

# Gold Nuggets

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **CHRISTMAS DINNER**  
**NOV 24**
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## Letter from the Chapter A Directors

The leaves have almost finished falling and there was frost on the windshield on Remembrance Day – a sure sign that our riding season has come to an end. If you haven't already done so, send in your final mileage to me for the mileage challenge. We are well on our way to proving that Chapter A is the group that rides the most!



Our Christmas Dinner is coming up soon. Please let us know if you are coming by going to the Doodle Poll we emailed out a few weeks ago. The restaurant needs a head count so they are sure to have enough food for the buffet. If you didn't get it, here is the link again: <https://doodle.com/poll/rkgkhgrak8ct2f5a>

Also coming up is our annual New Year's Breakfast. This year we will be meeting at Ricky's Restaurant on Boundary Rd with a full buffet for you in the large meeting room. Sign up sheets will be available shortly along with a Doodle Poll.

The Vancouver Motorcycle Show is fast approaching. We sent out an email with information about it and how to register for a time slot if you plan to volunteer at our district booth. We hope to see many of you out there during the show.

As always, have fun and ride safe!

Dave and Giselle  
Chapter Directors  
GWRRA BC-A,  
Vancouver

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**Repeater - Mount Seymour**  
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# celebrations

## November Wedding Anniversaries

Ian & Kathie McAlpine Nov 18th

## November Birthdays

Bernie Sparrow Nov 3rd

Howie Mosher Nov 23rd (BCC)

Kelly Parkes Nov 25th

Arnie Tucker Nov 25th (BCD)

## GWRRA Anniversaries

John Schretlen 2003-11-24

## **“Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge”**

GWRRA Chapter BC-A



District NWC (North West Coast)

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 range. Riders and Co-riders are blessed with an abundance of some of the most scenic areas available to motorcycle touring enthusiasts anywhere.

Chapter Directors

Dave Ward & Giselle Collins

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## North West Coast District - October District Director's Message



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

Fellow Wingers:

The month of November is upon us. It is a time for reflection for me. The previous riding season with good friends and the good times that went with it is always on my mind. November also brings about Remembrance Day.

Everyone's experience with Remembrance Day is different, depending on your generation, family, traditions and your personal experience with war. Whatever your personal reflections are, take time to Honour those who have dedicated their lives to serve our nation.

Now that Autumn is here we need to take advantage of as much riding time as possible when the weather is good. November may have a few good days in it, 2 years ago a group of us headed to Boston Bar on the November long weekend, snow tires and chains were not required. Some great riding possibilities present themselves at this time of year. Bundle up, stay safe, get out and ride.

Change is one of the factors we all must embrace at one time or another, for instance our recent changes that occurred to the GWRRR. Upon reflection so far so good this year...another change will be with Chapter D in the lower mainland. Dave Truesdell is stepping down as Chapter Director as of December 31st 2018. **If anyone in Chapter D would like to "give back" to the group as Chapter Director, now is the time.**

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### North West Coast District Director's Message Continued

Looking forward we have dates scheduled for the 2019 District Rides:

**2019 Gypsy Run                      June 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th**

**2019 Island Loop Ride            August 17th, 18th**

The routes and destinations are yet to be determined, however, we wanted dates out there so there were no huge conflicts when ride calendars are being planned for 2019.

In late January 2019 we have the Vancouver Motorcycle Show being held at Tradex in Abbotsford B.C. District NWC will have a booth promoting the GWRRA. As this is a "district event" we will be reaching out to **all chapters** for volunteers to man the booth and visit the show. More details will follow in separate emails to the chapter directors. **Show dates are January 18th – 20th 2019.**

Planning for the district rally has begun and we are looking to have some very interesting riding opportunities, tours and activities for all attendees.

**N.W.C District Rally**

**Dates are: July 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th 2019.**

**Location will be 100 Mile House B.C.**

**Stay tuned for further details.**

Thank you for being members of the GWRRA. Your membership and participation are what makes the GWRRA the finest International Motorcycle Riding organization in North America. Until I see you all again, Be safe – Ride safe.

Respectfully

Kevin Bramhoff

District Director – District N.W.C "The Great North West Coast"

### *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 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:

**[gwrro.gowans@gmail.com](mailto:gwrro.gowans@gmail.com)**





## **GWRRRA BCMDT BC Motorcycle Drill Team**

**Blatently Copied from  
<http://bcmdt1.blogspot.com/p/history.html>**

### **TEAM HISTORY (Revised 2018-August)**

The British Columbia Motorcycle Drill Team was formed in the spring of 2003. The first objective was to put together a short routine to provide a different kind of entertainment for the supporters of the GWRRRA Chapter BC - D's annual rally known as the "GOLD RUN". We felt that we could demonstrate to other Gold Wing riders and to the public that extreme slow speed riding and riding in close proximity to one another could be done safely on large touring motorcycles. A second objective was to improve the image of motorcycling with the general public. There were no real plans to continue the team past the "GOLD RUN", 2003. At the beginning, we were fortunate to have among us, several members of the renowned but disbanded, CANADIAN WINGS DRILL TEAM. Needless to say, they were most helpful and instrumental in teaching the team the very basics of drill team riding. Little by little and piece by piece over a full summer of practicing we finally had assembled a routine that we were confident that spectators would enjoy. We did our presentation at the 'GOLD RUN' as planned and received much positive feedback. Even though we had not originally planned to make the precision riding team an ongoing project a funny thing happened along the way. It seemed that the riders were enjoying the camaraderie that developed and discovered that the skills learned on the team noticeably enhanced the individual riding skills of every team member. This alone encouraged the members to keep the team alive for at least another year. The second year was much the same as the first. A long summer of practices, during which time members honed their skills, were able to raise the level of our performance considerably. Our fifth year, 2007, was without a doubt, our most successful and gratifying. Through the hard work of our newly appointed business manager, we were able to attract the interest of a major sponsor. It was also the first year that we had representation at the annual motorcycle show at the Tradex Centre in Abbotsford.

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Interested in  
learning more  
about the BCMDT?

Contact Rob Ellis at :  
[groundhog@shaw.ca](mailto:groundhog@shaw.ca)

## GWRRR BCMDT Continued

Besides performing in British Columbia, the BCMDT has performed in Montana, Nevada, Wisconsin, Texas, Alberta, and Washington with many different venues throughout those locations. We are also lucky to have been included in combined performances with teams like the Gold Angles, (California) and the North West Wings (Washington) and we really do like to think of all those teams out there as brothers in the sport of Precision Motorcycle performing. We also take part in our local communities attending parades, and charity fund raisers when the opportunity presents its self.

Moving forward through years of riding and performing, we see riders come and riders go due to changes in life, family, career, and health, but we say thank you to all that have helped the team grow and learn.

Success comes in different forms, but to be sure it comes through years of staying together and surviving any and all changes that can happen to a team.

Developing riders to be able to ride “close in” and in “coordination” with other riders is what it’s all about, while still making this sport gratifying, and fun to do. Friendship is gained and respect earned through cooperation, learning and support for each other as team members.

~~ the end and THANKS to whomever updated this article < *Giselle* > ~~



## GWRRR University

<http://gwrradot.com/>  
submitted by Giselle Collins

There are 2 main focuses of the University.

1. To offer a vibrant, dynamic, source from which well-trained leaders can continue the practice of education, coaching and mentoring.
2. To provide Members access to some of the finest safety, professional and personal education and training in the world. This is education and training that could cost thousands of dollars elsewhere.

I have been asked by Kevin Bramhoff to act as the District University Coordinator. I am still trying to determine all the duties of the role however I do know that this position does not deal with Rider Training which is part of the District Educator's mandate (Gavin Karey-McKenna). Gavin and I will work together to schedule a balanced training plan for the district. Stay tuned.

Please feel free to reach out to me (or Gavin) to discuss training needs or wants!

Giselle Collins ( [university@gwrra-nwc.com](mailto:university@gwrra-nwc.com) )

Gavin Karey-McKenna ( [educator@gwrra-nwc.com](mailto:educator@gwrra-nwc.com) )

# Membership Draw Article

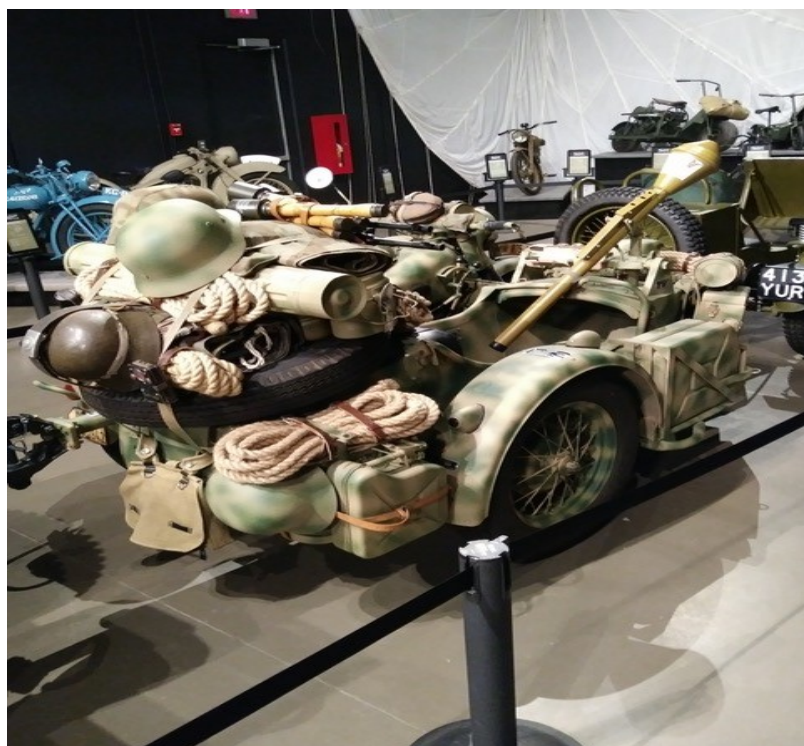
Submitted by Tom Goetz (September 2018 winner)

Just a short write up as a result of winning the “Membership draw” in September. I thought I would share with you a few pictures of some old bikes from World War II and some from the streets when Marian and I are out on our walks.



1973 350/4 Honda

A very rare and fun bike. As you can see it is in excellent condition. We have seen this bike many times in the West End where we live.



1942 BMW fully equipped for field battle. This bike could also carry two soldiers as well as all the gear you see in this picture

From a Museum we visited this summer

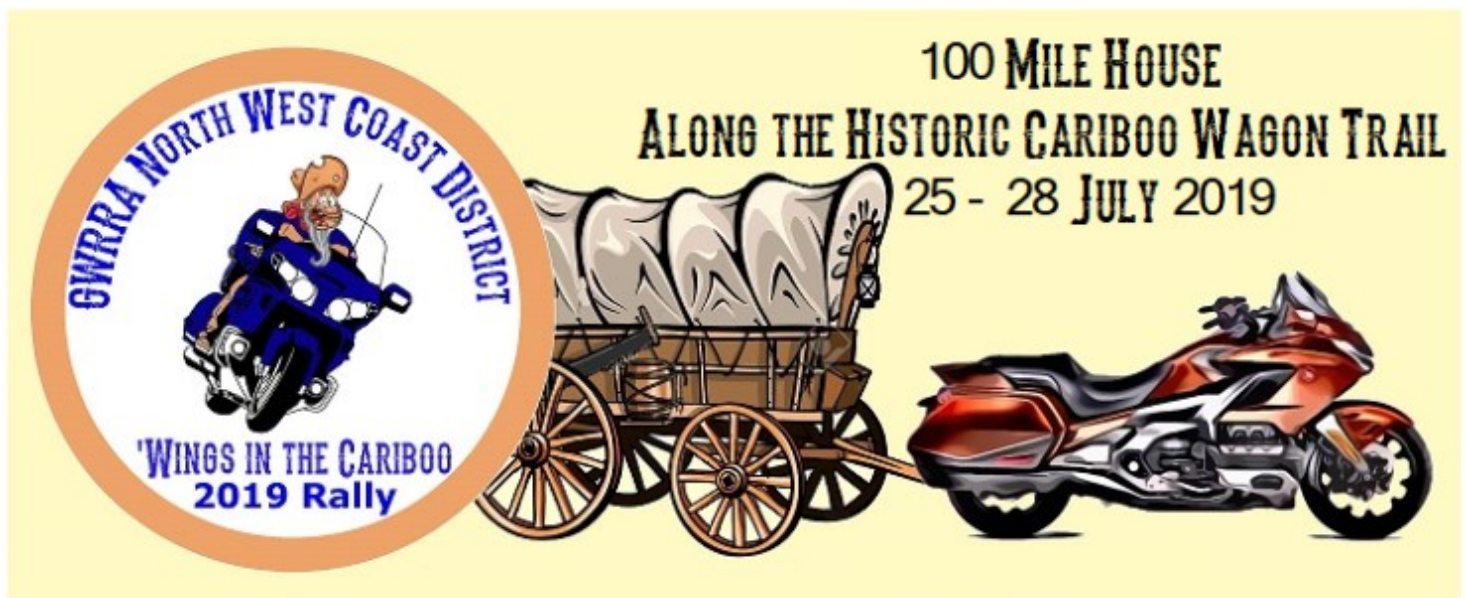


## Events Throughout the District

for more information please visit the district website [gwrra-nwc.com](http://gwrra-nwc.com)  
to link to individual chapter websites

### Chapters

- Alaska
- BC Motorcycle Drill Team
- Chapter BC-A, Vancouver
- Chapter BC-C, Chilliwack
- Chapter BC-D, Surrey
- Chapter BC-G, Kamloops
- Chapter BC-P, Prince George
- Chapter BC-V, Victoria
- Chapter YT-A, Whitehorse



### 2018 Chapter BC A Team

**Chapter Directors:** Dave Ward & Giselle Collins  
**Treasurer:** Niels Jensen  
**Educator:** Kelly Parkes  
**Webmaster:** Keiller Gowans  
**Ride Coordinator:** Chuck Taylor  
**Membership Enhancement Coordinator:** Ian McAlpine

**Assistant Directors:**  
**Stores:** Giselle Collins  
**Historian:** Ivan Armstrong  
**Newsletter Editor:** Tracy Gowans  
**Games Coordinator:** Kelly Parkes

*If you are interested in holding a position on the Executive or would like to nominate someone*



# **BC Lower Mainland**

## **Chapter Contacts**

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

[www.gwrrabca.org](http://www.gwrrabca.org)

#### **Breakfast Gathering**

3rd Sunday of every Month (except Dec).  
Ricky's Restaurant,  
2350 Boundary Rd, Burnaby, BC  
Breakfast 8:00 AM Gathering 9:00 AM

#### **Directors**

Dave Ward and Giselle Collins  
Email: [chapterdirector@gmail.com](mailto:chapterdirector@gmail.com)  
Facebook: GWRRA BC-A

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

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

#### **Dinner Gathering**

3rd Tuesday of every Month (except Dec)  
Rendezvous Restaurant  
9360 Young Road, Chilliwack, BC  
Dinner 6:00 AM Gathering 7:00 PM

#### **Directors**

Karin Young  
Email: [gwrrabcc.director@gmail.com](mailto:gwrrabcc.director@gmail.com)  
Facebook: GWRRA BCC

### **Chapter BC-D Surrey**

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

#### **Dinner Gathering**

1st Wednesday of every Month  
Ricky's Restaurant  
152nd & Fraser Highway, Surrey, BC  
Dinner 6:00 AM Gathering 7:00 PM

#### **Directors**

Dave Truesdell  
Email: [directorsbcd@gmail.com](mailto:directorsbcd@gmail.com)  
Facebook: GWRRA BC-D



### **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)



# COMING SOON!



## November 2018



20	Dinner Gathering	BC-C
24	Christmas Dinner	BC-A



## December 2018



No BC-A Breakfast Gathering

No BC-C Dinner Gathering

1	Christmas Dinner Party	BC-D
2	Breakfast/Ride	BC-C
5	Dinner Gathering	BC-D
8	Christmas Party	BC-C
25	<b>Merry Christmas</b>	

It all starts with your idea



## January 2019



1	New Years Day Breakfast/Ride	BC-A
2	Dinner Gathering	BC-D
13/27	Breakfast/Ride	BC-C
15	Dinner Gathering	BC-C
18,19,20	Motorcycle Show @ Tradex	district
20	Breakfast Gathering	BC-A



## GWRRA North West Coast District

Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge

On the web at : [www.gwrra-nwc.com](http://www.gwrra-nwc.com)

<b>District Ride Coordinator</b>	- Keiller Gowans
<b>District Membership Enhancement Coordinator</b>	- Ian McAlpine
<b>District Motorist Awareness Coordinator</b>	- Kathy Estey
<b>District Educator</b>	- Gavin Karey-McKenna
<b>District Treasurer</b>	- Janet Turner
<b>District Webmaster</b>	- Dave Ward
<b>District Ambassadors</b>	- Dave and Gerri Crosson
<b>District University Coordinator</b>	- Giselle Collins

Should anyone in any chapter in the district wish to participate as a district team member please contact District Director—Kevin Bramhoff



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# RIDERS WANTED

## 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](mailto:bcmdt-moto-safety@shaw.ca)  
604 202 7140



*We pay for much more than your gas, so come give it a try.  
\*let Carl know if you would like to be a last minute extra if someone cancels out.*

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

### Have you 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 [gwrri.gowans@gmail.com](mailto:gwrri.gowans@gmail.com) with your ideas.

Deadline for articles for the October newsletter is October 7th, 2018



# Buy & Sell

For Sale/Want ads are free and 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 [gwrri.gowans@gmail.com](mailto:gwrri.gowans@gmail.com) or phone Tracy Gowans 604 219 5836



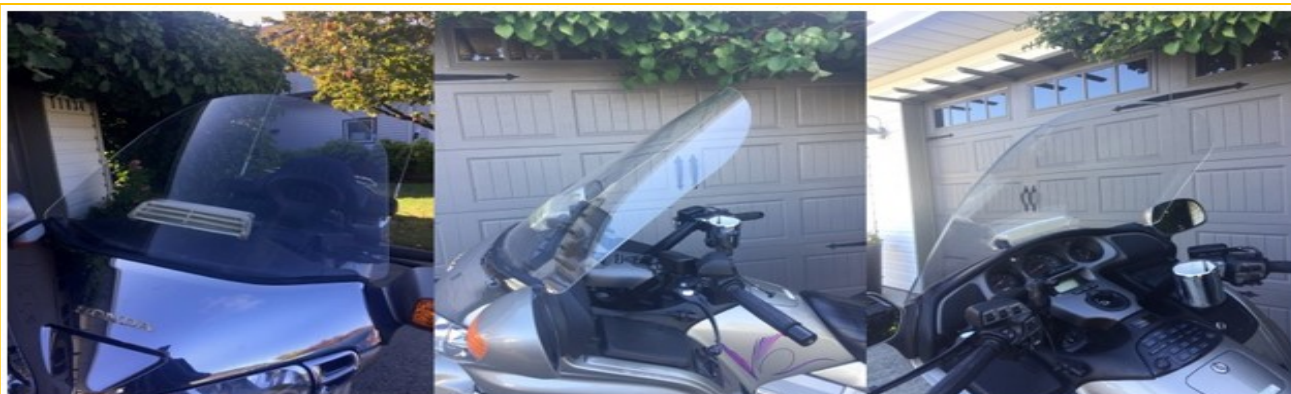
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Contact Peter – 604-460-2017 / 778-886-2017 / [petalmac@shaw.ca](mailto:petalmac@shaw.ca)



## Tulsa windshield for sale

26" tall when all the way down. Complete with vent.  
Looks like they cost about \$350 new from [Fortnine.ca](http://Fortnine.ca) and they are Slipstreamer, not actually Tulsa manufacturer.  
This one is made by Tulsa and is in reasonable shape, but is too tall for me.  
I will be replacing sometime after the middle of November, but require it until then.

Asking Price - \$150.00

Call Malcolm - 604 809 5493

Items for sale can also be found advertised on individual chapter websites

# Chapter A Stores

## For Sale items

### Patches:

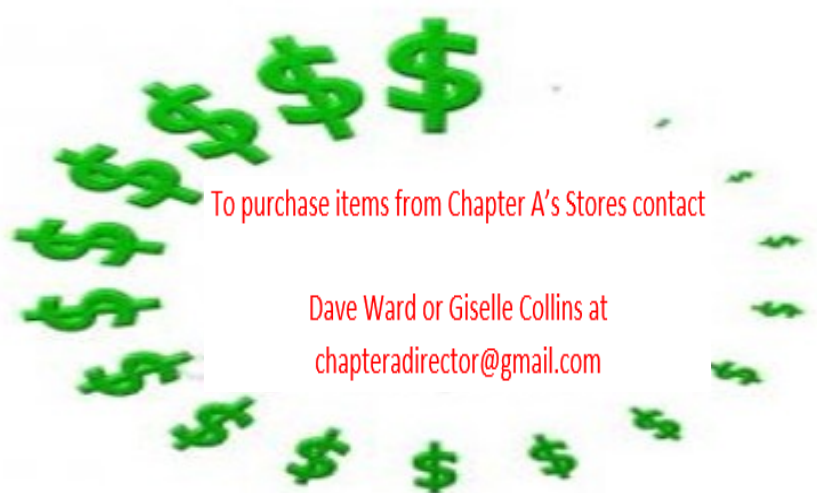
	Description	Quantity on hand 2018-August-18	Cost
Rocker	BC-A Vancouver chapter (black and gold with flags)	6	\$22.00
Rocker	BC-A Vancouver chapter (white, 2 Canada flags)	1	\$22.00
Rocker	District NWC	14	\$18.00
Round	10" GWRRA (multi-colour with griffin)	4	\$17.00
Round	10" GWRRA (black and gold with 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 (black, blue and gold with griffin)	15	\$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 hanger bars	80	\$3.00
PinSaver (10 pack)	4	\$7.00

### Clothing

Hat : ball	One Size	3	\$10.00
Shirt : Long Sleeve	2xl-Men	2	\$35.00
Shirt : Long Sleeve	L-Men	1	\$35.00
Shirt : Short Sleeve	L-Men	1	\$35.00
Shirt : Short sleeve sport	2xl-Men	2	\$35.00



To purchase items from Chapter A's Stores contact

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# LET'S RIDE!

## Monthly Chapter Gathering

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 Gathering 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 8:00 am

Ride leaves at 9:00 am

Saturday, Sunday and All Statutory Holidays



### Chapter BC - A Tuesday Night Rides

Coffee Social (ride in season)

Wendy's Restaurant  
(Boundary and Grandview)

Coffee From 5 pm

Ride Leaves between 6:30 pm and 7 pm

