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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- BREAKFAST MEETING AT RICKY'S BOUNDARY RD. BBY, SUNDAY, AUG. 15, 8.00AM, RIDE AFTERWARDS.
- POSSIBLE THURSDAY, AUG. 26, 6.00PM CHAPTER A DINNER MEETING AT ABC COUNTRY RESTAURANT, SCHOOLHOUSE, COQUITLAM.
- SAT, SUN, STAT. HOLIDAY RIDES—MEET AT MCDONALDS BOUNDARY & LOUGHEED, 8AM TO 9AM.
- TUESDAY EVENING COFFEE & RIDES—MEET AT WENDY'S/TIM HORTONS ANNACIS ISLAND ON ODD NUMBERED DATES OR MCDONALDS BOUNDARY & LOUGHEED ON EVEN NUMBERED DATES, 5PM TO 7PM.
- ZOOM GET TOGETHER EVERY THURSDAY 7.00PM UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

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Message from the Chapter A Directors

We are now halfway through the summer riding season. Giselle and I have put on thousands of kilometers together on the bike, riding up to Jasper and the Icefields Parkway and back, plus we spent a wonderful weekend with members Doug and Cathy Wilkins touring Victoria and Vancouver Island. Add to that the Iron Butt ride Mike Crout and I completed mid-month and it is safe to say I am on my way to setting another mileage record for the season.



We welcomed several new members into the chapter – Wayne Swingle from Bowen Island has attended several rides and a breakfast meeting, along with Marc Leblanc who has also been active since joining up. Please welcome them as part of the GW family. Remember, if you sign up three new members, your next year's membership fees are free!

We had 16 members out for our July breakfast. Thanks to all those that attended. I forget who won the 50/50 draw – Kelly Parkes?? Anyway, thanks to all for your support. We had a great ride afterwards out to Cascade Falls.

COMING UP:

- Our normal Saturday and Sunday coffee meet and ride from McDonalds on Boundary – 8:00AM with kickstands up about 9:00. Earlier if members want a long ride somewhere.
- Our normal Tuesday coffee meet and rides, alternating between Wendy's on Annacis and McDonalds on Boundary – 5:30 or so till 7:00 or so....
- August 15th - Breakfast meeting at Ricky's Restaurant on Boundary Rd – 7:30AM – 9:00AM with a planned ride after.
- August 21 – Chapter A annual Duffey Lake Loop ride. If you haven't done it, mark the calendar. We will break up into several smaller groups for those that like to do it in a "spirited" fashion, and for some who want to be able to actually see the scenery and stop for pictures, we will have a group for that. More details to come.

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Message from the Chapter A Directors Cont.



Chapter BC-C, Chilliwack is hosting their annual Greenheart Ride and fundraiser on August 22nd. They will be having a poker run with a BBQ at the Chilliwack Flight Club after. Lots of fun and games, and this year, steaks on the BBQ with Chilliwack corn. Sounds delicious. Flyers with more info and signup sheets will be coming shortly.

That's all for now. More information about these rides and more will come out with our weekly email shortly. Don't forget, you can subscribe to the email list on the website at <https://gwrrabca.org> and keep up to date with what is happening.

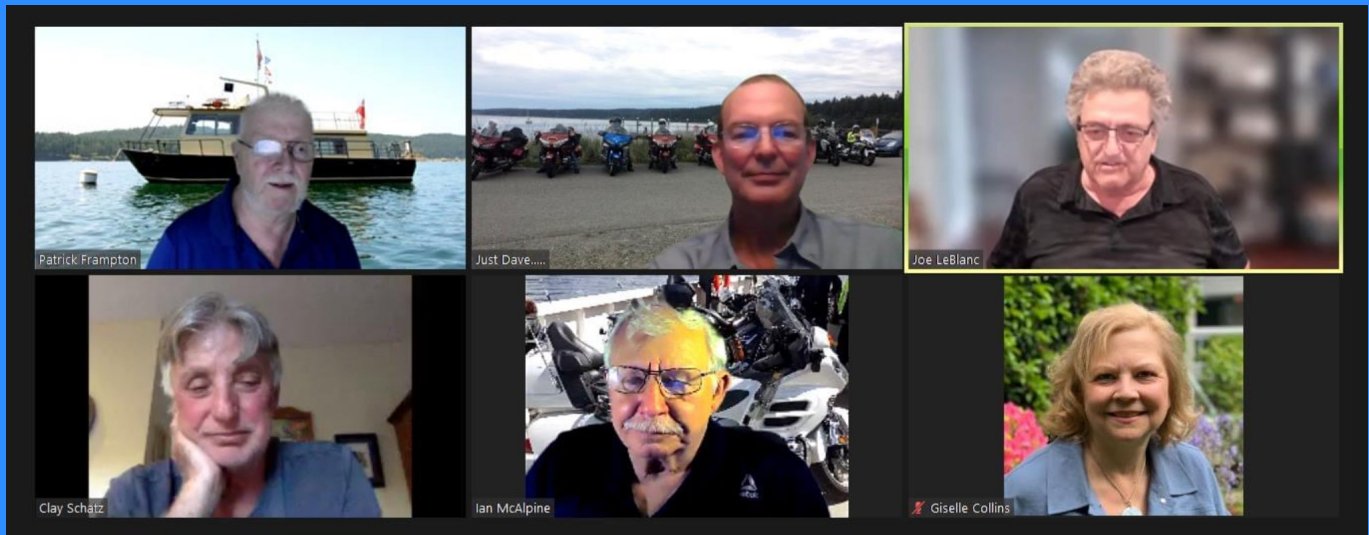
As always, please ride safe.

Dave Ward and Giselle Collins
Senior Chapter Directors, GWRRA Chapter BC-A



Every Thursday, 7.00 pm

zoom



Dave Ward will send Reminder & Link

Dave Ward on July 15- *This evening's ZOOM with a surprise visitor - Joe Leblanc, a long time member who has maintained his membership because of the great Rescue Plus package (and the awesome people in the chapter. He currently resides in Courtenay on Vancouver Island and says hi to everyone..*

Screen Shot by Giselle - Top row L to R – Patrick Frampton, David Ward and Joe Leblanc ; BTM row L to R - , Clay Schatz, Ian McAlpine &. Giselle Collins



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Newsletter Archives

Thanks to Dan Fortin for digging up more old newsletters from 2008-2014. If you have any of the missing issues, let us know!

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British Columbia'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 ranges. Riders and co-riders are blessed with an abundance of some of the most scenic areas available to motorcycle touring enthusiasts anywhere. chapteradirector@gmail.com



— Did you know there is the BC Motorcycle Drill Team? They do some wicked stuff! Take a look at their blog

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THE BACKGROUND OF BC DAY

Indigenous peoples have inhabited British Columbia, as described in their oral traditions. There are claims by the English to have explored the region in the 16th century, but it was the Majorcan-born Spanish navigator Juan José Pérez Hernández who did the first documented travel 1774. In 1778 English explorer James Cook reached Nootka Sound and set foot on British Columbian soil. There were several gold finds in British Columbia in the 1850s. The British colonial office responded to this situation by establishing B.C.'s mainland as a crown colony in 1858, naming it the Colony of British Columbia. In 1871 British Columbia became the sixth province of the Dominion of Canada.

The British Columbia Day Act was first introduced to the Legislative Assembly in 1974, and it gained royal assent in the same year. The aim of the Bill was to create a statutory holiday on the first Monday in August to recognize the pioneers in the province.—Source material from timeanddate.com



Wendy's/Tim Hortons Annacis Island
Meet on Odd Numbered Dates

TUESDAY
NIGHT
RIDE

alternating with



McDonalds at Lougheed and Boundary
Meet on Even Numbered Dates

Coffee & Ride – Every Tuesday 5pm to 7pm

Join us for a ride, members are eager to socialize and to ride weather permitting

Message from the Editor: **"Happy British Columbia Day!" The heat is on.** As in the summers of recent memories, wildfires are burning all over the Province. This forced the cancellation of the NWC 100 Mile Ride. It was disappointing, but I could not help to think of the pain and suffering of the people from Lytton and other areas who lost everything to the fire or had to evacuate their home and businesses. I hope the quotations from the Sunflower article below will help to maintain a positive outlook. At the same time, I would like to give credit to all the firefighters, pilots, emergency workers, local authorities etc. for their super effort in combatting these disastrous situations.



In this edition, we feature some suggestions by John Schretlen for a bike group vacation, as well an analysis & recount of his recent Iron Butt Ride from our regular news-letter contributor, Mike Ona Honda. To make it even more interesting, there is a "sequel" to The Iron Butt Ride submitted by our Ride Coordinator, Chuck Taylor. I hope you will find them amusing.

Please keep those spectacular pictures, fascinating stories, articulate voice memo, and valuable suggestions coming. Simply send them to me at: chaptereditor@gmail.com Kenny Locke

MARQUEE PHOTO OF THE MONTH

***"I want to be like a sunflower; so that even on the darkest days I will stand tall and find the sunlight."* - Unknown**

No flower can lift someone's spirits quite like **sunflowers**. They are bright and cheery, and as warm and inviting as the sweet summer sun. With brilliant yellow petals, also known as "rays," sunflowers have an unmistakable sun-like appearance that has made them a crowd favorite, especially in the summer months.

Sunflowers come in a number of varieties—ranging from small to very large, from having yellow petals to red. However, there is more to sunflowers than meets the eye. While they are stunningly beautiful, they also are rich in history and meaning.

Sunflowers symbolize adoration, loyalty and longevity. Much of the meaning of sunflowers stems from its namesake, the sun itself. These flowers are unique in that they have the ability to provide energy in the form of nourishment and vibrancy—attributes which mirror the sun and the energy provided by its heat and light. Sunflowers are known for being "happy" flowers, making them the perfect gift to bring joy to someone's (or your) day.

Artists throughout history loved the sunflower's unique splendor—those of the Impressionist era were especially fixated on the flower. The use of sunflower images as religious symbols has also been documented in some native societies. Wild sunflowers are often photographed with their tall stalks and bright petals stretched towards the sun. This interesting behavior, known as phototropism, inspired a motif that has appeared in many ancient works.

These beauties are still sourced for their seeds, as well as oils used for cooking and skin emollients. For a flower that reflects so many of the sun's positive characteristics, it isn't surprising that people enjoy basking in the sunflower's warming glow so much. - *Proflowers.com*

For September, we plan to feature **Hydrangeas**. If you have a favourite photo of blooms you think we should feature, send it to me at Chaptereditor@gmail.com. Motorcycle optional. Thank you in advance. Kenny Locke, Editor

Marquee Photo - Sunflower at Cultus Lake. The Chilliwack Sunflower Festival is now open till September 6, with acres of beautiful blooming Sunflowers, Dahlias, Gladiolas & more! Richmond Sunflower Festival is also on now!

Inset Photo - Van Gogh inspired Sunflower/Starry Night Painting. "IMAGINE VAN GOGH, The Immersive Exhibition" is open till September 7 at The Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre, West Building, a rare opportunity for art lovers in the local area.





District Director's July Message

Fellow Wingers:

Unfortunately, the District "Wings in the Cariboo ride" should have taken place in July. The district team made the prudent choice to cancel the ride due to fire conditions in the Cariboo region and the fact that evacuees in the area would need the hotel rooms. Best to stay out of the area and let the professionals do what they need to do. **We will re-schedule the ride for September 2021.**



There are several rides in the coming months within the Chapter domains. BC-V has the upcoming **Govid ride** and BC-C has the **Greenheart Run**.

Links and contact for the above rides as follows:

Govid - <https://gwrra-bcv.org/events/bc-v-govid-ride/> or contact gw.rider@outlook.com

GreenHeart – gwrrabcc.director@gmail.com or contact 604 798 3165

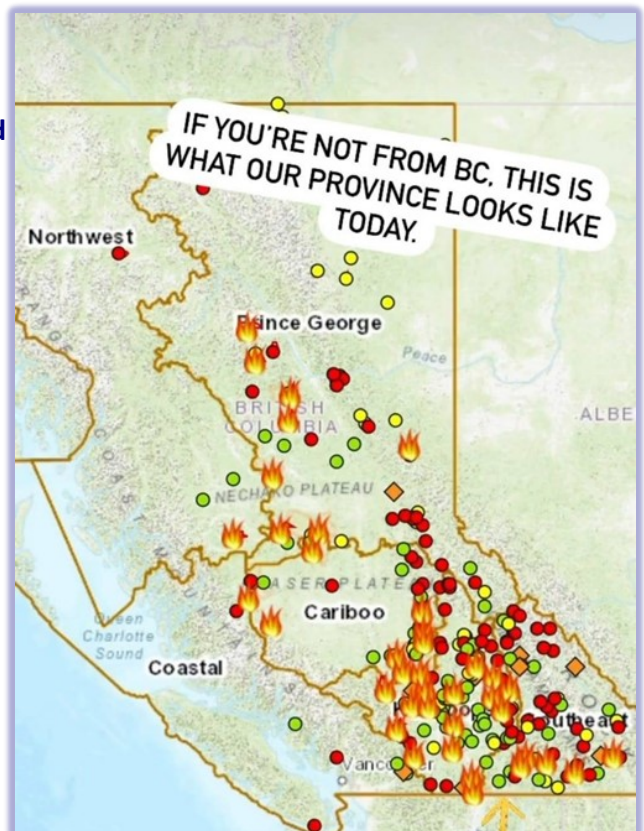
I am gratified to see that many of the chapters have been getting out riding. BC-P, BC-A, BC-C, BC-V, have all been out riding in July. I am sure BC-G is out there as well as YT-A, just have not seen any reports this month.

I am hopeful that we can get a couple of ARC's going in September as well...BC is opening up and as long as we keep the Covid numbers in the position they currently are we should be looking forward to a nice fall riding session. I am looking forward into next year and we have a lot planned for 2022.

The GOVID ride and the Greenheart ride are on track. Tony Brooks has reconnoitered the ride route for the GOVID ride and looks like we will have the thumbs up on that one.

The Greenheart ride is in the planning stages...our Patrick Frampton is putting together an interesting route. I am looking forward to them both!

I know many of our riding routes are restricted presently as you can see by the fire map here. Do try to do some day rides and get out there...I know it is tough and a bit of a crap shoot at times, however if you look at the BC Gov't webpage before heading out I am sure you will find routes that are not smoke filled and will get you out there at least for a while.



Kevin Bramhoff is the District Director for the Great North West Coast District



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the District Director
for the Great North
West Coast District



District Director's Message Cont.

If you registered for the Wings in the Cariboo Rally over the last 2 years your registration has been moved forward into 2022. The Hotel room reservations have also been moved into 2022. I recommend you contact the host hotel if that is where you reserved and confirm your reservation was moved and you are still on the list. The Manager of the Days in in 100 Mile house is very helpful.

If you wish to attend the 2022 rally our website will reopen September 2021 and we will be accepting new registrations for 2022.

<https://wingsinthecariboo.com/>

There are many of you that need to renew your memberships very soon...I have noted that some have even lapsed. Now more than ever we need your support. Our organization needs you to re-up as well as we need your support for local rides and rally's. Things are getting better and the best is yet to come in 2022! You can renew on our web page in Canadian Dollars...<https://gwrra-nwc.com/membership-form/>

We have a new Chapter Director being installed at Chapter YT-A in the Yukon Territory. Mr. Lee Stevens has agreed to take on the role. We wish him all success in his new role.

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"



GWRRA Chapter BC-V (Victoria)
GOVID Ride 2021
(Get Off Vancouver Island Dammit)

Join us as we
"Get Off Vancouver Island Dammit"
and go for a five day ride around
Beautiful British Columbia
5 - 10 August 2021

This Free Event Is Hosted By GWRRA Chapter BC-V (Victoria)



Thur. 5 Aug
Ride to Revelstoke
Fri. 6 Aug
Nakusp Loop
Sat. 7 Aug
Mica Creek Dam &
Canyon Hot Spring
Sun. 8 Aug
Revelstoke to
Grand Forks
Mon. 9 Aug
Grand Forks to
Tsawwassen

For more info & register: <https://gwrra-bcv.org/events/bc-v-govid-ride/> or gw.rider@outlook.com



CHAPTER BC-C 2021 GREEN HEART RUN

CHILLIWACK FLYING CLUB

AUGUST 22ND. 10:00AM COFFEE & SNACKS.

11:00 AM FIRST BIKE OUT

ALL BIKES BACK AT 02:00 PM FOR LATE LUNCH

BC-C Green Heart Run

Chilliwack Flying Club, 46200 Airport Rd, Chilliwack, BC

An observational ride that will explore all that the Fraser Valley has to offer including a few roads that you may not have ridden before.

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For tickets contact Karin BC-C Director at
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Ride goes rain or shine.



**GWRR Chapter BC-C
2021 Green Heart
Rally / Ride**

PRIZES

LATE LUNCH

50/50 DRAW

**MORNING COFFEE &
SNACKS**

**Social event that
includes Steak
Sandwich, Corn
Roast and sides and
beverages**

**Ride along side like
minded individuals**

**Rides, Poker Run,
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CHAPTER BC-A BREAKFAST MEETING AUG. 15TH

Every THIRD Sunday of Each
Month (Except Dec.)

Ricky's COUNTRY RESTAURANT



**Ricky's Country Restaurant, Boundary Rd at
Lougheed Hwy**

2350 Boundary Rd, Burnaby, BC,
Ph: (604) 293-1242

Breakfast at 8:00 am, Meeting at 9:00 am.
Enjoy breakfast with new and old friends.
See you there.

*To secure the meeting room, the Restaurant asks all
attendees not to bring in your own beverages and to
spend at least \$10.00 plus 15% gratuity from a group
menu.*

Saturday, Sunday & Statutory Holiday Rides

**Meet at McDonalds Boundary
& Lougheed, coffee at
8.00am, kickstand up at
9.00am**



Destination Leader's Choice

**Superseded by any Chapter or
District Special Rides**

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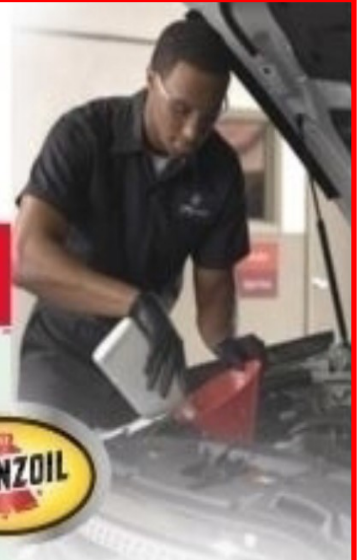
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**A Signature Service
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10 Minute Service

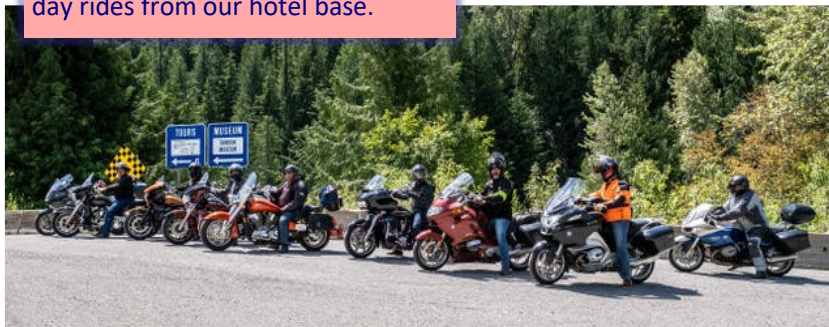
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SUGGESTIONS

By John Schretlen GWRRA BC-A

Kathy & I were away for a couple of weeks with a group of friends on a bike-holiday in late June. The first week was at the Lakeshore Boutique Inn in Nelson (<https://lakeshoreboutiqueinn.com/>), we did day rides from our hotel base.



The second week was to ride to Calgary for a day at a real Kart track. One of my pilot friends is a champion racer. Then Kathy & I spend a few days visiting our son in Kelowna on our way home, making it a two-week ride.

I think that Chapter BC-A may want to consider Nelson for a GWRRA gathering or rally in the future. There is a lot of accommodation and hotels available in the Nelson area. If a large group (we had 20) wants to share the same hotel we used, then the group can share their groceries, liquor, and cooking, it is much less expensive than staying in regular hotels and eating in restaurants.



Photos By John Schretlen

THE GOLD WING LEGEND LIVES ON

The Honda Centre was 10 years old when the first Gold Wing was introduced in 1975 **ICONIC DESIGN**

Blending modern design with iconic attitude, the Gold Wing / Gold Wing Tour offer a bold shape along with aggressive styling that refuses to be ignored. Flowing seamlessly from tip to tail — right down to the most meticulous detail — the Gold Wing / Gold Wing Tour brings new meaning to aerodynamic efficiency in the touring motorcycle category. The attractive styling has long-distance comfort written all over it, with distinctively bright LED lighting, an adjustable electric windscreen and SiriusXM® satellite radio capability, plus revised ergonomics to make the most of every moment spent riding the open road. The legendary Gold Wing / Gold Wing Tour spirit still shines through an impressive choice of new premium colour options and a sharper, more svelte design sensibility — striking the ideal balance between comfort and performance worthy of the Gold Wing / Gold Wing Tour name.

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

The intuitive 7-inch LCD display of the Gold Wing / Gold Wing Tour houses the standard Honda Satellite-Linked Navigation System and also works seamlessly with your compatible phone to offer additional connectivity through Bluetooth audio, Apple CarPlay™ and Android Auto. Premium audio features and a standard SiriusXM® satellite antenna (requires SiriusXM® subscription activation to use) round out the Gold Wing / Gold Wing Tour's advanced technology package. 2021 models also include a secondary USB connector.

PROVEN POWER

Famously smooth and plenty powerful, the iconic horizontally opposed six-cylinder engine remains at the chest-pounding centre of the Gold Wing / Gold Wing Tour. The engine and powertrain are compact, fuel efficient and versatile in real-world riding applications, with overall power, response and agility. Another leap forward in Gold Wing / Gold Wing Tour performance comes from a throttle-by-wire system, available Honda Selectable Torque Control (HSTC) (Tour models only) and selectable riding modes available on Gold Wing / Gold Wing Tour models. Featuring four individual settings, it's easy to switch between Sport, Tour, Econ or Rain modes to automatically adjust to riding conditions. The intake and exhaust systems have also been tuned for touring, with more power and torque, while creating a distinct rumble you can't wait to hear open up.

SUPERIOR SHIFTING WITH THE Honda DUAL-CLUTCH TRANSMISSION

Riding a motorcycle is all about the feeling of freedom and thrill of the ride. The Gold Wing and the Gold Wing Tour deliver both unmatched freedom and modern performance thanks to the available revolutionary 7-Speed Automatic Honda Dual-Clutch Transmission (DCT). As the name Dual-Clutch would indicate, Honda DCT uses two clutches controlled by sophisticated electronics and hydraulics. One clutch, which rides on a hollow outer shaft, controls odd-numbered gear sets (1, 3, 5, 7); the other clutch rides on an inner shaft and controls even-numbered gear sets (2, 4, 6). Multiple gears are simultaneously engaged so that you're constantly prepared for the next shift. Data collected by a series of sensors is processed using an advanced algorithm to determine when the shift-control motor should electronically trigger gear changes. At those moments, one clutch automatically disengages, and the other clutch is already engaged, resulting in shifts that are quick, smooth and seamless.

Honda debuted their Dual-Clutch transmission on the 2010 VFR1200F motorcycle and adapted, refined and expanded it to other bikes since — including the award-winning Africa Twin — and premium ATVs and rugged Side-by-Side vehicles. The third-generation seven-speed DCT is featured in both the Gold Wing and Gold Wing Tour, but it's based on the same proven engineering technology you can count on. The groundbreaking seven-speed Honda DCT not only helps you ride easy and enjoy your motorcycle more, but also more importantly frees you up from having to deal with a hand-operated clutch or manually changing gears, which allows you to stay more focused on the adventure ahead. It lets you be in the moment when you ride, and once you try it, you'll see just how much more you enjoy riding and how little you miss shifting. Honda DCT is engineered to be the start of your best ride ever.

While they have the same final drive ratio in top gear as the manual transmission models, the additional seventh gear in the Gold Wing DCT and Gold Wing Tour DCT allows the lower gears to be more tightly spaced, resulting in less engine-speed drop when switching gears. The Honda Gold Wing DCT and Gold Wing Tour DCT models maintain the same direct shift feel as traditional manual transmission models yet deliver quieter shifts and frees you from clutch- and gear-changing duty. This creates a new dimension of motorcycle touring and convenience you must experience.

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Mike Ona Honda

On Sunday July 11th, 2021, Dave Ward, our Chapter Director and I finished what was my 1st Iron Butt Ride, the Saddle Sore 1000. In metric that is 1600km for certification.

Actual milage for me was 1758 kms according to the Garmin 62s I took along for GPS data redundancy. My finish time back at Surrey, BC was just under the wire at 22 hours and 20 minutes.

Dave's milage and time will be slightly different from mine since we started out from different locations and met up in Langley BC to ride together. Our ride took us via Hope, Princeton, Keremeos, Grand Forks, Creston, Invermere (Fairmont Hot Springs), Golden, Sicamous, Merritt, all points in between then home. I submitted the name of the ride to the IBA as the "Rocky Mountain Ramble".

There are a variety of IBA rides that come in different lengths and times. All of them long on distance and short on time. The Saddle Sore 1000 is the shortest one in distance and the rider has 24 hours to complete it. Consider it the entry level ride for the curious. In fact, the IBA encourages, or strongly

recommends you begin there to determine what your capabilities are before taking on the longer endurance rides. The Iron Butt Association's motto is "the world's toughest motorcycle riders". OK then, noted.

The Ride and Rider

I grew up surrounded by older brothers with motorcycles and I've been a rider and enthusiast of motorcycles all my life. If I sent a 23 and me swab away for analysis, I'm certain it would come back reporting a small percent of motorcycle craziness was in my DNA.

My riding experiences over my younger years have included multiple longer trips on many types of roads, but distance and time were an afterthought. And planning? Please, most of the rides back then were usually "planned" during a recreational BS session with friends without thinking through the details. Bungee a small duffel bag onto your seat and away you go. This was going to be a little different as it was a planned and executed ride under rules.

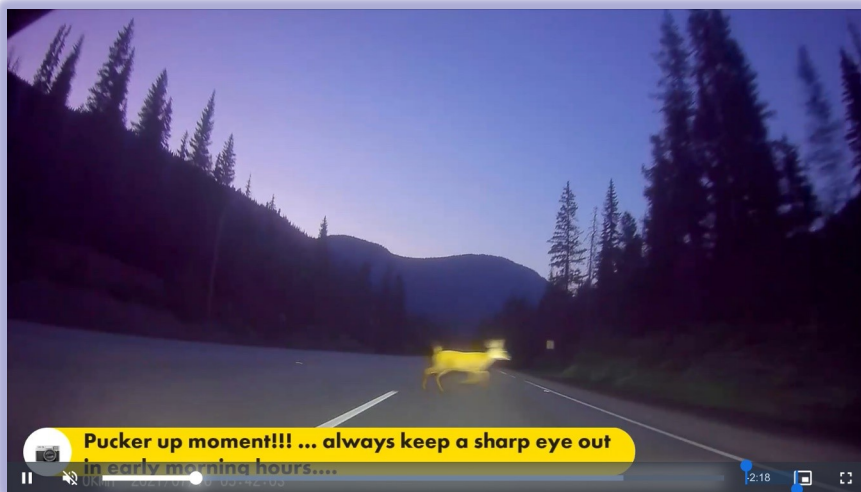
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Dave and Mike at a Pit Stop

After Dave and I met up in Langley we quickly motored onto Highway 1 east in the cool early morning. The cool air was a nice relief from the record setting high temperatures of the previous week. There is something very surreal about the being on the highway as dawn approaches and the Gold Wing's flat six engine purrs faithfully under you. I felt good about the coming day.

Our 2nd fuel stop, counting our official start receipts, was Hope, BC. From there we started the Hope Princeton stretch of Highway 3 east. Not long after leaving Hope, Dave leading with a blinding array of lighting mounted on his bike, a deer came literally out of nowhere and dashed across the road from left to right. Dave's riding skills along with some lucky timing prevented a serious disaster. The whole event was captured on a mounted camera.

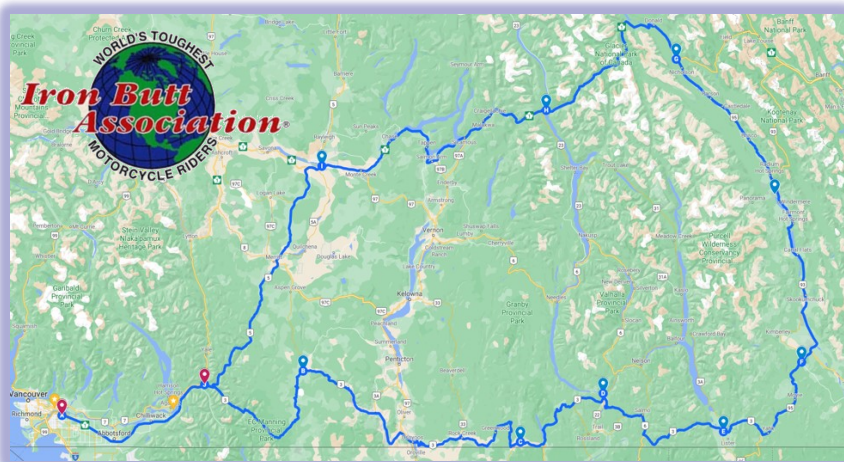


This incident illustrates the reason why I planned the ride counter clockwise. I had originally planned the ride clockwise from Hope but that meant coming through highway 3 at dusk (home stretch) with the ride behind us. Better to take on the known wildlife areas while we're still fresh with some daylight. So, I planned the route counter clockwise so Hope Princeton would be approached at the outset.

Princeton was our 3rd stop for rest, water and a light snack. No fuel. For the remaining ride every 150 -200 kilometers or so was punctuated with a stop for water, fuel, stretch and a light snack. The exception was a longer stop in Creston for lunch.

The traffic was relatively light in our direction of travel throughout the day except for just north of Cranbrook where road construction caused a 30-minute +/- delay for us.

Mid day temperatures did rise to 34-38 in some places but we were able to mitigate that with soaking scarfs in water before tying them on. I was wearing micromesh pants and jacket made by a prominent manufacturer of motorcycle gear, which worked as claimed. Overall I was comfortable the entire time in the heat with just a layer of dri-fit clothing underneath. I only added a layer for warmth coming back over the Coquihalla on the last stretch home.



At the 1000-kilometer mark I felt a little celebratory until I started thinking about the remaining 600 kilometers to go. But I remained strong and felt good about reaching our goal. The kilometers continued to whirl by. It wasn't until reaching Merritt on our last leg that I began to feel the ride's effect on my body. The end was in sight and I had the will to continue but the body was beginning to wane a little. This was also the point where my Bluetooth headset started to fail and combined with the wind noise inside my helmet bike to bike communication between Dave and I was not happening. Luckily we were getting closer to home. Bike to bike communication is so important and sorely missed when you don't have it.

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Finally, the finish line! My last gas receipt at 00:40hrs and 1758 kilometers! As was the case for my start receipt at the same location, it was for one dollar and of course as was the case for start receipt, I had to ask the SAME attendant through my helmet and his safety glass for a receipt because the pump wasn't providing one. His look said it all "aren't you the same weirdo that wanted a receipt for a dollars worth of gas last night??"

This ride left my mind and body feeling rather humbled but with a modicum of pride for the effort put in. Would I do it again? Now in retrospect with the aches subsided yes, I think I would. Goals are important in life, so I look forward to the planning, researching, and execution of another Iron Butt Ride at some point. In the meantime, I'll continue to enjoy the comradery of the meets and the rides put on by our GWRRA -chapter A members every weekend that I'm available.

I certainly want to thank our chapter director Dave Ward for spending the day with me on this ride. His experience was valuable, and his company was appreciated. Apparently Dave also knows how to draw animals out onto the road at precisely the right time for pictures. Who knew?



The Equipment

- 2020 Goldwing DCT Tour
- Sena 20s Bluetooth headset
- Honda CB Radio
- First Aid kit
- Wera Zyklop ¼" drive metric under seat tool kit
- Slime tire repair kit and compressor
- Water, vegetable snacks, hard boiled eggs
- Cash just in case debit services are down
- Reading Glasses
- Paper map
- Garmin 62s
- Dri-fit under layer and 2 pairs of gloves.

The Planning

IBA rides at their root are an exercise in planning. From what I've read the association does not encourage speeding or stimulants for riders to make their goals. Just the opposite in fact. They encourage safety, and they expect riders to know their limits and act accordingly.

My advice and \$4.50 won't buy a McDonalds latte but I would recommend if you decided to plan an IBA Saddle Sore 1000 for yourself plan a route to exceed the required distance. If the IBA milage tally differs from yours, their calculations are definitive, and you don't want to be disqualified over a few kilometers error in your planning. Download their application kit beforehand which includes all the documents you'll need for the ride including official start and finish instructions, and witness information as well as a log template.

The Fails

- HJC Full face helmet - Mine pulled at my forehead continually and wind noise was distracting at times. A better fitting helmet will be my next consideration when I purchase one.
- The Sena 20s Bluetooth headset - Battery lasted 14 hours or so. I brought a fully charged spare but didn't check connection quality of the spare and the volume was too low to be of any use. Combined with a noisy helmet comms were not happening on the last leg.
- 2018+ Honda Goldwing OEM forward lighting - It seems to be insufficient at night under certain riding conditions.

Note: The ride has been submitted for certification but no confirmation so far, so the ride is still not official.

Submitted by Mike Ona Honda GWRRA #426961

MILESTONES



August GWRRA Anniversaries

Aug. -2007 TOBY SANDWELL

Aug. -2008 ROBERT & PARAMJIT
GOSSELIN

Aug. -2008 KYLE and KIRIN GOSSELIN

Aug. -2009 ROBERT & LEONA MEERS

Aug. -2012 DAN NOORIAN

Aug. -2013 IAN THOMPSON

Aug. -2015 WAYNE B. SCOTT

Aug. 2018 MALCOLM MUIR

Aug. -2020 MANU & GAURI KAPOOR

August Birthdays

JOHN C E WAIT Aug. -3

IAN MCALPINE Aug. -18

DOUG WILKINS Aug. -18

ROBERT GOSSELIN Aug. -19

RAY SNAZEL Aug. -30

PARAMJIT GOSSELIN Aug. -31



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: chaptereditor@gmail.com Subject: **Birthday and Anniversary update** Thanks.



AGING LIKE A FINE WINE

This was Doug's birthday cake a few years ago. It was exact life size and completely edible, even looks like it, sitting on our trailer. Cheers! Cathy Photo by Cathy Wilkins



THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN SCRAMBLE

by Chuck Taylor, Ride Coordinator, GWRRA BC-A

Beyond an Iron Butt Day Ride, 2000 Km in 20 Hours



Chuck Taylor & his 2018 GL1800

Forward by Kenny Locke, Editor - Chuck is well known for his "Shortcuts". It will take you to someplace you haven't been before, as well as the long way home. In this day ride, he took the "Shortcut" and wound-up logging beyond an Iron Butt run. It is simply amazing.

Please be advised that such a long trip is not for neophytes. To do an Iron Butt, it takes planning, equipment preparation, and mental & physical fitness as outlined by Mike Ona Honda in the prequel to this article. Chuck of course is an extremely seasoned rider logging on over 24,000 km each year on his Goldwing, and with many extended long day rides under his belt.

I did a loop ride with a "short cut" on Saturday, July 17 started in Vancouver at 7:23 am with Dan Fortin and Niels Jensen. They were on a 4 Day Ride Vacation looping through Canmore, Alberta. I would ride with them for part of the way.

Off to Squamish, Whistler, Pemberton, Lillooet, we went. As Dan and Niels stopped for brunch, I carried on. I was curious about the air quality ahead, and the forest fire & smoke situation. I told them I would phone them with a report.

I rode to Pavilion, a little smoky at Marble Canyon, then Hat Creek to Hwy 97, north to Clinton. At 93 Mile, turned east onto Hwy 24, then to Lone Butte, Bridge Lake, and Little Fort. It was getting smokier. At Bridge Lake, I



Fire prevention, soaking down everything

visited my Service Manager at Taylormotive, Tim Leonard. He gave me a tour of his vacation Cabin, he was there to hose (soak) down everything with his brand-new Honda pump, fire hose and nozzle that he just purchased from the Honda

Centre in Burnaby. A special thanks goes out to Nicole and Duncan Fraser for putting the Fire Fighting Package all together at the last minute!



The Equipment

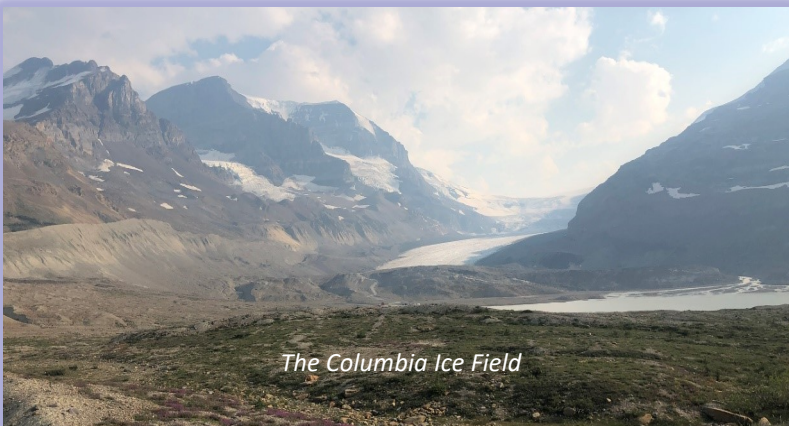
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North onto Hwy 5 to Clearwater, at Blue River the air cleared, continued to Valemount. At Tete Jaune Cache, I turned east onto Hwy 16 to Mt. Robson, Jasper, then Hwy 93 to Lake Louise, then turned west onto Hwy 1 to Golden, Revelstoke, and Sicamous.

At 9:58pm, I waved and texted as I went by my buddy's home at Mara Lake. Then on to Enderby, Vernon, Kelowna, 97C to Merritt, then 5A to Hope, Hwy 1 to Chilliwack, Abbotsford, Langley, Coquitlam, to arrive in North Vancouver at 3:00 am.

Just to round out the mileage, I went on to Deep Cove, then to Horseshoe Bay and back to Chevron at Main and Mountain Hwy in North Vancouver, for the odometer to read exactly 2000.0 km 20 hrs 7:23 am July 17 to 3:23 am July 18, 2021. Just another "Day Ride" with a "short cut".



<https://share.garmin.com/H9QSW>

Total km Riding 2000 kilometres

Total miles riding 1242.72 miles

Total Fuel Used 129.854 litres

Total imp gallons used 28.564

Average litres used 6.49/100 Km

Average Imp Gallon 36.23

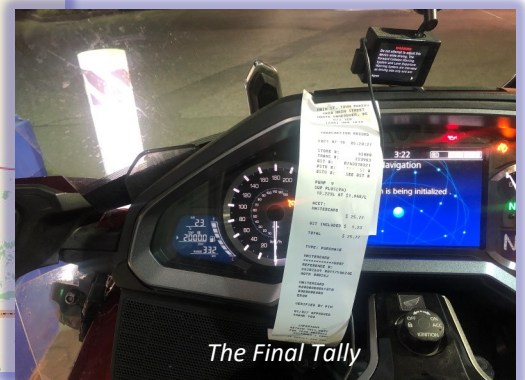
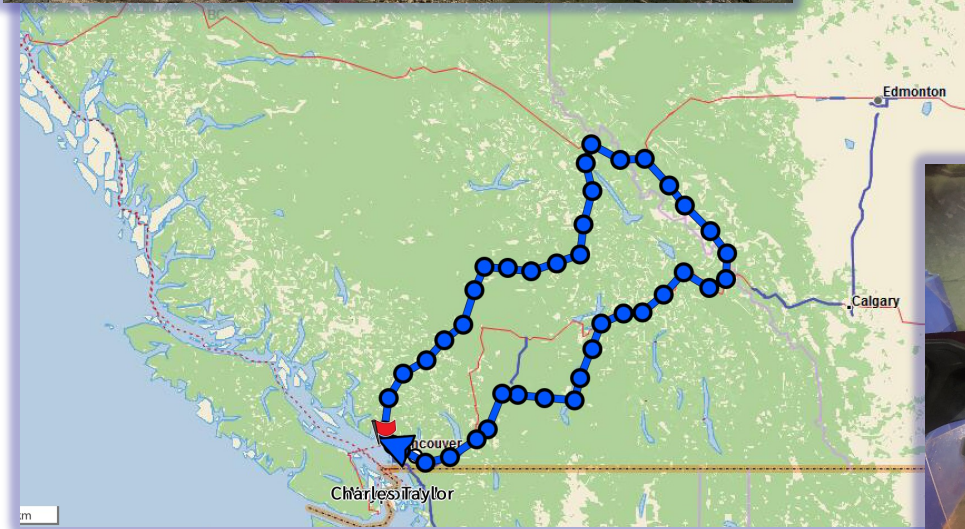
Total Time of Trip 20 hrs

7:23 am to 3:23 am including all stops

Total Avg speed 100 km per hr.

2018 Honda Goldwing Tour DCT with 77700 km

Submitted by Chuck Taylor, Ride Coordinator, GWRRA BC-A



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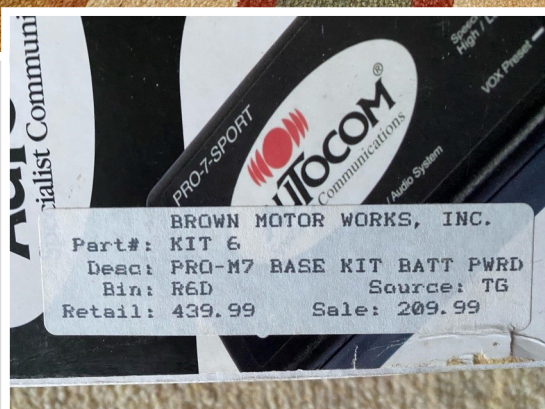
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