

## "A Hand for the Downed Rider"

# The Helping Rider

### A.I.M VANCOUVER

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A.I.M. Executives at the Tradex show in January 2010. (left to right) Bryan Oulton, Dave Munro, Steve Lazaroff, Greg Swallow, manning the AIM table, promoting what AIM does. We would like to say a Big Thank You to the many Volunteers, Supporters and to those of you that Donated, Renewed your Membership or joined for the first time.

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# Membership Report

The membership picture for AIM Vancouver Chapter is looking good with 313

members in good standing as of March 20, 2010. We continue to sign up a lot of new members but those of you who renew their memberships every year are very important to us too. I'd like to ask you all once again to please check the expiry date on your card once in a while and send in your renewal if it's getting near. Your membership expiry date also appears on the upper right corner of the mailing label whenever you get mail from AIM (00-00/00: year-month/day). Early renewal saves us the cost of sending out reminder letters. Also, if you let us know that you would like your newsletter by email instead of regular mail, we can have a further saving. Mailing and printing costs are a big part of the reason for our recent dues increase (the first in over ten years).

All right, enough about business! Spring is in the air, there are lots of bikes on the road already and lots more will soon join them so please, all of you, Ride Safe and Enjoy!

# **Greg Swallow, Membership Director, Membership**



### Some Rider links

www.bikelinks.com/directory/Countries/Canada/British Columbia/ - BC Motorcycle sites – Dealers, Clubs, Events
bcrider.com/local.html - Motorcycling in BC

<u>www.bcpl8s.ca/Motorcycle.htm</u> - Check out some old license plates

<u>motorcycle.meetup.com/cities/ca/bc/vancouver/</u> - Join a Motorcycle riding group near Vancouver, BC

<u>jinksd.tripod.com/CanMotorcyclelink.html</u> - Canadian Motorcycle Links

www.pnwma.com/menu.html - Road and off-road motorcycles clubs in BC and Washington putting together a Calendar of Events www.cvmg.ca/ - Canadian Vintage Motorcycle Group aimed at promoting the use and restoration and interest in older motorcycles canadianbiker.com/ - A Magazine for the Canadian Motorcyclists www.motorcyclemojo.com/events/ - Calendar of events across

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<u>freewheelinriderz.blogspot.com/</u> - Canadian Women's Motorcycle Club

www.salvationarmy.ca/2007/10/22/salvation-riders-motorcycleclub/ - Salvation Riders Motorcycle Club

<u>http://vimeo.com/channels/vridetvinhd</u> - Virtual Riding, Motorcycle Travel Canada

 $\underline{\text{http://www.freewheelin.ca/index.htm}} \ \ \text{- Riding Club for Women}$ 

Every time you ride, you will learn something new, Pay attention and listen!

Do not Assume they can see you.

Ride Safe

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### Spring is Here

The flowers are starting to bloom, But most of all the sound of motorcycles is in the air. Each nice day I hear more and more. The end of March, mine will be on the road. That is when the itch will be scratched.

I'm at the stage now that I only ride my bike 8 months a year; April---Nov kind of thing. Check the battery, tires. Don't forget to do the Oil. Once you done the basics and all is well, the only thing left to do is Fire the Baby up. Press the button and the machine turns over and roars to Life. It idles down and the "Old Sound is there". For me it kind of puts goose bumps on the back of the neck. You know what I mean? Now I'm ready to ride. Well where to? This

summer according to the old Farmers almanac is going to be as good as last year. Get out your AIM calendar of events and "Bingo" you have a whole-lota events to choose from.

One of the events that takes up a weekend, is July 9-11<sup>th</sup> in "100Mile House," called "Hot July Nights, Show-in-Shine Car and Bike Show' definitely a mouthful. However it is one Hel-la-va good time. Nothing beats a ride thru the Canyon, especially if you ride up with others. Once you hit Cache Creek your laughing, head up into Caribou country and the next thing you know you just went thru Clinton and 100mile house is approaching quickly. After arriving we check into our motel rooms, then off to the Airport where it all happening and that is where our AIM booth will be set up. If any of you riders do take the event in be sure you stop in at our booth and say hello.

Another good time and ride is AIM interior chapter "Boogie Bash" For those of you who do not know about the event it is a Weekend Party for adult riders only. No Kids or Dogs.

Aug.1, BC day long weekend held in Rock Creek at the Fair Grounds. The facilities for camping are excellent. The tenting areas have nice grass and there is lots of room along the river banks for tents. There you will see lots of people in the river enjoying themselves. There space for RVs, electrical hook-ups but no sewage dumps.

The stage is really big and the surrounding areas are ideal for venders to set up and sell their wares. Believe me, there is all types of venders. The arena for the Motorcycle Rodeo is excellent and the sound system is right on, so all can hear. You put all that together and you get one hell of an Ass-Kickin weekend.

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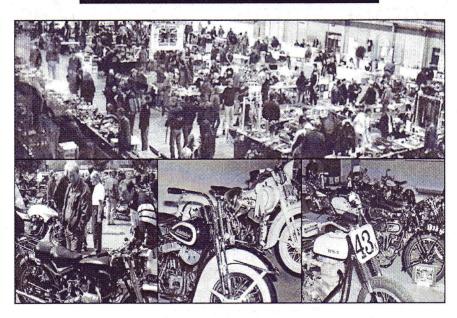
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Riding season is upon us. Pay attention, do not assume others can read your mind, ride defensively and be safe!

25th Annual Classic & Vintage

# **Motorcycle Swap Meet & Show 'n Shine**

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# Sunday, April 18th, 2010 Opens at 10am

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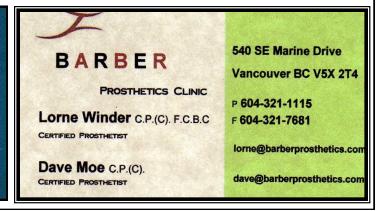
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# Vancouver Motorcycle Parking

Vancouver mayor, council and engineering are monitoring the city hall website for feedback on allowing motorcycles to park incorner clearances along with scooters and e bikes.

Go to www.vancouver.ca and halfway down the front page there are three different ways to respond, twitter, facebook and open dialogue. If you have emailed, email again, have family, friends, co-workers and even stores and businesses you frequent email. The city has received a lot of positive responses which could be a turning point in their thought process.

Now is the time to show them that as a community motorcyclists can and will stand together to enact change. Be aware that Vancouver allowing motorcycles into corner clearance parking will be an important stepping stone regarding other municipalities.

Adele Tompkins, Executive Director B.C. Coalition of Motorcyclists

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# Motorcycle Safety Check

- 1) Tire pressure and condition.
- 2) Brake pads or shoes, thickness and feel lever or pedal.
- 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.
- 16) Check complete bike for loose nuts and bolts.

This list is numbered in order of importance that makes sense to me, tires and brakes being the most safety oriented features of the motorcycle.

Steve the Bike Wrench AIM Past President

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# A "commercial" produced by Victoria Australia's Transport Accident Commission.

The commercial depicts a motorcycle moving through traffic until struck by a car changing lanes. The rider falls to the ground and goes under the wheels of a following car. Final scene cuts to the riders bathroom where he is shown losing control of his bowels as he struggles to get out of a wheel chair. Suitably grave commentary tells viewers that motorcyclists are from ten times to twenty times more likely to be in this situation than cars drivers.

Clever camera angles are clearly meant to convey that the rider is swerving through traffic (which he is not if you look carefully), he is shown accelerating away from traffic lights to give the impression that he is speeding (also not) and emphasis is placed upon the car using it's turn signals.

This is not a road safety commercial as claimed by TAC, it is a piece of carefully crafted social engineering, the old "temporary Australian" slur dressed up with 90's psychological techniques. It is not aimed at the real culprits ie; lane changing drivers who fail to check blind spots. TAC has used extreme secrecy in launching this campaign, and were claiming that it was still in production a little as a week before it was aired. For a commercial to hit the screens this soon it must have been in production for some time.

Is there some faction in the TAC road safety commercials office that strives to water down or divert all responsibility for motorists negligence away from motorists and onto motorcycle riders? take it's latest effort, car driver changes lanes without look-ing, car collects motorcycle, motorcycle crashes, rider is crippled for life, and the message? Not to look properly before you change lanes or this sort of thing might happen, and it will be your fault, no, apparently it was the motorcyclists own fault for: (a) riding a motorcycle (b) riding through a cars blind spot, thus



Telephone (604) 588-9099 #13-12332, Pattullo PL. Surrey, B.C. V3V 8C3 absolving the car driver of all responsibility (C) not being able to see into the future and predict that the idiot in front is going to charge across his lane without warning. The fact that it is physically impossible to overtake any vehicle without passing through one or more blind spots is, of course, neither here nor there. Nor is there any suggestion drivers should check their blind spots by turning their heads and looking. Is this a reflection of societies attitude that if someone else gets hurt because of my negligence it was his fault for not getting out of the way!

**Smokey** 

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### **Fatal Injury**

Certain helmets may prevent injuries to the face but increase the chance of fatal brain injury, Australian researchers are warning us. This was prompted by the death of a 19year-old motorcy-clist who was killed in Adelaide, Australia when the face bar of his helmet struck a curb after he was thrown off his bike. Seems the force of the im-pact was transferred from the face bar to the chinstrap, then to the rider's jawbone and, ultimately, to the base of the skull which caused a fatal fracture and hemorrhaging. The team cited one Swedish study of fatal motorcycle accidents that showed 11 of 38 riders who had worn full face helmets had ring fractures of the skull base. Only six of the 64 riders who had open-face helmets had such fractures.

Another study they cited showed 210 patients who had severe facial fractures from accidents appeared to have avoided fatal brain injury because their facial structures absorbed the energy of impact.

The researchers concluded that if their results are confirmed, the structural properties of the face bar of full-face helmets will need to be reassessed. A compromise might be necessary between facial protection and energy dissipation, since facial injuries themselves can cause death.

Editor

### 7th Annual



# Vintage Motorcycle Swap Meet

Mount Vernon, WA



### Vintage Motorcycles/Parts/Reproductions

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ONE DAY ONLY. FREE ADMISSION TO PUBLIC.

Information: Daytime (9 AM to 3 PM) call Gary @ 360-675-8204. E-mail: sunval55@peoplepc.com

The WVM Motorcycle Swap Meet will be held concurrent with the 28th annual Mt. Vernon Automotive Swap Meet sponsored by the North Cascade Street Rod Association, featuring vintage motorcycles, cars, trucks, parts, and accessories. This event fills the fairground complex.

The 25th annual Classic & Vintage MC Swap Meet Show 'N Shine is on Sunday, April 18th in Tsawwassen, BC, Canada at the South Delta Recreation Centre, just 60 miles north of Mt. Vernon. INFO: Call Todd Copan @ 604-299-0020

Life may begin at 30, but it doesn't get real interesting until about 60 mph!

If you wait, all that happens is that you get older.

Midnight bugs taste just as bad as Noon time bugs.

Saddlebags can never hold everything you want, but they CAN hold everything you need.

Don't ride so late into the night that you sleep through the sunrise. Sometimes it takes a whole tank full of gas before you can think straight.

Riding faster than everyone else only guarantees you'll ride alone. Never do less than forty miles before breakfast.

A bike on the road is worth two in the shed.

Sometimes the fastest way to get there is to stop for the night. Always back your bike into the curb and sit where you can see it. There are drunk riders and there are old riders, but there are not many old, drunk riders.

Ride to work. Work to ride.

Whatever it is, it's better in the wind.

Keep your bike in good repair. Motorcycle boots are not all that comfortable for walking.

People are like motorcycles: each is customized a bit differently. Sometimes, the best communication happens when you're on separate bikes.

When you're riding lead, don't spit.

A friend is someone who'll get out of bed at 2 a.m. to drive his pickup to the middle of nowhere to get you when you're broken down.

Catching a yellow jacket in your shirt @ 70 mph can double your vocabulary.

There's something ugly about a NEW bike on a trailer Everyone crashes. Some get back on, some don't, and some can't. If you can't get it going with bungee cords and duct tape, it's serious. If you ride like there's no tomorrow, there may not be.

Only a biker knows why a dog sticks his head out of a car window. Keep the paint up, and the rubber down!

Emailed in

### PLEASE Ride SAFELY!!!

# JOIN US FOR THE 18TH ANNUAL G.V.M.C. GORD HEPPLER MEMORIAL RUN







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June 19 - 20

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July 10 - 11

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July 17 - 18

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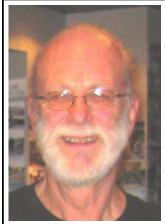
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## I Didn't See You

Psychology research has uncovered an interesting phenomenon that relates to the I-didn't-see-you excuse. It seems that humans are subjected to so much incoming information that one part of the brain serves as sort of a subconscious mental "spam filter."

The filter passes on to the conscious part of the brain only information that corresponds to what the person is concerned about, what the psychologists call "attending to". If a driver is thinking about (attending to) buy a new car, the spam filter will pass along anything related to cars, including automobile dealerships and billboards with car ads. The flip side is that if the driver is not concerned about some things (such as being on the lookout for motorcycles) the motorcycle will not be seen even if the driver looks right at it!



### VISITATION REPORT

We celebrated Paul's birthday with a cake and presents. We purchased a Davidson Pitt Stop Hoodie for him which he really likes. Attended his Team Meeting and took him to the Davidson Pitt Stop restaurant in his van for lunch.

We were notified by two riders, a husband and wife team, who had been injured while riding together approximately 1-1/2 years ago, ICBC had discontinued their weekly payments without notice and they were without food, with two children. In desperation they phoned us and we purchased food for the night for them, gave them a cheque. Dave picked up the food in the food hamper at the Davidson Pitt Stop restaurant and took it to them as well. The lady was ready to return to work and we advised her of a possible job opportunity.

We received an email requesting help from a rider who was injured several years ago and now lives in Alberta. He wants to start up a small business and wondered if there was any financial assistance available to him. I sent him a list of different federal agencies that provide funding for small businesses

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and handicapped people.

On March 8-10 Tanja and I attended the Accessibility Showcase held at the Pan Pacific Hotel. It was sponsored by the federal and provincial governments and it was free! Businesses and university professors were also in attendance. Many federal officials were flown out from Ottawa to attend. Speakers included Rick Hansen, Sam Sullivan, Mike Harcourt, the Honorable Steven L. Point, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia and the Honorable David C. Onley, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

It was about handicapped access by disabled people with emphasis on sports especially the Paralympics. A couple of buzzwords that frequently surfaced were "Celebrating Abilities" and "Inclusion". We made lots of connections and passed out numerous cards. On Monday I was sitting next to Cairine MacDonald, the Deputy Minister of Housing and Social Development. She was very interested in our group and the copy of the Journal that I gave her.

Gary Richardson, Visitation Director



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### Staggered Riding, the Lone Rider, Responsibly and Respect

I posted this last year and feel the need to do it again. In 40 + years of riding, the last several years I have been shaking my head. The Staggered Riding law came into effect approximately 9 years ago, and from what I gather, very quietly. I am wondering if staggered riding might be the issue compared to the discipline, respect and control of a motorcycle, sharing of the road, we learned when riding side by side.

I have talked to many people that swear by both styles of riding and found out, many of those that swear by the staggered riding have not ridden side by side. Interesting though, the Police still ride side by side. My concern with the staggered riding is, what are you taught of what part of the road is yours and what is mine? How well do you know, understand yourself and your bike, about sharing the road?

There is something called "Riding Etiquette, whether you ride staggered or side by side that must be followed. If this is not followed then the riders are constantly looking in their mirrors to see where the other riders are. This is not a good thing, as they need to watch the rider(s) and general traffic in front of them.

The rider in front of you has a responsibility to inform you if they need to slow, turn etc. If you are not in his mirror, (means you moved out of formation) then he/her is looking for you, which take his eyes off the road to long, may cause serious repercussions. Formation is important unless you NEED to maneuver.

You the rider behind have a responsibility to keep a minimal distance (depending on road conditions) from the bike in front of you, be visible in his/her mirrors, pay attention to any signals from that front rider, while at the same time are responsible for the rider behind you, letting them know if you decide to slow down, change tire tracks in the lane, etc. This has to work all the way down the line. Communication, paying attention, riding as a team, understanding the needs of those all around you are imperative to a safe ride.

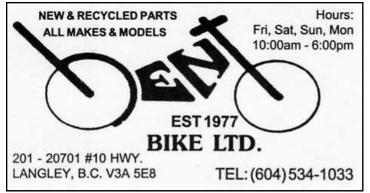
Last year, was a bad year and I had many close calls, why? Because riders are passing me in the lane I am in Prior to 2000, riders would pull up behind and wait for me to wave them on.

There are others including myself, who will ride alone and all of a sudden, change tire tracks in their lane. This is done for several reasons, avoiding potholes, obstructions, when coming to an intersection. The latter is done to be visible for the vehicle in the oncoming turning lane, especially if one has been in a blind spot, like behind a big truck.

So when you see a rider riding alone in the left or right tire track, imagine he/she is a car and change "lanes" to pass him/her as he/she owns that rectangle they are in from the lines on each side of the rider to many feet in front and behind. Passing a rider in that rider's lane is a no-no big time, total unsafe and very disrespectful, UNLESS that rider acknowledges you and gives you the signal he/she will stay in that tire track and allow you to pass in the same lane as they are in.

Chris





### Calendar 2010

#### **APRIL**

April 3, - Motorcyclists Helping Motorcyclists Show"N"Shine for Charity @ Carp's Cycles. Unit 180 – 7177 Vantage Way, Delta, BC 604-940-4770 Fax 604-940-4740

April 15, - AIM General Meeting, 7:00 PM, Davidson Pitt Stop Restaurant @ 16225 Fraser Hwy, Surrey, BC Rain or Shine, All welcome 604-580-0112

**April 17**<sup>th</sup>, - **7**<sup>th</sup> **Annual Vintage Motorcycle Swap Meet, Mount Vernon, Washington**. Exit I-5 @ 225 at Anderson Rd, follow signs to Fairgrounds. 9-3 pm, call 360-675-8204 or email: sunval55@peoplepc.com

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April 24, - First Annual Spring Ride & Lamb Roast Dinner @ Davidson Pitt Stop Restaurant. 16225 Fraser Hwy, Surrey, BC call or stop by for details 604-596-8025

April 25, - 4th Annual GVMC Spring Fun Ride (Road Ride) -Contact - Dwight Harris - (604) 466-8812 #307 - 9785 192nd Street, Surrey B.C. www.qvmc.ca

#### MAY

May 1 - AIM, Northern BC chapter, presents Rev Up To Spring Dance, Prince George, BC. 777 Kinsmen Place, doors open at 7:45 Tickets at Harley Davidson of PG & Leather by Shannon or <a href="https://www.aimnorth.ca">www.aimnorth.ca</a>

May 6 – 20<sup>th</sup> Annual MLA Ride, Vancouver to Victoria. Riders meet at Tsawwassen Ferry terminal for 9 AM Sailing, 11 AM at Mayfair Mall (Blanchard St, Victoria) or call 1-877-580-0111

May 16, - 18th Annual GVMC Gord Heppler Memorial Run – (Proceeds to B.C. Children's Hospital) – (Road Ride) – Contact – Jackie Heppler - (604) 888-8152 #307 - 9785 192nd Street, Surrey B.C. www.gvmc.ca

May 20, - AIM General Meeting, 7:00 PM, Davidson Pitt Stop Restaurant @ 16225 Fraser Hwy, Surrey, BC Rain or Shine, All welcome 604-580-0112

May 22 -24 Memorial Ride for Rosie. Ride from Davidson Pitt Stop Restaurant to Kamloops, Need to book rooms at the motel in advance, More info call or stop by 16225 Fraser Hwy, Surrey BC or 604-596-8025

May 29-30 - CMDRA Motorcycle Drag Races Nl'akapxm Eagle Motorplex, Ashcroft, BC - www.eaglemotorplex.com May 30<sup>th</sup> Westcoast Motorcycle Ride To Live 9 AM @ Trev Deeley 1875 Boundary Rd, Vancouver www.ridetolive.ca

#### **JUNE**

June 17, - AIM General Meeting, 7:00 PM, Davidson Pitt Stop Restaurant @ 16225 Fraser Hwy, Surrey, BC Rain or Shine, All welcome 604-580-0112

June 19-20, - CMDRA Motorcycle Drag Races Grand Bend Motorplex, Grand Bend, ON - www.grandbendmotorplex.com (optional for classes that commit 4 or more bikes to attend event)

June 20, - 61st Annual GVMC Piston Run - (Cross Country/Off Road) - Contact - Wally Klammer - (604) 594-5918 Chipmunk Creek/ Foley Creek area www.gymc.ca

#### **JULY**

July 1-3 – 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Toad Rock Motorcycle Rally, Nelson BC, <a href="http://www.toadrockcampground.com/index.php">http://www.toadrockcampground.com/index.php</a> or call 1-877-229-5448

July 9-11 – Hot July Nights, Show `n Shine & Swap Meet... Car & Bike Show 100 Mile House, BC visit <a href="https://www.hotjulynights.ca/">www.hotjulynights.ca/</a> for more information

July 10-11, - CMDRA Motorcycle Drag Races Castrol Raceway, Edmonton, AB - www.castrolraceway.com 604-580-0111

July 17-18, - 56th Annual GVMC Routledge Run -(Road Ride/Dualsport) - Contact - Wes Jamison - (604) 857-4880 #307 - 9785 192nd Street, Surrey B.C. www.gvmc.ca

July 17-18 - CMDRA Motorcycle Drag Races Nl'akapxm Eagle Motorplex, Ashcroft, BC - www.eaglemotorplex.com 604-580-0111 July 24, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fraser Valley Thunder Rally for the Cure. Support the Canadian Cancer Society. Ride from Vancouver to Chilliwack, Vedder River Campground. www.fraservalleythunder.org/index.html

July 30 - Aug 2. - Boogie Bash, Rock Creek BC, @ FairGrounds 1-800-360-9079 or aimsec@shaw.ca

#### **AUGUST**

www.gastownshownshine.blogspot.com/

August 7-8, - CMDRA Motorcycle Drag Races MHDRA Drag Strip, Medicine Hat, AB - www.mhdra.com 604-580-0111

August 8 – AIM Vancouver's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride In Show 'n Shine at G.F. Strong Rehabilitation Center. 4255 Laurel St, Vancouver @ staff parking lot. Live Band, BBQ, Rain or Shine and Everyone is welcome

**August 9 -15** 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Hills Rally, Sturgis, South Dakota. Sturgis Bike Week, Visit www.sturgis.com/ or www.sturgisrallybiker.com/ or www.sturgisbikeweekrally.com/

August 15 - 6th Annual Gastown Motorcycle Show n' Shine Month: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM FREE to spectators. Vancouver's largest motorcycle show n' shine! 604-580-0111 or 1-877-580-0111

August 21-22, - 80th Annual GVMC Caribou Trails Run - (Road Ride) — Contact — Jim Brooke — (604) 930-8464 #307 - 9785 192nd Street, Surrey B.C. www.gvmc.ca

August 21-22 - CMDRA Motorcycle Drag Races Mission Raceway Park, Mission, BC - www.missionraceway.com 604-580-0111

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