



# GOLD NUGGETS



G.W.R.R.A.

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

JUNE, 2001

What great weather recently!!!! Spring is now here. We are firmly in blossom season and motorcycles by what seems like the hundreds are on the road.

On the weekend of last months meeting we also participated in an ERC course with Chapter BC-D. The weekend started on Friday evening with the theory part of ERC being held in Surrey. It included an excellent video on riding, covering not only the theory but also the results of applying it. About 25 riders and co-riders were in attendance.

To avoid a conflict with our regular meeting I attended the Saturday session. After gathering at Tim Horton's on Anacis (and doing what we do best – eating!!!) we moved to the Delta Fire Hall on Annacis Island with riders and co-riders in attendance for a final video.

Riders then moved to the Unisource lot on Annacis. The weather was perfect – sunny with a bit of a breeze. The parking lot at Unisource is excellent for this type of event – lots of room for multiple exercises and large enough to do some speed practice. Room or not, I found I was really rusty. The circles seemed tighter than ever; the figure 8 just as tight; the tight turns really tight. I was impressed with the manner in which everyone else handled his or her bikes. I think I used to do as well years ago!!!

After a couple of hours of one up practice we returned to Tim Horton's / Wendy's for more people fuel. Then it was back to Unisource to be joined by our co-riders and some two up practice. Because of other commitments I had to leave about 3 pm. I'm told things wrapped up about 4.

On Sunday, after the meeting, a couple of us traveled out to the Sunday ERC session to see how they were doing. What a change in the weather. Rain, cool.... extremely happy that I had managed to be in the Saturday class!!! Never the less, the Sunday group had a great day as well and, as a bonus, had some wet road practice.

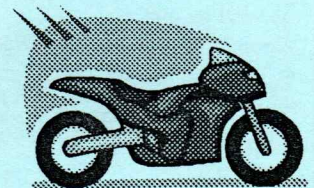
Thanks to Ian McAlpine and Karl Kuluski for organizing the ERC and to Stirling Bates for a great job leading the day. Stirling made it fun and didn't push anyone beyond where they wanted to go. All together 10 Chapter BC-A people participated in what is a very important annual exercise.

On Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup> we had our first weekly evening ride. Ian McAlpine, Simon Scott, and I met at the Rodeo Drive-in at 152<sup>nd</sup> Street and Highway 10 at 7pm. Ivan Armstrong, Tuesday evening leader, was under very heavy weather with the flu or something comparable and couldn't make it. We traveled generally South to a tour of Marine Drive in White Rock. For practice we tried the "big" hill both down and up. We then made our way through Ocean Park and traveled less known routes through the residential area between White Rock and Crescent Beach. We passed more than one residence that caused us to drool. Continuing North we ended up at Tim Horton's/Wendy's on Annacis. After coffee and decadent food we parted with Ian and Simon returning to the North Shore. A good start to what we hope will be a well-attended weekly ride.

Shortly after the meeting at which you are reading this we will be holding our annual Fun Run (on June 3). Organizers will no doubt find some new roads once again. The weekend after that (June 8/10) we gather for our annual rain weekend at Vedder Campground. I hope that all of you will support these events. If you are not into camping what about coming out for the Sunday morning breakfast? I hope we'll see all of you at both events.

May is motorcycle month. In asking motorists to watch for us we also take on an obligation to watch for them. Have a great riding season and keep safety first.

Margaret and Barry Irvine.



*June 22 - Longest day?*

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*Rain Suit*

*Paul - Suzuki*

*Gary*



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four, fridge, stove, oven, shower, toilet, asking price \$12,500  
firm, \$21,000 new call: 250-768-9597 Kelowna.

Very clean 1981 Wing in the \$3,000 range. (no. as above)

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## Birthdays

### June

5th	Kelly Irvine	6th	Pat Armstrong
8th	Ken Tully	8th	Tracie Smith
11th	Lorne Congdon	12th	Joan Maki
27th	Dale Campbell	17th	Henry Bahn
30th	Julie Brennenstuhl	21st	Barbara Dueck
		22nd	Jordan McRae

### July

## Anniversaries

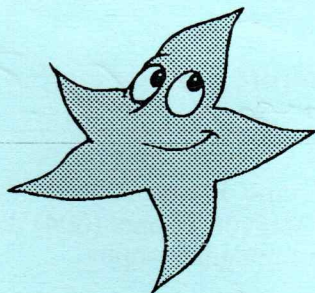
June	6th	Jim Brown & Jan Bai
	8th	Brian & Peggy Davis
	14th	Barb & Rod Dueck
	26th	Bev & Ken Tully
	28th	Gord & Sharon Auld
July	10th	Dale & Wendy Campbell
	26th	Amanda & Kelly Irvine

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### Hello Everyone

The Web Page of BC-V is now posted for the month of May,  
as well as our  
Newsletter drop by <http://gwrra.bcv.8m.com/> and have a look.

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## TRIVIA!!

How are a Texas tornado and a Tennessee divorce the same?  
Somebody's gonna lose a trailer.

How do you catch a unique rabbit?  
Unique up on it.  
How do you catch a tame rabbit  
Tame way, unique up on it?

How do crazy people go through the forest?  
They take the psycho path.

How do you get holy water?  
You boil the hell out of it.

What do fish say when they hit a concrete wall?  
Dam!

What do Eskimos get from sitting on the ice too long  
Polaroid's

What do you call a boomerang that doesn't work?  
A stick.

What do you call cheese that isn't yours?  
Nacho cheese.

What do you call Santa's helpers?  
Subordinate clauses.

What do you call four bullfighters in quicksand?  
Quattro sinko.

What do you get from a pampered cow?  
Spoiled milk.

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?  
Frostbite.

What lies at the bottom of the ocean and twitches?  
A nervous wreck.

Where do you find a dog with no legs?  
Right where you left him.

Why do gorillas have big nostrils?  
Because they have big fingers.

Why don't blind people like to sky dive?  
Because it scares the heck out of the dog.

What kind of coffee was served on the Titanic?  
Sanka

What is the difference between a Harley and a Hoover?  
The location of the dirt bag.



## This looks like it could work!!

Hey, at last someone has a creative idea that just could work. I have taken to watching CNN lately just to get an idea of what the news is saying or not saying and trying to read between the lines. What is being planted in the consumer's mind ever so gently and about twice a week is that we are going to have higher gas prices this summer. I don't know about you but it has left me with a feeling of powerlessness and the oil companies know it. I have copied the following from an email that was sent to me and it sounds like something that just might work. If it appeals to you, please send it on.

**THE FOLLOWING WAS SENT BY AN ECONOMIST WITHIN THE FUEL INDUSTRY. ANOTHER ECONOMICS PROFESSOR AT CAL REITERATED THE SAME LAST WEEK. I THINK IT IS WORTH TRYING.**

I got this from a reliable source & the website listed is legit. We heard today from a man who is very savvy about the economy, namely, Clark Howard, and he says that the gas prices are going to start going up again and will be high this summer-\$2.00 (\$1.00/litre) and up. We need to do whatever we can, and do it **NOW!!!!**

### Gasoline Prices

This makes more sense than the don't buy gas on a certain day routine that was going around last year re: Gasoline Prices.

Whoever started this has a good point. By now, you're probably thinking gasoline priced at about \$1.49 (\$.70/litre) is cheap. Me too, as it is now \$1.58 (\$.73/litre) for regular unleaded!

Now that the oil companies and the OPEC nations have conditioned us to think that the cost of a gallon of gas is CHEAP at less than \$1.50, (IN CANADA \$.70 PER LITRE) we need to try an aggressive response. With the price of gasoline going up more each day, we consumers need to take ACTION! The only way we are going to see the price of gas come down is if we don't buy it. But, (as the gas companies know full well, and are counting on), that's not really a practical option since we all have come

to rely on our cars. But we CAN have an impact on gas prices if we all act together.

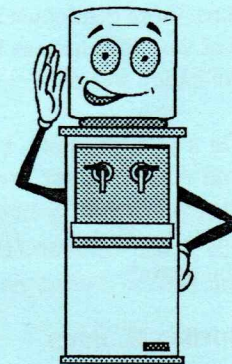
**Here's the idea:** For the rest of this year, don't purchase gasoline from the two biggest companies (which now are one), namely EXXON and MOBIL (IN CANADA - ESSO AND SHELL - WHICH INCLUDES SAVE-ON GAS). You see, if they are not selling, they should be inclined, (i.e., "forced"), to reduce their prices. And, because of their size, and hence market share, if they reduce their prices the other companies will too. (They would HAVE no choice!). Isn't that a "juicy" prospect? But to have an impact, we need to reach literally millions of users. But it's do-able!

I am sending this note to 42 people. If each of you send it to at least 10 more ...and those 10 send it to at least 10 more and so on, by the time the message reaches the sixth iteration, we will have reached over one million consumers. Acting together we can make a difference. If this makes sense to you, please pass this message on, or one you compose, to at least 10 more E-mail addresses. *(If you don't have e-mail, tell all your friends)*

**PLEASE HOLD OUT UNTIL THEY LOWER THEIR PRICES TO BELOW \$1.28 - \$1.29 (\$.40 TO \$.50 PER LITRE) AND KEEP THEM DOWN. THIS CAN REALLY WORK!**

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## ERC REPORTS

### TO THE MEMBERS OF BCA AND BCD:

I would like to thank you for inviting me over to conduct the Experienced Rider Courses on the weekend of April 21 and 22.

I was very impressed by the attitude, effort and skills of all of the riders and co-riders in each of the courses. That is particularly true for everyone who participated in the course on Sunday, April 22, who endured less than ideal weather conditions throughout the entire day!

It is always a challenge to make a contribution to the improvement of riding skills - mental or physical - of people who are already accomplished riders. With the high level of riding abilities exhibited by the participants of the two courses, it was most definitely a challenge that weekend.

I would especially like to thank Ian McAlpine, Karl Kuluski, Glenn Williams and Alec Dutt for contributing their time, effort, experience and knowledge to the ERC's. Their efforts made the ERC's much easier for me, much more beneficial for each of the participants, and much more fun for all of us! In addition to their efforts during the ERC's, these gentlemen did a lot of behind the scenes work that should be recognized and applauded. They arranged a facility for the classroom sessions (complete with coffee and treats), they arranged for a very good riding range, and they endured an almost endless exchange of e-mail messages with me! You are very fortunate to have these gentlemen as members of your chapters. I certainly feel very fortunate to have them as my colleagues in the rider education effort.

On a personal note, I would particularly like to thank Laurie and Alec Dutt for inviting me into their home to give me a place to stay on Saturday night, and for all of their hospitality while I was there. They were wonderful hosts! Thank you again!

### **Stirling M. Bates**

Ride safely, every moment (and watch out for airborne pick up truck canopies!) ! PS: *When I left home on Saturday morning I wasn't sure what I was going to write about in the BCV May newsletter. After the exciting episode with the flying/exploding/bouncing/skidding truck canopy, I now have a topic to write about!*

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### **Always look for the bright side....**

**Saturday, April 21st 2001: beautiful spring day.**

**Sunday, April 22nd 2001: rained all day!**

Guess which day yours truly went on the ERC course...right! The day started with me creeping out of the house, minus breakfast, so as to not wake my "sleeping beauty" ...I even pushed the bike two blocks before starting it.....right! I arrived at Wendy's on Annacis Island to find that sleeping beauty"

had lied to me - they don't do breakfast!"

I joined the other diehards in a cup of coffee and bagel and then we left for the local firehall. Stirling Bates went over the answers to the written quiz which lead to some discussion over some of the questions - some questions/answers couldn't be resolved and were left to each individuals interpretation!

We then went out to the parking lot where yours truly donned his rain suit and did his rain dance - sure enough it started to rain! (sorry guys!) Being eternal optimists we grinned and assured ourselves that it wouldn't last long - wrong! And so we started to do our figure eights, u-turns, circles and slaloms (spelling?). We were just getting good when it was time to go for lunch!

Being real soldiers, we returned (in the rain) to do the second half. Rousing the instructors from the tent we did a few more runs through the obstacle courses and then it was time for the high speed stops and avoidance runs - this is where it got to be really interesting! You see my old 1100 doesn't have linked brakes and, as I discovered, if one applies a little too much rear brake the rear end gets a little "twitchy"! After Stirling accepted the fact that I could control these "twitches" he calmed down and stayed put.....

Then it was time for the co-riders to come out of the dry and join their "significant others", I must admit that they all did so cheerfully....well done (I wondered if SB has risen yet!).

At the end of the day we all agreed that we had the better of the two days -you see it's one thing to ride around a nice dry parking lot on a sunny day but it does rain out here (no kidding!) and that changes conditions dramatically! So next year we change places and you "other lot" get to do it in the rain and we get the sunny day!

Special thanks to Stirling Bates, Ian McAlpine, Alex Dutt, Karl Kuluski and anyone else who had anything to do with organizing this valuable event -especially Chapter A for sponsoring it! **Ivan.**

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## **DON'T FORGET!!**

**June 3rd**

**BC-A Bob Davies Memorial Fun Run**

**June 8/9/10**

**BC-A Annual Campout (and Raindance)**

**June 24**

**BC-A June Meeting**



**Subject: 1000 marbles**

Hope you enjoy this. It was sent to me by a good friend who must have remembered that I am now 55!

The older I get, the more I enjoy Saturday mornings. Perhaps it's the quiet solitude that comes with being the first to rise, or maybe it's the unbounded joy of not having to be at work. Either way, the first few hours of a Saturday morning are most enjoyable.

A few weeks ago, I was shuffling toward the basement shack with a steaming cup of coffee in one hand and the morning paper in the other. What began as a typical Saturday morning, turned into one of those lessons that life seems to hand you from time to time.

*Let me tell you about it.*

I turned the dial up into the phone portion of the band on my ham radio in order to listen to a Saturday morning swap net. Along the way, I came across an older sounding chap, with a tremendous signal and a golden voice. You know the kind; he sounded like he should be in the broadcasting business. He was telling whomever he was talking with something about "a thousand marbles." I was intrigued and stopped to listen to what he had to say.

"Well, Tom, it sure sounds like you're busy with your job. I'm sure they pay you well but it's a shame you have to be away from home and your family so much. Hard to believe a young fellow should have to work sixty or seventy hours a week to make ends meet." "Too bad you missed your daughter's dance recital. He continued, "Let me tell you something Tom, something that has helped me keep a good perspective on my own priorities."

*That's when he began to explain his philosophy of the "thousand marbles."*

"You see, I sat down one day and did a little arithmetic. The average person lives about seventy-five years. I know, some live more and some live less, but on average, folks live about seventy-five years. Now then, I multiplied 75 times 52 and I came up with 3900, which is the number of Saturdays that the average person has in their entire lifetime."

"No, stick with me, Tom, I'm getting to the important part." "It took me until I was fifty-five years old to think about all this in any detail", he went on, "and by that time I had lived through over twenty-eight hundred Saturdays. I got to thinking that if I lived to be seventy-five, I only had about a thousand of them left to enjoy." "So I went to a toy store and bought every single marble they had. I ended up having to visit three toy stores to round up 1000 marbles. I took them home and put them inside of a large, clear plastic container right here in the sack next to my car. Every Saturday since then, I have taken one marble out and thrown it away." "I found that by watching the marbles diminish, I focus more on the really important things in life."

"There is nothing like watching your time here on this earth run out to help get your priorities straight." "Now let me tell you one

last thing before I sign-off with you and take my lovely wife out for breakfast. This morning, I took the very last marble out of the container. I figure that if I make it until next Saturday then I have been given a little extra time. And the one thing we can all use is a little more time."

"It was nice to meet you Tom, I hope you spend more time with your family, and I hope to meet you again here on the band. This is 75 year old man, K9NZQ, clear and going QRT, good morning!"

A friend sent this to me, so I to you, my friend:

"If you live to be a hundred,  
I want to live to be a hundred  
minus one day, so I never have  
to live without you." -Winnie the Pooh

Gord.

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**MORE TRIVIA!!**

If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs up in the air, the person died in battle.

If the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died as a result of would received in battle.

If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural consequences.

Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.

"I am." is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.

The term "the whole 9 yards" came from W.W.II fighter pilots in the South Pacific. When arming their airplanes on the ground, the .50 caliber machine gun ammo belts measured exactly 27 feet, before being loaded into the fuselage.





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