

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- BREAKFAST MEETING AT ABC RESTAURANT, SCHOOLHOUSE, COQ, SUNDAY, NOV. 20, 9.00AM, RIDE AFTERWARDS.
- SATURDAY, DEC.4, 6.00PM CHAPTER A CHRISTMAS DINNER AT MAHARANI SWEETS RESTAURANT, SURREY. DETAILS TO
- SAT, SUN, STAT. HOLIDAY RIDES—MEET AT MARINE WAY & GLENLYON PW Y, SOUTH BBY, 9AM TO 10AM
- TUESDAY EVENING COFFEE & RIDES—MEET AT TIM HORTONS, MARINE WAY & GLENLYON PWY, SOUTH BBY, 5.30PM TO 7PM.
- ZOOM GET TOGETHER EVERY THURSDAY 7.00PM UNLESS OTHERWISE STAT-ED

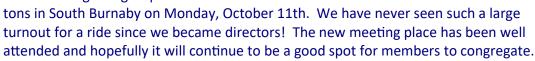
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Message from the Chapter A Directors

We just got home from another one of the best chapter turnouts this season. It makes Giselle and I both very proud to be a part of this 'GWRRA Family'. By the time you get to read this, Giselle and I will more than likely be on our way to Cotacachi, Ecuador for a nice vacation. We wish you all the best and thank every one of you for your continued support of this great group of people.

We had our second "Fallen Leaves Ride" for 2021 with Chuck leading two groups of 13 bikes each from Tim Hor-



COMING UP:

- Our Tuesday coffee meet and ride also at the Tim Hortons on Glenlyon Pkwy 5:30 or so till 7:00 or so...
- The Great Pumpkin Ride on Saturday, October 30th meet at 8:30am at Tim Hortons 8607 Glenlyon Pkwy Burnaby with kickstands up at 9:30am. We will ride to a special haunted house in South Centre Langley, then to Krause Berry Farm at 6179 248th St. Langley for the start of The Great Pumpkin Ride.
- Our regular Saturday and Sunday coffee meet and ride (weather permitting) from Tim Hortons at 8607 Glenlyon Pkwy, Burnaby at 9:00AM with kickstands up about 10:00, earlier if members want a long ride somewhere.
- Remembrance Day Ride Thursday, November 11th, RAIN OR SHINE. Patrick is organizing this event with breakfast at the White Spot Restaurant at 6500 Hastings St, Burnaby. The restaurant opens at 9:00AM and there will be a ride afterwards out to Belcarra Park to observe the unique ceremony they put on every year.
- Our next Sunday breakfast will be on Saturday, November 20th at 9:00AM. The ABC Restaurant, 100 Schoolhouse Dr, Coquitlam will be happy to serve you. See you there! (We will be travel weary, arriving back from Ecuador the evening before.

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Message from the Chapter A Directors Cont.

Amarjit has stepped up to organize our annual Christmas Dinner. This year, we will be having a beautiful ethnic, East Indian menu, hosted by the Maharani Sweets Restaurant in Surrey. We need a minimum of 40 people to register for this event. For details, please go to the link below and sign up!



Chapter A Christmas Dinner 2021 – Saturday Dec 4th, 6:00PM -GWRRA Chapter BC-A (gwrra-bca.org)

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

As always, please ride safe.

Senior Chapter Directors, GWRRA Chapter BC-A

Dave Ward and Giselle Collins

Every Thursday, 7.00 pm

Dave Ward will send Reminder & Link



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







Chapter & Christmas Dinner

Saturday, December 4th at 6:00PM

Many thanks to Amarjit Dhadwar for volunteering to organize this special event for us

- To be held at the Maharani Sweets Restaurant, 9320 120 St (Scott Road), Surrey.
- A private room that will accommodate a minimum of 40 and a maximum of 50 people.
- We are currently working on a menu that will have options for all attendees.
- We anticipate the price will be around \$35-40 per person and will be finalized when we have received confirmation of menu items.

There will be more information as it is available.

Click **HERE** to reserve your seats



Dave and Giselle Chapter Directors, GWRRA BC-A







ENJOY INDIAN FOOD LIKE NEVER BEFORE





Diwali is the Indian "festival of lights"—a holiday that celebrates the triumph of good over evil and the blessings of victory, freedom, and enlightenment. This year, Diwali will be celebrated on November 4. Diwali (also called Divali or Deepavali) means "row of lights." On the night of Diwali, celebrants light dozens of candles and clay lamps (called diyas), placing them throughout their homes and in the streets to light up the dark night.

Followers of the Hindu, Sikh, and Jain faiths primarily celebrate Diwali. However, it is also celebrated throughout other South Asian countries as a national holiday. In most of India, Diwali consists of a five-day celebration that peaks on the third day with the main celebration of Diwali. In other places, usually only the main day is celebrated. Though technically religious, it is quickly becoming a cultural event in North America that is celebrated with sweets and special foods.— Source Material - www.almanac.com





Great Turn-out at the Pumpkin Patch Breakfast at Krause Berry Farms, Langley on Sunday Oct. 24

There was no ride after due to inclement weather



Happy Faces after a Scrumptious & Decadent Waffle Breakfast





On Remembrance Day, Canadians pause to honour the men and women who have served and continue to serve Canada during times of war, conflict, and peace. More than 2,300,000 Canadians have served and more than 118,000 made the ultimate sacrifice.

The poppy is the symbol of Remembrance Day. In the run-up to Remembrance Day, replica poppies are sold by the Royal Canadian Legion to provide assistance to veterans.

The reason that the poppy is worn for Remembrance Day is due to a Canadian physician and poet who noticed how quickly poppies had grown over the graves of soldiers who had died during the Battle of Ypres. This symbolism of the blood-red flowers was beautifully captured by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae in his 1915 poem "In Flanders Fields." The poem was apparently discarded by McCrae but was found by soldiers who sent it to a London-based magazine named Punch.

November 11th marks the signing of the armistice (peace agreement) between the Allies and Germany at Compiègne, France. The armistice took effect at eleven o'clock in the morning - the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month." Source Material -https://www.officeholidays.com/

REMEMBRANCE DAY BREAKFAST AND RIDE THURSDAY NOVEMBER 11, 9.00AM

AT WHITE SPOT - KENSINGTON AND HASTINGS BURNABY - RAIN OR SHINE



Ride to Belcarra Regional Park to observe the ceremony











GWRRA Chapter BC-A

"Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge"

Thanks to Dan Fortin for digging up more old newsletters from 2008-2014. If you have any of the missing issues, let us know!		
2019	2014	2009
2018	2013	2008
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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 coriders are blessed with an abundance of some of the most scenic areas available to motorcycle touring enthusiasts anywhere. chapteradirector@gmail.com



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Kevin Bramhoff

District Director's Message

October 26 2021, Fellow Wingers:

I have always stated and many of you have heard me when it comes to GWRRA, "I have the best unpaid job one could ever do". When I first began my officer role as Chapter Director for BC-C back in 2014 I did not imagine 4 years later another opportunity to serve would present itself, that of District Director. When I started this job, I always had a vision of where we began to where we would finish along with an exit strategy when expectations are met.

January 2022 will mark four years of existence for District NWC. We have gone through adversity and embraced change. An excellent group of team members

contributing their time and efforts since the inception of this district right up until present day made significant progress focusing on service to members, recruitment and last but not least RIDING, while still maintaining the core values of Friends for Fun Safety and Knowledge.

Organizational change is good for a "volunteer group". Change encourages innovation, develops skills, improves staff morale. Knowing when to make a change so that the vision forward remains clear is key to being successful.

Upon personal reflection in marking our four-year existence and having reached the point where a change for me is necessary as well as for the good of District NWC; it is now "my time". As of December 31st 2021, I resign my position as District Director.

My resignation is in no way a negative reflection on our great organization. If anything, it should lead to positive changes.

I need to thank many people that supported me through all the highs and lows that occur in any volunteer group...my heartfelt thanks to:

Past Team Members:

Linda Zervini **Kathy Estey Gavin Karey-McKenna**

Vernon Clarke Janet Turner Rino Genzale

Present Team Members:

Brian Holmes Ian McAlpine **Dave & Gerri Crosson**

Tony Brooks Kevan MacRae Irene Hofler

Keiller Gowans, our former Ride Coordinator who will be greatly missed by all that knew him.

I saved a special thank you for Dave Ward & Giselle Collins whose tireless efforts helped make this District successful and especially my spouse, Karin Young. Without her support and having to deal with me on a daily basis, none of this would have been possible.

I wish the new District Director all success going forward and may your experience be as posi-

tive as mine was. I will remain a member of GWRRA...anyone want to go for a ride?

It has been my privilege, honour, and pleasure to have served you all. Thank you all for being members of GWRRA. Your membership and participation are what makes the GWRRA the finest International Motorcycle Riding organization in North America. This will be my last official address to you all.

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

Kevin Bramhoff, District Director GWRRA - District N.W.C

"The Great North West Coast"



Message from the Editor:



"Fall has arrived" The Falling Leaves Ride became the Fallen Leaf Ride. We had some outstanding showings for our fall rides. Many thanks to Chuck and Patrick for organizing them. Apparently, the new meeting place in South Burnaby is well received and relatively convenient for members.

In this edition, we feature the "Bios and Intros" of the 2021 Chapter A new members, plus a myriad of members submitted vignettes. I think you'll find them interesting.

Traditionally, there is no December Issue of the Newsletter due to the Holidays. Janice and I are planning to take a few weeks of overseas vacation in January overlapping February. So I may not but able to produce a January Edition of the Newsletter, but I'll try my best. I want to thank

everyone for submitting their stories, photographs, and ideas for the past 12 months. They are what made this newsletter worthy of reading. All the best of the seasons to you.

Please keep those spectacular pictures, fascinating stories, articulate voice memos, and valuable suggestions coming.

Simply send them to me at: chaptereditor@gmail.com
Kenny Locke

MARQUEE PHOTO OF THE MONTH

The link between Christmas and holly can be traced to Roman times, when it was the sacred plant of Saturn. In honour of their god of agriculture, the Romans would send boughs of holly to friends to mark the Saturnalia Festival, celebrated between December 17 and 23 – the darkest time of the year – as well as decorating their homes with garlands of evergreen flowers.

They felt that doing so was an appropriate way to anticipate the growth of crops and flowers as winter got ready to change into spring, and as the Romans adopted Christianity, holly became a symbol of Christmas instead.

In fact, across northern Europe, the home of the holly plant, Pagans and Druids would also wear holly in wreaths on their heads, in the hope of warding off evil spirits. This was because the plant was believed to possess magical qualities by them.

Of course, while holly makes a nice decoration, holly bushes are toxic – consuming too many of its berries can be fatal, and side effects can also include nausea, vomiting and stomach problems. So while holly

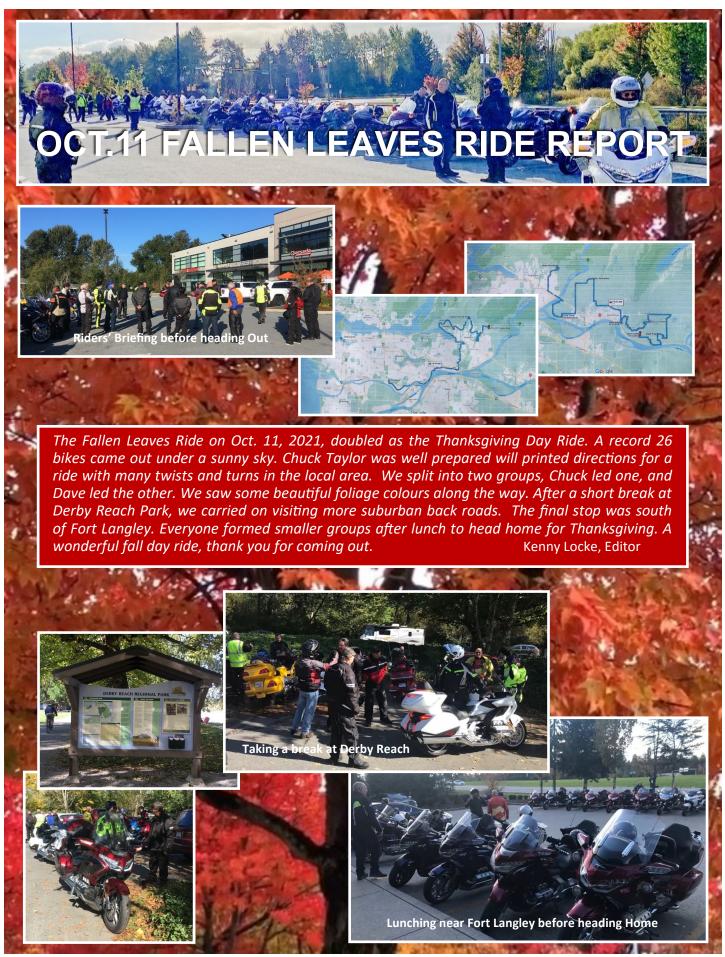
might be good to look at, remember to be cautious around it, especially with children and pets. Source -https://christmasfm.com/

For the coming year, we plan to continue featuring a "Marquee Photo of the month". It is the background photo behind the name of this newsletter, Gold Nuggets, on the front page. We like keep it fresh, seasonal, and artistic.

If you have a favourite photo you think we should feature, send it to me at chaptereditor@gmail.com Kenny Locke

Motorcycle optional. Thank you in advance





A Message from Dan Fortin

Hi All, ever since I grew up receiving a Christmas gift from The CKNW Orphans Fund, I have always tried to give back at this special time of year.

Again, this year the same as last year, there is no official Toy Run. Therefore, I will be making a cash donation to The Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau. I would be happy to collect cash donations from others. I will deliver the donations received to The Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau. (If you require a receipt, you will need to personally make your own donation to them.)



If you wish for me to collect your donation, I will accept cash in person, or you can e-mail me from your on-line banking to:

Dan Fortin twistyseeker@hotmail.com

Also.... Trev Deeley Motorcycles at 1875 Boundary Rd, Vancouver will be accepting new, unwrapped toys for donation to the Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau from November 12th until December 24th, 2021.

Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy & Healthy 2022!

Thanks in advance for any and all support.

Dan Fortin - GWRRA Chapter BC-A



THE GOLD WING LEGEND LIVES ON

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

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 $^{\rm IM}$ and Android Auto. Premium audio features and a standard Sirius XM $^{\rm S}$ satellite antenna (requires Sirius XM $^{\rm S}$ subscription activation to use) round out the Gold Wing / Gold Wing Tours 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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A Job Well Done!



Ian McAlpine - Organizer Pacific Wings





- Pacific Wings Organizer Ian McAlpine
- Girls Fly Too Organizer Kristen Brazier, and Amarjit Dhadwar
- GWRRA Chapter BC-A & BC Motorcycle Drill Team -President Rob Ellis, Niels Jensen, and Amarjit Dhadwar





- **♦ GWRRA Chapter BC-D Vern Clark**
- GVMC (Greater Vancouver Motorcycle Chapter) -Jim Sloat, and Phil Blackburn
- The Abbotsford Air Show Assisting the (Pacific Wings) -Tom Forster
- Punishers LEMC Sea to Sky Chapter President Raman Athwal, Christa Meyer,
 Jan Hedmark, Raman Athwal, Jan Hedmark, TJ, Joe,
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This is a quiz for people who know everything!



- Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until
 the contest ends.
- 2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?
- 3. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?
- 4. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
- 5. In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?
- 6. Only three words in standard English begin with the letters 'dw' and they are all common words. Name two of them.
- 7. There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name at least half of them?
- 8. Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.
- 9. Name 6 or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter 'S.'

Giving up? Answers are on Page 21



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CONGRATULATIONS TO AMARJIT





Please welcome Amarjit Dhadwar to the team

We are so very excited to have Amarjit Dhadwar join our team this year, even though we have had two years of down time, we have managed to keep most of our riders actively riding and staying in touch with the skillsets that they have all worked hard on to ride well.

Two riders that come to focus for 2021 are Mike Hoonjan and Amarjit Dhadwar.

Both these gentlemen have been practicing with us for at least a year and while they have both made strides toward riding better, Amarjit has really stood out as an excellent rider developing smoother control and focused skills with his time spent practicing. Amarjit is now part of our team as a full participating rider. We look forward to having his smile and bike joining us next year for some performances if we can manage to make a showing somewhere for the public.

Welcome Amarjit, you are a rising star in our ranks.

THE TEAM

TEAM RIDERS:

President - Robert Ellis

Treasurer - John Wait

Web Master - Harold Mosher

Event Coordinator - Patrick

Frampton

Rider - Sheldon Marche

Rider - Russel Anderson

Rider - Niels Jensen

Rider - Amarjit Dhadwar

RIDERS IN TRAINING:

Mike Hoonjan

TEAM SUPPORT MEMBERS:

Ian McAlpine

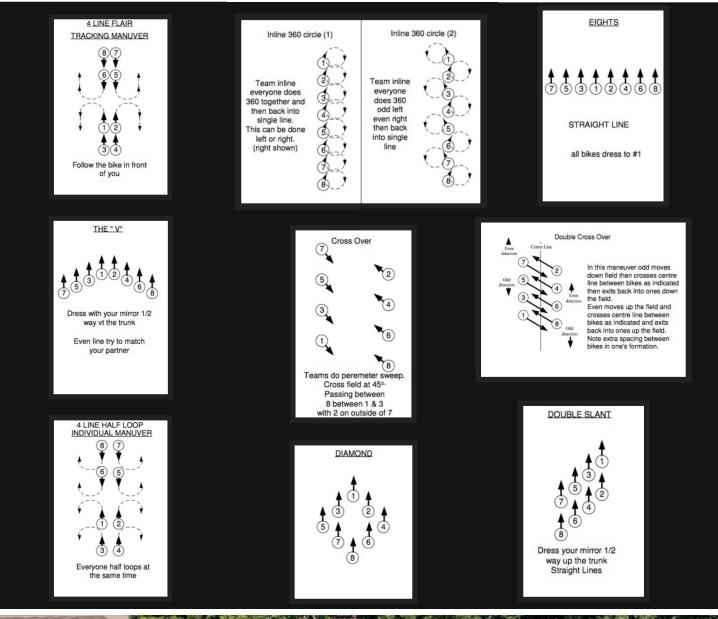
Patrick Frampton

HONORARY MEMBERS:

Arnie Tucker



SOME OF THE MANY AMAZING MANEUVERS PERFORMED BY THE DRILL TEAM







<u> Nov & Dec GWRRA Anniversaries Nov & Dec Birthdo</u>

Nov-2003 JOHN SCHRETLEN Nov-2019 LORRAINE FRAMPTON Nov-2020 GEORGE & DORIS HARRIS Dec-2006 STEPHEN & PATRICIA MCKENNA

November Wedding Anniversaries

IAN & KATHIE MCALPINE Nov. 18th

ROBERT MEERS NOV-3

GARY ROBINS Nov-12

WAYNE SWINGLE Nov-12

STANLEY LOCKE Nov-22

KELLY R PARKES Nov-25

DAN FORTIN Dec-06

KENNY LOCKE Dec-16

BRIAN HANSON Dec-19

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 Thanks.



Kevin Bramhoff, District Director GWRRA - District N.W.C presents the Merit Award announced at Wing Ding 42 to Dave & Giselle at the Thursday Dinner Meeting on Oct. 28

Congratulations

to Dave Ward & Giselle Collins for receiving the GWRRA Merit Award 2021 - 2022



SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME TO GWRRA NWC, CHAPTER BC-A

BIOS & INTROS OF THE 2021 NEW MEMBERS IN RANDOM ORDER



Darrell Pernisie

I am a ReMax realtor towards the end of a 25 year career. I started riding my older brothers' motor cycles before I was licensed in 1966 and have owned a variety of bikes from early dirt bikes to a Harley Servicar (3 wheeler) and more recently a Yamaha Roadstar 1800.

I bought my GW 5 years ago from a retiring Richmond rider with a medical condition and it was love at first sight. It was a 2003 with 70k. Most of my riding has been in BC. Vancouver Island, Sunshine Coast and the Okanagan.

I had been looking for a "riding buddy" and was elated when Libor introduced himself this spring and then Nestor (Ernesto) soon after.

This was a short riding season this year as my wife Lynn and I spent 3 Months with our son in Boston but look forward to many more rides 2022, with the club and especially the Richmond "tres amigos".



Ernesto Ayala and Ana Lilian

Hola, I am Ernesto Ayala and with my wife, Ana Lilian, arrived in Canada more than 30 years ago from El Salvador with four small children. I used to be a commercial pilot in my country and she was a flight attendant. In Canada I owned and operated a 5 ton truck for over 25 years. Right now I help our daughter in her flower shop business. Both my wife and I have been participating of Worldwide Marriage Encounter since we were 5 years married and how much we have grown together ever since. Almost 40 years of marriage and counting.

I have been a motorcycle lover since I was 13 years old. My first motorcycle was a 1963 Suzuki 50. In El Salvador I belonged to the

Correcaminos (Road Runner) Club. With my then girlfriend now my wife, we enjoyed riding in my Honda CB 750. My first motorcycle in Canada was a Goldwing 1000 also I rode a Honda Shadow that belonged to one of our sons and a Hartley that our son has. Last year I decided to go back to my dream motorcycle and got a 1800 Goldwing 2007. It has brought back many memories of our rides together when were dating. I enjoyed being a member of Canada Geese Vancouver GWRRA BC-A Chapter and appreciate each and every member I meet.

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Bryan Hodson

I was an Air force brat. My father retired in 1959 and we moved to St. Petersburg Florida where I went from 7th grade to university, finishing in 1969.

Formative years with the first real lasting friends, loving cars, at 15 we'd borrow our parents cars at 2AM for practice and cruise..... then we branched out becoming know as the Clean Bandits, always washing and gassing them. Being quickest I returned them.

I was drafted at one point for the Vietnam war... being quick was again useful.

Back to Ottawa 1969, career in Rec and Parks and also in Vancouver. Ended up in commercial office leasing.... retired 2006. Started

riding in 2000, first love a Valkyrie standard. Since the 1st time I cracked the throttle, I was hooked. By the time I finished adding stuff, it was becoming a Wing. So I bought the 2007, still my current ride. The rest is history.



Wayne Swingle (Introduction by Kenny Locke, Editor)

Wayne is an avid rider who lives on Bowen Island. He needs to be an early riser because he has to catch a 7.30am ferry to be in time to join the Chapter for rides, and indeed that he does. He has been on countless rides this summer with us, many well into the late evenings before heading home.

Wayne is mild mannered, unassuming, and easy going. Even though this is his first year on the Goldwing, he can sure take it around the curvies. If you have not yet met him, please show your warmest welcome the next time you see him.



Nirmal Singh Brach

My name is Nirmal Singh Brach, my friends call me Neil or Kamal. I am retired Longshoreman and a very proud Grandfather.

I took my BC Motorcycle course and received my Class 6 license in 2005. My first bike was Royal Enfield.

In 2019 I bought my Yamaha 950 and rode that for one season, and decided it was not the right bike for me.

In 2021 I bought my 2018 White Honda Goldwing Tour DCT with 20 km on the odometer, and I became the proud Winger.

I know, I am real rookie to the biking world, and that is why I

joined GWRRA BC-A - a group of riders that are down to earth who love to meet for coffees and go for group rides and are very safety conscious. I hope to learn from their experience, knowledge, and techniques.

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Marc Leblanc (Introduction by Kenny Locke, Editor)

Marc is a social worker in Vancouver and enjoys taking his Goldwing to visit clients. He is due to retire this year on New Year's Eve and will be looking for even more rides and outings with the Chapter. Marc is a frequent guest in the Thursday night Zoom meeting. The photo shows his wife, Colleen on their 2020 Goldwing. If you have not yet met Marc & Colleen, please show your warmest welcome the next time you see them.



Prem Singh

I am a retired machine operator, proud grandfather, practicing Sikh, and passionate motorcyclist.

I first received my Class 6 license in 1984 and rode for one year in my youth. The historic turban exemption in BC for Sikh motorcyclists with unshorn hair inspired me to start riding again in 2004.

I have driven many different bikes since including cruisers, baggers, sports touring, and adventure bikes. In 2020, I acquired my 2018 Honda Goldwing Airbag DCT which inspired me to take up long distance riding. Previously, my riding was limited to my daily work commute or pleasure riding in the city.

My other hobbies include singing Sikh devotional music, as well as reading/writing Punjabi folk poetry.

Joining the GWRRA BC-A has been the biggest highlight of my riding experiences. I enjoy the group rides and coffee meetings with chapter members. They are friendly, fun, helpful, and safety conscious.



Bill Morrill

I'm a happily married 65-year-old with a blended family with 5 kids and 1 grandchild. I work in the Film and Television Industry as a Construction Foreman.

I have only been street legal for about 4 years now. I have ridden lots of dirt over a 20-year period.

I started riding street on a KTM Super Duke 1290R. I quickly realized that this bike was going to be the death of me, so I traded to the KTM Super Adventure S. My wife soon became interested in riding with me and found that the KTM was no longer a fit.

I quickly realized that most of my riding was highway, and I purchased the 2021 Gold Wing DCT tour. I have finally found my bike. Absolutely perfect.

Most of my riding friends only ride once every few weeks, which was not enough for me. This led me to GWRRA BC -A, and I'm so glad to find this group and look forward to many great adventures.

GOLD NUGGETS





Answers to lan's Quiz from Page 14

- 1. The one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends: Boxing.
- 2. North American landmark constantly moving backward: Niagara Falls ... The rim is worn down about two and a half feet each year because of the millions of gallons of water that rush over it every minute.
- 3. Only two vegetables that can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons: Asparagus and rhubarb.
- 4. The fruit with its seeds on the outside: Strawberry.
- 5. How did the pear get inside the brandy bottle? It grew inside the bottle. The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small, and are wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the entire growing season. When the pears are ripe, they are snipped off at the stems.
- 6. Three English words beginning with dw: Dwarf, dwell and dwindle...
- 7. Fourteen punctuation marks in English grammar: Period, comma, colon, semicolon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe, question mark, exclamation point, quotation mark, brackets, parenthesis, braces, and ellipses.
- 8. The only vegetable or fruit never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form but fresh: Lettuce.
- 9. Six or more things you can wear on your feet beginning with 'S': Shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, skates, snowshoes, stockings, stilts.

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