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PCOMING EVENTS:

- VAN MOTOR-CYCLE SHOW JAN 19, 20, 21
- MOTORIST AWARENESS FEB 18TH AF-TER MEETING.
- SILENT AUC-TION MAR 24

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Letter from the Chapter A Directors

A new year brings new beginnings, especially for the GWRRA. We started off the year as members of a brand new district – the North West Coast District which is comprised of chapters from BC, Yukon, and Alaska – a truly international district!



Kevin Bramhoff is our new district director and

he has assembled a totally new team. Please join me in welcoming the District team:

Keiller Gowans Ride Coordinator

Janet Turner Treasurer

Linda Zervini Membership Enhancement Coordinator

Kathy Estey Motorist Awareness Coordinator

Gavin Karey-McKenna Educator
David Ward Webmaster

I am looking forward to working with this team to further the goals of GWRRA and the future of this great association. All changes bring challenges and growing pains however I think this team is well prepared to

meet them head on and carry us into the future, whatever it may hold.

Dave and Giselle
Chapter A Directors

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CB Ch. 33

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Chapter Directors

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BC's Chapter A is located in Canada's third largest city, Vancouver British Columbia. Situated in the pristine natural beauty of the Pacific Northwest and nestled between the shores of the Pacific Ocean and the majestic peaks of the Coastal Mountain rangers. Riders and Co-riders are blessed with an abundance of some of the most scenic areas available to motorcycle touring enthusiasts anywhere.

"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:

gwrra.gowans@gmail.com

2018 Chapter BC A Team

Chapter Directors: Dave Ward & Giselle Collins **Assistant Directors:**

Treasurer:Niels JensenStores:Giselle CollinsEducator:Kelly ParkesHistorian:Ivan ArmstrongWebmaster:Keiller GowansNewsletter Editor:Tracy Gowans

Ride Coordinator: Chuck Taylor **Games Coordinator:** Kelly Parkes

Membership Enhancement Coordinator: Ian McAlpine

If you are interested in holding a position on the Executive or would like to nominate someone please contact the chapter directors

January 2018 District Report



North West Coast District - District Directors Message

Fellow Wingers:

A new year, brings change. The GWRRA has gone through several, all of which take effect January 1st, 2018. As with all changes there is always resistance, sometimes out of fear of the unknown, other times stubbornness takes over.





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

Our organization has not brought these changes about for the sake of change itself! They listened to the membership and realized changes were required for the overall good of organization. Some of these changes will not be easy for some members...I say embrace them. For it is when we embrace change we too grow and evolve becoming better for it.

As you are now all aware Region J no longer exists and the region was split into two districts. We are now NWC District — "The Great North-West Coast". North West Coast District encompasses Alaska, Yukon, and British Columbia. I intend to visit all the Chapters in the District and see you all as soon as I can, yes including the membership in Alaska! As far as I am aware we are the Only "International District" in North America which is quite a distinction.

As district director I see myself as a catalyst for the changes coming...fewer rules, less politics and yes... "More Riding". After all, that is why we are all here in this group, "riding our motor-cycles". This is the common denominator for all of us and will be the reason we gain new members.

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 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.

As the newly-appointed District Director I will work with our executive group to:

- Seek to increase membership in the association
- Introduce new aspects of motorcycle riding related activities such as rides designed to help attract new and younger members as well as keep the current membership engaged and riding.
- Make available education courses and materials to our members especially to new members to keep them interested and focused, throughout the whole district

January 2018 District Report Cont.-

- Increase communication with the district membership as well as other clubs & organizations seeking to find synergies that will benefit all members
- Work closely with members to ensure issues are addressed promptly
- Avail myself to hear your suggestions and support you as GWRRA members
- Maintain the long-standing traditions of GWRRA as well as introduce some "new ones" for the future
- Maintain the primary focus of our association, **RIDING** as well as introduce related programs & activities making the GWRRA and our district attractive to new members.

There is no doubt that this will not be easy, however, I believe in this association and its members. Member's since 2013, Karin & I have been privileged to meet many members enjoying the many social aspects our association offers. We gained insight into riding styles, formed new friendships, and came to understand the long-held traditions of the GWRRA & our Chapter.

As the GWRRA was formed in 1977 there are some traditions that I would like to see carried on into the future. What legacy do we want to see in our wake? As we all "age out" of our chapter / group activities, the association will carry on being a platform of friendship for people with common interests and a resource for all those riders' future and past. This legacy will not exist without increased membership.

One of our biggest priorities as a group is to garner new members. I encourage everyone to "talk us up" where ever you go. This grass roots movement will provide the impetus and encouragement required to get new members. Be mindful...there will not be any legacy moving forward without members.

I would like to introduce our new direct team:

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

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

This group of enthusiastic, engaged, optimistic executive members will see their way clear to a new and improved version of the GWRRA in District NWC. They are a great team and will serve us all well.

I especially look forward to the New Year; "Unleashing My Optimism" for an improved GWR-RA in our New District. Thank you for being members of GWRRA; your membership and participation is what makes GWRRA the best international riding association in North America. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the coming year.

Until then, Be safe – Ride safe

Kevin Bramhoff – District Director North West Coast District

We are still looking for a District University Coordinator if anyone should wish to "Step Up"

Membership Draw Article submitted by Kelly Parkes

On Sunday Jan 14th Dan Fortin led 5 riders in a roundabout 2.5 hr. ride out to Penny and Bob's home in Langley for a visit. We dragged Bob away, Penny's words, "from a foot ball game". The coffee was fresh and Penny had a nice assortment of snacks to go with some Tim Horton's that Chuck Taylor picked up on the way. We got a tour of the double garage to see Bob's collection of remote control toys. TOYS yes adult TOYS. Helicopters, planes and drones. It is hard to see a Goldwing and a Harley there as one plane was also on the wind screen of one bike. Bob is a wealth of knowledge about all of these and was busy answering many questions from us. He just happens to be a retired senior air traffic controller at The Vancouver Airport. We all had a very interesting visit. Some of us are going to join Bob and watch him fly at a field soon. I am wanting to buy a low cost beginners drone model to try this out. There seems to be a lot of interest in our group. Our thanks to Penny and Bob as this was a great addition to a January ride. PS Bob, Penny still wants you to make space in the garage for her new car. SPARKY

Regards, Kelly Parkes K.R. Parkes Goldsmith www.krparkes.com

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50/50 Draw Article submitted by Arnie Tucker

of win-The Joys ning :-) I thought I would write about the upcoming bike show on January 19th, 20th and 21st. Janet and I have been to almost all the shows since the mid 90's. We noticed changes have over the years, particu-



Photo from last year's bike show of Janet and Arnie

larly in the status of clubs. There seems to be less clubs. As an "Old Timer", I miss some of the original stuff that the bike show had. Like private vendors could bring in "parts" from old bikes and the like. I remember BC-A's booth was LARGE, big enough to have bike and trailer in a camping scene. Or other clubs showing how to "use" the different models for fun, whether it be off-road, competition, touring or standard riding needs. You younger members will eventually also say, "I miss those old days" Well, here's looking at you kid.

Arnie Tucker

BC Chapter A Member Profile submitted by Fred Grosser

Motorcycle Life



My very first Bike was an old 1939 250cc DKW 2 cycle I bought in 1948 with unknown mileage. It ran, most times well, with the occasional failure. It didn't have a battery and relied on the generator to supply ignition and light and every so often the regula-

tor would fail. It's final moment was spend demolishing a bakery truck, itself and my left shoulder. Forwarding many years, a marriage and two kids later I finally got back into motorcycling by



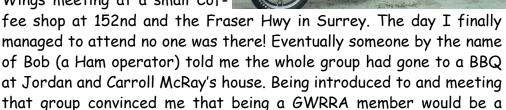
buying a used black Suzuki 650 which I outfitted with a windshield, white hard bags and a tank bag. The longest trip I did with this bike was to visit my Sister in Oklahoma. and another one with my Daughter to Reno.

My next bike would be a 1100 Suzuki GKD, my first full fairing bike. After the first 600km, the recommended mileage after which you were allowed to exceed 3000 RPM I took my first long trip to Reno. The first chance on a long straight stretch of road I brought the speed to 160km but unfortunately shut the throttle too abruptly! This caused the

forks to flex creating one of the worst tank slappers I've ever experienced with the bike occupying the whole road. Fortunately the only oncoming vehicle noticed my problem and pulled over well before my arrival. Lesson learned!



This bike I eventually traded in for a 1991 GL1500 Gold Wing. While owning this bike I heard about people with Gold Wings meeting at a small Cof-



good thing. I joined GWRRA in 1993 and have enjoyed many Wing Dings, Group rides and Rally's ever since.

Buying subsequent Gold Wings I learned a few things the hard way such as, buying the first new design such as in 2001, the first year for the GL1800. Problem with the front fork anti drive valve failure, cooling system failure, recall of the tip over switch. In 2006 this bike was traded in for a new GL1800 which I manage to total and "forced" me to get a new 2008 in 2009 which is the bike I currently have one.

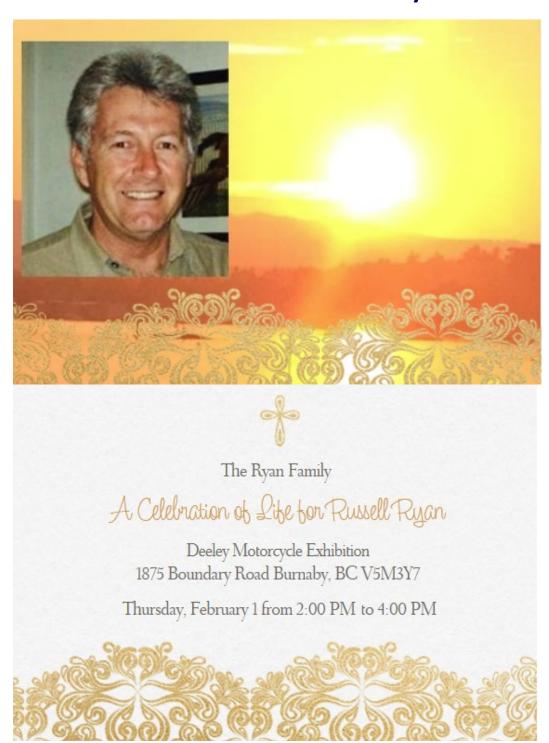
Fred Grosser

GWRRA #090431





Celebration of Life for Russ Ryan





CANADA'S PREMIER MOTORCYCLE SHOWS
Presented by Dalton Timmis Insurance

January 19 - 21, 2018

Tradex, Abbotsford

Events

Chapter A New Years Breakfast Submitted by Ian McAlpine

This year's Chapter A New Years Breakfast was a big success. We had 28 people attend and 1 motorcycle. Count on Chuck for showing up on this bike. It was a cool crisp morning. The staff at the James Street Café & Grill did their best but after a night of partying and a few staff members not showing up service was a little slow but we made the best of it. Hoping to find a new location for Jan 2019. Any suggestions?

A big thanks to Ian McAlpine for taking all the photos. He didn't get in any of them. Next year...



Events submitted by Dave Ward and Dan Fortin

Chapter A's Annual Christmas party was a little different this year from past years. It was held at the Old Spaghetti Factory in New Westminster. We had 42 members and spouses come out to celebrate. No Gift Exchange or any other silly Christmas traditions, just us getting together for dinner.









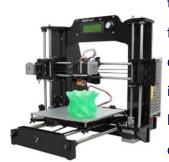




Tech Report submitted by Keiller Gowans

Welcome To the Future

During the last year I have been introduced to the powers of 3D printing. I had no idea the abilities this little piece of equipment had nor its broad range of uses. I always thought this was some cool thing that happened only in a lab somewhere or within some high tech company but now after studying it for a while it turns out



that not only can you design and print little gadgets at home but they print everything from prosthetics that promote the regeneration of a lost ear to major car and motorcycle parts. This year my wonderful wife bought me my own little 3D printer and no it does not take up an entire room (see pic). I am just now beginning to realize the learning curve but have already started printing a few small things and hope to increase my skills at design. I am sure we would all like to believe that we think in

three dimensions but maybe not all the time. I am hoping that maybe working this way will be somewhat therapeutic and improve my social skills but that is probably a reach.

The example pictures that I provided were to show you a couple of different possibilities for printing something useful for your motorcycle at home. I believe that I would be ok with printing a part for a carburetor or a different angled bracket for auxiliary lighting but as for the clutch or brake handle? If your dirt bike breaks down you may be inconvenienced and have to push it for a while but if that brake or clutch lever fails it may be a bit more exciting.







Carb Gasket

Camera Mount



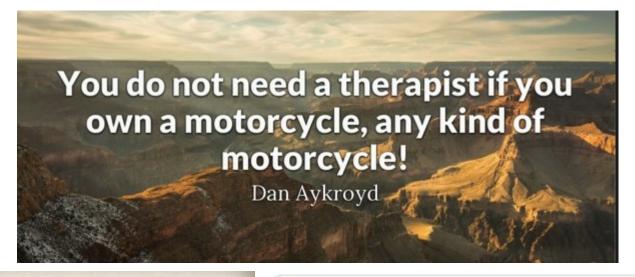
Battery Cover

Clutch Lever



If you can 3D Dream it, You can 3D Print it.

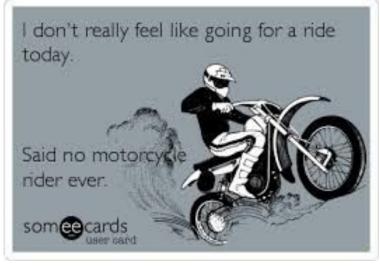
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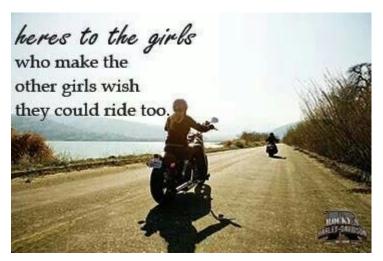


It's not a phase. Its my life. It's not a hobby. It's my passion. It's not for everyone. It is for me.









BC Lower Mainland

Chapter BC-A Vanc Breakfast Meeting

3rd Sunday of every Month (except Dec) Ricky's Restaurant, 2350 Boundary Rd. BBY Check our website to confirm location

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

Chapter BC-A Vancouver Directors

Dave Ward/Giselle Collins
Phone 604 830 1487 / 778 928 0107
Email: chapteradirector@gmail.com
www.gwrrabca.org / Facebook GWRRA BC-A

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

Chapter BC-D Surrey Director

Dave Truesdell Phone: TBD Email: directorsbcd@gmail.com www.gwrra-bcd.org / Facebook GWRRA BC-D

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 Directors

Kevin Bramhoff/Karin Young Phone 778 882 2509 Email: kbramhoff1@shaw.ca www.gwrra-regionj.ca/bc-c



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







January 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. gwrra.gowans@gmail.com

Did we miss your Birthday or Anniversary?

Let us know!

January Birthdays

Dave Ward Jan 7th



GWRRA Anniversaries

Barry Irvine 1991

Chris Ryan 2013

Stephen Ryan 2013

Ron & Gail Snelgrove 2013

Lea Leroux 2017

COMBAG





January 2018

1	New Years Day Breakfast/Ride	BC-A
3	Dinner Gathering	BC-D
14/28	Breakfast/Ride	BC-C
16	Dinner Gathering	BC-C
19-21	Vancouver Motor Cycle Show Tra	adex
21	Breakfast Gathering	BC-A
27	Games Night Social	BC-D

February 2018

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







North West Coast District Team

On the web at: (In Progress, Spreadsheet to follow)

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Riders Wanted

The BCMDT is looking for you to try something interesting and it involves riding your motorcycle around

mostly scenic, and interesting roads all around our

area.

Stay Tuned For upcoming events.

Contact Carl Schoten bcmdt-moto-safety@shaw.ca or

604 202 7140

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



Please sign up to volunteer at our GWRRA information booth. Most shifts are 3 hours and two-three people per shift. You must be a GWRRA Member in good standing.

Sign up online at http://signup.com/go/zLXoWe or give Keiller a call at 604 970 0531

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 gwrra.gowans@gmail.com with your ideas.

Deadline for articles for February's newsletter is Feb 8th, 2018

Buy & Sell

For Sale/Want will run for 3 editions of the newsletter. Please contact the newsletter editor if you wish to extend it longer or if your item has been sold at gwrra.gowans@gmail.com or phone Tracy Gowans 604 219 5836 Ads are free

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





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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

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	XI-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@gmaill.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 today!

Look what's new at Wing Ding 40!

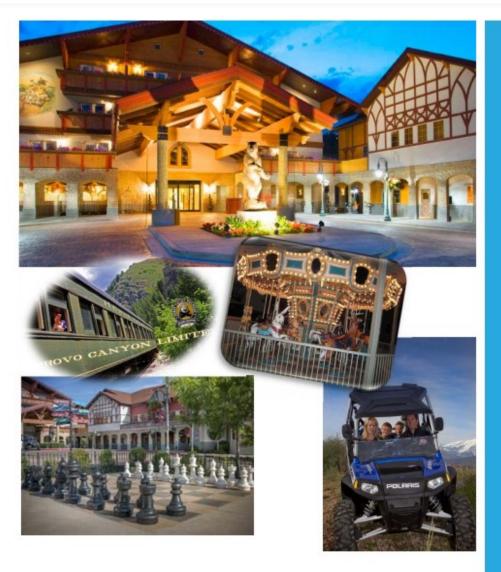
We are going to introduce new events and ideas at Wing Ding 40. We'll feature one of the new events with each newsletter.

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, <u>August 28th</u> 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.

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



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.





it *Won't* be your regular Rally!

3 Days & Nights of Fun, Friends and Inspiration \$1000.00 Cash Grand Prize

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Hand & Machine Engraving

(your designs, crests, logos)

Customer's gold and stones can be used for new designs

Jewellery Insurance Replacement Claims

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 meeting. 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

