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EDITORIAL

Well here it comes again, like the unwanted messy crud that appears on one's up-til-now pristine valve covers (engine cases, transmission, rear drive) when a seal is blown or a gasket loses its integrity. I'm referring to the stuff that spews from the editorial pen on a fairly regular basis.

But some of what I have to say could in no way be classified as "crud" and here I'm talking about the very professional attitude at Adrenalin Motorcycle Co-op on Pembroke Street, who handled the bulk RVI tyre order that Bill Wallace organized earlier this year. When they installed Gretchen's 53rd rear tyre they assessed and replaced an inner tube that was approaching the end of its useful life, and at no extra charge they greased the driven splines on the rear wheel. Not only that, they examined the front tyre and after some discussion and consideration, I had to agree that said tyre might not make it to Gillette. So Gretchen got her 33rd front tyre as well. The people at Adrenalin all seem to be riders and are willing to go the extra mile, so they get a free plug from the Beemer Reader.

If I hadn't already observed the cool to downright cold conditions that have prevailed thru May and June, I heard about it from the pillion when we went in mid-June over the North Cascades Highway to a meeting in Okanogan, Washington. There had been some 20 centimeters of fresh snow on that road the previous day, but we were lucky and by the time of our passage the snow was restricted mainly to the large snow banks from last winter that helped to chill the air so that we felt like polar explorers. All of it became a memory upon descending thru Winthrop and Twisp to 30° Celsius in the Okanogan Valley, and if the air is nice and warm I don't care if the 3rd and penultimate vowel is "o" (or "a" on the north side of the Medicine Line).

Biblical wisdom has it that no one can serve two masters, and neither can one person ride two bikes to the International Rally at Gillette. For this reason, and to spare his lady friend the dubious joy of the rear seat of his Yamasaki (or whatever) our son Brock is riding Gretchen while we drive the Ural, but as owner of both and by virtue of seniority I have reserved the right to change mounts whenever I deem that to be necessary. That is my plan but it might be difficult to put into effect because of the disparate speeds. I mean even old Gretchen will have no trouble presenting her new rear Michelin to the 60 mile per hour Ural. (Sounds better if you say it in metric or best to put it as mile per minute). Anyway we are going and we hope that many of you will be able to do likewise. Don't run over the Ural, which might be found in the midst of a pack of RV's somewhere near Yellowstone Park. **Brian Radford**

**SATURDAY, JULY 5, BREAKFAST AT THE DAKOTA RESTAURANT 9:30AM
VICTORIA FLYING CLUB, 101-1852 CANSO ROAD**

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A CANDADIAN INVENTOR**Submitted by Chris Jones**

A young inventor has created a motorbike with a twist - it uses two wheels but they are positioned right next to each other, giving it the illusion of being a powered unicycle. And even better, it might help save the planet. Ben Gulak has spent several years building the electric Uno that uses gyroscopic technology - like the infamous Segway commuter device - to stay upright.

The bizarre-looking contraption has only one switch - on or off - and is controlled entirely by body movement. The rider leans forwards to accelerate to speeds of 25mph and back to slow down. It has two wheels side-by-side and has been turning heads wherever it has been ridden.



ROADS I HAVE RIDDEN**By Vince Martorino****Day 12 Johnson Crossing to Toad River**

At Johnson's Crossing you cross one of the longest wire bridges. Now this bridge is getting old and has a strange creaking and grating sound as you ride across. It felt like one of those movie scenes where the hero is riding across something that is breaking up behind him. What a relieved sigh when you get back on pavement. Earlier in the trip at one of the ferry docks, I talked to a rider who was ferrying back to Bellingham because the gravel roads and wire bridges had got to him. Heading back is always the saddest direction. Anyway, we got back to Watson Lake for lunch and this is where I noticed my front tire worn down past the wear bars so from here on to where I got a new tire I take it easy, the good side is that I got great gas mileage. We passed the Liard Hot Springs on the way up in the rain but this time we stopped and it was worth stopping. We, I recommend stopping (see pictures). So, after a couple of hours, we were off again and stopped for the night at Toad River. In the restaurant here, you find hats nailed to the ceiling. The story goes that a regular left his hat on the table to go to the john and when he got back it was stapled to the ceiling

The next day in slightly overcast weather, we headed up into the Sentinel Range through Muncho Lake Provincial Park and summit of 1100 meters (3300 feet). Then on to Stone Mountain Prov. Park and summit 1296 meters (3900 ft), At Summit Lake pass we saw the most wildlife. There was a herd of about 50 Wild Buffalo with calves... Next came a few bighorn sheep and 50 or so herd of mountain goats. Then further on a moose then a caribou. Once out of the Mountains, it was a prairie ride, past Fort Nelson, Fort St. John to Dawson Creek for the night.



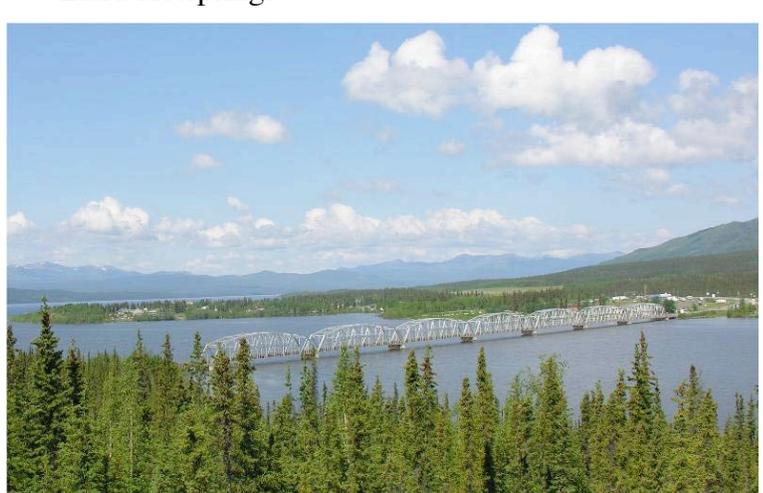
Mountain goats (look like Stone Sheep – ed.)



Liard Hotsprings



Hats



Wire Bridge

VANCOUVER ISLAND'S INAUGURAL RIDE FOR DAD WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

By Bob Leitch

The first annual Vancouver Island Motorcycle Ride for Dad was held on Saturday, May 24th, 2008. Planning for about 250 riders, the organizers were surprised by the on line registration that topped that by Friday evening. Fortunately, quick work by the organizer and dedicated support from key sponsors allowed them meet the needs of the 537 motorcycles that actually registered by the kick-off Saturday morning. Of note, this turnout set a record for an inaugural Motorcycle ride for Dad. The ride raised over \$62,460 through pledges and donations. Following opening comments Motorcycle Teams of the Victoria Police Department, Saanich Police Department, and the RCMP escorted the group on a parade through the downtown from the Save-On Foods Memorial Centre to Ogden Point. The first Poker Run station was at Ogden Point, and served as a location for smaller groups to set off on the route at their own pace. The route started over the Malahat, then along familiar and new roads to Duncan. At Duncan, lunch was provided and riders could take a break before returning to the Save-On Foods Memorial Centre for draw prizes and closing ceremonies.

Denis Goulet and I paired up to ride the route and take advantage of my wife Janette as our dedicated navigator. We had an enjoyable day and contributed to a worthy cause. I would recommend next year's Ride for Dad to all.

P.S. Denis's new driving lights certainly enhance his visibility.

Vancouver Island Ride for Dad web site is at: <http://www.motorcycleridefordad.org/vis/>

The following information from Bill Wallace:

36th National Rally - Gillette, Wyoming 17-20 July

This is a rally not to miss as it only comes to the Pacific Northwest Region every four years. There is so much to see and do at this rally that you won't be able to do it all. On your ride to Gillette you will pass through the area where Custer had his Last Stand and this area is full of history from the Indian Wars.

There are a number of our club members attending this rally, and if this is your first time, don't miss this one for lack of information. What I would like to do is have a central location for our club members to meet and camp together at the rally. For more information contact Bill Wallace at 652-0214 in the evenings. I can provide all the information you require or go on to the internet at www.bmwmoa.org.

If you want to ride in a group to the rally or by yourself it doesn't matter, but it would be great if our club members knew where everyone was so that they could hook up at the rally. There will be a short meeting after the club breakfast in July.

If you are interested in going to this GREAT RALLY give us a call or we'll meet you at the club breakfast.

CLUB RIDE WITH LUNCH IN PORT RENFREW JULY 19TH.

We leave from the Tim Horton's by Costco at 10:00 and ride to Port Renfrew where we will gather for lunch at The Coastal Kitchen Cafe.

Peter Juergensen

CLUB LIBRARIAN NEEDED – as far as we know we are still looking for a librarian.

WANTED

parts for: BMW R 65 1980 with Rapid Transit Fairing Collector Status 67,000 kms

List of known lost or damaged parts sought:

Full exhaust system

Luggage carrier racks

Timing chest cover

Rocker covers

Frt Ignition coil

Horns

Bar clamps

Plastic side covers

Rear Fender cowl

Instrument cluster surround

I will also consider selling the remainder of the bike as is.

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WANTED 650GS

I am interested in purchasing a used 650 GS motorcycle and I am wondering if any of the members of your club might have one for sale. I am a bit height challenged so I would require a lower seat.

Lisa Doberthien 250-701-2700.

WANTED

I need a good front wheel for my '88 R100RT mono. Had an unfortunate jump up a curb whilst riding into the sunset. **Ron Baker** phone: 250 442-4073, Danville, WA – member of Valley Riders

FOR SALE.

Motorcycle seat **CORBIN** Fits BMW 1150 RT and includes both sections. A must for any RT and @ half the original cost. Black leather and in excellent condition. A great price @ \$ 450.00

Call: **Jack Sinclair @ 250-656-5343**



Club Ride Schedule 2008www.bmwrvi.org bmwrvi@shaw.ca

Date	Event	Location	Type	Organizer
July 5 Saturday	Monthly Gathering	Dakota Restaurant	Breakfast	Klaus
July 17/20	BMW MOA Rally	Wyoming	Tour	Who is going?
July 19 Sunday	Monthly Ride	Port Renfrew	Road	Volunteer needed
July 24-27 Thurs -Sunday	Cascade Rendezvous	Menlo Wash.	Rally	www.wsbmwr.org/ rally/index.htm
Aug 10 Sunday	Monthly Gathering	Salt Spring Island	Breakfast	Colleen Barnes
Aug 14-17	BeeCee Beemers	Nakusp, BC	Tour	Klaus Kreye
Aug 24 Sunday	Ride up Island Cheese Factory	Qualicum Beach	Road	Volunteer needed
Sep 6 Saturday	Monthly Gathering	Sidecar Cafe	Breakfast	Volunteer needed
Sep 21 Sunday	Monthly Ride	TBD	Road	Volunteer needed
Oct 5 Sunday	Monthly Gathering	TBD	Breakfast	Volunteer needed
Oct tba Sunday	Annual Meeting	TBD	Meeting	Klaus Kreye
Nov 1 Saturday	Monthly Gathering	Chequered Flag	Breakfast	Klaus Kreye
Dec 7 Sunday	Monthly Gathering	Chequered Flag	Breakfast	Klaus Kreye

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