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• See page 11 for registration to become a member today!



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An open group where handicapped and disabled bikers can meet to share thoughts, stories, ideas, solutions and camaraderie. We welcome you.

Assume they cannot

see you

Ride Safe!



<u>The Prez Speaks</u>

Dave Munro

We have had a very busy summer and doesn't look like it is slowing down anytime soon.

We have attended many Show & Shines in the last couple of months. Thank you to all those that sent funds our way for downed riders.

One Show & Shine in particular really stands out for us and that is the GF Strong Show & Shine. We get the patients involved in a poker run at their location and give away trophies to the winners. We also have the Gospel Riders running the BBQ with "free burgers, hot dogs, smokies and pop for the patients. A big "Thank You" to Dan, Heinz and the group for always being there for this event. A big Thank you also goes to the participants of the Show & Shine.

Some of the patients there are downed riders that we visit every week. We like to be part of their recovery. It is our

pleasure to give the support that they need throughout their ordeal.

This day is for "all of the patients"......Makes a heart swell being with these people. They are all smiles for the day!



Everyone most definitely liked their "Airbrush Tattoos" that they lined up for over and over!

This year we were able to provide GF Strong with a 60" TV for the patients.

Our membership is growing more and more all the time. We managed to renew and pick up a few memberships at Rock Creek this year at the Boogie Bash and then again at "Vintage in the Valley" in Chilliwack.

We held a "Visitation Traning" Seminar last month and certified 6 new "Visiting Support Persons" for the patients that we visit. We will be holding other Seminars.... TBA.until next time.......Dave.

Rider went down??? Call us at 604-580-01112

with full name and hospital if you know it.

It is that time again.....

All of us on the AIM board are volunteers, some are non-riders, very long time riders, and or grew up around riders all our lives. We have seen a lot during those years and some of us lost dear friends to bike accidents.

Would like to say a BIG thanks to the Directors and volunteers who support and volunteered.

Please come to the meeting and join us. We do need your assistance. As a Member, your vote counts. If you are a Non-Member, become a Member and vote. If you don't want to be a member, that's ok too, just come visit, enjoy, as everyone is welcome. Just so you know, all positions need to be filled. Some of the directors would like to retire or sit back on the sidelines and help when needed. So if you choose to run for a position, you won't be walking in blind. Also remember, one does not need to be on the board to

volunteer.

You count, so join us!



Beware the Leaves of Autumn !

"For there to be betrayal, there would have to have been trust first." — Suzanne Collins, The Hunger Games

As Fall approaches, new hazardous road conditions abound, ready to do us in. Frost appears in the early morn but can be ridden, especially if you make a fresh track; the amount of traction is quite surprising. Of course riding in another track is tricky because the frost has been compressed and turned into ice. Snow adds additional risk, especially the "wet" snow that falls here at the coast. Ice has little traction but is still ride-able if done carefully, and studs help. But the most dangerous of all is dead leaves. Below is a chart rating the danger of various surfaces, the highest rating the most dangerous.

Dry pavement	=	1
Wet pavement	=	2
Gravel	=	3
Bridge gratings and Texas Gates	=	4
Frost	=	5
Snow, dry	=	6
Snow, wet	=	7
Ice	=	8
Diesel spill	=	9
Dead leaves	=	10

- Compiled by the International Engineering Consortium Assessing Road Surface Friction Gradients (IECARFG) (2012)(C)

So, what is it about dead leaves that makes them so dangerous to motorcyclists? Treachery!

You see, all other surface conditions noted above are just that, simple, inert road conditions. But dead leaves, being organic matter, have a mind of their own. They resent the way humans treat them, raking them into piles and setting them on fire, stuffing them in a compost to rot with mould, being pinned to parchment for childrens' school projects. And they are scared to death of the latest instrument of torture - the leaf blower. Watch them scurry away in a flurry when one approaches.

Because of their perceived threat from mankind, they have declared war on us all, but have selected one group to use as an example -- motorcyclists. Yes, folks, they have chosen us to make their point, and make it they do. In waging their war against us they have become the most conniving, treacherous, duplicitous, deceitful, double-dealing, two-faced, traitorous forms of plant life on earth. And their venom is aimed (no pun intended) directly at us.

Their modus operandus is to conspire among themselves, plotting a motorcyclist's downfall (pun intended). Just like in Alexander the Great's army, when they fall to the ground they align themselves in layers, one on top of the other. Then the top layer of leaves dry

themselves out so that they look just like a harmless dry leaf lying on the ground. But, underneath are lurking many layers of wet leaves which are slipperier than diesel fuel on a paved roadway. Why they are more dangerous is because they appear benign, that is dry with the appearance of good traction, luring the rider on, but the wet ones underneath are waiting for the unsuspecting and trusting motorcyclist to apply his or her brakes. The wheel will unexpectedly slide and the rider will go down to serious injuries if not death. Because of this, RIDING ON LEAVES MUST BE AVOIDED AT ALL COSTS!

A worldwide petition with the potential of several hundred thousand signatures has been sent to the United Nations to outlaw the leaves' perfidy but since none of the Member States' Representatives ride motorcycles, they give this a low priority and it may be years before they address the matter. The carnage will continue.

In the meantime, all motorcyclists must be ever vigilant and watch out for the dastardly, deceitful, barbarous, abominable, cowardly, unscrupulous, sleazy and weaselly leaves and try a different route. As alluded by Suzanne Collins at the beginning of this warning, we

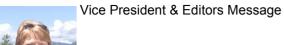


This at Heritage Park, Chilliwack......hmmm???

have been trusting leaves as a valid road surface for too long and are now paying the price of a misplaced faith.

Editor's Note: Due to their ongoing behaviour, the leaves will not be allowed a rebuttal in this Newsletter. Their wicked, evil, heinous, villainous, diabolical, fiendish, barbarous and despicable attack on motorcyclists has gone on too long to allow them to spread their malice, vitriol, rancour, hostility and hatred in print.

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My holiday - Boogie Bash 2013

Newfie and his gang really put on a good time for everyone....Those people just don't stop working ever! I love to go and work the AIM booth and wherever they need me.

This year my husband and I had our daughter Stacey and granddaughter Shailey along to experience their first Boogie Bash......They volunteered 2 different potitions for the weekend and they are ready to go back again next year.

The venue for this event is the Fair Grounds in Rock Creek, BC. It is an awesome 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 food vendors had the best food ever. Who knew that Newfie Poutine was that good!

The music, bike games, poker run were just a few of the things to participate in.

Then back home... a couple of days off and then off to the "GF Strong Show & Shine" in Vancouver. This Show & Shine is my favorite as we get to spend some time there with the patients for a fun day!



Hope your next few months of riding are filled with sun filled days....

Keep the Rubber side up!





<u> Visitation Report - August 15,</u> 2013

With the coming of the good weather at the beginning of July the accident rate has

increased dramatically.

From January I to August 15, 2013 we have helped a total of 29 downed riders and attended 103 Visitations. A large number have been due to car drivers making left hand turns in front of the bike. We have had a surprising number of collisions with semi-trailer trucks; so just because the vehicle is a truck, don't count on all the drivers being professional. We had one that the driver did not have a valid license and the cop charged him with an unsafe truck (brakes) as well.

It seems that the traffic is getting heavier and heavier every year and this just increases our risk on the road. Ride safe, wear something bright to increase your chances of being seen, and take it easy and enjoy the ride.

Bash by visiting a downed rider in Kamloops (Royal Inland Hospital) as I was in the area and was able to drop in and this took some pressure off the Interior Chapter as they were busy busy busy with preparing for the Boogie Bash. Each Chapter helps each other out when the need arises.

We have posted the Recovery Journal on our web site. Look in the column on the left and click on "Benefits & Resources". It is there for all to see and use. We are starting to get complements from people telling us how helpful that is.

One lady contacted us wanting to make a donation to us in the name of a friend and send notice of that with her Christmas card to her friend. Give it some thought. You can buy a membership for your friend for Christmas.

We have developed a training course for our Visitation Volunteers and put one on in July with good results. We plan on another next Spring and we will be putting one on for the Interior Chapter as well.

Gary Richardson,

Visitation Director

by Marcia Thomson





We helped the Interior Chapter just before the start of the Boogie



October 2013

October 3, 2013 to October 6, 2013 - **13th Annual Las Vegas Bike Fest** -Lots of events, vendors, rides, music, etc. <u>http://www.lasvegasbikefest.com/</u>

October 6, 2013 - **35th Annual Vancouver Motorcycle Toy Run** - Sunday. Leaves Coquitlam Center @ 10:00 am and proceeds to the PNE. Supports 10 local Christmas Bureaus.. If you're able to help out please contact Chris Bayliss at the Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau at <u>chris@lmcb.ca</u> or (604) 253-7191

October 6, 2013 - **Vancouver Toy Run Pig Roast** -Sunday 'till 4pm. Meet at the Turf, ride out to Coquitlam for meet up. Pig roast, band, 50/50. For details contact Stacy Stone 778-828-2554.

October 6, 2013 - **Abduction Hare Scramble** - 11am. Check web site for location. <u>http://www.dirtbiker.ca/</u> <u>racing/race/abduction-hare-scramble-o</u>

October 6, 2013 - Fall Classic Trial - Canadian Pacific Trials Association - IOCO. Mailing address: P.O. Box 31008, #8-2929 Johns St., Port Moody, BC Canada, V3H 4T4. www.trialsclub.org

October 13, 2013 - **The Bar Bender Cross Country** -I Iam @ Lower Nicola, Hwy 97c, Merritt, BC. <u>http://</u> <u>www.dirtbiker.ca/racing/race/bar-bender-cross-</u> <u>country</u>

October 17, 2013 - Aim Monthly Meeting - Every third Thursday @ 7:00 pm at the ABC Restaurant, 101 -15373 Fraser Highway, Surrey, BC. 604-580-0112; <u>info@aimvancouver.com</u>; http:// www.aimvancouver.com

October 20, 2013 - **The Monkey Butt Hare Scramble -** I Iam. See web site for location. <u>http://</u> <u>www.dirtbiker.ca/racing/race/monkey-butt-hare-</u> <u>scramblelocation-tbd</u>

October 20, 2013 - Uhuru Trial - Canadian Pacific Trials Association - IOCO. Mailing address: P.O. Box 31008, #8-2929 Johns St., Port Moody, BC Canada, V3H 4T4. www.trialsclub.org

November 2013

November 10, 2013 - **The Crown Royale Moto Hare Scramble** - I Iam @ Whiskey Creek, Melrose Rd, Qualicum, BC. <u>http://www.dirtbiker.ca/racing/race/</u> <u>crown-royale-moto-hare-scramble</u>

November 11, 2013 - **GVMC Remembrance Day Crib Tournament** - 10:30 am @ GVMC Clubhouse #307 -9785 - 192nd Street, Surrey B.C. ron.<u>serne@telus.net</u>, or, www.gvmc.ca

November 17, 2013 - **28th Annual Graham Jackson Memorial Trial - CPTA** - IOCO. Canadian Pacific Trials Association. Mailing address: P.O. Box 31008, #8-2929 Johns St., Port Moody, BC Canada, V3H 4T4. www.trialsclub.org

November 21, 2013 - Aim Monthly Meeting - Every 3rd Thursday @ 7:00 pm at the ABC Country Restaurant, 101 - 15373 Fraser Highway, Surrey, BC. 604 -580-0112; <u>info@aimvancouver.com</u>; http:// www.aimvancouver.com

December 2013

December 7, 2013 **Gospel Riders Annual Christmas dinner** - Check the AIM website Calendar for time and location

December 19, 2013 - Aim Monthly Meeting - No meeting in December.

Merry Christmas

December 26, 2013 - **Trial & Social - Canadian Pacific Trials Association** - Boxing Day, @ IOCO. Mailing address: P.O. Box 31008, #8-2929 Johns St., Port Moody, BC Canada, V3H 4T4. http://www.trialsclub.org Note: This was received via email so we do not know whom the original author was, but I did some searching and found 2000+ uses of WD-40 at

http://www.wd40.com/files/pdf/wd-40_2042538679.pdf http://www.wd40.com/uses-tips/

WD-40 uses:

- 1. Protects silver from tarnishing.
- 2. Removes road tar and grime from cars.
- 3. Cleans and lubricates guitar strings.
- 4. Gives floors that 'just-waxed' sheen without making them slippery.
- 5.. Keeps flies off cows.
- 6. Restores and cleans chalkboards.
- 7. Removes lipstick stains.
- 8. Loosens stubborn zippers.
- 9. Untangles jewelry chains.
- 10. Removes stains from stainless steel sinks.
- 11. Removes dirt and grime from the barbecue grill.
- 12. Keeps ceramic/terra cotta garden pots from oxidizing.
- 13. Removes tomato stains from clothing.
- 14. Keeps glass shower doors free of water spots.
- 15. Camouflages scratches in ceramic and marble floors.
- 16. Keeps scissors working smoothly.

17. Lubricates noisy door hinges on vehicles and doors in homes.18. It removes black scuff marks from the kitchen floor! Use WD-40 for those nasty tar and scuff marks on flooring. It doesn't seem to harm the finish and you won't have to scrub nearly as hard to get them off. Just remember to open some windows if you have a lot of marks.

19. Bug guts will eat away the finish on your car if not removed quickly! Use WD-40!

20. Gives a children's playground gym slide a shine for a super fast slide. 21. Lubricates gear shift and mower deck lever for ease of handling on

riding mowers... 22. Rids kids rocking chairs and swings of squeaky noises..

23. Lubricates tracks in sticking home windows and makes them easier to open..

24. Spraying an umbrella stem makes it easier to open and close.

25. Restores and cleans padded leather dashboards in vehicles, as well as vinyl bumpers.

26. Restores and cleans roof racks on vehicles.

27. Lubricates and stops squeaks in electric fans

28. Lubricates wheel sprockets on tricycles, wagons, and bicycles for easy handling.

29. Lubricates fan belts on washers and dryers and keeps them running smoothly.

- 30. Keeps rust from forming on saws and saw blades, and other tools.
- 31. Removes splattered grease on stove.

32. Keeps bathroom mirror from fogging.

- 33. Lubricates prosthetic limbs.
- 34. Keeps pigeons off the balcony (they hate the smell).

35. Removes all traces of duct tape.

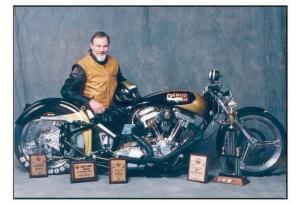
36. Folks even spray it on their arms, hands, and knees to relieve arthritis pain.

37. Florida 's favorite use is: 'cleans and removes love bugs from grills and bumpers.'



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38. The favorite use in the state of New York , WD-40 protects the Statue of Liberty from the elements.

39. WD-40 attracts fish. Spray a little on live bait or lures and you will be catching the big one in no time. Also, it's a lot cheaper than the chemical attractants that are made for just that purpose. Keep in mind though, using some chemical laced baits or lures for fishing are not allowed in some states.

40. Use it for fire ant bites. It takes the sting away immediately and stops the itch.

41. WD-40 is great for removing crayon from walls. Spray on the mark and wipe with a clean rag.

42. Also, if you've discovered that your teenage daughter has washed and dried a tube of lipstick with a load of laundry, saturate the lipstick spots with WD-40 and rewash. Presto! The lipstick is gone!

43. If you sprayed WD-40 on the distributor cap, it would displace the moisture and allow the car to start.

Ride Safe, keep warm and dry! Chris





How To Read A Motorcycle Tire

It's a rotten feeling. You look down at your tire, and there's no denying that those nice deep grooves have become a shadow of their former selves. It's a goner, and it's getting worse with every mile.

AS YOU LOOK AROUND YOUR LOCAL MOTORCYCLE SHOP FOR A NEW TIRE, YOU SEE ALL SORTS OF LETTERS AND WORDS ON THE SIDEWALLS. WOULD YOU BELIEVE JUST ABOUT EVERY-THING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT A TIRE, INCLUDING WHEN IT WAS MADE, IS CONTAINED THERE?

It's really not that difficult to decipher the black art of tire designations, and knowing what you've got makes you a well-educated consumer-which is never a bad thing.

<u>Tire size</u>

First off, there's those big numbers and letters that may read something like 130/90 16, or MT90 16. These numbers indicate the size of the tire, and the rim it's designed to go on. In this case, these are both the same size tiresLoad and pressure codes



The next number or letter you may encounter, after the tire size, is the load index. This is the weight the tire is capable of handling when properly inflated. It's usually expressed in either a numerical code, or a letter code. Most manufacturers will also spell out on the sidewall what that maximum load is so there's no guessing—you'll find it usually listed with the tire's maximum air pressure.

It's good to note here that you should only fill a tire to the motorcycle manufacturer's recommended level. Besides under inflation, one of the biggest mistakes people make with their tires is to overfill them to the maximum level indicated on the sidewall. This leads to poor handling and premature wear. If in doubt, either consult your owner's manual, contact your local dealer, or go to the tire manufacturer's website. Most include the recommended pressure for each motorcycle, along with other tire options. And be sure to measure pressure when the tire is cold. Measuring hot will skew the numbers.

Rotation and balance marks

One of the more critical marks on a motorcycle tire is the rotation arrow, or arrows. Today's specialized tires generally have a tread pattern that must go in only one direction. Some manufacturers even state that their tread patterns are designed to disperse water, and by mounting the tire backwards, they won't work.

The other big reason for noting wheel direction has to do with the manufacturing process. The tread rubber is initially a flat strip that's cut to length, at an angle, and then spliced together with the two ends overlapping, creating a hoop. Under acceleration, a tire mounted backwards will try to peel back this splice. The opposite is true for the front wheel, where directional forces are reversed under hard braking.

Another mark to look for when mounting a tire is a painted balance dot, or

dots. Most tires are pre-balanced by the manufacturer. They will then put a mark on the tire indicating where the valve stem should line up.

Born on date, and wear's the tread?



The two the year 2022 Other useful information on the tire's sidewall includes its manufacturing date. Look on the side for a raised block with four digits; it's usually next to the U.S. DOT tire identification number. The first two indicate the week of its manufacture, and the last two are for the year. For example, 1702 would indicate the tire was manufactured in April, 2002. Prior to 2000, there were only three digits, with the last one indicating the year.

Some tires may have raised triangles, or the letters TWI, to show where the tire wear indicators are in the tread. When these marks are equal to the tread, it's time for new tires.



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Gary Richardson, Visitation Director,

A.I.M. Vancouver Chapter

BOOGIE BASH ! The party's on !

This, the 25th year, was one of the best Boogie Bashes ever. Held at the Rock Creek Fairgrounds on BC Day weekend by the Interior Chapter of the Association for Injured Motorcyclists, this annual event draws people from all over the province, even from Alberta. Low key, cheap, camping on grass and in a campground available, with toilets and showers, it has become a favorite of many bikers. Lasting three days, there are food providers, vendors, a beer garden, live bands every night, a Show n Shine, Bike Rides and Bike Games as well. With the fairgrounds situated next to the Kettle River, some bikers chose to float down the shallow river on an inner tube with their favorite beverage. Camaraderie prevails as old friends meet up

again and as new friends are made.

ИОТОК

Once again, the Boogie Bash was a great success and carries on the tradition.

Someone once asked me how I hold my head up so high after all I have been through. I said it's because no matter what,

I AM a

SURVIVOR

NOT a

VICTIM.

-Patricia Buckley

Wishing you all the best

in 2014

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