

Gold Wing Road Riders Association Chapter AB-A (Calgary) Newsletter

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In Memory of Betty Syroishka



*"Who we are is
God's gift to us,
who we become is
our gift to God."*

Coming Events

Feb 14	Monthly Meeting
Mar 14	Monthly Meeting



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3 Flags Classic-Part 2

Text and Photos by Kim Coubrough

We worked our way through the border crossing which took about 45 minutes or so.

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(Pic #6) Then it was south through Montana. For the most part, with the exception of the speed limit, it was just like Saskatchewan. So again, not a lot of eventful things happen there. Check point one was Deadwood, South Dakota. Once we got through most of Montana, the roads and scenery got better (as far as biking goes). As we got closer to Deadwood it reminded me a lot of the Jasper/Banff area, with the rustic looking build-

(Pic #7)



ings and log cabins and of course it had tourist trap written all over it. (Pic #7) We pulled into check point one, walked through the casino and out to the back porch. We each presented our passports to the officials who in turn stamped and dated each of them. After that, we were shown the food and drink and told to help ourselves. Juice, pop, coffee, sports drinks, several different fruits, and many varieties of small packs of

(Pic #8)



snack food were all provided for us. (Pic #8) We each helped ourselves to whatever we wanted, loaded up the bikes and we were off again. At this point we had covered some 545 miles, but since there were many hours of day light left, we continued on to check point two, Craig, Colorado.

After leaving Deadwood, we traded in the flat land (at least for a while) for the hills and trees. As we cruised past Mount Rushmore, I could see over my left shoulder what was supposed to be the memorial to Crazy Horse. Take my word when I tell you, they

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have a long way to go. However, a carved rock in the side of the mountain, regardless of its shape looks impressive. After about four more hours of riding, we decided to call it a night. We pulled up to a Best Western hotel in Lusk, Wyoming which seemed to be the best place to stay. (Pic #9) The attraction of the hotel was in two parts, they were serv-

Five a.m. came, and after a shower and a pot of coffee, we loaded our bikes and went for a great breakfast. This continental breakfast had all the regular fixing's they tend to, but in addition they had waffles, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs. WOW, what a morning feast. (Pic #10) At 6:30 we were back on the road (Pic #11) again heading for check point



(Pic #9)



(Pic #11)

ing a continental breakfast at six a.m. and they even had a special bay for washing bikes. We checked in and went to a local watering hole for dinner. Then it was back to the bikes to give them a bath and by now three more riders from the 3 Flags had checked in. As it turned out, one guy was from Calgary, and was going to be leaving his bike down south when this was over. So after a time of swapping lies, and having 1150 km behind us, we decided to turn in.

two in Craig. By late morning (Pic #12) we



(Pic #10)

(Pic #6)



(Pic #12)

(Pic #12)

had entered into Colorado (Pic #13) and the twisty's got awesome. (Pic #14) This was a great day on the bike, what a day of riding we had. I've been biking for about 6 years now, and this was truly the wildest day of riding I have ever experienced. (Pic #15) We left more metal and rubber in Colorado, in one day, than all the years biking here in Al-

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News and Notices

1. Our Calgary Chapter has been asked to host the 2011 Region Rally on the August long weekend. Anyone interested in being involved please contact our Chapter Directors to express your interest.
2. Leather "n" Chaps Ridin' for SNAPS (Special Needs Association for Parents & Siblings) 2nd Annual Motorcycle Poker Rally - Saturday, July 23, 2011. Registration and pancake breakfast at 9:00 a.m., Ride at 11:30 a.m. \$40.00 per rider (includes poker hand) \$25.00 per passenger; \$15.00 from each registration is a cash donation to SNAPS. For more information please call 403-603-3232
3. Bike Week Canada is a unique gathering of motorcycle enthusiasts from Canadian and nearby U.S. cities which is to be held September 2-3-4-5, 2011, in St-Pie de Bagot at the Sanair Race-track. As CEO I, Robert Végiard, would like to invite you and your group to participate in Bike Week Canada 2011. A free VIP ticket will be offered for the weekend, a 200\$ value, plus Bike Week Canada t-shirt and cap to the organizer who gathers 10 person or more. If you are interested please contact me at r.vegiard@bikeweek.ca or at 438-888-1580. Please note that accommodation is available on the site (camping) and in nearby hotels, for more information, visit www.bikeweek.ca

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2011 Motorcycle Show

The motorcycle show was a success once again thanks to the efforts of the coordinators Sid Robinson, Ron Syroishka, with last minute help from Alex Middleton. Many thanks to all the



volunteers who manned the booth and extolled our club's virtues to all the visitors. Several new members have joined the chapter and it is always good to gather new friends.

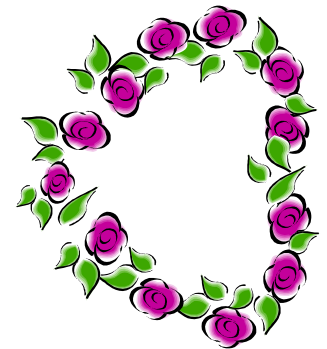
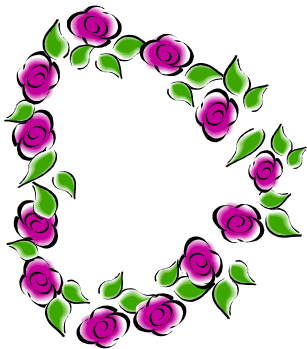
Thanks must also be sent out to Rocky Mountain Powerhouse for the loan of the Gold Wing to jazz up our booth. Thanks also go out to the Sony Store at South Centre Mall for the use of a flat-screen TV and DVD player to show pictures to entertain the visitors. **WW**

Safety First Courses & Seminars

If you are interested in attending any courses please contact Alex Middleton at [rider_education @ goldwing calgary.com](mailto:rider_education@goldwingcalgary.com) to express your interest or for additional information.

Scheduled Courses:
None scheduled.

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MEETING SCHEDULE

DAY/DATE

Feb 14 February Monthly Meeting
Mar 14 March Monthly Meeting

**“Friends for Fun, Safety,
and Knowledge”**

**Come ride with us....
.....Everyone Welcome!**

**For the latest updates on what we are
doing and where we're going,
check out our website:**

www.goldwingcalgary.com

Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month. This is a time to share information and to meet old and new friends who like to ride together for FUN, Safety and Knowledge. See you at the next meeting at the **Fox Hollow Golf Club**, 9th Street and 32nd Avenue N.E. Dinner @ 6:30; Meeting at **7:00 PM**.



Rain, snow or shine, we meet for breakfast **every** Sunday morning about **9 AM**. This is a great year round way to stay in touch with your GWRRA friends. So, if you have missed the opportunity to join us for breakfast recently, why don't you come on over to the **Fox Hollow Golf Club**, 9th Street and 32nd Avenue N.E.

Classified Ads

The Classified ads are free to all members and associates of the GWRRA. While advertised items do not have to be Gold Wing related, we do insist that all ads pertain to motorcycle. Ads will appear on a space available basis for one month. Should you wish to continue to run your ad for a second or succeeding month, you must resubmit or renew your ad. **Deadline for submission is the 25th of the month preceding publication.** To post an ad or if the item is sold or the offer withdrawn, please contact Lisa Miller at: editor @ goldwing calgary.com

For Sale

1992 Bushtec Turbo - 25 cubic foot Trailer



New tires and wheel bearings in 2010. This little gem comes complete with a fully carpeted interior, a garment bag on the underside of the lid, Chrome tongue, luggage rack, aero lid wing, stone bra, cooler, chrome bumper, spinner hub covers, and a custom fitted cover. Replacement cost on this trailer is over \$5000.00. Asking price is \$2000.00 and it is available for immediate delivery. Phone Milt @ 403-346-0756

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January 50/50 Winner



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(Pic #13)



berta. Truly this was worth the time to ride the high country there. By early afternoon,

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we reached check point two in Craig. After a few refreshments and snacks, and Terry quizzing the officials on where we stood as

(Pic #15)



opposed to the group, we got our passports stamped and we were off again. (Pic #16) By

(Pic #16)



the way this is not a race; however, at check point one, we were about middle of the pack of some 250 bikes. By check point two, we were in the top 25 or so. Not sure how that happened, they must not have gotten up quite as early as we did

Anyway, we reached a place called Gunnison, Colorado by early evening and decided that 1200 km was far enough for that day. It was a charming hotel; unfortunately getting a long distance call to work was out of the question. Thankfully Terry had put minutes on his cell, which allowed us to call home. Well, once we were checked in, we inquired as to a good place to eat. The owners of the hotel directed us to a dining establishment called "The Hog's Trough." Well we were the wild hogs, so it only seemed fitting. Reservations were made for us and off we went. The name does not suite the establishment as it would be classified as semi-formal dining. Well, in walked 5 bikers "fresh" off the road. The food was great and I would normally leave it at that, except for a small story I must tell. As we were ordering our drinks, the young waitress asked (remember the yellow wrist bands I mentioned earlier) about the wrist bands. I piped up and said, "Oh,

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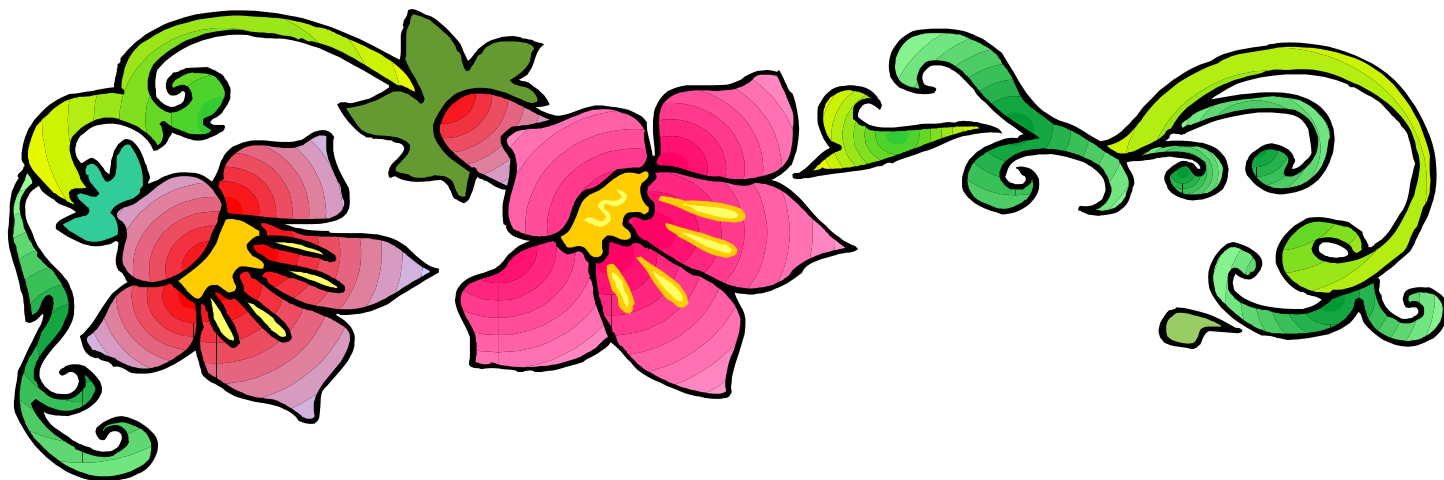
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we're on a day pass from prison, and have to be back by tonight. We are not allowed to take them off." She did not laugh, and the looks from the tables around us was price-

less. After allowing her to sweat for a couple minutes, we informed her of the truth.

(Editor Note: This article will be presented in several parts over the next month or two. Many thanks for your efforts Kim!)

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Thank You from the Syroishka Family

On behalf of my sweet wife Betty, myself, and our children (Dawn, Nicky, and Tab) I would like to extend our most sincere gratitude to the members and staff of GWRRA Calgary Chapter for your support, love, visits, meals, baking, flowers and the list can go on forever throughout the past five months during Betty's illness and passing.

I know she was smiling down on the Prayer Services where GWRRA members attended and Susan Premech's beautiful tribute to Betty. And, at the Funeral Mass where so many GWRRA members attended wearing the Chapter colors and patches. It was simply wonderful.

Betty loved attending GWRRA functions, whether it be Sunday morning breakfasts, the monthly Chapter Meetings, scheduled or un-schedule group rides, Wing Dings, Bike Shows, District Meetings, etc. She would make it a point to meet and talk to all those in attendance whether she knew the person or not. Away from our GWRRA family she was an avid supporter of GWRRA and spoke fondly of all adventures on our Gold Wing promoting our motto of "Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge". I know Betty would want me to continue so I will.

Thank you so very much for journeying with our family through this experience that none of us expected.

Forever grateful,
Ron Syroishka and family