



GOLD NUGGETS



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

JUNE, 2003

Boy have we been busy since the last newsletter – read on!

April 26th saw four BC-A members (Kelly, Jerry, Dan and myself) join up with some riders from BC-D to travel to WA-C's Early Spring Fun Run in the Everett area – great time as usual! Read the inside article for the details.

May 8th and we're off again: this time to Victoria for the annual BCCOM MLA's Ride. Barry, Jerry, Ed and Cathy, Ian, Gil, Ken, Ron Seligman and I joined a small crowd of m/cyclists at Tswassen to catch the 9am sailing to Schwartz Bay. It was sunny and cool and we got a group rate – great! I noticed a red 1500 that I didn't recognise and, before you could say GWRRA, I had signed the man (Rob Hermann) up – it wasn't hard! He lives out in the valley but showed up this Tuesday and is probably here at this meeting, please give him a warm BC-A greeting. It was my first MLA ride and I really enjoyed it – the weather helped! I got to take a very neat lady administrator for a ride around the Victoria waterfront following Ian and his "ride". A proclamation was read by the Attorney General declaring May as "Motorcycle Awareness Month". It was also announced that by Jan 2004 it will be necessary to produce a valid class 6 licence to get insurance (about time!) and that by Jan 2005 it should be possible to get a "one plate" policy if you own more than one bike (good news Ed!) – well done BCCOM! If you're not already a member I have some sign-up sheets, they need our support if they are to continue to lobby on our behalf. Afterwards we had a great run up island on the old roads ending up in Sydney for coffee and rolls (got to maintain the figure!). Somehow we "lost" Ken and Gil – but that's another story! The only "down side" to the day was the antics of some "loud bikes" on the ferry who probably undid all the good that the rest of us were trying to do – "Oh well!".....

May 11th and "we're on the road again". This time Pat and I went on BC-D's Ice Cream Social – those guys really like to ride – by the end of the day we had ridden over 320kms around the valley (200+ miles) and Pat needed a hot tub! The weather co-operated and we all had a good time. Pat and I lead the first leg out to Fort Langley, didn't get lost once thanks to Pat's navigating (she has always been good at telling me where to go!). Ken and Betty then took the lead taking us out to Mission where Ed and Cathy lead us on the final, long leg to a dairy farm out in Sumas for – you guessed it – an ice cream! Pat, Jerry and I opted to take the freeway home while the rest of the group took the "long way" to Steveston for fish and chips (the army isn't the only one to travel on it's stomach!). Kelly and Linda invited us to visit them later at the Richmond Yacht Club for a "beverage" – we did and were amazed to find the two of them still going strong! Thanks to BC-D for a great ride (maybe not quite so long next year?).

It's now May 11th and time for "our" first Chapter A Executive Meeting held at our house in Richmond. Heather and Rick (chp. ACD's and historians) were so keen to attend that they showed up on the 14th and again on the 15th! Not quite so keen were Ian (chp educator), Gary (chp.webmaster and treasurer), Ed (stores), Barry and Margaret (ex. Chp. Senior CDs) and myself (CD and minstrel) ... Pat had escaped with her mother to Hawaii – they're still there! Meryl (newsletter editor) was also noticeable by her absence: she was off somewhere in Virginia with "someone". Meryl is now back as evidenced by this newsletter – welcome back Meryl. The meeting dealt mostly with upcoming events and we were still "at it" until around 11pm. Thanks to all who showed up for your support, help and input – especially to Barry and Margaret who have supposedly retired from this role.

Congratulations and thanks to Kelly Parkes for offering to step in as a new Assistant CD. As you know Kelly is a successful goldsmith and has good managerial and personal skills; but was a little hesitant about taking on the role. I assured him that "there's nothing to it and you'll all make him welcome". Heather will be assisting Kelly as he learns the ropes and that will relieve her of some of the work load. A special thanks to Rick and Heather for their past efforts as ACD's. Rick is so busy driving that we don't see much of him (too bad!) but he is still interested and helps out where he can (like planning the Fun Run route). I hear a rumour that there could be "new baby" in the McIvor household and it will weigh in at 800lbs?

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May 18th Ian and Cathy navigated their way through the Fun Run course that Rick had previously plotted, I "went along for the ride" and to separate them when there was a "discussion" as to which way to go! Cathy recorded the times and mileages between points and Ian and I went where we were told..... It was a very useful exercise as some of the roads weren't there any more! Good job we rode it as you would have had some real fun trying to find your way! The good news is that it is a very pleasant 5 hour ride (which includes rest stops and lunch break) with good checkpoints/rest stops and a great ending venue (thanks Barry). Look for old friends Norman and Gord at the middle checkpoints (thanks guys!). June 1st is the date of the actual run so please set that time aside and join us as this is our major ride and is dedicated to the memory of Meryl's late husband Bob. Invite your friends, they can do the run in their car if they like and picnic with us at the end. Last bike out at 9:30am - Ian and I will do the "sweep", remember to stay on chn.33 and call for help if you get lost - shouldn't happen as Ian and Cathy have done a great job of the instructions. *Oh yes, remember to start the ride with a full tank and an empty bladder!* There won't be the usual breakfast meeting but the ABC restaurant will be open for business, allow time to eat.

By the time you have read this some of us, myself included, should have completed the Road Captain's Course run by District Educator Arnie Tucker on May 24th - you can't have too much training! Thanks Arnie.

June 6 - 8th is the annual Vedder Campout. Please try to join us, they're great fun (even in the rain!). Bring your tent, camper or RV and come to the group campground which is just east of Yarrow off the road to Cultis. Phone me if you need directions. If you can't camp with us then try for the pancake breakfast on the Sunday morning at 9am it's a nice ride and at \$3 (?) a good deal! A veritable "army" of volunteers work hard to make this a success and you will see old friends such as the Hoogstins and McRaes there as well as Bruce and Sandy from WA-E. Until the last meeting I hadn't realised how much work goes into making these events "happen" - thanks to all of you who are involved.

Tuesday night rides are doing well, we had 11 bikes the other week, we meet for coffee even if it rains (we have been known to show up in cars and trucks on these occasions!). Time: leave at 7pm, Place: Tim Horton's on Annacis Island near the Alex Fraser bridge, join us regardless of what bike you ride or which chapter (if any) you associate with.

Once again a reminder of the District Rally August 1st weekend in Winfield north of Kelowna, it's not too late to register. See you there?

Gotta go now, just reading this over has exhausted me!.....

"Shiny side up!" Ivan & Pat

BIRTHDAYS

June	2 nd	Marlene Robins
	5 th	Kelly Irvine
	8 th	Ken Tully
	11 th	Lorne Congdon
	27 th	Dale Campbell
July	30 th	Julie Brennenstuhl
	6 th	Pat Armstrong
	8 th	Tracie Smith
	12 th	Joan Maki
	17 th	Henry Bahn

ANNIVERSARIES

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

I WON THE 50-50 AND I HAD TO DO AN ARTICLE

Ivan seemed to find great amusement in reminding me that because I had won the 50/50 at April's meeting it was up to me to write an article for the newsletter. Had I not already spent the money I would probably use it to pay someone to write this for me. I have spent many sleepless nights wondering what I should write about.

Should it be about how much I love riding with different people I have met through GWRRA, which would be our reason for joining in the first place. The different rallies and rides we have taken part in over the past years. Places and neighborhoods that I didn't know existed. How beautiful our province and Washington State are for riding on weekend trips. How everything is different when riding on the bike, you really feel and smell your environment as opposed to just seeing it. It really makes you appreciate being alive and the beauty that surrounds us every day.

Or should I write about the importance of being involved with a group such as BC-A. In order for a group such as this to survive it needs volunteers. It is not right that the same people are always organizing and looking after events. They are members too and have joined for the same reasons as everyone else. Different people have different ideas and new ideas are always welcome. If not we would all be in the same rut. I encourage everyone to get involved, this is YOUR chapter. Share your ideas and a little of your time. Take the time to say thank you to those who have given of their time so you can enjoy the rides that we are so fortunate to take.

I would like to thank Ivan for his efforts and hope all of you will support him. Rumor has it that he may have found a new assistant CD. I hope everyone will welcome the new assistant, and help him along the way. Don't want to name names here and spoil any announcements that Ivan may make at the meeting. Maybe the next time I win a 50/50 I will have something to say !!!

Heather Leslie

GOLDWING PAGE

Check out Fritz's web page when you go to this address :

<http://www.hondagoldwings.com/humour.html>

You can also go to his main page at:

<http://www.hondagoldwings.com/index.html>

At the bottom of his page you can see an index for clipart and photos and so on.

A little Bite from BCCOM

It was a most interesting meeting, covering a little of everything that is of interest to most men and women who ride for enjoyment. A good place to find the most reliable information.

One of our guest speakers was Mike FitzPatric from Victoria , an insurance agent for Western Union Ins. Underwriters. He talked about multiple coverage for your bike. It's called All-Peril, Collision, Fire, Theft and Storage. If you are in an accident they will arrange to bring you and your bike home, great if you're out of province. If your 1 - 3 year old bike is stolen they will pay you what you paid for it. Older bikes like mine (1984 Aspencade) should have a declared market price in writing: an estimate from a dealer together with photos.

Another informative speaker was Ron Szoozei from *chromedreams.com* phone 604 - 307 - 7564. He is a professional bike appraiser. He talked about proper bike declared values, accessory values and fair market value prior to having an accident or damage/loss. He also talked about documentation for insurance policies or bank loans. Also there are : Cash Values, Replacement Values, Declared Values, Collector Bike Values, Agreed Values etc.....I never knew there were so many different kinds! Every owner probably feels different about their own bike depending upon what they have done to it. Professional advice is always good to have so give Ron a call if you need his services.

Adel Tompkins will be talking with Nick Geer ICBC's President, CEO and Chairman of the Board about transferable plates: your most expensive bike with full year coverage for those who have more than one bike to ride (lucky them!). Another interesting topic is the ICBC practice of selling bike insurance to people who don't hold a class 6 licence; something positive must be done to stop this!

Adel will also be asking ICBC to put some money into May Motorcycle Awareness Month for advertising and safety bumper stickers - safety is everyone's concern.

She will also be talking to the Burnaby Engineering Dept. Council to try to change their bylaw so that up to 3 bikes can occupy one car spot for the price of that one car, it would be up to the bike owners to feed the meter. This busy lady is also talking again with Vancouver Council over the "loud pipes" issue and another issue about parking in the West End from 6am to 6pm for people who ride their bikes to work.

Adel Tompkins is spending a lot of time and effort at different companies and bike shops to support the May Awareness month with advertising in the BCCOM newsletter and, if possible, donations which are badly needed. If any members in BC-A or BC-D would like to advertise or make a donation please call Adel at the BCCOM office: 604-580-0111....thanks.

Your friends: Ron & Faye Seligman

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For Sale (1)

1980 GL1100 Interstate AM/FM, intercom, 77,000km. Very clean, \$3,500.00 o.b.o. 604-687-4661

For Sale (1)

Almost new 2002 Deri scooter 49cc (motorcycle licence not required) 1111km. \$4,600. Firm. 604-274-6350
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**GWRRRA Policy Regarding -
Conduct of Training & Skill Events, Revised April 23, 2003**

We sometimes assume consistent and common safety practices are employed when conducting various GWRRRA training and skill events. Based upon information received recently, however, exceptions have occurred.

In the interests of safety, adequate and consistent safety standards must be maintained when conducting National, Region, District, or Chapter motorcycle or trike training and/or skill events for the good of all participants as well as to eliminate unnecessary liability for the Association.

Effective immediately, the following requirements must be adhered to by all participants in GWRRRA Region, District and Chapter rider training and skill events. (Including, but not limited to the GWRRRA Advanced Rider Course, Trike Rider Course, or Trailering Course; Field Events or Top Gun competitions, Parking Lot Practice sessions or any other MSF, CSC, GWRRRA or ESC-sponsored instruction or riding practice.)

Rider Licensing - All Riders must hold a valid driver's license with motorcycle endorsement or, at minimum, a motorcycle operator's learner's permit. Riders who do not hold a valid license will not be permitted to participate.

Proper Riding Attire - All Riders and Co-Riders must wear "proper" riding gear while riding. This will include, at a minimum, a DOT approved helmet, eye protection, full-fingered gloves, over-the-ankle foot protection (boots preferred), with the balance of the body fully covered (leather or abrasion-resistant attire preferred; denim accepted.) Jackets or shirts should be a single piece of apparel and not be modular (i.e., not "riding sleeves").

These requirements shall apply at any GWRRRA-sponsored rider education or competitive riding event. They do not apply to any "non-educational" or "non-competitive" riding activity, such as a Chapter ride, parade, fun/poker run, etc.

Please assist us in conveying this message to all GWRRRA officers, educators and Members.

Thank you,

Bob Lorenz

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B.C. CHAPTER MEETINGS

- 1st 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**
Ted & Dorothy Morton
CB#20 Popsies Log Grill @ 9:00am
1120 Ironwood St.
Every Tuesday @ Tim Hortons
Coffee @ 7:00pm.
- 3rd Monday BC-C Chilliwack/Fraser Valley**
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- 1st Wednesday BC-D Surrey**
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CB#33 1st Wednesday @ Ricky's Restaurant,
Surrey @ 7pm.
Coffee: Esquire's Coffee Shop,
152nd & Fraser Hwy. Friday, 7pm.
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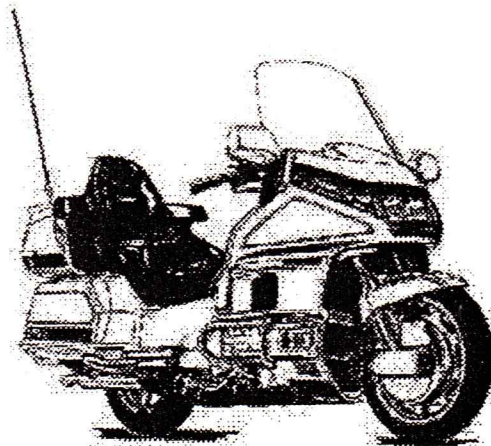
The Fourth Sunday of each Month

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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!

Tuesday night coffee (ride in season)
Tim Horton's – Annacis Island
7pm.



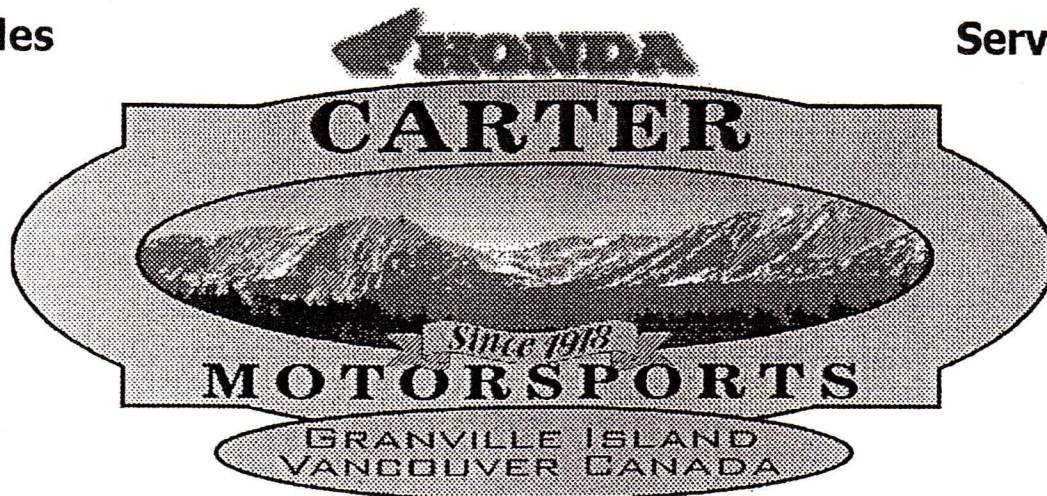
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**Deadline to submit articles for the newsletter
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