



# GOLD NUGGETS



G.W.R.R.A.

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

NOVEMBER, 2003

## Thanksgiving: 2003

My goodness, another month has passed by! Pat and I celebrated Thanksgiving on Vancouver Island together with her mother and her friend, Roy. Although the forecast was for rain (we believed it and went by car!) the sun did manage to break through from time to time. We had our turkey dinner at The Old House Restaurant in Courtney, well worth the 45 minute drive from Parksville. They do the “best” rack of lamb on the Island, but it was Thanksgiving! We toasted each other and reflected on all that we had to give thanks for, we should all do that and not just once a year!

Ian McAlpine and his wife Kathie were also on the Island (by bike!) visiting with their longtime friends Tom and Maureen Wright. Pat and I joined them and others for their Sunday morning ritual meeting followed by a walk around the Nanaimo waterfront, the weather co-operated, nice!

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month I joined several other chapter A members at the BC-D monthly meeting to bid adieu to Emery and Jenny Laroque as they stepped down as Chapter Directors and handed over the reins to Glenn and Shirley Williams. Emery and Jenny have done a great job over the last two years but Emery’s job demands have gotten too big. This year’s Gold Run was a tribute to their fine leadership – well done! They will still be around.

On behalf of Chapter A: “Welcome to Glenn and Shirley as BC-D’s CDs”.

Pat and I joined many others on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> at the Chandos Pattison Auditorium in North Surrey for this year’s “Put a Little Love in your Heart” Benefit Concert in Aid of Abused Children. As promised, it was even better than last year’s! “Ed Sullivan” (Larry Merchison) mc’d the evening introducing such well knowns as: “Kinda Kenny”, “Elvis Gold”, “Truly Tina”, and “The Counterfeit Judds”. These fantastic tribute artists were backed up by a great live band, “March Hare”. There was also an English comedian, Mike Kinnell, who had everyone laughing along with him. “Vixen’s N’ Dees Guyz” from Enderby, BC, are one of the funniest groups I have ever seen. They did old favorites (Sonny and Cher etc.) but changed the lyrics which had everyone rolling in the isles! We’re going again next year! Join us?

Of course the chapter events don’t just “happen”, so on the 8<sup>th</sup> the chapter committee convened at our house to discuss past and future events. Too much took place to mention here (minutes will be made public at the next chapter meeting), but I must mention a few items:

Pat Pearce is taking over from Meryl as Newsletter Editor (I’m doing this one so don’t blame her for any mistakes!). Many thanks to Meryl for all the years of work she put into past editions. Please phone or email all future news to Pat not me! (info under Committee list at back).

Dan Fortin has taken on the job of Ride Coordinator, (thanks Dan). Dan has extensive knowledge of the local roads as he has already demonstrated on our Tuesday night rides. It will be nice to know where we’re going! Dan is open to suggestions as to routes and destinations so talk to him.....

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## CLASSIFIEDS

### For Sale (2)

1994 1500 Pearl White, 14000 km. Like new. Many extras ---- always kept indoors. \$16000.00. Firm.  
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Ron Seligman 604-271-0739

### For Sale (2)

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- 172,000 kms

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Contact Horst at 727-6110 or hwunger@yahoo.com

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### For Sale (1)

Markland Hwy Front Boards (Gl 1500) \$120

Drag Spec. Trunk Rack for GL1500, \$85

Nolan Lg. Helmet (white, open face) c/w shield, \$80

KBC XL Helmet (black, open face) \$60

Grey overall leather pants. gd.cond.(32-34" leg) \$80

Dan Fortin: 604-329-4598

## BIRTHDAYS

October	4th	Linda Chung
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Sharon Auld
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Aldred
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Gord Auld

November	1st	Heather McIvor
	9th	Kim Davis
	12th	Gary Robins
	23rd	Ib Mikkelson
	23rd	Ellen Mikkelson
	25th	Kelly Parkes

## ANNIVERSARIES

October	18 <sup>th</sup>	Ron & Faye Seligman
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November	18th	Ian & Kathie McAlpine
	25th	Rick and Heather McIvor

## Nine Men and a Little Lady

About one year ago Arnold Nierop had an idea for chapter "D". With a lot of members why not try and put together a Precision Riding Team? He talked about it at a meeting to see what the response would be. A sign up sheet produced twelve names.

First we started practicing by doing walk thru's on the manoeuvre that we hoped to perform. Throughout the winter and into the spring we spent many nights and even Sundays practicing these.. With the Spring and better weather we started doing them on our bikes.

With many practices and baited breaths we could see a great improvement. As none of us had done precision riding before it took a lot of faith in their partners when doing these manoeuvres.

Having been a member of the Canadian Wings Drill Team with many performances under my belt, I took great delight in seeing my fellow riders improve their skills by leaps and bounds. It was amazing to see how the members have gone from being nervous to handling and maneuvering their heavy machines with such ease!

From the beginning my riding partner, Wanda Truesdell, who had only ridden a bike for one year, was very nervous. But after repeatedly assuring her that I would not bump into her, and after many practices, I saw her confidence grow. No, I didn't hit her, and I told her that she could come even closer (on the bike of course!).



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Paul Wing has asked to be relieved of his duties as a member of the Phone Tree and Kathie McAlpine has graciously stepped in to take his place. A big "Thanks" to both of you for past and future assistance.

This years' annual Vancouver Toy Run (the 25<sup>th</sup>) was the biggest yet – an estimated 7500 bikes!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I took one of my students along as a passenger and another followed on "her" bike. It was a first for both of them and they were thrilled to have been part of it! The weather cooperated and we had police assistance (4 red lights!). The only "downer" was the fact that although it was shown on the evening TV News there was not one word or photo in either of our two "newspapers"! What does a person have to do to get noticed in Vancouver?

I was so mad that I tried contacting the editors – "will get back to you" (right!). I did manage to get a hold of Chris Bayliss who heads the Christmas Bureau and he was as upset as I was. He said that he would try to attend this meeting and talk to us about the work that the Bureau does – I hope he's here – welcome Chris, keep up the good work! There was a mix up re the ride pins and Chris has promised to deliver enough to me so that all the "Wingers" who rode will each get one.

The Fraser Valley Toy Run was held on the 19<sup>th</sup>. I hope you didn't believe the forecast like I did and not show up! I know that Ian McAlpine went because he was good enough to write an article which you will find elsewhere in here. I made plans to run some errands on that Saturday in my truck (whimp!), but as it turned out to be a fine day I rode my 'wing. It was a great day to ride! My "errands" took me to White Rock, Cloverdale, Langley and Surrey – couldn't think of any others! I did stop in at my favorite store: Princess Auto while out in Langley and picked up one of the revolving orange beacons on sale for \$19.95 (everyone should have one.....).

The next day it was nice enough to cut the grass and have the family over for dinner – my 6 year old grandson Riley – "Grandpa take me for a ride" – forced me to get the bike out again! We went on a "Mystery Ride", he helped me fill the gas tank and as a reward I took him to the local McDonalds for an ice cream. Of course I had to have one too, couldn't let him eat alone! We wore our helmets into McDonalds and he had the place in stitches: he's only 3 feet tall and is quite the sight in his real bright red helmet! We even dropped in at London Drugs and got him a pair of gloves that fit..... well, my extras are a little big for him! Has anyone got a kids leather jacket? That would really make his day!

By the time you are reading this we will have had our Chinese Food Social which was held at our house. The meal (take –out) was followed by "fun and games". Got to keep that "Friends for Fun" part of the motto alive!

We are still meeting every Tuesday at Annacis Island (6-6:30) and are still riding even though it's getting dark early. I suspect that we will stop riding soon as our insurances run out and the weather gets worse, but we will still meet, drink coffee and socialize – join us?

Don't forget our annual Christmas party. It will be held on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of December in the Kinsmens' Hall in the Richmond Nature Park at the corner of #5 Road and Westminster Highway. Santa has promised to drop by. There is no charge to you except that it would be nice if you could bring a few food items for the Food Bank. There will be a \$10 (max) gift exchange which we may "spice up" this year! Food will be a Pot Luck dinner with the chapter providing the turkeys. Please let us know asap if you will be attending and if you are willing to help in any way.

Have to go now, "Thanks" for being part of our lives this year and supporting the chapter. Remember to keep the rubber on the road and the shiny side up. Ivan and Pat.

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#### .....and a little lady (cont'd)

All our hard work was worth the effort. Our first performance was at the Gold Run in Princeton and what a performance it was! You could feel the excitement in the air when the bikes came on the road. It was nice to see a good turnout of local people who applauded our efforts, it made our first time out a time to remember.

Henry Bahn

Editor's note: I was there to witness the first outing and was impressed by their skills and the look of delight on their faces at the end—well done! Henry wrote this piece because he is proud of what they did and also because he won the 50/50..... Thanks Henry.

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#### Dinner Dance

Dan Fortin's wife Val and her band "Fast Track" will be performing at the River Club, 11111 Horseshoe Way, Rmd. (just behind the #5 Road Keg south of Steveston Hwy.) on Oct. 31st (Halloween) 8pm to midnight. There will be the regular club menu (steaks etc—reasonable prices). There will be **no cover charge**. It will be held in the banquet room. The band plays mostly classic rock from the late 50's to the present—good dance music! See Dan for more details and about a New Year's Eve dance (604-329-4598)



## 2003 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

### 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  
Kinsmaem's Hall, Richmond Nature Park  
#5 Road & Westminster Highway. 6pm start.

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**Subject:** Fraser Valley Toy ride

Hello Ivan

You did miss a good day. Weather was fine when I left North Van., then started to rain a little when I got over the Port Mann Bridge so stopped at the weigh scale and put on rain suit. Got back on the road and it poured down rain all the way to Chilliwack.

Filled up again @ 65.9 cent/litre then headed over to the Sears parking lot at Cottonwood Mall. About 5 bikes there when I arrived, but the numbers continued to grow as the weather got better and even had some that had arrived in cars leave again and return on their bikes. Cleared up just as we took off and proceeded to get better all the way to Mount Leaman Rd., where the second group from Mission Joined us and the weather got even better by the time we got back to Abbotsford Agra Centre. 300 bikes out not bad!

Meet up with other members of BC-D and had coffee & donuts which were supplied for the riders & co-riders by Fraser Valley Club. Went for lunch with Arnie & Janet Tucker, Con Williams & Pat Aldred, Gord Bens, Julie

(Dickens) Green, after that went for a nice ride all except Julie G. she went back to the flee market.  
Great day in all.

Ian

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## Moving On

-Ralph and Joan (District J Directors).

Hello to all. Since 1993 Cheryl and myself have been involved in this great m/c club GWRRA. Two months into this we became the chapter educators for BCJ in Quesnel, Until Prince George started in which time we became the chapter educators for the under Bill & Vi Haggerty.

Thought this time we have learned a lot about safety over this time and have meet a lot of excellent FRIENDS. Hopefully we have made a few off you safer riders and co-riders.

In the year 2000 we accepted the position of District Educators. Over the last four years we hope that in some way we have been able to help chapter members become better riders and to make yourselves safer on the highways.

Cheryl and I now have to carry on with some other things that are starting to take up a lot of time for us. With this we will be stepping down as District Educators.

We would like to take this time to thank all are friends that have helped us in the pass and all the word of encouragement that has come over the years.

Thanks. We will still be out riding and looking for you all. Keep riding safely.

Hope to see you all on our trails.

Robin & Cheryl Jackson  
former district educators for BC

## Taps: Remembrance Day, November 11th.

We in the United States have all heard the haunting song, "Taps." It's the song that gives us that lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes. But, do you know the story behind the song? If not, I think you will be interested to find out about its humble beginnings.

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention.

Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment. When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock.

In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out.. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted. The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral. The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician.

The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted.

The haunting melody, we now know as "Taps" ... used at military funerals was born. The words are ... Day is done ... Gone the sun .... >From the lakes ... >From the hills ... From the sky ... All is well .... Safely rest ... God is nigh ... Fading light ... Dims the sight ... And a star .... Gems the sky ... Gleaming bright ... From afar ... Drawing nigh ... Falls the night ... Thanks and praise ... For our days ... Neath the sun .... Neath the stars ... Neath the sky ... As we go ... This we know ... God is nigh  
...

I, too, have felt the chills while listening to "Taps" but I have never seen all the words to the song until now. I didn't even know there was more than one verse. I also never knew the story behind the song and I didn't know if you had either so I thought I'd pass it along. I now have an even deeper respect for the song than I did before.

REMEMBER THOSE LOST AND HARMED WHILE SERVING THEIR COUNTRY. And also those presently serving in the Armed Forces.

Submitted by Pat Pearce



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Camp-out	Pat Pearce	604 530-5133
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Fun & Games	Committee	
Xmas Dinner	Committee	
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**If you can lend a hand, please contact  
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### Newsletter articles, ads., etc..

If possible please email your information to our N/L  
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## B.C. CHAPTER MEETINGS.

- 4th Sunday BC-A Vancouver**  
Ivan & Pat Armstrong 604-273-1004  
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#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: Esquire's Coffee Shop,  
152nd & Fraser Hwy. Friday, 7pm.
- 1st Tuesday BC-G Kamloops**  
Ian & Cynthia Hiscock 250-579-0075  
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Coffee: West Rock Bakery, Thurs. 7:00
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Ken & Marion Guay 250-782-2959  
CB#33 @ A&W Restaurant @ 7pm.  
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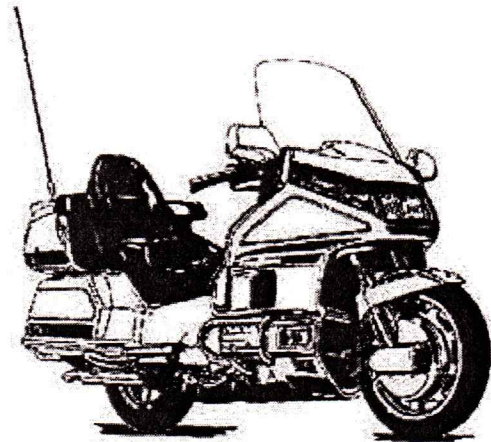
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**Breakfast at 8:00am.**  
**Meeting at 9:15am.**

*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*  
*6-6:30pm.*



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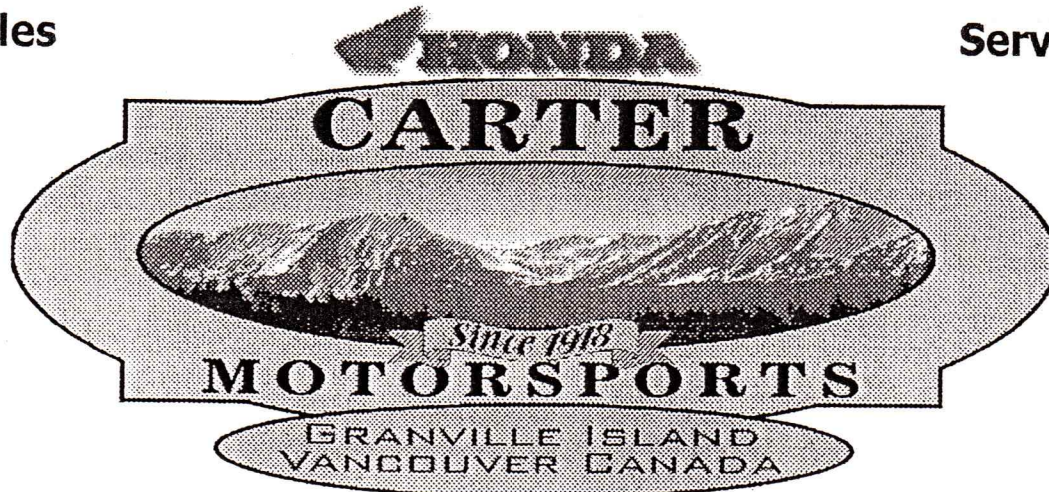
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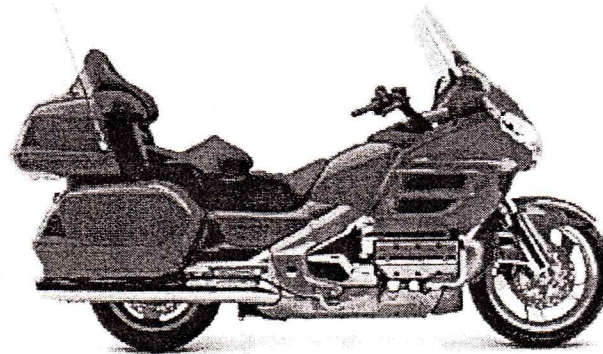


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