpoint #3 was manned by Gordie Auld and his four-legged sidekick. We got to throw darts at a board (more difficult than you’d think!) and then cross the parking lot to: Wait for it.....Tim Hortons/Wendys! It was then time to remount and head for checkpoint #4, our final destination, Nielsen Park at Hatzic Lake. They have really done a fine job on this park, new bathrooms and a nice big shelter. Hot dogs and chilli awaited us and the table was manned by our old CD Barry! There were the usual trophies for the high/low score winners as well as a table full of prizes. Many thanks to the following for donating prizes: Carter Motors for some “really big” overpants (modelled by Gail!)

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The 50/50 was won by Linda Chung who should also have an article somewhere in here – I told you, there is no escape! The weather co-operated and everyone seemed to have a good time. Thanks to all of you for showing up (especially our friends from south of the border) and an extra special big “thanks” to all those helpers who made this possible!

Less than one week later and another big event: The Annual Vedder River Campout. This year it did not live up to it’s reputation as the “rainout”, if anything it was too hot! Now I’m not really complaining: heat beats rain any day! We had lots of the “old faithfuls” there as well as some new members and a few visitors (there is always room for more). If you’ve never been to one have a look at the photos that I took and consider joining us next year? There is a detailed description inside done by Bruce McMahill who won the 50/50 (did I mention that there is no escape?). We probably used more ice than firewood this year although it wouldn’t be a campout without the campfire and hotdogs. Yours truly started off the sing-along on his faithful guitar and then snuck off to bed to leave the group singing all their old favourites (‘til I am?).

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Ken and Karen (Karen's Krome) showed up with their "new" 5th wheel, Ken had a beer, laid down and was never seen until the next morning – says he had a "great time"! Marty Ahab babysat his kids all weekend and still had a great time as did the other family groups – Makis and Pearces (maybe we'll bring ours next year!).

Sunday morning saw a few guests arrive to join us in a pancake and sausage breakfast put on by our trusty volunteers – delicious! Then it was time to clean up the campsite, pay a deposit for next June 11th weekend (yes, we'll be back – mark it down!) and head home. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make it happen – see you next year (I hope).

Tuesday night rides are going really well: up to 15 bikes! We get to socialise and practice our group riding skills – we are now going to critique ourselves a bit more (that's good because it means that we are comfortable enough with each other to do this!) The emphasis is still on the "fun" so don't be put off. Remember we meet at (you guessed it!) Tim Hortons/Wendys on Annacis Island – leave 7pm

On a more personal level: Pat and I are trying to get out more on the bike, I have just added some "Star Steps" so that she can alter her riding position (thanks Karen) – they seem to help. Have to get into training for the run up to Winfield for the District Rally, hope to see some of you there. Have the trailer on the road so that we can take some of the "necessities" with us and leave room for any "purchases" (safety chrome etc.).

Don't forget that July 19th we will be hosting our first backyard bar-b-que at our house in Richmond, hope to see as many of you there as possible. Please sign up asap so that we can plan for how many supplies we need. Thanks, **Ivan and Pat.**

Oh yes, we still need a "ride co-ordinator (s)" to help organise our after-meeting rides – this is why you joined isn't it? Contact me if you can help.

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	17 th	Henry Bahn
August	18 th	Ian McAlpine
	11 th	Chris Maki
	18 th	Rick McIvor

ANNIVERSARIES

July	10 th	Dale & Wendy Campbell
	26 th	Amanda & Kelly Irvine
August	6 th	Gary & Marlene Robins
	10 th	Gloria & Ron Maki
	20 th	Chris & Joan Maki
	22 nd	Gilbert & Julie Brennenstuhl

Vedder River Campout 2003: by Bruce R. McMahill

With the "sun-a-shining" straight up in the sky, and the weekend forecast calling for "sunshine, sunshine, sunshine," Bruce and Sandra, Chapter WA-E, rode up toward Mount Vernon Friday afternoon, June 6th, to meet Rodney and Tiena -- on her own 750 cc Virago -- for a fun weekend of camping. We were on our way to camp with members from Chapter BC-A at the Vedder River Campground, south of Chilliwack, BC. This was Bruce and Sandra's 10th year in attending Chapter BC-A's annual campout.

Vedder River is a "destination" type of campout -- e.g., many different things to do and many places to go for fun -- and this weekend was no exception. While some members had tents and tent trailers, other member brought their "fifth-wheels" and motor-homes. Several of the members brought their children and pets. Marty's daughter walked her cat -- on a leash -- or did the cat just walk and she followed?

Crossing the border at Sumas, Rodney was stopped to "vary his declaration," what ever that means. The temperature was 90 degrees so we spent the time inside the air-conditioned Inspection/Immigration facility. After Rodney's check, we turned right on "Vye" road and headed west toward the Skagit Range foothills. When the road ended with a turn to the left, we turned left <dah> riding pass a Dairy farm with their "Moootel" and "The Udder" barns.

At the first "T" intersection, we turned right always keeping the foothills on our right side. We traveled through the town of "Yarrow," and down the Vedder Mountain Road a couple of clicks more to the now familiar sign, "Vedder River Campground." A left turn and we were almost there. Cool. (With Bruce's natural homing instincts, who needs GPS <grin>.)

The camping area is a secure, group site, all grass, and level, heavily treed and large enough for about 150 members. There is one covered picnic area, with a metal roof and tables and swings for the children to play on. For the adventuresome; there are many little trails through the woods to the west of our camp site for exploring and the Vedder River itself to bring you back to your youth by wading in the cool mountain water.

Once in the campground, we greeted our long time and some new Canadian friends from Chapter BC-A. The temperature had reached 92 degrees and they were sitting in the shade. While we were talking with them, you could feel the cool air rushing over the camp-site from the Vedder River.

With the tent trailer set up, we pulled our camp chairs over to the "three-ring" fire pit to roast "hot-dogs" over a huge, warm fire. Dinner is served <grin>. Well, it had been almost 1-1/2 hours since we last grazed <grin>. Hot-dogs, sodas, coffee and marshmallows are provided by Chapter BC-A for the entire weekend.

Rodney set his tent up on the opposite side of the campground, some 100 feet away from the rest of us. We thought it was a lit-

tle curious until the next morning when we saw all of the ground coverings -- leaves, pine-needles, twigs and tree bark -- piled all around his tent.

Sandra and I didn't hear anything, but we're guessing that snoring had something to do with why Rodney's tented so far away <grin>. And, that now explains why Rodney's motorcycle was parked over by our tent trailer.

We spent the rest of Friday evening socializing and roasting marshmallows. (Never miss the chance to roast a marshmallow or two or three or ...) While the fires were blazing red hot, Bruce and Sandra wished everyone well and went to bed. With the soothing sounds of the rustling waters from the Vedder River and the cool night winds playing with the leaves in only the tallest trees surrounding our group site, we fell asleep.

Saturday morning and COFFEE. Pat rises early and starts the coffee urn for the "campers," then goes back to bed for a few more "cat-naps." Pat, BIG thanks.

For breakfast, we were treated to something very different -- "omelettes-in-a-bag." Carole and Jorden provided all the "fixings" needs for an omelette -- eggs, cheese, mushrooms, peppers (three kinds) and onions -- ugh!! We put them in "zip-lock" bags and place up to 5 bags in boiling water to cook for 12 minutes. Perfect omelette and tastes GREAT. Also, there was coffee cake, fresh rolls and home made strawberry jam to round out our breakfast.

Derrick and Gail brought their Cocker Spaniel -- Taboma -- who stood guard around us for scraps that might accidentally drop onto the ground. Taboma was something like a live vacuum cleaner. Oh!! Where did Derrick and Gail come up with the name "Taboma?" No, it's not Hungarian, or Asian. It is a made up acronym: "Take A Bit Of My A_ _." T-A-B-O-M-A. Cooooool.

Tiena had an obligation back in Richmond on Saturday, so about noon Rodney, Bruce and Sandy said our "good-byes" to her, and took off for a little ride to Harrison Hot Springs leaving "Dr." Bob snoozing in his lounge chair. Rodney, Bruce and Sandra were going up swim in the public pool, have ice-cream, do a little shopping and take a leisure walk around to enjoy the beauty of Harrison Hot Springs.

Saturday evening found us back at the campground for a pot-luck dinner. Derrick BBQ'ed the chicken breasts Sandra had brought up for us. We provided 3 lbs of Cole Shaw, whipped up especially for us by Chef Safeway, for the pot-luck dinner <grin>. Potato salad (again, thank you Pat), coffee and soda was provided by Chapter BC-A.

Once again, we pulled our camp chairs over to the fires for the evening's get-together. Out came the cookies and caramel popcorn. Ivan, Chapter Director of BC-A, brought his guitar and spent the evening playing songs from yesteryear -- when we were kids. Memories just flooded back. Chris Maki, Ian and "Dr." Bob were intent on burning up the cord of wood that had been

2003 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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

Sept.

3 BC-D Meeting
5-7 BC-D Gold Run - Princeton, B.C.
14 Squamish Toy Run
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 BC-A Christmas Party

50-50 ARTICLE

First let me start to say thank you to all Chapter "A" members for making us feel so welcome at your May meeting. I'm not saying this just because we won the 50-50 draw but because it is very true. I was not looking forward to meeting so many new people at the meeting that morning, it's was out of my comfort zone but I am glad we came.

I have been working on this article off and on since I was told I still needed to write one. I never had any trouble telling stories but to sit down and write an article that's hard work. Just a little background, we have been Chapter P's Chapter Couple for a few months now and have been members for about three years. But in those three years we have met many new and interesting people.

We were asked to be Chapter Couple even though I don't

ride the motorcycle at all, Micaela, our daughter, is the co- rider, I just ride behind with the truck and camper. I enjoy attending the monthly meetings and Dairy Queen Thursday's for ice cream. We are planning to attend the District Rally in August and hope to meet up with a few of you there.

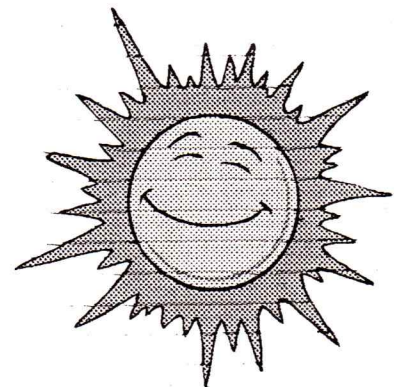
I have had the pleasure of meeting several members at Clinton a couple years ago at the Gold Run. The thing that sticks out in my mind about that weekend is "5 bucks, 5 bucks, 5 bucks" I don't think I've heard that slogan so many times as I did that weekend. I spend many hours at camp listening to all the stories and meeting all the new people while the rest of my group went riding for ice cream. It was the first time I had ever had fried turkey. My mouth is drooling just thinking of it now. We didn't make this years rally but have it on our To-Do list for next year.

I, personally, have been involved in many organizations but the whole GWRRA is the best. To think we all come from many different backgrounds and different places but we all come together as a great big family that meet only once or twice a year at the different rallies. This is the true meaning of a great organization and a good group of people.

Geoff is on his way to Can-Am as I speak (or should I say type) he is taking the long way. His route starts in Prince George goes through Hinton, then on to Red Deer. He is planning to meet up with a few Chapter P members in Calgary then they will make their way to the Rally to meet a few more of our members. He says he'll be home before the end of June but we never know when you boys get on your toys it could be next year before he comes back (he wished).

We look forward to seeing many of you at the District Rally, if not there maybe some other rally. Again thank you for the great opportunity to thank all of you and yours. See you soon.

Susanna, Geoff and Micaela Will
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- 1st Sunday BC-A Vancouver**
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Breakfast 8am. Meeting 9:30am.
- 3rd Sunday BC-B Campbell River/Courtney**
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- 3rd Monday BC-C Chilliwack/Fraser Valley**
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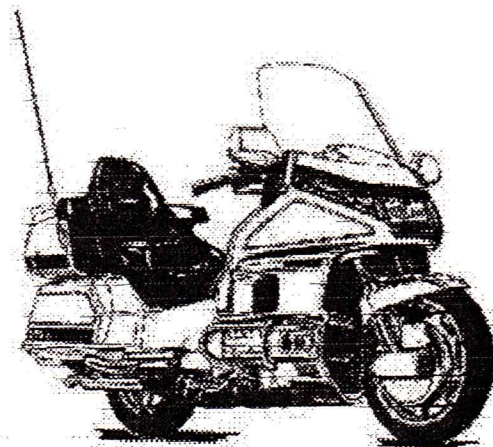
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