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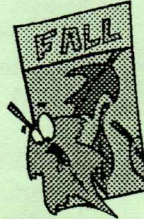
OCTOBER, 2001

Another Season Winding Down!!

Alas, fall is fast approaching. Time for electric vests and jackets to re-emerge from the back closet. Time to start looking for a spot in the garage to winter the bike. Depressing thoughts, all!!!

Dealing first with events past, on August 25 five bikes (8 participants) met at Denny's in Blaine for BC-A's annual trip to Mt. Baker. The weather earlier in the week had been on the poor side so when Margaret and I were travelling to Blaine we had decided that if we couldn't see the top of Baker we'd suggest to the group that we go to LaConnor. The sky turned out to be clear and the preference was to try Baker, then perhaps go to LaConnor for lunch. We left Denny's about 8:45.

We travelled east through Ferndale and Nooksack. Last year I had managed to make the wrong turn heading out of Lynden but I avoided that mistake this year. Gary and Marlene Robins hadn't been to Baker or Lynden before so we saw all the sights through new eyes. What we usually take for granted we realized was pretty special.



One ride up was great. The weather was clear and warm and was without a doubt the best day we had ever had for the Baker ride. On the way up we stopped at Nooksack Falls. It had been some time since I had been there and my faulty memory was that it was a very short level ride on gravel to the parking lot. Wrong!!! It was gravel all right but neither level nor short. No mishaps but an experience in avoiding pot holes on turns on a hill.

We arrived at the top of Baker just in time to sit through a talk by a Forest Service naturalist. We learned much about Baker that I certainly hadn't known before. In the early 1900's Baker had been quite a resort for the well to do. A major size lodge catered to that set of people, complete with tennis courts, shuffleboard, etc. The lodge burned down in the 30's or 40's and was never rebuilt.

The talk took place at mid level by the information centre. We then got back on the bikes and went to the upper parking lot. What tremendous views!!! It was spectacular. It reminded me of being in Hawaii on top of the volcano at sunrise and the feeling that I should congratulate God for some great work. Shuksan, Baker, Border Mountain – all were absolutely clear and gorgeous.

Some of us hadn't followed instructions and packed a lunch. Ed

and Kathy Drozdick, knowing that some people never do what they are told, packed a few extra nibblies for us to share. On the way back down (after circling Picture Lake three times to find a particular photo opportunity for Marlene Robins) we stopped in Glacier for lunch. The meal ended up being considerable portions, whether it was pasta or a sandwich or a piece of pie that had been ordered. Ed and Kathy know of more restaurants and stops, not just the location but the fare inside, than anyone else I know and they knew all about this one as well. After lunch we all then headed up to Sumas and home – a great day!!!

On the long weekend Margaret and I attended my class reunion in Kelowna. 13 members of a class of about 62 were in attendance. It had been 40 years since I had seen some of them. I tried to convince Margaret to take the bike up but was out voted. The weather was mixed – a bit of rain – a considerable amount of wind for a period – all in all pretty good. I am sure someone from BC-A attended the Gold Run and will hopefully report during our September meeting.

One incident that happened to me earlier this week that I hadn't experienced before. I was riding the bike westbound on the connector in Richmond and was about 1/2 between the s curve and the Knight Road exit. I was beside the dotted line in the right hand lane with a car about even with my back wheel. Behind that car was another car. The weather was good and I was enjoying the ride.

Without warning (I must admit that I hadn't been looking in my rear view mirror either) a pick up truck passed me on the right, half in the right lane and half on the shoulder. I was travelling at about 95 km (in a 90 km zone) and the truck must have been doing about 120 km. I hadn't finished swearing at him and looking for a cop car when a second vehicle, this time a sports car, passed me as well. My first reaction was to floor it and chase them but I quickly decided that that would be stupid. I ended up just swearing and continuing with my ride. Of course I hadn't taken any license numbers either.

If someone had told me that a driver(s) would actually do that I would have said "Naw – it will never happen!!" Well, it did – one more thing to watch for as you are driving around.

And now to the future. We are trying for find a date for a games

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End at Agroplex.

Valley Toy Run

Oct 27th at Cottonwood 9 am

night in October and, hopefully by meeting time, will have nailed one down. The evening is a chance to rap about the season past, talk about the one coming, and play a few cards or games. WE hope that many of you will be able to attend.

Unwin Hall has been booked for Friday December 7 for our Christmas Pot Luck. This is always a great event with about 40 people in attendance. Good food and a gift exchange make for a fun evening. We had been worried that Unwin Hall might have met its demise but it still remains. There is now talk that it could disappear next summer to be replaced by a new building over by the wave pool in Newton. Time will tell.

As you will see, Margaret and I are not in attendance at this meeting. Heather and Rick are looking after it in our absence. We are in Europe and will be in Warsaw as you read this. We'll make a complete report when we arrive home. Many thanks to Heather and Rick for standing in.

See you all next month.

Margaret and Barry Irvine.

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For Sale (3)

1991 Anniversary Edition Trike with color matched Cargo Trailer. Easy steer. Outstanding condition. 34,644kms. Best offers on \$19,500. Call Darlene Church 250-474-1229

For Sale (2)

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

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For Sale (2)

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

For Sale (1)

New set of GL1500 Avon Tires \$225
K & N Air Filter Clean & Recharge Kit \$5
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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

FREE: 4 Institutional type armchairs, light brown wood with dark brown vinyl cushions. Comfortable but ugly.
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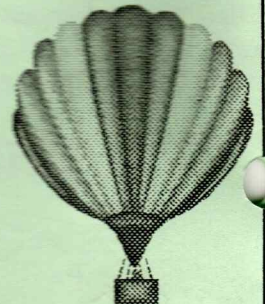
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Hi Everyone;

The Web Page is up dated for the Month of September as follows:

- > NEWSLETTER
- < Pic's Of The Month
- < The New Button Game
- < Read the Chapter Director's Report to see what changes have taken place in the past week, (New CD, New A/CD, New Stores, New Breakfast Location, New Christmas Dinner Location)

REMEMBER THE SEPTEMBER BREAKFAST MEETING IS SUNDAY 02 SEPTEMBER AT THE LOBSTER BOIL

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SUBJECT: GETTING OLDER

Now that I'm 'older' (but refuse to grow up), here's what I've discovered

ONE- I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.

TWO- My wild oats have turned into prunes and All Bran.

THREE- I finally got my head together; now my body is falling apart.

FOUR- Funny, I don't remember being absent minded...

FIVE- All reports are in; life is now officially unfair.

SIX- If all is not lost, where is it?

SEVEN- It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.

EIGHT- Some days you're the dog; some days you're the hydrant.

NINE- I wish the buck stopped here; I sure could use a few...

TEN- Kids in the back seat cause accidents.

ELEVEN- Accidents in the back seat cause...kids.

TWELVE- It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.

THIRTEEN- The only time the world beats a path to your door is when you're in the bathroom.

FOURTEEN- If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees.

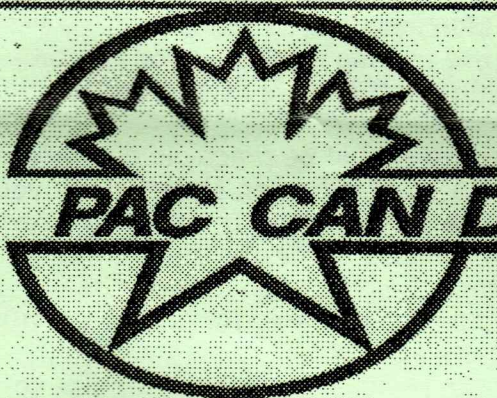
FIFTEEN- When I'm finally holding all the cards, why does everyone decide to play chess?

SIXTEEN- It's not hard to meet expenses... they're everywhere.

SEVENTEEN- The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.

EIGHTEEN- These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter..I go somewhere to get something and then wonder what I'm here after.

NINETEEN- I AM UNABLE TO REMEMBER IF I HAVE MAILED THIS TO YOU OR NOT AND DOUBT IF YOU CAN EITHER. !!!!!!!



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From: "Mike Wright" <mike@gwrro.org>
To: <Recipient list suppressed>
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2001 8:25 PM
Subject: Wichita, KA

Hello Everyone,
I understand a news conference was held on Friday regarding a contract signing between Wichita, KA and GWRRA. While I regret that this news might have preceded my message to all of you, I do want you to know that we have indeed, signed a contract with Wichita, KA to hold Wing Ding in the year of 2003, the 25th anniversary of Wing Ding. Please keep in mind that next year 2002, is the 25th anniversary of the Association and 2003, is the 25th anniversary of Wing Ding. More to follow. Regards,
Mike

How to Cross a Metal-grated Bridge on a Motorcycle

Crossing a metal-grated bridge can be an unnerving operation for a new motorcyclist. Learn the technique here.

Here's How:

Assume you are riding along and you notice a metal-grated bridge ahead.

Check the mirrors behind to ensure that no one is tailgating you. If so, open up some space.

As you approach the bridge, check for oncoming traffic.

Stay in either the left or right tire track position.

Slow down a little.

Downshift at least one gear to match your speed.

Keep your head up.

Loosen your grip on the handlebars.

Relax.

Enter the bridge.

You will feel the bike drifting a bit. Maintain steady speed.

Try to maintain a straight line across the bridge.

You're across. Congratulations.

Tips:

Resist the temptation to slow down. Keep a steady speed with your head up.

Riding across a rain soaked metal bridge can be even more unnerving. Wait until you feel comfortable with the dry ones before attempting this.

Crosswind

Riding a motorcycle in a crosswind can be a harrowing experience. Here are a few tips.

Here's How:

Relax your grip on the handlebars.

Keep your head up.

Let the motorcycle correct itself. You don't have to fight it or 'white-knuckle it.'

Tips:

Sudden gusts are the worst. Just relax your grip. Steady winds such as encountered on the Plains just require fortitude to continue on. If there is a lot of oncoming traffic, consider riding in the right tire-track.

How to Start a Motorcycle on a Grade

One of the hardest things to master for a beginning rider is how to ride up a grade from a standing start. Many motorcycle driving tests require you to demonstrate this skill. It takes practice.

Here's How:

Assume you have stopped the bike on an upward grade, that the bike is in first gear, the clutch is pulled in, your left foot is down supporting the bike, and your right foot is depressing the foot brake.

Check the traffic from left to right looking for a sufficiently long window for you to proceed.

Keep your right foot on the brake.

Twist the throttle to get some engine speed.

Gradually release the clutch to the point where you feel the bike wants to go forward and the bike is at the 'power point.'

Slowly release the foot brake and note that the power point is keeping the bike from rolling backwards.

Give one last look both left and right and ahead to make sure you are clear to go.

Give more throttle and release the clutch a little more to gain forward momentum.

Balance the bike and move up the incline in first gear. If you release the clutch too quickly, the engine will die and if you aren't alert, you'll drop the bike.

Once you are moving smoothly, you can proceed through the gears as appropriate.

Tips:

This procedure should be practiced over and over on a quiet suburban street where you can find a steep incline. It may take a few days of practice to master the skill.

If you release the clutch too quickly and kill the engine, be prepared for how to get the bike started again.

Mastering the power point in this exercise so that you have low-speed control of the bike will save you in numerous other situations.

Courtesy: <http://www.motorcycles.about.com>

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Motorcycle Trikes

Strange new vehicles have appeared on the motorcycling scene.

A strange new vehicle has recently been seen by some motorists. They encounter it at gas pumps and on the interstate highways. They see it glistening way up ahead on the road and can't quite figure out what it is. They speed up to get a better look. Kids roll down the windows and yell, "Hey, what is that thing?" The owner of this likeable 3-wheeled vehicle just smiles back and says, "It's a trike." For most people this is not enough information. If they happen to see you standing at a gas pump or in a parking lot, they come over briskly before you know they're there and barrage you with questions. If you desire the solitary life with your motorcycle, never convert it to a trike.

I knew that trikes were attention getters but you really find out when you own one. When I converted my white 1998 Gold Wing SE motorcycle to a trike for my wife, I found that I was totally ignored and everyone was drawn to her trike as if it were a magnet. Then when I found that the advantages of the trike were starting to become more obvious to me, I decided to convert my own 2000 Gold Wing SE to a trike also. Double trouble! Now we had to field questions about both conversions.

The following are the stock questions we get asked all the time. Please memorize these so you can help inform your own friends and family should you come upon a trike minding its own business.

Q. How much does that cost?

A. First you have to buy a Gold Wing motorcycle for \$15-20K and then get a conversion done. That could cost you as much as \$9K more.

Q. Can I buy one of those?

A. Yes, if you can find one for sale already put together. Otherwise, you'll have to have a conversion done on a Gold Wing. The cost? See question, above.

Q. Who makes that?

A. There are a number of conversion companies with dealers scattered across the USA and Canada. Honda doesn't make it. They only provide the motorcycle part. You have to add the back part from a conversion company. They remove the rear wheel and saddlebags and bolt-on the rear section consisting of two wide automotive wheels, a differential and new driveshaft, fenders, and rear trunk. They paint it to match the colors of the bike.

Q. Can you buy a kit for a Harley or something different from Honda?

A. Yes.

Q. I heard that 3-wheelers were unstable and were banned.

A. That was the old 3-wheel ATVs that Honda made that were tipping over.

These trikes have a low center of gravity, a 6-cylinder engine, a shaft drive, extremely wide rear tires and are very stable under all conditions encountered on the road.

Trikes have many advantages over regular motorcycles: You don't have to put your feet down when you stop. You can take a passenger without fear that you will tip over the bike and spill the passenger into the road. Most significant others like this feature. Some wives, in fact, have refused to ride pillion with their husbands until they converted their bike to a trike. You can ride over metal grated bridges with no fear. You can take the trike down a dirt or gravel road with ease. You won't get fatigued in stop and go traffic.

Trikes do have some disadvantages over bikes: They get poorer gas mileage. You won't be able to drag your knee on the twisties. You have to make sure you get it in gear when stopped or it may roll away to parts unknown. You have to resist the temptation to put your foot down when you stop, otherwise, the rear wheel may run over your foot. You have to remember that the rear end is wider than the front or you may run into the island at your favorite gas station or toll booth. And most important, you steer a trike like a car -- countersteering doesn't work. Most newbie trike owners who forget this last point suddenly find themselves in the wrong lane headed toward oncoming traffic. Some have even tried to mow a patch of flowers on the side of the road when they pushed the left handlebar grip to go left and the trike went right. Very embarrassing.

Some riders want to have their cake and eat it too. They want to be able to ride their trike and then, just like superman, have it magically convert into a bike when they want to ride on 2-wheels. These folks are riding the Voyager conversion that looks like a trike but in a few minutes can be changed back to a bike. Very devious.

Here are a few more comments I've heard on the road about trikes: "I used to have a Servi-Car." "I could ride that." "That is so beautiful." "Did you see that motorcycle? It had 3-wheels. Like a motorcycle with training wheels."

Trikes are becoming more commonplace at rallies. At the recent Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) Wing Ding Rally in Greenville, SC, we pulled into a local Steak-n-Shake for breakfast on Jane's white trike. After breakfast we walked out to the trike only to find that it was now sandwiched in by two other white trikes. Apparently, those trikes seeing another white trike at the Steak-n-Shake, just gained steering control from their owners to make the acquaintance of Jane's trike. How else can you explain it?

I hope that this information on the new kid on the motorcycling scene will benefit you in your travels. Watch for the trikes, especially the ones that are parked surrounded by the curious. If the owners are not about, please lend a helping hand by approaching the trike and answering a few questions. I guarantee that you will hear the same questions discussed in this article. You now have the answers.

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