



GOLD NUGGETS



G.W.R.R.A.

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

April, 2008

Rider Safety Courses

MAKE THIS A SAFE SEASON! Rider education is available to all members. Not a GWRRA member? Rider education is just one of the many benefits of joining. If you would like to practice and improve your riding — and group riding skills, call John Wait at 604-628-6657 for more information.

A lot has happened since the last chapter meeting and there is even more coming. Patrick and Lorraine Frampton organized a ride down to La Conner, WA to see the tulips and enjoy the day at the end of March. Now, while Leslie and I were not able to join the group, the reports I got back were a lot of fun was had by all that attended. The weather for the ride was a little rough in the morning but turned out great as the sun was out and it warmed up.

The WA-C Early Spring Fun Run was a fantastic ride as usual and the Everett Cool Cats are great hosts. The day started very cool and the ride down to Gervais's was reasonable uneventful and only had one u-turn for the group that rode with me. I'm going to blame it on construction, but I know it just wouldn't be a ride without at least one u-turn. Once we started the poker run the sun did it's job and by lunch time the layers were being peeled away. By the time we arrived at Smokey Point Cycle barn the temperature was in the mid 20's. I'm sure we were all thinking riding season is now in full swing. Well the warm weather has turned out to be a teaser but riding season is definitely here.

Sunday was the first Rider Education event, a 2-up ARC (Advanced Rider Course), and by all accounts it has been a long time since a 2-up course has been held. The clouds and drizzle in the early morning were all gone by the time everyone was ready to head over the riding range and it was dry and clear for the rest of the day. Thank you to everyone who attended, helped, organized ... it wouldn't have been as successful without everyone.

A lot more rider education is on the horizon including: a group riding course, (April 20) with the opportunity to hone your group riding skills immediately following the course. A Road Captain and Co-Rider course on Sunday April 27 with a group ride in the afternoon and finally...An Advanced Riding Course (ARC). While the interest for rider education has been amazing we still have space available ..so register right away— to ensure a spot.

Ride safe, John & Leslie

2008 Current Events/Announcements— Remember Tuesday Night's we are still meeting for coffee and a gab session during this wet weather we have been having but the days will be getting BRIGHTER now. Come out and join us!

April -	02	BC-D Dinner Meeting
	05	Bike Maintenance Day
	12	**WA-E Early Spring Fun Run**
	13	Two-Up Advanced Riders Course
	15	BC-C Meeting
	20	BC-A Breakfast Meeting
		(830AM Meeting Start this month)
	20	Group Riding Course—10am
	19/20	BCCOM Custom M/C- Tradex
	26/27	BC-A/D Ride Captain & Co-Rider Course
	27	Tsawwassen Swapmeet

May -	03/04	Advanced Rider Course
	03	Mall Show
	07	BC-D Dinner Meeting
	08	MLA Ride - Victoria
	10	Ken Higginbottom Memorial Mystery Ride
	11	Mothers Day—Ride?
	15	PLP Starts, 6 – 8p.m.
		Every 2nd Thurs. Thereafter
	16 - 18	WA-S Soap Lake Rally Ephrata, Washington (Car/Bike) Come on Down!
	18	BC-A Breakfast Meeting
	20	BC-C Meeting
	25	GVMC - Gord Heppler Run
	29	PLP—Tentative
*** New Date ***	31	**BC-A Bob Davies Memorial Fun Run**

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Wanted: (1)

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Call Dan or Valerie Fortin 604-329-4598

For Sale: (1)

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For Sale: (2)

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If you enjoy candles, fragrances, decorating or just getting together with friends then Host your own show. It costs nothing to host and you can receive many free items.

Phone Jennifer Farley @ 778-878-3987

Bob Davies Memorial Fun Run and Vedder River Campout 2008 dates have been changed

Please check our Event Schedule for all updates

JOKE OF THE MONTH

A drunk staggers into a Catholic Church, enters a confessional booth, sits down, but says nothing. The Priest coughs a few times to get his attention but the drunk continues to sit there. Finally, the Priest pounds three times on the wall. The drunk mumbles, 'ain't no use knockin, there's no paper on this side either!'

If you have E-mail and wish to receive information on upcoming events, please ensure that we have your E-mail address. If you don't have E-Mail but have a contact phone number, please forward to us @ 604-628-6657.

This list is just for our use to inform members of Rides and Events.

Thank you! John and Leslie Wait

The March/08 50/50 at our Chapter Meeting was won by Patty McKenna (\$41.) The March/08 Membership Draw was won by Mike Dodd. He picked out a package of Bungee Cords.

Congratulations!! Newsletter Articles please.

There are some 50/50 & Membership Draw articles still owed. Please send Articles in to The Editor. Thanks

SPECIAL FOR A LIMITED TIME.... Rescue Plus

For a limited time Members can receive a discount on Rescue Plus by renewing their GWRRA Membership and Rescue Plus for three years. They will receive \$5.00 off per year. This is a savings of \$15.00. Imagine for the peace of mind a Roadside Assistance Program for \$60 for three years.

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BIRTHDAYS

April	01st	Heinz Blisse
	11th	Amanda Fortin - 19th
	24th	John Waddington
	26th	Toby Sandwell
	29th	June Bahn

May	20th	David Richards
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ANNIVERSARIES

April	03rd	Steve & Patty McKenna
	23rd	Luigi & Barb Serraglio

May

In 1986, Peter Davies was on holiday in Kenya after graduating from Northwestern University. On a hike through the bush, he came across a young bull elephant standing with one leg raised in the air. The elephant seemed distressed, so Peter approached it very carefully.

He got down on one knee and inspected the elephant's foot and found a large piece of wood deeply embedded in it. As carefully and as gently as he could, Peter worked the wood out with his hunting knife, after which the elephant gingerly put down its foot. The elephant turned to face the man, and with a rather curious look on its face, stared at him for several tense moments. Peter stood frozen, thinking of nothing else but being trampled. Eventually the elephant trumpeted loudly, turned, and walked away. Peter never forgot that elephant or the events of that day.

Twenty years later, Peter was walking through the Chicago Zoo with his son. As they approached the elephant enclosure, one of the creatures turned and walked over to near where Peter and his son Cameron were standing.

The large bull elephant stared at Peter, lifted its front foot off the ground, then put it down. The elephant did that several times then trumpeted loudly, all the while staring at the man. Remembering the encounter in 1986, Peter couldn't help wondering if this was the same elephant. Peter summoned up his courage, climbed over the railing and made his way into the enclosure. He walked right up to the elephant and stared back in wonder. The elephant trumpeted again, wrapped its trunk around one of Peter's legs and slammed his stupid ass against the railing, killing him instantly. Sent in by Patty McKenna for winning the March 50/50.

KEN HIGGINBOTTOM MEMORIAL RIDE



May 10, 2008

RAIN OR SHINE

No Registration Charge

Gathering at Surrey (Fleetwood) Recreation Center
Parking lot - 16555 Fraser Hwy, south east corner closest to
The Tim Horton's at 166th / Fraser Hwy.

All Friends, Acquaintances, Motorcycles &
Vehicles welcomed

First Bike / Vehicle out at 9:00 AM
Last Bike / Vehicle out by 10:00 AM

Ken's idea of a ride was to go in all different directions until we
arrive at a new destination. So we have set up a ride to some of
Ken's favourite spots. This means you will go N.E.W.S. before you
get to where we finish the ride.

There will be 50/50 tickets available at the beginning and the
End with proceeds going to Betty for the Charity of her choice.

Bring digital cameras

Any Questions contact:
Glenn or Shirley Williams - 604-599-8769

Chapter BC-A Stores

Description	Price
TEXX Blended Twill Shirts Long Sleeve (S-XXL)	44.50
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Golf Shirt Short Sleeve (S-XXL)	35.00
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BC District Pin	4.00
BC-A "Geese in Flight" Chapter Pin	4.00
Chapter Hanger Bar	2.00
Chapter Name Plate Brass (hanger bar provide free for executive)	16.00

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to place an order contact:**

Pat Pearce e-mail:

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VEDDER RIVER CAMPOUT

Come one come all to our annual campout at The Vedder River Campgrounds. We have loads of fun, the kids have a blast and we do what ever we want. We have our big ring camp fire which we sit around and tell jokes, eat hot dogs, eat Potato Salad, sing songs and just relax.

Starting in 2007 our June Breakfast Meeting will be held at The Vedder River Campsite during The Campout. Until about 4 years ago that was the tradition.

Come and join us for breakfast on the Sunday morning at 9:30 for a low price of \$5.00 each.

Keep the second weekend of June 2008 free to come on out and enjoy yourselves.
Camp fees are \$20.00 Cdn and U.S.
Children 10 and under are free. 11 to 16/\$10.00.
Pre-registration preferred. Contact Pat Pearce

Tuesday Night Rides

Tuesday nights are great for socializing.

TIM HORTON'S ANNACIS ISLAND

Rides start about 6:30 – 7:00 pm

Hope to see you there.

Some of the bikes at The Vedder Campout 2006



A Question for all of us:

I had someone ask me, what sort of experiences some of us have encountered that would help the less weathered riders. You know, like glancing at the road where you will stop and put down your foot to ensure that it's fairly level and not a big dip. Nothing worse than putting down your foot and not finding the road or finding sand. If they new what to watch for, we might be able to help prevent some nasty things from happening to some riders. So I thought I would ask any of our members to e-mail some of their own answers to this question and I'll put them in The Golden Nuggets Newsletter.

Thanks Dan Fortin
N/L Editor



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Join Us at The 2008 Region "J" Rally In Whitehorse, Yukon

June 20 to 22, 2008



Rally Highlights:

- ♦ Visitors will be coming north to try their luck at winning their very own "gold poke."
- ♦ Starting our runs at midnight, when the sun is still up and shining bright.
- ♦ Full of great fun, great people and great views.
- ♦ Local entertainment
- ♦ A Top Gun demonstration
- ♦ Take a semi-guided tour over to Skagway, Alaska where you can take a very special train...and more!
- ♦ The proverbial Bug Run through the Tagish Loop.
- ♦ Prizes will be distributed. Lots and lots of prizes!
- ♦ Ride, shop, or just sightsee and explore this quaint, historical town.

This will be a trip you will always remember...Hope to see you! <http://gwrri-regionj.ca/Yukon/rally.html>

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Fun Run	All Members	
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Prog. Dinner	Committee	
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Xmas Dinner	Committee	
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B.C. CHAPTER MEETINGS

3rd Sunday BC-A Vancouver
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6500 Hastings at Kensington
Breakfast 8 am Meeting 9:30 am
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3rd Tuesday BC-C Chilliwack/Fraser Valley
Glen & Angela Meyer 604-858-9963
CB#33 Banner's Restaurant 7:30 pm
Yale Road, Chilliwack
glenn-meyer@hotmail.com

1st Wednesday BC-D Surrey
Don & Pam Hamilton 604-535-3355
CB#33 Ricky's Restaurant, Surrey @ 7 pm
Coffee Fridays: Tim Horton's
166th & Fraser Hwy. 6:00 pm
donhamilton@telus.net

1st Saturday BC-G Kamloops
Kirk & Kathy Elliott 250-374-2583
CB#33 ABC Restaurant @ 8:30 am 1835 Rogers
Place for Breakfast meeting and on third
Saturday for Breakfast Social @ 9:00 am
kelliott@ocis.net

Every Saturday BC-K Kelowna
Russ & Revie Verhaeghe 250-707-1722
CB#33 The Specialty Bakery, 833 Finns Road
Every Saturday Breakfast
(8:30am Summer and Winter)
revie@shaw.ca

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CB#33 Fortune Palace, 7 pm Peden Hill
Every Thursday Tim Hortons Massey
Drive 7 pm e-mail cqmrh@shaw.ca
gwill@telus.net

2nd Sunday BC-V Victoria
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CB#33 8:30 am every 2nd Sunday
Tino's Restaurant
701-771 Vernon Ave, Victoria
Coffee 6:30 pm Friday Esquimalt A&W
Esquimalt Road, Victoria
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BC District Website
<http://www.vwh.ca/bc-district/chapter.html>

Chapter BC-A, Vancouver

The THIRD Sunday of each Month

ABC RESTAURANT

On the Corner of
Kensington & Hastings, Burnaby

Breakfast at 8:00 am
Meeting at 9:30 am

*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 – 6:30 pm*



NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

***Deadline to submit articles for the newsletter
is the Saturday two weeks prior to the meeting.***

Please submit articles, ads etc. to our newsletter editor
by email if possible.

danthewingman@gmail.com

Written ones can be handed in at any meeting.

Please Plan On Joining Us:

Website: http://gwrra_bca.tripod.com

Chapter BC-A and Special Events are Highlighted. Calendar subject to change. Last update March 29, 2008

Tuesday Night Rides - Year Round
Tim Hortons, Cliveden Ave. Annacis Is.
 Always meet for coffee from 6p.m. Group Ride leaves
 Between 6:30 - 7:00 depending on weather.
 Please feel free to join us for any of our Rides or Events
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