

# Gold Nuggets

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- MEDIC FIRST AID MARIOTH
- PARTY WITH LEPRECHAUNS MAR 17TH
- ST PADDY'S DAY LUPPER MAR 19TH
- SILENT AUCTION MAR 24TH

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## Letter from the Chapter A Directors

Chapter Director February Newsletter  
As we sit here in beautiful, warm, dry, and sunny Cotacachi, Ecuador my thoughts wander to how lucky you all are up there in cold, damp, and rainy Vancouver. While the weather here is perfect and the roads are a motorcyclist's dream, (a blend of twisty, turny awesomeness with beautiful scenery) we cannot ride! At least you can ride your bikes, weather permitting.



A heartfelt thank you to the volunteers that participated in the Vancouver Motorcycle Show. Without you, it would not have been a success. I hope you all got out to the Tradex to view what is new this year in the motorcycle world. The new Goldwing seems to be a hit. Time will tell as those that ventured out and purchased one take delivery, and hopefully share their thoughts and maybe let some of us less fortunate test drive one (Chuck!).

Upcoming is our Silent Auction. Please see Kelly or Chuck for details and get an early start on spring cleaning to find items to donate.

As always, ride safe and keep the shiny side up!

Dave and Giselle  
Chapter A Directors

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## **"Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"**

*Message from the Editor:*



**WANTED!** If you are interested in taking it on or partnering with another member let us know! We would love to have a someone excited about putting together our monthly newsletter. If you love talking to people, gathering news stories or even writing a few yourself this job is for you. Contact Tracy Gowans to express your interest in this fun position.

This is your newsletter, anything you would like to contribute please send to:

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# February 2018 District Report

## North West Coast District - District Directors Message



*Kevin Bramhoff is now the District Director for the new North West Coast District.*

Fellow Wingers:

Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known by his pen name Mark Twain, once said, *"The secret of getting ahead is getting started"*.

Well fellow wingers we have done just that. The district team is in place, we have a web site up and running, plans are being formulated for rides and gatherings. We only had 6 weeks to get this far and my goal is to have the "district machine" up and running smoothly by the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of this year.

My other goal is to visit all the chapters by the end of next quarter. I would welcome input from members and Chapter Directors alike. My vision is to get equal service and representation for all chapters throughout the district. I want to help your chapter memberships grow and get everyone out riding. I am available to help, not interfere.

Be mindful there are to be fewer rules...I come from a chapter that did just that. We did not get new members by introducing more rules.

If you recall my previous (January) message I mentioned our legacy and what we all want to leave behind when we finally age out. We all want the GWRR to continue, however, there will be nothing in our wake without new members.

Increasing membership and growing the district will be the main thrust of our energies this year. My job is to get the chapters and their membership the tools to do this.

We as a group also require an attitude adjustment...what do I mean? Well it's simple; if we are going to attract new members we really need to adjust our thought process

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when it comes to other makes and styles of motorcycles and the riders of them.

We all have made "tongue in cheek" remarks about those other bikes...you know, after speaking to many of the riders that we "comment" about, they do not like it! Go figure! Just because we ride "the superior ride"...see where I am going with this.

As Gold Wing riders many of us developed prejudices with respect to other "motorcycle brands". We need to adjust this. We need to see everyone on a motorcycle regardless of brand as a fellow riding colleague!

They could also be fellow members...follow me now? We all have a common thread that ties us all together, we love to ride motorcycles, we like to have fun, we like to be safe. We are creating a platform of inclusivity to attract new members. The GWRRA amended their rule allowing for riders of "other motorcycles" to be included as members of GWRRA.

Fewer rules, less politics and yes... "More Riding". After all, that is why we are all here in this group, "riding our motorcycles". This is the common denominator for all of us and will be the reason we gain new members.

So...how do we do achieve this lofty goal of new membership swelling our ranks? What tools are available in our arsenal to assist us in this endeavor? Talk it up! Tell fellow nonmember riders, about all that GWRRA has to offer. Be proud, tell it like it is!

**The grass roots communication of "rider to rider word of mouth" about what a great group we are, the great rides, as well as the experiences we are exposed to is more than attractive to new members.** We (chapter BC-C) have proven that this works. That getting out there riding and embracing / welcoming other riders of other motorcycle types and styles is the key to recruiting new members. That diversity brings new knowledge and strengthens our ridership and our social network / framework improves as a result.

Statistics from ICBC reveal that there are 63,300 motorcycles registered in our province alone. As there is only 500+ GWRRA members in our district, we have a lot of prospects.

So, when we are out there, talk us up. Be prepared to give them contact details, give them a web address, invite them to a meeting. We have some chapters in the district where almost all the members in that group have had their turn at being Chapter Directors. They are running out of volunteers. New membership resolves that issue. As we discovered many newer members were eager to get involved and the succession planning began handling itself.

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There are many benefits to new membership for the chapters. More riders - more fun, better activities and believe me, more members mean lighter workloads at all events for everyone.

Embracing change and benefitting from it is the key. Be mindful that "Large Motorcycle" registrations are down significantly in the USA and Canada. The reason is simple, the younger generation cannot afford them, so they purchase smaller bikes that hold more value to them. Embrace the change, they are riders as well and require training as we did.

They are future potential members and they will fit in. Look this is all a big cultural shift. It's shocking to some. Thought provoking to others. To use the cliché; bottom line...we need to do this. That's enough pontificating!

I look forward to working with all of you throughout the district to achieve our goal. We have a lot of good things planned, stay tuned.

Until then – Be safe – Ride safe

Kevin Bramhoff

District Director – District N.W.C.

*The Great North West Coast*



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## Membership Draw Article submitted by **Giselle Collins**

Work! Issues at home! The outcome of the Super Bowl!!! Our brains continually churn with "stuff" and most of us spend a good part of our day preoccupied ... by something, anything, everything The last thing a rider should be doing is starting that machine and heading out for a ride unless they have a clear mind.

Before you switch on the ignition key take a minute to switch off the clutter in your mind and concentrate on the ride - riding is a form of therapy after all, isn't it?

Giselle Collins



Knoxville, Tennessee, Aug. 28 - Sept. 1, 2018

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## 50/50 Draw Article submitted by **Dan Fortin**

I was cleaning out my filing cabinet on the weekend and came across a folder where I put some GWRRA stuff. I found a November 2001 newsletter from the first chapter meeting that I had attended. That year I was introduced to GWRRA by Kelly Parkes. I met Kelly when he saw my 1981 GL1100 Interstate that was For Sale. Kelly bought the bike and later mentioned that he was going to go down to the GWRRA meeting and asked if I wanted to go with him. I said sure, and so we went. I still owned a 1985 GL1200 LTD at the time. Kelly ended up joining and I didn't for a couple more years. When I started to read this newsletter I realized it was just after 9/11. The newsletter


mentions 9/11 and for some stranger reason I still have it.

Dan Fortin  
GWRRA BC-A  
#173223

\*A full copy of the newsletter will be posted next to this on Facebook and given out at the February meeting.



# GOLD NUGGETS



**G.W.R.R.A.      REGION J – CHAPTER BCA, VANCOUVER, B.C.      NOVEMBER, 2001**

Chapter BC-A lost one of our long time members this month. Joan Crandlemire passed away after suffering a heart attack. Joan and Bob were active riders with BC-A until Bob's passing in 1993. Since that time, despite health impediments of her own, Joan, with Pat Pearce's help, attended meetings regularly and was an annual attendee at the Vedder Campout. Our sympathies go out to Pat Pearce and her family and to Joan's extended family. Joan was a wonderful person and will be missed by all who knew her.

Our report in the October Gold Nugget was written before the events of September 11 so we want to spend a few minutes reviewing not only those events but also what has happened as a result.

I know that all of us feel great sympathy for all those involved in the September 11<sup>th</sup> tragedies. The loss of life was devastating and all of us will remember that date for the rest of our lives, not only because of the loss of life but also because of the changes that have resulted.


Margaret and I had been scheduled to spend a week in Europe. Our departure date was to be the Friday after black Tuesday. As it turned out we couldn't have found a plane to fly on that day. We had decided on the Thursday that, while flying didn't bother us that much, we just couldn't see ourselves playing the tourist role as if nothing had happened so we cancelled out. Czech and Polish visa's obtained at some expense will sit in our passports unused.

As the main point of the European trip was for a business meeting in Warsaw, I rescheduled the following weekend for what was to be a Friday/Tuesday trip. It was decided that, along with three other company managers from across North America, I should stay behind just in case, hence our appearance at last month's meeting.

I have flown a few times (and driven across the border) since last meeting and have seen first hand (and heard second hand) the changes that we now face when we travel. Up to 4 hour lineups at the border; much more in depth inspections of vehicles at the border; the need for a passport or other photo I.D. every time; I.D. being checked up to 5 times before boarding a flight; up to three soldiers with sub-machine guns and automatic rifles at security check-ins, fingers on the trigger guard; pilots advising passengers that they are the first line of defense against n'er-do-wells entering the cockpit and, in the process of restraining people from entering the cockpit, passengers can do what they wish to the individual; instructions to watch other individuals and watch for others congregating around the forward washroom; etc. Chilling stuff.

As well as these in-flight issues, I can report that most flights are leaving up to 2/3rds empty and on time.

**The times they are not a-changing – they have changed!!!!!!**



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## TUESDAY NIGHT RIDES

Now that the riding season is coming to an end (for most of us!), it's time to reflect and report on this activity. The rides were started to fulfill the needs of people who wanted to ride informally during the evenings. Tuesday seemed to be a popular choice and the Rodeo Drive-in at Hwy. 10 and 152nd in Surrey was chosen as the meeting place. The ride is open to anyone from any chapter that wants to show up.

Riders show up at 7pm (now 6pm because of diminishing daylight), and usually chat / drink coffee for 1/2 hour and then head out. If dinner is a problem be aware that the food is good and reasonable, the fries are excellent! There are no "leaders", anyone who wants to lead may, and we started a "show us your favourite ride" theme - mine was to take them along River Road and on Richmond farm road past such delights as "Finns' Slough", ending up in Steveston which just happens to be close to where I live!!!!!!

We have explored much of Coquitlam, Burnaby, and, thanks to Ken Higginbottom of chapter D, almost every back road in Surrey and Langley! We have ended up at members' houses, other clubs, watched huge trucks being tipped on end to unload and other delights. We have been blessed with mainly good weather (well it did "shower" once or twice - but who cares?). For a while we would end up in Fort Langley at Ivan's favourite delli where the coffee is great and they do these delicious cinnamon rolls topped with coffee icing - yum!

My insurance expires on November 8th and that will be the end for me, but I know that Ian McAlpine is insured all year and would probably love to join anyone who can go for a ride. I have thoroughly enjoyed these excursions, the fellowship of the other riders, the humour that seems to surface at the drop of a hat (helmet?) - isn't this what GWRRA is supposed to be all about? I would like to see them continue next year, maybe we could change the venue if people want, maybe we could have two on different night to suit the needs of different people - I'm open to suggestions - talk to me folks

We have these wonderful (expensive) machines and must "exercise" them!!!!

I honestly think that one of the reasons for the malaise that is starting to invade our chapter is, other than "RV-ist", that we are not riding enough - especially with each other.

*Ivan.*

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What we think about, we bring about...

"Sing like you know the words,  
Dance like nobody's watching, and  
Love like it will never hurt"

Attitudes are contagious -- is yours worth catching?  
The most important thing you can wear is your expression!  
Live your life as an exclamation, not an explanation!

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**"GWRRA ANNOUNCES GROUP  
RESIDENTIAL INSURANCE PROGRAM"**

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## MY THOUGHTS.....!

With the bereavement of a member and "September 11th" one is either forced to, or wants to, take a look at the big picture we call life. A personal bereavement is exactly that and effects our "small" world and we deny, we are angry and we grieve. September 11th has come and gone and as Barry says, the world as we know it has changed. The world, the sane world that is, has gone through major denial and the anger and grief is still happening and will for a long, long time.

I was struck by remarks in an article I was reading in a newsletter from WA-S (Ronnie Lopez) written by a member prior to going on a planned run. The lady in question was agonizing over the appropriateness of going out motorcycling into the countryside and basically enjoying herself, in the aftermath of September 11th. My perception is that it was O.K. I don't think it is or was disloyal. These people are in our hearts and will be for eternity. And that is where we honour them. We have been given the most powerful reason ever, to celebrate life, every day, to the full.

We must deal with this changed world and our feelings and our fears. Fear and coping with it will determine how many of us face this changed world and our approach to daily life. The threat of bio-terrorism is with us now, a different kind of enemy that can strike at any time unseen. I refuse to subscribe to a "bunker mentality". The terrorists will have achieved another major victory if their actions make many of us dig a hole, climb in and close the lid. I, for one, don't intend to do that. I intend to travel and keep on travelling and that includes flying, albeit with increased awareness. I am going to do my best to go about my business, be with those I love, laugh a lot and not be intimidated.

M.Davies

...Let me assert my firm belief that the **only thing we have to fear is fear itself**. **ATtribution: Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882-1945), U.S. Democratic...**

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## MUD PUDDLES AND DANDELIONS

My wish to you....Mud Puddles and Dandelions:

When I look at a patch of dandelions, I see a bunch of weeds that are going to take over my yard. My kids see flowers for Mom and blowing white fluff you can wish on.

When I look at an old drunk and he smiles at me, I see a



smelly, dirty person who probably wants money and I look away. My kids see someone smiling at them and they smile back.

When I hear music I love, I know I can't carry a tune and don't have much rhythm so I sit self-consciously and listen. My kids feel the beat and move to it. They sing out the words. If they don't know them, they make up their own.

When I feel wind on my face, I brace myself against it. I feel it messing up my hair and pulling me back when I walk. My kids close their eyes, spread their arms and fly with it, until they fall to the ground laughing.

When I pray, I say thee and thou and grant me this, give me that. My kids say, "Hi God! Thanks for my toys and my friends. Please keep the bad dreams away tonight. Sorry, I don't want to go to Heaven yet. I would miss my Mommy and Daddy."

When I see a mud puddle I step around it. I see muddy shoes and dirty carpets. My kids sit in it. They see dams to build, rivers to cross and worms to play with.

I wonder if we are given kids to teach or to learn from?

No wonder God loves the little children!!  
"Enjoy the little things in life, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things."

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## THOUGHTS

Dream what you want to dream; go where you want to go; be what you want to be, because you have only one life and one chance to do all the things you want to do.

May you have enough happiness to make you sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human, enough hope to make you happy.

Always put yourself in others' shoes. If you feel that it hurt you, it probably hurts the other person, too.

The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along their way.

Happiness lies for those who cry, those who hurt, those who have searched, and those who have tried, for only they can appreciate the importance of people who have touched their lives.



## BC Chapter A Member Profile submitted by **Rob Ellis**

Hello all, my name is Rob Ellis and I have been a member of GWRRA since 2009.

A newbie by some standards for sure.



I started my riding when I was a young boy off road on trail/dirt bikes on our acreage in Surrey. Originally born in Alberta, I did half of my growing up years here in BC. I eventually obtained my first street bike at age 17 or 18, (cant bloody remember now) and hit the road with a smile. For my second street bike, I eventually found my way onto the seat of a 750cc sport bike that was breathtakingly fast! Safe to say, that my early years on the street were fun but also lucky on two occasions. I was the beneficiary of some kind of "rare star alignment" I guess, because I

am still here!.

I went on to start my own small business, get married, start a family and put the bike stuff on the shelf! Fast forward after three kids and a lot of devotion to their lives with some dedication to coaching, and life has taken on a new breath of its own. I wanted something to bring Terry and I more enjoyment together and I saw the Goldwing as a bike that could do that. I was a little unsure that I would keep the newly acquired GL1500 after a week or two because the thing was so damn large!

We showed up at a chapter A breakfast meeting with a view to offering a thank you to a stranger who stated his involvement with GWRRA and had offered us some roadside assistance in the weeks previously. But as it turned out no one knew him! Weird I know. Enjoying the new riding opportunities with the chapter and the laughs, kept me returning to the fold. Well that started me on a road of discovery and a whole lot of riding growth and personal expansion as well. The GWRRA family has given me a tremendous gift with so many opportunities to have a whole lot of fun, and encourage a continuous stream of improvement. As Terry and I kept coming back to those breakfast meetings, it eventually had us helping out with the chapter as Assistant CDs. Before I knew it I took on the Chapter Director role with a ton of help and support for every moment of my tenure as Chapter Director from Terry. More help always seemed to be there when I needed it with support from so many of the members in the chapter and my Chapter Team at that time!! During all this fun, I took up one of those opportunities to improve my riding by taking an ARC course through the GWRRA rider program. Well to say that it was fun would be an understatement! I am so lucky to have those GWRRA teachers as my friends today!

That learning curve has helped me continue my development as both a rider, and also becoming a rider coach through GWRRA. While GWRRA can be a fantastic resource for us all, it can also a  
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## BC Chapter A Member Profile submitted by **Rob Ellis**

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stepping stone to allow you to go on to further development and opportunities. I went on to further hone my riding potential with another advanced riding course and that took things to a whole new level of development. Through all of this enjoyment and reward being involved with rider training, I decided to take a trip out to the drill team lot after seeing them perform, and it again has



given way to FUN, learning and friendship! In late 2013 I went on to enroll in a motorcycle rider instructor development course at the Justice Institute and this brought even more “focus” to coaching and rider development. A brief stint working for the Justice Institute as a rider course instructor, after graduating that program, kept me fulfilled and opened my eyes to “novice education” for new riders. It didn’t take long to gain the respect of a

few of my teachers at Roadcraft MC Academy, and an invitation to take on a position on their team as a MC instructor. Holly crap I’ve learned so much! While novice training is needed and so very vital to the success of new riders, I really do relish the fun and reward with helping “licensed” riders, some with a lifetime of riding under their belt, better themselves and open doors they didn’t know existed. The GWRRA family started my journey, and continues to open doors for me, so I am extremely grateful to this organization for all it stands for and to all those teachers before me that have helped me along my road.

Terry and I have been to the big GWRRA national rally, and been clear across the continent and our Goldwing along with GWRRA has helped us get there.

While Terry is OK riding with “Gloria” and I, she much prefers the comfort of the Goldwing!

Now if I can stay upright while on my “off road” adventures and avoid any of those unexpected “obstacles” I will be around for quite a while.

See you on the road, or on the lot!

Or even better, in my Dirt Tracks!

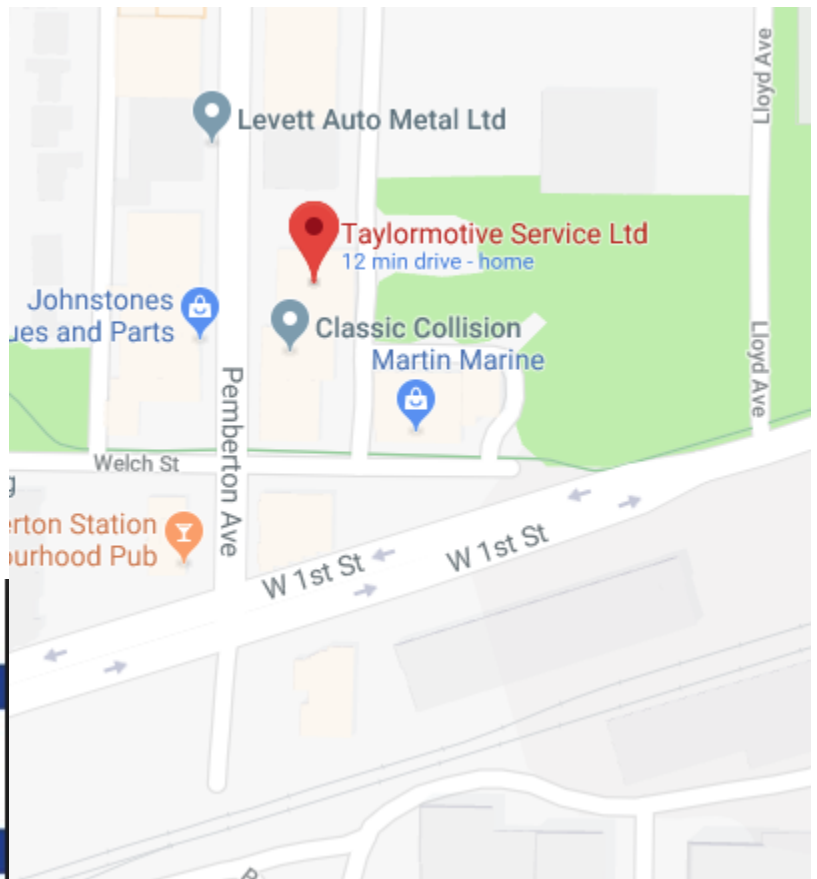
Rob

## Events Chapter A Silent Auction

**March 24th 2018, 10 am till Noon - Hosted by Taylormotive**  
**174 Pemberton Avenue, North Vancouver.**

# AUCTION silent

The proceeds will go to the individual chapters, whose members have donated items and are sold. Any items that are not sold have to be taken back home by the members who brought them. They do not have to be all motorcycle related items, but please keep them small as they should fit on the tables. Larger items, tires, etc., can be kept in vehicles. After the auction closes at noon for bidding the calculations will start. Weather permitting, after the auction there will be a ride.



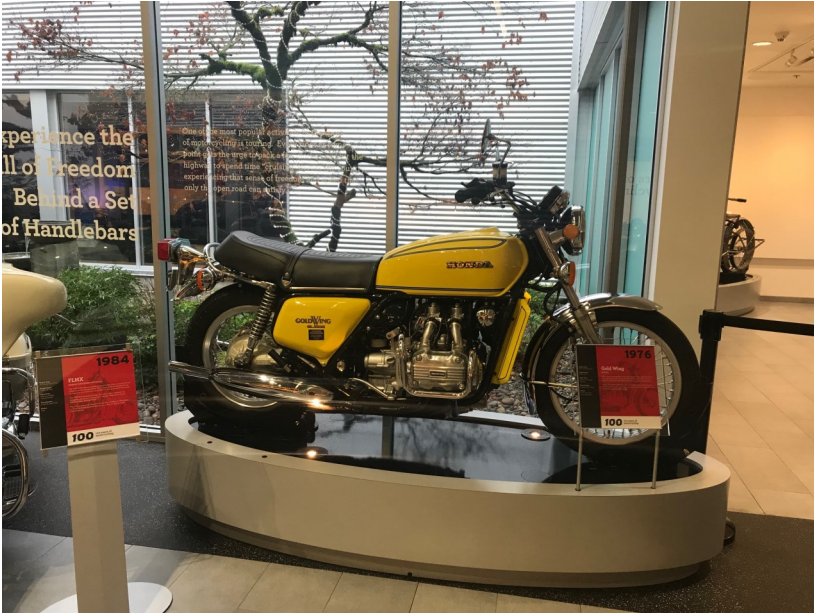
Events Submitted by:  
2018 Vancouver Motorcycle Show



Do you have a story to tell from a ride or other adventure, please send your stories and photos to [gwrri.gowans@gmail.com](mailto:gwrri.gowans@gmail.com)

## Events submitted by **Chuck Taylor**

### 1976 Goldwing GL1000 at Taylormotive Honda and Sports Division



My first motorcycle was a 1967 Honda 50 Monkey, I was 10 years old and my late father Don Taylor had just opened up a Honda Motorcycle Dealership in 1969 called Taylormotive Honda and Sports Division. I had started to work for him at the age of 10 on Saturdays and after school. We had a Honda mini bike rental fleet that I maintained QA50's Z50's CT70's. As I grew I was able to assemble and service the new bikes that came in the crates from the z50's to the new GL1000 Goldwing that debuted in 1975. My favorite Goldwing at that time was the 1976 Goldwing 1000 LTD edition it's a beautiful bike.

I road many different Honda's over the years, in my younger years I road dirt bikes then transitioned to a 1983 Goldwing Aspencade in 2001, It was then that I also and I signed up with GWRRA. I upgraded to a 2004 GL1800 in July 2010 that had 8,000 km, it was like new. I am still riding it today with 191,000 km and it rides perfectly. I am a mechanic by trade and at the age of 17 I worked for my dad as an apprentice auto mechanic. Along with the Taylormotive Honda and Sports Division he also started an auto repair business in 1959. I had my Red seal Certification in May of 1980. I maintain all my bikes, I have a 2004 CRF250R Motocross, a 2002 Honda CRF450R Motocross, a 2005 CRF 450X that I have Converted to a supermoto, a 1971 Honda Z50 a 1975 XR70. I also have two CRF 70's that I maintain for my grand kids age 7 and 9 years old. I am a member of the GWRRA BC A Vancouver. I am the Ride Coordinator for the group and also provide maintenance days at my shop in the spring for the group. I am a member of the Kelowna Woodchucks dirt bikes group. We ride all over BC Washington and Oregon in the early spring, we ride in Pasco WA Juniper Dunes. I also am a member of the Vedder Mountain Riders group in Chilliwack BC. I also ride off road in Squamish BC on the many trails that have been maintained by the BCORMA

Chuck Taylor



GWRRA BC-A Ride Coordinator

## Tech Report submitted by **Patrick Frampton**

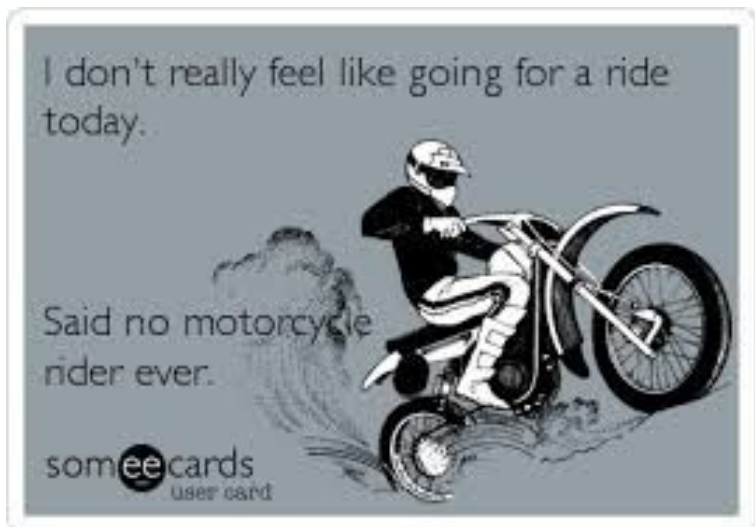
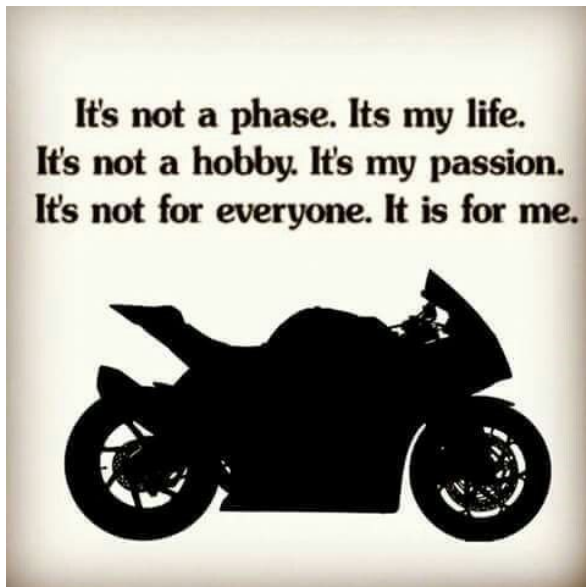
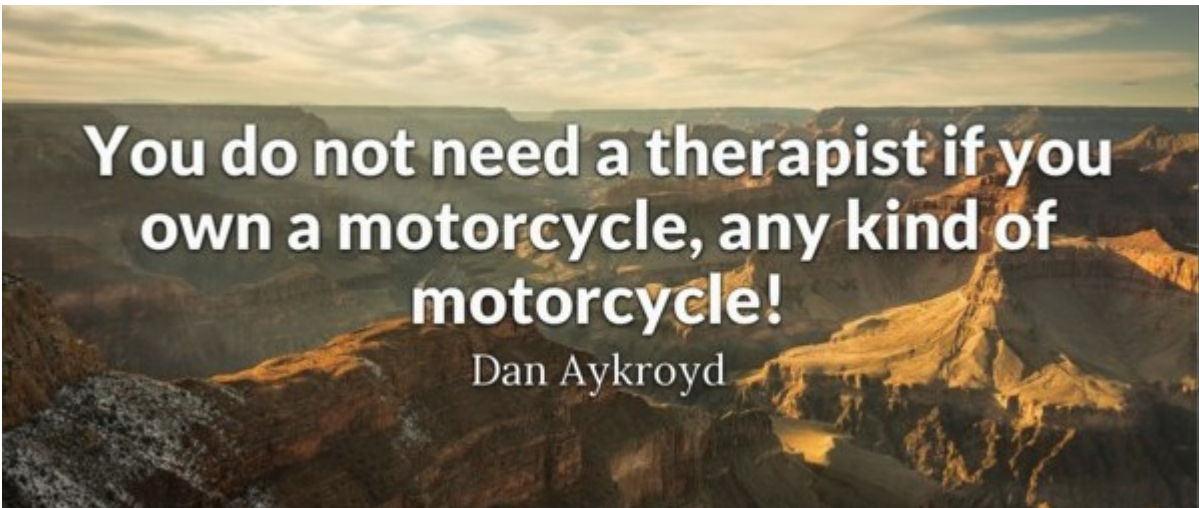
I was doing a service call at this R.V. place in Langley and he had these great little bright L.E.D. license plate lights for sale at only \$3.95 each. They are a T10 which is a replacement light for all year GL1500's and GL1800's. Went down to my 2013 wing and replaced license plate stock incandescent bulb with these L.E.D.'s, WOW super bright and very white. You can get the same thing from SoCalMoto gear for \$5.95 U.S. plus shipping, but why would you. The place is called Tedco RV Supplies at 4052 208th Street, Langley. They look kinda like the picture below.

Patrick Frampton  
GWRRA BC A  
Vancouver



**Anybody can jump a  
motorcycle. The trouble  
begins when you try to land  
it.**

Evel Knievel



## BC Lower Mainland

### **Chapter BC-A Vanc Breakfast Meeting**

3rd Sunday of every Month (except Dec)  
Ricky's Restaurant, 2350 Boundary Rd. BBV

Check our website to confirm location

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

### **Chapter BC-A Vancouver Directors**

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### **Chapter BC-D Surrey Dinner Meeting**

1st Wednesday of every month

Ricky's Restaurant

152nd & Fraser Hwy, Surrey

Dinner 6:00 PM, Meeting 7:00 PM

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### **Chapter BC-C Chilliwack Dinner Meeting**

3rd Tuesday of every month (except Dec)

Rendezvous Restaurant 9360 Young Rd.

Chilliwack

Dinner 6:00 PM, Meeting 7:00 PM

### **Chapter BC-C Chilliwack Director**

Karin Young

Phone 604 798 3165

Email: [gwrrabcc.director@gmail.com](mailto:gwrrabcc.director@gmail.com)

[www.gwrra-bcc.org](http://www.gwrra-bcc.org)



## Upcoming Courses:

### Skills Training Anyone?

Anyone interested in getting together in a large parking lot with a few cones and practicing some riding skills? Send Kelly Parkes an email. If we get enough interested we will schedule it. [kparkes@shaw.ca](mailto:kparkes@shaw.ca)





### *February Wedding Anniversaries*

We need to update our database of member's birthday's and wedding anniversaries. Please send us an email with the month and year of your special dates so you don't get missed! Put Birthday and Anniversary dates in the title. [gwrri.gowans@gmail.com](mailto:gwrri.gowans@gmail.com)

*Did we miss your Birthday or Anniversary?*

*Let us know!*

### *February Birthdays*

Teo Brideau Feb 1st  
Ivan Armstrong Feb 15th,  
Alex Horkoff Feb 15th,



### *GWRRA Anniversaries*

Ron Waterhouse Feb 16  
Giselle Collins Feb 15  
Brett & Beata Dwyer Feb 15  
David Hibbard Feb 15  
Peter Kvist Feb 07  
John Wait Feb 05  
Valarie Fortin Feb 04  
Dan Fortin Feb 03  
Peter MacGregor Feb 94  
Kristin Maki Feb 92  
Margaret Irvine Feb 91  
Bob & Hanne Hoogstins Feb 85  
Kerry Hill Feb 82

## Events submitted by Dan Fortin

We Just recently found out about the passing of Yvonne Rydberg in September 2017

Valerie and I met Dennis Scott and Yvonne Rydberg at The 2011 Vancouver Toy Run. They saw the FOR SALE sign on my 1985 LTD Goldwing. While I was still at The Toy Run Dennis phoned. They met us at the bike and followed us on his Kawasaki Nomad for coffee to finalize the deal. During our coffee we had the opportunity to get to know Yvonne. She was a hoot! From our first meeting she struck us as a lovely genuine person with quite the sense of humor. Through the years, she and Dennis became active members of the GWRRA and frequently showed up for Tuesday nights at Tim Horton's, Annacis Island. After being involved in a trike accident where they were both injured, Dan contacted A.I.M to help them. They subsequently became very involved with the organization. After Dennis's passing, Yvonne continued on as Treasurer with A.I.M. She was an active A.I.M. hospital visitor and an avid supporter of all their fundraisers. From time to time, she would still come to the Tuesday nights to say hi.

We will miss you Yvonne.

### Yvonne RYDBERG Obituary



**RYDBERG, Yvonne May 14, 1946 - September 17, 2017** It is with heavy hearts that we announce Yvonne's passing after her battle with cancer. She is survived by her mother, Margit; brother Kent, both of North Vancouver; as well as many friends and neighbors; and her Alpha Iota Sisters. Yvonne first started work in the legal profession in downtown Vancouver and then spent many years working at the IWA office. She was a long-standing member of Alpha Iota Sorority and many other groups, including the Association for Injured Motorcyclists. She volunteered for many years at the Red Cross and more recently volunteered for the Canadian Cancer Society. She was a quiet, knowledgeable and private person but was always ready to lend a helping hand to any in need. She loved her garden and her rescue cats, and got a great deal of pleasure from looking after both. The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses at Lions Gate Hospital; and especially Dr. Raymond Penner and Dr. Paul Sugar for their understanding and kindness. A Celebration of Life will be held at First Memorial Boal Chapel, 1505 Lillooet Road, North Vancouver on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 2:00pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.

### Guest Book

1 entry

*"We have lived next door to Yvonne for many years and..."*

*The Guest Book is expired.*

[Restore the Guest Book](#)



Condolences may be sent to:  
**Boal Chapel & Memorial Gardens**  
[www.firstmemorialfuneral.com](http://www.firstmemorialfuneral.com)  
North Vancouver (604) 960-3451

# COMING SOON!



## February 2018

7	Dinner Gathering	BC-D
11/25	Breakfast/Ride	BC-C
17	Mini Golf / Spaghetti Factory	BC-D
18	Breakfast Gathering — Motorist Awareness Division — following BC-A breakfast	BC-A
20	Dinner Gathering	BC-C



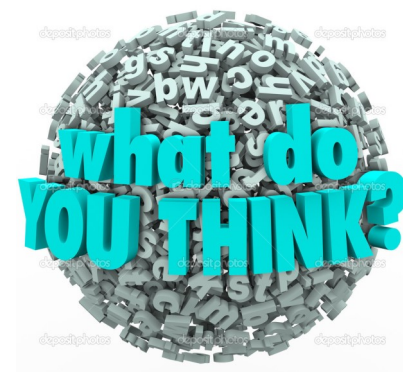
## March 2018

7	Dinner Gathering	BC-D
10	Medic First Aid	BC-D
11/25	Breakfast/Ride	BC-C
17	Party with Leprechauns	BC-C
18	Breakfast Gathering	BC-A
19	St. Paddy's "Lupper"	BC-D
20	Dinner Gathering	BC-C
24	Silent Auction at TaylorMotive	BC-A
30	Me & Ed's Pizza	BC-D



## April 2018

1	<b>Happy Easter</b>	
4	Dinner Gathering	BC-D
7	Bike Maintenance Day at TaylorMotive (with Mileage Check)	BC-A
8	Road Captain/Co-Rider Seminar	BC-D
8/22	Breakfast/Ride	BC-C
15	Breakfast Gathering	
17	Dinner Gathering	BC-C
28	Advanced Rider Course (ARC)	BC-C



[North West Coast District Team](#)

On the web at : [www.gwrrabca.org](http://www.gwrrabca.org)

**District Ride Coordinator** - Keiller Gowans

**District Membership Enhancement Coordinator** – Linda Zervini

**District Motorist Awareness Coordinator** – Kathy Estey

**District Educator** – Gavin Karey-McKenna

**District Treasurer** – Janet Turner

**District Webmaster** – Dave Ward

**District University Coordinator – Open** – Should anyone in any chapter in the district wish to “Step Up” it would be most appreciated.



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## Riders Wanted

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**Stay Tuned For upcoming events.**

Contact Carl Schoten [bcmdt-moto-safety@shaw.ca](mailto:bcmdt-moto-safety@shaw.ca)  
or

**604 202 7140**

*We pay for much more than your gas, so come give it a try.*



**Do you have a great idea for a newsletter Article?**

**Ever thought about becoming the Newsletter Editor?**

Sounds like a daunting task to put your thoughts down on paper and send it in but really just a few lines is all it really takes. Take a few minutes and send us whatever you have.... We love photos too.

- Did you go on a great ride lately?
- Did you attend a great event or meet some great people?
- Maybe find a solution to a problem others may also be trying to fix?
- Are you a techy and want to share your knowledge?
- Maybe you have a burning question we can publish in the newsletter?

**Contact Tracy Gowans at [gwwra.gowans@gmail.com](mailto:gwwra.gowans@gmail.com) with your ideas.**

**Deadline for articles for March's newsletter is March 8th, 2018**

# Buy & Sell

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## For Sale:

A ride on ride off center stand for a GL1800. Wingstuff is asking \$180.00 USD and I am only asking \$80.00 CAD plus shipping from Alberta.

[wingstuff.com/products/2364-black-ride-off-center-stand-for-gl1800](http://wingstuff.com/products/2364-black-ride-off-center-stand-for-gl1800)



Check out the link for a YouTube demo.

If interested contact Mike Morin at

780 706 1365 or email: [ve7mmg@live.ca](mailto:ve7mmg@live.ca)

*(New Feb 2018)*



## For Sale:

2000 Honda GL1500  
25th Anniversary, Canadian Edition Goldwing in Seafoam Green. Lots of extras, Must be seen. First \$6000.00 takes it. Bike's mileage is 129,589 KM

Contact Steve at 604 722 6657 or email at [88blue1500@gmail.com](mailto:88blue1500@gmail.com)

*(New Feb 2018)*

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## **For Sale: 1983 Honda Goldwing GL1100 Interstate**

The bike has been approved for the ICBC Collector Plate but each new owner will need to re-apply. It is easy to do and doesn't cost you anything. I have a copy of pictures that you can send to ICBC with your application. The bike is in good shape and has brand new tires and brakes. Runs and rides great.

I have currently installed a J&M handlebar mounted CB, intercom with MP3 auxiliary connection. The headsets are designed to work with the half/shorty helmet. I just stopped riding this bike as I picked up a newer one owner Goldwing from a friend. Asking \$2475.00 with CB/Intercom or \$2200.00 without it.

I also have a mostly complete Honda Goldwing 1100 parts bike that I will throw in. I haven't fired it up but it is supposed to run well. No Keys or registration for parts bike.

More Pics available on request. **Dan Fortin Phone 604 329 4598 email: [myrnrcvo@gmail.com](mailto:myrnrcvo@gmail.com)**



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**2004 Red Gold wing 1800A (ABS) for Sale - ~~\$11 500~~ Now \$9900.00**



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Just under 127 600kms.  
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Electrical Troubleshooting  
Manual and more  
April 2016 New Battery



@ 122 288 kms

April 2016 All Fluids changed, new Alternator installed,  
and recall service completed @ 122 288kms

July 2016 New Front Fork Seals @ 123 708kms

**Contact: Tom @ 778-866-7057 Vancouver, BC**

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## For Sale:

Men's Black Leather Gloves, New and Never Worn. \$50.00 OBO

Contact Dave Hibbard at



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## For Sale:

Harley Davidson Leather Pants Waist 33, Inseam 34 New and Never Worn.  
\$150.00 OBO Contact Dave Hibbard at



(New Feb 2018)

# Chapter A Stores

## Items For Sale

### Patches:

	Description	Quantity on hand 2017-Oct-14	Cost
Rocker	GWRRA BC-A Vancouver (black and gold with flags)	8	\$22.00
Rocker	The Great Northwest Region "J"	4	\$20.00
Rocker	Chapter BC-A Vancouver (white, 2 Canada flags)	1	\$22.00
Round	10" GWRRA (multi-colour with griffin)	4	\$17.00
Round	10" GWRRA (black and gold with griffin)	3	\$17.00
Round	4" GWRRA (multi-colour with griffin)	7	\$7.00
Round	4" GWRRA (black and gold with griffin)	5	\$7.00
Round	4" GWRRA BC-A (blue with Canada goose)	5	\$7.00

### Pins:

GWRRA BC district – large	2	\$5.00
GWRRA BC district – small	4	\$3.00
BC-A hangers?	80	\$3.00
PinSaver (10 pack)	4	\$7.00

### Clothing

Hat : ball	One Size	3	\$10.00
Shirt : Long Sleeve	2xl-Men	2	\$40.00
Shirt : Long Sleeve	XL-Men	1	\$40.00
Shirt : Short Sleeve	Xl-Men	1	\$40.00
Shirt : Short sleeve sport	2xl-Men	2	\$40.00



To purchase items from Chapter A's Stores contact  
Dave Ward or Giselle Collins at  
[chapteradirector@gmail.com](mailto:chapteradirector@gmail.com)



## **Wing Ding 40 slated to be held in Knoxville, Tennessee!**

Knoxville, home of GWRRA's 40th Annual Wing Ding, is situated at the foothills of Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Three Interstates run through Knoxville making it easily accessible! The majority of the events will take place downtown at the beautiful Knoxville Convention Center.

Many exciting changes are happening including a completely revamped event schedule with less structure and more fun! To register or view the event schedule, visit [www.wing-ding.org](http://www.wing-ding.org) today!

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## **Look what's new at Wing Ding 40!**

We are going to introduce new events and ideas at Wing Ding 40. We'll feature one of the new events with each newsletter.

We want to open Wing Ding 40 with a party! We are going to move opening ceremonies to the Opening Night Party. Join us on Tuesday night, August 28<sup>th</sup> for fun, entertainment and the "official" opening. It will be a party in Knoxville.

Wednesday morning, we are offering a breakfast. During that breakfast we will present the colors for the event and announce the location for the next year. It will be a fun morning that will precede the opening of the Trade Show. So don't miss out, tickets are available for purchase now for this good breakfast and fun new way to start the day. Come join us!

You can call Customer Service to add these tickets to your existing registration, [800-843-9460](tel:800-843-9460).

If you haven't registered yet, the new registration form includes the breakfast.

### **GOLD NUGGETS**



# MAY 25-27, 2018 ZERMATT RALLY

**Come join us in Midway, UT at the Zermatt Resort**

Yes! The 2018 Rally at Zermatt is still on the schedule! There are so many things to do, *Get out and RIDE*, So many Friends to see, So much Fun to have!

Contact your Directors for Details.



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# Washington District Rally

## "Happy Halloween"

July 19, 20, 21, 2018



Chelan County Events Center 5700 Wescott Drive, Cashmere, WA 98815

### Registration Fees

#### Postmarked on or before July 1, 2018

GWRRRA Member	\$25.00 x	= \$
Life Member	\$20.00 x	= \$
Non Member	\$30.00 x	= \$
Vendor	\$25.00 x	= \$

#### Postmarked after July 1, 2018

GWRRRA Member	\$30.00 x	= \$
Life Member	\$25.00 x	= \$
Non Member	\$35.00 x	= \$

#### Grand Prizes \$700 & \$300

(Must be present to win)

Price per ticket \$1.00 x = \$

#### Pre-registration 50/50 Drawing

(Must be present to win)

Price per ticket \$1.00 x = \$

#### Friday Breakfast Hosted by Chapter B

Skillet Breakfast, fruit, juice, coffee

Price per ticket \$6.00 x = \$

#### Friday Night Dinner Hosted by Chapter N

All you can eat Baked Potato Bar with all the fixins

Price per ticket \$7.00 x = \$

#### Saturday Breakfast Hosted by Chapter Q

Pancakes, Sausage, juice, coffee

Price per ticket \$6.00 x = \$

#### Saturday Night "HARVEST" Dinner

Includes: Pot Roast with potatoes, carrots, celery, onion & gravy, cole slaw, roll, beverage & dessert; Will have roast chicken for those that wish.

Price per ticket (beef) \$13.00 x = \$

Price per ticket (chicken) \$13.00 x = \$

#### Camping, RV's, Tents & Tent Trailers

(Thursday, Friday, Saturday)

Tent & Tent Trailer (No power)

Price per night \$15.00 x = \$

RV, Tent, Tent Trailer (15/30/50 amp, water, sewer)

Price per night \$20.00 x = \$

Total amount enclosed = \$

Make check to: GWRRRA Washington District

#### Mail to:

Mike White – GWRRRA TREASURER  
PO BOX 151  
Allyn, WA. 98524-0151

### Motels

Village Inn, Cashmere: (\$89 to \$99) 509-782-3522 – [www.cashmervillageinn.net](http://www.cashmervillageinn.net)

Numerous Hotels/Motels in Leavenworth, approximately 13 miles from Fairgrounds

Numerous Hotels/Motels in Wenatchee, approximately 12 miles from Fairgrounds

### \$700 & \$300 Grand Prizes! + Lots More!!

Friday Night Ice Cream Social – Bike Games – Trike Games – Bike Show –  
ROAD CAPTAIN'S SEMINAR (classroom and road course available)  
Light Parade – Scenic Rides – Quarter Bingo – Trunk Search

Chapter and Individual Competitions – Brown Bag Auction – Silent Auction  
Halloween Themed Campsite Competition

The Gnomes of Cashmere Walking Tour in Downtown Cashmere  
Aplets and Cotlets Factory Tours

Friday Breakfast Hosted by Chapter B, Friday Dinner Hosted by Chapter N  
and Saturday Breakfast Hosted by Chapter Q

Saturday Dinner Hosted by Washington District Staff

#### For more information contact:

Garry Alexander, Washington District Director

Phone: (253) 677-7812 E-mail: [gwvt68c@gmail.com](mailto:gwvt68c@gmail.com)

Mike White, Washington District Rally Coordinator/Treasurer

Phone: (360) 340-2588 E-mail: [mikew@wavecable.com](mailto:mikew@wavecable.com)

District website: [www.gwrra-wa.org](http://www.gwrra-wa.org)

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I/we agree to conform and comply with all rules and regulations governing this event and its location and properties. I/we also agree to hold harmless GWRRRA, its affiliates, vendors, properties and all participants of this event, for any liabilities due to any injury or loss due to my participation and involvement in the event.

Rider Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Rider Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### GOLD NUGGETS

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## Monthly

## Chapter Meeting

**Chapter BC-A, Vancouver**

The THIRD Sunday of each Month  
(except Dec)

**Ricky's Country Restaurant**

Boundary Rd at Lougheed Hwy

2350 Boundary Rd

Burnaby, BC

(604) 293-1242

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

Enjoy breakfast with new and old friends,  
or come for a cup of coffee before the meet-  
ing. See you 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



## Chapter BC - A

## Tuesday Night Rides

**Coffee Social (ride in season)**

**\*We are trying out different locations  
in 2017. Check the website or Call  
Keiller 604 970 0531 to confirm**

**Coffee From 5 pm Ride Leaves between  
6:30 pm and 7 pm**

