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The Helping Rider

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Rider went down??? Call us at 604-580-0112 with full name and hospital if you know it.

Nominations & Elections

Just want to remind you all that

The Elections for the
Association for Injured Motorcyclists
is around the corner.

Nominations - October 18, 2015
Nominations & Elections
November 15, 2015

Food Sales start at 8 pm

AIM is a Non-Profit - Charitable Organization.

Anytime you see the AIM info table and those working it, they are Volunteers. We have volunteers you rarely see that are behind the scenes with no recognition preferring it this way. Volunteers are a special breed, to donate their time, energy and talents.

They must work as a team, no politics, or personality clashes allowed, instead, respecting and learning each others talents, creativity and apply where it is needed to the benefit of the Injured Riders and their Families.

Would like to say a BIG Thank you to all the Directors, Members, Non-Members who Volunteered this past year and/or for years (some have volunteered since the

> 1980's) and to you the Membership who have just joined and those who have been members for years.

Another BIG thanks to all the Businesses, Organizations, Supporters & Sponsors. Some again have been with AIM for years.

Its because of you all that AIM has been able to help Injured Riders and their families since 1983.

We always need help in some fashion, if you are knowledgeable: graphics, websites, accounting, raising funds, like to make people laugh, teach new things (knowledge is power) then come to the meetings. All is welcome!

Chris

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Due to the timeline, we did not have Super Save Group logo on the G.F. Strong poster. We wish a strong thanks to their yearly Support of the G.F. Strong Show n Shine!

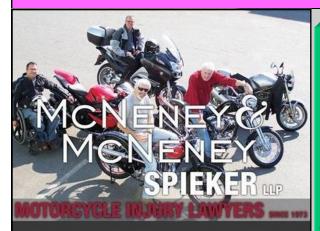


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It's Official: Santa Joins AIM by Pat Rafferty

Yes it's official, Santa has indeed joined the Association for Injured Motorcyclists (AIM). Now that doesn't necessarily mean all current AIM members and supporters are going to get what they want for Christmas; but what it does mean is all AIM members and supporters who don't continue their support and/or renew their membership might get a piece of coal in their stocking come December 25.

Santa Says: ride defensively, assume every driver in a cage is going to do something stupid, because they often do. Assume every driver in a cage doesn't see you, because they often don't bother to look. Assume every driver in a cage doesn't care what happens to motorcyclists, because they often don't. Be an AIM member and supporter, not an AIM client. Remember, You better watch out....

See you in December.

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The Heat Is On, Baby!

Well, fellow AlMers. The heat is on and new records are being set this year. This brings added danger to riders. Heat has a subtle and indirect way of negatively affecting how we ride. Namely because it affects our perception. We don't feel that anything is wrong even when we are on the verge of collapsing. It is important to be wary of the signs and heed them and to take a break until you recover. Many riders pair up and agree that if one rider thinks the other rider is not riding properly, they will stop them and they will not proceed until the "watcher" feels the other is okay.

David Hough is an American writer on motorcycle rider safety and lives down in the Seattle area. He is currently a columnist for Motorcycle Consumer News, Sound Rider! and BMW Owners News

magazines, and has several published books. He has won the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's

Excellence in Motorcycle Journalism award twice. He also trains sidecar riders.

I know him from having met him at an international Safety Conference in Whistler a few years back and I have his book which is considered a rider's bible: *Proficient Motorcycling*. Anything and everything you want to know about riding safely is in this book.

Mr. Hough has written an article for "Sound Rider!" entitled: When You're Hot, You're Hot!. He

explains all the mechanisms involved regarding the dangers of getting too hot and how to avoid them and how treat them if you succumb. The article is too long to reprint in this Newsletter, *The Helping Rider*, so following is the web site address.

With predicted heat breaking weather extending into the far future in BC, we encourage you to look up David Hough's article and take it to heart. It could save your life!

http://www.soundrider.com/archive/safety-skills/when youre hot.aspx

Gary Richardson, Visitation Director

We received some donations recently and would like to say thank you to Jo Anne Thomas of L.A.M.A,

International Motorcycle

Organization, Victoria Chapter
Brian Oulton via Brad & Sylvia Oulton.

And the Gold Wing Road Riders Association

Again thanks bunches!!



All the Volunteers from AIM

Say Thank you to Everyone Who Supported, Supports and continues to Support The G.F. Strong Rehabilitation Center Annual Show n Shine that is the Second Sunday in August every year.

There are always so many people, businesses and groups to say thanks too, so I hope I have not missed any.

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Extra Thanks to
Roberta Milne for the beautiful Cake,
Gospel Riders excellent cooking

The Residents current and past plus the Staff of G.F. Strong greatly appreciate all the support towards this event!



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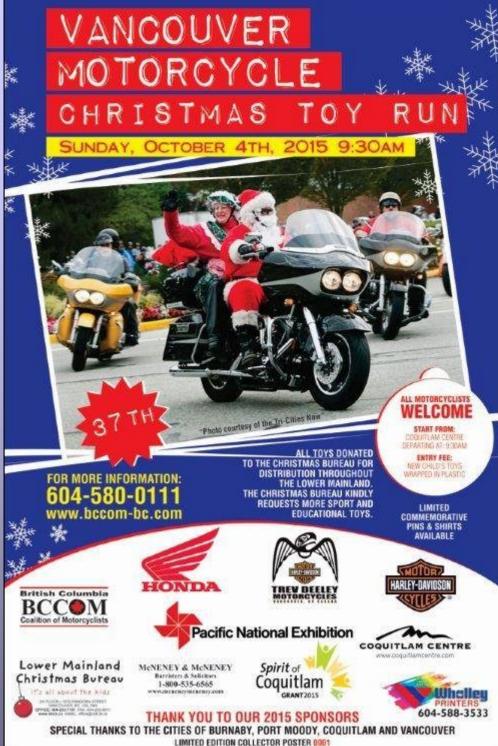
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http://www.lmcb.ca/new-page/

It's not that we are being picky, but we want to ensure that we give toys with the best play value and that suit the needs of the recipients the most. Often times we run short of toys for tweens and teens. They are still kids to us and we always do our best to be there for them.

Babies, Toddlers & Preschoolers
Outdoor toys (tricycle, kick scooter,
balance bike), building blocks
(megablocks, wooden blocks), play
doh, musical toys (xylophone, maracas, drums), educational toys
(Shape sorting cube, abacus,
Octotunes), games (Hungry Hungry
Hippos, Angry Birds Knock on
Wood Game), crayons, paints &
easels, Leapster Explorer Camera,
toy cars and train sets, dinosaur figures.

Elementary School Kids, Tweens & Teens Building toys (Lego, Duplo), Outdoor toys (skateboard, kick scooter, bike, soccer ball, basket ball, sled), games & Brain twisters (Pokemon Cards, Perplexus, Qwirkle, Monopoly, Scrabble, Yahtzee, Cranium Family Edition), puzzles, Barbie, DoodleArt, Food Pillow, art sets (pencil crayons, pastels), tea & coffee travel mug,



watch, headphones, books, popcorn popper, air hockey, tickets to concerts & sports events, gift card (coffee, mall, store).

If you prefer to donate directly to LMCB online, our Charity is registered with <u>CanadaHelps.org</u>. We will work hard to make sure Christmas is a special time for each of our registered families.

We deeply appreciate your support!

Replacement Value

When your bike is in a collision it will generally be damaged and often damaged significantly to the point where it doesn't make sense to repair it. ICBC is the one that will decide whether your bike will be repaired or not. If you are not at fault for the collision the cost of repairs or replacement will be covered as part of your claim. If you are at fault for the collision the cost of repairs or replacement and other items such as towing and storage will be covered if you have purchased an optional insurance product called Collision Coverage. If you have not purchased Collision Coverage and the accident is your fault, there will be no insurance to cover your losses.

If you do have insurance coverage either because the accident was not your fault or you had purchased Collision

Coverage the first thing that will happen is that an estimator will inspect the bike and determine whether the bike should be repaired or whether it should be written off. The bike will be written off if the costs of repairing it are greater than the cost of replacing it. In making this decision, the estimator will first estimate the cost of repairing the bike. This will then be compared to the bike's actual cash value at the time of the crash, less any value that the bike has as salvage. Your bike may have a lot of sentimental value for you but that sentimental value has no role in the assessment by ICBC of whether the bike should be repaired or written off.

To calculate the value of your bike, ICBC will do a complete inspection. They will take into consideration the following:

The year, make and model of the bike

Any factory options

Any after-market equipment that you have added to the bike

The odometer reading

The condition of the bike including mechanical, tire, and the bike's appearance

Receipts for any recent maintenance or major repairs The price for similar models offered either through private sale or through dealers.



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The estimator will then advise you of the calculation of the value of your bike and a total loss settlement will be offered to you. If you do not agree with the amount offered, you can ask for review by Material Damage manager. If you still do not agree you can apply to have the value arbitrated at the British Columbia Arbitration & Mediation Institute although this is a relatively complex and time consuming procedure.

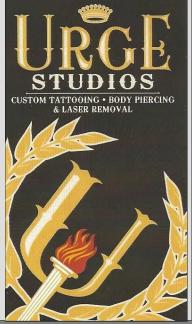
You can also on a less formal basis try to influence either the outcome of the calculation of value of your bike or the manager's decision if you do appeal. One way to do so is through a formal appraisal. There are a number of different companies that provide this service including Chrome Dreams, Harley Appraisals and CS Automotive Appraisal Services. The cost of an appraisal can be significant so dependent on the bike it may or may not make sense. Typically ICBC will require a current appraisal. If the value of the bike or the difference in the value of the bike and what ICBC is offering does not justify the increased expense of hiring an appraiser, you can try to influence ICBC's decision through the use of ads for similar bikes for sale.

Remember that ICBC does not attribute any value to your bike based on the sentimental value that is has to you, rather it is strictly a business valuation of the value of the bike. If you don't have Collision Coverage and the accident is your fault you will not be compensated at all for the cost of repairing or replacing the bike. If you do have insurance coverage for the replacement of the bike and don't agree with the value that ICBC is attributing to the bike you can try to influence the decision of the estimator or their

manager by providing comparatives or having a formal appraisal conducted. As a last recourse, you can take ICBC to arbitration and have an independent arbitrator determine the value of the bike. If you do go this route you will want to have a

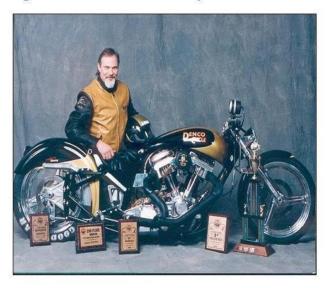
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The Excess Underinsured Motorist Protection Policy

When renewing our motor vehicle insurance each year, we must decide how much 'third party' liability coverage to purchase. Third party coverage is the maximum amount of money our insurance company will pay out to people who get hurt if we cause an accident. Similarly, if a negligent motorist injures us while we are riding our motorcycles, the amount of third party coverage they carry will determine the amount we receive from their insurance company.

The minimum third party coverage required in British Columbia is \$200,000 and evenless in drivers in the United States. Our basic insurance plan in British Columbia however, provides Underinsured Motorist Protection (UMP) coverage up to one million dollars. For example, if a driver carrying \$200,000 coverage makes a left turn striking a lawful motorcyclist and the cyclist sustains serious injury resulting in a court award of two million dollars, ICBC would only pay one million dollars to the motorcyclist. That is \$800,000 above the third party coverage, less any advances already received. The driver of the car would technically pay the remaining million dollars, unless incapable.

To protect ourselves against a driver who has insufficient insurance, we can purchase an Excess Underinsured Motorist Protection Policy (Excess UMP). Excess UMP will increase the potential short fall in the negligent driver's coverage to two million dollars for only \$25 a year. This coverage would protect us whether riding our motorcycles or driving our four-wheel vehicles in Canada and the United States. Unused coverage automatically extends to our

passengers when they are riding on our motorcycles or in our cars.

As motorcyclists, we are naturally more vulnerable to serious injury and when our injuries are compounded by an inability to earn an income, the loss can increase rapidly.

If we are unfortunate to find ourselves in this position, it would be assuring to have the safeguard of Excess UMP. be seriously hurt require large sums of money to supplement our income, and often and often damages, so purchasing extra protection is worth considering.

By MotorcycleLawyer.ca – Daryl Brown



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In Loving Memory of James "Scruffy " Williams

Earned his wings July 17th, 2015

Scruffy was a director of AIM for several year working with the Visitation

Crew. He had a natural gift, for making people feel comfortable. He was always happy and smiling, cracking jokes leaving a positive impression that people were always asking after him.

He had a good life and lived it to the fullest. At 77 he was still riding his trike till the last year.

A Celebration Of Life was held on September 13th 2015 at Kennedy Heights Hall and was a beautiful service. The entire Williams Family wants to Thank Everyone who showed up to the Celebration of Life for Scruffy.

Scruffy will be missed but never forgotten.

He was "Scruffy" to everyone, but to Blane and Nancy

Williams of AIM he was Dad.

Again, to Everyone, Thank you!

Blane & Nancy





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Recycle That Air In Your Tires, Bro.

The environmental movement has hit the motorcycle community hard. Even the rough-edged 1-percenter bikers are adhering to Al Gore's advice to save the world. All the rage now is using recycled air in the motorcycle tires. Yes, that's right, recycled air.

Air is roughly 79 % nitrogen and 20 % oxygen. We breathe in the 20 % oxygen but breathe out roughly 16 % oxygen, leaving only 4 % for other people to breathe. Obviously not enough to sustain life. However, this mixes with the 20 % oxygen still in the surrounding air so it is not completely diluted to dangerous levels. However, with increasing pollution in the air, the amount of oxygen is reduced.

When you put air in your motorcycle tires, you are putting in the 20 % oxygen. This has the effect of reducing the amount of available oxygen for breathing. It has been estimated that 13.729 % of the breathable oxygen is contained in motorcycle tires alone! We have no idea how much is wasted in car and truck tires.

People with asthma and other pulmonary dysfunctions are rapidly finding breathing difficult and the situation is deteriorating.

Hence the drive to use recycled air in motorcycle tires. With only 4 % oxygen containment, it poses much less of a threat to the rest of us and can prolong life, let alone reduce hospitalization medical costs.

So next time you air up your tires, request recycled air. Know that you are saving someone's life.

Gary Richardson, Visitation



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Little Calendar

October 2015

October 4, 2015 - 37th Annual Vancouver Motorcycle Christmas Toy Run - 9:30am - 11:30am. Leaves Coquitlam Centre @ 9:30 am proceeding through Port Moody along Barnet Highway and along Hastings Street to the PNE grounds. Details: 604-580-0111 or http://www.lmcb.ca/events/.

October 4, 2015 - **3rd Annual URGE Ink & Ride** - 1026 Cook St., Victoria, BC. Contact Urge Tattoos Studio for details. (250)-380-2989. <u>Urges@shaw.ca.</u>

October 15, 2015 - **AIM MONTHLY MEETING** - Every third Thursday @ 7:00 pm at the ABC Restaurant, 101 - 15373 Fraser Highway, Surrey, BC. 604-580-0112; info@aimvancouver.com; http://

www.aimvancouver.com

October 18, 2015 - **29th ANNUAL FRASER VALLEY TOY RUN** - Sunday. Assembly Points: Casino Parking
Lot, Mission @ 9:45 am; Sears Parking Lot, Luckakuck
Way, Chilliwack @ 9:30 am. No entry fee - just bring a new
unwrapped toy for the kids. Pinned event.

November 2015

November 19, 2015 - **AIM MONTHLY MEETING** - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Every third Thursday @ 7:00 pm at the ABC Restaurant, 101 - 15373 Fraser Highway, Surrey, BC. 604-580-

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November 21, 2015 - **A.I.M. END OF THE SEASON DANCE** - 7pm - 1am @ Sangam Palace, 11267-125A St., Surrey, BC. Rock The Night Away to a live band. Dance tickets \$ 15. Food sales start @ 8pm. SUPPORT AIM FUNDRAISER 604-580-

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December 2015

Shhh—no meeting, busy busy busy

January 2015

Tradex in Abbotsford by Airport, keep and eye on AIM's website for Dates, in January sometime.

May 2016

May 1, 2016 - **30th Annual Classic & Vintage Motorcycle Swap Meet** - Sunday @ Agriplex Building on the Cloverdale Fairgrounds, 17798 - 62nd Ave., Surrey, BC. Info line: 604-299-0020 or (cell: 604-313-4394)

or www.ClassicBikeSwapMeet.com or twitter: @cbsm ca. or info@classicbikeswapmeet.com.

29th Annual

Central & Upper Fraser Valley Toy Run

From the http://gvmc.ca/eventdetails.asp?ID=1306

When: Sunday October 18, 2015
Assembly Points:

North Side of River - Casino Parking Lot (New Home of Value Village), Mission - assemble 9:00am departing 9:45am

South Side of River - Sears Parking Lot - Luckakuck Way - Chilliwack - assemble 9:00am departing 9:30am.

Entry Fee: No Entry Fee -

Just bring a New Unwrapped Toy for the Kids or a Financial Donation!!

This is a pinned event (limited quantities)

All Bikes Welcome

Rain or Shine

If you don't ride ... bring your family in your car to the AG-Rec Center

Watch the bikes parade in about 10:15am
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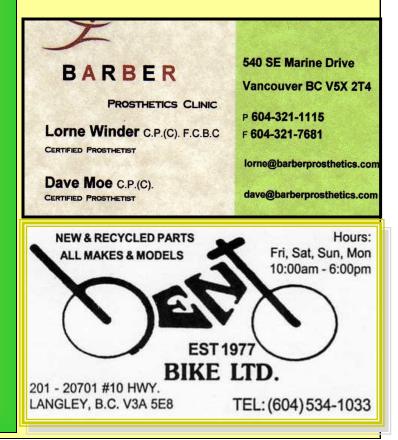
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Ride On, Duane, Ride On!

On Sunday, August 9, Duane Evans showed up at our A.I.M. / GF Strong Show n Shine sporting two prosthetic legs and on his new trike with girl friend in tow. He arrived under his own steam! It was great to see our old buddy once again.

In 2013 Duane was run over by a semi-trailer truck, severing both legs above the knee. But that did not stop him from getting back on his (artificial) feet! At the hospital, the doctor told him that he would never drive a car or ride a bike again. Duane disagreed and it was his goal during his recovery. Said Duane: "Riding was my life. There was no way I was not going to ride again. It just was going to take a little time!"

After two months in hospital he spent nine months rehabbing at GF Strong Rehabilitation Centre getting two artificial legs and learning how to walk again. True to his spirit, he overcame

bureaucratic obstacles and regained his driver's license and then

his motorcycle

He now has a Harley-Davidson trike which he purchased from Barnes Harley-Davidson in Langley. They adapted it to suit his disability. First, they installed a Pingel Electric Shift Kit with push button gear shifting control. He has two buttons on

the left handlebar, one for up shifting and one for downshifting. He has to use the clutch to put it in gear, but does not have to use it for shifting. However, Duane is an old school biker and prefers to do it himself so he always uses the clutch when shifting.

The other alteration regards the brakes. He installed a set of K-2 Levers which are two brake levers, one shorter than the other; the shorter one applies the front brake and the longer one applies the rear brake. The trike is set up at 30/70 ratio braking with 30 % on the front wheel. Contrary to a two wheel set up, the larger braking effect is designated to the rear as two wheels

are there and they provide greater braking performance than the front. This is standard in the industry.

Apparently, the initial installation of this system resulted in the front wheel locking up every time the brakes were applied which had something to do with the ABS system not recognizing the new signals it was receiving. Barnes technicians communicated with other H-D dealerships in the US which had had the same problem but were unable to solve. Rising to the challenge, the Barnes technicians came up with a solution, which they shared with the other dealerships, and now both front and rear brakes work independently, both with ABS functioning (Canadian ingenuity!). Kudos to Barnes!

Duane is still figuring out the best position for the floorboards and, being an experienced metal worker, is designing new ones with guards to keep his artificial feet in place at highway speed (the wind tends to push them off). He is not afraid to hop on the trike and take a spin to Kamloops when the spirit moves him! Future plans for his 103 include Vance & Hines pipes and

Arlen Ness High Rise bars.

Duane is a busy boy. He was unable to return to his previous job as a metal burner as it required a lot of climbing. However his company created a new job for him in the shipping department so he is independently earning a wage again.

When we visited him at hospital, we

gave him a cheque to cover parking fees for his wife who was visiting him every day. Being fiercely independent, Duane found it hard to accept but is now planning on "paying it forward" by helping with AIM functions and Visitations.

We at A.I.M. take great heart when we see a downed rider with a significant disability succeed against all odds and return to riding and enjoying their life again. Way to go, Duane! Happy Riding.

Gary Richardson, Visitation Director

