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Things to Think About We need your input!

- Do you have submissions for the newsletter? Please see Diana.
- If you have any motorcycle related items for sale, we will advertise in the newsletter.
- Your Member's Profile



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Director's Message

Hello everybody!

This will be my last director's report since I am stepping down as Chapter Director.

Helen and I have enjoyed the last three years as directors but have decided to step down and let someone else take over the reins. That someone would be Gord and Diana Claridge. We are sure they will do an excellent job as directors.

As you know, they will have several jobs to fill and I know Gord will be contacting several members to fill these positions. It will be up to Gord and Diana to decide who will fill these rolls.

We would like to thank all the members of Chapter "A" for all of their support over the past three years. The Chapter could not function without

everybody chipping in and helping out. I am not going to name names of people who have helped out. Everybody helped out in some way, so thank-you to all.

Helen and I will still be involved with GWRRA in some capacity as we do enjoy the association and what it stands for. Besides, how would we have met so many wonderful people?

I better close now because there are tear drops landing on my keyboard as I am typing.

In closing, Helen and I would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Be good over the holiday season, as we want to do some riding this spring.

Rob and Helen
LUV ALL OF YOU



2001 Officer Listing

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A Message from Diana and Gord

Firstly, Diana and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Helen and Rob for all their hard work and dedication during their term as Chapter Directors. I know their decision to step down was not an easy thing to do, but I respect their decision and we both value their friendship. We have a tough act to follow, but with the membership's help and guidance, we hope to see our local chapter succeed and grow.

The success of Chapter "A" is not solely dependant on the Chapter Directors. This is the responsibility of the entire membership. Each of you has something to contribute and you should feel comfortable in coming forward with suggestions, taking on a Chapter project, or filling an Executive position. We want YOU to participate!

During the next month, we will be approaching individuals to fill positions on the new Executive. We want to get the Executive formed as soon as possible so that we can start on projects for 2002. Executive positions are listed in this Newsletter on page 2. If you would like to be considered for an Executive position, please let us know.

Recently I read a quotation from a famous person by the name of Anonymous that stated, "**In any group of people, a small fraction will be leaders, a larger fraction will be followers, and a substantial proportion just won't want to get involved.**" We hope that our Chapter will be an exception to this statement and that people WILL want to get involved.

If you think that you can't make a difference, remember what world-renowned anthropologist, Margaret Mead, was quoted as saying, "**Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.**" You CAN make a difference!

It is our hope and our goal to increase membership by improving public awareness. We need to get the word out that Chapter "A" exists, so that other people will want to join us for "Fun, Safety and Knowledge".

We would like to wish you and your families all the best during the Holiday Season. Have a safe and prosperous New Year, and let's make 2002 a year of growth and involvement.

Happy Trails;

Diana & Gord

TECH TIP

Unit Conversion Table

Prefixes for Units:

Prefix	Symbol	Power
mega	M	x 1,000,000
kilo	k	x 1,000
centi	c	x 0.01
mili	m	x 0.001
micro	μ	x 0.000001

Units of Mass:

Kg	x 2.205	= lb
g	x 0.03527	= oz

Units of Length:

km	x 0.6214	= mile
m	x 3.281	= ft
mm	x 0.03937	= in

Units of Volume:

Calculator

L	x 0.2642	= gal (US)
L	x 0.2200	= gal (imp)
L	x 1.057	= qt (US)
L	x 0.8799	= qt (imp)
L	x 2.113	= pint (US)
L	x 1.816	= pint (imp)
ml	x 0.03381	= oz (US)
ml	x 0.02816	= oz (imp)
ml	x 0.06102	= cu in

Units of Torque:

N-m	x 0.1020	kg-m
N-m	x 0.7376	ft-lb
N-m	x 8.851	in-lb
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kg-m	x 9.807	N-m
kg-m	x 7.233	ft-lb
kg-m	x 86.80	in-lb

Units of Speed:

km/h	x 0.6214	= mph
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Units of Power:

kW	x 1.360	= PS
kW	x 1.341	= HP
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PS	x 0.7355	= kW
PS	x 0.9863	= HP

Units of Temperature: *Calculator*

$$\frac{9}{5} (\text{°C} + 40) - 40 = \text{°Fahrenheit}$$

$$\frac{5}{9} (\text{°F} + 40) - 40 = \text{°Celsius}$$

Units of Force:

N	x 0.1020	= kg
N	x 0.2248	= lb
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kg	x 9.807	= N
kg	x 2.205	= lb

Units of Pressure:

kPa	x 0.01020	= kg/cm ²
kPa	x 0.1450	= psi
kPa	x 0.7501	= cm Hg
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kg/cm ²	x 98.07	kPa
kg/cm ²	x 14.22	psi
cm Hg	x 1.333	kPa



Co-Rider's Corner



The Wrap

I admire and envy people who have a natural knack for gift-wrapping: the end result is often a thing to behold but one I have never managed to achieve. In the manner of the old adage "Do as I say, not as I do," however, I can give you some tips on turning out that perfect parcel. Choose an evening when everyone else is out, put the kids to bed early, and pitch in:

Begin with a favourite CD of Christmas music to create the mood. Gather up supplies: giant rolls of fancy papers, scads of seals and tags, miles of ribbon, several dispensers of tape, scissors, and have a bottle of aspirin nearby (just in case).

Start simple with a square box, nothing tricky yet. Lay the box in the center of a sheet of paper, bring edges up and overlap; hold in place with index finger of left hand. Hold tape dispenser between your teeth, tear off a length, and stick on parcel. Uh-oh ... pull finger out; pull, p-u-l-l, PULL! Start over.

Chase the kids back to bed; chase the cat from the rolls of ribbon, cutting off his claw marks on several. This time use elbow instead of fingertip to hold paper in place; taping is easier with both hands. Take a roll of ribbon, wrap around package. Make a fancy bow. Make a fancy bow? Take an aspirin and begin.

Wind ribbon umpteen times around three fingers; with other hand, cut off piece of tape to secure ribbon; not possible, need an extra hand. Once more, wind ribbon around fingers, pull off gently, secure center with a pin until you find thread or narrow ribbon to wind and tie tightly. Hold finger under cold tap to stop bleeding; go find a band-aid. Discard ribbon with drops of red on it. Opt out the bow idea altogether. Make a cup of tea.

Take another package, another sheet of festive paper, and a new roll of ribbon. Answer the front door. Tell the teenager you don't need the Christmas wrap materials he's selling, thank you, but give him a loonie anyway, just in the spirit of the season.

Go back to the chaos of Christmas gifts; separate the puppy from the stash he's knocked to the floor. Cry for five minutes over Aunt Mary's torn blouse. Add her name to tomorrow's shopping list.

Take another box; take another length of paper; choose another roll of ribbon. Call the sitter. Call a cab. Dash to the nearest department store before closing time. Run; don't walk, along the aisles, past the counters, up the elevators to the top floor top for nothing or nobody until you reach the gift-wrap department. Get down on your knees and beg someone to wrap this load of boxes for you. Vow to send everyone gift certificates or cheques next Christmas!



