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Happy
Easter

New season, new you!



That breath of fresh air that comes with spring! It's invigorating, energizing, and inspiring. Just the thought of warmer, sunnier days ahead changes our moods and life, thinking of more riding coming and more opportunities to hang out with our friends and other riders also shaking the dust off out there.

Is it time to refresh your "wardrobe"? Need a new jacket, rain gear, helmet, or other motorcycle protective gear? Watch for those spring flash sales online and at retailers in your area - if they haven't started advertising yet they will be soon.

Any goals for spring that relate to safe motorcycling?

Has your Chapter planned a "garage day" or "test and tune"?

Spread your wings after a long, cold winter! See ya on the road.

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In 1557, Thomas Tusser wrote, “*Sweet April showers, Do spring May flowers*”. Nowadays, we’re familiar with the proverb “April showers bring May flowers” - a gentle reminder that even the most unpleasant of things, in this case the heavy rains of April, can bring about very enjoyable things indeed, an abundance of flowers in May. “April showers bring May flowers” is also lesson in patience, and one that remains valid to this day.



Ontario Releases Plan to Build Transportation and Transit Infrastructure in the Greater Golden Horseshoe - Highway 413 and Bradford Bypass key to reducing gridlock



... With more than 100 immediate and near-term actions, including building Highway 413 and the Bradford Bypass, the plan will support population and employment growth, reduce gridlock, connect communities, and improve people’s access to jobs, housing, health care and education...

Read full media release here:

<https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1001740/ontario-releases-plan-to-build-transportation-and-transit-infrastructure-in-the-greater-golden-horseshoe>



A few links in celebration of Earth Day, April 22 2022:

Energy efficiency for homes - Find information on how to assess and improve the energy performance of old and new homes. Learn about the government programs and incentives that help Canadians consume less energy and save money. (Gov't of Canada)

<https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/energy-efficiency/homes/20546>



Migratory Birds - Conservation, research, regulations, monitoring and permits relating to migratory birds. (Gov't of Canada)

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/environment/wildlife-plants-species/migratory-birds.html>

Videos:

From NASA <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8DQeFmWUyd8>

From History Canada https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U6vusaq_guQ

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video Our Planet, Our Home, an Earth Day Perspective



Preview YouTube video, History of Earth Day



ONLY IN CANADA!



Here are a few really weird news stories...that could only have happened in Canada.

SNOWED IN

Nelson Rubia of St. Jude's, Newfoundland, got his snowmobile back from the mechanic in March 2015 and decided to take it for a test ride...only it hadn't been completely repaired! As Rubia attempted to cross a highway, the throttle got stuck and the snowmobile picked up speed. Rubia was thrown from the vehicle, and the snowmobile took off on its own, heading west on the Trans-Canada Highway, bouncing off the snowbanks on either side of the road. Rubia, uninjured, called police for help. They were unable to stop the snowmobile, which travelled 15 miles before it hit a snowbank, flipped, and died.

LIE-BRARY

Lucy Maude Montgomery's 1908 novel *Anne of Green Gables* is about a plucky 11-year-old redheaded orphan named Anne who charms a stuffy town on Prince Edward Island. It's a Canadian classic, and dozens of printings of the book, as well as numerous films and TV adaptations, have depicted Anne exactly the way she's referred to in the original: as an 11-year-old redhead. In 2013 a company called CreateSpace caused a minor uproar when it published a new version of *Anne of Green Gables* with a cover depicting not a redhead child but a sexy blonde in her 20s.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

In March 2014, cab driver Mohammed Naim had just dropped off a passenger in a Toronto suburb when he spotted a bear. He immediately locked himself in his cab and called police. They quickly arrived On the scene and tracked the bear tracks...to the home of the man Naim had just dropped off. Bear attack in progress? Nope - what Naim thought was a bear was actually a 150-pound very shaggy dog of the Newfoundland breed. The dog's name: Bear!

To be continued...



RIDER EDUCATION



Good day all. Please follow the info below to access the MyRE database, then let me know if you need anything to be corrected.

As of **March 1, 2022**, full access to the Rider Education database is available for all users.

- The **NEW** link to the database is: <http://sambel.net/login.php>.
- Your logins and passwords have **NOT** changed.
- All previous data is intact and available.
- Access to the Rider Course Instructor (RCI) portal currently remains unavailable.
- RCIs who require curriculum or supporting documents should send an email to REP Assistant-Rider Courses Alvin Nelson at alvin.josie.nelson@gmail.com.

To decrease the possibility of a similar event occurring in the future, there will be additional database modifications and updates later this year.

Members who wish to review their personal Rider Education Program records using MyRE should go to <http://gwrra.org>, click on the Officers tab, and choose the *Rider Education Program* from the drop-down menu.

On the Rider Education Program page in the left column, you will click on the MyRE tab and be taken to the correct location to sign in to MyRE. Members who saved the old link on their PC or laptop will now need to use the new link: http://sambel.net/login_mem.php that will take them directly to the MyRE sign-in screen.

We suggest that all Educators record any outstanding data entry items in the database as soon as possible, and be prepared to schedule distribution of the District's Chapter REP Status reports by the end of the first quarter on March 31st.

Route the report to the Chapter Skill Enhancement Advisor (CSEA) or to the Chapter Director, if a Chapter does not have a CSEA.

REMINDER: The Levels Grace Period ends at the end of the second quarter on June 30, 2022.

Ride Safe Always

Rouler toujours prudemment!

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Hello CCD Members:

The past 2 years have presented all Chapters and Central Canada District with various challenges. In regards to GWRRA training opportunities, CCD has continued to work towards finding replacements for the few University Instructors we've lost these last couple of years, including MEDIC First Aid (MFA) and the District MFA Coordinator position itself. However, CCD has recently been advised by GWRRA Home Office in the US that the entire First Aid/CPR program is transitioning from MEDIC First Aid (MFA) to one referred to as Health & Safety (HSI). In short it basically means an overhaul of the program, including existing MFA instructors needing expensive new training, recertification, new equipment and booklets to be purchased, trickling down to a much higher cost to participants attending an HSI session through GWRRA. Our previous inquiry for MFA online was unsuccessful so it is also likely not to be an option with the new HSI format. I have discussed this with the District Team, and it was decided to cancel our First Aid/CPR program entirely. It is just not productive, manageable, nor cost-effective for us up here to transition to the new format at this time.



For Chapters wishing to organize First Aid/CPR training for their groups and Members who wish to maintain their status in the GWRRA Rider Levels program, I encourage you to contact Red Cross or St-John Ambulance. They offer great online courses, too. (I used Red Cross for the past 2 years for only \$75.00.) You can also have classroom day courses for the same price. Upon completion, just send me a copy of your certificate and I will make the updates in the Rider Ed database to show you're good for 3 years to maintain your GWRRA Level.

Sorry for any inconvenience. Any questions or concern contact me.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Each year on average 17 tornadoes occur across Ontario and Quebec? Learn more about it and other warm season weather hazards and safety here:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/seasonal-weather-hazards/warm-season-weather-hazards.html>

Editor's Note



On life

"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving."

Source: *Einstein: His Life and Universe* by Walter Isaacson

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