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Local Motorcycle Lawyer, Daryl Brown, sponsored this trophy for the Factory Custom class at the Trev Deeley Show and Shine in June. The photo was taken with Jean Davidson, granddaughter of Harley Davidson founder, William Davidson, at her book signing event at the Show.

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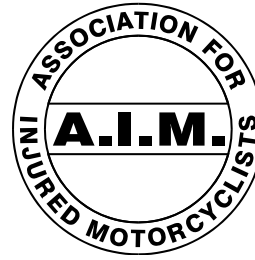
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### **As Noticed by a Rider.....**

Bikers visiting VGH will be pleased to see a very nice covered motorcycle parking area. It is a bit tricky to enter from 12th Ave as the sign indicates "no entry" into the auto parking exit just east of Laurel, on the north side of 12th. Ride slow as it is easy to miss.

You must make a hard hard left once in the driveway to enter the motorcycle area where 16 numbered spots are available. I could not find any signage indicating the parking fee, nor was the dreaded pay and display machine close by so they just might be free!! A rarity these days.

**Meetings are held every Third Thursday of the Month 7:00 pm at the Cloverdale Library  
5642 176A, Cloverdale, BC, Just off Hwy # 10...**  
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***Working for your freedom to ride!***

## Julie Gibson Fundraiser

Article from Coast Reporter, Sechelt

The roar of motorcycles coming around the corner onto Teredo Street last Friday morning announced the arrival of a group of 40 bikers from around the province on their annual ride to Gold River on Vancouver Island. As part of this annual event, the riders fundraise for a charity of their choice. Spearheaded by Gerry Farrell from FWD Systems in North Vancouver, the bikers raised a total of \$2,500 for local woman Julie Gibson in response to a fundraising benefit being held in her honour last Saturday (June 9) at the Sunshine Coast Arts Centre. "The benefit was organized as a result of my friends wanting to offer financial support to me while I continue in my fight against brain cancer," Gibson said. The group met outside the new location of the Bank of Nova Scotia (the old S.C. Credit Union currently under renovation). The Bank of Nova Scotia generously agreed to match whatever amount the motorcyclists raised, up to \$5,000. An additional \$2,300 was raised by the riders while in Gold River and was delivered to the benefit on Saturday evening by Farrell. "I wish to sincerely thank all the riders who participated, as well as the Bank of Nova Scotia for their generous consideration," Gibson said. "Although cancer can be an isolating disease, it is support and encouragement from friends, family and colleagues that help make the challenges a little easier to face."

## Message from the Secretary

Well, it's about time I let you know what's been happening with me lately. Starting back in May, the vice-president (Dave Munro) and I began showing up at various functions and show and shines. May took us to the G.F. Strong Rehabilitation Hospital for a Resource fair. In it were many non-profit organizations like us trying to help the disabled. We gleaned much information there for future use. The next day found us out at the Trev Deeley Grand-Opening on Boundary Road. The weather was not to cooperative, what with light rain and wind. The turn out was not to bad in light of this. We just sat back in our little tent, gave out information, signed up new members, and listened to the music of Dal Richards. May 19-20<sup>th</sup> found us up at Ashcroft for the Canadian Motorcycle Drag Racing Association (CMDRA) first race of the season. Again, the weather was not cooperating. Saturday the wind was quite intense, and was having quite an effect on the racers. Others were either bundled up in their leathers or enjoying their motor homes. Sunday was warmer; sun was shining, and virtually no wind. It's amazing what a little sun can do to a person's disposition. June 10<sup>th</sup> found us setting up our tent in Langley, at the Show and Shine put on by the Greater Vancouver Motorcycle Club (GVMC). The weather was overcast and windy, but still there were adventurous souls that turned out for it. The barbeque was set up and I ate my fill (good food), prizes were given out, and we all had fun. 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](mailto:terryw01@telus.net)

Stay cool, Stay upright

Terry Wilson, Secretary

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# SUMMER is Here so PLEASE Ride SAFELY!!!

## Showing a Beginner how to Ride

Preferably have them take a riding course, but if they don't at least read this.

After the basics of starting in first gear and coming to a controlled stop try this...

1. Start with straight line braking using both brakes, let the person gain confidence in how the bike brakes. Set-up markers or use the parking lot lines to gauge how far it takes to brake from 30 mph, then show the learner how much of a shorter distance you can brake, (controlled) this will give the person some idea of the bikes capabilities.

2. Teach the Push/Pull method of steering. (Counter Steering) This one is a must and a true lifesaver. At about 35-40 Mph have the learner, just slightly, push the right handlebar as they pull the left handlebar then pull the right handlebar and push the left handlebar continuously back and forth so the bike is gently swaying from side to side as they go through a large open parking lot or a roadway with no traffic. As the learner gets more comfortable with the handling of the bike they can use this method to attempt large "figure eights"

3. As their confidence and talent increases they can try tight circles and figure eights at low speed using clutch, brake and throttle control to keep the bike in control. This can progress until the learner can turn the bike with the handlebars hitting the steering stops both ways at slow speeds.

4. Use counter-steering to perform long sweeping turns at 35-40 mph.

5. Remember your front brake is the majority of your braking power; learn to use it wisely. If you don't believe that think about this, your back brake is completely useless when your rear tire is two inches off the ground! Just keep your front tire straight once you're that good!

Some good protective gear and a DOT full-face helmet might not be a bad idea either when you're learning!

Good luck, and once they take to the streets tell them to ride like everyone is out to kill them. That way they'll be prepared when they do try, and it is a question of when...not if.

Author Unknown

## Membership Picture

We have been doing well with both new and renewal memberships so far this year. Having a booth or table at the usual large venues plus several smaller ones has helped us to get the AIM message out and bring in the memberships. Thanks to Dave Munro and Terry Wilson for their effort in doing the various small events. We are now sending out renewal reminders and thank you letters to members and again thanks to Dave and Terry for getting it off the ground.

I have finished transferring all the membership files to a new database which I hope will be easier to administer. Also, with approximately 70% of our membership using the internet / email I am discussing with our webmaster the best way to make newsletters, notices, reminders etc. available to you electronically. Please let me know if you have any comments or questions on this subject at **604-580-0112** or [vancouver@aimcan.com](mailto:vancouver@aimcan.com). By the way we now have an event poster page on our website which will feature AIM, BCCOM and some other events. As of June 25, our membership stands at : Life - 7, Club - 2, Single - 83, and Couple - 33 for a total paid membership **158**. Thank you to all of you for supporting AIM, Vancouver Chapter.

Have a great summer and.....

Ride Safe,

Greg Swallow - Membership Director

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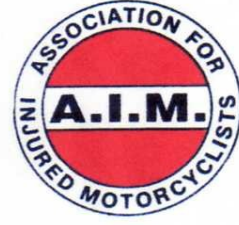
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## Vancouver Chapter

### 7th Annual Ride In Show N' Shine



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For Those of you who are unfamiliar with GF Strong Rehabilitation Centre,

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Several riders over the years have spent time living there for months or as out patients going to therapy regularly.

This will be the 7th Annual Show & Shine. Everyone is welcome, young or old. One does not need a motorcycle to show up and enjoy the festivities.

Admittance is Free to all. There is a fee if you are entering your motorcycle in the Show & Shine, and a nominal fee for hotdogs, hamburgers and pop

A donation is presented to GF Strong's Patient Fund from the proceeds.

Every Year patients currently staying at GF have come out and participated in the festivities and have enjoyed themselves. Past patients have shown up in their wheelchairs, cars, on motorcycles, bicycles or walked in.

This Function is for the Patients and your support is needed and will be really appreciated.

## Take the test for the fun of it

Below are four (4) questions and a bonus question. You have to answer them instantly. You can't take your time, answer all of them

Immediately, OK?

Let's find out just how clever you really are.

- 1) You are participating in a race. You overtake the second person. What position are you in?

Answer: If you answered that you are first, then you are absolutely wrong!

If you overtake the second person and you take his place, you are second!

Try not to screw up in the next question. To answer the second question, don't take as much time as you took for the first question.

- 2) If you overtake the last person, then you are..?

Answer: If you answered that you are second to last, then you are wrong again.

Tell me, how can you overtake the LAST Person?

You're not very good at this! Are you?

- 3) Very tricky math! Note: This must be done in your head only.

Do NOT use paper and pencil or a calculator. Try it. Take 1000 and add 40 to it. Now add another 1000. Now add 30. Add another 1000. Now add 20. Now add another 1000. Now add 10. What is the total?

Did you get 5000?

The correct answer is actually 4100. Don't believe it? Check with your calculator! Today is definitely not your day. Maybe you will get the last question right?

- 4) Mary's father has five daughters: 1. Nana, 2. Nene, 3. Nini, 4. Nono.

What is the name of the fifth daughter?

Answer: Nunu?

NO! Of course not.

Her name is Mary. Read the question again

Okay, now the bonus round:

There is a mute person who wants to buy a toothbrush. By imitating the action of brushing one's teeth he successfully expresses himself to the shopkeeper and the purchase is done.

Now if there is a blind man who wishes to buy a pair of sunglasses, how should he express himself?

He just has to open his mouth and ask, so simple.

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## **Message From Ted**

Well its about time that I got off my butt and wrote something for our newsletter. A few of our directors have been very busy this year making sure that AIM is making a good appearance at most events and talking to those riders that don't know what AIM is all about. We owe a big thank you to Terry our secretary and Dave our Vice President for taking the time to go out make sure that AIM is seen just about everywhere.

On another note, even though the weather hasn't been that great for riding we have seen a lot of motorcycle fatalities and serious injuries to riders because of motorcycle accidents. It seems that the car drivers still don't see us. So lets be careful on the road and keep the r rubber side down. We don't want you to become a statistic.

This August long weekend I hope to see you all at Boogie Bash. Don't forget that it has changed locations and it will be in Rock Creek just the other side of Osoyoos. It will be a great ride and yes we will have lots of water this year. The camp site is along the river and it should be a blast. For more information check out the web site at:

<http://www.aimcaninterior.com/boogiebash/>

Also, don't forget about the G.F. Strong Show'N'Shine on August 12.

See ya on the road.

Ted





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## **I Can't Believe You Made It" !**

If you lived as a child in the 40's, 50's, 60's or 70's.

Looking back, it's hard to believe that we have lived as long as we have...

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags. Riding in the back of a pickup truck on a warm day was always a special treat.

Our baby cribs were covered with bright colored lead-based paint. We had no Childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors, or cabinets, and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets.

(Not to mention hitchhiking to town as a young kid!)

We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle. Horrors.

We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then rode down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times we learned to solve the problem.

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on. No one was able to reach us all day.

No cell phones. Unthinkable. We played dodge ball and sometimes the ball would really hurt. We got cut and broke bones and broke teeth, and there were no law suits from these accidents.

They were accidents. No one was to blame, but us. Remember accidents?

We had fights and punched each other and got black and blue and learned to get over it.

We ate cupcakes, bread and butter, and drank sugar soda but we were never overweight...we were always outside playing. We shared one grape soda with four friends, from one bottle and no one died from this.

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo 64, X-Boxes, video games at all, 99 channels on cable, video tape movies, surround sound, personal cell phones, Personal Computers, Internet chat rooms ... we had friends. We went outside and found them. We rode bikes or walked to a friend's home and knocked on the door, or rung the bell or just walked in and talked to them.

Imagine such a thing. Without asking a parent! By ourselves! Out there in the cold cruel world! Without a guardian. How did we do it?

We made up games with sticks and tennis balls and ate worms and although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes, nor did the worms live inside us forever.

Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't, had to learn to deal with disappointment.... Some students weren't as smart as others so they failed a grade and were held back to repeat the same grade.....Horrors.

Tests were not adjusted for any reason.

Our actions were our own. Consequences were expected. No one to hide behind. The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke a law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law; imagine that!

This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers and problem solvers and inventors, ever. The past 50 years has been an explosion of innovation and new ideas. We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all.

And you're one of them.

Congratulations!

Author Unknown

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## **This years Boogie Bash is going to be great!**

The On the Water Campground is owned by Daniel Levesque, a genuinely nice guy that wants to put on the best show possible. Everyone in Rock Creek is looking forward to it. The address is 1680 Hwy. 33, Rock Creek, B.C. V0H-1Y0.

Email [onthewaterrcbc@yahoo.com](mailto:onthewaterrcbc@yahoo.com). This is a huge piece of property between the Kettle River and Hwy 33. You can see bikes coming and going up and down the mountain on Hwy 3. It looks and sounds great. Dan says bring your fishing gear and fishing licenses. There are 2 or 3 different kinds of fish in the river. Bring binoculars, lots of wild life including 2 eagle's nests on the property. Just south down the road is the Prospectors Pub and across the road from the pub is the general store. For more convenience, Dan will open a small store to supply necessities and of course there will be vendors and food kitchens. They have a small stage for the bands. AIM Interior will bring in a flat deck for bands depending on how they want to set up. There is power at all seven buildings and the stage. Showers are located at the pump house. The river is lined with trees so camping in the shade for about 1000 tents is easy. The sun comes up late in the morning over the mountain to the east. There are 2 eddies in the river that make great swimming holes, and if you want, a shuttle service can take a group up the river for a 3 1/2 hour tube ride back to the campground. This spot has way more area than 8 Mile Ranch, but is more open, so bring sunscreen. Instead of 1 fire pit at the deck, there are 6 or 8 scattered around. Ice machines will be set up and an ice cream stand and of course porta-potties will be plentiful. There are also 2 horseshoe pits.

**Steve Lazaroff**  
**President, AIM Vancouver.**

Check out [www.boogiebashbc.com](http://www.boogiebashbc.com)



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## Calendar Of Events

### JULY 2007

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July 08 - **Julie Sit's Memorial Ride** 9:00:00 AM at 232nd Street Chevron <http://vrombc.com>  
July 18-23 - **INOA's Hell's Backbone Norton Rally**, the Utah British Bike Club at the Thousand Lake Campground Torrey, Utah. <http://www.utahbritishbikeclub.com/Backbone.html>  
July 21 - **53rd Annual GVMC Routledge Run** - Road Ride at 8:00:00 AM GVMC Club House <http://www.gvmc.ca/>  
July 21-22 - **CMDRA All Bike Drags** - Nl'akapxm Eagle Motorplex, Ashcroft, BC - [www.eaglemotorplex.com](http://www.eaglemotorplex.com)  
July 22 - **Harley Davidson Motorcycle Burn Camp Ride** 12:00:00 PM at Trev Deeley Motorcycles call Sherri at Trev Deeley (604)291-2453 [info@trevdeeley.com](mailto:info@trevdeeley.com)  
July 26-29 - **Rocky Mountain High** - New Denver, BC - <http://www.canadianxriders.com>  
July 27-29 - **Back to the Blues**, Chilliwack, BC 888-795-4798 for more info see <http://www.back2blues.com/>  
July 28-29 - **CMDRA All Bike Drags** - MHDRA Drag Strip, Medicine Hat, AB - [www.mhdra.com](http://www.mhdra.com)

### AUGUST 2007

Aug 3-6 - **AIM Boogie Bash in Rock Creek** 1-800-360-9079  
Aug 6 - **WMRC Race Round #4** - [www.wmrc.ca](http://www.wmrc.ca)  
Aug 11 - **1st Annual Ken Higginbottom Memorial Ride** 9:00:00 AM Surrey Fleetwood Recreation centre 16555 Fraser Hwy  
Aug 11-12 - **CMDRA All Bike Drags** - Castrol Raceway, Edmonton, AB - [www.castrolraceway.com](http://www.castrolraceway.com)  
Aug 12 - **AIM Show 'N' Shine GF Strong Rehabilitation Center** Vancouver call 604-580-0112 4255 Laurel St Vancouver. 9 AM to 2 PM Everyone is Welcome!  
Aug 17 - **20th Annual Pig N' Fin**. Coombs Rodeo Grounds, (250) 954-2108 or (250) 248-6515 <http://www.vancouverislandaim.com/Pignfin.htm>  
Aug 18 - **Jon Andres Memorial Ride** , Jarz Performance , (604) 852-4243 <http://www.jarzperformance.com>  
Aug 19 - **3rd Annual Gastown Motorcycle Show n' Shine**, Water Street in Vancouver, (604) 580-0111 or 1-877-580-0111  
Aug 25 - **77th Annual GVMC Caribou Trails Road Ride** 6:30:00 AM at GVMC Clubhouse <http://www.gvmc.ca/>  
Aug 26 - **Mystery Tour - Pacific Coast Cruisers Motorcycle Club** 10:00 AM Western Powersports 20551 Langley Bypass, Contact Cathy Allan (604)530-9788

### SEPTEMBER 2007

Sept 9 - **GVMG Rocky Mtn Section Swap Meet** at the Millarville Race Track Contact Greg Williams, 403-2872967 or [gregwilliams@shaw.ca](mailto:gregwilliams@shaw.ca)  
Sept 9 - **20th annual West Kootenay Toy Run**, Castlegar - (250) 365-6466 or [toy.run@shaw.ca](mailto:toy.run@shaw.ca)  
Sept 15-16 - **CMDRA All Bike Drags** - Mission Raceway Park, Mission, BC - [www.missionracewaypark.com](http://www.missionracewaypark.com)  
Sept 17th - **CMDRA Year-End Awards Banquet**, Best Western Mission City Lodge, Mission, BC  
Sept 22 - **WMRC Race Round #5** - [www.wmrc.ca](http://www.wmrc.ca)  
Sept 23 - **WMRC Race Round #6** - [www.wmrc.ca](http://www.wmrc.ca)  
Sept 27-29 - **RPM - National Motorcycle Symposium** - Whistler, BC - [www.motorcycling-rpm.ca](http://www.motorcycling-rpm.ca)  
Sept 29 - **4th Annual GVMC PIONEER Run** 9:00 AM GVMC Clubhouse, Contact Bob Vickers 604-888-9406 [www.gvmc.ca](http://www.gvmc.ca)

### OCTOBER

October 7 - **The 29th Annual Vancouver Motorcycle Toy Run** - (604) 580-0111  
October 14 - **Fraser Valley Toy Run** - 1(604) 814-3503 or [ma1@uniserve.com](mailto:ma1@uniserve.com)



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Meetings are held every Third  
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Whether you are an accident victim or a sincerely interested party, please take our appeal earnestly. We are serious about our livelihood. **WE NEED YOU!** ... Become a member and give us support for effective representation on all matters of concern to Injured Motorcyclists.

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☐ Would you like to Volunteer?  
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☐ Single Membership \$20.00  
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