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MEMBERS' RIDES



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Reminder: November's Breakfast is at the Chequered Flag, Saturday the 5th

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CLUB MEETINGS

November 5th	Saturday
December 4th	Sunday
January 7th	Saturday
February 5th	Sunday
March 4th	Saturday

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**Christmas Gift Suggestion: ball cap with
BMW RVI logo...**

I have been down to Mega Screen to investigate the possibility of having them make up ball caps with our logo on the front. (I had no idea how complicated choosing a cap can be) I used SM Cycle's cap as an example and look through the AJM international website for a similar cap.

We had to make some adjustment to the front logo by eliminating the circular writing around and transfer that the back of the cap -

The photos show a mock up of the final product. Price per unit will be \$15 and we will make only 72. Limited to 2 per member.

If you are interested in having one or two, Call 592-4311 and let me know. Thanks. Chris Jones



MEMBER'S RIDES

(from pg 1): Barry Salter, this month's cover biker, started riding in the mid 60's on a Honda Dream which was loaned to him for a summer. Obviously not impressed with the experience (*editorial liberty being used here*), Barry next put a leg over a bike in 1999 when he decided to take a course from Cycelogics in Pitt Meadows. From there followed a used F650ST from SM Cycle and then about a year later a 2001 R1150GS. Barry notes: "I always have claimed it was the GS that taught me how to ride . . .or perhaps was forgiving enough, that it let me recover from many mistakes." Barry's current bike, is a 2003 R1150RT, purchased about 18 months ago from SM Cycle. It had about 1000 KM on it. He notes: "At first, I thought I'd made a mistake, but the comfort and weather protection of this bike have me really sold on it. I've ridden it about 25,000 KM, and just returned from a trip to Washington and Oregon".

Port Alberni – Train and Sawmill

If anyone is looking for a great day ride, consider the Port Alberni Railway and McLean Sawmill.

You will need to leave Victoria about 9:30 AM. Think of gathering at the Tim Horton's out near Costco (the same place where the "Third Sunday Ride" meets. The group could stop for coffee at Nanaimo and still arrive at Port Alberni in plenty of time for lunch before the Train ride and Sawmill.

I recently went with **Jack Kasenburg** and **Geoff Stevenson**. We had coffee in Nanaimo



and got to Port Alberni by 12:30ish. We enjoyed lunch at the Swale Rock Café and still had ample time to saunter over the road to climb aboard the Alberni Railway to the McLean Mill. The ride takes only a half hour, but from the open car we got a good sense of the woods.

Upon arrival, some college theatre students who dressed and played the parts of lumbermen and cooks and the local teacher escorted us about the site. They explained what life would have been like. They guided us to the tented "theatre" where they entertained the group with song and dance. Very good indeed !!



Finally the Sawmill started up its 150 HP steam engine and the mill demonstrated the cutting of logs into timber. Several lumbermen

explained the process and the group could follow the process from hauling a log from the pond, cutting the log using the same techniques as of yore, and finishing into boards.

We had time to leisurely stop for a drink before boarding for the ride back to Port Alberni Station. We returned to the station about 5:30. The ride back included a stop for coffee, and we were all home by 8:30PM.



This is one of the great rides and visits. Put a few of your friends together and make this trip yourself.

I hope you enjoy it as much as we did.

Chris Jones

TECH TIP

Do NOT clean O-ring chains with solvent because it will make the rings swell and eventually deteriorate. Instead, use kerosene. If soaking doesn't remove all the dirt and grime, use an old toothbrush to clean individual links. Then, lubricate well with a lubricant designed for O-ring chains. The older, non O-ring chains seem to clean up well in old-fashioned solvent (I've used Varsol, too). Throw them in a tub and leave them for a few days. Then, after the toothbrush treatment, soak them in engine oil for a day or two and hang them up to dry before re-installing. Ah, the joys of shaft drive!

Geoff Stevenson

ROADS RIDDEN - TRIPS TAKEN

Winding Road - Next
77 Miles



While stopped in a campground in Missoula Montana several years ago I was told about a great road that goes west from there.

This year I got to ride this road. I left Missoula on Hwy 92

South and then turned right onto Hwy 12. This road heads up to Lola Pass at 5233 ft. The next sign, after the summit, advised that there was no service for 77 miles. The next sign was the kind that puts a smile on any biker: winding road next 77 miles; and the road was true to the sign's word. This road follows the Lochia River on a slight downward incline the entire way (great gas mileage). The road never stopped turning - even on a somewhat straighter stretch, it tended to sway back and forth with a magic motion. Run this road from the other end and get to power around corners till your smile is hardened into place forever.

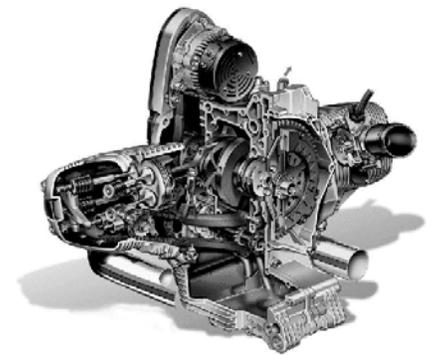
This road should be on your must ride if you are in the area. It is worth going out of your way to ride it.

Vince Martorino

CHECK THIS OUT !!

Have a look at <http://www.ilchapterh.com/movies/goldwing%20bag1.mpg>, showing the Honda Goldwing's new airbag. Googling (from the verb: *to google*) on the phrase "Honda Goldwing Airbag" brought up a whole host of hits on the topic. Okay, I'll admit that I'm not against progress, but this one seems just a touch over the top... ~Ed.

Link submitted by Chris Jones.



Cool Web links

BMW engine pics @ <http://www.ketchum.org/BMWEnginePix/>

BMW sport touring @ <http://bmwsporttouring.com/index.html>

Rocker BMWs @ <http://www.rockerboxer.com/page/page/1415111.htm>

CLASSIFIEDS

BUY SELL OR TRADE

» For Sale: K bike battery, used two months. Almost free to good home. Geoff Stevenson 652-9127

» For Sale: HJC CL12 helmet, red/black/white w/two visors. Large, little used. \$130. Geoff Stevenson, 652-9127