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HAPPY MAY DAY 2021!

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DIRECTORS' CORNER



Hello friends,

Happy May everyone, things are looking up!

We have been asked to provide a bit of a pandemic “statement” on behalf of CCD. The fact of the matter is that we all must continue to adhere to the regulations set forth by our own regional public health departments and provincial governments. It is not the role of GWRRA to ensure compliance, but we do ask our leaders to stay abreast of the changing directives and not *encourage* or *provide* opportunities for Members to be non-compliant. Please also consider that our community presence should reflect us positively, not just as GWRRA, but as safe motorcycle enthusiasts in general.



Meanwhile, more and more of us are receiving our first vaccinations. Congratulations and thank you! The more sleeves rolled up, the sooner we'll be able to gather up more safely like we want to. Sunnier days are coming!

April was a busy month with GWRRA University presentations. Over 70 local Members attended three sessions on Zoom. Thank you to everyone who helped put these together, and to all participants. Check your inboxes for invitations for upcoming May sessions!



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District Team ZOOM Meeting Schedule – Attention Chapter Directors!

Here is the schedule of District Team Zoom Meetings for the remainder of 2021. Dates are the second Monday of every month. Times are all 7:00 pm.

All Chapter Directors are asked to please attend the dates with an **asterisk** – you are part of our District Team, and your input, ideas, and questions are most welcome.

The Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date/time of each meeting. No need to RSVP, just show up!

May 10*
June 14
July 12*
August 9
September 13*
October 11
November 8*
December 13

Remember, reach out to the ADD for your area at any time! They are always available and willing to help, provide information, and answer any questions!



MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT



Facts About May Day

By

Melissa Breyer

Updated May 05, 2020

The first of May is a contradiction as far as days of observance go. It's a holiday suffering from multiple personality disorder; one identity dedicated to strike and protest, the other embracing all things spring and frolicsome.

In the late 19th century, leaders of the socialist Second International were fighting for an eight-hour work day and they called for a global day of protest to be held on May 1, 1890. It has lived on as an international workers' day, and has received renewed vigor in the United States over the years. But this is a relatively new side of the date, which was celebrated as a pagan festival in pre-Christian times and peaked as a celebration in the Middle Ages. Honoring the Roman goddess of flowers, Flora, the date was also associated with other festivals, such as the Celtic festival of Beltane and the Germanic festival of [Walpurgis Night](#).

Marking the beginning of spring, May Day has long been celebrated to mark vitality and fertility — which means that early incarnations of the holiday involved all kinds of raucous debauchery. Along with the frisky antics, some other traditions were born as well, some of which are listed here.

1. The Maypole Dance

May Day is probably best known now for the medieval tradition of "dancing the maypole dance," a custom that continues to be practiced. Fair young maidens circle the decorated pole weaving together patterns of ribbons in the process. Hawthorne and lily of the valley are traditional flowers used for garland. Similar ribbon dances were performed in pre-Columbian Latin America and were later incorporated into Hispanic ritual dances.

2. Masculine and Feminine

The pole is thought by many to (not so subtly) represent the masculine, while the decorations of flowers, wreaths and ribbons are thought to symbolize the feminine. Although some scholars assert that sometimes a tree is just a tree — the pole was not a phallic symbol, but rather a nod

to the sacred nature of the tree. The pole was traditionally made of maple, hawthorn or birch; the men of a community would select the tallest, straightest tree they could find, and place it in the village green.

3. Rolling in the Hay

The celebration of fertility and abundance led to couples disappearing in the fields and woods for a "roll in the hay," so to speak — the practice of which promised abundance. In general, it was a day marked by a libidinous mood; excessive promiscuity encouraged increased fertility in general for the year to come.

4. It Was Once Banned

Persecution of May Day festivities began as early as the 1600s, and in 1640 the Church ruled against the debauchery when the British Parliament banned the traditions as immoral. A much tamer version was brought back in 1644 under the rule of Charles II.

5. Fairy Tale

Some beliefs held that May Day was the last chance for fairies to travel to the Earth.

6. Facial Treatments

Tradition dictates that washing one's face in the dew from May Day morning beautifies the skin.

7. May Day Baskets

The giving of May Baskets has, sadly, faded since the late 20th century. Small baskets of sweets and flowers would be left anonymously on doorsteps to the delight of neighbors. (We vote for a revival.)

8. Happy Day

In Italy, May Day is regarded as the happiest day of the year, by some accounts.

9. Hawaii's Own Celebration

Since 1928, May Day in Hawaii has been known as [Lei Day](#), a spring celebration that embraces Hawaiian culture and in particular, the lei. The holiday song, "May Day is Lei Day in Hawai'i," was originally a fox trot, but was later rearranged as a Hawaiian hula.

10. Distress Signals

The international distress signal, "Mayday," has nothing to do with the first of May. It derives from the French *venez m'aider*, meaning "come help me."



Helen Young
District Membership Enhancement Coordinator



RIDER EDUCATION



Good day, all CCD members.

Being at the rise of a brand new riding season, and spring bringing temperatures changing fast in the morning and evening, I invite you to refresh your memory by reading this month's article on "Riding in the fog".

Also, I would like to remind all Chapter Directors (CDs) to send me your monthly activities, social, and chapter meeting reports, and to all Chapter Enhancement Coordinators or Chapter Directors to send your monthly riding activities report to your CCD Ride Coordinator (DRC) Adrian Young. These 2 reports are due in the first week of every month. Thank you for your cooperation.

Central Canada District University team has presented three university modules to 68 CCD members in the last three weeks. If you have not received an invitation to join in a Zoom module presentation yet, contact your CD and ask him or her to send you the RSVP as soon as they receive it. Stay tuned to see our next presentation invitation in the next few weeks. To all members that need to attend a Rider Course to maintain their level or enhance their skills, please advise your CD who will then pass it on to me. Of course, nothing will be officially scheduled until Ontario Health authorizes to do so. If you have any questions you can always contact me.

Until we meet again

Ride Safe Always

Rouler toujours prudemment!

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Driving safely in fog

Article from Canadian Safety Foundation (CSF)

- Slow down and drive at a suitable speed, not the posted limit. The posted limit is for times when conditions are ideal, not when it's foggy.
- If the fog appears to be lifting, don't suddenly speed up to catch up because you may find yourself back in thick fog in the blink of an eye.
- Make sure your vehicle's whole lighting system is on so you can see better ahead of you, and those behind you can see you too.
- Use your low beam headlights, not your high beams. High beams reflect off the fog's mist, making it harder to see.
- If you have fog lights on your vehicle, use them too.
- Keep an eye on your speedometer because fog can hide how fast you're travelling.
- Do not change lanes or pass other vehicles.
- Use the pavement markings on the right edge of the road as a guide.
- Increase your following distance. In foul weather, it's recommended that you double the two-second rule. That means a four-second interval from the time the car in front of you passes a fixed object until you reach the same object.
- Keep your radio down low or off so you can listen for any hazards that may be ahead.
- Don't drive distracted. Your full attention, as always, is required.
- Skip using your vehicle's cruise control. You should be in complete control when conditions are less than ideal.

If the fog is too much or conditions worsen, pull off to the side of the road to wait it out. It's safest to pull over into a service centre or parking lot, if possible. Never stop on the road. Turn on your hazards and keep your lighting system on as well.



ATTENTION!

There will be three more online University modules presented this month!

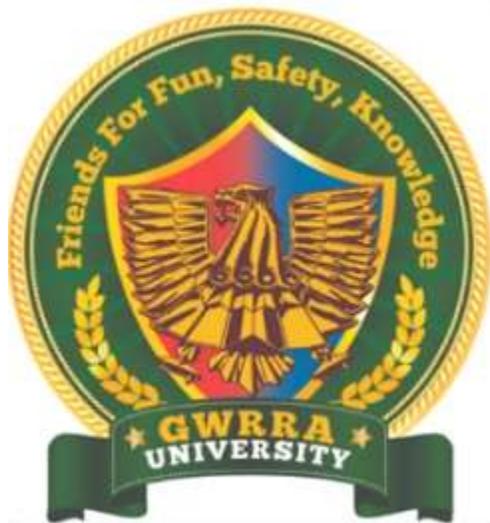
May 5, 7pm: **Retention**

Please RSVP to Darlene Drouin at dir.centralcanada@gmail.com

May {Date & Time to be advised}: **Team Riding Seminar** Please RSVP to Michel Lavoie at lavoie51@gmail.com

May 20, 7pm: **Riding at Night: Who's Afraid of the Dark?**

Please RSVP to Terry Boyle at terrance.boyle@gmail.com



Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

Here we are, mid spring, and we are all itching to get out on the bikes. It should come as no surprise that a spring month, May, is chosen on both sides of the border as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Not only do all users of our roads have to raise their awareness level of us bikers, we have to reacquaint ourselves with dealing with the hazards of riding. There is a myriad of information on the internet dealing with Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month and motorcycle safety in general. Below are but a few of the many links, these chosen only because of their Canadian ownership.

<https://www.motorcycling.ca/resources/motorcycle-safety-awareness/>

<https://www.mmic.ca/may-is-motorcycle-safety-awareness-month/>

<https://www.streetrider.ca/site/blog/2020/04/29/safety-tips-for-motorcycle-safety-awareness-month>

Let's review some things that we can do both from the rider's seat, and from behind the wheel.

Bikers:

Check your ride for road worthiness, especially important after possibly sitting all winter. Tire condition and pressure, brake condition and operation, lights and horns.



Consider practicing in a clean and empty parking lot to shake off your winter cobwebs. Practice handling, emergency braking, and hazard avoidance.

Ride in the correct track, and avoid riding in other vehicle's blind spots. If you can't see their face in their mirror, they can't see you.

Ride defensively, and always leave yourself an escape route. Don't forget to check your 6 often, especially when slowing to a stop. Always assume the worst is going to happen and be prepared to react to it.



Others:

Give motorcycles lots of room. Don't crowd them. Don't tailgate them.

Check your blind spots when lane changing.

Before pulling out into traffic, take a second look, specifically looking for motorcycles. Bikes may be difficult to see at times, but not if you're looking for them.



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Congratulations! Chapters E and Y are the winners of a \$25 gas card to use as they see fit for their Chapters. The draws were for CDs who attended all 4 ops meetings earlier this year.

Vaughn Boegel and Gus Samaras, keep an eye on your mailbox!



Cheers,
Dar & Bob

Check out this new-look website -
gwrra-canada.org

From here you can link to other Districts
in Canada. *Get to know your neighbours!*

It is also linked from our website
ccdistrict.ca



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday July 17 2021

You pick the time!

GWRRRA CENTRAL CANADA DISTRICT RENDEZVOUS RIDE!

All Chapters are invited to organize a ride for Members
to local historical or cultural landmarks in your own areas.

**Organize according to Public Health and Provincial regulations in your region at that
time.**

PHOTO CONTEST!

Take pictures of yourselves near your landmarks!

Submit at end the day via CCD Facebook page or by email to Helen Young, CCD MEC at
chaptery.leadership@gmail.com

A maximum of 10 photos per Chapter will be entered into a random draw for prizes!
Pictures will be used for Central Canada District newsletters and website!

Sadly, our Rendezvous event had to be cancelled again this year...
but that doesn't mean we can't take some time to celebrate ourselves!

**We may not be riding in one big group that day...
but we'll be a group riding together!**

Questions? Please contact Adrian Young, CCD Ride Coordinator at
drc.centralcanada@gmail.com



Remember Mother's Day on May 9th!



Fun Mother's Day Facts

- 1) In the vast majority of the world's languages, the word for "mother" begins with the letter M.
- 2) Ancient Egyptians believed cats were sacred animals and revered 'Bast' as the mother of all cats on Earth.
- 3) In the United States alone, around 122 million phone calls are made to moms on Mother's Day.
- 4) Approximately \$14 billion is spent on Mother's Day.
- 5) What are you getting your mother this Mother's Day? Common gifts include: cards, flowers, meals in restaurants, jewelry, gift cards, clothing, trips to a spa, books, CDs, housewares, and even gardening tools.
- 6) In what was formerly Yugoslavia, children would tie up their mother on Mother's Day. The only way she could get free would be to pay her children with treats.

Editor's Note



Here is the translation of last month's Latin phrase. Did it make you laugh?

Oh see Billy, see them go
Forty buses in a row

No Billy, them is trucks
See what is in them?
Cows and ducks!

Helen Young

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