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#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- BREAKFAST MEETING AT ABC RESTAURANT, SCHOOLHOUSE, COQ, SUNDAY, OCT. 17, 7.30AM, RIDE AFTERWARDS.
- POSSIBLE THURSDAY, OCT. 28, 6.00PM CHAPTER A DINNER MEETING AT ABC COUNTRY RESTAURANT, SCHOOLHOUSE, COQUITLAM.
- SAT, SUN, STAT. HOLIDAY RIDES—MEET AT MARINE WAY & GLENLYON PKWY, SOUTH BBY, 9AM TO 10AM.
- TUESDAY EVENING COFFEE & RIDES—MEET AT TIM HORTONS, MARINE WAY & GLENLYON PKWY, SOUTH BBY, 5PM TO 7PM.
- ZOOM GET TOGETHER EVERY THURSDAY 7.00PM UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

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## Message from the Chapter A Directors

It looks like fall has officially arrived! Rain in the forecast for the next 5-6 days....)

We had our first "Falling Leaves Ride" for 2021 with Chuck leading 15 bikes out from Tim Hortons in South Burnaby on Saturday, September 25th – the last sunny day we may see for a bit. The new meeting place has been well attended the last week or so. Hopefully it will continue to be a good spot for all our members to congregate.

We had 16 members out for our final September breakfast at Ricky's Country Restaurant. We presented the manager, Dave Moffat, with a thank you plaque for his many years of association to our chapter. Our October breakfast meeting (Oct. 17, 2021) will be held at the ABC Restaurant, 100 Schoolhouse St, in Coquitlam. The staff there is looking forward to make sure we have an enjoyable time.

Your chapter team met last weekend (Sept. 19th) and had a session to plan out the chapter events for the rest of the year and into 2022. Details will be released shortly.

Please welcome into the chapter our newest member – Bill Morrill from Maple Ridge. He was introduced to the group by yours truly and participated in our Falling Leaves Ride. His comments to me afterward were that this group is exactly what he was looking for in a group of friendly, organized, like minded riders. Keep up the good work in showing potential members just exactly what they are looking for in a great, welcoming group of friendly people! **Remember, if you sign up three new members, your next year's membership fees are free!**

#### COMING UP:

- Our normal Saturday and Sunday coffee meet and ride from our new location (Tim Hortons at 8607 Glenlyon Pkwy, Burnaby)- starting in October, meet at 9:00AM with kickstands up about 10:00. Earlier if members want a long ride somewhere.
- Our Tuesday coffee meet and ride also at the Tim Hortons on Glenlyon Pkwy 5:30 or so till 7:00 or so...
- Our next Sunday breakfast will be on October 17th at ABC Restaurant, 100 Schoolhouse St., Coquitlam – see you there!

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**Monitoring Radio CB Ch. 33**  
**Amateur Radio Frequency Simplex**  
**146.490 and**  
**Repeater - Mount Seymour 145.350**  
**(tone 127.3)**



## Message from the Chapter A Directors Cont.

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://gwrrabca.org> to keep up to date with what is happening.

As always, please ride safe.

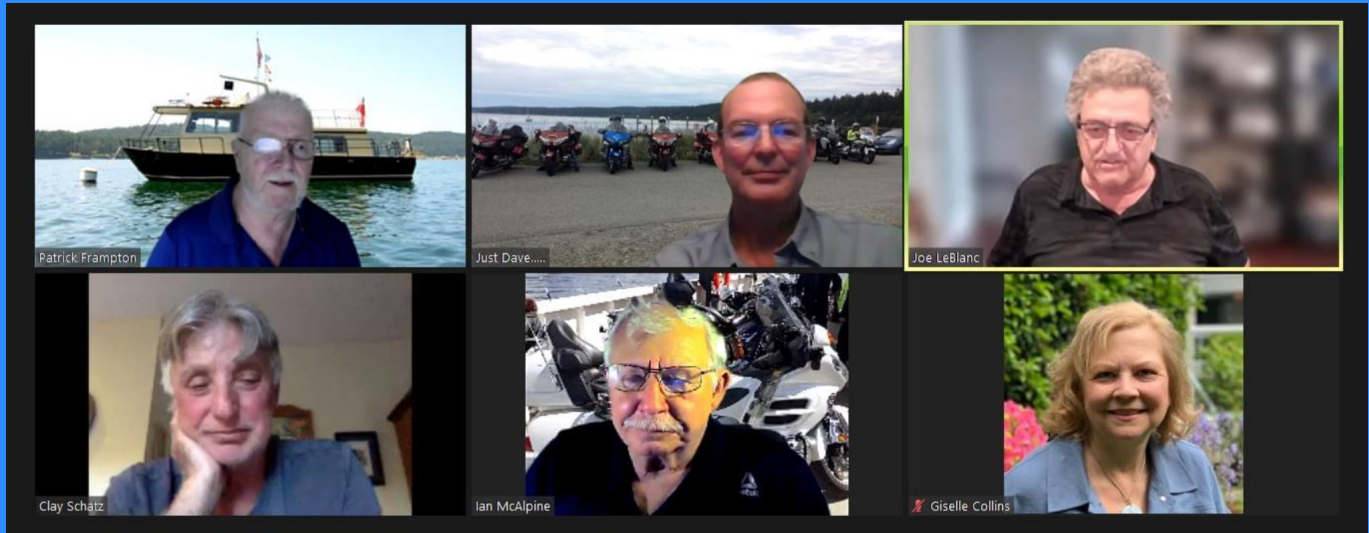
**Dave Ward and Giselle Collins**

**Senior Chapter Directors, GWRRA Chapter BC-A**



**Every Thursday, 7.00 pm**

**zoom**



**Dave Ward will send Reminder & Link**

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

***Saturday, Sunday & Stat. Holiday Rides***

***New Meeting Place***

***Meet at Tim Hortons/A&W***  
***Marine Way & Glenlyon Parkway***  
***South Burnaby***

***Starting in October, coffee at 9.00am***  
***kickstand up at 10.00am***





Home of the Canada Geese



# GWRRA Chapter BC-A "Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge"

## 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!

2019	2014	2009
2018	2013	2008
2017	2012	
2016	2011	
2015	2010	

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](mailto:chapteradirector@gmail.com)



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

Chapter Directors : Dave Ward & Giselle Collins

Please visit our website [www.gwrrabca.org](http://www.gwrrabca.org)

## Chapter A Team

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Dave Ward & Giselle Collins



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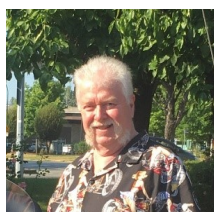
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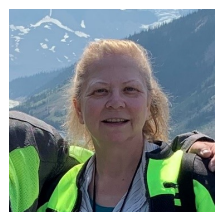
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Patrick Frampton



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### Chapter Educator

Ian McAlpine



### Road Captain

Charles Taylor



### Chapter Historian

Ivan Armstrong



### Chapter Ambassadors

Charles Taylor







*Thanksgiving 2021 in Canada is Monday, October 11. The original idea is to give thanks for the past harvest season but for many Canadian families the tradition has changed over time and the focus is now to get together with family and eat a large turkey dinner. Apple cider is a must for any traditional thanksgiving celebration as well as turkey stuffing and pumpkin pie.*

*The first Thanksgiving holiday was held in Canada in 1872 to celebrate the recovery of the Prince of Wales from a serious illness. After 1879 celebrations were held every year but not always in October - it used to be observed around Armistice Day in November.*

*At the Crawford Lake conservation area (Milton, ON) a path around the lake has pictures and short stories of native people and their celebrations. One of the stories is about thanksgiving; it starts with this sentence: "Thanksgiving to native Indians was a way of everyday life rather than a one-day celebration." Take a few minutes to think about this quote. Thank you. — statutoryholidays.com*

## **CHAPTER BC-A BREAKFAST MEETING OCT. 17** **every THIRD Sunday of each month (except Dec.)**

*New Venue & Time*

ABC Restaurant,  
100 Schoolhouse Street,  
Coquitlam, ph:(604) 526-2272  
Breakfast at 7.30 am, Meeting at 8.30 am  
Enjoy breakfast with new and old friends  
See you there





# HAPPY HALLOWEEN



↑ Ivan won the 50-50 draw taking home \$35

George won the \$10 membership draw →



Our new breakfast meeting location will be at ABC Country Restaurant at Schoolhouse in Coquitlam.

**September 19, Sunday Breakfast was a hit.** Everyone was full of smiles and chuckles. The speech was short and sweet. This particular Ricky's location is closing for good; they could not renew the lease. Chapter "A" gave the franchisee, Dave Moffat, a plaque to thank him for his service for the last 25 years at the different venues. He is moving to Ricky's in Campbell River. Be sure to look him up when you are riding on the Island.





Photo by John Schretlen



# FALLING LEAVES RIDE SEPT. 25

Rest Stop in Chilliwack

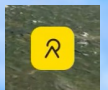


A spectacular fall day, 15 bikes out from South Burnaby. Chuck led us through the back roads of Langley and Abbotsford to skirt around the clogged Highway 1. A couple of bikes departed at the rest stop to do a local ride. The balance took the Crowsnest Highway to Princeton for lunch and then to Merritt for a short fuel stop via the newly paved Highway 5A. Some took the Coldwater Road to the Coquihalla to return to the city, the others went on Highway 8 to Lytton and Lillooet, then took Duffey Lake and Sea to Sky Highway home. A fantastic day that surely will be remembered.

Lunch break in Princeton



Fuel Stop at Lillooet



844.2 km



10h 34m



8427 m



79.8 km/h

## TUESDAY NIGHT RIDE

**Meet at Tim Hortons/A&W, Marine Way  
& Glenlyon Parkway in South Burnaby**

**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 Thanksgiving and Happy Halloween!”** September turned out to be a blockbuster month with events and decisions. We had some very nice group rides such as the Falling Leaves Ride, we were amused by the Police Riding Skill Challenge, we had a cozy Couples Ride with Dave, a Breakfast Meeting, and a Dinner Meeting....

It was a momentous decision to move our long-time ride meeting place from McDonalds Boundary to South Burnaby. It certainly is more convenient for me, as well as to many others who lives south of the Fraser. I believe it will help to motivate more ride participation from the members, perhaps even gain some new members because of it.

Many of the GWRRA members attended the service for Keiller Gowans at the North Shore Alliance Church to pay their respects. He is surely missed.

In this edition, we feature a story told by Chuck about how he took a young person under his wing to get his motorcycle license and beyond. We also have contributions from our Chapter Educator and funnies from our Ride Coordinator. I hope you will find the pages entertaining while occasionally touching.

Thank you for all your submissions. Please keep those spectacular pictures, fascinating stories, articulate voice memos, and valuable suggestions coming.

Simply send them to me at: [chaptereditor@gmail.com](mailto:chaptereditor@gmail.com) Kenny Locke

## MARQUEE PHOTO OF THE MONTH

In our September Newsletter, we were planning to feature “Fall Berries”. But walking through the stores, I noticed I have overlooked a popular and obvious theme that is even more seasonally fitting, and that is the “Pumpkin”. I made an executive decision to switch to this new theme. I was delighted to hear that Chuck is planning a “Pumpkin Patch Ride” in October - stay tuned for that.

If you wonder how the tradition of carving pumpkins got started, here is an excerpt from wikipedia.org -

*“The practice of carving pumpkins for Halloween originated from an Irish myth about a man named “Stingy Jack”. The turnip had traditionally been used in Ireland and Scotland at Halloween, but immigrants to North America used the native pumpkin, which are both readily available and much larger – making them easier to carve than turnips. Not until 1837 does jack-o'-lantern appear as a term for a carved vegetable lantern, and the carved pumpkin lantern association with Halloween is recorded in 1866.*

*In North America, the carved pumpkin was first associated with the harvest season in general, long before it became an emblem of Halloween. In 1900, an article on Thanksgiving entertaining recommended a lit jack-o'-lantern as part of the festivities that encourage kids and families to join together to make their own jack-o'-lanterns.”*

For November, we plan to feature “Winter Berries”. If you have a favourite photo you think we should feature, send it to me at

[Chaptereditor@gmail.com](mailto:Chaptereditor@gmail.com)

Motorcycle optional, thank you in advance.

Marquee Photo - Pumpkin Patch at Westham Island Herb Farm, 4690 Kirkland Road, Delta





# CHAPTER BC-A DINNER MEETING OCT. 28, 6.00 PM EVERY 4TH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH



ABC Restaurant, 100 Schoolhouse Street,  
Coquitlam ph:(604) 526-2272

*See you there*



Ian McAlpine said he had to  
share this pic. He wants your  
comments and feedback,  
email him at  
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minimum 6 months  
1/4 page - \$10/month minimum 3 months  
1/2 page - \$15/ month minimum 3 months  
full page - \$20/month minimum 3 months  
Contact Dave Ward - [chapteradirector@gmail.com](mailto:chapteradirector@gmail.com)





## District Director's Message

**Fellow Wingers:**

**As I see the end of riding season in my rear-view mirror**, I am reminded of what a tough year this has been, again! With the Pandemic still in place we made plans and worked out how to run most of our events within the Covid-19 protocols as well as our Rally. Then, **Wild fires!** The province was burning. As a team we had to make tough decisions again this year. We have postponed the Rally once again to 2022 as well as several district rides. Even "Victoria Days" got caught in the crossfire of Covid-19 and BC wild fires.

**That being said it seems we did manage to salvage a "pretty good" riding season after all.** Many of the Chapters organized rides. The BC-V "Govind Ride" being a great event I was able to attend. Even though some chapters had very few gatherings we did manage to ride and hold some great chapter events within the district still complying with Government Pandemic measures.

**With the Canada – USA Border Closed we stayed in Country / Province and when the Covid-19 regulations relaxed a little, we "Spread our Wings" throughout the province.** We went riding where we could, avoiding areas where the BC wild fire situation was at its worst and contributed to the economic well-being of our province and country in our own small way.

**We have stayed connected to members in numerous ways** and we are continuing to do so with, I am happy to say, (since many of us are vaccinated and the pandemic rules have evolved), fewer Zoom calls and more gatherings. Of course, riding as well as, get togethers during rides, in some cases, they were physically distanced.

**With the Covid Variant rearing its ugly head the team decided to forgo ARC's this year.** We are trying to schedule courses for April, May 2022 as well as September, October 2022.

**Your district team has been working hard keeping the "wheels in motion" at GWRRA, maintaining your Districts member numbers. *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/>

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



**Autumn is upon us now**, Autumn 2021 in Northern Hemisphere will begin on Tuesday, September 22, the day this article was due. We can expect some rain, however, there will still be riding opportunities that I encourage everyone to take advantage of. **Explore your province!**

**Perhaps a fall colours ride!** 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 really looking forward to next year as we have a lot planned for 2022. Ride safe out there, and remember to have some fun!**

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## District Director's Message Cont.

Speaking of fun...  
October of course is synonymous with Halloween, so be safe and get out for a ride & have some fun.



Photo credit - <https://www.lowbrowcustoms.com/blogs/events-features/happy-halloween-motorcycle-images-movie-monsters-with-harley-triumphs>

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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/>.

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

*Until I see you all again,*

*Be safe – Ride safe.*

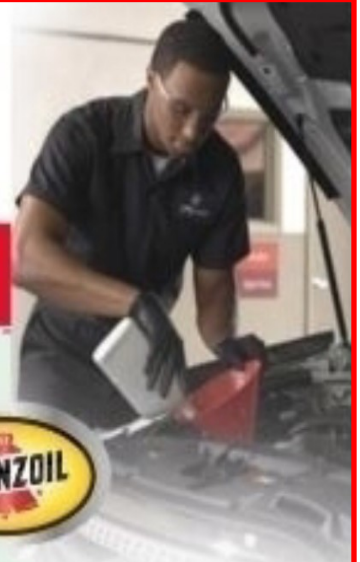
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N.W.C "The Great North West Coast"



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**GWRRA NWC**  
will have two  
booths at the  
2022 motorcycle  
show at the  
**TRADEX Centre.**  
We are looking  
for volunteers to  
help working the  
booths, please  
contact Dave  
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## 2nd ANNUAL NORTH SHORE MOTORCYCLE SKILLS CHALLENGE

Improve your riding skills!  
Train like the Police!

**When:**  
Sunday, September 5th, 2021  
9am to 3pm

**Where:**  
Centennial Theatre Parking Lot  
2300 Lonsdale Ave  
North Vancouver

Don't forget your riding gear!

\*Class 6 License Required  
or  
Class 6 learners and Class 8 with Supervisor



Many of the Chapter A and Drill Team members showed up at the **Police Motorcycle Skill Challenge on Sept 5**, most to spectate, a few to participate. The event drew a lively crowd



Looks easy, eh?  
Just like the ARC

Amarjit Dhadwar dipping the Goldwing hard in the "Sea of Cones"



Rob Ellis frolicking in the "Chicane"

Amarjit all smile after a successful run



They call it a "Challenge" for good reasons, not just a cake walk



Rob rides double with Dan through what some called the "Death Spiral", last and most difficult of all the exercises





# 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 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.

| 2021 GOLDWING



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# In Loving Memory of Keiller Gowans



Oct 14, 1959 – July 31, 2021

## Until We Meet Again

Those special memories of you will always bring a smile,  
If only I could have you back for just a little while.  
Then we could sit and talk again just like we used to do.  
You always meant so very much and always will too.  
The fact that you're no longer here will always cause me pain.  
But you're forever in my heart until we meet again.



Quote from Keiller's Facebook page on Aug 24<sup>th</sup> 2020  
"Early in the morning and I am laying here again with a huge smile on my face. I'm thinking about how awesome my two sons are and how much I love and respect them both. I can hug them anywhere, anytime and tell them, but I know they already know exactly how I feel and I know they loved me too."



Psalm 40 For the director of music of David A psalm.  
1 I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard me cry. 2 He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him.

## Keiller's Celebration

### Order of Service

Memorial Slide Show with Music – for seating

Welcome and Opening Prayer – Pastor Mardi Dolfo-Smith

Music – Gaither Brothers – Sometimes it takes a mountain.

- Eulogy – Chuck Taylor
- Goldwing – Chuck Taylor
- Scuba Diving – Bob Martin (Video)
- St. John Ambulance – Bridget Milson (video)
- Scouts – Steve McTaggart/Andrea Campbell
- LVCHA – Karin Trapnell (Video)
- District of North Vancouver – Brett Dwyer

Reflection – Pastor Mardi Dolfo-Smith

Music – Alan Jackson – The Old Rugged Cross

- Family – Keiran and Zachary Gowans
- Family – Tracy Gowans (Video)

Final Words – Pastor Mardi Dolfo-Smith

Reception



Everyone who knew Keiller knows how much he loved his wife Tracy and two sons, Zachary and Keiran. They were his whole world. He was also known for his kindness and generosity. He always had a big smile and a great sense of humor right through until last breath.

He loved his Mom, Barb, his brothers Craig, Eric, and Bruce, his sisters, Gloria and Billi, his father-in-law, Dan and sister-in-law, Susan. He had many close friends, too many to mention here. He adored his pets "Moose" his Great Dane, and "Gus Gus" Keiran's Ragdoll, and of course last but not least he loved his burnt orange Goldwing "Max"

Tracy, Zachary, Keiran and family would like to express their deep gratitude for your help and support during this most difficult time of their lives. Life will never be the same without him.





# FOLLOWING FATHER'S TIRE TRACK

## FROM BARN FIND PUTT PUTT TO GOLDWING VROOM VROOM



A heartwarming story told by Charles Taylor, GWRRA NWC Chapter A, Road Captain  
Transcribed and edited by Kenny Locke, Chapter A, Editor

*This all started when Keiller got ill. His Goldwing was sitting at Bowen Island and his son Keiran would go over there and sit on it. Keiran grew fond of it and wanted to ride his dad's bike one day. He mentioned that desire to me and that he had never ridden a motorcycle before.*

*I started looking for a motorcycle that was more suitable for a beginner. I found one on Craigslist and it was a 1984 CB 125 S. It had been sitting in a barn and had not run for many years. It looked like it had potential, so I told the owner I would buy it. This was going to be for Keiran to learn on. Keiran had little input at that time - I was basically orchestrating the whole scenario.*

*On April 30, 2021, I phoned up Kieran and said, "We're going out to pick up your bike" and he said "What?" Following the given instructions, he and I drove to Yarrow, came around a corner and down a road into a beautiful orchard setting, and there was an old farmhouse and a red barn. A bike was sitting outside the red barn where it had been stored for ten years. it was all dusty and looked exactly like something you would see pulled out of a barn.*



Keiran & proud mother, Tracy

*We looked the bike over. It showed signs of sitting for a long time; it needed a front tire; the gas tank was full of old gas and was black inside. Keiran looked at me and said "Really?" I said "Yeah, we can make this work." So, we paid the money for it. It was \$1,100, a little high for a bike that was not running, but it had good bones. We loaded it up on the back of my truck, tied it down and went for dinner at Duke's Pub.*



In the shop of Taylormotive

*We got the bike into the shop at Taylormotive that night. There was no way I could put gas in that gas tank, it was too filthy. I ended up taking the fuel line off, drained the old gas out of the carburetor, and sprayed brake cleaner down into it till it was full. I wanted to see if it would fire up - turned the key on, and the battery was completely dead and sulfated. I gave a couple of kicks with the kick start, and it fired right up. I rode it up and down Pemberton Ave. and Keiran's jaw dropped on the ground. He could not believe we fired up that old "barn find".*

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*I evaluated everything and told Keiran that we had to overhaul the carburetor, replace the air intake boot, new air filter, new spark plug, new battery, and an oil change. We spent several nights in the shop and worked at it after hours and in the mornings. I was able to get all the parts and put in a HID light bulb and housing as well. We also had replaced the turn signal lights. We power washed it and got it all cleaned and polished. The gas tank up came up nice, bright red. The chrome had no pitting on it. The muffler had no rust holes. Keiran took the seat home and polished it. It looked like a brand-new seat right out of the box.*

*Keiran got his written learner's license, and he was ready for his first ride. He had never ridden before, so I had him just go out in the parking lot and turn around and come back. He almost dropped the bike. As time went on, we did a lot of parking lot maneuvers. Then I asked him to ride with me on his bike, I would give him instructions over the Sena helmet headsets, such things like what to do, where to turn, and what track to ride on the road. We rode all over the roads in North Vancouver.*

*He learned very quickly. He listened to instructions, and he was a very good student. He was qualified enough to do the skills tests for ICBC. He made the appointment and the night before we went to the ICBC lot and practiced there. Now when I did my test years ago, I had to do the bike at full lock turn, the radius of the bike's turn was what you had to do. So, I trained him the same way. He was able to turn that Honda 125 in a single parking stall, which is 8 to 9 feet. he had that down pat; he was able to do figure eights with confidence.*

*Guess what, he didn't pass the Skill Test because he skidded the back tire. The bike did not have ABS and you have to be more careful applying the brakes. He gave it too much acceleration down the strip and skidded the back tire to stop. He had to take another Skill Test. This time was mid-June in Coquitlam. We practiced and practiced and made sure that we were not skidding the rear wheel. He aced that test. There were no errors whatsoever. Now he could ride solo on the public road with some restrictions.*

*Keiran would continue to practice and went on rides with me doing all the back roads of North Vancouver. He mastered those. Feeling the Honda 125 was a little underpowered on the hills, he asked his mom, Tracy, if he could borrow her Honda 700. She agreed to let him ride that bike. He rode that for about a month and came on quite a few of the Goldwing Tuesday nights and weekend rides. We would ride in the evening sometimes as well. One day he asked me, "When do you think I should be able to ride the Goldwing?" and I said, "I think you're ready."*

*So, we went over to Bowen Island, and he was concerned about the steep driveway. He wanted me to take the Goldwing down the driveway and I did and parked it on the level ground at the bottom of the hill. He rode the Goldwing all over Bowen Island. We had Roy Swift there with us. Roy is a riding instructor. I had him spend the evening riding with Keiran. He was very impressed with Keiran's skills and said, "You've been riding for how long? I never had a rider so proficient at this stage"*

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Bowen Island, first ride on the Goldwing

*That was Keiran's first ride on the Goldwing. I also took Tracy with me on my bike, so she was able to watch Keiran riding Keiller's bike. It was a bittersweet moment, seeing her son riding his father's bike. We brought it back to the mainland and from there we did some more practicing. He was able to do full lock turns with the Goldwing. And now he is riding with us weekends and Tuesday nights and he is just one of the boys.*

*On September 18, 2021, Keiran passed his Motorcycle Road Test. Now he has a full class 6 license - From Barn Find to Goldwing in 4 1/2 months.*

*Story by Charles Taylor, GWRRA NWC Chapter A, Road Captain*



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Thanks to Ernesto and Ana, Doug and Cathy, Leon and Maria, and Rob and Leona for joining Giselle and I on a nice relaxing ride. We will do this again soon!

Dave Ward - Another successful Chapter BC-A couples' ride. Five couples left McDonalds at 9:00am Sept. 12 for a leisurely ride up the Sea To Sky Highway 99 to Brandywine Falls. After a short visit, we headed to Squamish for a delicious lunch at the Copper Coil Grill.





# 10 Tips to Winterize Your Motorcycle

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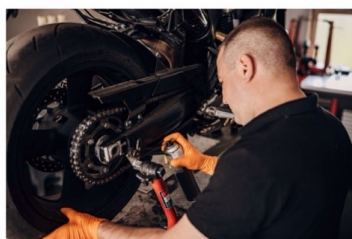
## Keep it Clean!

Wash, clean, wax and remove all debris from the bike before storing for the winter.



## Add a Stabilizer -or- Drain the Tank

Depending on your bike, you may want to drain your fuel tank, but often it's better to **add a fuel stabilizer to a full gas tank.**



## Lubrication is Your Friend

Lubricate your chain and cables.



## Coolant is Cool!

Check your coolant levels and fill or replace as needed.



## Prolong the Life of your Battery

Depending on your battery, you may want to use a trickle charger to keep it charged; smart chargers, though expensive, can help preserve your battery life as well.



## Change & Replace

Change your oil and replace the filter.



## Plug the Pipes!

Plug your exhaust pipes and muffler to keep pests out.



## Prop it up!

Put your bike on stands to prevent flat spots, or utilize your centre stand if you have one. If you are unable to keep the weight of the tires while storing your bike, rotate the tires once a month. (Do not overinflate your tires before storage.)



## Store it Properly

Store your bike inside a temperature controlled area, or cover your bike with a weatherproof cover designed specifically for motorbikes. (Do not cover your bike in plastic.)



## Keep it Safe

Keep the bike out of sight from people passing by, and lock it to help prevent theft.



# FRAMPTON'S FUNNI



## Things That Are Handy Around the House Or Garage

**DRILL PRESS:** A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your soda across the room, splattering it against that freshly-stained heirloom piece you were drying.



**WIRE WHEEL:** Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned guitar callouses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, 'Yeouw....'

**ELECTRIC HAND DRILL:** Normally used for spinning pop rivets in their holes until you die of old age, or for perforating something behind and beyond the original intended target object.



**WISE-GRIPS:** Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.



**SKIL SAW:** A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

**PLIERS:** Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.



**WELDING GLOVES:** Heavy duty leather gloves used to prolong the conduction of intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

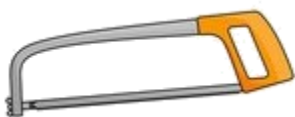
**OXYACETYLENE TORCH:** Used almost entirely for lighting various flammable objects in your shop on fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub you want the bearing race out of.

**BELT SANDER:** An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs. Caution: Avoid using for manicures.



**WHITWORTH SOCKETS:** Once used for working on older British cars and motorcycles, they are now used mainly for impersonating that 9/16 or 1/2 socket you've been searching for the last 45 minutes.

**HACKSAW:** One of a family of cutting tools built for frustration enhancement. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.



**TABLE SAW:** A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.



**STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER:** A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws.

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