



GOLD NUGGETS



G.W.R.R.A.

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

SEPTEMBER, 2003

“ you meet the nicest people on a Honda”

Remember that slogan that Honda used when they first entered the North American market back in the 60's ? It's as true today as it was then! We are a diverse group of people varying in age, ethnic backgrounds, beliefs etc.; the one thing that we all have in common is our love for riding our 'Wings. I know that some of you are/have reached the age where you are retiring from riding but you have found friendship within the chapter and organization. You continue to attend and support the chapter, your continued participation is welcome and appreciated!

The social side of the chapter was alive and well on July 19th . Some seventeen members showed up at our house in Richmond for the annual backyard barbeque. This was Pat and I's first time at hosting and we were unsure of how successful it would be (Margaret and Barry are a hard act to follow!)..... we needn't have worried, everyone chipped in and the evening was a roaring success – our only problem was getting people to go home: 11pm!

Kelly and Linda arrived early to help set up and Garry turned out to be a gourmet chef on the barbeque! Barry's Bocce ball set provided most of the entertainment until Ivan got out his guitar in an effort to get them to go home – it didn't work! Thanks to one and all for making it such a successful event.....

Welcome back to Paul Wing after his workplace injury that kept off his bike for a long time. He has made such a good recovery that he has cancelled the sale of his 'Wing but still wants to sell his Kawasaki 750. Paul showed up together with his brother-in-law Poy Cana from Toronto. It was Poy's first ride on a motorcycle and, from the look on his face, it won't be his last! After the meeting a group of us rode out to Langley to see the Falcon, Fairlane and Comet Club show and shine. Dan Fortin who is a BC-A member and owner of a Comet invited us to attend. The weather cooperated and the old cars were worth the effort (any excuse to ride!).

On that subject: this Sunday we are hoping to ride out to Mission to visit the mission that sits up on the hill. I was talking to Simon about it and he got quite enthused as he is an architect and there is a tale to be told about the place. Hopefully Simon is here today as he has promised to give a little talk prior to us riding out there.... more from Simon.... Our informal Tuesday night rides are going well: we manage to keep a fresh approach to the various routes that we use and practice our group riding skills while we are at it. We share information and it is even turning into a parts sharing event – I certainly have managed to buy a few “safety bits” for my 1500!

August 1st saw a hardy group assembled at the truck scales on hwy #1 at 6am! Pat and I, Ian and Kathie, Jerry Blythe and Libor Michalak (GL1000) set off for breakfast in Hope and then on to the District Rally in Winfield. The weather was dry and cool going to Hope and then it got warmer as we started to approach the Interior. As we came down the 23km long hill into Westbank the temperature started to climb and by the time we got to the floating bridge outside of Kelowna it was close to 40 degrees C ! Even the breeze caused by movement didn't help!

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Ian & Kathie, Pat & I were fortunate to be billeting with Vic and Diane Harresem (BC-K's Educators) in their beautiful air-conditioned house in Kelowna (thanks guys!). We went to Winfield to register and then retreated to that air-conditioned house asap!

On Saturday we went on an early (cooler) poker run which took us through some beautiful parts of Lake Country. At one point we got turned back because of fires but we managed to get back on track and came down the West side of Okanagan Lake. It is a beautiful winding road that goes right past the spot that Derek and Gail Watson have chosen as their retirement spot – nice one you two, hope the fires bypass you! We stopped for lunch at Perkins restaurant (good food!) and then went back to the rally where I did my stint on the registration desk (how come I didn't see you there?). Later we were treated to a great barbeque on site and then, for us, it was back to the A/C!

On Sunday Ian and Vic took off for the rally to organize the Advanced Rider Course and I stayed behind to practice for my act later that day. Pat and Kathie went with Diana to take self-defence training (something about “grab and twist” – sounds painful!) They then went to the opposite extreme and took a craft course making cards (go figure!). By 6pm it was time for the entertainment: my turn! But first it was time for Dave Hay (RCMP from Campbell River) to have his multi-coloured hair shaved off to raise money for a kids cancer camp benefit – he raised around \$2000! He touched a lot of people one of whom was Conrad Williams from BC-D who donated his \$300+ 50/50 winnings to Dave's cause!!!!!!!!!!!! This was followed by the amateur entertainment (I didn't win!) and the drawing of the grand prize: a pair of new tires.

Monday saw most of us heading back to the Coast and cooler climates! The longest riding couple were Glen and Jane Rennie from Lake Echo in Nova Scotia, they had already covered 14,000km and figure that by the time they get home they will have done around 23,000km! We met up with them again later at Parksville on Vancouver Island. Together we rode down and around the Cowichan Bay area stopping to have some homemade ice cream at the “Udder Guys” – great stuff! Later they came back to our place for dinner and a game of cards, as I said: “you meet the nicest people on a Honda”.

We took photos of our bikes in Cowichan: our 1988 and their 2000 GL1500's (first and last years), we hope to get published in the Wingworld under the title of “East meets West” (get it?). Before we left we managed to do some kayaking around the Nanaimo harbour and out to Protection Island (floating pub!).

Unfortunately we had to cancel the Duffy Lake ride due to people volunteering themselves and their bikes to the Ironman in Penticton (a worthy cause) and the threat of fire in the Mount Curie area. In hindsight it should have been scheduled at another time – maybe in September if the weather and fire situation permit?

If this newsletter seems a “little different” it is because Meryl is away and yours truly is “patching” the whole thing together the old fashioned way! I don't have the information as to birthdays and anniversaries so please forgive me if I miss you!

Glen & Pat

2003 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

22 BC-A Meeting
 22 Circle Ride, Canyon/Merritt, Princeton/Home

July

1-4 Wing Ding
 2 BC-D Meeting
 19 BC-A Barbecue/Ride
 24-27 Washington District Rally (Leavenworth).
 27 BC-A Meeting.

August

1-4 BC-A/B District Rally (Winfield, B.C.)
 6 BC-D Meeting
 9 BC-A Progressive Dinner Ride
 8-10 Vancouver Island/Sunshine Coast Ride
 15-16 Sunshine Ride (Monroe, Washington)
 23 BC-A Whistler/Pemberton/ Duffy Lake Loop
 24 BC-A Meeting

Sept.

3 BC-D Meeting
 5-7 BC-D Gold Run - Princeton, B.C.
 14 Squamish Toy Run
 20 Corn Roast
 28 BC-A Meeting.

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

CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale (2)

1995 Anniversary 1500 Pearl White, Drivers
 Backrest, CB and many other extras.
 100,000km. Excellent condition. \$15,900.00
 Paul Wing - 604-270-8779



WITHELDOWN

For Sale (2)

1983 Low-rise touring Kawasaki 750cc.
 Custard gold, heated grips, passenger back rest.
 32,000km. Excellent condition. \$2,750.00
 Paul Wing - 604-270-8779

For Sale (2)

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

SOLD

For Sale (2)

Almost new 2002 Deri scooter 49cc
 (motorcycle licence not required)
 1111km. \$4,600. Firm. 604-274-6350
 Please leave message.

For Sale (1)

Seburg jukebox in working order. 604-464-8179
 \$800.00.
 Meryl Davies



BIRTHDAYS

July 6th Pat Armstrong
 8th Tracie Smith
 12th Joan Maki
 17th Henry Bahn
 August 18th Ian McAlpine
 11th Chris Maki
 18th Rick McIvor

ANNIVERSARIES

July 10th Dale & Wendy Campbell
 26th Amanda & Kelly Irvine
 August 6th Gary & Marlene Robins
 10th Gloria & Ron Maki
 20th Chris & Joan Maki
 22nd Gilbert & Julie Brennenstuhl

Hi everyone I was asked by Ivan to write about what we do at the Abbotsford Air show with the Motorcycles. So here goes.

Organized by a group called the Pacific Wings the Motorcycle Security is set up to assist Transport Canada , The Abbotsford Airport & The Flying Club to keep people out of certain areas **before,during and after** the show.

The Airport is still in use as the Air Show is taking place, so the runways that people are crossing are know as "Active Runways" and can be used by planes at almost any time to taxi into position for take off.

One of the jobs that the Motorcycles have is to see that people do not cross the runways other than in desired areas which are clearly marked with orange cones and parking control people The parking areas are also roped off to keep cars and people back ----- it works for the cars but the people just don't get it!!! Lifting the rope they proceed to try and walk straight across the runway where they are met by a Transport Canada Vehicle, or a Motorcycle, or an Abbotsford Police Cruiser to escort them back to a safe area off the runway.

Other duties include having Handicapped Vehicles follow the Motorcycles to special areas set up for them to park closer to the front .

And thirdly they keep the crowd from crossing what is known as the "Front Line" this area is only open to Pilots and Crew.

After the show it is the reverse, we are now trying to get the people back to their cars and safely off the Airport property. At the end of the day we do a sweep of all parking lots to make sure people are on their way out and not trying to spend the night.

Another days work done Started at 4:45 AM wake up, shower, dressed, leave house (North Vancouver) 5:45 AM meet up with others at Surrey Truck Scale, depart 6:30 AM ride to Abbotsford Airport for arrival between 7:00 & 7:15 AM. Air Show Duties, Finish day at 7:00 PM to drive home from Abbotsford , arrival (North Vancouver) 8:45 PM, wash bike to prepare for the next day.

How could you not call this **FUN**

Ian McAlpine
Chapter Educator
BC-A Vancouver

SHE WAS SO BLONDE...

she thought a quarterback was a refund.

she thought General Motors was in the army.

she thought Meow Mix was a CD for cats.

At the bottom of an application, where it says "sign here", she wrote Sagittarius.

SHE WAS SOOO BLONDE...

she tripped over a cordless phone.

she spent 20 minutes looking at the orange juice because it said "concentrate."

she told me to meet her at the corner of "walk" and "don't walk."

she asked for a price check at the Everything For A Dollar Store.

she tried to put M&M's in alphabetical order.

SHE WAS SOOOO BLONDE....

she studied for a blood test.

she sold her car for gas money.

When she went to the airport and saw a sign that read "Airport Left," she turned around and went home.

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> First Place - The 2003 Darwin Award Winner:
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> When his 38-caliber revolver failed to fire at his intended victim
> during a holdup in Long Beach, California, would be robber James Elliot
> did
> something that can only inspire wonder: He peered down the barrel and
> tried
> the trigger again. This time it worked.....
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> And now, the honorable mentions:
> The chef at a hotel in Switzerland lost a finger in a meat cutting
> machine and, after a little hopping around, submitted a claim to his
> insurance company. The company, suspecting negligence, sent out one of
> its men to have a look for himself. He tried the machine out and lost a
> finger. The chef's claim was approved.
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> A man who shoveled snow for an hour to clear a
> space for his car during a blizzard in Chicago returned with his
> vehicle to find a woman had taken the space. Understandably, he shot
> her.
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> After stopping for drinks at an illegal bar, a
> Zimbabwean bus driver found that the 20 mental patients he was
> supposed to be transporting from Harare to Beltway had escaped. Not
> wanting to admit his incompetence, the driver went to a nearby bus stop and
> offered everyone waiting there a free ride. He then delivered the
> passengers to the mental hospital, telling the staff that the patients
> were very excitable
> and prone to bizarre fantasies. The deception wasn't discovered for 3
> days.
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> An American teenager was in the hospital yesterday recovering from
> serious head wounds received from an oncoming train.
> When asked how he received the injuries, the lad told police that he
> was simply trying to see how close he could get his head to a moving train
> before he was hit.
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> Kentucky: Two men tried to pull the front off
> a cash machine by running a chain from the machine to the bumper
> of their pickup truck. Instead of pulling the front panel off the
> machine, though, they pulled the bumper off their truck. Scared,
> they left the scene and drove home.....the chain still attached
> to the machine, their bumper still attached to the chain, and their
> vehicle's license plate still attached to the bumper. They were
> quickly arrested.
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> A 5-STAR STUPIDITY AWARD WINNER!
> When a man attempted to siphon gasoline from a motor home parked
> on a Seattle street, he got much more than he bargained for.
> Police arrived at the scene to find a very sick man curled up next
> to a motor home near spilled sewage. A police spokesman said that the
> man admitted to trying to steal gasoline and plugged his siphon hose
> into the motor home's sewage tank by mistake.
> The owner of the vehicle declined to press charges, saying that it was
> the best laugh he'd ever had.

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Camp-out	Pat Pearce	604 530-5133
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**If you can lend a hand, please contact
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Committee**

B.C. CHAPTER MEETINGS.

- 4th 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**
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
CB#33 Brass Kettle @ 7:00pm. 1485 West T.C.H.
Coffee: West Rock Bakery, Thurs. 7:00
- 2nd Wednesday BC-H Dawson Creek**
Ken & Marion Guay 250-782-2959
CB#33 @ A&W Restaurant @ 7pm.
Apr.-Oct. Coffee & Ride Wed. 7:00pm.
- Every Saturday BC-K Kelowna**
Randy & Carol Werger 250-763-1414
CB#33 The Specialty Bakery, 833 Finns Rd.,
Kelowna. Every Saturday Breakfast
(8:00am Summer, 9:00am Winter)
www.ogopogo.com/bck
- 2nd Monday BC-P Prince George**
Steve & Marilyn Foulston 250-963-90
CB#33 Fortune Palace @ 6:00pm Peden Hill.
www.members.pgonline.com/~haggis
- 2nd Sunday BC-V Victoria**
Guy & Tina LeDrew 250-3855088
CB#20 9am.Nov-Mar. 8:30am.Apr.-Oct.
Princess Mary Restaurant,
358 Harbour St.Victoria.

Please Plan On Joining Us:

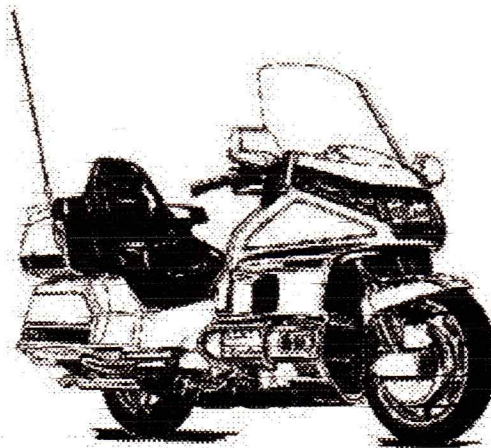
The Fourth Sunday of each Month

ABC RESTAURANT
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.



NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

**Deadline to submit articles for the newsletter
is one week prior to the monthly meeting.**

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