

Gold Wing Road Riders Association Chapter A-B-A (Calgary) Newsletter

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From our Chapter Director

To all GWRRA members and visitors to our website,

It is hard to believe that it is the middle of November and Christmas is on the horizon and radar screen for many of us. I am sure you have heard on the news the predictions being made about how much people will be spending this Christmas. If that didn't get you just look at the retail business who have been exhibiting their Christmas wares for weeks now. Christmas is a very joyful time of year where family and friends get together to exchange gifts, share Christmas cheer, and enjoy all those wonderful goodies that come with this season. As I am late in getting my comments to our Wing Wag Editor, I am going to keep them short and sweet.

2011 Region J Rally – Held July 29 to August 1, 2011

During the early stages of planning the Rally the committee agreed to make a donation from the Rally proceeds to the Veteran's Food Bank. We will be presenting a check at November's Monthly Meeting to Mr. Joey Bleviss, Chief Administrative Officer, Calgary Poppy Fund & Veteran's Food Bank. We will also be presenting a check to our Region "J" Director at this year's District Meeting on November 13th.

As a reminder the Rally DVD's are available at a cost of \$5 each (includes shipping and handling). If you would like to purchase a DVD please email your order to eric.roberts@shaw.ca.

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Coming Events	
Nov 14	Monthly Meeting
Nov 26	Christmas Party (No December Meeting)
Jan 6-8	Motorcycle Show
Jan 9	Monthly Meeting



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Chapter Educator Position

As reported in recent Wing Wags the position of Rider Education Coordinator is still open. If safety education is something that interests you and you have the time to devote to the position please call Ron Syroishka, Chapter Director at 403-256-0912.

Gasoline/oil Additives Presentation

Maryn International will be presenting their line of gasoline and oil additives at the Monday November 14th Monthly Meeting at Fox Hollow Golf Club. They will be talking about the long term benefits of additives for your bike and other vehicles that you own. It should prove to be a very interesting presentation.

Webmaster

Just a quick update, we have in place our new Webmaster in the person of Bill Haggarty who resides in Penticton, BC. We look forward to working with Bill on updating and upgrading our website. So to that end, if anyone has any ideas on what they would like changed or added to our website please forward them to me at ron.syroishka @ amec.com

Veterans Food Bank

It's snowy out there and temperatures are dropping. Colder temperatures bring the need to be generous in sharing our good fortune with those who are less fortunate. Please show your generosity by bringing non-perishable items or by making a monetary contribution to the Veteran's Food Bank at the November 14th Monthly Chapter Meeting. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity to this worthwhile cause.

Sincerely, Ron

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3-Flags 2011

Well, 3-Flags is over with for another year, and like last year, some great memories were made. In the months leading up to the ride, I was a little unsure as to who I would actually be riding with. The guys from last year's ride had other plans, and for some time I thought I might have to actually do this on my own. And that did not sit well with my better half. Actually, on more than one occasion the discussion was around the idea of cancelling out if no one else was going. But then, after a monthly meeting around April, Brian Hooker came up to me and asked if I knew who would be going on the 3-Flags this year. Other than myself, Art Armstrong and Bob Quinlan (who had plans to ride together), I was not sure of anyone else. At that point Brian asked me if I was looking for a riding partner for the journey. With an over whelming yes (and a sigh of relief from my wife) we agreed to meet in the near

future and set out some plans. Well, as time pressed on, a 3rd person was added to our two-some, Ron Syroishka. During a breakfast one Sunday, Ron was inquiring as to who was going on this ride. So with the more the merrier mentally in place, our duo, increase.

As the September long weekend approached we started to converse more and more through emails, as to what route we would take. Finally we met at the Sunday breakfast a week or so before the ride and decided to put all the ideas to bed and have our plan laid out. We asked around the breakfast table to see if other members of the chapter had any ideas of a good route to take, and Bob Van nes walked us through a couple. One was to go down through Nevada to Las Vegas and across to San Diego. After a little more discussion, and the fact that I wanted to see the red woods,

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and since we would be traveling in that part of the desert in the 3-Flags, we decided to change our course. So with this new found info, Brian set to work mapping the route, and setting up his GPS to keep us on track. I can only imagine the amount of hours he put in to get this all organized and inputed.

Finally the morning came for us to leave for San Ysidro. We had agreed to meet at 7 a.m. at the A&W at Aldersyde and leave from there.



(Pic#1)

(Pic#1) It was a cool morning but, the sun was shining and the forecast was for warm weather. By 7 a.m. we had assembled, had a coffee and the three amigos were off on their adventure. Being the only guy who had done this ride before, I was kind of the go to person for info on how the 3-Flags classic worked. Brian took led and soon became known as the navigator, and Ron took up the tail gun position. Me, I was happy to be stuck in the middle and just enjoy the ride.

On Sunday, August 28th we left Aldersyde and headed south to Nanton, from there it was over to the Chain Lakes and south to the Crow's Nest Pass. For the most part this was just a nice ride, like we had done many times before. By the time we reached the pass, the temperature was in the twenties, the sky was clear and it was perfect for riding. After we went through the pass, we headed on to Sparwood and then Fernie. Traveling at a somewhat quick pace, we headed into some twisties just outside of Sparwood. That's when things changed. As we came into a right turn, a semi was coming the other way, and out of the cor-

ner of my eye I could see this grey object coming at me. I barely had time to even blink when it hit the left side of my visor, just above my eye. I knew in a flash I had been hit by a rock. As I shook the ringing in my head off, I knew it had been a large rock, about the size of my fist. Later examination would reveal the deep scratch on the visor that the rock had made. I can only imagine what injuries would have happen, if my visor had not been down. Normally when it is warm I ride with it up, but with the sun shining that day, the tinted visor was helping me see. Thank God for the sun. So after a few choice words to the other guys over the CB, about what had just happened, we carried on to Fernie for fuel. As we pulled into the Chevron, Ron called out to me on the CB and asked me what had happen to my CB antenna. "Nothing" was my answer as I was receiving and transmitting like normal. However, that was not the case. Once we stopped I had a look at my antenna and half of it was gone.



(Pic#2)

(Pic#2) Just below the middle part of the antenna was a dent where the rock had bounced off my head and hit it. The impact was enough to snap that portion of the antenna. Well, since it was still working, we decided to leave it be. Brian had planned for us to stop into Wing Stuff anyway, so a CB antenna would be added to the shopping list.

After fuelling up and surveying all the damage, we were back on the road headed for the border crossing at the Port of Roosville. The crossing was very quick as we informed them

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(Pic#3)

of why we were headed south. (Pic#3) By now the sun was high in the sky and the temp was getting into the mid twenties. We stripped off another layer of clothes and headed for Eureka. Once there Brian took us on a small tour to show us where he shipped all his Wing Stuff products. Then when time permitted he would run down, pick it up, and head for home. From there we carried on south down past Kalispell through Poison and down to Ravalli where we turned west onto SR-200. From there it was onto I-90 headed towards Coeur d'Alene. During this part of the ride, we came across a section of highway that dropped from 65 mph down to 40 mph. Well, not wanting to be the ones that held up traffic, we kept up the speeds. We soon found out why you were supposed to reduce the speed. I have never seen an interstate with such sharp turns, it was wonderful! Well, it was wonderful until Brian started to slow down and head for the shoulder. As Ron and I followed, I called out to him to see what the problem was. His bike was acting up. As he leaned his bike to the left it would stall out, as he leaned it to the right it would take off again. So he found a pull off and decided we had better find out what was wrong. As we examined the bike, it became very clear. Brian was out of gas and his reserve light was not working. Well, we now knew how far a 1500 would travel at these speeds. Unfortunately this new found information was useless as his bike was sucking fumes. As we looked around the pull off, we noticed there was several other vehicle with

trailers attached to them. Turns out a lot of people like to go dirt biking in this area. So Ron and Brian paid the vehicles a visit to see if anyone was around who could give us assistance. Turns out everyone was out biking, but there was a jerry can on one of the trailers. In it was about 2 litres of gas, so we used it, left a thank-you note and 10 bucks to cover the



(Pic#4)

cost and then some. (Pic#4) Along with that, Brian had a siphon hose, so we pulled another two litres out of my bike. So now equipped with about 4 litres, he were able to hobble up the road to the next gas station near Coeur d'Alene. I guarantee you Brian never ran out of gas again. At least once between every fill up, I would remind him of our little incident. An event I was not about to forget, nor let him forget.

★Editors Note: This article will be continued over the next several months.

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News and Notices

1. If you know of any member, their spouse, or immediate family who would appreciate receiving a greeting card from our Chapter please contact Judy Istvan, email address judy.istvan @ nucleus.com, phone number 403-278-1125. Judy will arrange to send the appropriate card on behalf of the Calgary Chapter.
2. **Veterans Food Bank:** Please remember the men and women who committed themselves to ensure the freedoms that all Canadians enjoy every day of our lives. Bring your non-perishable food items or monetary contributions to the Monthly Chapter Meetings and help support the Veteran's Food Bank. Thank you to all who choose to support this worthwhile cause.
3. **Annual Christmas Party:** Will be held at the Austrian Club on November 26th. Tickets will be available at the November meeting for \$35.00/person or by contacting Gary Premech at 403-238-8478.
4. **The Calgary Motorcycle Show:** January 6-8, 2012. We will again have a booth at the show and need to staff it with volunteers over the three days. If you are interested in helping out please contact Ron Syroishka or Sid Robinson at 403-850-5295.
5. **Annual Mileage Count:** Please forward your mileage for the 2011 riding year to Lisa Miller wingwag @ telus.net as soon as possible after putting your bike away. If you are one of those members who like to ride on any nice day year round please send your mileage as soon as possible after December 31, 2011.

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MEETING SCHEDULE

DAY/DATE

November 14----- November Monthly Meeting

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**“Friends for Fun, Safety,
and Knowledge”**

Come ride with us....

.....Everyone Welcome!

**For the latest updates on what we are
doing and where we're going,
check out our website:**

www.goldwingcalgary.com

Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month. This is a time to share information and to meet old and new friends who like to ride together for FUN, Safety and Knowledge. See you at the next meeting at the **Fox Hollow Golf Club**, 9th Street and 32nd Avenue N.E. Dinner @ 6:30; Meeting at **7:00 PM**.



Rain, snow or shine, we meet for breakfast **every** Sunday morning about **9 AM**. This is a great year round way to stay in touch with your GWRRA friends. So, if you have missed the opportunity to join us for breakfast recently, why don't you come on over to the **Fox Hollow Golf Club**, 9th Street and 32nd Avenue N.E.

Classified Ads

The Classified ads are free to all members and associates of the GWRRA. While advertised items do not have to be Gold Wing related, we do insist that all ads pertain to motorcycle. Ads will appear on a space available basis for one month. Should you wish to continue to run your ad for a second or succeeding month, you must resubmit or renew your ad. **Deadline for submission is the 25th of the month preceding publication.** To post an ad or if the item is sold or the offer withdrawn, please contact Lisa Miller at: editor @ goldwing calgary.com

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**October
50/50 Winner**



Lisa Miller

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Many Thanks...

... to these members for their years of volunteer service to our GWRRA Chapter!



Thanks to Darryl Minsky who has been our Webmaster for more years than he cares to remember. Thanks also for his service as Membership Enhancement Coordinator. His efforts have been greatly appreciated.

Thanks to Alex Middleton for his years of service as Rider Education Coordinator. His efforts on behalf of our membership are greatly appreciated.



Thanks to Carol Myers for her years of service as Social Coordinator. Her efforts on behalf of our membership are greatly appreciated.



Thanks to Susan Premech for her years of service as Social Coordinator. Her efforts on behalf of our membership are greatly appreciated. (Susan was not able to attend the October meeting to receive her certificate of appreciation so no picture is available at this time.)

