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Goldwing Road Riders Association

Region J, Chapter BC-A, Vancouver

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## **From the Chapter Directors**

Hello everyone.

Just when we thought that the snow was gone, we get a refresher on BC weather.

I hope everyone is getting ready to insure your bikes and start your riding for 2014. I know mine is already but is currently parked behind a mountain of snow piled high thanks to my driveway snow clearing efforts. I might have to wait until May for the mountain to clear.. ;)

Well our annual Silent Auction this year was another success with Kelly Parkes stepping forward again to organize and designate help where he needed it. He is the first to spread his thanks to all of you for the help that he received. As Kelly informed me, this event is rooted with the intention of bringing our Chapters together to share some cheer and food (as always) and coming years plans, and goals between our Chapters. Thanks to these efforts, it has turned a happy profit for our Chapters without trying to, as it was initially planned to be a revenue neutral event.

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

Our Chapter has also helped donate a healthy Christmas kettle pot to the Salvation Army this past year (2013), with many of you helping to make it a success. So our Chapter A, annually helps by giving to our communities and you all can be proud of that tradition.

On a personal note, I am enjoying a good read of a book written by Neil Peart, (drummer for the band Rush). His connection to his motorcycle reveals shared insights. (common between us all as motorcyclists) With a look into a heart wrenching soul searching period of his life, he steps out on a journey (long one) on a motorcycle on what he called the "healing road". So it is, with us all when we ride, "it" motorcycling, is a sort of healing road for many of us as it helps you to purge (or manage) your worries and stresses of life, with our connection to "motion" and our wonderful natural world. Remember this, in front of everything else we do together as a group of motorcyclists, because the "bike" the "road", and the "motion" is why we ride!

Looking forward to seeing you all again in March.

Ride well and be prepared.

Rob Ellis.

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

### **THIS MONTH**

#### **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

#### **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



## Birthdays February

Kyle Gosselin	March 04
Rob Ellis	March 7
Peter MacGregor	March 20

## Anniversaries

Barrie Irvine	March 3
David Hawrish	March 20
Arnie & Janet Tucker	March 24

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 2 by John Schretlen

A couple of weeks later I had the parts and pretty soon the turn signal system worked normally.

Since I had the front of the bike taken apart I decided to put it back together before working on the next items. It took a day to put the dash back – the three bolts are very tricky to start and tighten. But it all went together and I was ready for the next item, which was the new handlebar cluster.

Nothing is easy or quick when it comes to wiring on a Honda. To do the handlebar cluster first I had to disconnect the throttle cables. I'm actually pleased because hiding under the throttle grip was some old Alaskan dust. In fact it looked and felt like the dust that we encountered between Chicken AK and Dawson City YK.

It took all day to install the new instrument cluster, but that included lots of time for cleaning and polishing the normally hidden parts of the throttle system. What's next on the winter to-do list?

In April Kathy & I are going to ride to San José del Cabo, Mexico (near Cabo San Lucas) and since my Wing has over 215,000 kilometers on it I wanted to have the alternator serviced and the main shock pre-load adjuster checked out. You don't have to take out the gas tank to get these two items off but taking the tank out is a twenty-minute job and, from experience, it will save hours of frustration. Also, a big plus of getting that tank out is that you can do a good clean and inspect the coolant hoses.

After it was out I dropped off the alternator to Western Starter (11655 Eburne Way on Mitchell Island) where they would replace the bearings, bushings and brushes.

Starting last summer I noticed that the pre-load adjuster was not straining until the numbers showed 8 or 9, which meant there was an air bubble in the system. So, with the gas tank out of the way it only took a few minutes to get the rear shock and pre-load adjuster out. I took the unit to RMR Suspension (#19 31550 S. Fraser Way, Abbotsford) for repair. Before going on the ride to Alaska in 2012 I had RMR service my front forks, the rear shock and install a new braided cable on the pre-load adjuster. When I had it out it looked like the pre-load adjuster had leaked a few cc's of fluid.

I was expecting just a quick fluid top-up but the owner (Rod) took the pre-load adjuster off the shock then took it apart and cleaned and serviced it. I am very impressed with RMR's work and even more than satisfied when, an hour later, he handed it back to me and said "There you go. You're on your way." I asked how much and again he said with a smile "You're all done."

Wow, no cost! What an unexpected treat. So let me put in a pat-on-the-back for RMR: They stand behind their work.

Back at home and in no mood for raking leaves I decided to change the coolant. I have written about this before for the GoldNuggets (changing Dan's fluid with the UView 55000 suction tool). I took the opportunity to make a movie of the UView 55000 in action as it collapses the hoses that are normally out of sight under the gas tank. Doing this gets the extra cup of old coolant out of the bike that a 'normal' drain and change would miss. (The movie is okay, but you should see the operation live to really appreciate it.)

After the fluid change I took a few minutes to put in a new air filter. As you all know this is a two-hour job if that is all you are doing. I always change the air filter during my winter maintenance since the time consuming top shelter removal is usually off for other reasons.

A week after I dropped the alternator off I got it back from Western Starter. They did the work and then tested it and cleaned and painted it. It looks and feels like a brand new unit. All for \$100. It installed it with no difficulty, except for a bit of work getting the rubber cover back on the ground bolt. Sometimes the simplest item is the trickiest.

Next the gas tank went back in, and it was easy. In fact it always seems to go in easily when you can put some silicone lubricant on the rub points.

Checking the to-do list and the next item was change tires. For the ride to Mexico I decided to give Metzeler a try and had ordered a set of ME880 Marathon tires which were just waiting to be installed. As part of any tire change I always check the brakes and was pleased to note all brake pads are wearing symmetrically and all have lots of life on them.

With the rear tire off I took a few minutes to change the rear diff oil. Like many I tend to change this oil every time I change the motor oil. Not required, but it's inexpensive and good for the gears.

Of course when you pull the bike apart for the winter break it is easy to clean the bits and pieces before you put them back together. For this reason it takes me many hours to reassemble the bike. The front fenders went on then the top shelter and meter panel. It took several part days of cleaning and polishing and waxing before the bike looked ready for spring.

If I have any winter maintenance regrets it's that no matter how hard I wax and polish I just can NOT get my bike to look as shiny as Patrick's.

## For Sale

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### **REMINDER:**

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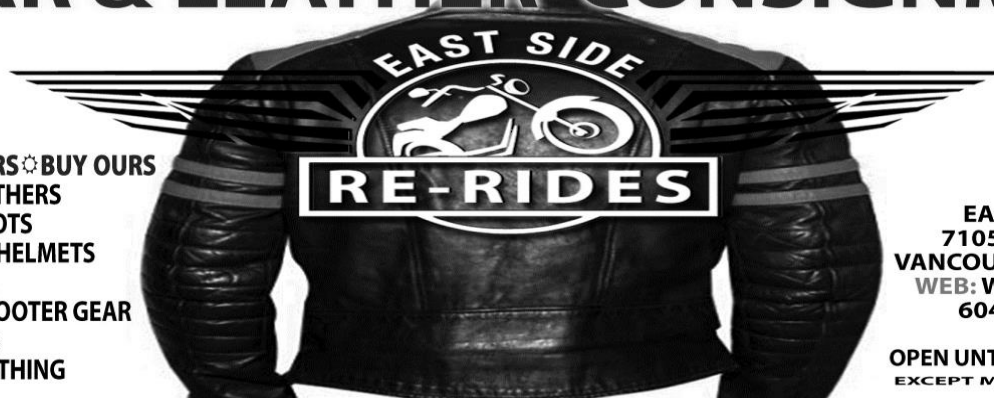
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Chapter BC-A, Vancouver

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### 50/50 Article

Thank You. Once again I won the membership draw. Doug said you guys should be lucky next month as I won't be here. Actually, you have 3 months.

On that note, I was asked to write about packing for an extended trip on the bike as a passenger.

We are headed out on a cruise & ride, consequently, we need every kind of wear as we are riding from here to Ft. Lauderdale and back. We need gear for freezing, cold, warm, hot weather and then the cruise ship.

As this article needs to be in before we leave I can only say it is challenging . I am used to my own bike with no packing restrictions. (I can get a lot on my backseat and luggage rack and I usually take a lot more than I need) I will have to continue this article on my return, and let you know how it goes, and maybe how things can be done differently.

Stay tuned..... June's newsletter.

Penney Oliver

## 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
GWRRRA 10" Patch	Black – Gold / Red-Blue-Gold	\$15.00
GWRRRA 4" Patch	Black – Gold / Red-Blue-Gold	\$5.00
GWRRRA BC-A 4" Logo Patches	Blue – Yellow	\$7.00
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BC - A Rocker	Black – Gold	\$22.00
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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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