

Gold Nuggets



JAN 202

PCOMING EVENTS

- ALL CHAPTER A INDOOR GATHERINGS ARE SUS-PENDED DUE TO COVID
- OFFICIALLY SUSPEND-ED DUE TO COVID-SAT, SUN, STAT. HOLI-DAY RIDES—MEET AT MCDONALDS AT BOUNDA. RY & LOUGHEED, 8AM TO 9AM,
- OFFICIALLY SUSPEND-ED DUE TO COVID -TUESDAY EVENING COF-FEE & RIDES—MEET AT WENDY'S AT GRANDVIEW & BOUNDARY,5PM TO 7PM,
- ZOOM GET TOGETHER EVERY WEDNESDAY
 7.00PM UNLESS OTHER-WISE STATED

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Message from the Chapter A Directors

While digitizing and uploading as many Chapter newsletters from the past that I can get my hands on, I have done a lot of reading.....reading old volumes of chapter newsletters that is. What a treasure trove of information and ideas!

VOLUME I, ISSUE I

Our chapter – BC-A, Vancouver – is the oldest chapter in Canada with a history to be proud of. From its humble beginnings in 1980 it has grown to be one of the largest, still active chapters in all of Canada. That is something to be very proud of.

At one point back in the 80's and 90's, 50-60 members regularly turned out for the monthly breakfast meetings. They took home many prizes



from different rallies and events all over the Pacific Northwest for having the most members show up and participate. Rides were scheduled almost every weekend and fun and entertaining events were held at every meeting.

I urge each and every one of you to have a browse through the archives that have been posted on the chapter website – https://gwrrabca.org. A huge thank you to Heinz Blisse, Ivan Armstrong, and Dan Fortin for digging into their piles of "stuff" and finding this information. What is there is only a small fraction of the work that still needs to be done to get the rest of Chapter BC-A history scanned and uploaded.

Giselle and I are looking forward to a great riding season in 2021. Hopefully we will be able to cross the border to enjoy some of the great roads in Washington and Oregon. Wouldn't that be nice? The district team is moving forward with plans for ride events in 2021, especially the rally for 100 Mile House in July.

We hope you all had a peaceful and restful holiday season and hope to see many of you back out on your bikes when our riding season starts up again....

Dave & Giselle
Chapter Directors
GWRRA BC-A, Vancouver

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CB Ch. 33

Amateur Radio Frequency Simplex 146.490 and Repeater - Mount Seymour 145.350 (tone 127.3)







GWRRA Chapter BC-A

Home of the Canada Geese



Dave Ward - "Lots more history loaded up on the chapter A website! Here is the link to the 1990's... – https://gwrrabca.org

If you have copies of old newsletters from back then and can fill in the blanks, please let me know."



Very entertaining Zoom Get Together on Dec. 23, 2020, last one of the year. Stories of being lost in foreign cites were flying around, tales of co-rider intuition outdoing the GPS as a navigator, technical tips on the Goldwing, and even a few golf jokes. Looking forward to the next one on January 6, 2021, 7.00pm. Dave Ward will send out reminders and log on information. Screen Shot by Giselle, top row left to right - Kenny Locke, Dave Ward & Giselle Collins, Cathy and Doug Wilkins, Clay Schatz. Mid row left to right - Patrick and Raine Frampton, Jim Cross, Niels Jensen, Howie Mosher. Bottom row left to right – George Harris, Rob Ellis, Ivan Armstrong.





Chapter Directors:

Dave Ward & Giselle Collins

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

"Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"

Message from the Editor:



All The Best Of The Seasons To You! Thank You for all your suggestions, pictures and stories for the Newsletter. Your contributions help me a lot to try to publish a news worthy and interesting letter. As I stated before, I have no skills in publishing, especially the program Publisher itself, I am learning it on YouTube. It is proving to be quite fun to learn a new program. I am enjoying it.

In this edition, we are featuring a couple of stories from Chapter A members. Trust you will find them a good read. Please keep those pictures, stories and suggestions coming, just email them to me at:

chapteraeditor@gmail.com

Kenny Locke

2020 Chapter BC A Team

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

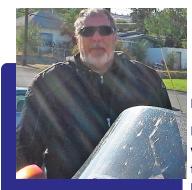
Treasurer:Niels JensenStores:Giselle CollinsEducator:Kelly ParkesHistorian:Ivan ArmstrongWebmaster:Keiller GowansNewsletter Editor:Kenny Locke

Ride Coordinator: Chuck Taylor

Games Coordinator: Vacant (Kelly Parkes)

Membership Enhancement Coordinator: Ian McAlpine

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



District Director's Jan. Message

Fellow Wingers:

Happy new year to you all...2020 is over and we are looking forward in 2021. Last year at this time I wrote a full report card of the previous year and our achievements. This last year 2020, is a little different as we all are aware and I do not have to go into



details as to why. December and the holiday season are a time of reflection for us all... we managed to salvage some riding in 2020, the Chapters riding schedule was a vigorous as ever and we managed some ARC courses before year end. Enough reflection, let's look forward!

This Year, we have some new and exciting riding to look forward to. Your district has been in the midst of planning for 2021 and we will be putting these events and rides (District Rally, Gypsy Runs, Rock Hard Buns ride) on using the tools available to us if the Pandemic still exists amongst us.

We are planning for the worst and anticipating the best. Rest assured we are determined give you the members the "best" we can. The only thing that will stop us is total lockdown. Our Rides and Rally will take place! Your district team has its work cut out and is on top of the situation.

I would like to recognize your district team for all of their hard work and dedication during this challenging time, they have done a stellar job in 2020 and they will continue to provide great membership experiences for 2021.

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

District Team:

Dave Ward - Assistant District Director & Webmaster

Keiller Gowans - District Ride Coordinator

Giselle Collins - District Membership Enhancement Coordinator

Ian McAlpine - District University Coordinator

Irene Hofler - District Treasurer

Vernon Clark - District Educator

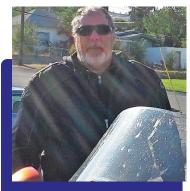
Rino Genzale - District Motorist Awareness Coordinator

Dave & Geri Crosson – District Ambassadors

Tony Brooks – District Newsletter Editor and Media Coordinator

Karin Young – District Communications Coordinator

Please join me in saying a big thank you for a job well done to following team.



District Director's Jan. Message cont.

Power Sports Services announced that they will not be proceeding with their 6 show Canadian Circuit in 2021 and that means...The Vancouver Motorcycle show, that is a big recruiting forum for us has been cancelled. Many of the other events we participate in have also been cancelled until 2022. Our 2021 recruitment efforts will have to be even more creative than normal. Stay tuned for opportunities to assist your chapter in getting new members as well as rewarding your selves.

GWRRA Canada has a new web site. Check it out at: https://gwrra-canada.ca/. The web-site will serve as a portal to the districts and from there to the chapters. It already has links to the major programs within GWRRA. Items of national interest such as rallies and large events, will be listed on the calendar, supported through links on the calendar to the various web pages for those events. It will also serve as the platform for our new national recruitment program...stay tuned for that one as well.

I encourage you all to stay connected and participate wherever, whenever you can. Your organization needs you and your support as much as you need ours. We will communicate details to all of you in a timely fashion so you can move forward to plan your rides for 2021.

Remember fellow wingers, there is light at the end of the tunnel and it is not a train!

Thank you for being members of GWRRA; your membership and participation is what makes GWRRA the finest international riding association in North America.

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

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

Respectfully

Kevin Bramhoff

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





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District NWC-North West Coast District Team

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GWRRA North West Coast District

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Are you interested in:

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

GWRRA North West Coast District Rally

"Wings in the Cariboo 2.1"

New Dates Announced!!!
July 22nd – 25th, 2021

www.wingsinthecariboo.com

The 100 Mile Days Inn Looks Forward to the Return of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association in 2021.

The Days Inn 100 Mile House is delighted to offer the GWRRA a rate of \$119.00, double occupancy, per a night plus applicable taxes for July 22, 23, 24 and 25, 2021. Any bookings which were not cancelled from the 2020 rally have been moved to the new dates. Please phone and confirm your reservation.

If a pet friendly room is required, please inform us at booking. There is a \$20.00 fee per an animal per a night. Pet rooms are limited. Pets are not to be left unattended.

Included in your stay is a continental breakfast between the hours of 6-10 am. As the Inn cannot accommodate early check-ins or late check-outs for groups please factor this into your schedule. Any rooms not picked up by **May 01, 2021** will be returned to regular inventory.

Please do not hesitate to contact any member of Days Inn front desk team at 778-482-5255 if we may be of any further assistance.

Super 8, 100 Mile House also supporting "Wings in the Cariboo" Rally, 2021!

The Super 8 - 100 Mile House has cancelled GWRRA's block of rooms for July 23 - 26, 2020 and transferred them to Thursday, July 22 - Monday, July 26, 2021 (4 nights).

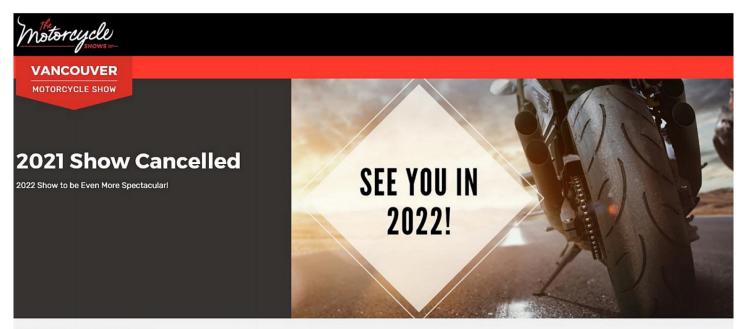
The hotel is honouring your rate of \$109.00 per night for existing and new bookings. Currently, nine rooms with 2 queen beds have been put on hold, three of which have already been reserved (Kinderdyk, Aldrich and Hofler).

Any additional bookings can be made by calling the hotel directly at 1-250-395-8888 ext 0. Don't forget to say you are with the "Gold Group", to get the discounted rate.

Check in Time: 3:00 pm, Check out Time: 11:00 am.

Any rooms not picked up will be released back into general inventory on May 01, 2021

Please do not hesitate to contact us at 1-250-395-8888 ext 0 if we may be of any further assistance.



Jan 21 to Jan 23, 2022 Tradex. Abbotsford. BC

See you in 2022!

Due to ongoing concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 Vancouver Motorcycle Show, scheduled for January 22-24, 2021 at Tradex in Abbotsford, has been cancelled.

Over the last 6-months, the team has been working actively, with our partners and suppliers, to find a safe and viable way to produce the 2021 Motorcycle Show tour.

Despite these efforts, in most parts of the country, as a result of strict indoor gathering limits, exhibitions remain prohibited or severely limited, making it difficult – if not impossible – for us to deliver the consistent high-quality experience that you have come to expect from the Motorcycle Show.

Even though this was an incredibly difficult decision to make, nothing is more important than the health and safety of our visitors and exhibitors.

We are more motivated and committed than ever, to welcome you back in 2022! Mark your calendars now for the Vancouver Motorcycle Show: January 21-23, 2022!

In the meantime, we are exploring alternatives for the 2021 season, to bring the riding community together safely. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.



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I Miss My Goldwing!

Wayne Scott Tells How his **Goldwing Got Stuck in USA**

It was a beautiful day in the fall of 2019 when I noticed that my Gold wing insurance was coming up. I had two motorcycles in the garage and as winter was coming I only needed one. I I love riding both the Wing and the ST1300 as they are different rides and I just love riding. I was wanting to do a little bit of work on the ST and having some extra room in the garage sure would help! I decided to take the Wing down and park it at our place in Point Roberts. WA for the winter.

I didn't really go to great lengths to store it as I'd insure it again in the spring. I took some fuel stabilizer with me and some clothes dryer softener sheets. I understand the softener sheets keep mice away so if I stick them in all the nooks and crannies where I thought they might chew on the wires I should be good. A couple of days later I rode the bike down stopping for fuel and stabilizer and a short ride to get that stabilizer through the system. In the garage I put it up on the center stand, put a trickle charger on it, stuffed all those sheets wherever I could.

and covered it up. I am Hopeful for 2021!!

home.

I did check up on it a couple of times and all was well. Then because of Covid 19 the BORDER was CLOSED! Who'd 'ave ever thought that would happen! So my Wing has been there over a year now without starting or even a visual check and you can't cross the border. Not much I can do.

Louise came and pick me up and then drove

I wasn't too concerned at first but I must say my anxiety is rising as I wait for the border to reopen hopefully early 2021.

I miss my Gold wing!

Submitted by Wayne Scott Member of GWRRA BC-A



From East Coast to West Coast – Goldwinging Across Canada During a Pandemic



y name is Jim Cross . My wife, Janet and I have been members of GWRRA (Nova Scotia Chapter K) since 2013 and have recently transferred membership to Vancouver Chapter A. In January, 2020 we drove to Port Coquitlam (from Nova Scotia) to relocate near our two daughters and three grandchildren. We left our 2012 Goldwing and Lees-ure Lite trailer in Nova Scotia with a plan to fly back in the spring of 2020 and leisurely ride across Canada during the warmer months. We are both retired so we have plenty of time for long road trips.

The car trip in December and January was relatively uneventful: -32C with wind chill in Ottawa but still managed to see the amazing light and sound show set against the Parliament buildings, and stopped in Ontario to see our son and (expecting) daughter-in-law for Christmas.

We crossed over to USA at Sault Ste Marie and continued through northern Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and North Dakota and then crossed back into Canada near Estevan, Saskatchewan. Spent one fun night in downtown Banff enjoying the Christmas and New Year's lights and festive atmosphere.

We arrived in Kamloops January 5 and ended up staying two nights as the Coq was snowed in; causing us to arrive three and a half hours late for the birth of our granddaughter at Royal Columbian Hospital on the morning of January 7.

I met Dave and Giselle at the GWRRA booth at the Vancouver Motorcycle show in Abbotsford in January and then Janet and I attended a Chapter A dinner meeting in March. Then Covid 19 hit and our plans to fly to NS to pick up the Goldwing and trailer went down the drain.

You can imagine how I felt as riding season was starting in BC and my Goldwing was sitting in Nova Scotia. I checked on having the bike and trailer shipped to BC but the movers wanted about the same amount as the cost of a used 1500 Goldwing! Meanwhile the Atlantic Provinces required a 14 day self-isolation for anyone outside of the region. There didn't seem to be an easy way to get the bike and trailer back to BC.

After much discussion and research about travel during Covid; and while the cases were relatively low, we made the decision to drive to Ontario (avoiding a long flight since the risk on planes was highly questionable at the time), and then I would make the short flight to Halifax solo to grab my bike. On July 31, we left Port Coquitlam and began our second cross-country haul of the year.



On August 12, I flew from Toronto Pearson to Halifax Stanfield. There were only about 25 passengers spaced apart on the 737 and Halifax airport was

mostly deserted, so no Covid issues whatsoever. Upon arriving at Halifax airport, I was asked if I was planning to stay in Nova Scotia. Since I was only staying one night, I was permitted to self-isolate at the airport hotel overnight and then ride straight through to New Brunswick the next day, avoiding the 14-day isolation period.



Reid Sanford (Chapter K) delivering my bike and trailer to Halifax airport

I had prearranged for my "biker buddies" (all members of Chapter K) to deliver my bike and trailer to the airport hotel the next morning.

Right on time, my bike and trailer arrived with my helmet and all my gear. Six Goldwings rode in formation towards New Brunswick. We stopped at Masstown market for coffee and goodbyes and then I continued on to the NS / NB border. In typical Maritime fashion, one of the guys (Reid) had loaded up my cooler with Alexander Keith's Pale Alejust to keep the trailer tongue weight perfect!

In order to travel through New Brunswick, I had to apply online and receive authorization to transit through the province on a specific day, which was August 13. I was permitted to stop for gas and meals but not allowed to stay overnight. I also had to provide documentation (i.e. hotel reservation) in Quebec to prove I wasn't staying in New Brunswick. Vehicles were being stopped and checked at the border but as the line of traffic built up, I was waved through without being stopped. My Nova Scotia plates probably helped.

Usually it takes a few rides at the beginning of the season to get comfortable with riding again. This was my first ride of the season going from Halifax airport to La Pocatière, Quebec which is about 850 km. Just to make it interesting, there was a heat warning in New Brunswick and it felt like I was riding in a furnace. Also, I had only owned my 2012 Goldwing for about a year and hadn't yet installed highway pegs, so it was a long, hot, sore ride to Quebec.

The next day I rode Highway 20 past Quebec City where I took Highway 30 to bypass Montreal and eventually picked up highway 401 in Ontario. I arrived back in Little Britain, ON that evening after about a 900 km ride. While in Little Britain, I did an oil change and bought a set of chrome Rivco highway pegs at GP Bikes in nearby Whitby.

After a great visit with our son, daughter-in-law and new granddaughter, we left Little Britain on August 30. I was riding the Goldwing and pulling the Leesure Lite, and Janet was following behind in the car. We decided to take our time and only travel about 500 km per day. This turned out to be a nice comfortable pace that allowed time for stops, fuel, meals and quitting for the day before 5 pm.

Janet had a portable CB in the car so we were able to stay in touch throughout the trip. The first night

On the road again - somewhere in Ontario

we spent in Blind River, the next night we camped in Wawa (the giant Canada goose) and then stayed in Thunder Bay. Just east of Thunder Bay is the Terry Fox Monument to commemorate the nearby location where Fox had to quit his historic run, and offers a magnificent view of the area.



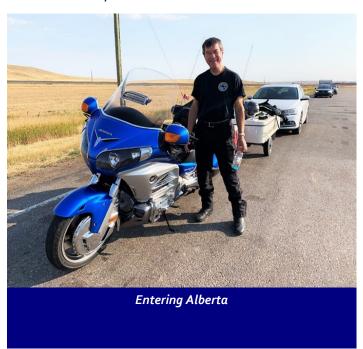
We would typically go out for a nice meal in the evening and then use the car to have a look around the town or just go for a walk. All restaurants and hotels were carefully following Covid protocols. The next night we stayed in Kenora and then stopped in Brandon, Manitoba to visit a friend.

There were very strong crosswinds throughout Manitoba and I had to fight for every kilometer. The next overnight was Swift Current and then we detoured slightly to camp a night near Waterton Park. We hadn't been to Waterton for many years and enjoyed visiting the town and the majestic Prince of Wales hotel. The scenery was truly magnificent!

We left Waterton the next morning and had a very close encounter with two large deer on Highway 6 near Twin Butte. I saw the deer running hard towards the road (and me) but there was no time to stop or swerve. For some reason, the deer put on his brakes and skidded to a stop just on the edge of the road and just before impact. Lucky break and the only close call of the entire trip.



We spent the next night in Trail and experienced the only rain of the entire trip the next morning while travelling through Rossland. We rode from Trail to Port Coquitlam on Labour Day and that was, by far, the busiest day.



We picked up Highway 7 at Hope to avoid the traffic on Highway 1, but it was still busy and, in Maple Ridge, we were detoured up to Dewdney Trunk



road. Home safe and sound in the early evening with no (Covid or vehicle) issues.

The Goldwing performed like a champ!

Submitted by Jim Cross Member of GWRRA NS-K, BC-A

Chapter "A" Own Road Side Assistance submitted by K. Locke



On an October Saturday Group ride, Stan Locke picked up a flat tire. Chuck Taylor (in red helmet) and Niels Jensen (in white helmet) whipped out their tire repair kits and air compressors and went to work. Without 15 minutes, Stan was rolling again. He went directly to his mechanic and installed a new tire. Good Work Guys!— *Photo by John Schretlen*



January Birthdays

MIKE HOONJAN - Dec-5 (Belayed)

DAVID WARD - Jan-7

CHARLES YOUNG - Jan-18

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: *chapteraeditor@gmail.com* Subject: Birthday and Anniversary update

Chapter A Stores

	Description		Quantity on hand 2020-October-29	Cost
Rocker	BC-A Vancouver chapter (black and gold with flags)		5	\$22.00
Rocker	BC-A Vancouver chapter (white, 2 Canada flags)		1	\$22.00
Round	10" GWRRA (multi-colo	ur with griffin)	3	\$17.00
Round	10" GWRRA (black and gold with griffin)		3	\$17.00
Round	10" Vintage GWRRA patch (gold outlined)		1	\$22.00
Round	10" Vintage GWRRA patch (red outlined)		1	\$22.00
Round	4" GWRRA (multi-colour with griffin)		7	\$7.00
Round	4" GWRRA (black and gold with griffin)		6	\$7.00
Round	4" GWRRA (black, blue and gold with griffin)		15	\$7.00
Round	4" GWRRA BC-A (blue with Canada goose)		3	\$7.00
Round	4" Vintage GWRRA patch (gold outlined)		2	\$10.00
Round	4" Vintage GWRRA patch (black with gold graphic)		1	\$10.00
GWRRA BC district – large		2	\$5.00	
GWRRA BC district – small		4	\$3.00	
BC-A hanger bars		80	\$3.00	
PinSave	PinSaver (10 pack)		4	\$7.00
Hat : bal	I	One Size	2	\$10.00
Shirt : Lo	ong Sleeve	XL-Men	1	\$35.00
Shirt : Lo	ong Sleeve	2xl-Men	1	\$35.00
Shirt : S	nort sleeve sport	L-Men	2	\$35.00
Shirt : Short sleeve sport 2xl-Men		2xl-Men	2	\$35.00



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