



# GOLD NUGGETS



Goldwing Road Riders Association

Region J, Chapter BC-A, Vancouver

Feb. 2014

Chapter A [http://gwrri\\_bca.tripod.com/](http://gwrri_bca.tripod.com/) Chapter C (not up at this time) Chapter D <http://www.gwrri-bcd.org/>



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## **From the Chapter Directors**

The year starts off again with a host of planning and strategizing to put together some of the events that GWRRA offers, and this year is no different than any other.

The next event on the horizon for you, if you so choose, is the Washington District Education Workshops (Feb 8<sup>th</sup>) taking place in Buckley Washington. This excellent series of workshops take in a merried of different, and interesting topics. It really is about education so consider joining the fellow chapter members that may be going. Our Wing World Magazine has undergone some changes and I am still on the fence as to whether I like it or not. But like most things, I think it may take a little time to grow on me.

I am asking our membership to jump in and give your hands and support to our Region J Rally that is coming to Fort Langley this year (August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>). The event is ours to host and ours to enjoy, but we need you now more than ever to bring this event to our awesome lower mainland.

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### ***From the Chapter Directors (continued)***

There was a "Motorist Awareness Division" Seminar hosted by Chapter D, along with chapter A this last Jan 5<sup>th</sup>, and it was well attended. The inclusion of this short information seminar in our rider education programs, is meant to put into motion "Motorist Awareness" as it relates to the Motorcycle rider. It's easy for us to spot motorcyclist on the road and also give them the extra room they need to stay safe, because we are usually looking for them. The Motorist awareness campaign is really about getting through to the public at large, where ever and whenever we can, to educate THEM on how to spot motorcycles on the road, and also why and when we need that extra distance buffer to help keep us safe.

To all of our chapter A volunteers, and especially our chapter Team, I thank you for your dedication to keeping the Vancouver chapter of GWRRA running. For those of you that may not be aware, the Vancouver chapter of GWRRA is the first chapter started in Canada, and remains as the oldest chapter in our country with its first beginnings in March of 1980.

Sheez, I was still in grade school!!

Like you, I can smell spring right around the corner. Now is a good time to take a close look at your gear, helmets, jackets, gloves, and boots to see if they need replacing. You have plenty of time to plan, and purchase replacements for those items that are in need.

See you soon.

Ride well and be prepared.

Rob Ellis.

## **UP AND COMING...**

### **THIS MONTH**

#### **February 2014**

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

#### **March 2014**

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



## Birthdays February

|                            |        |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Teo Brideau                | Feb 1  |
| Janet Tucker               | Feb 5  |
| Elaine McGregor            | Feb 6  |
| Joanna Sofield (Priestley) | Feb 7  |
| Ivan Armstrong             | Feb 15 |
| Kathy Drozdik              | Feb 16 |

## Anniversaries

|                  |        |
|------------------|--------|
| Ken & Penny Hook | Feb 23 |
|------------------|--------|

Congratulations to you all!

## 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.



## 2013-2014 Winter maintenance; Part 1 by John Schretlen

Winter maintenance. It means different thing to different riders and at a fall BC-A breakfast I was asked what my plans were. Actually it was worded a bit differently, more like "When is a good time for me to bring my bike over for a fluid change?" but nevertheless it was a decent question.

At the time my bike was already taken apart so the lift table would be busy for another month and helping a fellow BC-A rider would have to wait a bit. But before I go into that let's back up. My 2013 winter maintenance involved some not-normally-scheduled items. I'll start my story with my last two days of riding in 2013. Both were with the company of BC-A members.

The second-to-last day was a ride to Tumwater, Washington with Donn C. who was getting a new low profile windshield. As I pulled into the dealer's shop area my left turn signal decided to stop working. Hmmm. While Donn was getting his new windshield installed I did some troubleshooting. I located a popped breaker so replaced it and all was well on the ride home, until I used my turn signal and again it failed.

That night I did some more troubleshooting and did not find any reason why the c/b kept popping but I wanted to go on Chuck T's ride-in-the-fog early the next morning so I decided that if I did not use the turn signals everything would be fine. Do you have any idea how hard it is to NOT use the turn signals? My c/b popped before I got to the Blaine Chevron. It was a great ride but I broke off about 1:00 pm to head for home and start troubleshooting this snag in more depth. It would be the start of my winter maintenance.

First thing I did was put some gas stabilizer in the tank and ride around UBC to make sure it is well mixed. When I got home I drained the oil and fogged up the cylinders. Okay – ready for a long winter sit so now I'll get to the turn signal problem.

I did all the normal tests as per the maintenance manual and the ETG (Electronic Troubleshooting Guide) manual. It was looking like the turn signal unit was faulty but it is hard to get at so I wanted to check my wire bundles first to make sure I did not have a short or kinked wire.

Early Monday morning I was in North Van at Tayormotive borrowing a short finder (Thanks again Chuck). Unfortunately all my wire bundles tested normal. I say 'unfortunately' because that meant getting at that turn signal unit. On the 2002 that unit is behind the instruments panel. To get at it you need to take off the windshield, the mirrors, the plastic and metal on the front of the bike under the windshield and only then can you get at the bolts holding the instrument cluster. Eventually I got the instrument panel out and taken apart to reveal the turn signal unit.

That night I put in an order for a new turn signal unit and, since I was ordering an OEM part, I decided to order a new right handlebar switch cluster. My cruise on-off button has been acting up for a few years now and I've cleaned it a half dozen times but it was getting worse. Honda will not sell individual switches so I had to buy the whole cluster.

Note: if anybody needs any of the other switches from the right had cluster I can give you some gently used ones.

**To be continued...**

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When brand new it is priced between \$7000 and \$8000 this one is priced to sell at \$2500. Screaming deal

**Cash only sale no trades**

**Bike/car trailer \$2500**

**Ron S [ronsdoghouse10@gmail.com]604- 271- 0739**

### **REMINDER:**

*Remember this is your Newsletter so your articles, jokes, photos and want ads are wanted at*

[rmgwrra@outlook.com](mailto:rmgwrra@outlook.com)

*or call Robert Meers*

## 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      |
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| GWRRRA 4" Patch                          | Black – Gold / Red-Blue-Gold | \$5.00       |
| GWRRRA 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       |
| GWRRRA Antenna Flag                      |                              | \$12.00      |
| GWRRRA 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

|    |                           |
|----|---------------------------|
| 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

|       |                        |
|-------|------------------------|
| 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

|    |                         |
|----|-------------------------|
| 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

|       |                        |
|-------|------------------------|
| 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

|       |                          |
|-------|--------------------------|
| 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

|       |                              |
|-------|------------------------------|
| 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

|       |                         |
|-------|-------------------------|
| 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

|    |                           |
|----|---------------------------|
| 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

|    |                        |
|----|------------------------|
| 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

|    |                       |
|----|-----------------------|
| 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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