



GOLD NUGGETS



Goldwing Road Riders Association

Region J, Chapter BC-A, Vancouver

April 2014

Chapter A http://gwrro_bca.tripod.com/ Chapter C (not up at this time) Chapter D <http://www.gwrro-bcd.org/>



From the Chapter Directors

Spring!

Ya Think?

The OCP workshop went very well on March 1st with a small but welcome group of people who learned a lot about GWRRA. I must send out a big thank you to V Hilderbrand for stepping up to help teach the curriculum and John Wait as her co-presenter. Way to go V! John Wait's continual steadfast support that he lends to all of us within the GWRRA is so welcome and part of our success at keeping our chapters in the "know", and supporting our endeavors. I don't know what we would do without him most times.

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From the Chapter Directors (continued)

Region J Rally!!

It's in our newsletter and it's hopefully on your radar and in your plans to attend. Meeting more fellow riders from all across our region is what it's really about, so please think about showing your colors.. Chapter C, Chapter D, and Chapter A all have a stake in helping make this successful as well as a lot of fun. Chapter A Maintenance day; Chuck Taylor has again offered his shop for you all to do some maintenance items on your bikes and his support and tech help makes the "event" some fun. It's really about the chin wag and friendly banter. ☺

I hope you take advantage of the ARCs that are being offered this spring (May 2nd, 3rd, and 4th) to practice some technique and squash some bad habits. Our ARC courses are about sharing knowledge and, are the best bang for the buck when it comes to rider training you will find anywhere. If you're up to challenging yourself a little more, DO take a look at one of our GWRRA supporters, and give RoadCraft Motorcycle Academy a look.

It's more money, but it also offers little more flexibility and raw riding time. LOTS of it!

Till next we see you,

Be prepared and ride well.

Rob Ellis

UP AND COMING...

THIS MONTH

April 2014

- 2 BC-D Dinner Meeting
- 5 Bike Maintenance Day
- 12 WA-E Early Spring Fling
- 15 BC-C Dinner Meeting
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Birthdays April

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| Heinz Blisse | April 01 |
| Sue Arthurs | April 21 |
| Harold Arthurs | April 22 |
| John Waddington | April 24 |
| Toby Sandwell | April 26 |

Anniversaries

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| Steve & Patty McKenna | April 03 |
| John & Kathy Schretlen | April 07 |

Congratulations to you all!

es there.

WEEKEND / STATUTORY HOLIDAY RIDES

If there are NOT any Lower Mainland Rides/Events on our Chapter Schedule, then you can expect a ride from the McDonalds at the Boundary Road/Lougheed Highway intersection, Vancouver. Coffee from 9.00. Ride leaves at 10.00. Saturday, Sunday and all Statutory Holidays.



Dave's Tail of the Dragon by Dave Ward

This is an excerpt from my blog (www.bcsledhead.com) that is currently under construction. I have many stories and pictures there.

Anyway, back in October I had an opportunity to visit the great city of Nashville, and because it is so close to some of the best motorcycle rides in North America, I just had to go!

The Tail of the Dragon is located southeast of Nashville near the entrance to the Great Smokey Mountain National Park. It is a section of Tennessee State Highway 129 and consists of 11 miles of the twistiest, turniest highway ever – 318 curves in all!

I was able to rent a Harley for the weekend and put a ton of miles on it over the next couple of days. [Smokey Mountain Harley Davidson](#) has a great selection of new model Harleys for rent at fairly decent prices. Check them out if you are in the area.

The day started out in Nashville, with a two and a half hour drive to Maryville where the Harley dealer was. My reservation was booked for noon on Saturday. We arrived shortly before and they had the bike fuelled and ready for us. After filling out the paperwork, selecting helmets and loading our luggage onto the bike, we were on our way. The dealer has a very large parking lot, with no problem leaving a car there for several days.

We rode the Foothills Parkway south from Maryville for 17 miles to where it entered into the Dragon. It basically starts with a road sign warning of curvy roads for the next 11 miles and warnings to large trucks that there is a turnaround just ahead because many of them would not be able to negotiate the many switchbacks.

The speed limit dropped to 30 MPH. A good indicator that things were going to get exciting! We travelled along the side of a beautiful reservoir for a stretch before the curves started to pile up in front of us. Traffic was moderate – mostly bikes! When a speed sign warned you to slow to 15, they meant it! We twisted and turned our way along for just under an hour before coming into Deals Gap and the North Carolina border. There were many photographers along the entire route snapping thousands of photos as every vehicle that came into view passed by. We learned later how to download and purchase pics that were taken of us while on the road.



Views were spectacular, but we were too busy hanging on and negotiating the **corners** to really look up for an extended view! At the end of the Dragon is a motorcycle resort called Deals Gap. There is a pub, gift shop, and probably a thousand bikers on a sunny day like the day we were there. We stopped to buy the obligatory souvenir T-shirts and continued on our way towards our final destination – Bryson City. It was only 2 in the afternoon, sunny

and warm, so we decided that maybe one more road needed to be discovered – the Cherohala Skyway. What the heck – it was only 60 miles!
To be continued.....

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Chapter BC-A, Vancouver

The THIRD Sunday of each Month

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

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Rider Education information online from Rider educators Bob & Becky Minor
The Rider Education Database is now available to Members. Now you as a member can find out just where you are in the Rider Education Levels Program, without the need to go to your Chapter Educator. The database is read only to you, but your chapter educator can help if you find that your data is not correct.

“This site is meant for the membership to check and track their GWRRA Rider Education Levels status, riding courses and seminar information. If you find any discrepancies in your information please get in touch with your Chapter Educator or Leadership Trainer to correct the error.”

Read below to understand how to access it.

Once you get to the GWRRA.org website, click on either Officers or Programs from the blue menu bar to view a drop down menu. “Click on “Rider Education”.

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On the left side of the main Rider Ed page (the index page) you will see a new button for

“My R.E. Information”

Click on that button to follow the link to the login. You must be a current GWRRA member to login.

Username= Membership Number. ie. 123456 or 1234-01

Password= Numbers In Your Address + Membership Expiration Date (MMYY)

ie. 12 W. 6th st only 12 would be used followed by your membership expiration date.

ie. If your membership expiration date is 01/15 then your password would be 120115

Check the front of your Wing World or Membership card for your membership number and expiration date.

Once your Username and password are entered, click on “Submit” to see your individual record.

If you are the primary Member, you will be able to access the information for each of your family Members.

STORES CORNER

Chapter A

| <u>ITEM</u> | | <u>PRICE</u> |
|--|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Chapter Long Sleeve Shirt | Coal Harbour / Royal Blue | \$40.00 |
| Chapter Short Sleeve Shirt | Coal Harbour/ Royal Blue | \$40.00 |
| Chapter Short Sleeve Wicking Sport Shirt | Hyper Blue | \$40.00 |
| GWRRA 10” Patch | Black – Gold / Red-Blue-Gold | \$15.00 |
| GWRRA 4” Patch | Black – Gold / Red-Blue-Gold | \$5.00 |
| GWRRA BC-A 4” Logo Patches | Blue – Yellow | \$7.00 |
| Great NW Region J Rocker | Black – Gold | \$20.00 |
| BC - A Rocker | Black – Gold | \$22.00 |
| BC - A Hanger Bars | | \$3.00 |
| BC District Pins | Large | \$5.00 |
| BC District Pins | Small | \$3.00 |
| GWRRA Antenna Flag | | \$12.00 |
| GWRRA Static Cling Decal | | \$3.00 |

(NOTE – prices subject to change without notice)

GWRRA Lower Mainland - Calendar of Events 2014

January 2014

| | |
|-------|------------------------------|
| 1 | New Years Day Ride BC-A |
| 4 † | MADD Seminar |
| 5 † | MADD Seminar |
| 8 | BC-D Dinner Meeting |
| 18 | BC-C Post Christmas Party |
| 19 | BC-A Breakfast Meeting |
| 21 | BC-C Dinner Meeting |
| 24-26 | Motorcycle Show '14 - Tradex |

February 2014

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|----|---------------------------|
| 1 | Silent Auction & BBQ BC-A |
| 5 | BC-D Dinner Meeting |
| 8 | WA District Ed. Workshop, |
| 16 | BC-A Breakfast Meeting |
| 18 | BC-C Dinner Meeting |
| 21 | Cloverdale Races BC-D |

March 2014

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| 9 | OCP Intro to GWRRA |
| 5 | BC-D Dinner Meeting |
| 15 | St Paddy's Lupper BC-A |
| 16 | BC-A Breakfast Meeting |
| 18 | BC-C Dinner Meeting |
| 22-23 | Medical First-Aid |

April 2014

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|----|-------------------------|
| 2 | BC-D Dinner Meeting |
| 5 | Bike Maintenance Day |
| 12 | WA-E Early Spring Fling |
| 15 | BC-C Dinner Meeting |
| 18 | Me & Ed's Pizza BC-D |
| 20 | BC-A Breakfast Meeting |
| 26 | Mall Show BC-A, BC-D |
| 27 | Road Captains/Co-Riders |

May 2014

| | |
|-------|-----------------------------|
| 1 † | MLA Ride Victoria |
| 2-4 | ARC (Advanced Rider Course) |
| 7 | BC-D Dinner Meeting |
| 10 | Ice Cream Social/Memorial |
| 18 | BC-A Breakfast Meeting |
| 17-19 | Victoria Days Salmon Arm |
| 20 | BC-C Dinner Meeting |
| 25 | Team Riding Course |
| 25 | Ride for Life |

June 2014

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|-------|------------------------|
| 4 | BC-D Dinner Meeting |
| 7 | BC-A Memorial Ride |
| 14 | WA-D Duck Hunt Ride |
| 15 | BC-A Breakfast Meeting |
| 15 | Father's Day Ride BC-A |
| 17 | BC-C Dinner Meeting |
| 22 | Triple D Ride BC-A |
| 28-29 | Princeton Campout BC-C |

July 2014

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| 2 | BC-D Dinner Meeting |
| 2-5 | Wing Ding 36 Madison, WI |
| 12 | Cascade Loop Ride BC-A |
| 15 | BC-C Dinner Meeting |
| 20 | BC-A Breakfast Meeting |
| 26-27 | Mini Totem Route BC-A |

August 2014

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| 1-4 | Region J Rally Fort Langley |
| 6 | BC-D Dinner Meeting |
| 7-9 | Region I Rally Lewiston, ID. |
| 17 | BC-A Breakfast Meeting |
| 19 | BC-C Dinner Meeting |
| 24 | Duffy Lake Loop Ride BC-A |
| 30-31 | Gold Run Merritt BC-D |

September 2014

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| 1 | Gold Run Merritt BC-D |
| 3 | BC-D Dinner Meeting |
| 7 | Green Heart Ride BC-C |
| 16 | BC-C Dinner Meeting |
| 20 | Corn Roast & Ride - |
| 21 | BC-A Breakfast Meeting |
| 27-28 | Region J Meeting Three |
| 28 | Oyster Run Anacortes WA |

October 2014

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| 1 | BC-D Dinner Meeting |
| 5 | Vancouver Toy Run |
| 18 | Joint Planning Mtg. BC-D- |
| 19 | BC-A Breakfast Meeting |
| 19 | Fraser Valley Toy Run |
| 21 | BC-C Dinner Meeting |

November 2014

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| 5 | BC-D Dinner Meeting |
| 8 | Spaghetti Dinner BC-D |
| 11 | Remembrance Day Ride |
| 16 | BC-A Breakfast Meeting |
| 18 | BC-C Dinner Meeting |
| 29 | BC-A Christmas Dinner |

December 2014

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| 3 | BC-D Dinner Meeting |
| 6 | BC-D Christmas Dinner |
| 25 | Merry Christmas |



All Motorcycle Riders are Welcome

† Date or event is tentative

**** Ride events and dates are subject to change
please confirm dates & times with Chapter CD's**

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Non-Members is \$45.00

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Join in on the Migration Ride to Region I Rally in Lewiston ID

Optional Migration Rider Contest

\$10.00 per rider Winner takes all

Early Registration with both Region J and I are eligible for 10% refund (reg. only) Payable in Lewiston

Check out our website for more information at:

<http://gwr-ra-regioni.ca/ralliesmain.html>



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