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BC-G Interior Ramblers



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The riding season is half over, so what have you done? Where are you riding the rest of the season? I have been riding both my Gold Wing and the Ninja and have put on a fair number of km's. Kathy & I were joined by Wayne Astle and Tom & Alison Apps on a trip down to Cashmere Washington for the WA District Rally and we have some more good memories to add to the season's list. I also have a bad memory of losing my wallet on the trip which was a dumb thing on my part. We left town at 6:00 Wed. morning and rode over the Coq. To Peach Land trying to beat some of the later day heat. When we met Tom & Alison we changed out our jackets for mesh. I set my wallet and cooling seat pad on the back seat of my bike and proceeded to the tent trailer where Kathy was digging out mesh jackets. I exchanged jackets. On returning to my bike I put my helmet on and climbed aboard. A very short ways down the road I said where is my seat pad and reached behind me to see if it was still there. I pulled it forward and stuffed under my butt where with a little fidgeting I was able to sit on it properly. It never entered my mind that I also had forgotten my wallet on BC-C took the rear seat under the seat pad. When we were almost to Penticton Tom called on the cb and said he thought I had dropped a wallet off my bike. Sure enough it was mine and I had to make a u-turn and go back a mile or so to look for it. When I saw it on the road it was moving all over the place with each passing car. It was in the middle of the four lane section along the lake and it was very dangerous to me to even retrieve it. Yes it was empty as all the contents were blowing up and down the road.

I was extremely lucky to find my American Visa as we were heading to the USA, then I saw many of my Canadian bills drifting this way and that. Not until a tractor trailer went by in the center lane did I see the cards etc. that were out there. Now traffic was very heavy as it was just after 8:00 in the morning and I needed to retrieve my drivers license, Care card GWRRA membership and Recue cards, my Costco and others. Tom came back and gave me a hand looking for my Canadian Master card which we never did find. Now that heat I mentioned early we hoped to beat was upon us for the rest of the day as we travelled to Ephrata. The pool was a priority for all and boy did it feel good. We headed for Cashmere in the morning and enjoyed the event and folks we met there. BC-C took a plaque for the largest out of state preregistered chapter. Wayne won a sizeable 50/50 and many of the silent auction items he bid on. Tom won a prize at closing and Kathy won \$25.00 playing a very fun card game. Over all it was a great event in a nice area of the state and we had a good ride both directions if you forget about how hot we were going down.

Just a note to everybody, please check the tire pressure on your car, truck, bike and trailers as it is very important to keep them at the right pressure. Wayne lost a trailer when it started blowing apart just this side of Merritt on our way home. I am happy I over inflated the new spare he bought last year and that it had enough air to get home safely.

I have read articles about the dangers of the self driving cars and how they will affect us motorcyclist. At this time the sensors on these vehicles point down the center of the lane in which they are travelling and we as motorcyclist use the left or right track which means the sensors **do not** pick up the presents of a motorcycle on the road. The manufactures and the Governments, need to take this into consideration before they let these vehicles operate on public roads.

I have been talking to a number of rider's whom have bought or know someone who has bought a 2018 Gold Wing and most of these rider's, are very impressed with the over all handling and performance. I have said before I am not a fan of the trunk look but the bike does look like it will perform just as Honda expects it to.

With it being so warm (down right hot) the last few weeks some of us have been getting out for rides early in the day and back home before it starts to get to warm for comfort.

Wayne Astle & I were out for a ride through the Salmon Valley this week and just before the East entry to Kamloops when we were still at highway speed. Wayne signaled to move left as he wished to over take a travel trailer. The driver of the truck pulling the trailer moved left at the same time we increased our speed and the rig now blocked both lanes. Needless to say, we had to apply the brakes fast and hard to avoid running into the truck and trailer or each other. The truck driver had not used any signal to inform others he was moving left and this could have been a bad situation for all, but especially Wayne & myself. Point to be taken never trust the driver in front of you to see your signal lights if you aren't out by the line where his mirror can see you and your turn signal.

HOW TO ACHIEVE GOOD VISION WHILE DRIVING DURING A HEAVY DOWNPOUR

The next time you encounter a heavy downpour while driving or riding try wearing sunglasses. A police officer suggested trying this. He wasn't sure why they are effective but has used them with good results. I suspect it is because the sunglasses are polarized. It is useful even at night. Most motorists turn the wipers on high, yet the visibility in front of the windshield is still bad. Put on the shades and your visibility in front of the windshield will be perfectly clear, as if there is no rain. You still see the rain drops on the windshield as well as the rain bouncing off the pavement but not the sheet of falling rain. They also work to eliminate the poor visibility from road spray. Donna thinks they should include this little tip in driver's training. If you have trouble seeing at night or poor light conditions you might want to try yellow tinted glasses. Most people who shoot skeet, trap, sporting clays or target shooting can tell you yellow tinted glasses makes your vision brighter enabling you to see more detail in low light conditions.

Hello Fellow Riders

Let's discuss hearing loss. Ever hear of NIHL (noise-induced hearing loss). NIHL can be immediate or it can take a long time to be noticeable. It can be temporary or permanent, and it can affect one ear or both ears. Exposure to harmful noise can happen at any age. People of all ages, including children, teens, young adults, and older people, can develop NIHL. Based on a 2011-2012 CDC study involving hearing tests and interviews with participants, at least 10 million adults (6 percent) in the U.S. under age 70—and perhaps as many as 40 million adults (24 percent)—have features of their hearing test that suggest hearing loss in one or both ears from exposure to loud noise. Sound is measured in units called decibels. Sounds of less than 75 decibels, even after long exposure, are unlikely to cause hearing loss. However, long or repeated exposure to sounds at or above 85 decibels can cause hearing loss. The louder the sound, the shorter the amount of time it takes for NIHL to happen. Here are the average decibel ratings of some familiar sounds: The humming of a refrigerator 45 decibels Normal conversation 60 decibels Noise from heavy city traffic 85 decibels Motorcycles (w/stock pipes) 95 decibels An MP3 player at maximum volume 105 decibels Sirens 120 decibels Firecrackers and firearms 150 decibels Your distance from the source of the sound and the length of time you are exposed to the sound are also important factors in protecting your hearing. A good rule of thumb is to avoid noises that are too loud, too close, or last too long. The long and short of this bit of information is protect your ears. I recently purchased a new Shoei Neotec II Helmet thinking it was going to really reduce the surrounding noise and NO it did not do the trick. I really did not want ear plugs because I thought it would keep me from hearing the CB or approaching traffic. But I did spend \$25 to purchase a quality set of TheFitLife ear plugs and WOW it really made a difference for me. I still was able to hear the radio and approaching vehicles but the wind noise was all but gone. I actually heard the radio better with the ear plug in. I don't feel like the long rides beat me up so badly, not nearly as tired at the end of a ride. So if you were skeptical like me, take the challenge, get a nice set of ear plugs and try them...you will like them. A portion of this article came from: <https://www.nidcd.nih.gov/health/noiseinduced-hearing-loss> Please visit the site if you want to learn more about NIHL.

FROM THE Ohio DISTRICT EDUCATORS

BC-G Interior Ramblers

Ride Schedule 2018

August	4th	Breakfast Meeting 8:30 am White Spot Followed by chapter ride
	18th	Breakfast Social 8:30 am White Spot Followed by chapter ride
	28th-Sept 1st	Wing Ding 40 Knoxville, Tennessee
September	1st	Breakfast Meeting 8:30 am White Spot
	8th	Kamloops Motorcycle Toy Run 2018
	15th:	Breakfast Social 8:30am White Spot Followed by chapter ride
	29th	Grant Larson Memorial Cold Run
October	6th	Breakfast Meeting 8:30 am White Spot
	20st	Breakfast Social 8:30 am White Spot
November	3rd	Breakfast Meeting 8:30 am White Spot
	17th	Breakfast Social 8:30 am White Spot
December	1st:	BC-G Year End Party Location (TBA)
	15th	Breakfast Social 8:30 am

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Sept	1	Breakfast Meeting 8:30am	@	White Spot North Shore
	15	Breakfast Social 8:30am	@	White Spot North Shore



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