



GOLD NUGGETS



G.W.R.R.A.

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

NOVEMBER, 2001

Chapter BC-A lost one of our long time members this month. Joan Crandlemire passed away after suffering a heart attack. Joan and Bob were active riders with BC-A until Bob's passing in 1993. Since that time, despite health impediments of her own, Joan, with Pat Pearce's help, attended meetings regularly and was an annual attender at the Vedder Campout. Our sympathies go out to Pat Pearce and her family and to Joan's extended family. Joan was a wonderful person and will be missed by all who knew her.

Our report in the October Gold Nugget was written before the events of September 11 so we want to spend a few minutes reviewing not only those events but also what has happened as a result.

I know that all of us feel great sympathy for all those involved in the September 11th tragedies. The loss of life was devastating and all of us will remember that date for the rest of our lives, not only because of the loss of life but also because of the changes that have resulted.

Margaret and I had been scheduled to spend a week in Europe. Our departure date was to be the Friday after black Tuesday. As it turned out we couldn't have found a plane to fly on that day. We had decided on the Thursday that, while flying didn't bother us that much, we just couldn't see ourselves playing the tourist role as if nothing had happened so we cancelled out. Czech and Polish visa's obtained at some expense will sit in our passports unused.

As the main point of the European trip was for a business meeting in Warsaw, I rescheduled the following weekend for what was to be a Friday/Tuesday trip. It was decided that, along with three other company managers from across North America, I should stay behind just in case, hence our appearance at last month's

meeting.

I have flown a few times (and driven across the border) since last meeting and have seen first hand (and heard second hand) the changes that we now face when we travel. Up to 4 hour lineups at the border; much more in depth inspections of vehicles at the border; the need for a passport or other photo I.D. every time; I.D. being checked up to 5 times before boarding a flight; up to three soldiers with sub-machine guns and automatic rifles at security check-ins, fingers on the trigger guard; pilots advising passengers that they are the first line of defense against n'er-do-wells entering the cockpit and, in the process of restraining people from entering the cockpit, passengers can do what they wish to the individual; instructions to watch other individuals and watch for others congregating around the forward washroom; etc. Chilling stuff.

As well as these in-flight issues, I can report that most flights are leaving up to 2/3rds empty and on time.

The times they are not a-changing – they have changed!!!!!!



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"Destination Hwy BC" #45

CLASSIFIED

For Sale (3)

1984 Honda CB-750SC Nighthawk.

54,000 km on it, new tires this season, a Rifle Nightflight fairing, headlight modulator, Supertrapp 4 into 1 exhaust (quiet).

This bike is well maintained, very clean and in excellent condition, asking \$3,500 but open to reasonable offers.

Kathy and Kirk Elliott / kelliott@ocis.net

For Sale (3)

1 pair light brown leather summer m/c gloves, wrist length, perforated, size small - \$5.00

1 pair Thinsulate lined black leather m/c gloves, size small - \$10.00

Meryl Davies

604-936-3358

Meryl_Davies@telus.net

For Sale 3)

Our local Honda dealer, M & M Performance here in Kelowna phone #250-491-4800 has a 1500 Gold Wing he would like to sell ASAP. This bike is an x-clean two tone red, 1996 1500SE with C.B. and some extras, it is priced close to \$2000 under book value right now and can be had in the low 14K range.

This bike is a local bike and has been well maintained. If some one in your chapter is looking for a bike maybe you could let them know about this one. There is nothing in this for me just trying to pass the word around.

Ralph & Joan Young

Chapter Directors

GWRRA BC-K

web site <http://www.ogopogo.com/bck/>

For Sale (2)

New set of GL1500 Avon Tires \$225

K & N Air Filter Clean & Recharge Kit \$5

Drag Specialties Wineberry Trunk Bag \$25

Shoei Wineberry Full Face Medium Helmet and Head Set \$150

Raven Dot Matrix Printer to anyone who can use it FREE

Bob and Hanne Hoogstins (604)945-7701

Subject: 1500 wanted 1200 for sale

Hi All,

Please pass on to your web masters a chap is looking for a 1500 1997 or newer and has a very nice 1985 1200 wineberry for sale. Contact: Randy Burgess in Penticton at 250-490-2279 or by e-mail at ranbur@hotmail.com

Thanks all. Kirk

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,

Cora Platz

Salt Spring, B.C. Canada

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BIRTHDAYS

November	1st	Heather Leslie
	9th	Kim Davis
	23rd	Ib Mikkelson Ellen Mikkelson
December	1st	Rod Dueck
	6th	Kathie McAlpine
	8th	Ron Maki
	10th	Meryl Davies

ANNIVERSARIES

November	18th	Ian & Kathie McAlpine
	25th	Rick & Heather McIvor
December	27th	Jordan & Carol McRae
	30th	Pat & Ivan Armstrong
	31st	Fred & Maxine Wall

Hello Everyone

The Web Page for **Chapter BC-V** is now under the *Very Capable Care* of Nancy Scott and can be located at <http://dwarf.demonstone.ca/gwrra/> please add this site to your favorites and drop in any time and have a look around.

Thanks for your support on the web page and I know that you will enjoy the sit for all your BC-V information and links to GWRRA and many GWRRA Chapters through out the world.

Here is web site for 2002 BC District rally:

www.vwh.ca/rally2002

This Country group has produced a song titled "goldwing". If you go to this site and click on the title you will hear a 1 min. audio clip of the song. It sounds great and something you could ride along with. They also have a great web site.

<http://www.deserttrack.dk/indexe2.htm>

Thanks Bill L for finding this one.

Well SHAW now owns their own package so for the last time my new address will be as follows

grizzlybear88@shaw.ca

Just drop the home.com and replace it with shaw.ca

Thanks Sorry for the trouble

Ride Safe

Grizzly

GWRRA 105668

Hi all, regarding the newsletter, could you please send all articles, for sale ads, suggestions, etc... to the following new email address?? It's:

bvcnewsletter@mybc.com

It really helps make things easier to sort out and keep in one place, for future reference. Thanks muchly

Colette & Ken - BC-V

TUESDAY NIGHT RIDES

Now that the riding season is coming to an end (for most of us!), it's time to reflect and report on this activity. The rides were started to fulfill the needs of people who wanted to ride informally during the evenings. Tuesday seemed to be a popular choice and the Rodeo Drive-in at Hwy. 10 and 152nd in Surrey was chosen as the meeting place. The ride is open to anyone from any chapter that wants to show up.

Riders show up at 7pm (now 6pm because of diminishing daylight), and usually chat / drink coffee for 1/2 hour and then head out. If dinner is a problem be aware that the food is good and reasonable, the fries are excellent! There are no "leaders", anyone who wants to lead may, and we started a "show us your favourite ride" theme - mine was to take them along River Road and on Richmond farm road past such delights as "Finns' Slough", ending up in Steveston which just happens to be close to where I live!!!!!!!

We have explored much of Coquitlam, Burnaby, and, thanks to Ken Higginbottom of chapter D, almost every back road in Surrey and Langley! We have ended up at members' houses, other clubs, watched huge trucks being tipped on end to unload and other delights. We have been blessed with mainly good weather (well it did "shower" once or twice - but who cares?). For a while we would end up in Fort Langley at Ivan's favourite delli where the coffee is great and they do these delicious cinnamon rolls topped with coffee icing - yum!

My insurance expires on November 8th and that will be the end for me, but I know that Ian McAlpine is insured all year and would probably love to join anyone who can go for a ride. I have thoroughly enjoyed these excursions, the fellowship of the other riders, the humour that seems to surface at the drop of a hat (helmet?) - isn't this what GWRRA is supposed to be all about? I would like to see them continue next year, maybe we could change the venue if people want, maybe we could have two on different nights to suit the needs of different people - I'm open to suggestions - talk to me folks

We have these wonderful (expensive) machines and must "exercise" them!!!!

I honestly think that one of the reasons for the malaise that is starting to invade our chapter is, other than "RV-ist", that we are not riding enough - especially with each other.

Ivan.

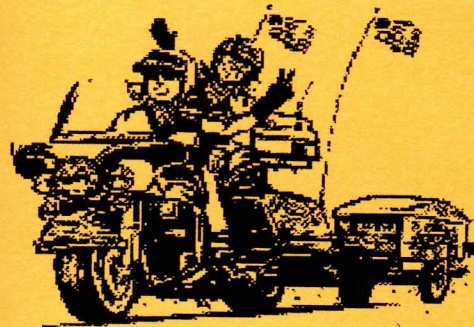
What we think about, we bring about...

"Sing like you know the words,
Dance like nobody's watching, and
Love like it will never hurt"

Attitudes are contagious -- is yours worth catching?
The most important thing you can wear is your expression!
Live your life as an exclamation, not an explanation!

"GWRRA ANNOUNCES GROUP RESIDENTIAL INSURANCE PROGRAM"

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MY THOUGHTS.....!

With the bereavement of a member and "September 11th" one is either forced to, or wants to, take a look at the big picture we call life. A personal bereavement is exactly that and affects our "small" world and we deny, we are angry and we grieve. September 11th has come and gone and as Barry says, the world as we know it has changed. The world, the sane world that is, has gone through major denial and the anger and grief is still happening and will for a long, long time.

I was struck by remarks in an article I was reading in a newsletter from WA-S (Ronnie Lopez) written by a member prior to going on a planned run. The lady in question was agonizing over the appropriateness of going out motorcycling into the countryside and basically enjoying herself, in the aftermath of September 11th. My perception is that it was O.K. I don't think it is or was disloyal. These people are in our hearts and will be for eternity. And that is where we honour them. We have been given the most powerful reason ever, to celebrate life, every day, to the full.

We must deal with this changed world and our feelings and our fears. Fear and coping with it will determine how many of us face this changed world and our approach to daily life. The threat of bio-terrorism is with us now, a different kind of enemy that can strike at any time unseen. I refuse to subscribe to a "bunker mentality". The terrorists will have achieved another major victory if their actions make many of us dig a hole, climb in and close the lid. I, for one, don't intend to do that. I intend to travel and keep on travelling and that includes flying, albeit with increased awareness. I am going to do my best to go about my business, be with those I love, laugh a lot and not be intimidated.

M.Davies

...Let me assert my firm belief that the **only thing we have to fear is fear** itself. **ATtribution: Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882-1945), U.S. Democratic...**

MUD PUDDLES AND DANDELIONS

My wish to you....Mud Puddles and Dandelions:

When I look at a patch of dandelions, I see a bunch of weeds that are going to take over my yard. My kids see flowers for Mom and blowing white fluff you can wish on.

When I look at an old drunk and he smiles at me, I see a



smelly, dirty person who probably wants money and I look away. My kids see someone smiling at them and they smile back.

When I hear music I love, I know I can't carry a tune and don't have much rhythm so I sit self-consciously and listen. My kids feel the beat and move to it. They sing out the words. If they don't know them, they make up their own.

When I feel wind on my face, I brace myself against it. I feel I it messing up my hair and pulling me back when I walk. My kids close their eyes, spread their arms and fly with it, until they fall to the ground laughing.

When I pray, I say thee and thou and grant me this, give me that. My kids say, "Hi God! Thanks for my toys and my friends. Please keep the bad dreams away tonight. Sorry, I don't want to go to Heaven yet. I would miss my Mommy and Daddy."

When I see a mud puddle I step around it. I see muddy shoes and dirty carpets. My kids sit in it. They see dams to build, rivers to cross and worms to play with.

I wonder if we are given kids to teach or to learn from?

No wonder God loves the little children!!
"Enjoy the little things in life, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things."

THOUGHTS

Dream what you want to dream; go where you want to go; be what you want to be, because you have only one life and one chance to do all the things you want to do.

May you have enough happiness to make you sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human, enough hope to make you happy.

Always put yourself in others' shoes. If you feel that it hurt you, it probably hurts the other person, too.

The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along their way.

Happiness lies for those who cry, those who hurt, those who have searched, and those who have tried, for only they can appreciate the importance of people who have touched their lives.



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**If you can lend a hand, please contact
 Barry Irvine or anyone on the Chapter
 Committee.**

CALENDAR

November	3	BC-K	Breakfast Meeting
	4	BC-V	Breakfast Meeting
	6	BC-G	Dinner Meeting
	7	BC-D	Dinner Meeting
	10	BC	District Fall Officers Meeting
	10	BC-K	Breakfast / Social
	12	BC-P	Dinner Meeting
	14	BC-H	Dinner Meeting
	17	BC-K	Breakfast / Social
	18	BC-B	Breakfast Meeting
	19	BC-C	Dinner Meeting
	24	BC-K	Breakfast / Social
	25	BC-A	Breakfast Meeting
December	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

STORING YOUR MOTORCYCLE

Every year lots and lots of people just come in from riding, push their bike over in a corner and walk away. They return in four or five months and wonder why their bike won't run... well DUH ! If you want that bike to work for you, you've got to take care of it. Let's take a look at how you do that.

The Minimum

Gas rots, so you must put in fuel stabilizer and run the engine long enough to get it completely through the carbs. Then, either fill up the gas tank to full (To the bottom of the filler neck) with gas that has no Alcohol (Oxygenated) in it, and has the proper mix of fuel stabilizer in it. Or drain all of the gas out of the tank and spray some gas soluble oil on the inside of the tank to keep it from rusting. The choice is up to you. Either way is OK.

Drain all the gas out of the carbs. Most carbs have a drain screw on the bottom of the carb.

Take the battery out and, if necessary, add distilled water to it and clean off the outside (Battery Box Too !) with a mixture of baking soda and water. Then put the battery on a trickle charger (No more than one AMP) and charge it till it is fully charged. Do this at least once a month, till you start riding again.

The Maximum - Add The Following.

Wash and wax your Motorcycle.

Change the engine oil and oil filter.

Change ALL other oils and fluids, such as rear end oil, radiator fluid, brake fluid, etc.

Take out all the spark plugs and put about a tablespoon of

engine oil down each spark plug hole. Now turn the engine over several times to distribute the oil around the cylinder. Be sure and ground the spark plug wires when you do this. This is to protect the ignition system.

Use a breathable motorcycle cover to keep dust and moisture out. Plastic tarps that don't breath trap moisture in, causing rust.

Something More

I like to put some type of water displacing, penetrating oil in each cylinder to sort of dry it out, before I put in the engine oil. Combustion makes a lot of water, and some of it always seems to get into the piston ring area.

I like to use some kind of Armor All type preservative on all plastic and rubber parts.

If you change the fluid in your bike's radiator, use distilled water and a motorcycle type anti-freeze. Car type anti-freezes use additives that can wear out your water pump.

If you change your brake or clutch fluid, use the type recommended for your system, Dot 3, 4, or 5. Which one ? It's in your Shop Manual. You do have one, don't you ?

It costs a bit more, but you can get a trickle charger that will shut off automatically when the battery is fully charged and start up again when it's charge goes down. You can leave it connected and on all the time.

Aluminum does rust...sort of, so an application of spray wax or the like, to all surfaces of the engine, wouldn't hurt.

Keep the bike in a dry, heated garage, if possible.

Once a month or so, turn the engine over a couple of times, to keep things loose and lubed !

Keep it in the dark... sunlight through a window can fade paint and the like.

Hey folks, at least do the minimum. If you don't, you might get away with it once or twice, but sooner or later You Will Lose. Of course, if you don't,

IT'S OK,

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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
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Deadline for articles to go in the newsletter
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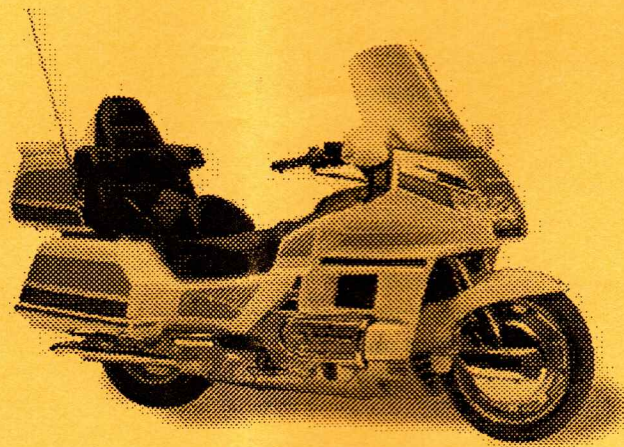
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