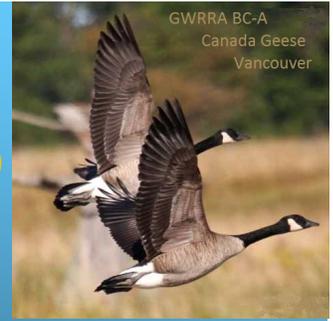


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MARCH 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

- SILENT AUCTION TAYLOR MOTIVE MARCH 23
- MEDIC FIRST AID—CHAP D APRIL 13 (RESCHEDULED)

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Letter from the Chapter A Directors

At a chapter team meeting in early February, we decided to purchase a new defibrillator unit. It can be carried in the trunk of your bike. It cost the chapter over \$1000.00. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of this device, please let us know. It has been engraved with chapter information and a sign out sheet will be available shortly.



March brings us that much closer to our extended riding season here on the west coast, compared to the rest of Canada. Some of you have already been out riding.

I know, because I was out there as well. If you haven't been out yet, we have a few events coming up to get you started:

March 23 is our Silent Auction being held at Taylormotive in North Vancouver, and shortly after on April 6th we have our annual bike maintenance day, also at Taylormotive. If you haven't figured it out by now, Chuck Taylor, our chapter Ride Coordinator, is a huge supporter of this group. Every year he makes his automotive repair shop on Pemberton Ave in North Vancouver available to members to do basic maintenance on their bike. If you need help to change your oil, diagnose a simple issue, or change a tire, come on over and he will help you get it done. We usually end up at the local watering hole down the street afterward for a nice lunch.

In May, we have a picnic ride being planned up to beautiful Anderson Lake, just north of Pemberton, and in June our memorial ride is being planned with a meetup in Chilliwack with Chapter C. We have again arranged a Canada Day long weekend ride, this year to Cashmere, Washington. 10 rooms are booked at the only motel in town. See Giselle and I for more information and keep your eye on the email as we will be sending out an information flyer shortly.

Don't forget to get registered for the district Rally – Wings in the Cariboo, being held in 100 Mile House this July 25-28th. Motel rooms are filling up, so book early and take advantage of the early registration discount.

It is looking like a busy year for Chapter BC-A. We hope to see many of you out for these events and more. As always, have fun and ride safe!

Dave and Giselle
Chapter Directors
GWRRA BC-A,
Vancouver

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Simplex 146.490 and
Repeater - Mount Seymour



celebrations

March Wedding Anniversaries

Barrie Irvine March 3rd

Arnie & Janet Tucker March 24th

March Birthdays

Kyle Gosselin March 4th

Rob Ellis March 7th

Fred Grosser March 17th

GWRRA Anniversaries

Mike Lycett 1984-03-01

Pearson Armstrong 1992-03-01

Heidi Armstrong 1992-03-01

Ted Dewar 2004-03-10

Colleen Rose Dewar 2004-03-10

Alexis Dewar 2004-03-10

Joe LeBlanc 2006-03-03

Ken Hook 2009-03-02

David Sparrow 2009-03-30

Lynn Sparrow 2009-03-30

Keiller Gowans 2013-03-20

Tracy Gowans 2013-03-20

Zachary Gowans 2013-03-20

Keiran Gowans 2013-03-20

Henry Bahn 2013-03-28

Greg Davie 2016-03-07

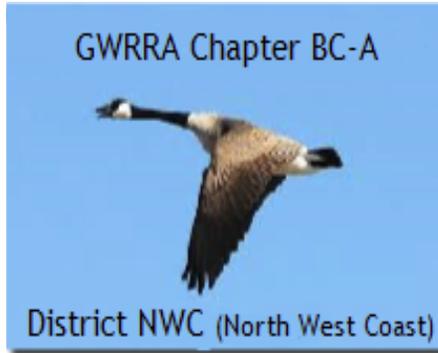
Please help us keep our database current.

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: gwrra.gowans@gmail.com

Subject: Birthday and Anniversary update

“Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge”



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-

Chapter Directors

Dave Ward & Giselle Collins

email : chapterdirector@gmail.com

Chapter BC-A Vancouver

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

Chapter BC-C Chilliwack

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
Facebook: GWRRRA BCC

Chapter BC-D Surrey

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

Doug Conley
Email: directorsbcd@gmail.com
Facebook: GWRRRA BC-D

2019 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 please contact any of the chapter team



North West Coast District - March District Director's Message



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

Fellow Wingers:

We have had a great start to the new year. New members signed up at the motorcycle show and some great rides and rally planned for riding season.

Have you signed up for the rides and rally yet? Rooms are booking fast and rally registration goes up in price after May so early registration will save you money and ensure your spot at this once every 2-year event!

Register today at:

<https://wingsinthecariboo.com> – District Rally

<https://gwrra-nwc.com/district-events> – District Rides and Victoria Days Salmon Arm

This year is a big R&R year. **Recruitment & Retention.** We are on a “full court press” for membership. We want new members and we want to keep those members that we have not reached out to and perhaps have lost interest in GWRRR. That is my fault! Everything that happens in a given organization is a direct reflection of its management and I intend to change the retention rates. **That is my job!**

How will I accomplish this? with your help of course! We have an Email Emissary that is reaching out to those members that do not attend functions or take in Chapter life. We are encouraging them to do just that, to get involved and at least stay informed as they may find something that fits their needs. **Your Job;** when they do decide to attend a function, you / we must be welcoming. We must make them feel that they are truly “in” not “in the way”.

The other area that will need your assistance is recruitment. It starts with us. It is a grass roots movement that begins with opening a dialogue with other like-minded riders.

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North West Coast District Director's Message Continued

So, I am trying to put myself in your place..."what is this idiot talking about now"? I am not overly erudite; however, I am not completely stupid either. I get it. I understand that my constant harping about membership, specifically recruitment and retention, must be getting on all of your nerves.

It seems that I am not making my point...I do not believe that is the case. **I believe that you all have the same sense of urgency about our group as I do. I believe that you all have just not unleashed your enthusiasm as I have.** It's the weather, that's it...yeah that's it, the weather!

Look it is really quite simple, we all know someone that rides that is not a member. It can be a friend, an acquaintance, family member or just another rider you meet on the road. Open with the dialogue as mentioned earlier. Then taking out your new "**recruitment kit**" go through it with them.

Frankly it works. We have proven this at the motorcycle show. ***I will be attending chapter meetings to hand out kits and review the features and benefits selling campaign contained within the kit. Its just a matter of talking!***

Remember we offer very good value for money as there is so much more being offered than just membership in the **Best International Riding Association in North America**. There will be a contest attached to the recruitment program one with personal incentive and one with chapter incentive. Be mindful that GWRRA offers the "Find a Friend" program as well. **With plenty of reasons to seek new members why not take a shot at it?**

Riding season is getting closer daily and I am excited to take advantage of all the riding opportunities. **I would like to see a "profusion of participation" from all chapters at all riding events this year.** Let's make it the best riding season ever! See you all real soon!

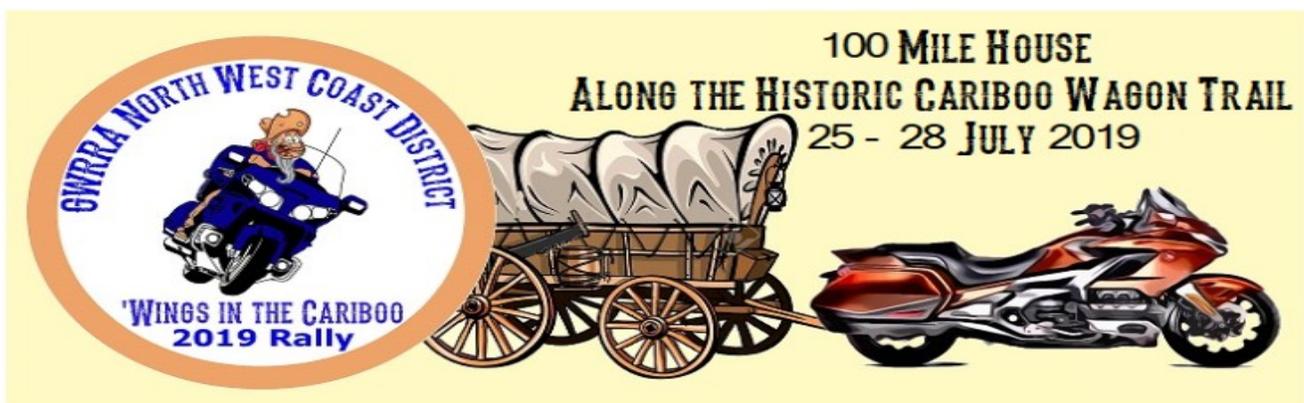
Thank you for a great start to this year! Thank you for being members of GWRRA; your membership and participation is what makes GWRRA the finest international riding association in North America.

Until I see you all again, Be safe – Ride safe.

Respectfully,

Kevin Bramhoff

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



For More Information on Events Throughout the District

**please visit the district website
gwrri-nwc.com
where you will find links to
individual chapter websites as
well as district sponsored events!**

Message from the Editor:



We need someone:

- excited about putting together our monthly newsletter
- who is interested in participating in the chapter by taking it on or partnering with another member

If you:

- love talking to people
- gathering news stories
- writing a few yourself

Please contact Tracy Gowans to express your interest in this fun position or to contribute an article, joke or great story.

gwrri.gowans@gmail.com

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



February Membership Draw Article

Motorcycle Trunk Rack Folding Flag Poles Made Out of Metal

Submitted by Patrick Frampton

Some of our chapter members like to fly flags off of their motorcycles and I, being one of them, am always looking for both 6 x 9 flags that will last and not rip or tear while riding at highway speeds, and flagpoles that will mount properly on a trunk rack and last as well. It seems that the ones I bought from a Gold Wing accessory website are not bad but their base is made of plastic with a chrome finish, however their problem is if you tighten the mounting screws to tight it will crack the base and then they're shot. Recently I found a supplier who not only sells all metal folding flagpoles but they are very reasonably priced, at \$25.00 US. They mount very easily to my tube style trunk rack and have a locking pin to fold and unfold the pole. They can be found at Blaze Leather Motorcycle Apparel-Accessories on the web and their site is <https://www.blaze-leather.com/motorcycle-flagpole.html> also I highly recommend these flagpole as they are very high quality.



As for flags, I once bought a "Support The Troops" flag from a local flag shop and that weekend rode down to Seattle and their flag didn't even last the weekend. Good quality flags are very hard to find and I was luckily enough to find a manufacturer who has supplied the GWRRRA community for years. The Flag People can be found on the web at <https://www.theflagpeople.com> and I can honestly say they make the best motorcycle flag around. I've used their flags since 2008 and not one has ripped or torn. One set I had on my wing lasted over 5 years and the only reason I changed them was the color started to fade. If you want a specialty flag these people can make them as well, remember that "Support The Troops" flags I bought, well I just emailed a jpeg of it and they made me some with quality material and again these have lasted. So check these fine companies for quality flags and flagpoles.



Events

SILENT AUCTION

Hosted by TaylorMotive

174 Pemberton Avenue, North Vancouver

2019-March 23 (Saturday) 10:00 am to Noon



also upcoming:

2019-Feb-23 :

Mini Golf/Spaghetti Factory

Chapter D

2019-Mar-16 :

Medic First Aid

Chapter A

2019-Mar-16:

St. Paddy's Lupper

Chapter D

50/50 Draw Article

Joining the Police Force Submitted by Shirley Williams

Three Atlantic Canada boys were all applying for the last available position on the St. John's Police Force.

The detective conducting the interview looked at the three of them and said, "So you all want to be cops, huh?" The three all nodded that they indeed wanted to be cops. The detective got up, opened a file drawer, and pulled out a folder.

Sitting back down, he opened it, pulled out a picture, and said, "To be a detective, you have to be able to detect. You must be able to notice things such as distinguishing features and oddities like scars and so forth." So saying, he stuck the photo in the face of the boy from PEI and withdrew it after about two seconds.

"Now," he said, "did you notice any distinguishing features about this man?" The Spud Islander immediately said, "Yes, I did, he has only one eye!" The detective shook his head and said, "Of course he has only one eye in this picture! It's a profile of his face! You're dismissed!" The Islander hung his head and walked out of the office.

The detective then turned to the second boy from Nova Scotia, stuck the photo in his face for two seconds, pulled it back, and said, "What about you? Notice anything unusual or outstanding about this man?" "Yes! He only has one ear!" The detective put his head in his hands and exclaimed, "Didn't you hear what I just told the other guy? This is a profile of the man's face! Of course you can only see one ear! You're excused too!" The Bluenoser sheepishly walked out of the office.

The detective turned his attention to the last boy, a hometown Newfie boy -with a long family history in Newfoundland and said, "This is probably a waste of time, but...." He flashed the photo in his face for a couple of seconds and withdrew it, saying, "All right, did you notice anything distinguishing or unusual about this man?" The Newfie said, "I sure did. This man wears contact lenses." The detective frowned, took another look at the picture, and began looking at some of the papers in the folder. He looked up at the Newfie with a puzzled expression and said, "You're absolutely right! His bio says he wears contacts! How in the world could you tell that by looking at his picture?" The Newfie rolled his eyes and said, "Well, Hellooooooo! With only one eye and one ear, ... he certainly can't wear glasses."

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 or phone Tracy Gowans 604 219 5836



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F6B

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20,000 kms

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Obviously excellent condition.

No doc fees obviously.

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



GWRA North West Coast District

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On the web at : www.gwrra-nwc.com

Are you interested in :

- Participating as a district team member?
 - Helping out at district events?

Contact District Director—Kevin Bramhoff (director@gwrra-nwc.com)

MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR



March 2019

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17	Breakfast Gathering	BC-A
19	Dinner Gathering	BC-C
23	Silent Auction at TaylorMotive	BC-A

April 2019

3	Dinner Gathering	BC-D
6	Bike Maintenance Day at TaylorMotive (with Mileage Check)	BC-A
7/21	Breakfast/Ride	BC-C
13	Medic First Aid	BC-D
14	Breakfast Gathering (week earlier)	BC-A
16	Dinner Gathering	BC-C
19	Me & Ed's Pizza	BC-D

May 2019

1	Dinner Gathering	BC-D
5/19	Breakfast/Ride	BC-C
11	Memorial Ride/Ice Cream Social	BC-D
12	Happy Mothers Day	
19	Breakfast Gathering	BC-A
18-20	Victoria Days/Salmon Arm Rally	BC-G
21	Dinner Gathering	BC-C
25	Picnic Ride	BC-A

June 2019

1	Memorial Ride	BC-A
5	Dinner Gathering	BC-D
7-9	Gypsy Ride	district
8	Duck Hunt	WA-D
2/16/30	Breakfast/Ride	BC-C
15	Greenheart Run	BC-C
16	Happy Fathers Day	
18	Dinner Gathering	BC-C
22	Ride to Eat	BC-A
23	Breakfast Gathering (week later)	BC-A
29,30,1	Long Weekend Ride	BC-A
29,30,1	Kootenay Loop Ride	BC-D





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
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 gwrra.gowans@gmail.com with your ideas.

Deadline for articles for the April Newsletter is April

Chapter A Stores

For Sale items

	Description	Quantity on hand 2018-December-31	Cost
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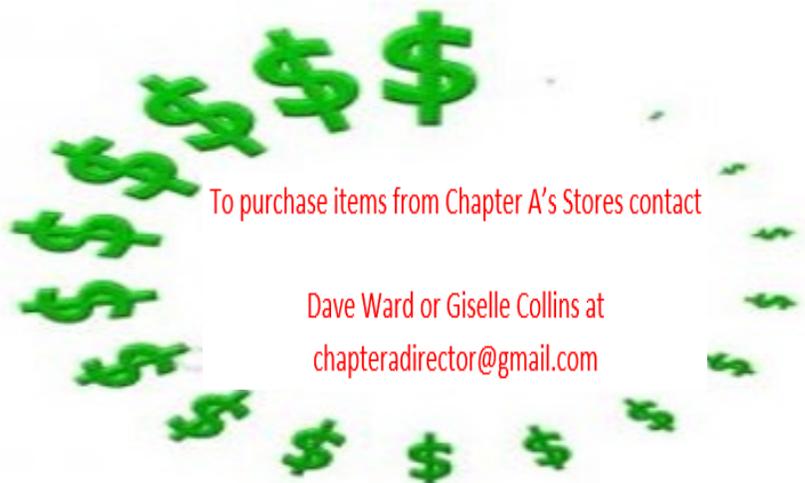
Rocker	BC-A Vancouver chapter (black and gold with flags)	6	\$22.00
Rocker	BC-A Vancouver chapter (white, 2 Canada flags)	1	\$22.00
Rocker	District NWC	0	\$20.00
Round	10" GWRRA (multi-colour with griffin)	4	\$17.00
Round	10" GWRRA (black and gold with griffin)	3	\$17.00
Round	4" GWRRA (multi-colour with griffin)	6	\$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	XL-Men	1	\$35.00
Shirt : Short sleeve sport	2xl-Men	2	\$35.00



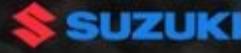
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Dave Ward or Giselle Collins at
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Chapter BC-A, Vancouver

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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

