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Goldwing Road Riders Association

Region J, Chapter BC-A, Vancouver

Oct. 2014

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From the Chapter Directors

Hello to you all,

Happy we are, that the summer events went well, happy we are, that everyone had a good year riding, and very happy we are to know that our friends and family who had a brush with disaster this year on the road, are recovering and are in good spirits. I know at least one individual that will have a huge hug for you just as soon as his ribs heal up enough to allow him too. I have good news from our chapter officer positions, and it is that we should be welcoming a new chapter Treasurer by November, and start of the year looks promising. My biggest hugest thank you to Mairi Sparrow, for her many years of dedicated service as our Chapter Treasurer. Hugs to you!!

The Christmas party for Chapter A is right around the corner and we will be posting a signup sheet for you all, to join this event and bring one of your family recipes for all to enjoy. Our fourth year running, we are booked at the Richmond Yacht Club and it is set to be a fun one.

From the Chapter Directors (continued)

With encouragement from GWRRA head office, we are continuing with something called the Couple/Individual of the Year award and we hope to keep it going through the next years. This year's nomination for The Couple/Individual of the Year for our Chapter A were selected by your executive team and simply recognizes this couples contribution through this last year to our chapter. Their participation in our events and the help they offered when we needed it is all it took to realize their contributions. We did have a tough choice, because there were more than a few couples, and Individuals we had to reflect on. Congratulations to Dan & Valerie Fortin on being outstanding Chapter members and supporting all we do!!

This next year will see change from many angles within our GWRRA organization and promises to bring fresh ideas and momentum for the organization and that starts right here from within our very own Chapter. Thanksgiving is near, so please take the time to be around family and friends and enjoy the start of fall. My thanks to you our members for sending your prayers, and wonderfully positive energy to those of us that needed it this year and I encourage you to send me your well wishes and prayers if you want to extend them to your members and family of GWRRA, I will forward it to the chapter.
Happy fall Yal,

Ride well and Be Prepared

Rob Ellis

UP AND COMING...

THIS MONTH

October 2014

- 1 BC-D Dinner Meeting
- 5 Vancouver Toy Run
- 18 Joint Planning Mtg. BC-D-A-C
- 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 BC-A
- 16 BC-A Breakfst Meeting
- 18 BC-C Dinner Meeting
- 29 BC-A Christmas Dinner
(Pot Luck)

Birthdays October

Mairi Sparrow Oct. 7th

Pat Williams Oct. 15th

Anniversaries

John & Terri Waddington Oct. 6th

Congratulations to you all!

June 18-20, 2015



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.



Member Article

From the back seat of the bike...co-rider Marian Goetz's view.

*The bright sun was rising, what a beautiful sky
When we rode off through downtown below the high-rise.
The city was waking with so little a sound
'cept the music of birds who were flying around.
Out across the river and up a slight hill,
Off in the distance, what a thrill*

So now that I have that out of my system, I can describe a beautiful major circle trip that Tom and I took in July. We headed to Prince George to visit friends for more than a week and then, circled back through Jasper and back to Vancouver. Whether you traveled these roads before or are looking for a trip that you can do, hopefully this description will encourage you to ride to some of these places.

Leaving Vancouver early in the morning from near False Creek was inspiring with light glistening off the high rises, little traffic and few city sounds. Heading to TC 1 at an early hour, gave us a chance to observe the many architectural structures both commercial and residential and the many small gardens and parks on the way to the highway. Reaching the Port Mann Bridge as one of six vehicles crossing east, we were able to glance out in both directions to see the beauty and diversity of the river. We took a quick moment to glance at the remains of the old bridge. She deserved some respect for her years of service. Coming out of Langley, past the fields of shimmering corn and the activity of the farms, we saw the majestic grandeur of Mount Baker rising off to the right, sparkling with several shades of pink as the rays of the sun bounced off her. Seeing the mountain, made us realize how fortunate we were to be on our ride that day.

Stopping in Hope for a quick coffee and muffin at Tim's, we decided our route for the day. The Coquihalla, although not our usual choice on the Goldwing, became our means to an end. It was the right choice. The valleys were still very green and the mountains patched with snow. The ride started at 22 degrees, but in the shade of the mountain forests cooled to 16. Kamloops where we turned onto Highway 5 north was blistering hot, over 30. Highway 5 winds through forests, ranch lands, rustic buildings, small towns and more.

I had mixed emotions as we rode through Barriere with devastation from the '03 fire still evident. Rising out of the ruins are new homes, gardens, and businesses. Small trees are beginning to dot the hillsides. The people of this region show a great resiliency, turning this area back into a prosperous community.

Further up the highway, near our turn to Highway 24, we stopped for lunch at the small Hi-5 diner. To say that they have good pie is an understatement. Varieties, flavours beyond our wildest dream...okay, so we love our pie.

Off and up the turn at Little Fort, our favourite road began. Highway 24 twists, turns, climbs, and meanders through some the province's most pristine landscape. The area affords an amazing number of outstanding viewpoints. For those who love camping and fishing, lakes abound. Some call the highway "The Fishing Highway"; I call it the "Biking Highway". I love this road, all 97 km of it.

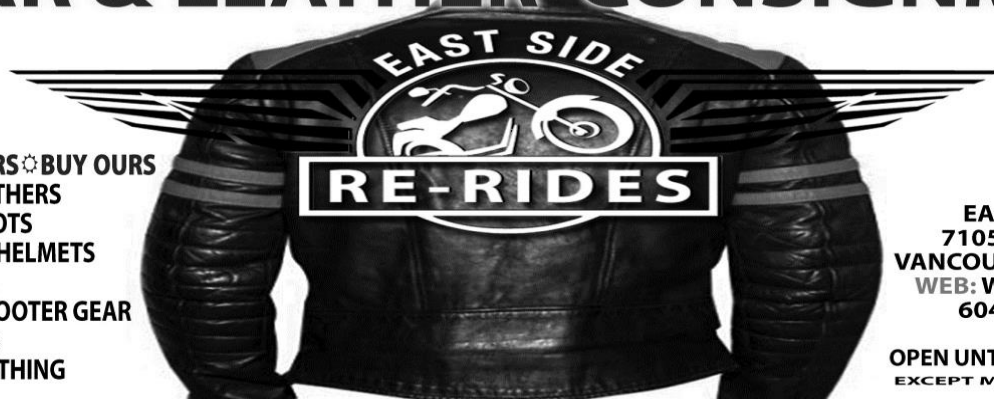
We finished the day off by turning onto Highway 97 to Prince George. Visiting rider friends and other friends for several days. Tom and several riders were able to ride into Wells and Barkerville one of the days.

When we headed over Highway 16 to Jasper and the Icefields Highway, several good friends accompanied us. The road is filled with turns, fast flowing waterways and animals, especially a curious two or three year-old black bear that came to the middle of the road, stopped, tilted its head and surveyed all the motorcycles before finally crossing the road. All our bikes are red. I wonder if bears can actually see that colour. Mount Robson was clear even though the rest of the sky was cloudy. That mountain has a strong power over both of us.

After staying in Jasper for a couple of days, we started our trip down the Icefields. The road had been closed off and on for several days due to a massive forest fire. We were allowed through, riding with fire candling up the trees back a short distance from the highway edge. The firefighters were unbelievable in their persistent effort to contain this hungry blaze. Having come that close to the area, I have a renewed appreciation for anyone who risks his life fighting fire. The rest of our journey was uneventful, except for a black bear that came out of a ditch, looked at the bike, and stood up. We were close enough that I could look into his eyes and if I had wanted to, I could have given him a high-five as we passed. I like bears and other wildlife from a distance! The trip was fantastic in all respects.

Marian Goetz

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Chapter A

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

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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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