

# Gold Nuggets

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **OYSTER RUN (ANACORTES) SEPT 23RD**
- **VANCOUVER TOY RUN OCT 7TH**

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## Letter from the Chapter A Directors

Summer is almost gone and the weather has become much cooler already. August was a busy month for us with lots of rides and GW activities attended. We welcomed two more new members into the fold – Malcolm Muir and Shaun Turner.



Malcom was initiated into the group by signing up for the district Gypsy Ride only a few days before it started. Before the ride, he showed up for a Saturday morning coffee and we introduced him to Rob Gosselin and took him to Rob's garage where we gave his bike a once over, bled his brakes and taught him a few things about his new to him Goldwing. What a way to meet the guys! He says the Gypsy Run was a fantastic event and well organized. Kudos to Keiller, our District Ride Coordinator, for putting that together. It truly was a monumental success for the District. Shaun contacted me by email shortly after purchasing his bike at Carter Honda, and joined us a week later on our Duffey Lake Loop Ride. He had never ridden in the rain before, so we treated him to 7 hours of it! He loved the ride and will be back for more, I am sure.

The BC-D Gold Run fun run was held on September 1st, with 9 bikes showing up from Chapter A. Thank you to those that showed your support for Chapter D.

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**Repeater - Mount Seymour**  
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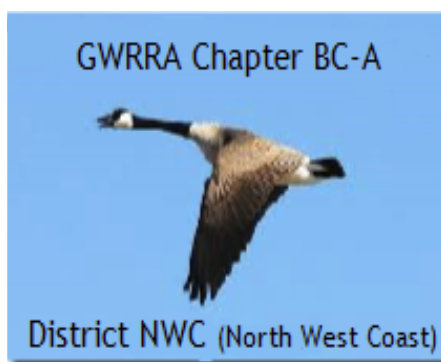
## Chapter A Director Message Continued

Plans are underway for our Christmas Dinner. The venue will be discussed at our next Chapter Gathering.

At the district level, rally plans are ramping up for next year – mark your calendars. The rally will be held in 100 Mile House on July 25<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup>. The district also has available the new rockers for your vests – the old Region J rocker should be replaced with the new North West Coast rocker. Cost is \$18.00. We will have them available at the next Chapter Gathering, along with all the other patches and rockers for your vest, should you choose to have one.

As always, have fun and ride safe!

Dave and Giselle  
Chapter Directors  
GWRRA BC-A,  
Vancouver



**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 motor-cycle touring enthusiasts anywhere.**

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



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

Fellow Wingers:

I really hope you all have had a chance to get out and ride this past few weeks. The weather has been great and the roads...well they are what we make them. With Autumn approaching we need to take advantage of as much riding time as possible.

Our two District Rides, The Island Loop and Gypsy Run were extremely successful. Fun was had by all and it was a platform that brought several chapters together. People getting to know each other from other chapters...go figure!

Another excellent event caught my attention, "Wings for a Smile". Our BCMDT (British Columbia Motorcycle Drill Team) got together along with several members from chapters in the district to add a smile to several seniors at the Waterford Senior's Complex in Tsawwassen, BC on August 18th. The seniors got a look and a ride! Not many miles required for a whole lot of smiles. Check the video out on the District NWC Web Site: <https://gwrra-nwc.com/>.

Did you know that the BC Motorcycle Drill Team is made up of members from the lower mainland chapters of our great district? I encourage you all to check out their performance at Rallies and Special events when the opportunity presents itself. They are very skilled and I have witnessed some remarkable riding over the years. Our district is very proud to be represented by such skilled riders. Check them out at: <http://bcmtd1.blogspot.com/>.

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

I am pleased to announce the first N.W.C District Rally. The Rallies will occur on a biennial basis beginning in 2019. Rally dates are as follows: 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)**



## Member Profile

### Submitted by Dan Fortin

#### Back on a Gold Wing

On Saturday, July 21/ 2018 I picked up my new 2018 Gold Wing Tour DCT Airbag Bike.

I put 450 kms on the Gold Wing on that day and it feels much better on my hand.

What am I talking about? Read on and I'll explain.

Lots of people asked me why I traded in my beautiful 2017 Harley-Davidson CVO Electra Glide Ultra Limited that I only had 1 1/2 years. So here's what happened that convinced me to get the new 2018 Gold Wing.

I had carpal tunnel surgery on both wrists between two and four years ago. My left one was done about two years ago. Since then I've been noticing an ache in my left thumb joint close to my wrist. I went back and saw the specialist that did the surgery a couple of times over about a six month period and got Cortisone shots in that joint. It helped a little but not a lot. My clutch hand was getting a work out and was becoming more uncomfortable.

I put the Rekluse centrifugal force clutch on my Harley. You know , like the old lawnmower engine on the mini bikes back when we were kids. It meant I didn't have to use the clutch except for while shifting. At that point I would only just barely touch it, not pull it all the way in. I ended up having x-rays and found out that there is arthritis in that joint.

I've tried physiotherapy, massage and saw a hand specialist. Nothing seemed to make it better and it was getting to a point where after doing a 350 km day I did not want to ride the next day. Usually I would ride multiple one thousand km days in a row for up to a couple of weeks and it would not bother me.



## Member Profile, Dan Fortin, continued

### Onto a new chapter:

I rode on Gold Wing motorcycles for 30 years and this year for the 2018 model came out with a seven speed DCT. (Dual Clutch Transmission)

It's basically an automatic transmission where you press the button that says "D" and it does all the shifting for you, up-and-down.

I wanted the DCT, two-tone red and black that I sat on at the grand reveal of the new Wing at Everett Powersports, in the spring. I even had someone take a picture of me on it. That colour scheme was only offered on the DCT Airbag Gold Wing.

Chuck Taylor and I went for demo rides in Everett. He already had ordered his new red DCT Gold Wing and wanted to test ride the DCT bike. It was very different, but interesting.

Sometimes we do what we have to do to be able to keep doing what we want to do.

Shiny Up, Rubber Down and Smile

Dan Fortin  
GWRRA 173223



## Membership Draw Article

### Submitted by Giselle Collins

In early August I attended an event called “Women in the Riding World” which was touted as *“an evening of wine, cheese, eats and a candid, humorous conversation on everything you’d like to know about being female and riding your own bike.”*

Heather Lea, the presenter, candidly spoke about how and why she got into riding when she turned 40 and her subsequent decision to take a 2 year trip around the world by bike on an adventure that took her through 40 countries covering over 99,000 kilometres.

While I found Heather’s session really interesting I quickly discovered that I am not cut-out for the kind of roughing-it that kind of adventure requires:

- Not showering for days
- Being chased by packs of wild dogs
- Dumping the bike a lot (17 times in one day before she stopped counting)
- Driving through sandstorms in the desert.

Nope! Not me today (and honestly—not even me 20 years ago!). I know that I am a fair weather co-rider (Dave can certainly attest to that) and although I have not yet gotten my learner license it is still on my radar and I will do it.



## 50/50 Draw Article

Sorry but the August winner has been busy riding so we hope to get something for next month!

# FOOD *for* THOUGHT



**You're A Biker When You Ride  
A Motorcycle Not So The  
World Can See You..  
But So You Can See The World.**





## Events Throughout the District

As the riding season is slowly winding down it seems that  
“dining/social” events are bubbling to their way to the top

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  
**Games Coordinator:** Kelly Parkes  
**Membership Enhancement Coordinator:** Ian McAlpine

**Assistant Directors:**  
**Stores:** Giselle Collins  
**Historian:** Ivan Armstrong  
**Newsletter Editor:** Tracy Gowans

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

# **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



### **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)

### **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

*Guess we  
know who  
'Ole100' got  
his skill from*





### September Wedding Anniversaries

*Ted & Coleen Dewar Sept 23rd*

Please help us keep our database current.

If you know of a member's birthday/wedding anniversary and we do not have them on this list please send us an email with the month and day of the special dates so they (or you) don't get missed!

To: gwrri.gowans@gmail.com

Subject: Birthday and Anniversary update

### September Birthdays

*Barry Irvine Sept 1st*

*Ken Hook Sept 9th*

*Lorraine Tompkins Sept 25th*

*Giselle Collins Sept 26th*

*Val Fortin Sept 29th*

*Kathy Wilkins Sept 30th*

### GWRRA Anniversaries

*Butch Smith 1993*

*Pam Smith 1993*

*Patrick Frampton 2007*

*Rainie Frampton 2007*

*Marian Goetz 2009*

*Ken Weisner 2010*

*Richard McCartie 2014*

*Mark Lotzkar 2014*

*Brenda Lotzkar 2014*

# COMING SOON!



## October 2018

3	Dinner Gathering	BC-D
7	39th Vancouver Toy Run	
7/21	Breakfast/Ride	BC-C
16	Dinner Gathering	BC-C
21	Breakfast Gathering	BC-A
27	Spaghetti Factory Dinner	BC-D

## November 2018

3	Guy Fawkes Burn	BC-D
4/18	Breakfast/Ride	BC-C
7	Dinner Gathering	BC-D
11	Remembrance Day Ride	BC-A
17	Chili Feed	BC-D
18	Breakfast Gathering	BC-A
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**







## GWRRA North West Coast District

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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>	- <b><i>Vacant</i></b>

Should anyone in any chapter in the district wish to "Step Up"  
to fill the vacant positions it would be most appreciated.



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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.

- Sept 8th Whistler GranFondo is now complete with 2 extras.

### **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.*

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

# Chapter A Stores

## For Sale items

### Patches:

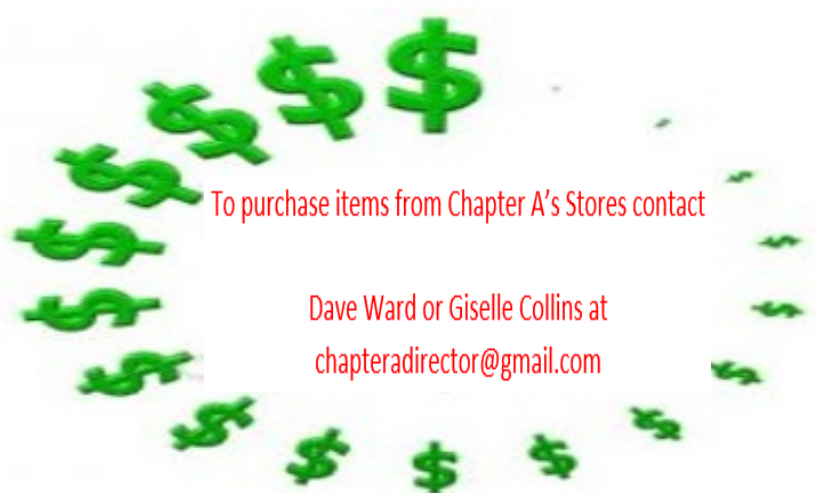
	Description	Quantity on hand 2018-August-18	Cost
Rocker	BC-A Vancouver chapter (black and gold with flags)	6	\$22.00
Rocker	BC-A Vancouver chapter (white, 2 Canada flags)	1	\$22.00
Rocker	District NWC	14	\$18.00
Round	10" GWRRA (multi-colour with griffin)	4	\$17.00
Round	10" GWRRA (black and gold with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



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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

