

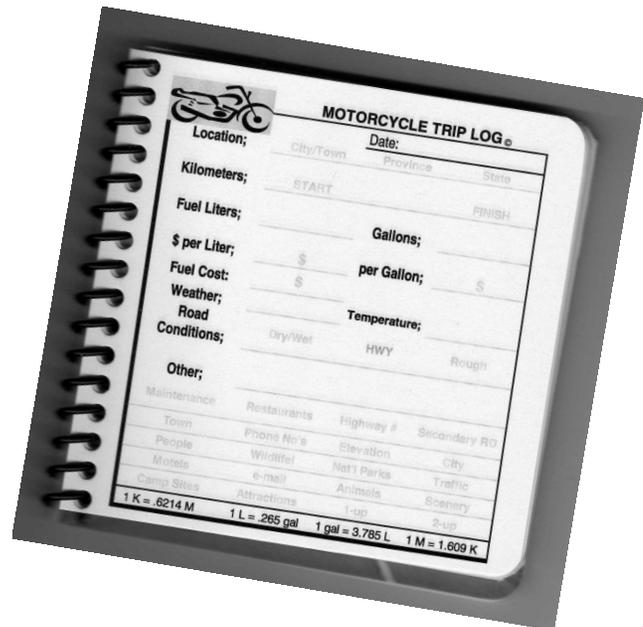
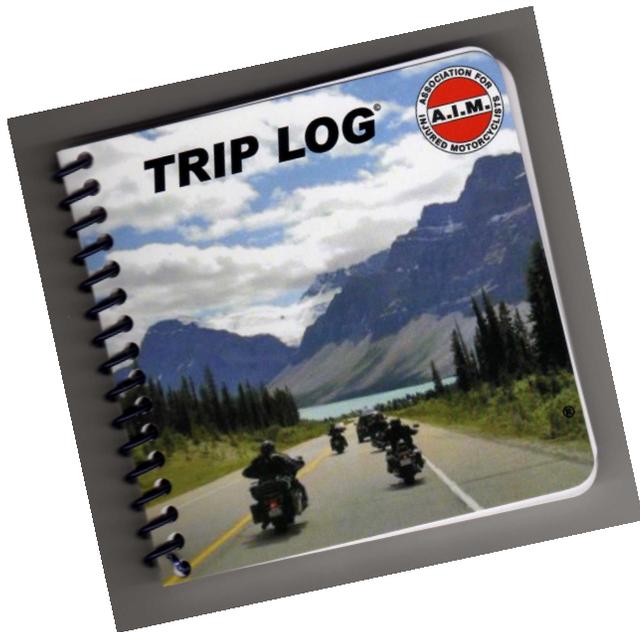


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2008 Visitation Report



They say that a business is considered successful by the amount by how busy it is. For us at A.I.M., it is the opposite for the Visitations business. We would prefer to see the need for Visitations go down.

This year has been extremely busy; busier than last year. Most likely because we had better weather than last year which brings more people out on their two-wheelers. On the other hand, we can say that we have been there to provide service to those riders who went down, and that is a good thing.

Adding to the needs of downed riders are the decreasing budgets in the medical sector. This has resulted in reduced services available to all injured or ill citizens including downed riders. This year we have also noticed a big push by hospitals to discharge the patients from their acute care beds much earlier than before, the mantra being that their bed is needed.

In our opinion, some of our riders are discharged too early, losing the opportunity of the various hospital provided services such as physiotherapy, occupational therapy, and even counseling to achieve satisfactory recovery.

We have assisted some downed riders to obtain further treatment at the G. F. Strong Rehabilitation Center which provides excellent treatment to severely injured patients—the most comprehensive in the province.

One floor is dedicated to paraplegia, another to quadriplegia, and another to brain injuries. For example, most motorcycle accidents involve some form of brain injury. Even the very slightest without loss of consciousness can still recover much better and faster with proper psychological treatment.

At G. F. Strong they have the staff and expertise to add that component to the treatment regimen if required.

How busy have we been? So far this year, as of this writing on December 22, 2008, we have made a total of 364 visitations.

Think about it ... that averages out to over 7 visitations per week.

The rate, of course, is lower in the winter and spring, and higher in the summer and fall when more downed riders are in hospital.

We visited a total of 45 downed riders during the year and helped 35 family members as well (including phone consultations). Currently we are offering services to 2 downed riders at G. F. Strong and to three others who are not in hospital. One downed rider has been in hospital almost two years now and looks forward to our visits.

With almost non-existent family support and the drying up of visits by his friends, our visits become increasingly important. We are always there for him. He has just been discharged to the George Pearson Center - a long term care facility. The other downed rider will be discharged back home to the Okanogan mid-January.

One of the most important services we provide, if not the most important, is making available a list of lawyers experienced in motorcycle claims, and most of the downed riders chose one to represent them. Although there is a very small fee involved if it is a Part 7 claim (and we had quite a few of them) the lawyers on our list still give all their expertise and many hours to resolve the claim to the downed rider's satisfaction.

Our hats are off (in alphabetical order) to Daryl Brown, George Geraghty and Jim McNeneny for their services to our downed riders.

Many thanks are extended to our growing staff of Visitation Volunteers. We now have three doing regular Visitations as well as myself and Dave Munro. They are doing a terrific job. They instinctively know the right thing to say and do. The downed riders look forward to them.

One last note, the Visitation Journal and Training Guidelines are nearing completion and will be ready for next season.

To everyone we wish a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and remember, do not ride with your shirt off ... it's too cold out there!

Gary Richardson, Director, Visitations.



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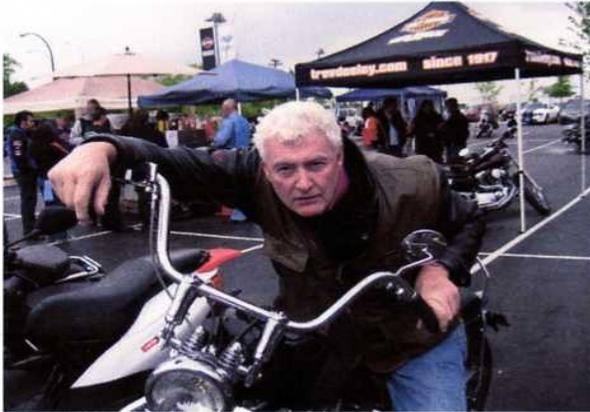
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June 27-28	Castrol Raceway	Edmonton, AB
July 18-19	N'lakapxm Eagle Motorplex	Ashcroft, BC
August 7-9	MHDRA Drag Strip	Medicine Hat, AB
August 22-23	Mission Raceway Park	Mission, BC
Sept 12-13 - SEASON FINALE	Castrol Raceway	Edmonton, AB
Sept 14	Year-End Awards Banquet	TBA

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THE POLITICS OF ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

The other day I saw an unusual sight - a small scooter parked on a sidewalk downtown, without a ticket stuck on it. Here in North America we are still in the dark ages, grouping motorized cycles with autos instead of with pedal cycles. So if the regulations say no motor vehicles, that includes all scooters, mopeds and motorcycles as well.

This time the owner was lucky, as the ticket had not yet arrived. I didn't recognize the brand of bike so I took a closer look and discovered why it hadn't been ticketed—it did have a license plate!! This was not a regular scooter, but an electric bike with lots of plastic body work. These machines are totally unrestricted. Not only can they park anywhere, but are unlicensed, unregistered and worse yet uninsured! It is bad enough that the industry (and ICBC) promotes 49cc machines that don't need a motorcycle license, at least they have carry insurance and thus can be punished for motor vehicle infractions etc. An operator of these electric bicycles is in the same boat as a pedal cyclists—can use the roadways for free and cannot be punished for either moving or parking infractions!!.



Everyone likes to see environmentally friendly vehicles on the road, but I think the government has really dropped the ball on this one. What happens if your child is hit by one of these uninsured cycles! I would guess you would be forced to sue the Operator in court where it can years to get a settlement!!

In my opinion the entire Motor Vehicle Act needs a major overhaul. With so many alternative modes of transport cropping up, the basic definition of a motor vehicle should be changed to "Road User" and should include all modes of power - electric, Ballard Power Systems and human. If a Harley owner has to pay \$2000 or more for insurance, a cyclists should have to pay

\$200 for the privilege and carry a license plate to identify him or herself to law enforcement. Unless there is a chance of losing one's license or vehicle, there is no way to regulate poor behavior.

This would also establish equality among road users and put a quick end to the current reckless behavior of cyclists who cut in and out of traffic and use the sidewalks as a road. Unfortunately there is currently no political will to regulate electric and pedal cycles as it would put too much of a barrier for government. They want to see as many of these things sold and operated as possible. Just wait till they start causing accidents.

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Craig Heale, Visitations Director

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- 3) Oil level.
- 4) Tail light.
- 5) Brake light operation for lever and pedal.
- 6) Fuel level.
- 7) Drive and chain lubrication.
- 8) Headlight operation, high and low beam, got a spare bulb?
- 9) Turn signal operation.
- 10) Battery electrolyte level.
- 11) Coolant level.
- 12) Suspension settings. Are you riding Solo or with a passenger?
- 13) Adjust mirrors.
- 14) Clutch adjustment for comfort and action.
- 15) Check for appropriate tools, tire patch kit, etc.
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(*All dates subject to change, please check sponsor for updates*)

2009 Calendar

January 22-25 ** Vancouver **Motorcycle Show** at the Tradex Exhibition Centre, Abbotsford Airport, B.C. <http://www.sportshows.ca/VanCycle/visitor.htm>

February 19 ** **AIM General Meeting** at 7:00 PM, **Davidson PittStop Restaurant**, 16225 Fraser Hwy, Surrey, B.C., Canada. All are welcome, rain or shine! 604-580-0112

February 27 ** **Daytona Bike Week Starts**

March 8 ** **Daytona Bike Week Ends**

March 15 ** **Trev Deeley Commemorative Birthday Event**, 1875 Boundary Road, Vancouver, B.C., Canada 604-291-2453

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March 22 ** **30th Annual Giant Vancouver Swap Meet** at PNE grounds, AggroDome building 604-329-7692

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April 26 ** **Davidson Pittstop Spring Ride 11 AM – 4 PM** 16225 Fraser Hwy, call 604-596-8025 for details

May 1 ** **Trev Deeley International Female Ride Day**, 1875 Boundary Road, Vancouver, B.C., Canada 604-291-2453

May 23-24 ** **CMDRA** at N'lakapxm Eagle Motorplex, Ashcroft, BC <http://www.cmdra.com/> or 604-580-0111

May 24 ** **Davidson Pittstop, Squamish Ride**, 10 AM at 16225 Fraser Hwy, call 604-596-8025 for details

May 30, ** **Trev Deeley Show & Shine**, 1875 Boundary Road, Vancouver, B.C., Canada 604-291-2453

May 31 ** **West Coast Motorcycle Ride for Dad**, Trev Deeley, 1875 Boundary Road, Vancouver, B.C., Canada 604-291-2453

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July 31, ** **BOOGIE Bash**, Rock Creek Rodeo Grounds <http://www.aimcaninterior.com/boogiebash/index.htm>

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