GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION  
NORTH WEST COAST DISTRICT  
MARCH 2020

DISTRY NEWSLETTER

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Deadline for submissions is the 22nd of each month

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Fellow Wingers,

I am really pleased with our performance at the recent (late January 2020) motorcycle show at the Tradex in Abbotsford. We did GOOD! The booth looked great and we signed up many new members, 20% more than last year’s show! A big thank you has to go to all the volunteers, especially Giselle Collins…this lady does it all. I could not have anticipated a better turnout!

Photo of the GWRRA District NWC booth at the 2020 Vancouver Motorcycle show during set up
Did you know the oldest Chapter in Canada is BC-A? Did you know the first chapter in Canada ever established...yes you guessed it BC-A. Chapter BC-A is holding a dinner event to celebrate 40 years in existence in Canada?

Date: Saturday, March 21, 2020

Time: 6:00pm appetizers, 7:00pm dinner. There is no formal entertainment planned, however there will be time after dinner for stories and memories, so come prepared to share.

Place: Accent Inn main meeting room - 3777 Henning Dr, Burnaby, BC

Theme: What did you all wear in the 1980’s??? Think about it and come dressed appropriately, no pajamas or tutus allowed!

For information contact Mr. Dave Ward: David Ward (chapteradirector@gmail.com)

Did you know, the longest "Serving Officer" in Chapter BC-C and perhaps District NWC (I have to do some checking with head office on this) is none other than the lovely and talented Janet Egan? Janet Egan, the esteemed Chapter BC-C Treasurer took the position in 1991 and had been steadfast in the role ever since. Recently she announced her retirement from the position stating that it was time! She is without a doubt my "Favourite Treasurer". Janet; thank you for your service over the years. I look forward to riding with Janet and Wayne this year on the Gypsy Run and our Rally.

Planned District Events to date:

2020 Gypsy Run this year titled "Gypsy Sisters" Run. ALERT - Date change. Dates are now June 5th – 8th. This ride is going to heading south this year well, I encourage others in the district to join us for the 2020 Gypsy Sisters Run! If it is as good 2019, you will not regret it.

2020 Wings in the Cariboo 2.0 rally – July 23rd – 26th. The town of 100 Mile House will be our rally point again this year. The people of the township enjoyed our visit so much...they invited us back! We will have additional activities this year as well as some different rides throughout the region. Great food; Catered dinner, BBQ, and a Pancake breakfast are planned for this coming year. It will be better than 2019 – that’s saying something! Stay tuned and we will be sending information out on a regular basis.

2020 Island Loop – September 12th & 13th – Our ride coordinator has a new plan for this one as well and it is expected to be better than last year as well. The 2019 ride was excellent so this will be a tough one to beat! I have high expectations of our ride coordinator!

We have a few other district events in the works for 2020. Stay tuned for news of these. Our district will also be involved & participating in and the West Coast Ride to Live in support of prostate cancer research, the Vintage in the Valley Motorcycle show as well as a traditional favourite of mine, Victoria Days Rally in Salmon Arm BC. This Rally is a Chapter BC-G event. Kirk & Kathy Elliot of the Kamloops chapter always do a great job of putting this rally together, it deserves support from district members.

We will also be endorsing the BCCOM MLA ride in Victoria this year. If it is taking place this year, I would like as many District NWC riders as possible to participate. It’s a great way to kick off Motorcycle Awareness Month in May 2020. It also helps to outline our concerns to Members of the Legislative Assembly.

There are more riding opportunities at the District & Chapter level than ever before and more reasons to have potential members join our great organization. As members we should “Always be thinking how we can get more membership”. In 2020 I challenge each of you to get just one new member into our group. Think about this, we all get one new member we double our membership numbers! Just one each, that’s all it takes.
Stay tuned for all of the events on our web site [www.gwrra-nwc.com](http://www.gwrra-nwc.com) – all the details and information about District and Chapter events are available there.

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

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

Respectfully

Kevin Bramhoff

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

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**Rider's Gazette**


Fellow Riders:

Over Lunch the other day Terry & I were talking about “Preferences”. Okay I can hear you snickering now; “what are these two talking about now...okay minds out of the gutter! Whatever you're thinking, that's not it. What we are on about is “Rider Preferences”.

Preference: partiality, inclination, bias, penchant, predisposition, whatever you wish to call it we as riders all have preferences. And for every one preference there is an opposing preference...it takes all kinds! What are yours?

In numerous conversations with a wide cross section of diverse individuals that ride many differing brands (also a preference) Terry & I have discovered that:

1) Some riders actually enjoy riding in the rain!
2) Some riders prefer riding when it's cold!
3) Some riders like to ride until the "Low Fuel" light comes on!
4) Some riders prefer maps over GPS (that’s me...tape a map to the gas tank)
5) Some riders prefer to trust fate and not make hotel reservations stating that there are fewer restrictions and no schedule to keep, then the destination is flexible. (me I like to sleep in a bed, not the ground beside my bike)
6) Some riders really like to wash and polish their motorcycles, others, well... (I still have dead bugs from the last trip to Mexico on mine)

7) Some riders prefer to ride alone!

8) Some riders prefer to "wait until it breaks style of maintenance"! (could lead to safety issues)

That all being said the ride styles and preferences are really interesting to say the least as it does take all kinds of people to make life interesting.

There are some riders that prefer to not do safety checks and / or only use the rear brake etc... These preferences could be construed as a safety issue however, we are not here to judge and that is the subject for another article.

The point to all this? In our group we find like-minded individuals and (sometimes unwittingly) match up preferences. We are non-judgmental and we just like to ride. Through socialization at our many events and meeting others during rides (other than the lone riders) we gravitate toward others with the same preferences...or sometimes we try something new, with new people!

Either way it makes riding much more interesting and enjoyable...think about it, what are your preferences?
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**GWRRA SCHEDULES**

- **BC-A (Vancouver)** [https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzEcR6Ei4hmja0NtUWdPcXVwZHC/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzEcR6Ei4hmja0NtUWdPcXVwZHC/view)
- **BC-C (Chilliwack)** [http://www.gwrра-bcc.org/gwrра-bcc-events](http://www.gwrра-bcc.org/gwrра-bcc-events)
- **BC-D (Surrey)** [http://www.gwrра-bcd.org/events.html](http://www.gwrра-bcd.org/events.html)
- **BC-G (Kamloops)** [http://gwrра-bcg.org](http://gwrра-bcg.org)
- **BC-V (Victoria)** [http://gwrра-bcv.org](http://gwrра-bcv.org)
- **YT-A (Whitehorse)** [http://gwrра-yta.org](http://gwrра-yta.org)


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**BC CHAPTER A (VANCOUVER)**

**Monthly Breakfast Gathering**  
3rd Sunday of every Month (except Dec). Breakfast: 8:30 AM, Gathering: 9:30 AM  
Ricky’s All Day Grill – 1090 Lougheed Hwy, Coquitlam

**Tuesday Night Coffee (Rides in season)**  
Wendy’s – 3698 Grandview Hwy, Vancouver. Coffee 6:00 at PM, Ride at 7 PM

**Saturday and Holiday Morning Coffee (Rides in season)**  
McDonalds – Lougheed and Boundary, Vancouver. Coffee at 8, Ride at 9 AM

**Evening Dinner Meeting: 4th Thu of the month**  
ABC Restaurant, 100 Schoolhouse Rd, Coquitlam. Dinner: 6PM, Mtg: 7PM

**Directors:** Dave Ward and Giselle Collins: [chapteradirector@gmail.com](mailto:chapteradirector@gmail.com)

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**BC CHAPTER D (SURREY)**

**Monthly Dinner Meeting**  
1st Wednesday of the month: 5:30 for Supper, 7PM for the Meeting  
Ricky’s Family Restaurant, 8958 - 152nd Street Surrey, B.C.

**Friday Night Coffee & Ride (weather permitting)**  
6:30 for Coffee, Ride at 7PM, Tim Horton’s on Fraser Hwy & 166

**Director:** Doug Conley: [directorsbcd@gmail.com](mailto:directorsbcd@gmail.com)

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**BC CHAPTER C (CHILLIWACK)**

**Monthly Dinner Meeting**  
3rd Tuesday of every month (except Dec) Dinner @ 6:00 PM, Meeting @ 7:00 PM  
The Rendezvous Restaurant, 9360 Young Rd, Chilliwack

**Director:** Karin Young: [gwrrabcc.director@gmail.com](mailto:gwrrabcc.director@gmail.com)

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**BC CHAPTER V (VICTORIA)**

**Monthly Breakfast Meeting**  
Every fourth Sunday of the month at 8:30 AM Ride to follow (weather permitting)  
White Spot - 941 Langford Parkway (except Jul, Aug & Dec)

**Friday Night Coffee & Ride (weather permitting)**  
Tim Hortons, 739 McCallum Rd, Victoria, BC V9B 6M1  
6PM Coffee, Kick Stands Up at 6:45

**Chapter Director:** Tony Brooks | [gw.rider@outlook.com](mailto:gw.rider@outlook.com)
SPRING RAFFLE 2020

Funds raised go towards helping the district to sponsor training events, motorist awareness, rides, and rallies.

GWRRA – Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge

3 PRIZES TO BE WON!

1ST PRIZE - $500 GIFT CERTIFICATE
2ND PRIZE - $250 GIFT CERTIFICATE
3RD PRIZE - $100 GIFT CERTIFICATE

ONLY $2.00 PER TICKET

FINAL DRAW DATE – JULY 25TH AT THE DISTRICT RALLY IN 100 MILE HOUSE – “WINGS IN THE CARIBOO 2.0”

WINGSINTHECARIBOO.COM

GWRRA DISTRICT NWC
The Great North West Coast District

HTTPS://GWRRA-NWC.COM
HELP WANTED:

**Social Activity Coordinator**

We need an individual that likes to work... for no pay! Yes, you did read this correctly. Reporting to the district Director you will administer and help and execute plans for special events for the district.

Your only reward will be the accolades from GWRRA district officers and GWRRA members alike and a thank you from the District Director. Clearly a volunteer position, your qualifications are:

- You like communicating with people
- You find planning events from the simple to the complex as an excellent way to express your creative vision
- You can do this with very minimal funding
- You can take direction
- You have some time to contribute
- You are a positive person
- You are computer literate
- You have some graphic design abilities however not a requirement
- You have an excellent understanding of organizational cultures so you can apply you skills in a way that is in keeping with the structure of the District
- You communicate your ideas well to others

**The Job** – working the District Director and the Assistant D.D., Membership Enhancement Coordinator, Chapter Directors, District Ride Coordinator you will aid the planning and execution of special events. Non-riding activities or ride and social activities combined you will work with the team to create and or enhance specific events assigned to you, or if asked, create new ones. We will provide specific details to any interested party.

This is not a high-pressure position, just the opposite, however the right candidate will still take their position seriously. We need your ideas and enthusiasm to enhance our district Team and our planned activities.

If you are interested in contributing to our great organization please email us at:

Giselle Collins mec@gwrra-nwc.com

‘Kevin Bramhoff’ director@gwrra-nwc.com

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**Sales & Marketing Coordinator**

We need an individual that likes to work... for no pay! Yes, you did read this correctly. Reporting to the district Director you will administer and help execute plans for fundraising sales for the district.

Your only reward will be the accolades from GWRRA district officers and GWRRA members alike and a thank you from the District Director. Clearly a volunteer position, your qualifications are:
• You like communicating with people
• You can do this with very minimal funding
• You can take direction
• You are a positive person
• You have some time to contribute
• You are computer literate
• You have some graphic design abilities however not a requirement
• You understand Selling techniques and marketing principles

The Job – working the District Director you will provide input toward improving and maintaining existing sales programs. Set up new programs and implement new product sales programs using the internet as well as other marketing platforms. You will create a business model that can & will operate with a minimum of input maximizing fundraising revenue for the district.

This is not a high-pressure position, just the opposite, however the right candidate will still take their position seriously. We need your ideas and enthusiasm to enhance our District Team and our planned fundraising / sales activities.

If you are interested in contributing to our great organization please email us at:

'Kevin Bramhoff' director@gwrra-nwc.com

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Retention & Recruitment Coordinator

We need an individual that likes to work...for no pay! Yes, you did read this correctly. Reporting to the district Director you will administer and help execute plans for recruitment and member retention for District NWC.

Your only reward will be the accolades from GWRRA district officers and GWRRA members alike and a thank you from the District Director. Clearly a volunteer position, your qualifications are:

• You like communicating with people
• You can do this with very minimal funding
• You can take direction
• You are a positive person
• You have some time to contribute
• You are computer literate
• You have some graphic design abilities however not a requirement
• You understand Selling techniques and marketing principles

The Job – working the District Director you will be responsible for implementing and maintaining the existing recruitment and retention plan as well as making improvements to the existing plan where possible.

You will create a model that can & will operate with a minimum of input maximizing the recruitment & retention potential for the district. This is not a high-pressure position, just the opposite, however the right candidate will still take their position seriously. We need your ideas and enthusiasm to enhance our District Team and our planned fundraising / sales activities.

If you are interested in contributing to our great organization please email us at:

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Gold Wing Road Riders Association
Recruit
Get a Year Free

How it works:  Start Date: 2/1/2020

Recruit 1 Household

= 1 month free membership

Recruit 2 Households

= 1 additional month free

Recruit 3 Households

= 1 YEAR FREE MEMBERSHIP

GWRRA-NWC
Goldwing Road Riders Association
North West Coast District
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GWRRA is the world’s largest organization for Goldwings and other touring motorcycles
The North West Coast District encompasses British Columbia, the Yukon Territory and Alaska

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**RIDER EDUCATION DATABASE**

Did you know that each member of the Goldwing Road Rider Association can access their own Rider Education Database?

To some of you, this has been known for a long time, but for others, say new members, you may not have been made aware or it hadn’t been mentioned to you. For those members this article is for you.

As part of the GWRRA structure, the organization offers courses that assists members in becoming better and safer riders and co-riders. To that end, a record must be kept and maintained for all courses that are taken by the members, and also to advise them when they will expire in order for the members to update their skills in a timely fashion. The members are able sign into their “account” at any time and see what they have achieved, and what may require updating. This is especially important for those members that are enrolled and take part in the Levels Program as certain courses are required to be maintained in order to remain qualified at a certain Level.

Now I will be the first to admit that the initial sign-on into your database record may not be the most user friendly process you may have encountered, but if you follow these directions I assure you that you will be successful and it will be much easier on subsequent inquiries.

First, go to the GWRRA Canada website [www.gwrra-canada.ca](http://www.gwrra-canada.ca). I use this site as a portal to the main GWRRA US site because there is helpful information pertaining to Canada specifically and I direct new member to this site first. They can chose to by-pass it at any time and go directly to [www.gwrra.org](http://www.gwrra.org) on future inquiries. You may also wish to bookmark your selection at this time as well for easier access in the future.

Once you have accessed the GWRRA Canada website, click on the “Rider Education” icon on the left side of the page. This will take you to the GWRRA US website. Then click on the “My R.E. Information” icon, also on the left side of the page. This will bring you to the member log-on page. Your user name will be your membership number. For example, member # 123456 or 123456-01 for a co-riider. Your password will be the numbers in your address and your membership expiration date (MMYY). For example, 12 W. 6th St., you would only use the numbers 12. If you address is 100-11101 Main St., you would use only the 100. If your expiration date is 01/21, then your password would be 1000121. If you have any issues, there is a login assist icon you can access and GWRRA will email you your password.

Once you have accessed your database account, you will see what courses you’ve taken, what is still current, and what may be expired. It will also show you your status in the Levels Program if you have chosen to participate in that program. All this information is entered by the District Educator (that’s me) as it changes. As a volunteer, I endeavor to update the information as soon as possible but there may be a bit of a delay due to time availability or constraints so please be patient. Having said that though, if you see something amiss in your database, please let me know and I shall investigate. I can be reached, as always, at educator@gwrra-nwc.com.

As a final point, it is the responsibility of each member to maintain and update their skills and courses as they see fit. In other words, the status of each individual member is not monitored so that any course that may be expiring is the responsibility of the member to know that and act accordingly as they desire.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon Clark
District Educator
North West Coast District
educator@gwrra-nwc.com
Hi my name is Rino Genzale and I’m the Motorcycle Awareness Officer in British Columbia Canada.

It’s February 16th and I’m sitting here pouting while looking at the weather forecast. We are still experiencing winter and low temperature conditions. Forecast tells us that temps are dropping below freezing and possible snow. We all know how dependent on traction we are as riders, so use common sense before getting out there and riding.

You may adjust your riding techniques, and skills to manage challenging road conditions. You may change or improve the lighting on you MC, change your riding gear to compensate for inclement weather and the ability to be seen. These things we have control over to reduce our risk. The thing we cannot control is the people we share the road with.

We have all experienced driving on the freeway doing speed limit or slightly under, do to visibility, snow or icy conditions. Someone flies by you tailgating another driver meanwhile passing several cars scattered in the ditches. Even with all the evidence staring these drivers in the face, they seem to not get it. Unfortunately we can become collateral damage.

My point is Motorcycle awareness starts with us, decision to ride, take responsibility on doing everything we can do to make ourselves conspicuous, do not assume others have the same abilities, training, or mental competence. You are ultimately responsible for your own safety.

On that cheery note, looking forward to adding some insight on our motorcycle journey.

Remember ride to live and live to ride.

Cheers

Goldwing Road Riders Association
Motorcycle Awareness Show 'N Shine
Victoria, BC
Sat 2 May, 10AM - 2PM
View Royal Canadian Tire, 1519 Admirals Rd
WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

I want to address a subject that I think many of you have had on your mind. I have been asked on a few occasions “Where does the money go?!” I would like to try and address that question because I do feel that each and every one of our members has the right to ask.

Let’s start with our membership dues. These funds go directly to Phoenix, our head office, to pay for a lot of ancillary costs that we do see benefits from. Some of these costs are the pins and badges that head office supplies for our new officers as well as printed materials that we request. The Gold Book and Wing World also have their fair share of costs. I don’t want to go much further with those costs as I have otherwise little knowledge of them.

The area I want to cover is the Chapter and District level. The question of “Why are we giving more money?” and “What for now?”

To break it down on a Chapter level, simply put, each and every Chapter is self-funded. Each and every Chapter have their own special day or weekend to raise funds to maintain the Chapter. Chapter C has their Greenheart Run, Chapter A has their Memorial Ride and Chapter G has their Victoria Days. This is only to name a few.

With those events and other sales, each Chapter is supposed to amass only what is required to maintain the Chapter for a year. Any additional amounts are usually given back by means of a party and or a donation to a Charity. We at Chapter C did enjoy our Christmas Party for a very low cost.

The District level is also self-funded. Unlike the Chapters, they do not have a monthly gathering to help them. Instead, the District has to organize rides and rallies. Each of which comes with its own costs that the members would never have seen. These costs are covered by the registration fees that are charged. But, because there is always a but, sometimes the registration fees are not enough to cover all of the costs from the event. ARC’s have parking lot and classroom costs, depending upon the area, the costs can surpass the fees quite easily. The Motorcycle show is another event that has no recovering costs. Each new member’s registration goes directly to head office while the District pays for all the expenses. We are quite lucky here on the Westcoast. Our District now pays for each and every person that volunteers their time to help in the booth. That is why additional raffles are held. They help cover the short falls caused by keeping the registration fees low.

There are also those who have given their time and paid their own expenses without asking for anything back in return. To all of you, and you know who you are, I want to thank you for making my rides, rallies and events that much more enjoyable because of your hard work.

This is why each Chapter and District have tried to come up with creative and fun ways to host a ride or an event. Without the members support, none of the things we do is possible.

So please, if you can spare the change, all of your coins are being put to a great cause.

Karin Young
Chapter Director BC-C
GWRRA
Advanced Rider Courses

Hosted by Chapter BC-C "Chilliwack"
(but open to everyone)

9 May Course
Classroom work morning of 9 May
Chilliwack Flying Club
Chilliwack Municipal Airport (YCW)
46224 Airport Rd, Chilliwack

Range work afternoon of 9 May
Alliance Church Parking Lot
8700 Young Rd, Chilliwack

22/23 May Course
Classroom work evening of 22 May
12-45787 Yale Road, Chilliwack BC

Range work 23 May
Alliance Church Parking Lot
8700 Young Rd, Chilliwack

Contact Karin Young at gwrrabcc.director@gmail.com
Larry & Penny Anthony  
Director of Membership Enhancement

Social Media and Creating A Good Impression

For better or worse, we are living in a world where social media reigns supreme. Regardless of “fake news”, people who like to share pics of their every meal, or cat memes, we all have to deal with the reality of a 24-hour news feed dishing out more details than we really wish to share.

Some of us make a determined stance to avoid or ignore social media. While we understand your reasons for doing so – privacy, the incredible amount of trivia, or an unwillingness to jump into the fray – if you opt out, you are missing out.

Younger members – whom we are actively soliciting – DO engage in social media. It is a rare Chapter these days that does not have a Facebook group (or as it is commonly referred to, a Facebook “page”.) For better or worse, your Facebook page is presumed to reflect the activities of your Chapter (remember, we are a non-GWRRA member, checking you out). Do you post information about your rides, gatherings, bike modifications and other fun activities? Or do visitors simply see pictures ad infinitum of Members sitting around the table in a succession of restaurants? (We’re a riding organization. Post some pictures of bikes, people!)

Give your Facebook page a name that folks can find easily. A good name could be one that is something like, “GWRRA xxx District, Chapter XX-X” or similar. (Please indicate your District; there may be many other Chapters with your letter designation.) And set the privacy so that non-Members can find it. The least useful category is “secret”, where no one can even know that it’s there without an invitation!
Prospective members these days will often check you out online, first. Is your Facebook page full of griping or is it full of postings – with pictures! – about the fun you’re having? Upcoming rides? Rallies and other fun events you’ll be riding to? Taking pictures (pics) and posting them on Facebook is simplicity itself with modern smartphones. Have a talk with the individual in your Chapter who’s comfortable with all of this and ask them to be the social media picture poster! (And nag the other Members for their pics.) PICTURES PICTURES PICTURES!

Yes, we all have web pages. But these are more formal things, and it’s hard to get the “feel” of a Chapter from a web page - and it has become increasingly hard to find knowledgeable geeks to keep them updated. Web pages for reference, Facebook pages for FUN!

Polish up your social media “presence”, and your pages will be an attractive invitation for prospective members to get to know you better.

Larry & Penny Anthony

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**ADVERTISING**

GWRRA Members’ Personal Ads: Free  
Business Card Ad: $5 per month (minimum 12-month purchase)  
¾ Page Ad: $10 / month (minimum 6-month purchase)  
½ Page Ad: $20 / month (minimum 3-month purchase)  
Full Page Ad: $30 / month (minimum 2-month purchase)
GWRRA North West Coast District
Gypsy "Sisters" Run
Gypsy Run 2020

Great North West Coast
GWRRA District NWC

Victoria
Seattle
Washington

Sisters
Oregon

June 5-8, 2020

SOLD OUT
"The Ste-ye-hah' mah or Stick-shower are a mysterious and dangerous people whose general habitat is the lofty forest regions of the Cascade Mountains. They haunt the tangled timber-falls, which serve them as domiciles, or lodges. They are as large as the ordinary Indian; their language is to mimic notes of birds and animals. Nocturnal in habit, they sleep or remain in seclusion during the day and consequently are seen only on very rare occasions. Is under the cover of darkness that they perform the acts which have fastened upon them the odious appellation 'stick-shower'. It is then that they thrust sticks through any opening of the tepee or hunter's lodge, or shower sticks upon the belated traveler. The Indian who is delayed or lost from the trail is very apt to receive their attention. He may hear a signal, perhaps a whistle, ahead of him. Should he follow the sound, it will be repeated for a time. Then he will hear it in the opposite direction, along the path he has just passed. If he turns back, it will only be to detect the mysterious noises elsewhere, leading to utter confusion and bewilderment. When the traveler is crazed with dread, or overcome by exhaustion and sleep; it is then that the Stick-shower scores a victory. Regaining his head, or awakening from slumber, the wanderer is more than likely to find himself stripped of all clothing, perhaps bound and trussed with thongs. He is fortunate to escape with his life."

Other hunters account

"The Stick-shower is tall, is slender. He is good runner. He has medicine which gives him swiftness and strength. Some Indians claim he has medicine that renders him invisible. They go long distance in one night. Maybe they hunt over on the n-Che'wana (Columbia River) near Dalles early in the night. Next morning, they are over here in Yakama country, all up Yakama river. Stick-showers are good hunters. Nothing can get away from them; nothing can escape them." "When you hunt on Goat Rocks, you have to watch. You have to watch close all the time. You are on a rock, maybe you cannot see around that rock, cannot see on either side. The Stick-shower pushes you off that rock. You fall down, fall far down to death. Some Injuns get killed that way. To hunt where Stick-shower is, four or five of us go together. Three hunt, walking not far apart. One is here, one down below. One is higher up the mountain. We watch ahead, watch on each side. Fourth Injun is behind. He watches back over the trail. Stick-shower might be following us. Must always watch for the bad Stick-shower."

So, if you stray off the intended route around Yakima and The Dalles...keep your head down!!

Keiller
GWRRA Chapter BC-V
Spring Social

Join us and enjoy the thrill of Axe Throwing at the Axe & Grind
Sunday, April 5th, 2PM
Axe and Grind
910 Government St.
Followed at 3PM with a Social at the Bard and Banker

For more info or to RSVP please contact gw.rider@outlook.com

Please RSVP prior to Sun 29 Mar

Recruit 1 member - receive a Find-A-Friend pin.
Recruit 5 members - receive a five-heart bar.
Recruit 5 households - receive a $65 Gift Certificate!

LET’S GROW OUR FAMILY WITH THE FIND-A-FRIEND PROGRAM
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CHAPTER BC-C (CHILLIWACK) FEBRUARY RIDE

Our chapter (C) has been busy with putting together rides while waiting for the weather to improve... and on Feb 9 we were happy to say we got the first group of bikers together! We started out with a nice breakfast at Friendly Mike's in Chilliwack at 9am, where we welcomed new members, long time members, as well as several Chapter A members, who had ridden out from Vancouver. We had a total of 28 members for breakfast, and took over most of the breakfast area in the restaurant. Afterwards, those of us who had brought their bikes, had a quick meeting to discuss the planned ride to Cultus Lake. A short ride, to start the season, but it was decided to change the route as information was received that a load of gravel had been spread on the road to Cultus Lake. Dave Ward from Chapter A suggested a ride up to Stave Lake Road, and we all agreed.

We took the back roads in Chilliwack (Hope River Road, Camp River Road) to Agassiz, onward to Rosedale and then getting onto the Lougheed Hway with lovely twisty roads. Great conditions as the sun peaked through at times, while we enjoyed the scenic views. We went through Harrison Mills, to Desroche, where we had a quick break at the Eagle Cafe, and back on to the road. Via Stave Lake Road (with a few road construction detours), and down to Mission, where we stopped at Tim Hortons and warmed up with hot chili, hot chocolate and other goodies...

A great ride for everyone. You could make it as long or as short as you wanted, with alternate exit points, depending on how long you wanted to ride. A big thanks again to Dave Ward for showing us all some great local roads... The riding committee has put this one into the database for future use - definitely one we will do again! A great start to the 2020 riding season for Chapter C!

Regards - GW Chapter C riding committee.
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Here’s a ride that John and Sue Sawyer, along with Jerry and Sue Shewchuk went on Jan. 19/20 from where we are staying in Indio (Palm Springs) California.

We met two other couples on Harleys, from Indian Waters RV Park where we’re staying for five weeks, and all went for a ride. It was another beautiful sunny day of about 22c. We rode to get on Highway 111 and then rode about 60 miles down the left side of the Salton Sea. Along the way we passed numerous orange groves and date palms heading out into the desert. If you get a chance to ride this route be sure to stop at Oasis Date Gardens and have a date shake, they are sooo good. It’s nice to travel along the Salton Sea and have a few water views while travelling through the desert.

Our destination was a strange place called Salvation Mountain. It was created in 1984 by a religious fellow. He piled branches, Adobe and straw and covered it all with latex paint. It is about 3 stories high and over the years people have visited it and donated paint. It’s a very odd visionary artwork, covered in bible verses.
We carried on from there to Slab City. Concrete slabs remain in the desert from WWII Marine Barracks and many squatters live there in very old RVs. They’ve created a small village out of discarded materials that they reuse, recycle or repurpose into artwork.

We had a lunch at a small Mexican place and a good time was had by all.

Sue Sawyer
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**NWC DISTRICT EVENTS**

The most up-to-date version of our Calendar can be found at: [http://gwrra-nwc.com/calendar/](http://gwrra-nwc.com/calendar/)

**Weekly Events:**

Chapter A Weekly Breakfast/Ride – Each Saturday, 8AM at McDonalds, 3695 Lougheed Hwy, Vancouver
Chapter A Weekly Coffee/Ride – Each Tuesday, 5PM at Wendy’s 3698 Grandview Hwy, Vancouver
Chapter V Weekly Coffee/Ride – Each Friday, 6PM at Tim Hortons, 739 McCallum Rd, Victoria

**Other Events:**

**Wed 4 Mar**  Chapter D Dinner Gathering  
6PM at Ricky’s All Day Grill, 8958, 1st St, Surrey

**Sat 7 Mar**  Chapter A Silent Auction  
8 – 11AM at Taylormotive, 174 Pemberton Ave, North Vancouver

**Sun 8 Mar**  Chapter C Bi Weekly Sunday Breakfast / Ride  
8AM – details e-mailed out the week before

**Tue 17 Mar**  Chapter C Dinner Gathering  
7PM at Rendezvous Restaurant, 9360 Young Road North, Chilliwack

**Sat 21 Mar**  Chapter G Breakfast Meeting  
8:30AM – 10:30AM at White Spot

**Sat 21 Mar**  Chapter A 40th Anniversary Dinner  
6 – 10PM at the Accent Inn on Boundary Rd.

**Sun 22 Mar**  Chapter V Breakfast Gathering  
8:30 AM at White Spot, 941 Langford Parkway

**Sun 22 Mar**  Chapter C Bi Weekly Sunday Breakfast / Ride  
8AM – details e-mailed out the week before

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