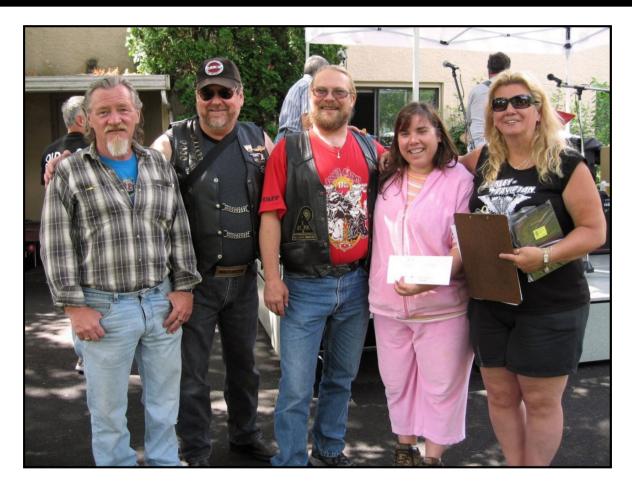


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Debbie, (second from right) accepting on behalf of GF's Patient Fund, a check from some of the Aim Directors of the Association for Injured Motorcyclists. Directors, (from left) Dave, Greg, Steve and far right, Karen.

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### I.C.B.C.'s "Authorization to Provide Medical Information

It's an innocuous-looking form. But what damage it can potentially cause.

The problem is I.C.B.C.'s "Authorization to Provide Medical Information". If you're injured in an accident, ICBC routinely asks you to sign this form. It authorizes your doctor, chiropractor, physiotherapist and others who've treated you to provide ICBC with copies of your medical records. Assuming responsibility for the accident isn't in issue, ICBC uses these medical records to come to an assessment of your injuries and determine the amount to offer you by way of a settlement.

So far, so good. The form even says that while it authorizes release of your medical history and physical condition both before and after the accident, "regardless of lapsed time" the information should relate in some way to the injuries received.

In practice, however, ICBC often gets a hold of some very personal medical information that has nothing to do with the accident, which can cause claimants a lot of grief.

In one case, the claimant (let's call her "Janet") suffered a simple whiplash as a result of a car accident. She wasn't making any claim for psychological injuries caused or aggravated by the accident. In the course of her dealings with ICBC, she signed the release form. She then hired a lawyer, who asked ICBC to send over copies of all Janet's medical records that ICBC had obtained.'

When the lawyer reviewed the records, he discovered ICBC had reams of information about Janet's lengthy five-year history of depression from before the accident. Needless to say, Janet was extremely upset about ICBC having access to information which she rightly believed was none of its business.

The fact is, if you've been treated for ovarian or prostate cancer, or been prescribed Prozac for depression or Viagra for erectile dysfunction, there's no reason for ICBC to see this information if it isn't relevant to your legal case. The adjuster, the supervisor, the ICBC unit manager and perhaps others within ICBC all have access to this information. Adjusters also change, so there's a good chance that at least two adjusters will look at your file, in addition to supervisors up the chain. This is personal information, which ICBC doesn't have a right to see assuming it's not connected to your accident injuries.

One difficulty is that, in most cases, doctors and medical practitioners don't screen your medical records before sending them off to ICBC, as editing them can be a time-consuming exercise. ICBC can therefore get everything from years and years before the accident. But ICBC is also understandably interested in reviewing your past medical history to see if you've made previous complaints similar to the complaints arising out of the recent accident. If you've complained before of back pain, the argument can be made that the pain you've been experiencing since the accident wasn't caused by the accident, but is an old problem for which you shouldn't be compensated. Depending on the circumstances, it may be a relevant issue. For instance, if you've had repetitive injury to the same area of your body, understanding your past medical history is critical.

Most lawyers will protect the privacy of your confidential information that's irrelevant to your claim and will only give ICBC relevant medical information. If you're concerned about your privacy, consult a lawyer before you sign any documents or releases in a personal injury claim.

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Nominations in October and Elections in November. All are Welcome! Rain or Shine.



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Craig Heale
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the
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### **GF Strong Show and Shine was a Success!**

### Thank You!!

ChromeDreams, Trev Deeley Motorcycles, Ivor's Custom Cycles, Bent Bike, CMDRA, BCCOM, George Geraghty, Hi-Way Choppers, Jim McNeney, Ted & Kathi Allen, Daryl Brown, EaFab Electric.

Gospel Riders, Aim Directors and several other Volunteers, you know who you are.



KVOS Television, All the MC Shops, Coffee Shops and any other place of Business that advertised GF Strong's Show & Shine posters.

A Special thanks also to Dwight for his donation towards GF's patient fund which will be applied next years as per request from Debbie ( GF Strong's Representative)

Ovations—Thanks guys for playing awesome music for us for so many years!

And to all of you who attended and made it a success. A Great Big Thank You!



Bah! LoL...To those of you who didn't make it. You missed a really good, laid back, relaxing, positively beautiful time. Hope to see you all next



The Ovations Little shade, comfy chair and good company.

### Newsletter Ads - Rates!

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### **PLEASE Ride SAFELY!!!**

### 7th Annual AIM GF Strong Show N Shine

It's Sunday morning, Aug 12<sup>th</sup>, Show & Shine day and Im looking out the window at a lot of black clouds. Hmm, this is not good but I cross my fingers, hop on my bike, and head into Vancouver. Everything is pretty well ready when I get there; our AIM people have the bike registration, BBQ tickets, door prizes, etc. ready, Gospel Riders volunteers have the BBQ preparations well in hand, and Debbie Pugh from GF Strong has done a great job again this year getting the tables, chairs, canopies, band stage etc. set up. Now all we need are lots of bikes and people. What we get instead of people is rain, a heavy shower that lasts about 10 minutes. Now I'm really getting depressed.

But wait, what's that sound ? Yes, its Roy Schatz, his wife Delia & about half a dozen of their scooter riding friends. This seems to change our luck and soon we have more sunshine than cloud plus a good turnout of bikes & people. Hallelujah! The sun really does shine on the righteous.

The hamburgers, hot dogs, door prizes, and of course the band, Ovations all help to make the day a success and after the Show & Shine awards were handed out, AIM Vancouver President Steve Lazaroff presented GF Strong Recreational Therapist Debbie Pugh with a cheque for \$500 for the Patients Recreational Fund. All in all it turned out to be a pretty good day and I for one go home happy. A **BIG** AIM thank you to every one who helped out. A list of the Show & Shine winners as follows:

Vintage - Don Rosie & Karen Weinstein Touring - Doug Foster & Ken Steppler Other - Roy Schatz & Chris Meyer Trike - Frank Kirby & Dan Harder Stock - Karen Weinstein & Joe Pyringer Custom - Bill Newsome & Will Sickles Peoples Choice - Bill Newsome

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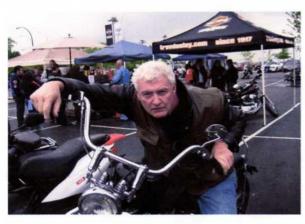


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OUR CONDOLENCES AND WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST.

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### Hi Folks,

Man, do I ever love August. First there's the Boogie Bash, then comes the G.F.Strong Show & Shine. The 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend I attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gastown Show & Shine, put on by our friends at B.C.C.O.M. Boogie Bash was a blast. It was different this year, held at Rock Creek instead of 8 Mile Ranch. The 'On The Water' campground had its pluses and minuses. There was a lot of potential, but the work did not get done as hoped for. On the plus side was the Kettle River. What a great place to sit right in the river on a hot summer day in your lawn chair or floater and go for an occasional dunk to cool off. The town is walking distance and you can see the whole town in 5 minutes. The prospector Pub is on the way. A lot of people complained about the dust, but compared to May long weekend at 8 Mile, dust and bikinis beat mud and parkas anytime. For next year AIM Interior is looking into another campsite. There is a petition going around Rock Creek and by the look of it the town wants the BOOGIE BASH back again next year. The following Sunday Aim Vancouver held its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual G.F. Strong S&S. It keeps getting bigger and better. The burgers and hotdogs were good and the Band, Ovations were great. They played all kinds of music. 27 Bikes entered the show, from Scooters to the Boss Hog trike and everything in between. The Show & Shine is more about seeing the smiles on the faces of the patients in G.F., and having them come out and looking at all the bikes. They love it, so join us next year!

See you there,

Steve Lazaroff, President, AIM Vancouver

### A Good Place to Eat,

I don't know about ya'll, but when on the road travelling, it's important to find a restaurant that is clean, has great menu, delicious food, a relaxing environment, friendly staff and a place to park the scoots close to the building where we can see them. Thanks to a few locals, we were directed to Skinny's Grille in Hope, BC. It's a Rider friendly place with all of the above. We have stopped there several times for breakfast and lunch throughout the summer, and on the way back from Boogie Bash, 10 of us stopped in for dinner. We had an awesome time.

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# Nominations and Elections

Hey Everyone,

Just want to remind you all that The Elections for the Association for Injured Motorcyclists is around the corner.

### Nominations, October 18, 2007 ..... Elections are November 15, 2007

Please come to the meeting and join the us. We do need your assistance as some of the Directors will be retiring this year. As a Member your vote counts. If you are a Non -Member, become a Member and vote. You don't even have to join, just come visit us and enjoy as everyone is welcome.

We would like your input, ideas etc.

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# **Membership Report:**

The membership picture continues to look good this year. We now have 7- Life, 2 - Club, 90 - Single and 38 - Couple for a total of 175 members in good standing. This figure represents an increase of 17 members over the last newsletter report in June and a significant increase over this time last year.

As some of you may have noticed, we are putting the news letters on the website now as they are published. Any of our members who would prefer to just read it online and not have it mailed to you, please let us know at 604-580-0112 or vancouver@aimcan.com. This would allow us to save on our postage costs. Thanks.

Greg Swallow - Membership Director

### Awesome,

Would like to say a big thanks to Terry Wilson, our secretary who did a lot of walking and talking, collecting donations this summer at several events!

Thanks Terry!

# Blown away at the CMDRA Ashcroft Races!







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As riders, most of us are aware (or should be) of the danger posed to us by other vehicles on the road. Unfortunately, as the following RCMP report shows, all too often we are our own worst enemy. Please don't over drive your skill level or ride in a careless or reckless manner. We at AIM would sooner meet you cruisin' down the road than in the hospital or at a memorial service.

Ride Smart......Ride Safe, Greg Swallow, Membership Director AIM - Vancouver Chapter

Vancouver Island Riders On Track to Set Record Fatalities - Vancouver Island RCMP July 2007

One of the goals of the Nationally acclaimed Road Safety Vision 2010 is to achieve a 30% decrease in the numbers of fatally or seriously injured vulnerable road users (pedestrians, motorcyclists and cyclists)

Let's just talk about Vancouver Island motorcyclists for now....From January to July 18th 2007, there have been nine (9) motorcyclists killed in traffic collisions/crashes. Of the total of 28 fatalities in RCMP jurisdictions, motorcycle riders represent 30%. When we consider that of the licensed vehicles on the Vancouver Island roadways, motorcycles constitute only 5%, why are these people being so over represented?

Let's look at each crash....

- 1. April 14, 2007. Qualicum Beach. Male age 53. Harley Davidson M/C. Cause of Crash: Speed and loss of control.
- 2. May 04, 2007. Courtenay. Male age 89. Electric Moped. Cause of Crash: Moped on wrong side of road, struck by motorist. No helmet.
- 3. May 04, 2007. Bowser. Male age 30. 250cc Honda Trail bike. Cause of Crash: Alcohol, no helmet, collision with auto.
- 4. May 25, 2007. Parksville. Male age 30. Yamaha M/C. Cause of Crash: Speed, inexperience, collision with power pole.
- **5. May 29, 2007.** Malahat Drive (Langford). Male age 45. Harley Davidson M/C. Cause of Crash: Extremely high speed, aggressive driving.
- **6. June 03, 2007.** North Saanich. Male age 52. Yamaha M/C. Cause of Crash: Motorist made a left turn in intersection in front of oncoming M/C.
- 7. **June 18, 2007.** Nanaimo. Male age 53. Harley Davidson M/C. Cause of Crash: Motorist made illegal left turn in intersection in front of oncoming M/C.
- **8.** July 1, 2007. Gold River Highway (Campbell River). Male age 18. Kawasaki M/C. Cause of Crash: Extremely high speed and inexperience led to failure to negotiate slow speed corner and crash into rock face.
- **9. July 7, 2007.** West Coast Road (Sooke). Male age 26. Yamaha M/C. Cause of Crash: Extremely high speed. Inexperience and alcohol. Aggressive driving. Ran into parked truck.

#### What do these facts tell us?

Helmets, safety gear, sobriety, experience, defensive driving and abiding by posted speed limits are good habits that will help our motorcycling road users stay safe. Speed, racing, aggressive driving, no helmets, alcohol or drugs and the incredible power to weight ratio of motorcycles are factors that define just how vulnerable a motorcycle rider really is. Do we really need to travel at 260+ kmh? Do we really want to wear inadequate safety gear?

Lastly, operators of passenger vehicles need to be aware that motorcycles are faster to accelerate turn and stop....and that they are much less visible. A fender bender to you is a certain death to these vulnerable road users.

Let's not break another record by killing more motorcyclists. Let's see if we can keep them all riding safely.

Ted Smith, Commander

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### **Back To the Blues**

Hello folks, hope you had a great summer, like we at AIM did. There were so many great things going on that it is hard to pick a favorite. The one that was quite enjoyable was the Gospel Blues Festival held in July. It was held, like it has been for several years at the Threshermen's Village at Heritage Park in Chilliwack. This is a family affair with onsite camping, good food and great music. The motorcyclists get to have some fun as well, with a show and shine followed by their bike games

It would be very hard for me to pick a favorite amongst the bands. They came from as far away as, New Jersey and Ontario to those from here in B.C. We had the Dusty Shoes from Abbotsford, The Revs from Langley and Wes Mackey from Vancouver.

I want to thank Dan Harder from the Gospel Riders for allowing us to be able to set up our booth in their tent. So we were nestled quietly between the Gospel Riders and the House of James. And hallelujah, we had nary a thing between us and the stage. Amen.

For more info, go to their web site at, www.back2blues.com I hope to see you all there next year.

Our mission at all the places we go is to enlighten others of what we do, and how they in turn can help others. So if you have a function or a meeting place where you would like us to set up our A.I.M. table or tent, give me (Terry) a call on my cell at 604-309-7108, or e-mail me at terryw01@telus.net

Stay cool, Stay upright
Terry Wilson, Secretary



Bring your family and lawn chairs, relax and enjoy great music!



Terry and Dave, taking it easy at Gospel Blues

### Thank goodness there's a name for this disorder. Somehow I feel better, even though I have it!!

Recently, I was diagnosed with A.A.A.D.D. - Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder. This is how it manifests: I decide to water my garden. As I turn on the hose in the driveway, I look over at my car and decide it needs washing. As I start toward the garage, I notice mail on the porch table that I brought up from the mail box earlier. I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car.

I lay my car keys on the table, put the junk mail in the garbage can under the table, and notice that the can is full. So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the garbage first.

But then I think, since I'm going to be near the mailbox when I take out the garbage anyway, I may as well pay the bills first. I take my check book off the table, and see that there is only one check left.

My extra checks are in my desk in the study, so I go inside the house to my desk where I find the can of Coke I'd been drinking. I'm going to look for my checks, but first I need to push the Coke aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over. The Coke is getting warm, and I decide to put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold.

As I head toward the kitchen with the Coke, a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye--they need water. I put the Coke on the counter and discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning. I decide I better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers. I set the glasses back down on the counter, fill a container with water and suddenly spot the TV remote. Someone left it on the kitchen table.

I realize that tonight when we go to watch TV, I'll be looking for the remote, but I won't remember that it's on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back in the den where it belongs, but first I'll water the flowers. I pour some water in the flowers, but quite a bit of it spills on the floor.

So, I set the remote back on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill. Then, I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do. At the end of the day:

the car isn't washed the bills aren't paid there is a warm can of Coke sitting on the counter the flowers don't have enough water, there is still only 1 check in my check book, I can't find the remote, I can't find my glasses, and I don't remember what I did with the car keys.

Then, when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all damn day, and I'm really tired. I realize this is a serious problem, and I'll try to get some help for it, but first I'll check my e-mail....

Do me a favor. Send this message to everyone you know, because I don't remember who the hell I've sent it to. Don't laugh -- if this isn't you yet, your day is coming!!





#### Calendar Of Events

#### OCTOBER

October 7 - **The 29th Annual Vancouver Motorcycle Toy Run** - (604) 580-0111
October 7- The **7th Annual Block Party** at Louie's Leathers at 11796 Lougheed Hwy, Maple Ridge. 604466-5010
October 14 - **Fraser Valley Toy Run** - 1(604) 814-3503 or <u>ma1@uniserve.com</u>
October 18 - **Aim General Meeting** NOMINATIONS, 7 pm at Cloverdale Library 5642 176A, Cloverdale, BC,

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#### **NOVEMBER**

November 15 - **Aim General Meeting** *ELECTIONS*, 7 pm at Cloverdale Library 5642 176A, Cloverdale, BC, Just off Hwy # 10 All are Welcome! Rain or Shine

Decided to do something a little different and post some Web Site addresses that might or might not be interesting. Most have an Events Page, Links to some interesting Web Pages, and its always a nice read.

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