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SEPTEMBER 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- BREAKFAST MEETING AT RICKY'S BOUNDARY RD. BBY, SUNDAY, SEPT. 19, 8.00AM, RIDE AFTERWARDS.
- POSSIBLE THURSDAY, SEPT. 23, 6.00PM CHAPTER A DINNER MEETING AT ABC COUNTRY RESTAURANT, SCHOOLHOUSE, COQUITLAM.
- SAT, SUN, STAT. HOLIDAY RIDES—MEET AT MCDONALDS BOUNDARY & LOUGHEED, 8AM TO 9AM.
- TUESDAY EVENING COFFEE & RIDES—MEET AT WENDY'S/TIM HORTONS ANNACIS ISLAND ON ODD NUMBERED DATES OR MCDONALDS BOUNDARY & LOUGHEED ON EVEN NUMBERED DATES, 5PM TO 7PM.
- ZOOM GET TOGETHER EVERY THURSDAY 7.00PM UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

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Message from the Chapter A Directors

It looks like fall is arriving early this year. The temperatures have cooled down, we have some rain, and the interior fires are under control. All good news!

Last Sunday we attended the Chapter C Green Heart fundraiser. It was a great success with many members participating. Thank you to all that attended and to all the volunteers that helped make it a successful event.

We welcomed several new members into the chapter (again) – Prem Singh and Neil Brach. Thank you to Amarjit for inviting them! Please welcome them as part of the GW family. **Remember, if you sign up three new members, your next year's membership fees are free!**

We had 19 members out for our August breakfast. Bryan Hodson won the 50/50 draw. Patrick Frampton won the \$10 Members Draw. Thanks to all those attended.

And now for the bad news – **Ricky's Country Restaurant on Boundary Road will be closing its doors forever on September 30th.** They were not able to renew the lease and must shut down. Our last breakfast meeting will be on September 19th. The manager, Dave Moffat, has been involved with serving our Chapter for over 25 years in several restaurants he has managed. We will have to find another venue and it will not be easy, but several options have come forth already and we will be discussing them with you all shortly.

COMING UP:

- Our normal Saturday and Sunday coffee meet and ride from McDonalds on Boundary – 8:00AM with kickstands up about 9:00. Earlier if members want a long ride somewhere.
- Our normal Tuesday coffee meet and ride on Annacis Island at the Wendy's/Tim Hortons – 5:30 or so till 7:00 or so...
- September 18-19 – District Vancouver Island Ride
- September 19th - Breakfast meeting at Ricky's Restaurant on Boundary Rd – 7:30AM – 9:00AM with a planned ride after.



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Message from the Chapter A Directors Cont.

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

As always, please ride safe.

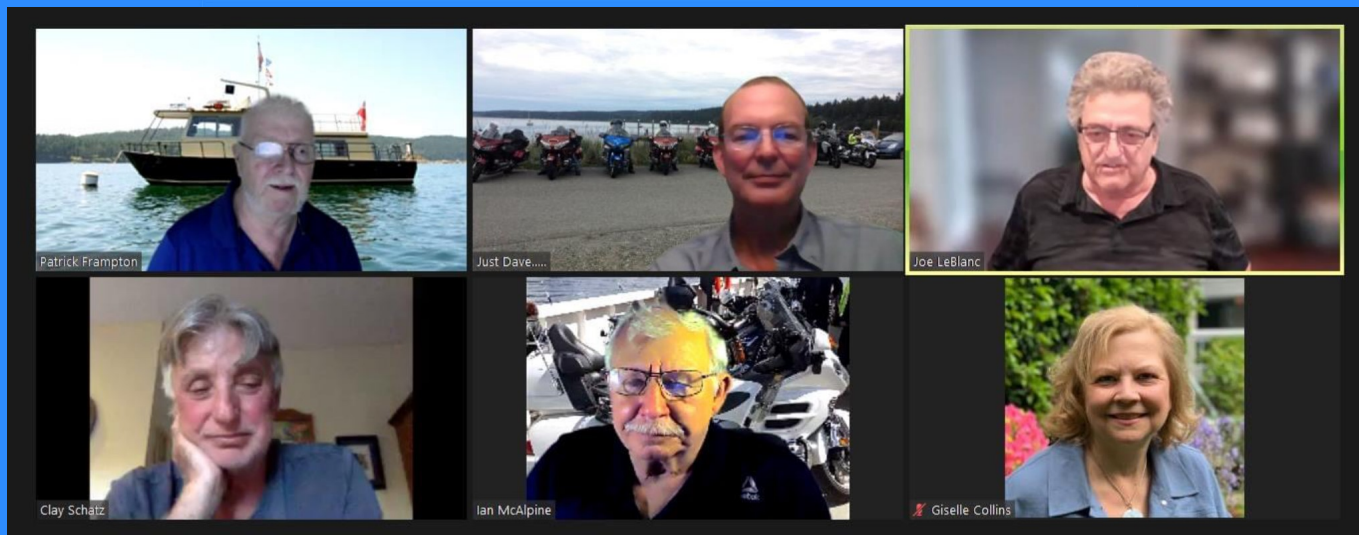
Dave Ward and Giselle Collins

Senior Chapter Directors, GWRRA Chapter BC-A



Every Thursday, 7.00 pm

zoom



Dave Ward will send Reminder & Link

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

***Destination Leader's Choice
Superseded by any Chapter
or District Special Rides***

***Meet at McDonalds
Boundary & Lougheed,
coffee at 8.00am, kick-
stand up at 9.00am***



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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



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

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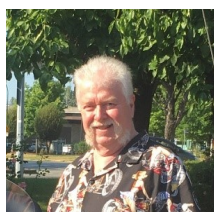
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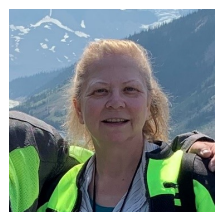
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Charles Taylor





The origins of Labour Day in Canada can be traced back to a printer's revolt in 1872 in Toronto when labourers tried to establish a maximum 54-hour workweek. At that time, any union activity was considered illegal, and the organizers were jailed. Protest marches of over 10,000 formed in response. This eventually led to the Prime Minister Sir John A. Macdonald repealing the anti-union laws and arranging the release of the organizers as well.

The parades held in support of the Nine-Hour Movement and the printers' strike led to an annual celebration. The date was officially declared as a national holiday in Canada on July 23rd, 1894, by the government of Prime Minister John Thompson.

*A traditional Labour Day event in Canada is the Labour Day Classic, a Canadian Football League event where rivals play on Labour Day weekend. The Tuesday day after labour day marks the first day of school.-
officeholidays.com*







Wendy's/Tim Hortons Annacis Island

alternating with

McDonalds at Lougheed and Boundary

Coffee & Ride – Every Tuesday 5pm to 7pm

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

Happy Grandparent's Day! Sept. 12, 2021

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Close to twenty of members showed up to the Aug 15 Sunday Breakfast Meeting, good food and great company. The 50/50 draw was won by Bryan Hodson with a \$45 winning. The \$10 members draw was won by Patrick Frampton. After breakfast, Rob

led a brisk ride through the backroads of Maple ridge, Fort Langley, and Abbotsford.



"Thank you for riding in the Annual Duffey Lake Loop"



Photo by John Schretlen

Dave Ward - 13 Bikes out for the Annual Duffey Lake Loop Run on Aug. 21 with GWRRA Chapter BC-A. The weather was gorgeous, not too hot, no rain and not too much traffic. All had a great ride.



Libor Michalak- Bighorn Sheep (Ovis canadensis californiana). Guys, not goats.



Hoof Traffic, share the road



Lunching at the Lillooet's Cookhouse Restaurant (Photo by Charles Taylor)

CHAPTER BC-A BREAKFAST MEETING SEPT.19 **every THIRD Sunday of each month (except Dec.)**

Ricky's Country Restaurant, Boundary Rd at Lougheed Hwy
2350 Boundary Rd, Burnaby, BC, (604) 293-1242
Breakfast at 8:00 am, Meeting at 9:00 am.
Enjoy breakfast with new and old friends. See you there.

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

Message from the Editor:



“Happy Labour Day and Grandparents Day!” August was an active month; it flew by quickly. We had the Govid Ride, Annual Duffy Lake Loop, Green Heart Run, and a Welcome Home ride with the Legendary Sikh Riders. September is usually cooler and wetter; hope it will help to control all the wildfires in the Province. It should be more comfortable riding.

My condolences to the Gowans family. An obituary for Keiller Gowans is posted in this Newsletter.

In this edition, we feature a ride report by yours truly, as well as an exclusive story by an esteemed member, Mike Hoonjan, Road Captain of the Legendary Sikh Riders. Also sprinkled throughout the publication are photographic vignettes of some notable events. I hope you will find them interesting.

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

MARQUEE PHOTO OF THE MONTH

<https://plantaddicts.com> - The name **hydrangea** comes from the Greek words “hydor” meaning water and “angos” meaning vessel. Which together roughly translate to “water barrel”. This is because of the fact that hydrangeas are notorious for needing lots of water and the cup shaped flowers. The name, Hortensia, is a Latin version of the French word Hortense.

Hydrangeas can symbolize many different things, depending on where around the world and their culture. Many believe these flowers were first discovered in Japan, although the plants are native to several different locations around the globe.

- Japan - According to a Japanese legend, the emperor gave hydrangeas to the family of a girl he loved to show how much he cared for her.
- Victorians - In Victorian era, hydrangeas represent boastfulness, bragging and vanity. Especially white hydrangeas.
- United States - Hydrangeas are used for 4th wedding anniversaries to symbolize appreciation and heartfelt emotion.

<https://www.artsnursery.com> - Hydrangeas react to the availability of aluminum in your soil. If you want pink flowers, add lime to your soil once a year, the lime blocks the plant from absorbing aluminum. Looking for blue flowers? Add Aluminum Sulphate in water and water the soil around your Hydrangea. Be patient, this process will take 2-3 seasons to achieve the colour switch. White flowering types do not change colour.

For October, we plan to feature **Fall Berries**. If you have a favourite photo of fall berries you think we should feature, send it to me at Chapterraeditor@gmail.com. Motorcycle optional. Thank you in advance. Kenny Locke, Editor

Marquee Photo - Blue and Pink Hydrangeas by Gardening Know How.

Inset Photo - A Pink Hydrangea from the garden of Mrs. Marilou Crout, Chapter BC-A.



Remembering a long-time friend, husband, father, brother, and son

Keiller Gowans

Oct 14, 1959 – July 31, 2021



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the loss of our beloved husband, father, son, brother and friend. He is survived by his wife Tracy, two sons Zachary and Keiran, his mother Barbara (Lance) and siblings Gloria (Doug), Craig (Monica), Eric (Stella), Billi and Bruce.

On July 31st 2021 Keiller lost his 13-month battle with cancer. He fought to the end and is now at peace. His family and friends are however now feeling a huge loss in their lives without him there.

Keiller was born in Montreal and soon after moved to Lindsay, followed by Peterborough, Ontario where he grew up and spent his school years. In 1980 he moved to Vancouver where he joined his sister Billi. His mother Barbara followed shortly after. Keiller thrived in Vancouver as he loved the outdoors, the ocean and warmer climate. He lived on Bowen Island for several years working as an apprentice

electrician and attending BCIT where he earned his Red Seal certification as a Journeyman Electrician. In 1988 Keiller met the love of his life, Tracy. They were married in 1992 and over the next 29 years raised their 2 sons in North Vancouver.

Keiller loved to help others and to be of service to anyone in need of his help. He volunteered as Dive Master with Mako Sports eventually earning his instructors certification with Padi. He taught the St John Ambulance Brigade volunteers first aid skills, as well as performed hundreds of hours of first aid at community events.

When his sons joined Scouts Canada he became a leader and lead troops through Bowron Lakes, Young's Peak and many other adventures, including earning his pyrotechnics license just so "Magic Campfire" would be amazing for the kids and the adults alike. He served on the Board of our LVCHA housing Co-op and was instrumental in completing many large maintenance projects over the years as well as being there for any member who needed assistance. Most recently he poured his time and devotion into GWRRA (Gold Wing Road Riders Assn), serving as Director of BC Chapter A with Tracy from Sept 2014 to 2017, and most recently was Ride Coordinator for the region. He was known for taking members over some pretty amazing "twisties" on their motorcycles.

His electrical career began with him starting his own company KG Electric, followed by working for several electrical wholesalers and contractors. In 2001 he was asked to be an auxiliary electrical inspector with the District of North Vancouver. He landed a full time job as inspector with Maple Ridge in 2003 and transferred back to the District of North Vancouver in 2005. He finished his career as Chief Electrical Inspector and was forced to retire due to illness in April 2021.

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Keiller was known for his kindness and generosity, he always had a big smile, and as many will note he had a great sense of humour right until the end. Keiller was always proud of the life he built with his wife, and his two sons. He loved his Mom, his Great Danes, and his cats. He was affectionately known as the “Cat Whisperer” at home. We all knew of his passion for his Goldwing “Max”.

In 2020, shortly after his diagnosis Keiller renewed his faith and was baptised with his mom at North Shore Alliance Church. If he wasn't ill he probably would have eventually achieved the title of Pastor. He never did anything halfway.

Please join us for Keiller's Service at North Shore Alliance Church, 201 23rd St E, North Vancouver at **4 pm Pacific Time on September 10th, 2021.**

Due to COVID 19 the service is limited to 225 people inside the church.

To attend in person please sign up using the attached Eventbrite Link to secure your seat in the church. It is completely free, just ensures we stay within the maximum number of people allowed inside.

If you have any problems, or have any questions please call or email Tracy at 604-219-5836
tpgowans@gmail.com

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/keiller-gowans-memorial-tickets-168306520333?utm-campaign=social%2Cemail&utmcontent=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term=checkoutwidget>

Join Zoom Meeting (Sign on early as this is limited to 100 spots)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84691617836?pwd=ajkyaDILRkE0emU4MC9CMUYwZit6UT09>

Meeting ID: 846 9161 7836

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District Director's Message

Fellow Wingers:

Karin & I were extremely privileged and honoured to be invited and participate in the Victoria Chapter BC-V Govid Ride. I have to thank Tony Brooks, Chapter Director for BC-V for setting this up. It was well organized and the riding in the area was excellent even under the conditions the were presented by mother nature.



The happy group of Govid riders after Saturday night dinner (Sutton Place Hotel, Rockford Grill, Revelstoke BC) – Tony Brooks taking the photo, Stanley Locke left early – sorry guys you did not make the photo.

Smoke from forest fires, rain, ashes, all aside, we all had a great time. Now Karin and I along with Simon Hofer kind of did our own thing for some of the ride. I have always wanted to visit Sandon BC. Since Karin & I are the King & Queen of gravel roads now, (having ridden over 30 kilometers of gravel on Gold Wings in Saskatchewan just the week or so before) we decided to drag Simon on a little trip to Sandon.

Terry & Donna Teeft as well as Wayne & Janet Egan had been there several weeks before so we figured what could go wrong...well I will save that for another article. It was excellent...we had a great time once we got there.

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



Locomotive at Sandon BC - Karin & I



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



District Director's Message Cont.

We also participated (as well as volunteered) in the Chilliwack Chapter BC-C Greenheart run event. It was well organized and well attended. 57 participants and 25 bikes at my last count were involved. The food was excellent if I don't say myself and the volunteer group made the event effortless for all the participants. As I was relegated to set up, kitchen duty and clean up, I did not get an opportunity to participate on the ride however, **Patrick Frampton engineered an excellent ride that all enjoyed.**

It was good to get everyone together after a long Covid19 hiatus. I enjoyed it very much, even if I had to "**mop up**" after the event, kind of my "job description" anyway so very appropriate. We had members from BC-C, BC-A, BC-D. *It was also great to see Harold & Susan Arthurs...I had not spoke to them since a Salmon Arm rally almost 3 years ago!*



Always fixing or cleaning up a GWRRA mess of some kind!

Just kidding, sort of, maybe...I always tell the folks above my pay grade in GWRRA that it is the best unpaid job anyone can have...wonder if they will believe me now!

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



District Director's Message Cont.

My thanks to the following Greenheart Run volunteer group: Terry & Donna Teeft, Wayne & Janet Egan, Kevin & Robyn MacRae, Kim Bientjes, Debbie Horin, Irene Hofler, Patrick Frampton.



A very Special Thank you to Karin Young, Chapter BC-C director for organizing this event.



The two happy chefs....

The district is also hosting the Van Isle ride September 18 / 19 2021. Check it out when you receive the email or go to <https://gwrra-nwc.com/district-events/> . I encourage everyone in the district to participate, Tony Brooks does an excellent job!

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

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

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the District Director
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West Coast District



District Director's Message Cont.

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

If you wish to attend the 2022 rally our website will reopen September 2021 and we will be accepting new registrations for 2022. <https://wingsinthecariboo.com/>.

There are many of you that need to renew your memberships very soon...I have noted that some have even lapsed.

Now more than ever we need your support. Our organization needs you to re-up as well as we need your support for local rides and rally's. Things are getting better and the best is yet to come in 2022!

You can renew on our web page in Canadian Dollars...

<https://gwrra-nwc.com/membership-form/>

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

Until I see you all again,

Be safe – Ride safe.

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



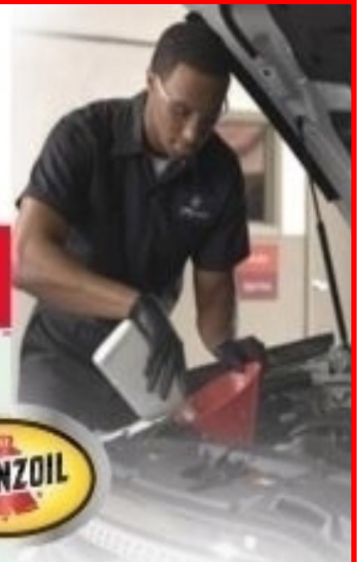
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District Van Isle Ride



GWRRA NWC DISTRICT Van Isle Ride 18/19 September 2021



Join us for one or two days of riding, camaraderie and fun as we explore the infamous ~~RENFREW~~ **RENFREW LOOP**.

This scenic loop offers breathtaking ocean views, winding mountain passes, old growth forest, varied wildlife and even the odd logging truck just to keep you on your toes! (Don't worry, there's no active logging on weekends). We'll also be visiting unique communities for comfort breaks; coffee stops and lunch. We hope you'll join us and share in the **Fun, Safety and Knowledge** that GWRRA is famous for!

Three different groups of riders will meet at the rendezvous time and location:

- **Tim Hortons, 2927 Drinkwater Rd, Duncan, at 9:30 am.**

South Island Riders can join the ride at two different meeting points:

- Tim Hortons, 2890 Westshore Pkwy, Langford at 8am
- Tim Hortons, 825 Deloume Rd, Mill Bay at 8:45

North Island Riders will meet up at the rendezvous point in Duncan

Mainland Riders will take the 6:15am ferry out of Horseshoe Bay to Departure Bay (Nanaimo).

- [Click here for Ferry Schedule](#)
- A Ride Captain will be waiting to lead the ride south to the rendezvous point. Note: The Ride Captain will be monitoring CB Channel 33.



We will depart the rendezvous point at 10am and head around **"THE LOOP"** to lunch at the Renfrew Pub, 17310 Parkinson Rd, Port Renfrew. We should arrive for lunch a little before noon.

After out running a few more **BEAR** and dodging the odd **POTHOLE**, we'll take another comfort stop at the Cold Shoulder Cafe, 11934 Juan De Fuca Hwy.

The ride is scheduled to end back at the Westshore Parkway Tim Hortons, at approximately 3:30pm. There will be time for those heading their separate ways to bid farewell.

Map Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/y64NxixkNVGmZNK6>

Ride End Point and Return to the Mainland

For mainland riders who choose to head home right away, a Ride Captain will be available to lead you to Swartz Bay for a ferry bound for Tsawwassen.

For mainland riders who choose to remain in Victoria overnight, there will be a group dinner and possibly billeted accommodations. There will also be a group breakfast Sunday morning before a scenic ride around the Province's Capital, after which the Ride Captain will lead the group to Swartz Bay for a ferry bound for Tsawwassen.

For More Information contact
gw.rider@outlook.com

What a great turnout for our Annual Greenheart Ride. We had 57 members and had a blast. Congrats to all the winners. Thanks you Patrick for the ride you worked hard at and one that everyone enjoyed. A big thank you to all of the volunteers, without you this would not have gone as smoothly as it did.

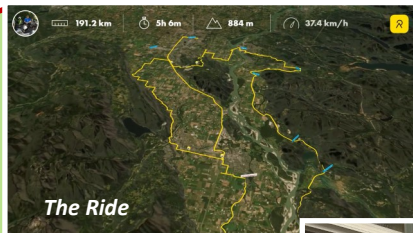


Karin Young, Chapter BC-C Director

CHAPTER BC-C 2021 GREEN HEART RUN Aug. 22nd



Patrick giving the ride briefing



The Ride



Mike Dodd won the 50/50 \$177.50



Many other secondary door prizes



Kim MacLeod won grand door prize



Bob Meiklejohn won the poker run High Hand 4 of a Kind



\$71 Commissions earned at the Garage Sales Table



Everyone enjoyed the event, great steak sandwich lunch. Thank you for putting it on!



Kevin Bramhoff - Thank you to all the volunteers

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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GWRRR Chapter BC-V (Victoria)

GOVID Ride Report

(Get Off Vancouver Island Dammit)



GOVID Ride 2021 was sponsored by GWRRR Chapter BC-V, opened to all Chapters, organized by Tony Brooks, Chapter BC-V Director

Report Submitted By Kenny Locke, Chapter BC-A Editor

As Stan and I rode into the parking lot of the Sandman Inn in Revelstoke, we could see several Goldwings sprinkled near the entrances to the buildings. We knew we were in the right place. The negotiated room rate was so fantastic that the desk clerk had to look twice. On the way to our room, we came across the other riders, Tony, Malcolm, Simon, and Terry. The plan was to meet later to have dinner at Zalas, a nearby restaurant.



Waitress explaining to Rob on diving for the shooter

Our trip up was straight forward, took the Coquihalla and turned east at Highway 1. Visibility was hampered by smoke from the wildfires when we reached Kamloops. Tony and the Vancouver Island group left a day early (Wednesday) and stayed overnight in Cache Creek. They took the scenic route to Logan Lake, then back up along Lac Le Jeune Rd, to reconnect with Hwy 1 to Revelstoke. Sheldon & Carol had to drop out in Cache Creek due to a tire issue. I was looking forward to riding with them again.

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

We had a great time at Zalas. One hilarious moment came when the waitress brought Rob a shooter buried in whipped cream to celebrate his birthday. The trick was to get to the shooter without using his hands. Rob did well and got his treasure as his wife Kathryn cheered him on.

Tony was meticulous in organizing this ride. He sent out, ahead of time, an e-package containing the maps and details of the daily route, morning briefing and kickstand up time, places of interest to visit, and general information of the activities of the day. It was the most comprehensive motorcycle trip planning that I have ever seen. As a matter of fact, Tony and his wife Jennifer scouted out the entire 5 day trip in advance and identified some choice local eateries and places to visit. Their extra efforts made this trip even more enjoyable and relaxing for all the participants.

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Stan, Malcolm, Kathryn, Jennifer, Rob, Terry, Kenny

In the Friday morning briefing, Tony gave us the good news - The planned scenic route, Nakusp Loop, had reopened. It was closed the day before due to smoke and forest fire. Tony had been monitoring the situation throughout in case we had to go to plan B. It was a visual feast of scenery as we rode on highway 23 and onto Highway 6. Tony kept a leisurely pace, so we could soak in the surroundings. Lunch overlooking the 9th Hole at the Cherryville Golf Club and Roadhouse Café was great. The Needle ferry and the Shelter Bay ferry helped us cool down over the water.



The ferry ride



Lunching at the Cherryville Golf Club

Malcolm had a head scratching moment at a pit stop. He couldn't find his bike key. He retraced all his steps from washroom to trunk & pocket search to no avail. While he was befuddled and doing a ground search, the key mysteriously appeared back in the ignition. It turned out that Tony who had a mischievous side to his humour hid the key. We all laughed like school kids including Malcolm. He was a good sport.

As Terry suggested, we gassed up in Lumby instead of Vernon to avoid the town traffic. We headed back to Revelstoke via highway 97A, still smoky, but bearable. The evening plan was open, so everyone could have some free time, very considerate. Stan and I went back to Zalas for dinner. At the hotel, we ran into Kevin and Karin. They stayed behind and explored the local breweries instead. They were very happy.



The fog & drizzle up Mount Revelstoke

The weather changed overnight, Saturday morning was cool and drizzly. As planned, we rode up the Sky Parkway of Mount Revelstoke. It certainly lived up to its reputation of 22 km of switchbacks and scenery. The fog thickened at the quarter way viewpoint. We pressed on up for a while, but my eyeglasses were fogging up so badly that I had to pull off the road and wait for the group to return. It wasn't long before I saw the headlights and hazard flashers coming down the hill as Tony turned the group

around. A bit disappointing, but that is what motorcycle adventuring is about. Tony said later "All I could hear over the CB was Kenny calling I can't see, I can't see."

Some of us braved the rain and rode to the Canyon Hot Spring to have a soothing soak before heading out to the Revelstoke Mountain Resort for the group dinner. There were only 2 taxis in town. Somehow, Simon missed both. Kevin sent one back to fetch him and all was well. The dinners & drinks were outstanding. The company was great. We had a wonderful time, lots of laughs.

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Pit stop at Nakusp



Tony & Jennifer on the road

We left Revelstoke on Sunday and headed to Grand Forks via Highway 23 & 6. The rain yesterday cleared the smoke. Kevin & Karin took the highway to return home to Chilliwack. The thoughtfulness of Tony's trip planning became obvious. He designed it so that one can join in as a partial ride at the beginning or at the end, making it flexible for people with limited time off.

Terry took the lead for the first leg as he lives in that neighbourhood. We stopped and met his wife, Bobbie. We

rode into Grand Forks Inn around 4.30 pm. After a quick shower, we cabbied to Clyde's Pub for dinner and drinks. I have no idea how Tony finds these little gems of local favourites, always good food and ambiance.



All checked in, another great value



Breakfast at Deadwood Junction in Greenwood

Monday was a straight shot home. It got warmer and sunnier as we headed west on Highway 3. The pace was brisk. A quick lunch at Brown Bridge Pub in Princeton and soon we were gassing up and saying goodbye at the Flying J near Hope. The traffic on Highway 1 was surprisingly smooth for a weekday. I waved to Rob & Kathryn and Tony & Jennifer as they took the off ramp to Highway 17 toward the Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal. Until the next time, buddy. Thank you for organizing this memorable trip.

I can say from first hand experience that you cannot go wrong in joining a Tony-organized ride. It is well planned and done professionally, you can relax and enjoy the ride, there is something for everyone, the pace is always applicable to the riders at hand.

Submitted by Kenny Locke, GWRRA Chapter BC-A Editor



GOLD NUGGETS

MILESTONES



Sept. GWRRA Anniversaries

Sept.-2007 PATRICK FRAMPTON

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Sept.-2019 JOHAN BESTER

Sept.-2019 AMARJIT DHADWAR

Sept.-2020 MICHAEL & MARILOU CROUT

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Left to Right- Giselle, Ivan, Pat, Libor, George, Janet, Jim, Kenny; not in the pictures are Dave and Janice

Cozy dinner for 10 at the August 26 Thursday Dinner Meeting at The Ricky's Restaurant Schoolhouse, lots of laughs and engaging conversations



Ivan closes the meeting with a joke



An exclusive story by the Ride Captain of Legendary Sikh Riders, Mr. Malkiat Singh Hoonjan, on their inspirational cross Canada ride to fund raise for Make A Wish Foundation and to promote awareness of Indigenous Children. Malkiat aka Mike is a member of GWRRA Chapter BC-A, and BC Drill Team.

Our cross Canada riding trip consisted of 5 riders, 22 days, 14,000 kilometers, over \$30,000 raised and counting. We initiated this last year, but because of COVID, it was postponed to July 2021.

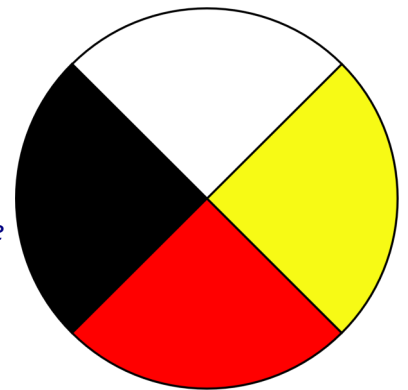
This ride would be the most historic, inspirational, and memorable ride ever for the Sikh community in North America and maybe in the world because we are probably the only senior riders' group in the Sikh community that exists. There are guys in India too, but they don't do these sorts of long rides and the fundraisers.

We didn't want to just go burning tires and fuel, we wanted to do it for a cause. We chose "To Make A Wish Foundation". We contacted them and they gave the green light.

Because we're Sikh Riders, we ride with turbans everywhere we go. We got special permits from most of the provinces to suspend the helmet law for us, except in Saskatchewan and Quebec, where we had to trailer our bikes. For the rest of the provinces, British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, Nova Scotia, PEI, and New Brunswick, we rode all the way.

Not only had we received special permits from PEI and New Brunswick, but they also gave us police escort across the entire province. They recognized that it was not just a regular motorcycle ride, we were doing it for a worthy cause. That was what made it historic because nobody's ever done this before.

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The Medicine Wheel



Earlier this year in Kamloops BC, we visited the site where they found the remains of the 215 indigenous kids. We saw the survivors and the regular community. The pain and the sorrow that these people are going through was beyond anything we could have fathomed.



We met Jackie Andrews there. She was dressed in the traditional indigenous clothing of leather and frills. I asked her "you are maintaining your culture and so are we, we've got turbans and beards. This is our faith and culture. Let's get a picture to post on

Facebook". And so, we became Facebook friends.

She sewed us three vests with our logo on one side and on the other side, the indigenous community logo that is called the medicine wheel. The vests symbolized the connection between the indigenous community and riding community. We were to take their message across Canada along with Make A Wish Foundation's to raise the awareness of the tragically short lives of those unfortunate children.

As we began our journey, the support on our Facebook page grew exponentially. The word got around; a lot of people were inspired by what we're doing. Many wanted to ride with us when we were in town to show their support. They welcomed us everywhere we went; we were treated like royalty.

On the way to Calgary, an unnamed gentleman unveiled to us a 200-year-old sword that he bought from the London Museum in an auction. The sword belonged to the great Maharaja Ranjit Singh, Emperor of Punjab. The sword's name is "Shamshir". We, the Legendary Sikh Riders, got to hold this legendary sword to connect with a piece of our heritage. We thought to ourselves that we must be doing something right.



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MAKHAN KHAROD
Legendary Sikh Riders

RANDHIR SINGH DHANDHA
Legendary Sikh Riders

MALKIAT SINGH HOONJAN
Road Captain
Legendary Sikh Riders

DALER SINGH BRAR
Legendary Sikh Riders

KULWINDER SINGH DHILLON
Legendary Sikh Riders



At a Flying J gas station outside of Winnipeg, 50 guys came over and honored us like heroes. They took us out for dinner and a meeting after. There were at least 80 people and 30 motorcycles, with the media as well. They gave us a lot of positive feedback like “you guys are doing an awesome job”.



Pin, Coin, & Certificate (Photo by Chuck Taylor)

As we neared Toronto, a blog writer of a motorcycle magazine met us. He did a video and interviewed us for a story. He said “you guys are doing something that nobody has ever done before. You guys are inspiration for the riding community. You are living up the spirit of motorcycling again”.

In Ontario, we couldn't do a fundraiser because of COVID there. Instead, Micca Chemma, the founder of “Ride for Raja Foundation” invited 7 Members of Parliament and 3 mayors of the nearby towns to meet us. She also brought 4 news people and 30 bikes

there. The reception that we got was beyond a king. That confirmed to us people were really getting inspired.

In Ottawa, we were honored. the House of Parliament gave us a certification describing who we are, what we did, and our cause. In New Brunswick, we received pins from the RCMP. It was just a beautiful occasion. In PEI, we were honored with the “Challenge Coin” and a phenomenal reception.

And here's where the whole story kind of ends. We started with a prayer at mile zero in a Sikh temple with a Sikh priest in BC. We were now saying a prayer in the parking lot of a church in PEI - we're halfway there and we're heading back.

A RCMP officer asked us if the church parking lot was ok for a prayer. I told her “Our religion is a human religion, so we don't see any difference in any culture or any religion. We accept everything the way it is because we're all God's people. It doesn't make any difference to us if this is a church or a Hindu temple or a Sikh temple or a mosque. All religions are the same to us.”

The motorcycle is a common denominator that keeps all of us riders together. Wherever we go we are a big family. For everyone coming together to fund raise, giving us the royal treatment and warm welcomes wherever we went, it was priceless. It was the most inspirational trips I've ever taken. It was a gift!

Voice Memo by Malkiat Hoonjan. Transcribed and edited by Kenny Locke, Chapter BC-A, Editor



The final leg back home. All photos are screenshots taken from an Omni News broadcast unless otherwise stated

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2021 to ride with the Legendary Sikh Riders
on the last leg of their Inspira-
tional Fundraising Cross-Country Ride*



The journey ends at where it began 22 days ago

Welcome Home



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Gordon McDonald and Rob Gosselin started on the repair of the "Alternator Drive Gear & Bearings" in Gordon's Goldwing on Aug. 24. This involved removing the entire engine from the motorcycle, supposed to take 25 hours of shop time by a Honda professional, a monumental job! Best of luck to you.



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