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Goldwing Road Riders Association

Region J, Chapter BC-A, Vancouver

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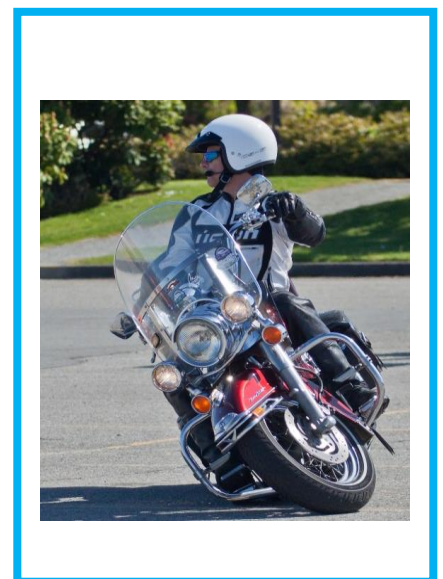
Photo by Gord McDonald

From the Chapter Directors

To the New riders within the local GWRRA and our chapter:
Hello to those of you whom are coming out to meet us at our breakfast meetings and our Riding events. Whether that is at a Coffee social, or any of our riding events, you are welcomed by us all. It is also very nice to see those riders taking the initiative and taking the ARC classes to brush up on some skills and some discussions revolving around road Strategy.

May was Motorcycle awareness month and it seems each year we are getting the message out louder than ever to the world as we know it. Remember that once "Motorcycle Awareness Month" (May) leaves us behind, the responsibility to be aware tends to fall right back on you and me while riding our bikes. It is, and always will be, YOUR responsibility to be aware and MAKE other drivers aware of you.

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From the Chapter Directors (continued)

There is a Motorcycle rider who rides between shows (A musician) that has logged many tens of thousands of miles under his belt on his BMW RG1200. In fact, he has logged as many miles as some of the oldest GW riders with the longest careers riding their bikes. A saying he has coined to describe his motorcycling Skills and Strategy is, HIS "RoadCraft". I like his vernacular a lot, because it describes a complete set of life skills in the saddle, to keep you coming home!

His favorite time on the bike, is when he is getting on it, (I'm Happy to be alive), and getting off at the end of a long day, (I,m Happy to be Alive).

Let's all be aware and make the rest of the world SEE you when you ride for the ENTIRE season, not just May!

I'm looking forward to Wing Ding this year, and hope that we get a good draw for next year, Not sure where it will be, but let's hope it comes our way.

We are also looking forward to our own Region Rally right here in Fort Langley in August, and I hope it turns out as good as the last one we had back in 2009!

See you soon

Ride well and Be Prepared

Rob Ellis

UP AND COMING...

THIS MONTH

June 2014

- 4 BC-D dinner meeting
- 7 BC-A Memorial ride
- 14 WA-duck hunt ride
- 15 BC-A Breakfast meeting
- 15 BC-A Fathers day ride
- 17 BC-C dinner meeting
- 22 Triple D ride BC-A
- 28-29 Princeton campout

July 2014

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- 2-5 WingDing 36, Madison
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- 15 BC-C dinner meeting
- 26-27 Mini Totem Route BC-A



My Favorite Ride from Donn Champion

I was on a solo portion of a trip that had taken me to Las Vegas and left there early one June morning 4 years back heading West along the 190 towards Death Valley.

I continued past the Death Valley Interpretive Centre which was very interesting and on West into ever increasing temperatures. Then past Furnace Creek and the turnoff to Scotty's Castle while temperatures went up to around 104. I was wearing an Aerostich Transit suit and found if I soaked myself with water the climate was actually comfortable. So 2 large bottles of water at every stop (of which there were very few, by the way) one taken internally, the other externally.

At the other end of the Valley I took 395 North for a bit and then turned West onto 120 in the vicinity of Lee Vining and Mono Lake; 120 takes you through Yosemite. Next I encountered a series of awesome switchbacks in the climb to the top (where the temperature dropped to just below 40 and snow was still on the sides of the road and in the shadowy parts).

After descending on the coast side I headed North and stayed that night in Rancho Cordoba.

All in all a great ride offering intensely differing views and experiences along the journey!

Donn Champion

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Patty McKienna June 25th

Anniversaries

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Howie Mosher & Elaine Mcgregor June 12th

Patrick & Rainie Frampton June 17th

Rob & Terry Ellis June 24th

Congratulations to you all!

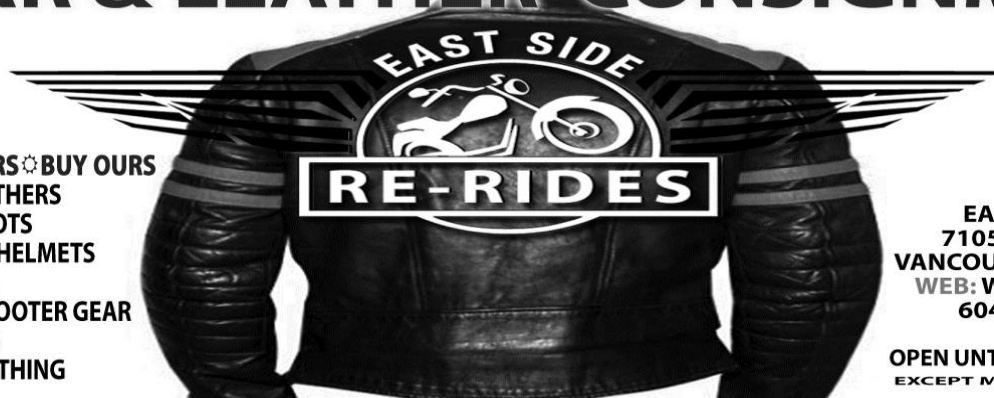
WEEKEND / STATUTORY HOLIDAY RIDES

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.

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Chapter BC-A, Vancouver

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Vision, balance and turning a motorcycle (Taken from an **ON LINE** source) Supplied for your consideration, from Rob Ellis

Your brain works with your eyes to make sense of movement. Try this. Turn your head all the way to one side, then quickly turn it to the other side. What happened? Your brain tried to make sense of what was happening, it told your eyes to focus on a few points in between in the distance, but in between those fixed focus places, there was blur.

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Look down go down? Maybe, maybe not - more than likely not. When you are turning a motorcycle in a tight circle, and look down (depending how far away you look) the ground will blur. You have lost 1/3 of your balancing system. Some can simply use the other two thirds of the balancing system and weed out false input. Some have to put their foot down.

Putting your foot down in the real world, can hurt you. If you are on a 800 pound motorcycle, with saddle bags (hard bags), you can break your own ankle by running over it with the saddle bag or crash bar. That's dumb.

Turning and lean angle faster speeds -Your balance system helps you maintain a proper lean angle. Aside from it's nice to know where you're going, looking at where you are going helps to maintain and judge your lean angle. Contrary to what you may have heard, You don't keep pushing to keep the motorcycle in a lean during medium speed turns. During high speed turns, centrifugal force turns wants to stand the bike up and pull it to the outside of the turn, so countersteering is applied and maintained. You judge your lean angle, push the handgrip (**FORWARD - NOT DOWN**) in the direction you want to go - countersteer, and if need be, make minor corrections with your body weight (hip), major corrections are done with counter-steering. To smoothly go around the turn, the better you judge your lean angle to begin with, the smoother the turn is. It takes a little practice to learn to judge a lean angle for the speed you are going. You'll get it, humans are good at judging this stuff. **On their side motorcycle tires roll like a cone not like like a cylinder.** I'm not going to tell you - Lean just before you get into a turn (although it's a good practice). For the beginner, I'll leave the timing of your lean up to you. Let's just say, the less input during the turn, the smoother the turn. If you want to get into position before the actual turn (and can judge it), good for you.

How do you hang on? You don't hang on to the motorcycle with your hands and the handle bar while turning. You don't want to put false steering input to the front tire by hanging onto the bars. You hang on with your knees! You've probably seen motorcycles with those pads on the tank. The secondary purpose is to prevent scratches, the primary purpose is to give you knee grip. They're not scratch pads boys and girls, although they'll be glad to sell them to you for that purpose.

So how much of a push do you use? Jab the hand grip quickly and the bike quickly turns on it's side, gently push and the motorcycle goes over slower. That depends on your speed, the circumference of the turn, how the bike handles, center of mass, type of tires and the weight of the bike - it takes practice. Practice and you'll get it. Turn your head and look at where you want to go. Don't fixate on it, look at your surroundings quickly just to be aware of conditions and you don't whine up with target fixation. The lean is induced by counter-steering and is essentially a controlled fall over to either side.

Guess what, when you come out of the turn, counter-steering will stand the bike back up.

Hey wait, how come you can do it without turning your head or turning your head in the opposite direction? By making use of the other two thirds of your balance system, you can tell your brain you're ok and everything is going as planned. But it takes practice - practice - practice.

Slow speed cone weave and parameter turns - During the slow speed cone weaves (when cones are close together) and parameter turns- you do NOT push the handgrip in the direction you want to go, to turn (although you can, at very low speeds, the bike will lean, but you will have to recover). You are simply steering the motorcycle by turning the front wheel. Later, as you speed up (10mph + or so), you can push the handgrip in the direction you want to lean the motorcycle. When the cones are close together (and/or offset), the head turn and eye focus works. When they are further apart, you look straight ahead and use your peripheral vision to get through them. CAN you Push at very low speeds? Yes, but the motorcycle will quickly lean in the direction you want to go, then you have to quickly recover to complete the turn. DON'T use counter-steering for slow speed cone weaves, it's silly!

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Chapter Short Sleeve Shirt	Coal Harbour / Royal Blue	\$40.00
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(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

Smiles 😊

Goldwing owners are like magpies.
When they see something shiny they pick it up and bolt it to their motorcycle.

I asked my Harley friend how exactly do "loud pipes save lives"?
His answer was "I'm sorry, what did you say"?



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