

### "A Hand for the Downed Rider"

## The Helping Rider

#### A.I.M VANCOUVER

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Dave, Karen, Rocky, Tanya, Gary and Lajla and Chris, hustled their way down from Ashcroft just in time for dinner buffet. There were over 50 bikes and many more people. Thanks to Amy and Marc for their generous donation to AIM!



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Weekend of May 23-24 was very busy for AIM directors and volunteers. Some were volunteering up at the Ashcroft Drags while Greg Swallow and crew busy with the AIM table on Saturday at AZZKIKr's Custom Show n'Shine (write-up inside). Then on Sunday at the Davidson PittStop Restaurant where they were roasting Baron of Beef and Lamb. Frank Kirby, the Tonsorial Artist snuck away from the AIM table applying his talents on Barry Nillson.

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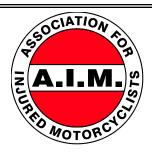
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#### Staggered Riding, the Lone Rider, Visibility, Responsibility and Respect

Recently I have heard of a couple of accidents, while riding staggered, one rider rear ended another. This makes me wonder, why?

When I started riding this was extremely rare occurrence, but in those days it was legal to ride 2 abreast in groups and in order to ride with a group, you had to earn respect, be trusted, have discipline, follow rules, respect others, understand your bike and yourself. Just because the group riding has changed to staggered, all of the above applies even more so. Its part and parcel of something called, "Riding Etiquette."

As I understand it. staggered riding was put into motion to give the rider a bigger cushion so they can "have a way out" avoiding potholes etc. But it also allows room for sloppiness. What I do know is, each rider has many responsibilities. Paying attention to the riders in front, keeping proper distance and making sure you are visible to the rider in front when he looks in his/her mirror, informing the riders behind you of any changes, like slowing down, signaling, etc. If proper formation and rules are not followed, then riders all through the line are not able to pay attention where needed, and safety becomes a serious issue. When going back and forth in your tire tracks for no

valid reason, it is causes stretching in the group, forcing all the riders behind to back off, slowing down the group.

Visibility, discipline, patience, communication, paying attention, riding as a team and understanding the needs of those all around you are imperative to a safe ride.

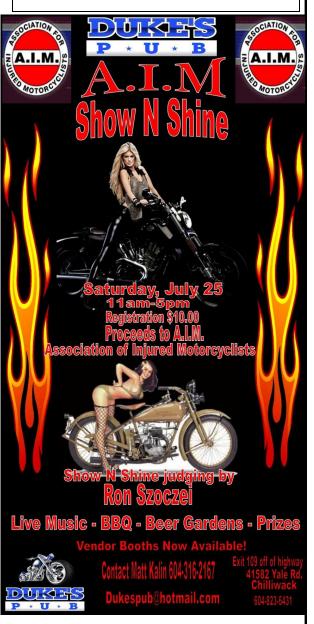
In the last several years, I have noticed riders coming up from behind in my lane and trying to pass on the other tire track. Just because you see a rider riding in the tire track, because they don't ride the oil patch, do not assume he/she is leaving room for you. Usually they are not even aware you are there. Pulling up beside a rider vou do not know is verv disrespectful and dangerous. A rider riding alone needs his space and will move between tire tracks to become visible to vehicles that are in the oncoming traffic and turning lanes, especially at intersections. (remember the old, I did not see that motorcyclist ) So when you see a rider riding alone in the left or right tire track, imagine he/she is a car, show respect and change "lanes" to pass him/her as that rider owns that little rectangle they are in, from the lines on each side of the rider to many feet in front and behind.

Good info at; www.ntnoa.org/groupride.htm www.msf-usa.org/downloads/ Group\_Ride.pdf

Ride Safe, Chris

#### **HOT JULY NIGHTS!**

Last summer several of the AIM directors rode up to 100 Mile House at invitation and we had an awesome time! Friday there was a Sock Hop. Saturday morning there were 104 vehicles registered for the Show & Shine, plus there was an all day Swap Meet then, off to the Saturday night Dance at the Community Centre. By Sunday morning, well over 200 cars, hot rods and bikes registered. Check out their site at www.hotjulynights.ca for the video of last years entrants and the list of winners from 2008, the Registration Forms and contact info. Events Calendar at the Registration Link.



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#### **Check that date on your Tires**

Motorcycle tires can run out of life and still have tread left. They go hard with age and lose grip, especially in cooler, wet weather. So with fall approaching, if you are not sure how old your tires are ( not when you last bought them, but their true age ) take a close look on the sidewall. Look for three or four digits counter sunk in a little donut. The first two digits will be the week of manufacture and the last digit will be the year. In the photo , the tire was made on the 28th week of 2000. Don't buy sale

tires more than a few years old as the manufacturer set strict warrantee life spans, usually 5 to 8 years max and they don't care when you bought the tire, only when it was made!! Trust me on this one, it happened to me once, not the dealers fault or the manufacturer, just a risk you take when buying things on sale.

I now ask for the best price on this years merchandise when purchasing tires. Old tires just are worth the risk esp here on the coast where we ride longer in spring and fall on twisty wet roads.

Craig Heale, Visitation



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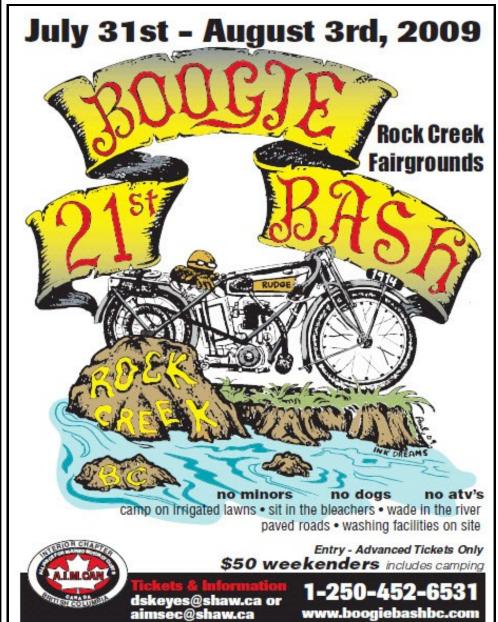


E. James McNeney

You already know many non-riders think motorcycles are dangerous and you shouldn't even ride one. What you may not have thought about is that most lawyers are non-riders, and may share this prejudice. Do you want that kind of lawyer? It is in the best interest of the insurance company to settle as quickly as possible! They are representing the insurance company (NOT YOU!) You need someone with experience when dealing with corporate insurance companies like ICBC. E. James McNeney has been protecting the rights of auto accident victims since 1977.

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### **Boogie Bash 2009**

The venue for this event is the Fair Grounds in Rock Creek, BC. Trust me, you won't be disappointed with this location. It has everything from treed camping, access to the river, and rodeo arena with bleachers for the bike games, no dusty roads just beautifully grassed expanses, a large stage for the musicians, and plenty of additional space to work with in an effort to satisfy everyone's needs.

The Rock Creek community has let us know that they want us in their community for this event and have bent over backwards to ensure we return. The planning required for Boogie Bash 2009 is underway. We are also tossing around some ideas to offer more things to do, and possibly incorporate more variety to a couple of the old standard events.

Organizing and hosting any large event is a massive undertaking. If anyone feels their organizational and/or managerial skills would be of assistance to us, please contact us to volunteer. You don't have to be an A.I.M. member to be on the Boogie Bash Committee. In addition, if you wish to volunteer your time for a six hour shift during the event, please contact us. The benefits of volunteering include a refund of your attendance fee, and a free t-shirt.

BC law dictates that as we have applied for a "private license" for this year's

event at Rock Creek, all tickets to the event must be purchased in advance. All you need to do is contact either the President or the Secretary by telephone or e-mail (see the list of directors below) and provide either of us with your name, telephone number and the number of tickets your require, and your name will be posted on our list. Once we receive your payment by either cash, certified cheque or money order, your wrist bracelet(s) will be in an envelope with your name on it awaiting your arrival at the gate. To ensure the correct party receives the paid bracelet(s) your signature will be required upon receipt of the envelope. Only the person who ordered the tickets will be permitted to obtain them at the gate. All questions can be directed to either directors as set out in this newsletter.

Our hope is to see you at this year's Boogie Bash event which will help us to assist motorcycle accident victims and their families. Boogie Bash is our main fund raiser for this cause, as well as memberships. If you are not already a member, please consider becoming one and being a part of the helping force to assist your riding buddies. In the meantime, ride safe.

Call to purchase tickets!

-Dale Keyes, President AIM Interior Chapter

Dale Keyes, President 250-452-6531 Patti Maetche, Secretary 250-765-4517

For Pictures of the Rock Creek Fair Grounds, visit:

http://www.aimcaninterior.com/boogiebash/index.htm



Yup, its that time of year again where you will find few articles and many posters of events in and out of town. A couple of the posters were in the last newsletter due to some changes at the function or location. AIM will

have their table set up at many events this year, and one of the most important events that we do is the GF Strong Show n' Shine (Poster on the right) where the patients come out and listen to the band Ovations, enjoy free food and pop and view the MC's. Your attendance is appreciated by all! Ride Safe!

Chris



#### Visitations

As of January 1, 2009

Gary Richardson, Director, Visitations



Motorcycle in Alabama?? —->

-----do the riders get tickets for drinking and driving?





## Vancouver Chapter 9th Annual, Ride In Show N' Shine



<u>Judging by</u> Ron Szoczei of ChromeDreams

Rocky Weinstein and Gary Richardson



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The Historic Dewdney Pub, 10 minutes east of Mission on Hwy 7 (Lougheed) to Dewdney, cross railway tracks and turn right Immediately before crossing the Dewdney Bridge over the Nicomen Slough.

The Pub is 300m on the right. Church of the Blues has weekly gatherings which features local and prominent talent in an atmosphere perfect for the blues. Call for Band and Jam schedules and hope to see you there! 604-826-7820



Membership Report

I hope to see many of you on the road or at events this summer. Have a great summer

Ride Safely, **Greg Swallow** 

The membership picture has stayed pretty good for the first half of 2009 with 302 members in good standing as of June 18th. Of course, the more members we have, the more we can accomplish so I encourage all of our members to actively recruit other riders you know or meet to get involved with AIM.

## GERIOTYM IGUST 16, 2009



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· Ashcroft, BC

· Grand Bend, ON

· Medicine Hat, AB

· Edmonton, AB

· Ashcroft, BC

· Mission, BC

May 23 - 24

June 20 - 21

June 27 - 28

July 18 - 19

August 8 -9

August 22 - 23

## Assume they cannot see you, Ride Safe!

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## **AZZKIKr's Custom Cycles Show n' Shine**

AZZKIKr's held their 2nd annual show & shine on May 23rd and with

Dave and some of the other AIM directors in Ashcroft for the drags, I got to recruit some volunteers and do the show & shine.

The weather was great and there was a pretty good crowd present. They were a hungry bunch too and kept us going non-stop as we did the barbeque for AZZKIKR. We also had the AIM booth set up and got to talk to lots of people and give out info on AIM.

and a big "Thank you" to AZZKIKr's for a great event and a generous donation to AIM.

Greg Swallow, Membership



Many thanks to the members who showed up to help,
Scruffy, Dale, Damien, Neil, & Joe.

#### Have you a spare battery for your Alarm Key FOB?





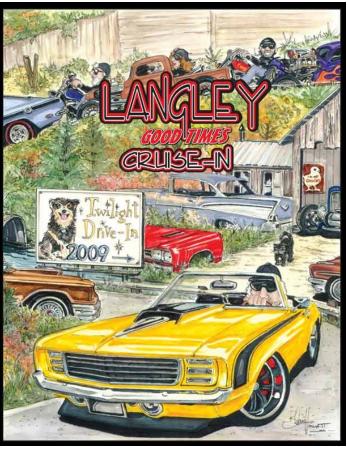
#### PLEASE Ride SAFELY!!!



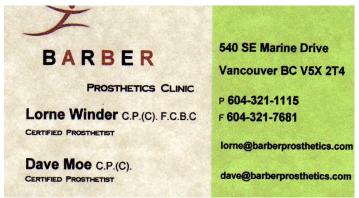
There is always so much going on and I write things down, only to loose it. So before I forget, would like to say thank you to Todd Copan from the Classic & Vintage Motorcycle Swap Meet & Show n' Shine for their continuous support and generous Donations.

Chris

Don't forget September 12, 2009 Langley Good Times Cruise-in, more info at www.langleycruise-in.com/ See you there!!!







#### Calendar for 2009

AIM has changed its <u>location</u> for the monthly meetings. It is still on the Third Thursday of each month.

Please check below to see where we will be. (\*All dates subject to change, please check sponsor for updates\*)

**JULY 2009** 

July 3-5 - Toad Rock Motorcycle Rally 1-877-229-

5448 www.toadrockcampground.com

*July -5 – Sasquatch INN Show 'n Shine,* sasquatchinn@shaw.ca or 604-796-2730

July 10-12 - Hot July Nights Show N Shine & Swap Meet - Car & Bike Show, 100 Mile House, BC, see the video at

<u>www.hotjulynights.ca</u> or <u>cars@hotjulynights.ca</u> Jack Barnett 250-395-2022 Bo Work 250-593-4673

*July 16<sup>th</sup> - AIM General Meeting* at 7:00 PM, Davidson Pitt Stop Restaurant, 16225 Fraser Hwy., Surrey, B.C., Canada - All are welcome, rain or shine! - 604.580.0112

*July 17-18 - Salmon Arm Stomp*, 21st annual summer bash. Visit www.summerstomp.ca/index.html for more info.

*July 18-19 - CMDRA at N'lakapxm Eagle Motorplex*, Ashcroft, BC www.cmdra.com/ or 604-580-0111

July 19 - Burn Camp Ride benefiting BCPFF Burn Fund, 1875 Boundary Road, Vancouver, B.C., Canada 604-291-2453

July 25 - A.I.M. Motorcycle Show and Shine at DUKES COUNTRY PUB 41582 Yale Rd Chilliwack, British Columbia

Phone: (604) 823-6431

July 31 to Aug3 – Back to the Gospel Blues Threshermen's Village beside the Chilliwack Heritage Park at Lickman Road and Luckakuck Way, Chilliwack, British Columbia, <a href="http://www.back2blues.com/">http://www.back2blues.com/</a> index.html 604-794-3569

July 31 to Aug3 - BOOGIE Bash, Rock Creek Rodeo Grounds www.aimcaninterior.com/boogiebash/index.htm Please read the poster about Advance Ticket Sales

**AUGUST 2009** 

August 3 - Test our Metal Demo Day at Trev Deeley Motorcycles,

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August 7-9 - CMDRA MHDRA Drag Strip, Medicine Hat, www.cmdra.com/ or 604-580-0111

August 9 - Sturgis Rally Ends

**August 9 – AIM's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual GF Strong Show & Shine,** 9 AM to 2 PM, 4255 Laurel Dr, Vancouver, BC. Live Music, & BBQ. Come and support this event as it puts smiles on the Patients faces. Everyone welcome! 604-580-0112

**August 14 - 16 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual VIAIM Pig-N-Fin**, Vancouver Island Chapter, contact Tom 1-877-500-4423 or

www.vancouverislandaim.com/

August 16 - 5th Annual Gastown Motorcycle Show n' Shine, 604-580-0111 more info at <a href="https://www.bccom-bc.com/">www.bccom-bc.com/</a>

**August 20 - AIM General Meeting** at 7:00 PM, Davidson Pitt Stop Restaurant, 16225 Fraser Hwy., Surrey, B.C., Canada - All are welcome, rain or shine! - 604.580.0112

**August 28 – Fall Demo Day** – Barnes Harley Davidson Port Coquitlam starts at 11:00, 2020 Oxford Connector, Port Coquitlam, BC 604 -464-7729

**August 29 – Fall demo Day** – Barnes Harley Davidson Langley starts at 10:00 8859 201 Street Langley BC, call 604-534-6044

#### **SEPTEMBER 2009**

September 12 – Langley Cruise In – Bike Show & Shine, Barnes Harley Davidson 8859 201 Street Langley BC, call 604-534-6044 or check out <a href="https://www.langleycruise-in.com/home.html">www.langleycruise-in.com/home.html</a> for last years pics September 17 - AIM General Meeting at 7:00 PM, Davidson Pitt Stop Restaurant, 16225 Fraser Hwy., Surrey, B.C., Canada - All are welcome, rain or shine! - 604.580.0112

**September27 - Oyster Run Anacortes**, Washington www.oysterrun.org/

#### October 2009

October 4 - The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Vancouver Toy Run, 10 AM, Coquitlam Centre (604) 580-0111 1-877-580-0111 www.toyrun.lmcb.ca/



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Heads up for those of you that ride south of the border

Washington State Media Release See http://www.wsp.wa.gov/information/ releases.htm

## Motorcycle Riders: Wear a DOT Approved Helmet or Pay the Consequences

The Washington State Patrol (WSP) is stepping up enforcement efforts towards motorcycle riders that ride with helmets that are not Department of Transportation (DOT) approved and who are not properly endorsed.

Motorcycle injury and fatality collisions continue to rise, especially during the warm summer months when ridership is at the highest levels. Troopers are working diligently to stop reckless motorcyclists who not only put themselves, but other motorists in danger. The WSP will also be looking for riders who ride with helmets that do not meet DOT safety standards. Even the safest riders put themselves at increased risk when they ride without proper protective gear.

On August 10, 2008, a motorcyclist was killed on SR 410 in the Greenwater area. That motorcyclist was driving 15 MPH at the time of the collision;

however, he was wearing a helmet that did not meet DOT safety standards and died as a result of a head injury. A few weeks later, another motorcyclist in the same area lost control of his motorcycle at speeds up to 80 MPH. He survived with only minor injuries. That very lucky motorcyclist was wearing all of the proper protective gear from head to toe, including a DOT approved motorcycle helmet. In addition, troopers are finding an alarming number of riders who have not passed a motorcycle safety course and obtained the proper license endorsement. The WSP would like riders to know that if they are stopped and found to be unendorsed their motorcycle will be impounded.

"Rider's have the power to save their own lives. Our job is to motivate them in that direction," stated Chief John Batiste.

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Greg Swallow took this while up in one of the planes







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Trophy by Arnold Klappe



See, I can land it up there!





For those of you folks that did not show up on June 14, 2009, you missed a fabulous time! Thanks to Arnold Klappe of King George Aviation for the beautiful custom made People's Choice Trophy and hosting an event that over 200 bikes and 300 people attended. There was music by the Jason Buie Band, munchies fresh baked that morning by Golly's Gourmet, Ultra light aircrafts rides were available with an aerial tour of the Semiahmoo Peninsula which you could see the perfectly polished motorcycles gleaming and glinting in the sun. 39 motorcycles entered the Show'n Shine. Thank you to our Show & Shine sponsors. (see page 11) A Fundraiser would not be possible without the donations, volunteers and supporters. Special Thanks to, Magna Graphics for the signage, Ron Szoczei of CHROMEDREAMS.com and Gary Richardson for judging. Craig Heale for the many photographs. Tom Williams of Williams Moving & Storage for supplying the stage. Bill Roberts of R&R Music for providing the sound as well as the music pre and post show, Steve Lang of Slang Productions assisted with preliminary planning, Lejla Hodzic with site preparation and establishing the WINGS & WHEELS Facebook page; Byron Taylor for setting the plane on the stage. Not to

Thanks again to Arnold Klappe of King George Aviation, Ron Szoczei of CHROMEDREAMS.com, Bernice O'Shea of BACK ON THE BIKE, and Dave Munro of A.I.M. for putting it all together. And a very special Thank you to all of you who attended and supported this event by making it a success. Hope to see you all next year! ...A.I.M.

forget the Volunteers at the event. Dave, Greg, Russ, Scruffy Karen, Rocky, April, Joe and Christian! (Hope no one was missed)











Ron and Christian announcing the winners



Soooo many people came back with big grins after their flights saying they can't wait to do it again!